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August 1, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20520-2000

Don Argue

Dear Mr. President

Warmest Greetings!

BE ENCOURAGED!

Millions of Christians have been earnestly praying for you.

Your schedule the past few weeks has been grueling. God is your strength!

Evangelical Christians care much about Israel and have compassion for the Palestinians. That is why I state that millions have been praying for you.

The way of the *peacemaker* is always hard. Don't be discouraged! You are dealing with issues that have eternal consequence. The path will be filled with reverses, disappointments and, at times, apparent failure. Peace never comes easily. Keep pressing on!

God has placed you in office. So much has been accomplished. I am praying that God will give you wisdom from above that will help you be a peacemaker in the Middle East.

Where God guides, He provides!

I hope to see you and Hillary at the convention in Los Angeles.

Again, ***BE ENCOURAGED!***

Blessings!

Your prayer partner and loyal friend,



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HILLARY CLINTON
Huddles with cabdrivers.

At a press conference in Albany, Powers — who had a bumper sticker on his desk reading, "Kiss my N.Y. ass, Hillary" — defended the harshly worded solicitation, saying it was highly effective.

"I've never seen a response to direct mail like we're getting from [this letter]," Powers said.

Clinton campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson said, "These negative letters signal that Rick Lazio and the GOP have no intention of running a campaign on the issues. We are confident that New Yorkers will reject Rick Lazio's campaign of insults and personal attacks."

Lazio did not campaign yesterday. He was in Washington, D.C., for votes in Congress, including one to eliminate the marriage tax.

Lazio backed the tax-reducing measure, which President Clinton has threatened to veto.

Mom of slain Jewish teenager: First lady is all talk, no action

A YEAR after Hillary Rodham Clinton helped spark a federal probe into the slaying of a Jewish teen, the dead boy's mother is charging the first lady has dropped the ball.

"I'm very disappointed in her because she needs to do something more than give me lip service," said Deborah Halberstam, the mother of Ari Halberstam, a 14-year-old who was shot to death by a Lebanese gunman on the Brooklyn Bridge in 1994.

While gunman Rashid Baz was convicted of murder and sentenced to 141 years in prison, Halberstam and some Jewish leaders believe a federal investigation would reveal the shooting was part of an organized terrorist conspiracy.

After Clinton made inquiries about the killing, the New York FBI director and U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White met with Halberstam last August and agreed to set up a task force on the case.

Halberstam was introduced to Clinton for the first time at a Jewish breakfast last month, where, Halberstam says, the first lady told her: "As a mother, I take this as a personal issue."

"Once she looked me in the eye and said that, she really raised the stakes in this case. I'm still waiting for her to help

us get something done," Halberstam told Campaign Buzz.

There's a hot new spy war raging between Clinton and opponent Rick Lazio.

After a hands-off policy during the first six weeks of the race, Lazio's aides are making life miserable for Democratic operatives who regularly show up at Lazio events to record him with video cameras and tape recorders.

Lazio's staff recently has been swarming all over Clinton's helpers

— who are hoping to capture a Lazio gaffe on film — and blocking their cameras with large signs and disrupting their audio taping.

Meanwhile, perhaps the biggest espionage coup was pulled off by the Lazio camp, which sent one of its spies past Secret Service agents and into the heart of enemy territory — Clinton's front lawn in Chappaqua for her news conference denying an anti-Semitic remark.

The controversial new book about the Clintons — which quotes three people as saying she uttered an anti-Semitic epithet in 1974 — has been derided as "garbage" and "trash" by Hillary's campaign spokesman.

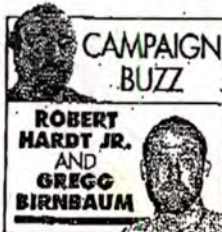
Then why did Hillary's brother, Tony Rodham, talk so much to "State of a Union" author Jerry Oppenheimer?

Rodham, who could not be reached for comment, is thanked in the book's acknowledgments and quoted at length talking about the Rodham family, Hillary, and the relationship between the president and the first lady.

Lazio is gearing up for another bus tour, but this time the wheels could be rolling through the five boroughs.

After dropping by the Republican National Convention later this month in Philadelphia, the GOP Senate wannabe is expected to immediately return to New York.

It will be Lazio's third bus tour and after possibly making the rounds across heavily Democratic New York City for several days, the bus likely will be heading upstate for a couple of days.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Maria Echaveste
Bruce Reed
Beth Nolan

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RE: Limited English Proficiency Guidance Initiative – UPDATE

Background

This is an update on the Administration's efforts to ensure that individuals who are limited English proficient (LEP) can meaningfully access federal and federally assisted programs. Taking steps to break down language barriers -- e.g., by providing interpreters, telephone language services, and translations of written documents -- would benefit millions of Americans who are eligible for federal and federally assisted services but are not proficient in English. The inability of LEP persons to meaningfully access these services has been a particular problem in the area of health care, where tragic deaths and misdiagnoses have occurred because health care providers could not communicate with their patients.

Working with the Department of Justice and other agencies, we have developed an initiative to improve access to federal and federally assisted services for persons who are LEP. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, has been interpreted to require recipients of federal financial assistance to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs by eligible LEP persons. In the past, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued Title VI guidance limited to the translation of written materials. The Departments of Health and Human Service (HHS) and Education have issued Title VI guidance on language accessibility for their fund recipients. This guidance is limited, however, and Title VI does not cover federally conducted programs at all. Our initiative would provide more comprehensive guidance clarifying the requirements in this area with respect to all recipients of federal funds, and have federally conducted programs follow the same general standards.

Breaking down language barriers will provide a substantial benefit to many Americans, but must be accomplished in a manner that minimizes the risk of imposing significant burdens on agencies and recipients. Thousands of entities receive federal funds, including health care providers, educational institutions, and state and local governments. Every day, the federal government itself serves thousands of persons who are LEP. The initiative addresses the risk by providing flexibility to agencies and recipients in meeting their obligations. The standard is one of reasonableness -- no agency or recipient is required to do more than is reasonable toward the goal of ensuring meaningful access to its programs by eligible LEP persons. OMB supports this guidance.

This initiative complements the Administration's strong commitment to promoting programs and activities designed to help individuals learn English. For example, the Administration is working

to increase funding for programs that increase the number of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for LEP individuals. The initiative simply recognizes that LEP persons should not be denied meaningful access to federal and federally funded services to which they are otherwise entitled while they work to achieve proficiency in the English language, and that these services may even help them achieve English proficiency more quickly.

Actions To Be Taken

This initiative to ensure LEP individuals can meaningfully access federal and federally assisted programs would consist of the following:

Executive Order

Federally conducted programs should meet the same standards as recipients of federal financial assistance in allowing LEP individuals meaningful language access to their programs. Since Title VI does not apply to federally conducted programs, we propose an executive order that directs each federal agency to develop and implement a plan to improve language accessibility that is consistent with the standards applied to recipients of federal financial assistance. Federal agencies, like recipients of federal financial assistance, must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to their services by eligible LEP persons. The order would also require agencies to develop Title VI guidance specifically for their recipients of financial assistance. Agencies would be given 120 days to complete both their internal plan and specific guidance for their recipients.

DOJ Guidance

The Department of Justice (DOJ) would issue guidance to federal agencies explaining the legal standard that recipients of federal financial assistance must follow to ensure that their English-language services do not discriminate based on national origin. The draft DOJ guidance document sets out a "rule of reasonableness," which takes into account a variety of considerations and is extremely flexible. The obligations of any entity covered by Title VI would vary depending on the number and proportion of persons served who are limited English proficient, the kinds of services furnished, the need for "on the spot" translation, the resources involved in providing certain language services, and other factors. Certain services, such as education and health care, are likely to trigger more demanding obligations than other less critical services.

HHS Guidance

HHS has already drafted and is prepared to release specific guidance for its recipients consistent with the standard set forth in the DOJ general guidance. The HHS Guidance establishes standards for health care providers that receive federal funds, including public and private hospitals, clinics and in some cases individual providers. The guidance also covers state and local government entities such as welfare offices, Head Start centers and other social service offices.

Timing

We believe this initiative can achieve its greatest impact through a coordinated, simultaneous release of the executive order with the DOJ and HHS guidance. Especially with an executive order, your participation in an announcement would highlight the importance of this issue. However, to give agencies sufficient time to complete their plans before the end of the Administration, the executive order needs to be issued no later than August 15th. Your schedule unfortunately does not permit your active participation in this announcement. Accordingly, we recommend issuance of the executive order and the DOJ guidance by August 15, and have HHS issue its guidance shortly thereafter.

Agree: 

Disagree: _____

Discuss: _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB J. NASH, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL WEEKLY REPORT
ENDING August 4, 2000

ONGOING ISSUES

Valles Caldera Trust, Baca Ranch Commission (PA)

Maria Echaveste held a meeting today to discuss the candidates for this commission because of the tremendous amount of interest in the Baca Ranch. We have received numerous inquiries and recommendations from the Hill and other sources. There are seven (7) Presidential slots and we are working through over forty (40) resumes we have received thus far to identify the best candidates.

Inter-American Foundation (PAS)

In response to the letter of concern written to you by Kay Arnold (D-AR), Chairman of the Inter-American Foundation, we are continuing to work on filling the six (6) current vacancies on this nine (9) member bi-partisan board as soon as possible. This board is composed of six (6) public members and three (3) government representatives who serve six (6) year terms. We currently have two (2) Democrat candidates in vetting: Anita Perez-Ferguson (public member) and George Munoz (government representative). We are also searching for other candidates (Republicans and Democrats) to fill the remaining slots and will recommend those candidates to you soon.

Cultural Property Advisory Board (CPAB) UPDATE

I talked to Senator Moynihan today and let him know we are going to proceed with the appointment of Shelby White, his nominee for this board. We have decided to proceed with Shelby's nomination because of the large number of calls and letters of support for Ms. White. Senator Moynihan feels very strongly about her appointment. We will appoint her next week.

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Recess Appointments Opportunities in the Future UPDATE

This week, you recess appointed sixteen (16) nominees. To date, you have recess appointed 84 people. For comparison purposes, that is still much lower than the 239 done by former President Reagan.

We are considering the following nominees for recess appointments next week:

- Peter Romero, Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Dept. of State
- James V. Aidala, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Daniel Marcus, Associate Attorney General, Dept. of Justice
- John Lacey, Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
- Laramie McNamara, Member, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

Key Individuals sent to the desk of the White House Clerk for Appointment This Week:

- Joe C. Adams, member, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Key Nominations Sent to the Senate This Week:

None, Senate is in recess.

Key Confirmations This Week:

None, Senate is in recess.

Key Recess Appointments this Week:

- Bill Lann Lee, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, Department of Justice
- Carl Spielvogel, Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Department of State
- Robin Chandler Duke, Ambassador to Norway, Department of State
- James A. Daley, Ambassador to the Barbados, Department of State
- Franz Leichter, Member, Federal Housing Finance Board
- Sue Bailey, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Art Campbell, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce
- Michael W. McCabe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Ella Wong-Rusinko, Alt Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Committee
- Francisco Sanchez, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, US Department of Transportation
- Randolph Moss, Assistant Attorney General, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice
- David Ogden, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice
- Sally Katzen, Deputy Director, Management, Office of Management and Budget
- Robert LaRussa, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Commerce
- George Frampton, Chair and Member, Council on Environmental Quality
- John Holum, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State

Number of Individuals Approved by the President and Currently Being Vetted by the White House General Counsel's Office:

Presidential Appointees <u>with</u> Senate Confirmation (Full-time & Part-time)	87
Presidential Appointees <u>without</u> Senate Confirmation (Full-time & Part-time)	83
Total	170

Status of 2000 Nominations and Confirmations:

Status of All (Including Judges)

	Number
Current Nominations	211
Nominations on the Executive Calendar	68
Confirmed in 2000	123
Confirmation Percentage	37%
Grand Total (Nominated or Confirmed)	334

Judges Only

	Number
Currently Nominated	38
Nominations on the Executive Calendar	4
Confirmed in 2000	35
Confirmation Percentage	48%
Grand Total (Nominated or Confirmed)	73

cc: John Podesta
Maria Echaveste
Beth Nolan

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Nancy:

The President met with Leon Farahnik, a Jew of Iranian descent, on a trip to California. When we set up the meeting with the American families of the Iranian Jews accused of spying for Israel, the President asked that we also invite Farahnik. It was Fourth of July weekend and we were not able to reach him. When he called me back later, he said how much he appreciated the invitation and that he would send the President a private letter. This was during my blessedly brief tenure filling in on the Jewish desk!!

I thought it best to send to you and let you decide whether it is something the President really should see or should just go to NSC etc.

Many thanks.

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July 14, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I was honored to have been invited to join you and other distinguished guests in assuring the Iranian Jewish families of your past and continued personal support in freeing their family members from incarceration. Unfortunately, I was traveling at the time and did not receive the message in time to be present at the event.

Your personal commitment to this matter has been known to me for some time. On the four occasions that I have had the honor to meet with you, you have consistently assured me of your efforts to free the prisoners through diplomatic channels.

Further, I was honored to be permitted to host the fund raising event for the DNC in Los Angeles in March in your honor. As you are aware, I am working energetically to make sure Vice President Gore is elected to the White House, and I had the opportunity to host him at my home last September to introduce him to the Los Angeles Iranian Jewish community.

Mr. President, as a U.S.-born citizen who also lived in Iran for fifteen years, I am proud and honored to be an American under your leadership. Throughout the years of your administration, it has been obvious to me how much you care about the good of humankind throughout the world. In my view, we as a nation have been very fortunate to have you as our president. God willing, with the election of Vice President Gore to the White House, we will continue to see your policies followed well into the 21st century.



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July 14, 2000

Please continue your efforts to obtain lasting peace in the Middle East and throughout the world. Even with the little time left in your administration, you really can make a difference.

My best wishes for your and your family's health and happiness for many many years to come.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leon Farahnik", written over a horizontal line.

Leon Farahnik

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July 28, 2000

Steve R
This is real important
to me - Pls try to help -
Should I call it again (Obey)?
Bob

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Sylvia Mathews and Adrienne Erbach
SUBJECT: Diane Blair Center for the Study of Southern Politics and Society
CC: Nancy Hernreich and Lisa Kountoupes

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The purpose of this memo is to let you know what actions have occurred in the efforts to provide funding for the Diane Blair Center.

On July 14th, we met with University of Arkansas Dean Randall Woods, a representative of Senator Lincoln's staff, and Lisa Kountoupes. We expressed our support for the project, and discussed strategies for trying to get it funded. Representative Dickey was identified as the best candidate for ensuring that an earmark for the Center is included in the Labor/HHS appropriations bill because he is the only member of the Arkansas delegation that sits on the appropriations committee. In discussions with the University of Arkansas officials, Mr. Dickey agreed to try to get a \$5 million earmark into the Labor/HHS conference bill. However, a few days later, we called Mr. Dickey, and he said that he was not planning on using his member earmark (there were other Arkansas projects that he had committed to) and asked for an offset. After consulting with Representative Obey's staff, we decided not to provide an offset and pursue this through the Democratic Labor/HHS appropriation committee leadership.

Representative Berry went to Mr. Obey and ask him to put the Center on Mr. Obey's list of items that need to be included in the Labor/HHS appropriations bill before it can be completed. Mr. Berry asked that an earmark be included in the bill for the Center. We have received feedback from the Hill that \$5 million may be too large of an amount of money for such an earmark. The normal range for this type of earmark is \$2 to \$3 million. The University of Arkansas officials believe that \$3 million would be adequate funding to establish the Center. We believe Mr. Obey will try to obtain \$3 million for the Center.

Mr. Berry is also trying to get Senator Tim Hutchison to approach Senator Spector to ask him to support an earmark for the Center.

Jack Lew spoke with Senator Harkin today. Senator Harkin has agreed to make every effort to add the \$3 million earmark to the bill and we think he can. Also, Senator Lincoln's staff has talked to Senator Harkin's staff about the project. If you need to make a call to Representative Obey or Senator Harkin, we will let you know.