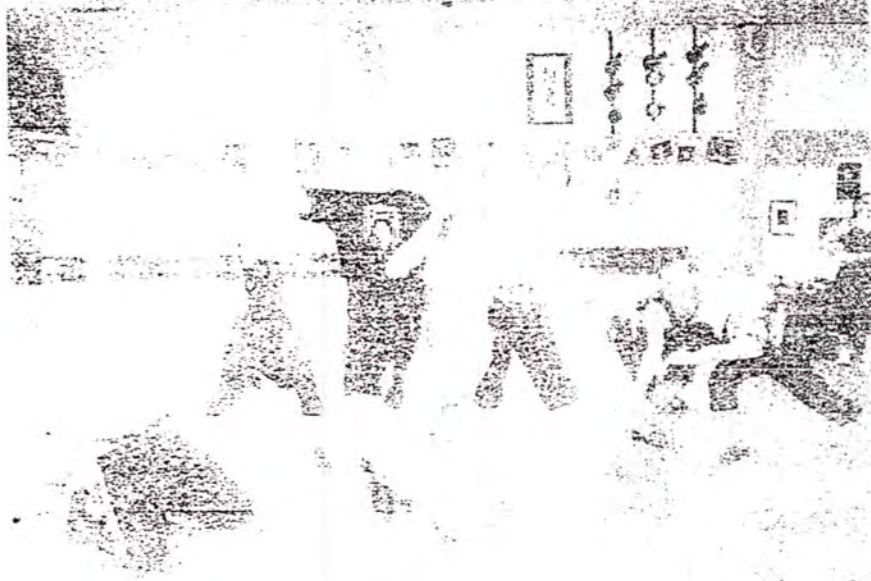


Stage



Dancers from a performance by The San Luis Jazz Dancers rehearse for their upcoming tour of Cuba, from left Ryan Lawrence, Rylene Dismont, Drew Shing, Jennifer Winkler and Ashley Davis.

Troupe is Havana daydreamin'

Let us look to ease the gap between U.S. and Cuba
By Joe Brekke

As the sun sets on the night of July 17, a spotlight shines brightly on a group of dancers from San Luis. They are rehearsing for their upcoming tour of Cuba. The dancers, who are members of the San Luis Jazz Dancers, are dressed in traditional Cuban attire. They are performing a series of dance moves, including the rumba and the mambo. The dancers are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is dark, and the stage is lit.

The dancers are members of the San Luis Jazz Dancers, a group that was founded in 1997. They are currently rehearsing for their upcoming tour of Cuba. The tour is part of a larger effort to promote cultural exchange between the United States and Cuba. The dancers are excited about the opportunity to perform in Cuba and to share their art with the Cuban people.

The last of the dancers, Helene Dismont, is seen in the background. She is also smiling and looking towards the camera.

A Cuban troupe will alternate shows with the local dancers during their four performances. Traditionally trained in classical ballet, the Cubans will see a sharp contrast in the high-energy hip-hop and funk jazz routines.

Photographed by Jesse Thompson and Mike McGee.

In Cuba, the local troupe will shake, rattle and roll across the floor to the contemporary jazz of Britney Spears, Jay-Z, and I Did It Again, and gracefully glide through a classic melody of Irving Berlin tunes.

Blondie's 10-year-old daughter, 10, is the youngest of the dancers. She is also smiling and looking towards the camera.

The company, made up of first-time dancers, is headed by Jennifer Blomfield, 10-year-old daughter of the youngest of the dancers. She is also smiling and looking towards the camera.

in November 1997, the San Luis Jazz Dancers received the Cuban invitation.

All three troupes were arranged through the New Olympians International Show Teams Inc., a Michigan-based group dedicated to diplomacy through the performing arts.

According to Artistic Director Lori Silveggio, the international experiences have reminded her who she dedicated her life to dance.

"When we started this international work, I really realized what I thought I always knew," she said. "Dance is an incredible communication for something that builds an emotional connection. To see that happen in another nation where you cannot share language — in China, you could see tears in the eyes of the audience and the dancers when you looked in their eyes — I guarantee you that the world is smaller from projects like this."

In an effort to cover the costs of the tour, the San Luis Jazz Dancers will premiere their Cuban show Saturday at the Avila Bay Club. Tickets "A Night in Havana" are \$15. The group is also selling commemorative T-shirts for \$15.

These dancers have two faces to the people they've met on these trips," Silveggio concluded. "They see that governments differ but people are people, and they respond to music and dance, and the harmony of it all."

"Merry Wives of Windsor," Hough and "Twelfth Night" Michael Hofacre. Through A Central Coast Shakespeare Evening performances 8 p.m. at 2 p.m. San Luis Obispo 71 Marco St. San Luis Obispo 94924 for reservation.

"Honey Doo" and "Vera's LI" performed by Far Van Deyn Saturdays at 8 p.m. 1001 Fowler Road, Paso Robles 93421 for reservation.

"The Tempest of the Sea" July 22, 10 p.m. 1001 Fowler Road, Paso Robles 93421 for reservation. Through July 23, 10 p.m. July 27 through Aug. 12, 10 p.m. 1001 Fowler Road, Paso Robles 93421 for reservation.

For more information, call 805/431-1111 or visit the website at www.ccsa.org.

AUDITIONS

"Wild West Show" featuring Twisted Sister Drama Club formed at the First State Regional Theatre. Auditions at

Pioneer Players "Dames" 13 and July 14, 10 p.m. Spring streets Paso Robles sing and tap dance 239-1

"Follies" for this year's Pine Canbrie is is seeking actors for auditions and more in

Soe Boo Kids is growing to have a place to feature local musicians and entertainers. They are looking for performing for live shows at

CLASSES

Centerpoint Theatre Group will be offering workshops beginning July 11. We Angeles-based actor/producer 150 South St. San Luis Obispo

Camp Melodrama is offered to 17 by The Great American Theater 1805 Pacific Blvd. July 17 through Aug. 11, 10 p.m. aspect of the performance is limited 1075 with a \$25 ing students 489-2499.

Pioneer Players is offering for all aspiring thespians the list of performers and

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 2000

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHUCK BRAIN *CMB*

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR LOTT

As you know, Senator Lott called you this morning to discuss with you two issues, CERA and New Markets. Please find below some background information and talking points for both CERA and New Markets.

Background on CERA:

House and Senate proponents of CERA are continuing to take steps to try to move forward this legislation. Today, Republican and Democratic Senators are holding a press conference announcing that sixty-one Senators have signed a letter to the Leadership encouraging the Leadership to take up CERA on the Senate floor.

The White House (WHLA, CEQ, Environmental Initiatives) met with the Senate Energy Committee and the House Resources Committee staff yesterday to discuss how to get this bill done this year. The authorizers want to convene meetings with the House, Senate and White House to try to reach consensus. We have contacted the Energy and Resources Committee staff today to express our willingness to sit down with them and to schedule the first meeting tomorrow.

Senator Lott is likely to tell you that he has been told by several Western Republican Senators that they are strongly opposed to moving the CERA bill.

All of the proponents of this bill agree on two things right now: (1) we want to get permanent funding for conservation programs this year and (2) we need to continue to keep pressure on both the Leadership and the Appropriators.

Talking Points:

- Thank you for calling about CERA.
- I really think we can get this done this year. I understand that some of our staff met with Senate and House authorizer staff yesterday to discuss how to get this accomplished. We plan on sitting down with the authorizers and figuring out where we have consensus.

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- I also understand that sixty-one Senators have now signed a letter to you asking that this bill be brought up on the floor. This could result in enough pressure to allow the Senate to take up the Energy Committee bill.
- If not, how do we work with both the authorizers and the appropriators to ensure that we can attach ~~some form~~ of a CARA package to a conference report?

Background on New Markets:

The Finance Committee is scheduled to markup a Committee mark of the tax provisions of your New Markets initiative and the Republican Community Renewal Act. Although our primary objective is to get the bill through committee and the Senate floor in order to have a bill to conference with the House-passed bill, we do have a couple of problems with the Chairman's mark: (1) it cuts the value of the New Markets Tax Credit by about half; (2) it does not address funding for Round II Empowerment Zones; and (3) it combines the new EZs and the new Renewal Communities into thirty new "Renewal Zones" (although these renewal zones will be quite rich (no capital gains and a 15 percent wage credit), there is a certain pride of authorship involved. The Chairman's mark, however, appears to give us what we want on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the DC tax incentives.

Senator Lott is likely to ask you to work with Senate Democrats to keep all "non-relevant" amendments off of the bill. He is loathe to take up a bill which some of his Members oppose and also face Democratic message amendments such as prescription drugs.

Talking Points:

- I think that the Finance Committee marking up a Committee version of the bill is a positive step. I would, of course, hope that as we can fix some of the issues we have with the Committee version.
- I am eager to hear your plans for moving the bill. What do you see as the next step after the Committee markup? It seems to me that the majority of the real work on this measure will have to be completed in conference, but we need to have a plan for getting us to that step.
- With the legislative schedule winding down – and the fact that Members may view this bill as a Christmas tree – is there anyway we can fold this into another piece of legislation?

The

San Luis Jazz Dancers Cuba 2000 tour

Ilona Jill Meza

Academy of Dance
Relations Representative
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...ocol in the expression of this letter, but it comes straight
...sire to make you aware of not only an incredible group of
dancers but also of the *real kids* behind the talent. During the course of your Presidency, the San
Luis Jazz Dancers have proudly and selflessly represented the United States and your administration
as Good Will Ambassadors of Dance and Diplomacy in Spain, China and most recently, and
sometimes under very difficult circumstances, in Cuba. They have performed before the heads of
state and the peoples of those countries. Representing the best of America. The Cuban invitation
made these American dancers the first since 1957 to be invited to perform in that country. The
invitation was extended directly by Castro based on the upon the strength and reputation of their
previous performances.

We have been working with Ms. Mickey Mailey and the White House Social Office trying to arrange a
date for you to witness the incredible, high energy performance shared with other nations of the
world. These kids want more than anything to perform for you, their President, the show they have
done worldwide. It looked, for a while, that we might be visiting you at the White House upon our
return from Cuba, in fact, she had tried to meet us at LAX on our flight out to Cuba on August 12th.
But due to scheduling problems and the busy, hectic schedules since we have been unable to
schedule.

Sir, these performers deserve to be seen and congratulated by you, and you deserve to witness for
yourself some of America's best and brightest talents and genuinely great kids (ages 10-28). I know
one word from you would topple any barriers to making this happen while you are still in office.

Please don't miss the opportunity to acknowledge these dancing diplomats. They stand ready to go
anywhere, whenever you want. You can make this happen. They deserve it, you deserve it.

Sincerely,



Ilona Jill Meza

Attachments

*Please sir -
you can make this
happen :)*

**The
San Luis Jazz Dancers
Cuba 2000 tour**

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September 15, 2000

MR. JUSTIN COOPER
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Justin:

I spoke with you briefly on the phone the other day. On the advice of Mickey Mailey, Scheduling Secretary for Mrs. Clinton, I am sending directly to Ms. Currie, through you, the story of the San Luis Jazz Dancers. For the third time this group of internationally known dancers have been chosen to represent the United States and the White House as Good Will Ambassadors of Dance and Diplomacy. They have appeared in Spain, China and most recently were the first American Dancers invited to perform in Cuba since 1957, an invitation extended directly from Fidel Castro based on the strength and reputation of their previous performances.

Justin, I am trusting you to pass this information along to Ms. Currie and President Clinton. I deliberately left things open for you to view personally. We have been in talks with Ms. Mailey and the Social Office to bring these incredible kids to perform at the White House for President Clinton. They have been his personal representatives at the above appearances and their fondest wish to to perform for the President they have represented worldwide.

There has been difficulty fitting into the President's schedule during this busy and hectic time and while that is completely understandable, we would regret any missed opportunity to perform the show for him that other heads of states have been "bowled over" by. And from what we know of Mr. Clinton he would also be most regretful of missing the opportunity to see and congratulate these wonderful kids who have so proudly stood for all that is right with America.

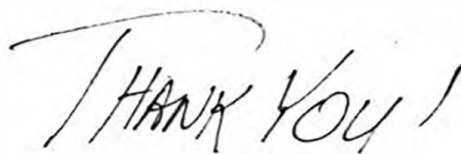
THANK YOU for your assistance with this matter. The tapes are a collection of the different news reports on this trip, including the internationally broadcast CNN Havana Bureau segment. I hope to hear from you or Ms. Currie in the very near future. These kids are ready to appear wherever and whenever. Again, many THANKS.

Sincerely,



Ilona Jill Meza

Attachments



The

San Luis Jazz Dancers Cuba 2000 tour

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September 15 2000

MS BETTY CURRIE

Secretary to President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Currie:

It has become my passion to introduce to President Clinton the San Luis Jazz Dancers. These amazing and incredibly talented kids (from age 10-28) have gained an international reputation for their professionalism and diplomacy as Good Will Ambassadors of Dance representing Mr. Clinton and the United States and dancing for all the heads of states in Spain, China and most recently in Cuba. They were the first American dancers invited to perform there since 1957, an invitation extended personally by Fidel Castro based upon the strength and reputation of their previous performances. Attached is the history of this remarkable group. The tape provided are media excerpts of the Cuban trip including the CNN coverage that was broadcast worldwide. The tape is only 15 minutes long. I invite you to view and delight in these fantastic dancers and this high energy show before passing it along to the President.

Please forgive any lack of protocol in sending this material directly to you for the President. We have been speaking with Mickey Mailey, Mrs. Clinton's scheduling secretary, and also the White House Social Office. For a while it looked as though we would perform at the White House immediately following the completion of our trip to Cuba. Ms. Mailey even tried to meet with us at LAX on our outward bound flight to Cuba. But because of the convention and subsequent busy and hectic schedules it has been most difficult to pin down a date.

The San Luis Jazz Dancers' fondest dream is to perform this show for the man they have so proudly represented, as all three of their tours came under his administration. While they truly wish to perform at the White House, they are prepared to go wherever and whenever the opportunity presents itself.

I have left open my letter, for your perusal, to President Clinton, my personal plea if you will, to try to make this performance happen. THANK YOU for any assistance you might render in this endeavor. I cannot help but to know in my heart that if Mr. Clinton makes the opportunity to see how these Americans have represented the United States throughout the world that he will add them with pride as diplomatic accomplishments to his presidency. THANK YOU again. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Ilona Jill Meza

Attachments

How did the San Luis Jazz Dancers get this incredible opportunity?

It started in 1997; The San Luis Jazz Dancers were invited by the Spanish Embassy to represent the United States at the International Festival de Danza in Barcelona. The invitation came after a lengthy audition process. A process I was encouraged to pursue by Bonnie Anderson of the New Olympians International Arts Touring Agency.

Upon arriving in Spain with a powerful dance performance highlighting the best in American music and dance styling, the dancers were taken on a whirl wind tour of four Barcelona districts, performing for thousands of Spanish citizens, to rave reviews.

On return to the United States, the raves didn't stop. Our California government officials received thanks and accolades from the Spanish Government, and in turn recognized the San Luis Jazz Dancers for "performance excellence."

One year later, another amazing opportunity for the San Luis Jazz Dancers, and the United States of America arose. The people's Republic of China, because of their exposure to reviews of the Spain tour, invited the dancers to tour China. The performance tour opened in Beijing and ended in Shanghai and featured the group's show in historic theaters as well as in the strongholds of China's arts training centers. It is impossible to describe the pride and empowerment the 20 dancers from San Luis Obispo experienced.....but I know it will last forever in each heart...of those who performed, and those who helped.

Accompanying the dancers on the China tour were the KSBY News Team. As an NBC affiliate, anchorman Tony Cipolla and cameraman Kenny Nichols produced a seven night news series aired on KSBY Action News, and a one hour special of "In Step With China." The broadcast won praise from viewers from Ventura to Paso Robles and also captured Kenny Nichols a Golden Mike Award from the Hollywood Foreign Press, and an Emmy Nomination for anchorman Tony Cipolla.

China and Spain put the San Luis Obispo arts community in the spotlight internationally. And now, just when I thought nothing more exciting could ever happen in our community, The San Luis Jazz Dancers are invited to be the first American performance troupe on tour in Cuba since 1957!

Pietro Zuniga
Office of the Communist Minister of Culture
Avenida 7, Calle 44
Havana, Cuba
fax 33-1905

May 22, 2000

Lori Silvaggio
Director of San Luis Jazz Dancers
672 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

Madame:

I am writing to express my personal pride and excitement at the prospect of your performance tour of Havana, Cuba. I congratulate you most sincerely on your recent appointment on behalf of the Cuban Diplomatic Corps as the first performance troupe from the United States of America to entertain here since 1957. Your international success story is legend here in Cuba. You have opened doors of diplomacy very gracefully; with elegance, and style. I have heard of your beautiful performances at Spain Festival, and in Communist China. These are two very diverse cultures. And, you flourished in both, by bringing magnificent young people and dances that all audiences could love. What pride you must feel in your work with these young performers, who have proven themselves nothing less than ambassadors.

It is my personal hope that through the sharing of the fine art of dance, mutual respect and appreciation may be encouraged between peoples: no matter how often official policies try to keep them apart.

You have been described to me as a very talented, gentle lady, who loves people and peace, and I am honored that we will work together in Havana. It will be a joy to see what we can accomplish together. At the end of the day, we just may get a glimpse of a new world.

I am waiting for a joyful time of learning and sharing. I know I will see a magnificent show as well. Until we meet in Cuba, please accept my fondest regards.

Sincerely,



Pietro Zuniga



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November 4, 1999

San Luis Jazz Dancers
Lori Silvaggio, Director
672 Higuera
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Lori,

On behalf of the Government of Cuba I am extending this Official invitation to the San Luis Jazz Dancers to participate and represent the United States of America in the first Cuban Invitational Performing Arts Exchange during the summer of 2000.

The countries of Canada and the United States have been asked to select their finest show troupes, based on talent, citizenship and the ability to represent their country at its best.

I applaud you upon your selection. You will be among the first show teams to pioneer your way into Cuba as America's Goodwill Ambassadors. You're going to play a part in American history. Indeed an "opener of doors". Success doesn't come to you....you go to it.

Congratulations, as you prepare to represent the United States of America in this most prestigious historical event.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Hood,
President

ATTENTION: NEWS DIRECTOR

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OR: ILONA MEZA

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SAN LUIS JAZZ DANCERS
PERFORMANCE TOUR OF CUBA

The San Luis Jazz Dancers under the Direction of Lori Silvaggio are going international again! This renowned troupe of dancers, heralded as young, bright, fresh, examples of American culture at the Festival de Danza in Barcelona, Spain and in the People's Republic of China during last summer's cultural exchange performance tour, have the distinguished honor to be the first American performance troupe invited to entertain in Cuba since 1957.

This incredible invitation comes on the heels of The San Luis Jazz Dancers tour to China documented by Tony Cipolla and KSBY TV in the Emmy nominated TV special entitled "In Step with China." Cuban Minister of Culture, Pietro Zuniga, on behalf of the Cuban Diplomatic Corps, has extended this historical opportunity to these dancers and their director Lori Silvaggio beginning on August 12, 2000.

In Mr. Zuniga's own words describing the San Luis Jazz Dancers, "your international success story is legend here in Cuba...and you have been proven to be nothing less than ambassadors. It will be a joy to see what we can accomplish together."

Ms. Silvaggio and her 19 performers, representing the whole of the United States from Alaska to the East Coast, are looking forward to this cultural interaction with the same spirit of enthusiasm as the world's Olympic Athletes. As Ms. Silvaggio so aptly puts it, "Dance is an incredible communicator.....all you have to do is to look into the eyes of the dancers and their audiences to get a sense of the harmony, peace and love being exchanged. It is truly magical."

A Night in Havana

By Angelette Bennett
Special to the Gazette

From the corners of the Central Coast to the four corners of the world, our local arts community is receiving tremendous recognition. Lori Silvaggio's Jazz Dancers have proven yet again that Central Coast dancers have what it takes to perform in an international setting. The San Luis Jazz Dancers have been invited to Cuba to show off their skills, and you can see them strut their stuff at their upcoming performance (a final show for the trip) "A Night in Havana" on July 28th at the Villa Beach Resort.



Besides helping cover the cost of their Cuban exhibition, "A Night in Havana" members the show they will perform in Cuba.

With live music from the local Mid-life Crisis Jazz and Dancers are not the only ones showcasing their talents on July 28th. Rob Rossi graciously donated use of the Avila Room for the event, and Debbie Dugan of Central Coast Culinary is providing the food. Tickets, at \$35 per person, include hors d'oeuvres, Cuban rum drinks, live music and the show that Cuba is waiting for.

The Jazz Dancers' history of representing American dance to international audiences goes back to 1997, and the Festival de Arles in Barcelona, when the San Luis Jazz Dancers were invited by the Spanish Embassy to represent the United States. They received rave reviews upon touring and performing for Spanish crowds that numbered in the thousands. One year later,

due to these reviews, the People's Republic of China extended an invitation to the dancers.

The KSBY News Team, who accompanied the dancers on their China tour aired a week-long series as well as an hour-long special, *Be Step With China*. The broadcast brought recognition from all over, as well as a Golden Mike Award for Commentator Kenny Nichols, and an Emmy nomination for anchorman Tony Corral.

With so much support and enthusiasm for American dance, it felt like things couldn't get any better. The dancers' success in November of 1999, an official invitation sent by Boris Yeltsin of the New Olympians International Sports Teams, Inc., asked the Jazz Dancers to represent the United States in the first Cuban Invitational Performing Arts Exchange. Hood stated, "You will be among the first show teams to pioneer your way into Cuba as America's Goodwill Ambassadors." Since 1957, no American troupe has performed or toured in Cuba.

Informed by the honor, the San Luis Jazz Dancers are on their way to making history. Silvaggio is excited about her group's role in helping to bring about "strong international representation of American Performing Arts."

The dancers' core group has been diligently working together since 1997. Now, stepping into the millennium with a new team working together for the world community, we have the chance to set history in the making.

Show your support for the San Luis Jazz Dancers' landmark trip to Cuba by attending "A Night in Havana" on Sunday, July 28th. Tickets are \$35 at the Academy of Dance and the San Luis Casino. Get the show time is at 7:30 pm. For more information call 542-4123.



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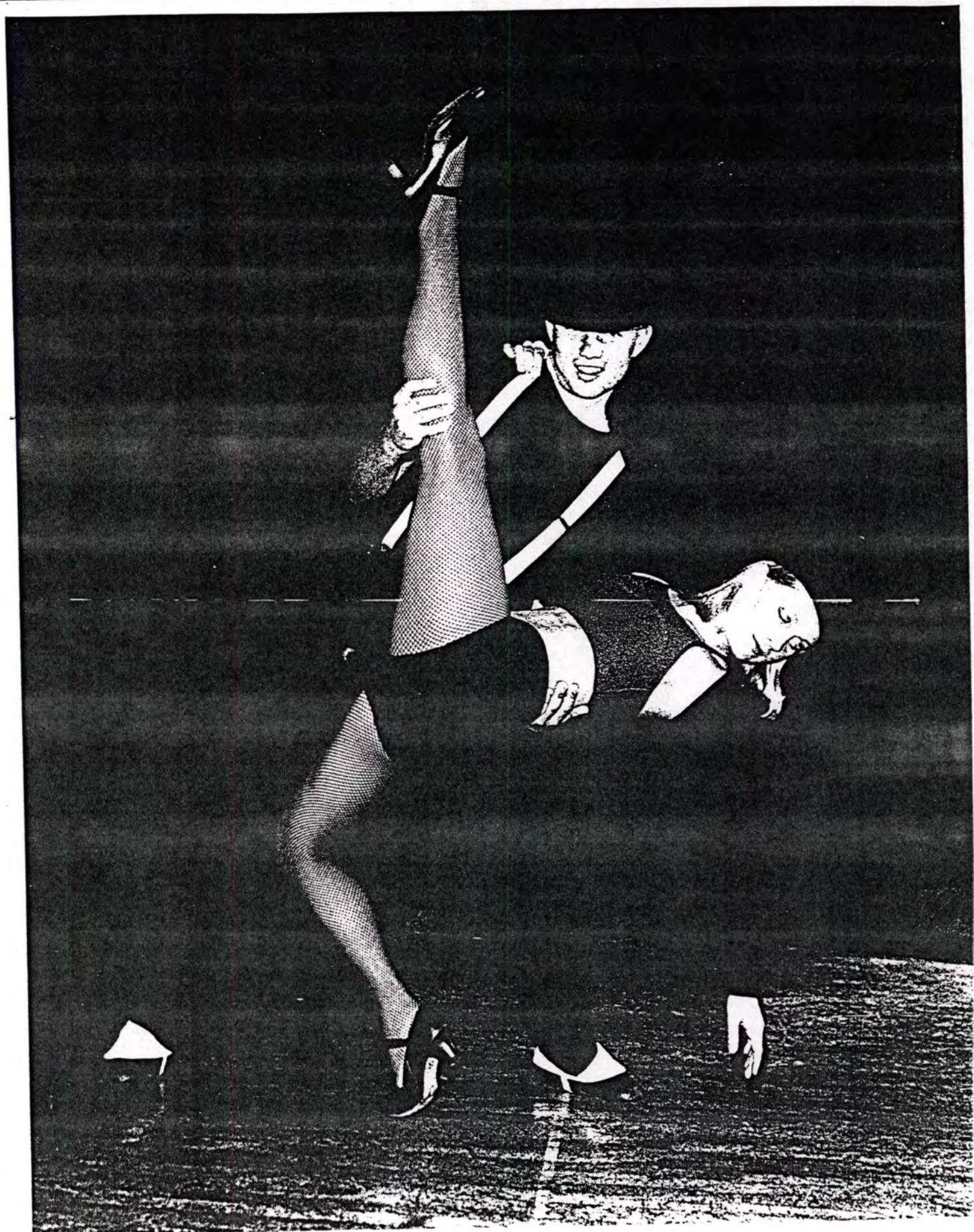
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"THE PRESIDENT"

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"Dear Mr. President,"

In all probability, Mr. President this letter will never reach the confines of the oval office. However I feel it is my inherent duty to write and bring to the attention of whomever may read it, the injustice being directed toward incarcerated immigrants such as myself who feel we have become lost in a system that leaves us powerless in our struggle to properly express ourselves. My name is MEHMET YETIS and as a Turkish immigrant I came to this country eighteen years ago. My dreams and aspirations of living in a country founded on dignity, human rights and the pursuit of happiness was foremost in all my endeavors to prove my worthiness for citizenship. Goals were quickly established, and self esteem became the catalyst needed to learn the English language, obtain employment, marry, raise a family and take my rightful place in society.

I truly wish I could end my story here, but in all reality it's the beginning of a demoralizing struggle with the I.N.S. fighting deportation. Presently I am in custody as a I.N.S. detainee at the federal detention center, Seatac Washington. I have remained in this custody status for the past eighteen months. This in light of the fact that in 1982, upon arrival into this country I posted a \$5,000 bond showing good faith that I was not a flight risk. Inquiry into why this has not secured my release goes unanswered. To this day the bond remains a matter of record. No, Mr. President, I have not committed unjust crimes against humanity nor have I been a threat to the American society.

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My lengthy incarceration stems from a simple domestic violence spouse charge, an abuse charge that should never warrant merit. One that I have paid dearly for not only physically and emotionally but one that has left my family and children devastated by. The emotional scars left on my children growing up without a father in their formative years has led to physical abnormalities requiring professional counseling and medical attention. Although I take full responsibility for my actions, I cannot stand idle and not bring to your attention great injustice I feel not only have been bestowed upon but numerous immigrants that I have met that languish the same predicament. The heartbreak, shattered dreams and the traumatic experiences our families endure we heavily upon us.

Inquiry regarding our status to I.N.S. officials seem to fall on deaf ears. The Question, Mr. President seem to be universal. Why are we institutionalized for countless months and in many cases years with no known release date in sight? Why do letters sent through the proper chain of command go unanswered or even acknowledged many of us have experienced these human rights violations in our homelands and now have chosen to live in a great democracy where we feel safe from wrongful persecution. Many of us pray for the day when justice served and become united with our families. I would like to mention an incident that I feel reflects on my high moral standards and integrity. It occurred upon my arrival into the United States in 1982 when I was at the I.N.S. detention center, El Centro, CA, I witnessed an altercation between several immigrant detainees and a I.N.S. officer.

Fearing a life threatening situation was unfolding I elected assist I.N.S officers in breaking up the altercation before it led to near riot proportions. I later assisted the F.B.I as a witness and assisted their investigation of the incident and was commended for my actions. I mention this as a testimony not only to my high set of values but to show that we as immigrants are human and share the same feeling and desires as each all americans. All we ask is a chance to prove ourselves. We in america live in a golden bubble insulated from a very dangerous world. Life is so good in the united states that it seems impossible that it could ever change. The life american lead is not the world normal. It is an aberration in world history. Never before has mankind enjoyed this degree of freedom had so many options, and liberties. I believe in our country and ever ready to lay down my life if need be, in service of truth, righteousness and justice. As I said no different than any of you. If Nothing more becomes of this letter, let it be hopefully, an insight into the plight of many of us ~~not~~ immigrants who are being wrongfully detained, notability without proper representation. Think of us not only as numbers, Mr president, but as human beings fathers and husbands awaiting our chance to take our place in society and live the american dream. If I may, I please to whoever may read this letter to find it in their hearts the compassion and moral dignity to fully grasp the suffering and mental anguish that not only myself but my entire family have experienced. Kids in mind I believe with everything within me that husbands hold the keys to the preservation of the family. May the powers invested in you, or whomever delegated to

will find just cause for exoneration. May God cont
To bless AMERICA.

Supporting documents for justification are enclosed
for review.

Respectfully,
Mehmet Yetis
YETIS, MEHMET

THE PRESIDENT,
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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Date:

January 4, 1984

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the proceedings presently pending in your case.

~~Your hearing has been rescheduled. You are requested to appear before an Immigration Judge at the place, date and hour shown below.~~

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Jack R. McCormack
IMMIGRATION OFFICER

Very truly yours,

Melvin L. Day
Deportation Officer
El Centro, California

~~Place of hearing~~

Your hearing which was scheduled at El Centro, California has been taken off calendar. Your obligor will be notified by mail of the date, time, and place of your rescheduled hearing.

~~Date and hour of hearing~~

NOTE: You may be represented in this proceeding, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other individual authorized and qualified to represent persons before the Immigration and Naturalization Service. If you wish to be so represented, your attorney or representative should appear with you at the hearing.

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AFFIDAVIT-WITNESSIN RE: N-400FILE NO. 92-989-610EXECUTED AT LOS ANGELES, CADATE JAN X 7 1993

Before the following officer of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service:

in the ENGLISH language. Interpreter NONE used.

I, MEHMET YETIS, acknowledge that the above-named officer has identified himself to me as an officer of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service authorized by law to administer oaths and take testimony in connection with the enforcement of the Immigration and Nationality laws of the United States. He has informed me that he desires to take my sworn statement regarding APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION.

He has told me that my statement must be made freely and voluntarily. I am willing to make such a statement. I swear that I will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me, God.

Being duly sworn, I make the following statement:

I, MEHMET YETIS, WISH TO WITHDRAW MY APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, BECAUSE I AM NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR NATURALIZATION AT THIS TIME.

X Mehtmet Yetis
APPLICANT

[Signature]
IMMIGRATION EXAMINER

Dear Dad

I Love you we miss you

I want you back

I go to the park and play

Basket Ball; I wish you
were Here. With me

come to L.A

Mom Loves you to Dad

Kia'ra Loves you to

Sirach Loves you to

Love

Love
Gervin

Dear dad

I love you

I miss you & wish
you could come back

home and work to

get me
my school is

nice. I am in

2nd grade I got
a happy face
and a picture

I wish you could
come back with us

I want you back

I want to be

come in 2nd because

I have a party

from se yun
to dad

I Love you



To Love Dad

Dad I miss you so much
when are you going to
get out of D.C. Washintain and guess
who won soccer galaxy war
the trofe and Dad I
want to you come to Christmas
and Dad this is my favret
wish Dad did you know test
and Shetne mchan they
are going get married tomor
nigth. So good luck.
God loves and don't smoke. or
drink beer
to love dad and seyhun yetis
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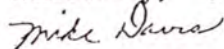
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to recommend Mehmet Yetis for your consideration for release and Also for help in staying in the U. S.

As leader of New Life Prison Ministries, I met Mehmet at the Mesa Verde , Community Correctional Facility in Bakersfield, CA. He was very faithful to Attend our Gospel Services every Tuesday night. During that time I saw a real Change and growth in his life and I see him to be a man of character and integrity, because of the commitment he had made to the Lord Jesus Christ, and His genuine desire to follow the Biblical precepts that the Lord has given to us In His Word, the Holy Bible.

I think because of the changes that have taken place in his life that Mehmet Would be an asset to any community he would be released to, and that his desire Is to do what is right and help others to do the same.

Sincerely,



Mike Davis

New Life Prison Ministries.

† Certificate of Baptism †

This certifies that:

Mehmet Yetis

*was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit according to Matthew 28: 19*

By New Life Ministries

September 26, 1998

Date

Buck Messerschmidt
Signed

Singleton Fire Protection

Lic.# 667001

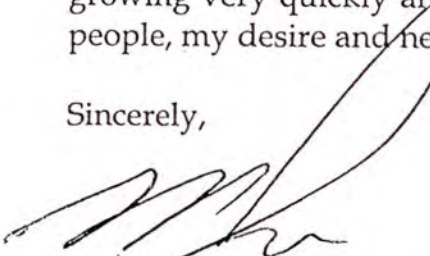
April 27, 1999

United States I.N.S. Judge
El Centro Detention Facility

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mehmet Yetis, A#92-989-620. Mehmet has been in my acquaintance for several years and I have always found him to be a very positive person that I have enjoyed knowing. During my association with him he was also my employee. While at work I found him to be a very honest, hardworking individual that worked well with the other employee's as their foreman. He started his employment with me in 1994 as a pipe fitter and has learned his position well to be advanced to a job foreman. Upon his release I will look forward to hiring him back with my company. As my company is growing very quickly and the knowledge of Fire Sprinklers is not found among many people, my desire and need to have him with my company is great.

Sincerely,



Maurice Singleton
Singleton Fire Protection
Owner



MEMORANDUM

TO: Penny Price
Protocol Officer
S/CPR/V, Room 1238 MS

FROM: Timothy D. Andrews *TA*
Principal Officer
USEO Abuja

SUBJECT: Letter to President Clinton from
President Obasanjo dated August 31, 2000

DATE: September 6, 2000

Enclosed is the original letter to President Clinton from President Obasanjo regarding U.S.-Based Chevron Corporation and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Agreement Endorsement which I faxed to you on the above date.

Enclosure: a/s

9-20-00
Send to NSC? ☒
Yes ☒
No ☐

Canal



STATE HOUSE
ABUJA,
NIGERIA.

Reference:

PRES/26

September 1, 2000

The Ambassador,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Maitama, Abuja

Reference:

A. Letter to **H.E. Mr. Bill Clinton**, President of the United States of America.

I am directed to forward reference A to you for onward transmission to its highest destination.

2. Your kind assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Taiwo Ojo
Personal Assistant to the President

Enclosure

1. Copy of Reference A.



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/15

31 August 2000

His Excellency,
Mr. Bill Clinton,
President of the United States of America,
White House,
Washington D.C.

Dear President

I am writing to again express my deepest appreciation for your recent visit to Nigeria and to thank you for supporting and promoting additional capital investments in Nigeria, especially by U.S. Companies.

I am aware that U.S.-based Chevron Corporation and our Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) have reached agreement on a major gas development in the Western Niger-Delta area of Nigeria valued at over US\$2 billion. The development consists of two interrelated projects - an offshore gas gathering and onshore processing system at Escravos (called EGP3) and a Gas-To-Liquids conversion plant at Escravos (called EGTL). The EGTL project will use a "marriage" of technologies from South Africa (SASOL's Fischer-Tropsch conversion technology) and the United States (Chevron's hydro-processing technology).

The combined projects will provide significant environmental, economic, and employment benefits in Nigeria; and will provide a political benefit showing the cooperation between our three great countries. Given that



generation of environmentally friendly fuels for the 21st century, the United Nations Millennium Celebrations in New York would be an ideal opportunity for the two of us, along with President Mbeki, to endorse this agreement.

I welcome your participation at this event, which would, once again, demonstrate your support for attracting foreign capital investment to Nigeria.

I look forward to your response, so that the necessary arrangements can be put in place in New York.

Yours sincerely,

Obasanjo

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

9-20-00

(Checked w/ Courtney
& he has not seen)

Send to Reg Affairs?

Yes

No

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Carolyn -

Think this is
second copy ?!

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RON KLINK
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

1st District, Pennsylvania

September 12, 2000

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

'00 SEP 20 AM 9:24

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to respectfully ask that the Administration release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to avoid a real crisis in our oil supply. According to the Oil Market Report released yesterday by the International Energy Agency (IEA), "the market is too fragile. It needs higher inventories to protect against circumstances such as an abnormally cold winter." The IEA report further noted that if surplus crude oil and refining capacity available around the world were mobilised quickly it would "begin to address these market imbalances."

Even the current president of OPEC, Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali Rodriguez, is acknowledging the problem. Although OPEC has decided to raise output by three percent, low inventories have caused oil prices to rise to levels not seen since the 1990 crisis. Yesterday, as reported by the Reuters News Service, Mr. Rodriguez said that "we are approaching a crisis of great proportions because oil production capacity is reaching its limit. I don't think prices are going to get there now but they could rise to \$40 depending on the winter."

Saudi Arabia is the only OPEC country with excess capacity to produce more oil, since most other OPEC member nations are pumping to capacity. We do not know if prices will fall in response to the OPEC's decision to increase output. Therefore, a drawdown of the SPR is our only alternative to relieve consumers from skyrocketing oil prices until the market is stabilized.

In addition, Mr. President, I respectfully ask that you provide additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). I want to thank you again for releasing over \$33 million in LIHEAP funds to Pennsylvania last winter, which enabled our senior citizens and low-income residents to afford to heat their homes during the severe weather. A release of LIHEAP funds again will prevent our citizens from having to choose between heating their homes and paying for food and medicine.

In closing, Mr. President, I respectfully ask that you drawdown the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and release additional LIHEAP funds. Many working families in Pennsylvania and across the nation are already feeling a severe pinch from higher gasoline prices. I am concerned

that unless these steps are taken, we could see a slowdown in our national and world economy if these inflated energy prices are allowed to continue.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Klink", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RON KLINK
Member of Congress

cc:

The Honorable Bill Richardson
Secretary of Energy

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RON KLINK
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
1st District, Pennsylvania

FAX: (202) 226-2274

To: President Clinton

From:

☒ Honorable Ron Klink
☐ Joe Brimmer
☐ Melany Hughes
☐ Salena Matthews
☐ Jennifer Keaton
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Date:

9/12/00

Fax Number:

456-1210

Subject:

energy crisis

Number of Pages, including cover:

5Comments:

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Mike Paterniti
Esquire Magazine
250 West 55th Street
New York, NY 10019

Nice thank you for copy of picture (framed) and photo negative
The photo was taken by CVC and was published in Esquire magazine several years ago.

POTUS had asked for a copy of the photo

from Doug Band

9/20/00

Send to Cohen?

Yes

No

Carl

Fax

00 SEP 19 PM 5:31

Name: CAROL CLEVELAND
Organization: EOP/Staff Secretary's office
Fax: 456-2215
Phone: 456-2702
From: Brendan Doyle *BD*
Date: September 19, 2000
Subject: Tribute to Alvin Alm
Pages: 811

Per our recent telephone conversation, I am forwarding a brief bio for Al Alm along with several other recent articles by him or about him. I'm working with his companion, Ms. Mary Clark, on a memorial service that will take place on Friday, November 17, 2000 at the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater. I've just learned that either Carol Browner or Mike McCabe, current EPA Administrator and Deputy Administrator will be attending the ceremony. It would be wonderful if they could read a letter from President Clinton attesting to Al's great government service. I am coordinating this request w/ Ms. Betty Wonkovich in Ms. Browner's office. Pls. feel free to contact me for further information on 202/260-2693. Thanks!

If it's appropriate for the President to send a letter to Al's companion, Mary Clark's address is: 3814 Jocelyn Street, NW, Washington, DC 20015.

9-20-00

(This started out as a call to Betty Currie - Alvin Alm is a friend of hers). Send to Cohen?

Yes */*

No _____

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ALVIN L. ALM

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Denver
- Master of Public Administration, Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University

Principal Positions:

- U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Federal Management Intern, 1961-63.
- U.S. Bureau of the Budget (now OMB), Senior Budget Examiner, 1963-70.
- U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, Staff Director, 1970-73.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Assistant Administrator for Planning and Management, 1973-77.
- U.S. Department of Energy, Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, 1977-80.
- Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Lecturer and research director, 1980-83.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Deputy Administrator, 1983-85.
- Thermal Analytical Corporation, Chairman and CEO, 1985-87.
- Alliance Technologies Corporation, CEO, 1987-89.
- SAIC Corporation, Board Member and Senior Vice President, 1989-96.
- U.S. Department of Energy, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, 1996-98.
- The Columbus Group, Executive Vice President, 1998-99.
- Chambers Associates Inc, President, 1999-.

Relevant experience:

- First staff director of CEQ upon its formation, dealing with the initiation of environmental management practice in the United States.
- Coordinated the development of President Carter's energy plan in 1976.
- Overall operations management of EPA during service as Deputy Administrator.
- General management of the environmental clean up of the Department of Energy's weapons complex during service as Assistant Secretary of Energy.
- Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.
- Chairman and member of several advisory groups serving EPA, DOE and the National Academy of Public Administration.

**STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF FORMER EPA DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR ALVIN L. ALM**

**By
Carol M. Browner
EPA Administrator**

I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of Alvin L. Alm who was an instrumental force in shaping this nation's energy and environmental policy and public institutions.

Al Alm served the Environmental Protection Agency during critical periods in its development. He first arrived at the Agency in 1973, serving as Assistant Administrator for Planning and Management. He left in 1977 only to return in 1983 during turbulent times when his steady demeanor and unquestioned personal integrity helped restore employee and public confidence in battered institutions.

In addition to his years at EPA, Al spent nearly 40 years building an environmental and clean energy legacy that will last well into the new century. His work as first Staff Director of the Council on Environmental Quality and his participation in developing the original Clean Water Act in 1972 are accomplishments that we continue to build on today.

Americans can be thankful Al was always ready to use his skills to take on the tough jobs -- from cleaning up our nation's waterways to developing a safe and sensible energy policy to accelerating the cleanup of our nuclear weapons facilities -- the largest environmental restoration project in the world.

Al did this because he knew that protecting the environment is not just a duty to the present but an obligation to our future as well. We wish his friends and family well. We shall all miss him.

09/19/00

Alvin L. Alm, 63, Dies

By Adam Bernstein
Washington Post Staff Writer

Tuesday, July 25, 2000 ; B06

Alvin L. Alm, 63, a former high-ranking federal environmental official who at his death was president of Chambers Associates Inc., a public policy consulting firm in Washington, died July 24 at Georgetown University Hospital.

A spokesman for the D.C. medical examiner said determination of Mr. Alm's death was under investigation.

His government career began in 1963 at the Bureau of the Budget, where he became a senior budget examiner. He worked on water pollution control programs before holding posts with the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In his last government post, as the Energy Department's assistant secretary for environmental management from 1996 to 1998, he helped engineer a controversial 10-year cleanup of many of the nation's nuclear waste dumps--a task that had been estimated to take up to 70 years. The Engineering News-Record reported in 1997 that the previous plan would have cost up to \$350 billion but that Mr. Alm's would cost less than \$150 billion.

"Our goal is to clean up the sites so they can be used for a wide variety of uses and reduce the obligations on future generations," he told an interviewer in 1997.

At Chambers Associates, which he joined last year, he and a co-worker were promoting a plan to create a nongovernmental association supervised by Chambers to address the environmental goals he worked on at Energy.

Alvin Leroy Alm, a Falls Church resident, was a Denver native and a 1960 graduate of the University of Denver. He received a master's degree in public administration at Syracuse University and came to Washington in 1961 as an Atomic Energy Commission intern. In 1970, he was hired as the first staff director of the newly created Council on Environmental Quality and, three years later, joined the EPA as assistant administrator for planning and management. He left the EPA in 1977, then returned in 1983 for two years as deputy administrator under William D. Ruckelshaus.

Ruckelshaus, in a July 24 interview, said he had asked for Mr. Alm in an effort to help resuscitate the agency's morale after run-ins with the Reagan administration.

Between EPA jobs, he was assistant secretary of policy and evaluation at the Energy Department and lectured at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he directed the energy security program.

Alvin Alm, 63, a Leader in Environmental Policy

By JOHN H. CUSHMAN Jr.

WASHINGTON, July 27 — Alvin L. Alm, a businessman and senior government official who helped create environmental and energy policy in Republican and Democratic administrations for four decades, died on Monday at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington. He was 63.

Mr. Alm was stricken at his home in nearby Falls Church, Va., apparently with heart failure, said Allen Moore, a colleague at Chambers Associates, a public policy consulting firm where Mr. Alm was president.

As an expert in budgeting, economics, regulation and the other fine details of environmental policy, Mr. Alm operated just under the bureaucratic rank where public service translates into renown. Although virtually every policy maker in his field knew of his work, the influence of the jobs he held, like assistant secretary of energy for environmental management and deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, far exceeded his public name recognition.

Mr. Alm spoke lightly of his many moves into and out of government, once saying, "I have to confess I am a recidivist." One reason he came and went was that the most powerful figures in the federal government called upon him at critical moments.

For example, when the Environmental Protection Agency was in crisis during the Reagan administration, with Administrator Anne Gorsuch's resignation under pressure for her handling of the Superfund and other programs, Mr. Alm returned for a second stint at the agency un-



Alvin L. Alm

der William D. Ruckelshaus, whom President Ronald Reagan had called back to salvage the E.P.A.'s bruised reputation.

Alvin Leroy Alm was born in Denver, graduated from the University of Denver in 1960 and earned a master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell Graduate School at Syracuse University.

He worked on environmental matters in the Washington bureaucracy for several years and by 1970, when the modern environmental movement reached full flower, held a crucial post as staff director of the newly created White House Council on Environmental Quality.

He helped develop the landmark Clean Water Act of 1972 and moved to the Environmental Protection Agency, then in its infancy, as assistant manager for planning and management. There, from 1973 to 1977, he helped devise the system of water pollution permits that put the law into force.

During the energy crisis of the late 1970's, he worked on energy policy for the Carter administration and moved to the Energy Department for the first time.

Throughout his long career, Mr. Alm took on some of the most intractable of problems. His most recent tour in government was from 1996 to 1998, as President Clinton's assistant secretary of energy in charge of cleaning up the nation's nuclear weapons complex, overseeing a program of about \$5 billion a year.

Outside government, he was chairman and chief executive of the Thermal Analytical Corporation, an environmental testing concern, from 1985 to 1987; chief executive of another technical consulting company, the Alliance Technologies Corporation, from 1983 to 1989; and senior vice president of yet another, the Science Applications International Corporation, from 1989 to 1996.

In the early 1960's he was at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard as a lecturer and head of a research program.

His marriage to the former Ronald Elwell, ended in divorce. He is survived by a daughter, Jessica Alm of Boston; a sister, Carol Birza of Denver; and his companion, Mary Clark of Washington.

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~~Ref: Jutro: 565 - 10/16~~*Due to be published
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Environmental Forum*

Environmental Protection's 'Go To Guy'

In July, the environmental community lost one of its particularly beloved friends and leaders to a sudden and entirely too early death at the age of 63. As the *New York Times* so aptly put it, "Although virtually every policymaker in his field knew of his work" in a career that spanned four decades, Al Alm "operated just under the bureaucratic rank where public service translates into renown." Repeatedly throughout his career, he was chosen by those who were in positions of renown as the person who could get a tough job done. He was environmental protection's "go to guy."

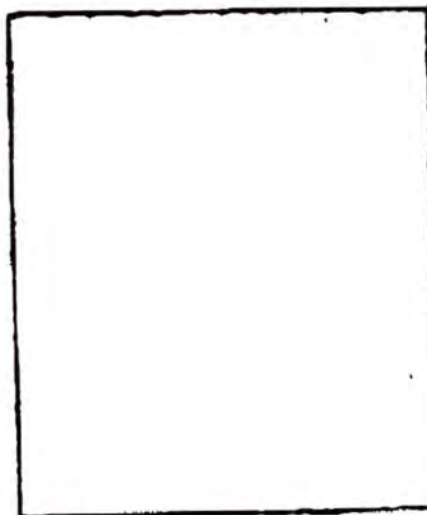
Al came to Washington in 1963 as a freshly minted MPA to take a job as a management intern in the Bureau of the Budget. His work there on pollution issues caught the attention of Russell Train who, as chairman of the brand new Council on Economic Quality, picked Al to become its first staff director. Two years later, Bill Ruckelshaus picked Al to build up the brand new Environmental Protection Agency as assistant administrator for planning and management. When Train took over at EPA, he too wanted Al as part of his team. When energy security became a national imperative, President Carter followed the pattern of choosing Al as a man whom he could trust to get things done, appointing him assistant secretary for policy and evaluation in the new Department of Energy.

Throughout these jobs, he helped foster the evolution of risk assessment and created the government's best economic analysis team. But to him, his biggest accomplishment was in identifying the right people and putting them in the right working environment to help achieve environmental results.

Al left government in 1979 for a faculty position at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he developed a program on environment and security. Al enjoyed Harvard, especially the chance to indulge his passion for music and the arts, but in

many ways missed Washington. Then in 1983, Bill Ruckelshaus answered President Reagan's call to restore the Environmental Protection Agency after Anne Gorsuch Burford left. For his deputy administrator, Ruckelshaus wanted Al Alm.

Al worked to restore the agency's morale and credibility. His numerous task forces, planning committees, and options groups achieved legendary status, but they forced an unprecedented depth and breadth of staff participation in policymaking, planning, and management — and more effective government operations. A de-



Alvin L. Alm, 1937-2000

cade later, he used the same method to pursue the almost impossible nuclear cleanup job required of him as President Clinton's assistant secretary of energy for environmental management.

When asked by a friend why he always seemed to be coming back to government positions, with his characteristic, intelligent, self-deprecating humor, he declared, "I have to confess I'm a recidivist."

The years between EPA and DOE were spent in leadership positions in several private companies. He was chairman and chief executive of Thermo Analytical Corporation, chief executive of Alliance Technologies

Corporation, and senior vice president of Science Applications International Corporation, all environmental consulting firms. At the time of his death, he was president of Chambers Associates, a public policy consulting firm, and executive director of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities.

During his time away from government he kept more than busy, writing on environment, energy, and the benefits of early action on climate change under the Kyoto Protocol, and with many organizations, including the Environmental Law Institute, the Aspen Institute, the Defense Science Board, and the National Academy of Public Administration, with whom he was in the midst of an effort on innovative approaches to environmental management. He was a member of EPA's Science Advisory Board under Administrator Bill Reilly, where he was part of the team that produced the pivotal *Reducing Risk* report in 1990.

Sketches of necessity leave out so much that actually characterize a person's life. The childhood influences: growing up in Denver as the son of an immigrant tailor, having the Rocky Mountains as an inspiration that lasted a lifetime or, as a police victim, spending half a year in an iron lung. They leave out details about family, particular his pride in his daughter Jessica. They leave out the entertaining personal quirks, of which, as all his friends and colleagues know, Al had many. They leave out personal relationships, such as Al's many rewarding years with his companion, Mary Clark, and to his credit in this day and age, the influences that stemmed from a unique ability to maintain an extraordinarily broad range of friendships. And all of them will miss him greatly.

— Peter Jutro

A memorial service for Al will be held on Friday, November 17, at 2 p.m. in the Amphitheater of the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center. There will be an informal social gathering after the event.

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> AL ALM - AN APPRECIATION

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> Much has been made of Al Alm's passing and of his tenure at DOE. And much
> should be made - he was force to be reckoned with for all of the reasons
> that make a person great and civil service honorable.

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> When Al Alm took over the Department of Energy Environmental Management
> program it was newly being recognized as the world's largest environmental
> program. He did not see this necessarily as a point of pride, but rather
> as a challenge. He knew from a distinguished career, beginning with
> addressing water pollution in the 1960s, that there were serious
> environmental problems out there and that the government had a lead role in
> dealing with them on behalf of the public. The goal was not to spend money
> but to solve those problems, and move on to solving the next problem. He
> had already solved more problems than most of us will wade into in our
> careers.

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> Al set about this challenge in a way many of us will only dream of: he
> announced almost immediately his goal of cleaning up and closing most of
> the DOE sites within ten years - the so-called "Ten Year Plan." And he set
> forth to do it. He worked to involve as many people as possible, including
> career staff, field managers, contractors and stakeholders. Many were
> frustrated by his single mindedness, and the way he moved ahead without
> waiting for a lot of discussion. Perhaps he knew something about how much
> time he had. More likely he simply knew from experience that bureaucracies
> have a way of bogging down anything that is not moving very quickly.

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> Detractors chided Al for neglecting details and being too single minded, a
> charge to which he would gleefully plead "guilty." But when it came to
> focusing on the big picture issues, he nailed them all solid. He knew that
> every person working at the Department had to understand clearly that the
> goal was to finish their cleanup projects, not perpetuate them. He knew
> that integration between sites could save billions of dollars. He knew
> that we could not ignore the residual contamination left behind after
> cleanup, and included long-term stewardship in his plans. He knew that if

> the Department continued making new problems then it would never be able to
> complete cleanup. So he shut the door on a nuclear weapons program
> throwing new problems over the fence. His EM would not simply be a dumping
> ground for the detritus of a nuclear weapons enterprise that put production
> above all else. These are the big issues. Thanks to Al, they are now
> considered part of the system, not just ideas knocking at the door waiting
> to be let in.
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> Despite living intellectually with these big picture issues, Al had an
> Earthy style that was as charming as it was disarming. He seemed to have a
> story and quip for almost every situation. Some were good enough to be
> used again.
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> But, those of us who had the privilege of serving with him, also knew that
> he was human, with his frailties. His physical disabilities made his
> frequent trips to the "front office" (the full length of the two block long
> Forestall building) to see the Secretary and staff, a serious challenge,
> though he never complained. A walk down the hall or a long day at work
> that for many of use are mere routine inconveniences. For Al these were
> significant challenges that most of us will never fully appreciate.
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> Most of all, Al helped guide us - both in our work and in our lives. He
> clearly guided our work by establishing a path "to Closure" that will
> endure. Perhaps more importantly he taught us what it meant to serve the
> public, come what may. To the extent that we have learned that lesson, Al
> lives on within each of us.
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> - Gene Schmitt & Jim Werner

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Environmental Programs
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Al Alm's Old-Fashioned Values

BY LLEWELLYN KING

Al Alm, who died over the weekend at age 63, was a man of small contradictions attached to a very large base. The base, the essential man, was without warp or impurity. He was a peculiarly old-fashioned man in that he believed in the common weal, in public service, and the obligation of the individual to the greater good.

Al showed a fine disinterest in wealth, ambition and the ornaments of high office. In today's parlance, he was a policy wonk. Al was a man who loved the intricacies of public policy but would not hesitate to criticize the folly which is always present in government.

He looked cadaverous without being underweight. He swallowed his words but never failed to make his point.

He put down his own passion for serving with little jibes at himself. When he came back to Washington to serve as assistant secretary for environmental management at the Department of Energy, he confessed to

me: "I am a government recidivist."

His friend James Schlesinger—who was Al's boss at the Bureau of the Budget in the 1960s—tells a story of how self-effacing and private Al could be. It goes like this: The Congress had served up a particularly contorted bill on coastal zone management, and Schlesinger gave the task of creating workable regulations to Al. The young, keen, committed Al went away and worked through the night. At around 10 o'clock the next morning, Schlesinger dropped in on Al and his colleagues to check on progress. Schlesinger noticed that Al was both tired and fidgety.

As the discussions proceeded, Al's discomfort increased until he blurted out: "Sir, I wonder if I may leave. I have arranged to be married at 1 o'clock."

Al joined the Atomic Energy Commission in 1961 and the Bureau

of the Budget two years later. He was the first staff director of the Council on Environmental Quality in the Carter administration.

Later, he joined the new Department of Energy to serve as assistant secretary for energy policy and evaluation. Afterwards, he was confirmed as deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

On his sabbaticals from government, Al worked as a consultant. And for a time, he worked at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in its energy program.

Al was a lifelong Democrat. He worked for Republican and Democratic administrations, never concealing his political colors.

Al was fun, crude, and walked gently on the Earth. It will miss him. As will the innumerable people he touched during his career. His real genius may be that he made them laugh while he made them think.

Deregulation's Dark Side... (Continued from page one)

KPMG, told *The Energy Daily* Wednesday the company has been doing these kinds of surveys for years, but recently began to build a nationwide data base to assist its customers in finding ways to improve their businesses and make the workplace a safer, more pleasant place for employees.

Swenson said the survey included questions on 22 categories of conduct either illegal or violating company ethical standards. He said it shows that mounting business pressures may be leading more and more companies to be more interested in an end result than in how they get there.

"A lot of it is really just a perception that a compliance or ethics message is sort of second place; it's sort of viewed apathetically, it's not viewed as important or real, it's not what really matters inside the company," Swenson said. "That seems to be kind of a consistent challenge for programs whether they are a utility, a bank or a manufacturing company."

In today's fever-pitch business world, Swenson said, pressures to meet the goal or project of the day are driving many companies to cut corners. Employees are feeling these pressures intensely.

"I see...business pressures in many cases seem to be driving people to put aside the compliance message," he said. "You've got a job to do, you have so many hours or a budget to do it in. You can do it turning with square corners or you can cut corners in order to meet the budget or the schedule, and that kind of a problem was definitely identified as a serious driver of misconduct."

As they shift into a competitive marketplace, utilities

may be feeling greater pressure than other U.S. businesses, he said.

"One of the things that I think clearly is interesting for utilities...[is that] the nature of some of the problems that they have to manage now is shifting rapidly, and the problem of falsifying financial data might be a good example," Swenson said.

In other utility-related findings of the survey:

- Only 36 percent of all utility employees believe their top corporate executives know what type of behavior goes on in the company, whereas 62 percent believe their business unit manager or supervisor knows the type of behavior that takes place.

- Only 51 percent of utility workers feel their supervisor is a positive role model. This is 15 points lower than the national average.

- When asked if their report would be treated confidentially if a violation were reported to management, only 48 percent feel that it would. That is 11 percentage points lower than the national average.

- Only 46 percent of all utility employees trust their company and its management, which is 13 percent lower than the national average.

- When asked if most customers trust the company and its management, 66 percent of utility employees feel there is trust, though it is 11 percent below the national average.

- Finally, only two-thirds of utility employees felt comfortable approaching their business manager or supervisor if they have questions or need to deliver bad news. This figure is nine percentage points lower than the national average.

Environmental Management: There Is A Better Way

(Editor's Note: This article was written just prior to Al Alm's untimely passing last month.)

The nation's environmental management system needs fundamental change.

The current system, which relies heavily on command-and-control regulations and specified end-of-pipe technology standards, cannot efficiently address today's environmental challenges.

This is not surprising. If we continued to rely on 1970's techniques for manufacturing and communication, the U.S. would now be hopelessly non-competitive in world markets. Similarly, it is unrealistic to expect that the environmental regulatory system established three decades ago would be efficient today.

The current system made sense 30 years ago, when the United States faced the major challenge of cleaning up heavily polluted air, water and soil after decades of neglect. Detailed technology standards were developed and mandated for motor vehicles and industries. Because conditions were so stark, the federal program made a fast and visible impact.

However, today's pollution problems often result from many diverse sources, and current control requirements are not well matched to the remaining cleanup priorities. For example, water quality in many parts of the nation is adversely impacted by sources not addressed by current regulations, such as urban runoff, farms, feedlots and timber operations.

Similarly, many sources not controlled by the current system continue to degrade air pollution levels, which remain unacceptable in several regions.

The current system needs structural changes to improve efficiency and to address today's unresolved environmental problems. Current regulatory costs are high—over \$100 billion annually—and rising. The command-and-control focus of the current system substitutes centralized decisions for market competition in achieving environmental goals—a sure prescription for increasingly unproductive costs.

Moreover, the current system cannot effectively address several of the highest priority unresolved problems, including ground level ozone pollution in the Northeast, nutrient loading of streams and lakes from land runoff and practical controls for the multiplicity of greenhouse gases.

The change of administration provides a unique opportunity. Working with Congress and the various environmental constituencies, the new administration taking office in January 2001 will have a unique opportunity to lead a re-evaluation and improvement of the national environmental management system.

In particular, the relationship between the Environmental Protection Agency, the states, communities and the private sector should be re-defined to eliminate overlapping regulatory reviews and other unnecessary bureaucracy, and to encourage private sector initiatives to meet environmental goals more efficiently.

Many of the planning and management tools industry commonly employs to achieve overall productivity improvements can be used to optimize environmental compliance—but only with structural changes in the command-and-control regulatory system.

Proposed regulatory system changes will require careful evaluation, as well as pilot-scale experimen-



tion in many cases, to minimize unintended outcomes. While practical implementation steps should proceed cautiously, the governing vision should be broad, embracing changes in technology, culture, organization and accountability. Two major areas should receive the highest priority.

The regulatory philosophy should be dramatically changed. The current technology-based system undermines opportunities to achieve least-cost reductions in total emissions for designated pollutants by controlling all sources at the end of the pipe.

For example, a joint study by EPA and Amoco Inc. (now BP Plc) determined that reducing benzene emissions was five times more costly by using EPA's prescriptive standards as compared to choosing the least-cost alternative. Overall performance standards, rather than end-of-pipe technology standards, will encourage continuing development of better solutions and result in large cost savings.

Self-monitoring by regulated companies and simplified reporting of environmental data can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of compliance monitoring, and can free up government and industry resources to address priority unresolved issues. In the future, third-party reviewers may be best suited to perform routine environmental compliance monitoring.

The tools for achieving environmental objectives should be expanded. Historically, command-and-control regulations have been the predominant tool for achieving environmental compliance. However, other approaches are more effective in the right circumstances.

For example, the sulfur dioxide emissions trading system, which was not operational until the early 1990's, is considered the most successful regulatory mechanism to date for achieving environmental benefits. Compliance is virtually assured, costs are substantially lower and the entire system is transparent to stakeholders and governments. Trading systems can also be applied to other air pollution problems and to certain nutrient water contaminants.

In the long run, information may become the most important environmental management tool. Information generated from California's Proposition 65 (requiring public notification of toxic exposures) and EPA's Toxic Release Inventory program (TRI) has resulted in substantial voluntary reductions by industry. When the TRI data was first released, a number of CEOs took corrective action, some because of the public relations effect and at least one because a large volume of chemicals was being wasted.

These recommendations are necessarily incomplete, but they illustrate the direction that regulatory restructuring can take. We will not achieve acceptable environmental quality without dramatic change to the current system, and the upcoming transition to a new administration provides a rare opportunity for constructive action. If we do not begin now to seize the opportunity, we may perpetuate an overly costly and ineffectual system for many years in the future.

—Alvin Alm was president of Chambers Associates Inc., a Washington-based public policy consulting firm. Previously, he served as deputy administrator of the EPA and assistant secretary of Energy for environmental management. James Mahoney is senior consultant at Chambers and former director of the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program and former environmental advisor to the Business Roundtable.

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September 20, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
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Dear Mr. President:

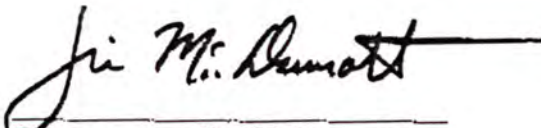
Salmon are a natural treasure of significant cultural, economic and ecological importance. By the close of this year, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will finalize your Administration's recovery plan for endangered Snake and Columbia River salmon. It is important that this recovery plan give careful consideration of all scientifically credible recovery strategies.

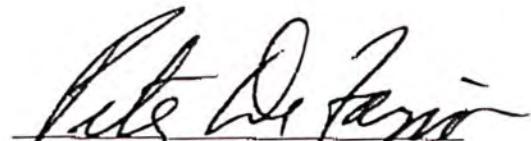
Senator Slade Gorton has announced plans to introduce an amendment that would restrict further study of certain recovery options -- namely dam removal. This amendment is unacceptable and I urge you to oppose it. The National Marine Fisheries Service must be allowed to study all credible options. Taking options off the table for political reasons will not help restore the salmon.

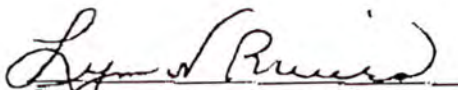
If this rider is signed into law, it will restrict federal agencies from carrying out studies that are integral components of the NMFS salmon recovery plan. Failure to complete these studies will mean that the recovery plan is not being fully implemented. This, in turn, may expose the Federal taxpayer and citizens of the Northwest to serious fiscal liability, and may prompt greater restrictions on other activities such as development, agriculture, navigation, forestry, and maybe even the dams themselves.

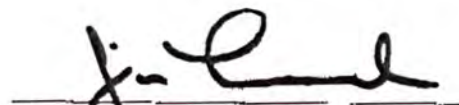
I urge you to oppose this and all appropriations riders that would postpone the prompt consideration of a full range of salmon recovery options on the Snake River.

Sincerely,


Congressman Jim McDermott


Congressman Peter A. DeFazio


Congresswoman Lynn Rivers


Congressman James A. Leach

cc: George Frampton, CEQ



Stanley K. Sheinbaum

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12 September, 2000

President Bill Clinton
The White House—West Wing
Via Fax

cc Sandy

Dear Bill,

Apparently you and my good friend Steve Teitelbaum were together at the US Open at Forest Hills, and apparently it came about that each of you knew me. You described my six-page letter to you urging that you let me accompany you on your possible upcoming trip to Vietnam.

Upon reading a copy of that letter—it was not confidential—he came back at me with the enclosed. Like mine, worth a moment.

Have you set a date for the trip yet? I am on tenterhooks.

Warmly and amicably,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
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PS Are you interested and therefore ready to set a date for the Israel Policy Forum Dinner at which they want to honor you?

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Stanley Sheinbaum
Brentwood

Dear Stanley,

My life story told with a purpose - which purpose you will come across in the final paragraph: Even for that purpose this is less than you want or need to know. However, I want to save a few stories to have something to tell you should we meet again.

In the late summer of 1962 I was born at the old Cedars hospital. Things could never be the same there, so they converted the building to the national headquarters for the Church of Scientology.

As a first-born child of a castrating ultra-Zionistic mother, it was determined that I would be a doctor when my penis was first visualized at her 22 week ultrasound. I was raised with the understanding that I could grow up and be ANY kind of surgical sub-specialist that I wanted.

Every election was a Jewish election in my home. "What will be better for Israel?" was the litmus test for all issues. This made deciding how to vote on water bond propositions and school board candidates quite challenging.

I was raised with the nationalistic spirit that the USA was always right and won every war. I still remember the time in sixth grade when our housekeeper Rosie shattered my world-view by telling me during an episode of the Brady Bunch that the USA was losing the war in Viet Nam. She may as well have told me that UCLA had lost an NCAA title.

Stunned, but not wanting my view of a pious USA further shaken, I remained ignorant about our role in Viet Nam. During my adolescent years, as I became ready to challenge the myths I grew up with, I decided to learn more. So I turned to the best source of information on the subject, edifying myself with screenings of Apocalypse Now, Coming Home, Platoon, and of course, Hamburger Hill.

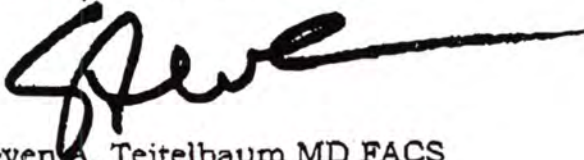
The point is that I would dearly love to go to Vietnam for the first time, and to do it with you, if you go. It wouldn't hurt for you to travel with a

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doctuh; my medical degree is valid for 23 more months, and I could even get a rider on my malpractice policy to cover me in the Far East. A personal valet wouldn't hurt either. I've already asked Josef to adjust my training program at the gym, so that in another month I will cross-train to learn all the physical skills necessary for the finesseful handling of valises, briefcases, attaches, duffels, trunks, carry-ons, suitcases, and even odd-shaped-baggage. What say?

Respectfully and amicably,



Steven A. Teitelbaum MD FACS

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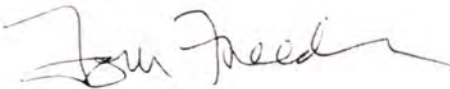
Dear Mr. President,

Thank you again for supporting the National Campaign Against Youth Violence today. They are working hard and your support will make all the difference.

You mentioned *Non Zero* in your speech. I wonder if you remember the afternoon many months ago on the helicopter when I gave you my copy of the book. I said: "this is a book that helps explain the historical context of how you have moved us forward and governed," and you looked at me quizzically. I think you'll agree that the notion of leading by helping people move forward together and expanding the pie for all rather than pitting one against another is a key and lasting element of your philosophy. I'm glad you enjoyed the book as much as I did.

Also, you mentioned the Welfare to Work Partnership in your speech with some older numbers. They have now grown to encompass *20,000 companies* who have hired *more than one million people*. A great success. I have another idea along the same lines for the school lunch program. Eli Segal and I talked Secretary Glickman about it, and when it is in reasonable shape, we would like to come in and talk to you about it.

Sincerely,



Tom Freedman

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Thanks, esp for Non-Zero

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NORD's argument stated the facts:

- There are an estimated 25 million Americans with more than 6,000 rare disorders.
- Each disorder affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States, but combined together rare diseases affect about nine percent of the population.
- These 6,000 disorders are neglected diseases that desperately need research.
- The commercial sector is usually not interested in pursuing this research because the potential markets for new treatments are too small.
- *If the government doesn't support research on rare disorders, who will?*

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August 2000

Ms. Kathy L McClanahan
McClanahan Graphics, Inc.
President
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Dear Kathy:

With the election season upon us, national and local politicians are making promises that will hopefully secure more votes for their cause. As someone who is interested in the needs and concerns of the rare disease community, do these politicians have your best interests in mind?

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What can be done to show Congress that funding for rare disease research is just as important as celebrity led causes? It's all about numbers! By increasing the numbers of members that NORD represents, politicians will know how many voters NORD represents, how many people in their home district have a rare disease, and how many of these voters actually care whether the politician voted for or against public health programs and medical research funding.

There is strength in numbers. If a health problem affects only a small number of people, politicians assume it is not a "major" health threat. NORD's role is to remind government officials that no matter how rare a disease may be, it is a "major" health threat if you or your loved one happens to have it! A NORD membership gives you much more than three newsletters each year. It gives you a voice in public health debates, it puts your concerns on the public health agenda, and it says to politicians and government servants, **"I am here. Don't forget about me"**.

Medically disenfranchised people with rare diseases are usually the exception to the standard rules. NORD must assure that the rules are made broad and inclusive enough to encompass all of our concerns, no matter which diagnosis we have. Until we have celebrities raising money for our cause, or demanding the attention of politicians, we must rely on the support and commitment of our members.

We thank you for joining in NORD's cause, and we urge you to ask your friends and family to become supporters of NORD's work.

Warmest regards,



Abbey S. Meyers
President

P.S. Please take this opportunity to become a NORD member, renew your NORD membership, or make an additional contribution to help NORD increase funding for medical research on all 6,000 rare diseases.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 2000

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL R. BERGER *SRB*
CHARLES M. BRAIN *CMB*

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence

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Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative Wolf on removing "conflict diamonds" from the marketplace.

Background

X Representative Wolf charges that your Administration did not support his effort to amend the Treasury appropriations bill to keep diamonds mined in certain African countries out of interstate and foreign commerce. We support Wolf's objective of removing conflict diamonds from the marketplace, but we believe we can accomplish that objective without doing harm to the ~~legitimate diamond industry~~. Wolf's first draft amendment would have excluded all diamonds from several African countries, including Angola, where we helped set up a certificate of origin regime. His subsequent draft banned all diamonds from Liberia, Burkina Faso, and Cote d'Ivoire, even if they develop certification regimes. We have met with Hall's and Wolf's staffs, and we will work together with them on legislation that supports Wolf's objectives, but does not harm legitimate producers or discourage countries from developing certificate of origin regimes.

In your reply, you state that your Administration does not want to harm legitimate diamond production, which has contributed to development in several African countries, or to provide a disincentive for countries to institute controls over their diamond industry. You assure Wolf that your goal -- removing conflict diamonds from the marketplace -- matches his own, and that we can work together to craft legislative language that will both further those objectives and address our concerns.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Representative Wolf at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Representative Wolf

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Dear Representative Wolf:

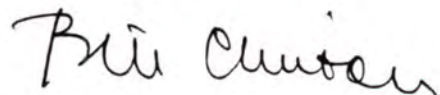
Thank you for your letter seeking Administration support for the amendment you submitted on "conflict diamonds" in Africa. I fully share your goal of curtailing the trade in illicit diamonds, which fuels war and human misery in Sierra Leone, Angola, and elsewhere.

The United States is working with other like-minded nations, nongovernmental organizations, and industry representatives to address this issue. At the recent meeting of G-8 leaders in Japan, we called for an international conference to develop practical methods for breaking the link between the illicit diamond trade and armed conflict.

I am concerned, however, that some provisions of your amendment, as worded in the Treasury spending bill, would inhibit the trade in legitimate diamonds, which has been key to development in several African countries. We also hope to avoid a disincentive for legalizing the diamond trade. I believe that, in addition to banning illegal diamonds and making it a crime to traffic in them, we must also call upon key African countries to establish internationally accepted certificate of origin regimes. Members of my Administration will continue to work with you and Tony Hall to craft legislation that meets your goals but also addresses these concerns.

Thank you for your work on this very important issue. I want to work together to devise an approach that will further our common objective of removing "conflict diamonds" from the marketplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Clinton" clearly distinguishable.

The Honorable Frank Wolf
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4610

FRANK R. WOLF
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500



Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday the House Treasury, Postal Service and General Government appropriations subcommittee voted to include language submitted by Rep. Tony Hall and me in the FY 2001 Treasury spending bill that addresses the massive problem of conflict diamonds in Africa. I have heard reports that for some reason, your Administration opposes this provision.

The problem of conflict diamonds is one of the major reasons for the instability, death, and gross human rights abuses that are occurring throughout Africa. Your Administration to date has not addressed the issue of conflict diamonds. The language approved by the subcommittee yesterday will help to prevent the types of atrocities against millions of people, like the young girl and the young men in the enclosed pictures, who have had their limbs cut off by rebels intent on controlling and trafficking in conflict diamonds.

This is an opportunity for your Administration to take bold action to help the suffering people of Africa. Please support this effort. It is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

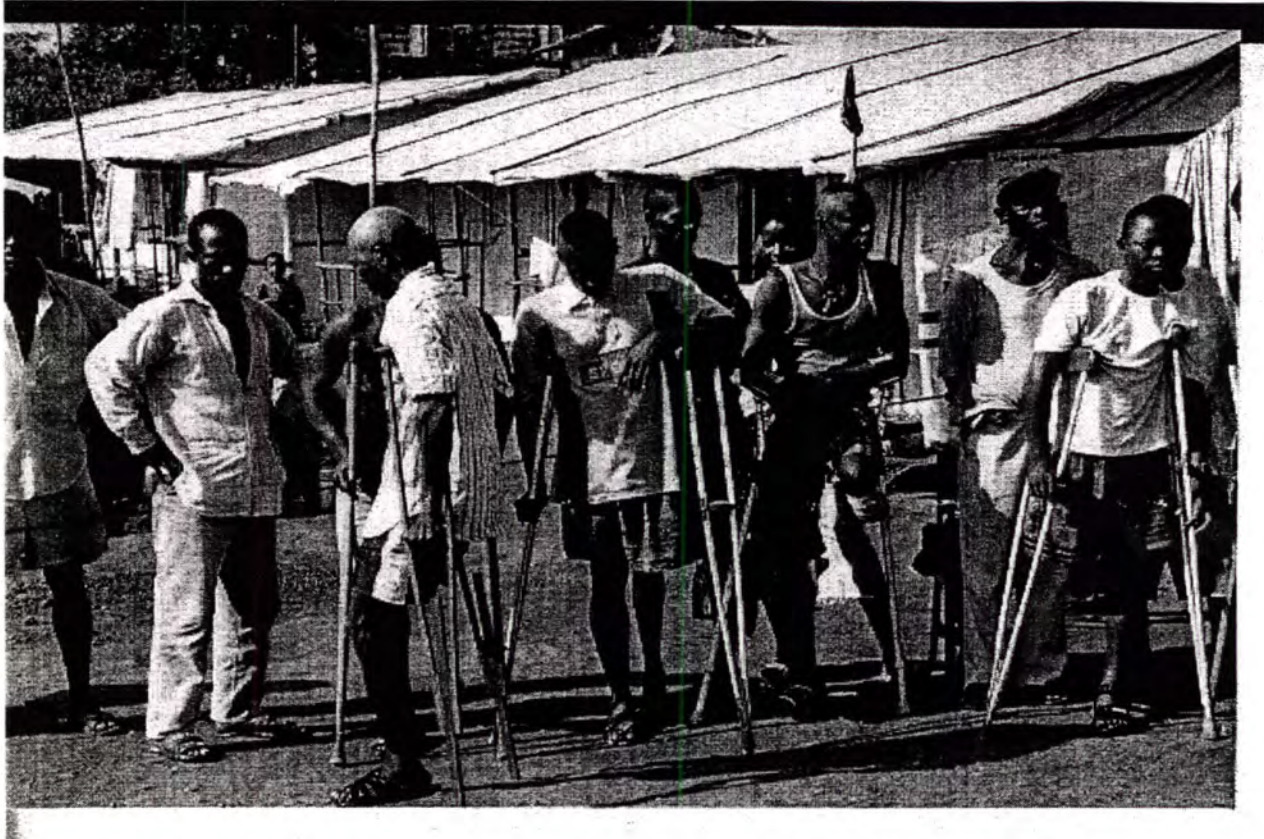
Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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I hope you Admin will
support this amendment
It can help stop the war.



(Girl whose arm was cut off by Sierra Leone RUF rebels, Dec. 1999)



(Men in amputee rehabilitation camp, legs and arms cut off by RUF rebels, Dec. 1999)

AMENDMENT TO H.R.
(TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001)
OFFERED BY MR. WOLF

At the end of the bill, insert after the last section
(preceding the short title) the following new section:

1 SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available in this Act may be used to allow the
3 placement in interstate or foreign commerce of diamonds
4 that have been mined in the Republic of Sierra Leone, the
5 Republic of Liberia, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Cote
6 d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or the Re-
7 public of Angola, except for diamonds the country of origin
8 of which has been certified as the Republic of Sierra Leone
9 by government officials of that country who are recognized
10 by the General Assembly of the United Nations.



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September 18, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Response to Former President Carter

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Purpose

Thank former President Carter for his report on the latest round of Carter Center-facilitated peace talks between Uganda and Sudan.

Background

President Carter forwarded a brief report on his latest meeting between Ugandan and Sudanese officials, held in Atlanta in late July. These talks were convened to follow up the peace agreement which was signed between Uganda and Sudan in Nairobi last December, but which has not been implemented. Carter notes that the talks yielded progress on specific issues including a renewed commitment by Sudan to locate children abducted by the rebels of the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Sudan ~~agreed to work toward disbanding the LRA, while Uganda agreed to a somewhat vague clause that "moves toward" ceasing support for Sudanese rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement.~~ Even limited progress on returning the abductees, many of whom are young girls kidnapped from their schools and forced to serve as "wives" or laborers for rebel fighters, is significant. Nonetheless, mistrust and the desire to pursue their own contradictory national interests suggest that each side will support the others' rebels for the foreseeable future. Ugandan officials described the Nairobi Accord as "a joke" in a conversation with the NSC just after the last round of talks in Atlanta.

In your reply, you thank President Carter for his report and congratulate him on the progress the Carter Center has made, particularly toward ending the ordeal of the abductees and

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

restarting a dialogue among northern Sudanese religious and political leaders.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter attached at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to former President Carter
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

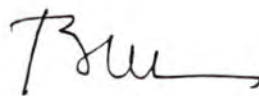
Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your letter updating me on the good work the Carter Center is doing to end the war in northern Uganda.

I congratulate you on your progress in starting a dialogue between Uganda and Sudan, and I welcome your efforts to rebuild the social fabric of northern Uganda. In particular, I am heartened to learn that both countries have renewed their commitments to find and return those abducted by the LRA, particularly the young girls abducted from the Aboke school.

Again, thank you for your letter and for the Carter Center's continued leadership in resolving this intractable conflict.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Carter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
One Copenhill
Atlanta, Georgia 30307



JIMMY CARTER

July 21, 2000

00 AUG 2 AM 9:00

To President Bill Clinton

In order to encourage compliance with the peace agreement that was negotiated between Uganda and Sudan in Nairobi last December, we convened a meeting at The Carter Center this week. Delegations from the two nations were headed by Ali Numeiri, Minister of State for External Relations (Sudan), and Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Minister in Charge of the Presidency (Uganda), with Dr. Ben Hoffman, representing The Carter Center, serving as facilitator. Both delegations requested that I inform you of their encouraging progress toward peace.

The negotiators reached agreement on many disputed issues, including:

- a) Uganda to act towards cessation of military and other logistical support of the SPLA/M;
- b) Both countries to refrain from negative and hostile propaganda campaigns against each other;
- c) To facilitate the establishment of an Egyptian-Libyan observation team along the Ugandan/Sudanese border;
- d) To convene a follow-up meeting, perhaps in Kampala, between Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, and The Carter Center;
- e) Sudan to provide information on location and numbers of members of the Lord's Resistance Army, and to submit no later than September 15 a specific plan for disarming and disbanding the LRA;
- f) Having concluded extensive meetings with LRA leaders, including Joseph Kony, The Carter Center to arrange a meeting between the LRA and Acholi elders and religious leaders. A subsequent meeting will be arranged between the LRA and Ugandan government officials, with Sudan providing logistical support;
- g) To marshal efforts by Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, UNICEF, The Carter Center, and others to locate and return the Aboke girls and other abductees.

Assignments were made for specific persons to be responsible for implementing each of the above points, with Dr. Ben Hoffman to represent The Carter Center.

Everyone recognized the leadership role of IGAD in the Sudanese peace process involving the government and the SPLA/M, and pledged support for this process.

AUG 2 17:09

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

cc: The Honorable Sandy Berger

8-2-00

Send to WSC?

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No ☐

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September 1, 2000

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Staff Secretary?

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was intended to set an example, and send a message to other antiwar protesters that they would
be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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movement came to advise our legal defense team because they saw this as a case that could have
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what was in fact a minor offense. One of his co-defendants, tried later for the same offense,
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forwarded this letter to you. We first met at the National Governors' Association, when Carolyn
was running your state literacy program and I was coordinating Michael Dukakis'
Commonwealth Literacy Campaign. And we still work together, at the National Institute for
Literacy.

September 1, 2000

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9.18.00

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to ask you to support the petition for commutation of sentence for my friend Howard Mechanic, convicted under the Civil Obedience Act of 1968 for his role in an antiwar demonstration at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri.

Howard was arrested in the early hours of May 5, 1970, during a demonstration following the incursion in Cambodia and the shooting of students by the National Guard at Kent State. He was accused of throwing a cherry bomb, which no one saw him throw, which hit no one, and which caused no property damage. For this offense, he was sentenced to five years in federal prison.

Why? Attorney General John Mitchell had decided to make St. Louis a test case for raising the stakes in Nixon's war against the antiwar movement. Howard Mechanic was the first antiwar protester tried, found guilty, and sentenced under the Civil Obedience Act of 1968. His case was intended to set an example, and send a message to other antiwar protesters that they would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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9-18-00

My friend, Howard Mechanic, has not been so lucky. He disappeared in 1972, when he lost all his appeals. While he has lived an exemplary life of community service these past 28 years, he has lived under an assumed identity. He was not able to follow the path to law school, and public service that he had laid out for himself in 1970. Living "underground," he has nevertheless been a concerned and active citizen of Scottsdale, Arizona. He wanted to do more -- to run for office -- and that's what finally led to his arrest this year.

When I learned that Howard turned himself in this past February my first thought was -- I have to help, it could have been me, could have been any of us.

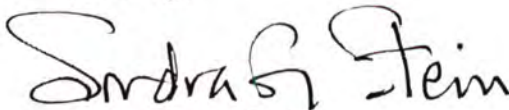
Watching the Democratic Convention last month, listening to the speeches, to all the political commentary on how things are different than Chicago in '68, it seemed to me that America has finally come to a place of understanding and forgiveness of "the other side" on Vietnam. We are able to listen to and even honor the commitments and the sacrifices of the other side. We have all grown up.

I was particularly moved by the story Congressman Gephardt told about being with Amy Biehl's family in South Africa, and what it meant to him to witness their forgiveness of their daughter's murderers. The example set by Nelson Mandela -- of the power of forgiveness and the importance of reconciliation if we are to move forward -- moves us all to rise to our best selves.

It is in this spirit that I write you -- a citizen of this country writing to her President -- asking you to use your power in the cause of reconciliation and support the petition you will receive from the US Pardon Attorney for commutation of Howard Mechanic's sentence.

Thank you for your attention to this -- and for all you have done for all of us these eight years.

Sincerely,



Sondra Gayle Stein
2737 Woodley Place NW
Washington, DC 20008
(h) 202-986-7656
(w) 202-233-2041

9-20-00

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 2000

00 SEP 19 PM 5:32

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LAURA GRAHAM *LG*
TIMOTHY EMRICH

*copied
Graham
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RE: Los Angeles Overnight

CC: MARIA ECHAVESTE

See draft schedules attached.

Overview

You are scheduled to depart the White House at 8:30 am on Saturday, 9/23 for fundraising events in San Jose. You then proceed to Los Angeles for 1 hour of down time and a DCCC dinner, remaining overnight in Los Angeles. On Sunday, 9/24 you attend fundraisers for Lois Capps and the California League of Conservation Voters. You have approximately 4 ½ hours of down time in the afternoon before traveling to Calabasas that evening for a DNC dinner. You remain overnight in Los Angeles. On Monday, 9/25 you depart Los Angeles at 9:00 am for Santa Fe, NM for coordinated campaign events, returning to the White House at approximately 10:30 pm.

Overnight Options

Note: All options are within 15 minutes of your Los Angeles area events and 35 minutes from your Calabasas event.

Fairmont Miramar Hotel

Formerly the Sheraton Miramar Hotel, it is located on the beach in Santa Monica. The hotel has recently become union and is available.

Burkle Residence

Ron Burkle's office has called to offer his home.

Note: Terry does not have a strong preference for your overnight.

Where would you prefer to overnight on the evenings of 9/23 and 9/24?

☐ Fairmont Miramar Hotel



☒ Burkle Residence

Saturday, September 23, 2000

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2000

Draft Schedule

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Saturday, September 23, 2000

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2000
*Draft Schedule***

8:30	am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 10 minutes]
8:40	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
8:55	am (EDT)	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Moffet Field, Palo Alto, California [flight time: approx 5 hours] [time change: -3 hours]
10:55	am (PDT)	THE PRESIDENT arrives Moffet Field
11:10	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Moffet Field via motorcade en route Private Residence [drive time: tbd minutes]
11:30	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence
11:40 12:00	am- pm	PHOTO RECEIVING LINE ROOM TBD Private Residence Staff Contact: Minyon Moore Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 50 guests in attendance.

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Saturday, September 23, 2000

12:05 pm-
12:55 pm

REMARKS AT DNC LUNCH
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
PRINT REPORTER ONLY

Note: There will be approximately 50 guests in attendance.

- Mayor Ed Rendell makes brief remarks and introduces Vish Akella.
- Vish Akella, Event Host makes brief remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks and departs.

1:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence via motorcade en route Private Residence
[drive time: tbd minutes] approx 30 minutes

1:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence

1:40 pm-
2:05 pm

PHOTO RECEIVING LINE
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
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Note: There will be approximately 65 guests in attendance.

Saturday, September 23, 2000

2:10 pm-
2:55 pm

REMARKS AT MIKE HONDA FOR CONGRESS BARBECUE
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
PRINT REPORTER ONLY

Note: There will be approximately 200 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Assemblyman Mike Honda and Jessie Singh.
- Jessie Singh makes brief remarks and introduces Assemblyman Mike Honda.
- Assemblyman Mike Honda makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

3:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence via motorcade en route Moffet Field
[drive time: tbd minutes]

3:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Moffet Field

3:40 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Moffet Field via Air Force One en route Los Angeles International Airport
[flight time: approx 1 hour, 5 minutes]

4:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Los Angeles International Airport

Greeters: Bob Woodall
Peggy Keaton Woodall
15 Others TBD (AMW)

5:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Los Angeles International Airport via motorcade en route Location TBD
[drive time: tbd minutes]

5:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Location TBD

5:40 pm-
6:40 pm

DOWN TIME
LOCATION TBD

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Saturday, September 23, 2000

6:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Location TBD via motorcade en route Private Residence, Brentwood, California
[drive time: tbd minutes] approx 30 minutes

7:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Private Residence, Brentwood, California

Greeters: Representative Richard Gephardt
Representative Patrick Kennedy
Michael King, Event Host
Jenna King, Event Host
Alexandra King
Teddy King
Audrey King

7:15 pm- **PHOTO RECEIVING LINE**
7:40 pm ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
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Note: There will be approximately 60 guests in attendance.

7:45 pm- **DCCC DINNER**
8:35 pm ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
PRINT REPORTER ONLY (REMARKS ONLY)

Note: There will be approximately 150 guests in attendance.

-- **The President** proceeds to his seat.

-- Dinner is served.

8:00 pm -- Michael King makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Richard Gephardt.

-- Representative Richard Gephardt makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Saturday, September 23, 2000

8:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence, Brentwood, California via
motorcade en route RON Location TBD
[drive time: tbd minutes]

9:15 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives RON Location TBD

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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

HRC RON **CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK**

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Sunday, September 24, 2000

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2000

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Sunday, September 24, 2000

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2000
*Draft Schedule***

DOWN UNTIL 10:40 A.M.

10:40 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs RON Location TBD via motorcade en route
Private Residence, Pacific Palisades, California
[drive time: tbd minutes] approx 30 minutes

11:10 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Private Residence, Pacific Palisades, California

Greeters: Susan Harbert
 Ted Harbert

11:15 am-
11:40 am **PHOTO RECEIVING LINE**
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 60 guests in attendance.

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Sunday, September 24, 2000

11:45 am-
12:30 pm

CAPPS LUNCH
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
PRINT REPORTER ONLY (REMARKS ONLY)

Note: There will be approximately 200 guests in attendance.

-- The President proceeds to his seat.

-- Lunch is served.

12:00 pm -- Ted Harbert makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Lois Capps.

-- Representative Lois Capps makes brief remarks and introduces the President.

-- The President makes remarks, works a ropeline, and departs.

12:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence, Pacific Palisades, California via motorcade en route Private Residence, BelAir, California [drive time: tbd minutes]

12:50 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence

Greeters: Carole King
Phil Robinson

12:55 pm-
1:20 pm

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ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 80 guests in attendance.

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Sunday, September 24, 2000

1:25 pm-
2:10 pm

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EVENT

ROOM TBD

Private Residence

Remarks:

Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich

PRESS TBD

Note: There will be approximately 450 guests in attendance.

- Hilda Solis makes brief remarks and introduces Ruth Hunter.
- Ruth Hunter makes brief remarks and presents California League of Conservation Voters' Environmental Leadership Award to the **President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Carole King invites 22 children to stage to perform "This Land is Our Land".
- Upon conclusion of song, **the President** works a ropeline and departs.

2:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence via motorcade en route
Down Time
[drive time: tbd minutes]

2:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Down Time

2:30 pm-
7:15 pm

DOWN TIME
LOCATION TBD

7:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Down Time via motorcade en route Private
Residence, Hidden Hills, California
[drive time: tbd minutes] approx 35 minutes from Beverly Hills

7:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence, Hidden Hills, California

Greeters: Mayor Edward Rendell, General Chairman, Democratic
National Committee
Tracy Hampton
Michael Stein
2 Stein Family Members TBD
Sim Farar

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Sunday, September 24, 2000

8:00 pm-
8:30 pm
MIX AND MINGLE
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 35 guests in attendance.

8:35 pm-
9:20 pm
DNC DINNER
ROOM TBD
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
PRINT REPORTER ONLY (REMARKS ONLY)

Note: There will be approximately 35 guests in attendance.

-- **The President** proceeds to his seat.

-- Dinner is served.

8:50 pm -- Mayor Edward Rendell makes brief remarks and introduces Tracy Hampton.

-- Tracy Hampton makes brief remarks and introduces the **President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

9:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence via motorcade en route
RON Location TBD, Beverly Hills, California
[drive time: 35 minutes]

10:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives RON Location TBD

BC RON **RON LOCATION TBD**
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

HRC RON **CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK**

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Monday, September 25, 2000

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FOR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Monday, September 25, 2000

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000
Draft Schedule

9:00	am	THE PRESIDENT departs RON Location TBD via motorcade en route Los Angeles International Airport [drive time: tbd minutes]
9:30	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Los Angeles International Airport
9:45	am (PDT)	THE PRESIDENT departs Los Angeles International Airport via Air Force One en route Albuquerque International Sunport, Albuquerque, New Mexico [flight time: 2 hours] (T) [time change: +1 hour]
12:45	pm (MDT)	THE PRESIDENT arrives Albuquerque International Sunport Greeters: 20-25 TBD (CJR)
1:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Albuquerque International Sunport via Air Force One (C-20) en route Santa Fe City Airport [flight time: 30 minutes WITH INTERCHANGE]
1:35	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Santa Fe City Airport Greeters: 20-25 TBD (CJR)
1:55	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Santa Fe City Airport via motorcade en route La Fonda Hotel [drive time: 10 minutes]
2:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives La Fonda Hotel

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Monday, September 25, 2000

2:10 pm-
2:30 pm MIX AND MINGLE
ROOM TBD
La Fonda Hotel
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 15 guests in attendance.

2:35 pm-
2:55 pm PHOTO RECEIVING LINE
ROOM TBD
La Fonda Hotel
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 50 guests in attendance.

3:00 pm-
3:30 pm REMARKS TO NEW MEXICO COORDINATED CAMPAIGN EVENT
ROOM TBD
La Fonda Hotel
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
POOL PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 65 guests in attendance.

— Person TBD makes brief remarks and introduces the President.

— The President makes remarks and departs.

3:40 pm THE PRESIDENT departs La Fonda Hotel via motorcade en route Santa Fe City Airport
[drive time: 10 minutes]

3:50 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Santa Fe City Airport

4:05 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Santa Fe City Airport via Air Force One (C-20) en route Albuquerque International Sunport
[flight time: 30 minutes WITH INTERCHANGE]

4:35 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Albuquerque International Sunport

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

Monday, September 25, 2000

4:50	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Albuquerque International Sunport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 3 hours, 15 minutes] [time change: +2 hours]
10:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
10:20	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route The White House [flight time: 10 minutes]
10:30	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House
BC RON		THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.
HRC RON		CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK

September 19, 2000 (5:10 PM)

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

9-20-00

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Henry Thornton wants us to
invite Billy Graham to Kennedy
Center event at White House.
I'd like to do for him -

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C. Marshall

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9.20.00

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Dear Mr. President:

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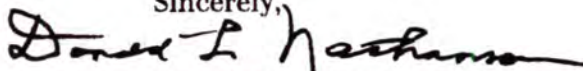
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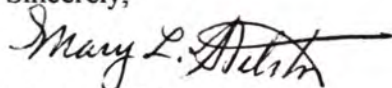
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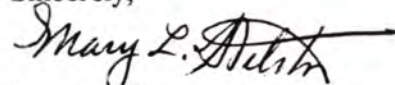
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Goal one says *By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn*. What do you mean by "ready to learn"? Are you referring to preschool programs and making such programs mandatory? Or is this preparation the responsibility of the parents? If the latter is the case, how do you plan to prepare parents to prepare their children? We had a suggestion on this matter. Since the number of teenage mothers is ever-increasing, we thought that hospitals should provide them with pamphlets on suggestions for preparing their children for school. We also felt that the community could become more involved. What are your reactions to this?

Goal 2 says *By the year 2000, the high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90%*. Are you referring here to an average rate or to each individual high school's rate? If you are just looking for an average, we challenge you to re-evaluate this goal. An average will not reflect each school accurately, and thus many schools may not reach any higher than where they presently are. What will you do about them? Secondly, what about the kids who don't want to go on to college? Is there any incentive for them to graduate high school? We agree that a high school education is important, but we feel that you have overlooked some pertinent issues.

Goal 3 refers to student achievement and citizenship. Our question here lies in the very first problem we pointed out. It sounds good, even attainable, but how do you plan to make it happen?

Goal 4 refers to teacher education and professional development. This was well thought out. You set objectives to be achieved and also gave ways to achieve those objectives. How is this working? Are you any closer to your goal now than you were when it was written?

Goal 5 says *By the year 2000, US students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.* This seems innocent enough, but we are curious as to what your motives are here. Why is it so necessary that we be number one? Isn't it more important to ensure that the students are receiving a well-rounded education, even if we're not number one? There is certainly nothing wrong with wanting to be the best. However, we cannot overlook our students' needs in the climb to the top.

Goal 6 refers to adult literacy and lifelong learning. Because you give no plan of action, this goal appears rather unrealistic. We would like to know if you have a plan of action, and if so, how you propose to implement that plan.

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Goal 8 says *By the year 2000, every school will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of children.* This isn't working. As education majors, we teacher aide in a lot of different communities. In many of the larger cities, this is not happening. Parents are either working too much, or they are too burnt out, or some just don't care, and their children are reaping the effects. Once again, we are questioning how you plan to implement this goal. How are you going to relieve the burden from the parents so they can

focus on their kids? What do you plan to do for the children of the parents who just don't care? There are some serious issues here, and we are interested in what you plan to about them.

We believe your concerns are justified. However, we feel that there remains much to be done in implementing *Goals 2000*. We are eager to hear from you on these matters and hope you can find some time to respond to our concerns. Thank you for your time.

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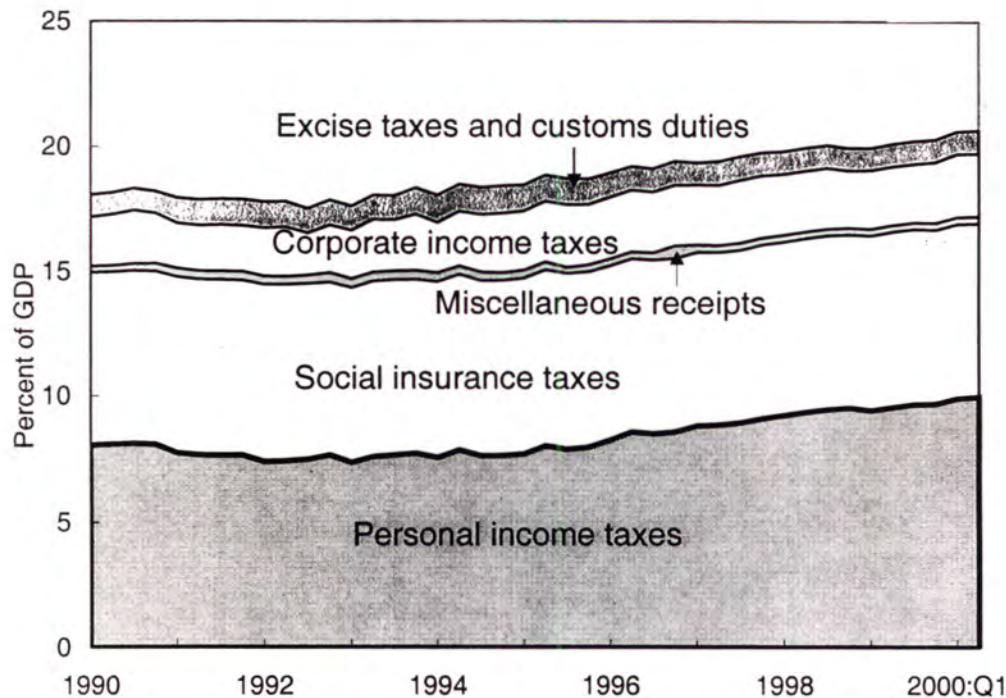
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CHART OF THE WEEK

Federal Revenues as Share of GDP



Federal revenues as a share of GDP have reached 20.6 percent this year, a postwar high. The growth in total revenues has been especially pronounced since the mid-1990s, due to the surge in personal income tax receipts, which rose from about 8 percent of GDP in 1995 to nearly 10 percent most recently. The strong growth in the personal tax component is due largely to increases in capital gains realizations, real incomes overall, and the incomes of the highest-income households in particular.

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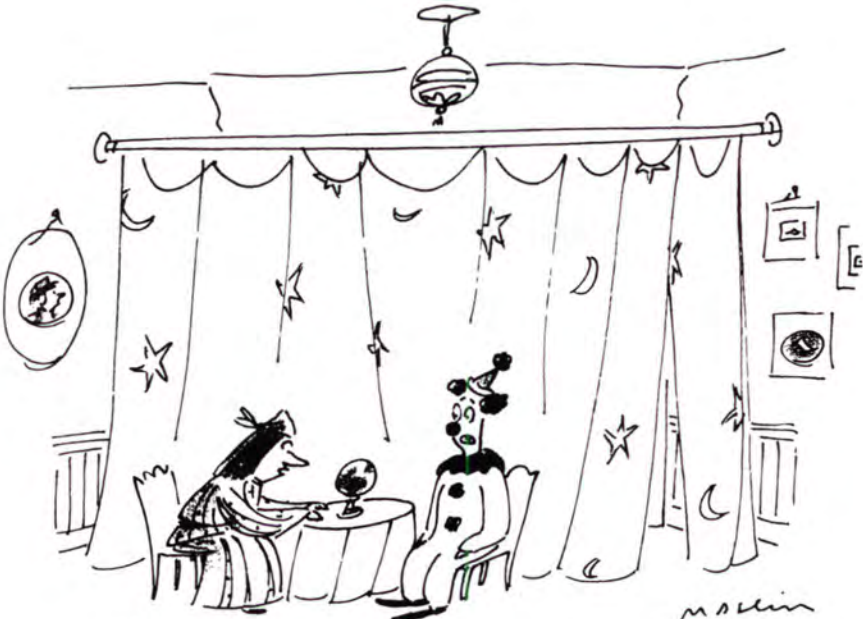
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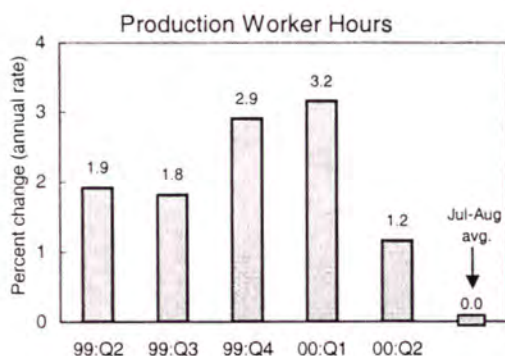


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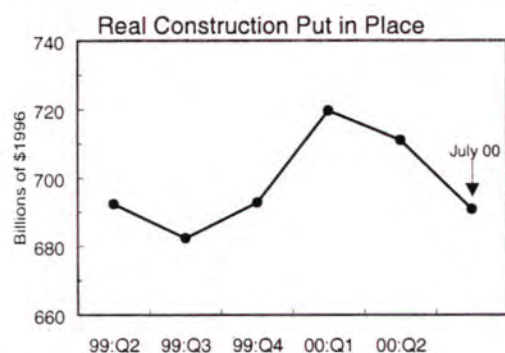
GDP Growth Moderates in the Third Quarter

After growing 6 percent during the past four quarters, evidence is mounting that real GDP slowed in the third quarter to a growth rate in the 2½-to-3½ percent range at an annual rate. The evidence for the slowdown is most apparent in the labor-market data.



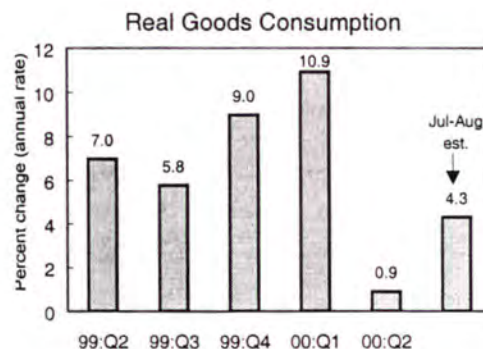
Labor market is slowing. Hours of production workers are flat thus far in the third quarter, a significant deceleration from its earlier pace (upper chart). Initial claims for unemployment insurance, available through September 9th, have risen significantly from the extraordinarily low levels reported earlier in the year.

Construction is falling. Third-quarter data on consumer and business spending remain fragmentary, but point to a slowdown. Construction spending has dropped



(middle chart). Homebuilding and public construction account for the decline. Nonresidential construction has plateaued after strong gains early in the year. Although business investment in equipment and software remains robust, early third-quarter data suggest that its growth may not be as strong as previously.

But growth of personal consumption is rebounding. The growth of real goods consumption in the third quarter appears to be rebounding to a 4¼ percent annual rate, after dropping in the second quarter (lower chart). Additionally, consumer sentiment remains in the top 3 percent of its historical range.



Ripples from the world economy.

The strengthening of the world economy has boosted export prospects for American goods, but it may also have caused import prices to accelerate. As a result, the inflation risk has increased. CPI inflation over the past 12 months has increased to 2.5 percent, up from 1.9 percent 1 year ago (but identical to the 2.5 percent of 2 years ago).

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ARTICLE**Fewer Displaced Workers and Less Traumatic Disruptions**

While losing a job because of a plant or company shutdown remains a painful possibility, displaced worker data indicates that the continued growth of the economy has reduced the severity of these disruptions. The data indicate that fewer workers are being displaced, and that many displaced workers are able to obtain new employment at relatively high pay.

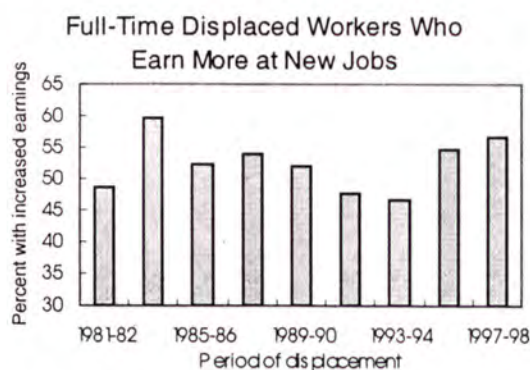
Displaced worker data. In 1984 the Census Bureau started collecting data on displaced workers through biannual supplements to the Current Population Surveys. These surveys obtain information on the number and characteristics of people who lost their jobs because their plant or company shut down or was moved, there was insufficient work, or their position or shift was abolished. The Census focuses on long-tenured employees (those who held a job for three or more years), who are more likely to have developed some job-specific skills and attachment to their employer. These employees are more likely to have lost their job due to labor market conditions rather than as a result of a bad match.

The displacement rate for long-tenured employees continues to fall. The data indicate only 2.5 percent of long-tenured workers were displaced in 1997 and 1998, a decline from 2.9 percent in 1995-96 and 3.9 percent in 1991-92. Displacements follow the business cycle, so the continued decline is likely a reflection of the sustained growth of the economy.

Re-employment rates are especially strong. Another feature of the strong economy is that the disruptions caused by displacements are not as traumatic as in the past. About 69 percent of full-time, long-tenured employees displaced in 1997-98 who reported earnings were re-employed in full-time jobs by February 2000. This rate continued an upward trend from about 60 percent re-employment over a comparable period for those displaced in 1991-92. The percent of displaced full-time long-tenured employees who took part-time jobs fell from 9 percent to 4 percent between 1995-96 and 1997-98, possibly because they continued to look for better full-time jobs. This seems to explain the commensurate increase in unemployment (from 5 percent to 10 percent during

this period) for these workers. The proportion of full-time displaced workers who leave the labor force is at the lowest level observed since the initial survey period of 1981-82.

Re-employment earnings are also very good. In addition to faring well at finding new full-time jobs, a majority of the full-time, long-



tenured workers displaced in 1997-98 are finding new jobs with higher pay. Almost 57 percent of those reporting their earnings have better paying new jobs than the jobs that were lost. However, one-fourth of those who find full-time employment have earnings reduced by at least 20 percent.

Conclusion. The combination of relatively low displacement rates, high levels of full-time re-employment for displaced full-time long-term employees, and higher earnings for many in their new jobs suggests that the disruption caused by job losses due to plant closures or eliminating shifts may be less traumatic than in the past.

BUSINESS, CONSUMER, AND REGIONAL ROUNDUP

COPS Program a Success in Increasing Number of Police Officers. A new Urban Institute evaluation of the \$9 billion Community Oriented Policing Services Program shows that it has succeeded in increasing the number of police officers on the streets. Funds were targeted to high-crime jurisdictions—the 1 percent of grantee agencies with the highest crime rates received about a third of all program funds. About 80 percent of total grant funds went toward the first 3 years of new officer salaries; the remainder was spent on new technology and civilian hires to free up officer time for community policing. About 90 percent of grantee agencies expect to retain the police officers hired under the program after their COPS grants end, although some expect to be able to pay for the continuing employment of these officers by placing them in positions vacated by retiring officers. Thus, although the COPS grants are only temporary, the study estimates a permanent net increase in police officers nationwide of between 69,000 and 85,000 officers in 2001, and between 63,000 and 84,000 officers in 2003 and thereafter. 

Heavier White Women Earn Lower Wages. Among white women, an increase in weight of about 65 pounds lowers wages by about 7 percent, holding intelligence, education, work experience, job tenure, region, year, and local unemployment rates constant, according to a new study. This decrease in wages is equivalent to a year of education, or to three years of work experience. An increase in height of 3 inches raises wages for white women by about 4 percent. Weight does not appear to affect the wages of non-white women, however, and for all women weight does not affect the likelihood of employment or type of occupation. An earlier, related line of research has found that beauty, too, affects labor market outcomes: subjectively measured "plainness" reduces wages about 5 to 10 percent for men as well as women.

EPI Issues Report on Working Americans. *The State of Working America 2000-01* is a biennial compendium and analysis of federal statistics and academic work, produced by the Economic Policy Institute. The report finds that over the 1995-99 period, productivity increases, low unemployment rates, and increases in the minimum wage have led to a rise in wages and incomes, especially for lower-income Americans. Income inequality grew at a slower rate after 1995 than earlier in the decade. Much of the increase in incomes is due to an increasing number of hours worked, some of which is due to greater employment. While wealth has increased this decade, consumer debt has risen almost as much for the typical family, and poverty has declined only slightly.

INTERNATIONAL ROUNDUP*Copied
C. Benson*

Role of Foreign Banks in Developing Countries is Growing. A new IMF report describes recent developments in emerging market financing, in particular strong foreign direct investment, a rise in portfolio flows, and net repayments to international banks. Emerging market borrowers are relying more on domestic currency financing and longer-term funds, a consequence of the financial crises of the late 1990s. The report documents a growing presence of foreign-owned financial institutions in developing countries. This appears to be due to the ongoing consolidation of banking systems in both mature and developing countries, as well as the desire by developing countries to have banks operating in their markets hold globally diversified portfolios. In Central Europe, foreign control of total bank assets increased from 8 percent in 1994 to 57 percent in 1999. A similar trend was present in Latin America. Evidence indicates that the competitive pressures created by foreign entry in the financial markets have led to lower operating costs and smaller interest rate margins. However, it is less clear whether such foreign presence leads to more stable banking systems and lower volatility in the availability of credit.

International Effects of Duty-Free E-Commerce. New research explores the arguments to make permanent a WTO protocol that exempts electronically delivered items (e.g., digitized media and certain services) from customs duties. Cross-border service trade that could take place in electronic form reached \$370 billion in 1995, or 6 percent of total world trade. Trade in media is smaller; total world trade in digitizable media amounted to only \$44 billion in 1996. The paper argues that the revenue currently lost from the provision is minimal. Less than one percent of existing tariff revenue would be lost if all current trade in digitizable media were electronic. Furthermore, there are currently no duties on non-electronically traded services. However, the growth rate in trade of media products from 1990 to 1996 was substantially higher than the growth in overall trade. Thus, future revenues lost could become significant over time.

U.S. Ranks First in Economic Creativity and Competitiveness. A new report by the World Economic Forum ranks countries based on their competitiveness. One indicator is "growth competitiveness," which aims to measure the factors that contribute to future growth and is similar to the competitiveness index used in previous years. The U.S. ranks first in this measure, up from last year when it was ranked second to Singapore. Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Ireland ranked third through fifth, respectively. The "current competitiveness" index aims to identify the factors that support current productivity and hence current economic performance. Finland ranks first in this measure, with the U.S. second, Germany third, and the Netherlands fourth. A new index of "economic creativity" measures the development and the adoption of new technology, and places the U.S. first, followed by Finland and Singapore.

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RELEASES THIS WEEK

Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization

****Embargoed until 9:15 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2000****

The Federal Reserve's index of industrial production increased 0.3 percent in August following no change in July. Capacity utilization rose 0.1 percentage point to 82.3 percent.

Consumer Price Index

****Embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2000****

The consumer price index fell 0.1 percent in August. Excluding food and energy, consumer prices rose 0.2 percent.

Retail Sales

Advance estimates show that retail sales rose 0.2 percent in August following an increase of 0.9 percent in July. Excluding sales in the automotive group, retail sales rose 0.3 percent following an increase of 0.8 percent.

Producer Price Index

The producer price index for finished goods fell 0.2 percent in August. Excluding food and energy, producer prices rose 0.1 percent.

MAJOR RELEASES NEXT WEEK

Housing Starts (Tuesday)

U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (Wednesday)

U.S. ECONOMIC STATISTICS

	1970- 1993	1999	1999:4	2000:1	2000:2
Percent growth (annual rate)					
Real GDP (chain-type)	2.9	5.0	8.3	4.8	5.3
GDP chain-type price index	5.2	1.6	1.6	3.3	2.6
<u>Nonfarm business (NFB) sector:</u>					
Productivity (chain-type)	1.7	4.1	8.0	1.9	5.7
Real compensation per hour:					
Using CPI	1.0	2.2	1.3	0.0	1.7
Using NFB deflator	1.5	3.3	2.9	1.1	2.9
Shares of Nominal GDP (percent)					
Business fixed investment	11.4	12.9	13.0	13.4	13.7
Residential investment	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2
Exports	8.2	10.6	10.8	10.8	11.0
Imports	9.2	13.4	13.9	14.2	14.6
Personal saving	6.6	1.6	1.1	0.1	0.2
Federal surplus	-2.8	1.3	1.5	2.4	2.4
	1970- 1993	1999	June 2000	July 2000	August 2000
Unemployment Rate (percent)	6.7**	4.2**	4.0	4.0	4.1
Payroll employment (thousands)					
increase per month			57	-51	-105
increase since Jan. 1993					21989
Inflation (percent per period)					
CPI	5.8	2.7	0.6	0.2	-0.1
PPI-Finished goods	5.0	2.9	0.6	0.0	-0.2

**Figures beginning 1994 are not comparable with earlier data.

New or revised data in **boldface**.

CPI data **embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2000.**

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

	1998	1999	July 2000	August 2000	Sept. 14, 2000
Dow-Jones Industrial Average	8626	10465	10663	11015	11087
Interest Rates (percent per annum)					
3-month T-bill	4.78	4.64	5.96	6.09	5.97
10-year T-bond	5.26	5.65	6.05	5.83	5.79
Mortgage rate, 30-year fixed	6.94	7.43	8.15	8.03	7.88
Prime rate	8.35	8.00	9.50	9.50	9.50

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

Exchange Rates	Current level September 14, 2000	Percent Change from Week ago	Year ago
Euro (in U.S. dollars)	0.862	-1.4	-17.2
Yen (per U.S. dollar)	107.3	2.0	1.8
Major currencies index (Mar. 1973=100) (trade-weighted value of the U.S. \$)	101.4	1.4	9.1

International Comparisons ^v	Real GDP growth (percent change last 4 quarters)	Unemployment rate (percent)	CPI inflation (percent change in index last 12 months)
United States	6.0 (Q2)	4.1 (Aug)	3.4 (Aug)
Canada	5.3 (Q2)	6.8 (Jul)	3.0 (Jul)
Japan	0.8 (Q2)	4.7 (Jul)	-0.5 (Jul)
France	3.4 (Q2)	9.6 (Jul) ^{2/}	1.7 (Jul)
Germany	3.6 (Q2)	8.3 (Jul)	1.9 (Jul)
Italy	3.0 (Q1)	10.8 (Apr)	2.7 (Jul)
United Kingdom	3.1 (Q2)	5.5 (May)	3.2 (Jul)

U.S. CPI data **embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2000.**

1/ For unemployment data, rates approximating U.S. concepts as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, except as noted in footnote 2.

2/ Data from OECD standardized unemployment rates.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Barbara Chow

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

1. Crime/Fatherhood -- Reentry Initiatives: On Monday, Attorney General Reno, officials from the Departments of Labor and Health & Human Services, Lt. Governor Townsend, and local officials will hold a roundtable discussion at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church in the Druid Heights neighborhood in Baltimore to highlight local reentry efforts and to urge full funding for your FY 2001 budget reentry initiative. The Justice Department has provided technical support for the reentry partnership in Druid Heights. Your FY 2001 budget would significantly bolster efforts like those in Druid Heights by including \$145 million to fund a multi-agency reentry initiative that would provide assistance to ex-offenders such as drug treatment, family therapy and job training, as well as funding for law enforcement supervision to facilitate a successful "reentry" back into the community. We plan to issue a Presidential press statement from you to spotlight the event and our budget proposal.

2. Guns -- Gun Enforcement Budget Initiative: On Thursday, the House narrowly passed a conference report (212-209) that combined FY 01 funding for both the Treasury-Postal and the Legislative Branch Appropriations bills. While highly problematic in other respects, the bill fully funds the Treasury portion of your National Gun Enforcement Initiative, providing \$95.7 million to hire 500 new ATF firearms agents and inspectors, expand crime gun tracing and ballistics testing and increase the number of Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) cities from 38 to 50. The conference report does not include a contentious rider that would have restricted the federal government from providing a procurement preference to gun manufacturers, such as Smith & Wesson, that adopt responsible codes of conduct. The Senate is expected to take up the conference report next Tuesday.

3. Health Care -- Signing of FEHBP private long-term care insurance law: Next Tuesday, you are tentatively scheduled to participate in a signing event for HR 4040, the Long-Term Care

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Security Act. This legislation provides the Office of Personnel Management with the authority to negotiate quality, non-subsidized, private long-term care insurance options for Federal employees. This legislation, which is one element of the multi-faceted long-term care initiative you unveiled in last year and this year's budget, is being widely heralded as a potential model for other, larger employers to follow. The signing ceremony is an opportunity for you to reiterate your desire to help Americans with immediate long-term care needs through your \$3,000 tax credit and your investment of \$125 million in a family caregivers initiative to provide assistance to families caring for chronically ill seniors. We anticipate that the latter provision will be the subject of discussions in the Labor-HHS bill, and that the former is being considered in the context of any Patients' Bill of Rights compromise.

4. Education - - After School Programs: The Urban Institute issued a report on Monday that underscores the dearth of quality after-school programs to serve the needs of America's families. The key finding was that four million 6 to 12 year olds with employed mothers are regularly without adult supervision outside of school. You recently asked about the impact of your budget initiative on this problem. The Department of Education has completed a report on 21st Century Community Learning Centers. The results of the report show that while after-school programs are proven to be effective in keeping children safe and providing them with constructive opportunities to learn and grow, funding for programs needs to be greatly expanded to meet the growing demand. A total of 2,253 communities, representing as many as 10,000 of our nation's schools, participated in this year's competition for 21st Century Community Learning Center grants, but only one in seven could be funded. Your FY 2001 budget more than doubles funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers from last year's figure of \$453 to \$1 billion. Funded at your request, this program would help 2,000 communities establish 8,000 schools as 21st Century Community Learning Centers. These centers would serve 2.5 million children, or up to one-quarter of all of the country's latchkey children identified by the Department's report.

5. Tobacco - - Executive Orders: We are working with a number of other White House offices on two tobacco-related executive orders for your approval. One addresses global tobacco control and prevention by 1) restating the statutory prohibition against promoting the export of U.S. tobacco, 2) clarifying that HHS has a voice in tobacco-related trade discussions, and 3.) directing HHS to study tobacco use in China. This was one of several actions requested by Representative Waxman during the House PNTR debate, to help ensure that tobacco control efforts are not harmed by trade policy. The second creates a Commission to study and recommend ways of providing economic opportunity in tobacco-dependent communities while protecting public health. This builds on your longstanding commitment to protect tobacco farmers and their communities, while continuing to reduce youth smoking and hold the tobacco industry accountable. The executive order, along with potential names for appointment to the Commission, is being vetted for announcement as early as next week.

6. Tobacco - - Studies: Last Monday, researchers issued two tobacco studies, one showing that children can become addicted to nicotine after smoking as little as once a month, and a second calculating that up to 2.3 million lives could be saved over the next 40 years by increasing the price of cigarettes \$1.00 per pack. You issued a statement highlighting these findings and pushing for our tobacco budget initiatives.

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7. Children and Families - - Reauthorization of the Corporation for National Service: The Corporation for National Service reauthorization bill, S. 2794, was marked-up and passed out of the Senate HELP Committee on Friday, July 21, 2000. Currently, there is an effort to try to get the bill passed in the Senate by unanimous consent and sent to the House to be considered under suspension of rules. The governors are actively supporting and pushing for the reauthorization of the national service bill. Governor Racicot of Montana, who serves on the Board of the Corporation for National Service, has spearheaded an effort to have all governors sign a letter to the Congressional Leadership calling for the reauthorization of the Corporation for National Service. At this point, 49 governors (including Gov. Bush of Texas) have signed the letter and Governor Racicot hopes to get the final signature, Governor Owens of Colorado, shortly. In addition to this letter, the Corporation for National Service has commissioned an independent study showing that AmeriCorps reading tutors have been effective in helping children improve their reading skills. Once the letter is final and the report complete, we plan to highlight them in an appropriate venue to demonstrate support and the need for reauthorization of the Corporation.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *DSS for*

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SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

BUDGET

VA-HUD Appropriations

The Senate marked up the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies appropriations bill this week. Although it contains no anti-environmental riders, the bill contains almost \$200 million in earmarked projects for the EPA while slashing the Agency's Operating Programs by nearly six percent. These cuts will affect the Clean Water Action Plan, the Administration's new Great Lakes Initiative, the Climate Change Technology Initiative, Superfund, the Information Integration Initiative, the Clean Air Partnership Fund, and international initiatives including funding for the Montreal Protocol.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Clean Water

This week, the House packaged together a number of smaller, regionalized clean water bills (such as bills specific to the Long Island Sound, Florida Keys, Chesapeake Bay, etc.) and attached them to an estuary restoration bill sponsored by the late Senator Chafee, which has already been passed by the Senate. The House Leadership would like to conference on the bill as soon as possible. In addition, the Beaches Environmental Assessment, Closure, and Health Act – commonly known as the BEACH bill – may come up in the Senate under UC as soon as next week. A version of the bill has already been passed in the House, and it is expected that the conference would be brief. This bill was first introduced by former Congressman Bill Hughes, and was then taken up by Congressman Pallone and Senators Bradley and Lautenberg. Congressman Bilbray is now the lead sponsor in the House.

Santa Ana River Watershed MOU

This week, CEQ hosted a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding among Federal, state and local agencies and other interests on Chino Basin and the Santa Ana River watershed of California. The Santa Ana River is the largest river in Southern California, and serves as the major source of drinking water for more than 4.7 million inhabitants. Mid-point on the river is the Chino Basin Dairy Area, where there are more than 350,000 dairy animals

producing close to 1 million tons of manure annually. The difficulties faced by the concentrated dairy uses and urbanizing environment of the Chino Basin and Santa Ana River watershed present an opportunity to coordinate efforts in a pilot program serving a watershed of regional significance in a challenged environment next year.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Primate Extinction

A six-year forest survey in Ghana and Ivory Coast have demonstrated that the monkey Miss Waldron's red colobus has become the first primate to go extinct in several centuries. Biologists worry that this may be just the first of many West African species to go extinct as development destroys habitat and hunting pressure increases. We are working closely with OMB to secure full funding for your biodiversity initiative, Green the Globe, to help ensure that species and their fragile habitat are safeguarded from disruption by logging, roadbuilding and farming.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NEAL LANE *Neal/Lane*
CC: JOHN PODESTA
SUBJECT: OSTP WEEKLY REPORT

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It's Déjà Vu All Over Again – Congress Cuts NSF and NASA

On Wednesday the Senate VA/HUD Appropriations Subcommittee shortchanged your S&T budget request. The Subcommittee cut your request for NSF by \$275 million, NASA by \$191 million, and EPA's CCTI budget by \$126 million. The House passed version slashed these same accounts (NSF by \$508 million, NASA by \$322 million, and EPA's CCTI budget by \$123 million). The Senate's action is especially disappointing in light of the recent Senate rhetoric about doubling the NSF budget.

OSTP will work with other WH offices to mount a vigorous defense for these programs in the coming days. I spoke with university leaders about this problem at an American Association of Universities meeting yesterday, and expect they will provide considerable support for your budget on the Hill.

U.S. Hosts Second High Level Roundtable on Science and Technology

Today the United States and India convened the Second High-Level Roundtable on Science and Technology, continuing the process begun in March during your visit to India. I co-chaired the roundtable with Dr. Ramamurthy, India's Secretary for Science and Technology. The Roundtable provides an opportunity for a broad-based, high-level exchange of official views on critical science and technology issues, between the two largest scientific communities in the world. Today's Roundtable discussed new directions for the 21st century in U.S.-India collaborations in the field of science and technology in five main areas: genomics, agricultural biotechnology, nanoscale science and engineering, computer modeling with an emphasis on weather prediction, and energy science and technology.

America's Farmlands Emit Greenhouse Gases

America's farmlands may not be the key to meeting our Kyoto Protocol obligations, as had been earlier hoped. A paper appearing in today's *Science* finds that although agriculture could play a role in mitigating atmospheric CO₂, it may increase other forms of greenhouse gases, such as nitrous oxide and methane. The paper therefore implies that when subjected to a "full-cost-accounting," American farmlands show little potential for helping reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

The paper is the result of a ten-year study comparing trace gas fluxes in several different systems: natural communities at different successional stages (i.e. forests and wildlands), conventional field crops, and organically-grown field crops. The researchers concurred with earlier findings that indicated that all the systems, except for the conventionally managed system, would sequester carbon from the atmosphere. But in further analysis, the researchers also found that annual cropping systems, especially in fields where fertilizers have been used, are net emitters of non-carbon-based greenhouse gases – even for no-till and organic systems. The only systems that were found not to be net emitters

are those not subjected to annual harvesting (trees, wildlands, and fallow fields). This important discovery may undermine some of the premises behind our negotiations for our national emissions budgets.

As we approach the Conference of Parties (COP) 6 meetings in November, where we will continue to negotiate with our international partners on the rules pertaining to green house gas emissions; this article may attract substantial attention.

MIR – Survivor in Space

NBC has agreed to pay nearly \$40 million for the rights to broadcast "Destination Mir," a reality series that will launch an everyday American into space for a rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir. The series will follow a group of would-be cosmonauts from space camp to launch pad over 13 to 15 episodes, culminating with a live broadcast in which a winner is picked and sent into space. The \$35 million-to-\$40 million price tag includes the nearly \$20 million to be paid to MirCorp, a Russian company that has leased the use of the space station from RSC Energia, the private firm which now controls what was once the Soviet space program.



A pool of applicants will be winnowed down to 12 to 15 finalists, who will be teamed up with professional cosmonauts and go through training at Russia's Star City facility – a routine that includes underwater spacesuit sessions and simulations of weightlessness. Over the course of 13 to 15 episodes, which are expected to premiere in fall 2001, space officials will eliminate one contestant each week who doesn't show quite so much of the "Right Stuff." During the live two-hour conclusion of the competition, the finalist will be selected and taken aboard a Soyuz capsule for the live-broadcast launch to Mir. The climax of "Destination Mir" will be scheduled sometime between December 2001 and June 2002.

NBC has also indicated that it will also broadcast an hour-long documentary about Dennis Tito, a rocket scientist turned millionaire money manager who is to become MirCorp's first paying passenger. Tito already has begun his training and is scheduled to fly to Mir for a week to 10 days in mid-2001.

Largest Ozone Hole Ever

Late last week NASA announced that its Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) has detected the largest ozone "hole" ever seen, surpassing the previous record set in 1998. The ozone "hole" is really a depletion area covered by low ozone values, where about 3/4 of the ozone column is destroyed by mid-spring, corresponding to virtually 100% of the ozone between 14 and 22 km altitude. The "hole" is bigger this year because the polar vortex, the region covered by the low temperatures required by the ozone-destroying chemistry, is larger. Because surface warming would tend to make the stratosphere colder, increasing ozone destruction, it is not clear if the increased size of the hole is due to normal variability or human-induced change, but it is easily explained by our current understanding of ozone chemistry. Because the lowest ozone readings are typically observed in late September or early October the ozone hole may not have yet reached its peak for this year. The news should not, however, be interpreted to mean that the Montreal Protocol is not working. Improvement in stratospheric ozone depletion has been projected all along to only begin in about 2002. The good news is that chlorine-destroying compounds are no longer increasing in the stratosphere.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT

GOVERNORS

Governor Parris Glavin (D-MD): Today, Jack Lew and I hosted a conference call with Governor Glendenin, Lt. Gov. Townsend, Secretary Slater and others to discuss funding the \$600 million budget shortfall for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge replacement. The Governor and Lt. Governor made clear their desire that we include the \$600 million in our priorities for the FY 2001 budget. Jack responded that any solution to the funding problem must come from the regional Members of Congress. We agreed that Senator Robb and others should be encouraged to convene a meeting early next week to work out the details of a bipartisan proposal that the members could take to their colleagues on the appropriations and authorizing committees. We agreed to give serious consideration to such a proposal as well.

Governor Gray Davis (D-CA): Yesterday, I notified the Governor that you had approved his disaster declaration request for the Napa Valley earthquake that occurred on September 3. The Governor expressed his gratitude for the approval and extra effort by James Lee Witt. He is still interested in speaking to you personally about some budget-related issues – IGA will send you another call sheet next week.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID): John Podesta, IGA and the Counsel's Office met with Governor Kempthorne and his staff on September 14 to discuss the ongoing litigation over the mining waste in the Coeur D'Alene River. As you discussed with the Governor when you saw him on your fire trip last month, he is attempting to broker a deal between the mining companies and DOJ that will settle the case and allow the cleanup to proceed. John told him that we are eager to resolve the litigation, as long as the terms are fair. The Governor reportedly had a good meeting with DOJ officials and is encouraged by the prospects for settlement.

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CITY/COUNTY OFFICIALS

CARA Legislation and UPAR: IGA conducted a conference call today with mayors Belton, Peterson (Indianapolis), Webb, Menino, and O'Neill representing USCM to discuss the fate of the CARA legislation. The mayors feel very strongly about the funding for one portion of that bill -- the Urban Parks Initiative (UPAR). They regard it as crucial that UPAR be funded at \$125

million. While they generally support CARA, UPAR is their primary focus, and they made clear their desire that we support UPAR funding at \$125 million as a separate line item in final budget negotiations if CARA itself does not reach your desk.

LA County Hospital: Supervisor Gloria Molina confirmed on Tuesday that the ongoing LA County Hospital dispute has been resolved for now. The County Board voted to expand the new hospital design to 680 beds and to conduct a new study in two years to determine future needs. Supervisor Molina was pushing for a 750 bed design but agreed to the compromise.

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: As CNN and ABC have reported, a fire continues to burn below the surface of the landfill portion of the Hunters Point Shipyard in San Francisco. The Navy has come under considerable criticism for their slow response to the fire and their failure to notify EPA or the public of the problem for almost a month. (The fire has burned since August 16.) EPA held a news conference on September 13 to announce that they found no health risk from the fire, but Mayor Willie Brown held his own press conference there the same day to question the EPA findings and criticize the Navy's slow response to the fire. In addition, Rep. Pelosi, Senator Feinstein and Sen. Boxer have sent a sharply worded letter to Secretary Danzig regarding the fire and continuing problems with the Hunters Point cleanup effort.

City and County Staff Briefing: On September 14, IGA, hosted a briefing for more than 30 city and county representatives to highlight the Administration's legislative priorities. HHS and Education staff detailed your initiatives for S-CHIP expansion, school construction and class size reduction. As we heard in the conference call with mayors (see above), this group indicated that UPAR full funding is a top priority for local officials.

California School Board Association Briefing: On September 12, IGA held a briefing for members of CSBA. Topics included the FY 2001 appropriations, school construction, class size reduction and Special Education. The group is supportive of the Administration and wants to be as helpful as possible during the appropriations process. Special Education funding is their top legislative priority.

TAKINGS BILL

IGA, OMB, Legislative Affairs and the Counsel's Office conducted a conference call with the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), National League of Cities (NLC), and National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) on September 12 to reiterate the Administration's position on the Takings Bill (Private Property Implementations Act HR 2372). Local elected officials are concerned that we may withdraw our veto recommendation should this legislation be attached to an omnibus bill.

INSULAR AREAS

Puerto Rico Presidential Vote: Governor Pedro Rossello (D-PR) signed the bill putting the presidential candidates on the ballot and providing for "presidential electors." Although he reiterated his request that the Administration support voting privileges for Puerto Ricans, DOJ

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recently appealed a Federal court judgment holding that Puerto Rican votes should be counted. Rep. Serrano expressed "outrage" over the appeal. DOJ expects the First Circuit to overturn the ruling.

JP Vieques: Working with NSC, we persuaded Navy Secretary Danzig to ask the Defense Bill conferees to reject the decision of a conference panel that would transfer Navy land on Vieques to the Interior Department (rather than local ownership, as you had proposed). The Interior Department now concurs with this view, and we also have helped Governor Rossello to persuade Chairman Murkowski on this point.

Puerto Rican Status Funding: After Reps Lazio and McCullom supported your request for funding to help Puerto Ricans choose the islands' status, Chairman Kolbe finally agreed to the request. He has dropped the proposal again, however, reportedly at the request of Senator Lott.

Medicaid: The four territorial representatives in the House joined the five territorial governors in urging you to lift the caps on Medicaid in the territories.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- ✓ The "Big Seven" (NGA, USCM, NCSL, NATaT, NLC, NACo, and CSG) has renamed itself "U.S. Alliance."
- ✓ On September 20, the National League of Cities (NLC) will host the "National Undoing Racism Day" on Freedom Plaza in Washington, DC. This is a bipartisan effort to bring attention to constructive steps being taken by local governments to address the issue of racism. The President of NLC, Mayor Bob Knight (R-Wichita, KS); Mayor Brent Coles (R-Boise, ID), President of the US Conference of Mayors; and Secretary Richardson will be on hand. Ben Johnson will attend the rally to speak on your "One America" Initiative.
- ✓ Yesterday Tim Hovey and Ed Morris stopped at the White House as they near completion of their bicycle tour of the USA from Seattle to Severna Park, Maryland. They have taken photos of over 95 mayors since their departure July 15 and plan to publish a book about small city America.
- Governor Shaheen, Mayor Riordan, Mayor Street, Council Member Linda Cropp, Commissioner Javier Gonzales (Santa Fe, NM), Delegate Kumar Barve (MD) and Representative Satveer Chaudhary (MN) are attending the State Dinner for India on Sunday night.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL JR.
KRIS M. BALDERSTON *KMB*

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- **Futures/Derivatives:** SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) have reached an agreement on permitting the trading of single stock futures, an issue that has divided the two agencies for eighteen years. Discussions of the agreement are currently being held with relevant Congressional committees, and it is anticipated that language will be forwarded to Congress for inclusion in pending legislation to reform the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and reauthorize the CFTC. The overall legislation would reform the CEA by implementing the recommendations of the President's Working Group on the Financial Markets with respect to legal certainty for over-the-counter derivatives and regulation of clearing organizations, as well as by providing regulatory relief for the futures exchanges. The agreement between SEC and CFTC could provide the impetus to move the legislation this year, which has been approved by all relevant committees.
- **APEC:** On September 9-10, Secretary Summers attended a meeting of the APEC Finance Ministers in Brunei. The Ministers called for appropriate increases in oil supplies and other measures to reduce price volatility and promote long-term price stability in the mutual interests of consumers and producers. They also agreed to a U.S. proposal calling for the establishment of a new APEC working group to join in the international fight against abuse of the financial system. Secretary Summers urged the Ministers to take advantage of the current economic environment to learn from the experience of the 1997-1998 financial crises, including efforts to reform the international financial architecture. Secretary Summers also discussed the U.S. policy agenda for reform of international financial institutions, particularly enhancing IMF surveillance and World Bank development work in financial sectors, the design and pricing of IMF

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facilities, and support for provision of global public goods by the multilateral development banks.

- Church Arson Task Force:** On September 15, Secretary Summers and Attorney General Reno transmitted to you the Fourth Year Report of the National Church Arson Task Force (NCATF). The report provides an update on the ongoing work of the NCATF and its partner agencies; HUD, FEMA, and the Community Relations Service. Among other things, the report notes that the number of church arsons has continued on a downward trend, which it attributes to such factors as increased vigilance, well-publicized arrests, and ongoing prevention efforts. The report also advises you of further developments in the case of Jay Scott Ballinger, who pleaded guilty on July 11 to setting 26 churches on fire in eight states between 1994 and 1999. Federal prosecutors are seeking a sentence of more than 42 years in prison. The report also reaffirms the ongoing commitment of the Federal government to the investigation of arsons at houses of worship and the prosecution of those responsible for these crimes.
- HIPC:** On September 12, Senators Helms and Gramm sent Secretary Summers a letter regarding conditions they consider necessary to authorize use of the remaining fraction (5/14) of IMF gold earnings for HIPC, and U.S. contributions to the HIPC Trust Fund. By signing onto this letter, Senator Helms has disowned his own committee's bipartisan legislation, which fully authorized both items on terms negotiated with the Administration. If Congress does not authorize the use of the remaining fraction of gold earnings, the IMF will run out of money before the end of the year for debt relief for poor countries under the enhanced HIPC program. This would result in HIPC debt relief being denied to approximately 15-20 countries, nearly all in Africa. Treasury will continue to work with Senators Gramm and Helms, in close consultation with Senate Democrats, to explore all possibilities for an acceptable compromise.
- Bangladesh:** On September 12, concluding a negotiation you announced in March in Bangladesh, Deputy Secretary Eizenstat hosted a signing ceremony between the U.S. and Bangladesh of the first debt relief agreement under the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. The Act permits the cancellation of debt in return for the preservation of tropical forests. Deputy Secretary Eizenstat, Undersecretary of State Loy, and Bangladeshi State Minister for Foreign Affairs Chowdhury signed two separate agreements reducing a portion of Bangladesh's debt while creating a locally managed tropical forest fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Organized Crime Figures Charged:** On September 6, an indictment was unsealed charging six defendants, including the three members of the Luchese Organized Crime Family's "Construction Panel," in connection with criminal activities of the Luchese

Family in the NYC construction industry. The charges in the six-count indictment include conspiracy to commit extortion, wire fraud, and loan sharking. The Construction Panel's purpose was to oversee family interests in the NYC construction industry since at least the mid-1990s. The indictment also alleges that two others assisted the Construction Panel in the supervision of the illicit labor peace arrangements and extortionate demands in the construction industry.

- **Police Integrity Grants:** On September 7, Attorney General Reno traveled to Lowell, MA, to announce "Police as Problem Solvers and Peacemakers" grants to five police departments that are implementing model practices to promote police integrity. The COPS grants, totaling \$1M, will allow each department to enhance their innovative efforts to reduce police misconduct and build stronger ties to the community. The other cities are Colorado Springs, CO, Tampa, FL, Knoxville, TN, and Sacramento, CA.
- **In-Car Video Cameras Grants:** On September 13, DOJ's COPS office announced \$11M in grants to state highway patrol agencies to fund the placement of video cameras in patrol cars.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **WWII Memorial:** In a last-minute action, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has commented negatively on the design for the World War II Memorial on the Mall. The Council's comments are advisory only, but Secretary Babbitt replied to them with an endorsement of the current National Capital Planning Commission (NCPD) plan. The NCPD will meet on September 21 to make its decision on the final design. NPS and the Fine Arts Commission had previously approved the design.
- **National Public Lands Day:** On September 23, the 7th annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) will welcome over 50,000 volunteers who will help with necessary renovations, enhancements, and building projects that will improve beauty, safety, accessibility, and general maintenance. Operating under the umbrella of the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, NPLD is sponsored by Toyota, BLM, and eight other Federal agencies. This year, the event will be hosted in all 50 states with 250 sites. Coordinators are projecting \$8M in improvements.
- ✓ **Internet Sale of Surplus Property:** People from all over the world can now bid on surplus BLM vehicles and heavy equipment over the Internet. BLM has entered into an agreement with the OR Surplus Property Agency to sell items from their working capital fund. This sales process promises more timely sales and removal of BLM equipment and ensures payment to BLM within 30 days of the date of the sale. Savings in costs for time, storage, payment processing, and removal are expected to be much better than in the past. DOI is exploring the possibility of making this initiative available to all bureaus.

- **Salton Sea Brown Pelicans Threatened:** USGS is investigating a large botulism die-off of brown pelicans on CA's Salton Sea. The pelican is a Federally-listed endangered species. The event has escalated over the last couple of weeks, and the major concern is the large number of brown pelicans that currently reside in the area. To date, disease has killed 339 pelicans and caused illness in more than 800. USGS scientists from the National Wildlife Health Center have been studying the disease since botulism killed 735 brown pelicans and thousands of fish and other birds in 1996.
- **AK Fisheries Closure Enforcement:** FWS agents increased subsistence fisheries patrols on the Yukon River in response to record low returns of chinook and chum salmon. All commercial seasons have been closed on the drainage since early summer. In July, subsistence fishing periods were severely limited and on August 30, the entire river was closed to the taking of chinook and chum salmon. FWS has since opened the Yukon to allow subsistence fishing by fish wheel for coho salmon only. While most people are complying with the emergency regulations, agents are finding some illegal nets and fish wheels operating. There have been unsubstantiated rumors of a protest fishery on the upper Yukon.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund:** LWCF grant approvals continue to increase as the fiscal year draws to a conclusion. To date, 86 projects have been approved committing almost \$8.9M of the \$40M FY2000 appropriation. Twenty-three states have submitted applications fully committing their FY2000 apportionment. These applications have either been approved or under review by field or regional offices.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Columbine High School:** USDA is helping landscape a new entrance to Columbine High School in Littleton, CO. USDA and natural resource partners may contribute nearly \$70,000 to create the entrance to serve as an ecologically friendly model for other schools and complementing construction of the new Columbine High School library, scheduled for an April 2001 dedication.
- **Western Wildfires:** As of September 13, 76,898 wildland fires have burned more than 6.6 million acres in all jurisdictions, 225 percent of the ten-year average. In the last week, 400,000 acres have been affected by fire, including 52 fires of over 1,000 acres. Total personnel assigned to wildland fires decreased this week to just over 23,000 people, reflecting the moderation of fire activity in the Northern Rockies due to cooler temperatures and increased precipitation. Four military battalions are assigned to fires in MT and ID (three Army and one Marine). There are also 663 International firefighters aiding U.S. efforts. Low humidity and extreme temperatures are causing an increase in fire activity in the southern area, particularly in TX, where 25 fires are burning.

- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Funds:** USDA is prepared to announce over \$18M in loans and grants for 84 Distance Learning and Telemedicine projects in 34 states. Under the program, high quality education and health care are made available to rural residents through improved communications technology. Since its inception in 1993, the program has provided over \$83M for more than 300 projects in rural areas of 44 states and two U.S. territories, benefitting over 1,000 rural schools and libraries, and over 800 hospitals and health-care facilities. This amount has also leveraged tens of millions of dollars in state, local, and private dollars. The new loans and grants to be announced will bring new educational opportunities to over 65,000 K-12 students, while the telemedicine funding will be used for new communications technologies helping patients in 37 rural health clinics to be examined, diagnosed, and treated by doctors working in distant medical centers.
- **Nutrition and Aging Symposium:** On September 28, Secretary Glickman will open the USDA symposium on Nutrition and Aging: Leading a Healthy, Active Life. The day-long event will feature some of the country's leading research scientists, who will discuss the aging of America's population and its effects on nutrition issues.
- **Senate Civil Rights Hearing:** On September 12, USDA testified on civil rights issues before an oversight hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Senators recognized USDA progress in resolving decades-old complaints, voiced concern that complaint processing was slow, and noted that complaints of racial and sexual discrimination in the Department continue. Information was provided on USDA progress in implementing Inspector General and GAO recommendations, and noting that USDA now meets the government-wide average of one percent of Federal employees filing discrimination complaints per year.
- **Commodity Markets:** Hot, dry conditions in the Southern Plains helped send wheat prices higher. Persistent heat and lack of moisture in the Southeast and Delta was also expected to reduce corn, soybeans, and rice yields, driving those prices up. Cotton prices stabilized, as worsening conditions in TX and the South have been factored into the market. Cattle prices fell modestly in light trade. Hog cash prices were off slightly, but futures rose along with belly and ham prices. Broiler prices rose as buyers aggressively restocked inventories following the Labor Day holiday. Cheese prices rose for the week, but prices were volatile. Increased cream supplies led butter down.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Sustainable Seas Expedition:** Secretary 16, Secretary Mineta will join students and teachers in the Sustainable Seas Expedition program, a NOAA National Geographic Society education effort. On September 20-21, Sustainable Seas will host Students-at-Sea days in the Upper Keys. On September 26, a Sustainable Seas Live

Uplink will be conducted from NOAA's Aquarius habitat, an underwater research laboratory.

- **Southern Heat Wave and Drought:** According to NOAA, the first week in September saw long-standing heat and drought records broken. Temperatures across much of TX soared to between 105-110 degrees with the heat prevailing over OK, AR, and LA. Drought indices point to extremely dangerous conditions continuing over much of the South. Reservoirs in southwest TX are especially hard hit, with lakes near San Angelo below ten percent of capacity. DOC's West Gulf River Forecast Center has determined widespread rains of at least seven inches are necessary to bring lakes and reservoirs to normal capacity. In south TX, rains of nine to twelve inches would be required, and over southern LA and MS, 10-15 inches rains are needed.
- **Third Generation Wireless Systems:** DOC's National Telecommunications and Information Administration has prepared a plan to identify the radio frequency spectrum for the next (third) generation of wireless communications systems in the U.S. At the World Radio Conference 2000, the U.S. won a significant victory when the member countries of the International Telecommunication Union adopted the U.S. proposal to permit the use of multiple bands of spectrum for potential 3G deployment. The proposed memorandum provides a set of principles to guide the executive branch as it undertakes the process of identifying this spectrum, and directs certain agencies to undertake specific tasks to accomplish this goal in a timely manner.
- **USS Monitor Documentary:** The wreck of the USS Monitor, a Civil War-era ironclad ship and site of NOAA's first National Marine Sanctuary, is the subject of a NOVA documentary which will be previewed at the National Press Club on September 26. The full program will air on PBS in October as the first show of the new season.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Bath (ME) Iron Works Strike:** On September 3, the members of the largest union at Bath Iron Works rejected the company's latest contract offer, sending the strike against the Navy shipbuilder into its second week. The second largest union has also voted to strike. The union is asking for higher wages, as they have received only one \$0.25 raise in the last six years. The shipyard employs about 7,600 workers, of which 6,100 are unionized. No talks are currently taking place, nor are any scheduled.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **State Synar Compliance:** On September 18, Secretary Shalala will be sending letters to governors of five states (AK, PA, VA, WV, and WY) and two territories (U.S. Virgin Islands and Marshall Islands) regarding Synar. The states and territories have been

determined to be out of compliance with the requirements of the Synar program. The letter informs the governors of the findings, informs them of the penalty, and offers them the opportunity for a hearing. Congress is considering adding a provision to HHS's appropriations bill that would allow states that have not met their targets to commit additional state funds to youth tobacco prevention activities and thereby avoid the 40-percent reduction of their substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant funds.

- **Children's Mental Health Conference:** On September 18-19, Surgeon General Satcher will hold a national conference on children's mental health. The conference is a result of a White House meeting initiated by the First Lady to discuss the use of psychotropic drugs for children with mental health problems. The purpose of the conference is to engage families, scientists, and providers in a meaningful dialogue on issues involved in preventing, identifying, recognizing, and referring children with mental health problems for appropriate, evidence-based treatments or services. The conference is being organized by a Federal interdepartmental coordinating committee representing a broad range of children's mental health issues. The conference participants will draft recommendations for a national action agenda on children's mental health.
- **Antibacterial Drug Products:** During the week of September 18, FDA expects to publish a proposal to require additional labeling information about emerging drug-resistant bacteria. The proposal reflects a growing concern that over-prescription and other inappropriate use of antibacterial drug products has contributed to a dramatic increase in drug-resistant bacterial infections. The proposal encourages doctors to prescribe these products more judiciously and only when clinically necessary. It also encourages physicians to counsel patients about proper use and the importance of taking these products exactly as directed.
- **West Nile Virus (WNV):** Surveillance data reported to the CDC indicate intensified transmission and geographic expansion of the WNV outbreak in the northeastern U.S. Increasing reports of WNV infections in American crows, other avian species, and mosquitoes are being accompanied by reports of neurological disease caused by WNV in humans, horses, and other mammals. From July 20 to September 12, 12 persons have been hospitalized with serious central nervous system infections caused by WNV; eight had encephalitis, four had meningitis. The most recent onset of human illness was September 2. In NY, eight persons resided in Staten Island, two in Kings County Brooklyn, and one spent substantial time both in Brooklyn, NY, and Bergen County, NJ. One person resided in Hudson County, NJ. Nine patients have improved and been discharged from the hospital; three remain hospitalized. Veterinary surveillance has detected WNV infection in five horses with severe neurological WNV disease. WNV infection has been confirmed in six bats in NY that were originally submitted for rabies testing. WNV infection was confirmed in a dead raccoon from Manhattan that was found on August 19. In addition, mosquito surveillance has detected WNV in 237 mosquito

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pools in 15 counties in NY, NJ, CT, and MA. Avian surveillance has identified 1,471 WNV-infected dead birds from 79 counties in NJ, NY, CT, MA, RI, and NH.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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• **Section 8:** Secretary Cuomo has unveiled a new program that makes the dream of homeownership achievable for more than one million working families now receiving HUD Section 8 rental assistance vouchers. Under the program, Section 8 rental assistance vouchers can be used to purchase homes. The new homeowner program reflects years of work by the Administration, and the program received favorable marks when it was tested last fall in more than a dozen locations. Once the program goes into effect in October, vouchers may be used to purchase a new home, an existing single-family home, a home under construction, or shares in a cooperative. The nation's 2,700 public housing agencies oversee the program.
- **Community Development Grants for HBCUs:** Secretary Cuomo has awarded \$10.4 M to 38 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), money that will help the schools stimulate local community and economic development. This round of HBCU grants will fund such activities as business development, affordable housing, homeownership opportunities, job training and placement, and computer training in AL, AR, DC, FL, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV.
- **China:** To continue the work on the U.S.-China mortgage-backed securitization pilot program, a HUD delegation, along with staff from Ginnie Mae and other key housing finance organizations, is in Shanghai, China, for a week. The delegation will continue to work through the details of the pilot program which will be launched in China. The mortgage-based security pilot is tentatively scheduled to begin before the end of the calendar year. This visit follows a July Chinese study tour in which approximately 15 high level Chinese officials learned about the U.S. mortgage-backed securities industry from seminars from Fannie Mae, FHA, Ginnie Mae, Ernst and Young, Bear Stearns, and other relevant organizations. The pilot program was initiated by Secretary Cuomo in a visit to China in June.
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• **Cohoes, NY Gun Buyback:** The Cohoes, NY Housing Authority will reprogram \$2,000 of its FY1999 Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program grant funding and will receive \$860 in matching funds from HUD for a total of \$2,860 for its Gun Buyback Initiative. The Housing Authority anticipates in taking approximately 40 guns off the street. Food vouchers in the amount of \$50 each will be traded for each gun exchanged.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Firestone Tire Investigation:** On September 12, during a Senate Commerce Committee hearing, Secretary Slater and NHTSA Administrator Bailey provided Congress with information on possible changes to NHTSA's statutory authority and budget to better address the Firestone Tire and other defect investigation issues. DOT requested an additional \$9M for the Defects Investigation Program to enhance testing, modernize information systems, improve the timeliness for processing of the increasing number of complaints, and enhance public awareness of the program. In addition, DOT asked Congress for enhanced authority to require manufacturers to provide information to NHTSA about foreign recalls and customer satisfaction campaigns. DOT also asked for authority to cooperate internationally by exchanging information with other countries about motor vehicle safety defects and enforcement of safety standards. DOT continues to seek the enactment of bills submitted to Congress in March 2000, including an amendment to increase the civil penalty for violations, extend the period during which vehicles and tires are subject to recall, and require manufacturers to test their products before certifying their compliance with standards. NHTSA is continuing its investigation of the Firestone ATX and Wilderness tires covered by the recall. Senator McCain is expected to sponsor the legislation.
- **Colombia Airline Service:** During the week of September 18, DOT will announce that it has granted Delta Air Lines the right to operate seven weekly flights between Atlanta and Bogota, Colombia, implementing a provision of the newly liberalized U.S.-Colombia bilateral aviation agreement that was negotiated earlier this year and expanded aviation rights between the U.S. and Colombia. This Administration has increased air service more than in any comparable period in U.S. aviation history, enabling passengers and shippers to enjoy more frequent service and lower fares. The U.S.-Colombia market had long been limited to service from only two U.S. carriers, Continental and American Airlines.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Conference:** The annual IAEA General Conference will be held in Vienna, Austria, from September 18-22. Secretary Richardson will deliver remarks to the plenary session on September 18 and hold bilateral meetings with the IAEA Director General and the delegations from Russia and China.
- **Gasoline Prices Mixed, Stocks Down:** Gasoline spot price movements were mixed last week, despite increases in crude oil prices before and after the OPEC meeting on September 10. Both crude oil and gasoline prices generally rose through Thursday, then dropped sharply on Friday ahead of the weekend meeting. By Monday, despite OPEC's decision to raise its production ceiling by 800,000 barrels per day, crude oil prices

recovered to near Thursday's levels, but most gasoline prices were less affected. CA prices largely dropped back after spiking on refinery concerns, but remained elevated in comparison to other U.S. markets. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the fourth straight week, increasing by 3.1 cents to 156.1 cents per gallon as of September 11. The average stands at its highest level since July 10, and 31.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices rose solidly for all regions and formulations, with the strongest increases seen in West Coast RFG. Total motor gasoline stocks fell 3.7 million barrels on September 8 to 191.8 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 0.5 million barrels to 38.5 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline dropped 2 million barrels to 109.9 million barrels.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **HBCU Initiative Anniversary:** On September 17-24, DOEd and the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities are planning a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Initiative. On September 18, Secretary Riley will facilitate a roundtable discussion on the conference's theme, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the New Century: Continuing a Legacy of Service to the Nation."
- **School-to-Work Conference:** On October 10-13, DOEd will host a school-to-work conference in Washington, DC, to recognize accomplishments, motivate participants to persist with successful practices, and continue to innovate, foster networking, and shape the future school-to work agenda.
- **Math and Science Report:** On September 27, the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century (Glenn Commission) will submit its final report to Secretary Riley at a press conference in Washington, DC. The year-long Commission was charged with developing a strategy to raise the quality of mathematics and science teaching.
- **Gun-Free Schools Report:** DOEd will soon release the report, *Gun-Free Schools Act Data - 1998-1999 School Year*, which gathers data for the 1998-1999 school year concerning reported school district compliance with the Gun-Free Schools Act.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **New Amphitheater at PA National Cemetery:** On September 14, PA Governor Ridge will deliver the keynote address at the groundbreaking ceremony of the PA Veterans' Memorial Amphitheater at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. The \$5M project will occupy approximately four acres in the national cemetery. The monument is being constructed and donated by the PA Veterans' Memorial Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Budget:** The Senate Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to cut EPA's basic environmental and public health programs by five percent. In addition, the Committee included nearly \$200M in earmarks that re-direct needed funds for national programs to district-specific projects not requested in your budget. The committee provided no funds for your Great Lakes Initiative and the Clean Air Partnership Grants.
- **Stratospheric Ozone Protection:** On September 11, EPA announced the largest settlement in the history of its stratospheric ozone protection program. EPA and Meyer's Bakery of Little Rock, AR, have settled outstanding claims for violations of the Clean Air Act regarding the protection of the stratospheric ozone for \$3.5M in penalties. Meyer's had allowed thousands of pounds of ozone-depleting refrigerant to leak from appliances without performing required repairs. Additionally, Meyer's did not perform leak checks, maintain complete service records, or develop a retrofit or replacement plan for leaky systems. EPA is committed to increasing its oversight of these facilities to achieve greater compliance with the regulations to ensure protection of public health and the environment.

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **Sierra Leone:** On September 15, the Security Council will adopt the UN Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) resolution expanding UNAMSIL's authorized strength from 13,000 to 20,500. The Security Council will also discuss the terms of reference for the upcoming Security Council mission to Sierra Leone.
- **Afghanistan:** The UN Secretariat will brief the Security Council on the latest developments on the ground in Afghanistan, particularly in light of the recent heavy fighting around Taloqan and the recent OCHA report on the humanitarian impact of sanctions.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Canadian Patent Law WTO Case:** On September 15, USTR received the WTO Appellate Body's report in an appeal of a case where USTR successfully challenged Canada's patent law for not providing the 20 years of protection required by the WTO agreement on intellectual property.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Disability Roundtable:** On September 25-26, SBA will host a Blue Ribbon Roundtable to discuss business development in disability markets. Disability community and National Advisory Council members will participate.

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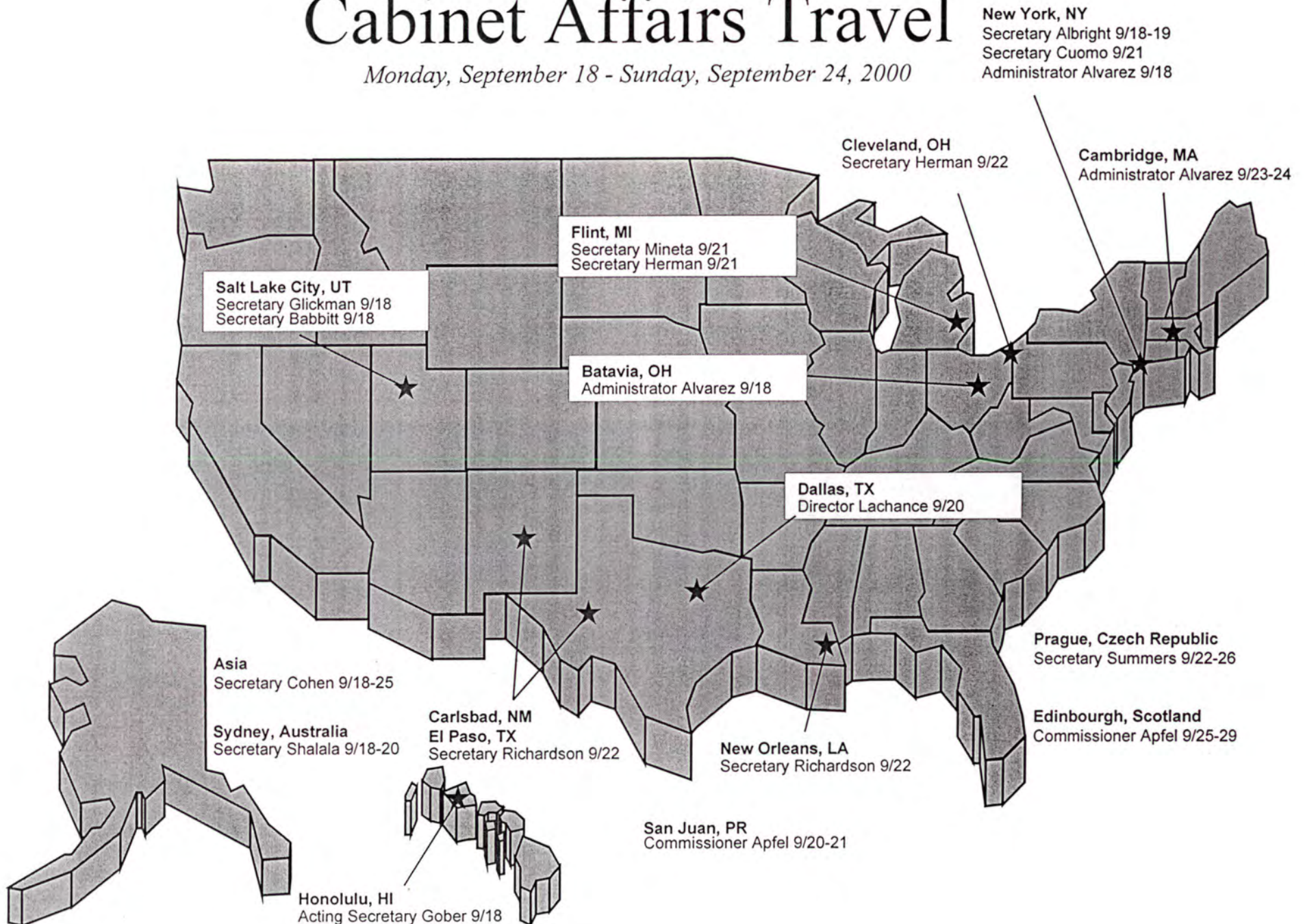
- **Law Enforcement Retirement System Legislation:** On September 21, Director Lachance will meet with Representative Filner to discuss his bill to provide enhanced retirement coverage to various occupational groups not currently covered by law enforcement enhanced retirement, such as Customs Inspectors, Immigration Inspectors, and police officers in various agencies.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Budget Hearing:** On September 12, the House Budget Committee Task Force on Welfare held a hearing on the implementation of the drug addiction and alcoholism provision of the Contract with America Advancement Act of 1996. SSA's Inspector General conducted an audit of SSA's implementation of the Act which terminated Supplemental Security Income benefits to individuals whose drug addiction or alcoholism was material to their disability. SSA identified 209,000 beneficiaries who were potentially affected by the new law and ultimately terminated about 123,000. Benefits were continued for about 86,000 beneficiaries based on another disability or age. The vast majority of the affected beneficiaries were terminated from the SSI rolls on the effective date of the new law. In a subsequent audit, the Inspector General determined that SSA needed to review an additional 20,000 individuals in current pay status and projected that of these, 3,190 who were being paid benefits could potentially be terminated. SSA reviewed the 20,000 cases and found that only 339 beneficiaries should have been terminated. SSA took action to terminate these individuals and they are no longer on the benefit rolls.

Cabinet Affairs Travel

Monday, September 18 - Sunday, September 24, 2000



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TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
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RE: Communications Weekly Report

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Overview

This week, we made progress in pushing out the message that you continue to lead the nation on issues important to the American people. Through events and other message vehicles, you demonstrated your commitment to achieving the nation's priorities and urged Congress to take action for the American people by investing in our children's education, passing federal hate crimes legislation and a real, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights, and improving the quality of nursing homes across the nation.

Next week, we will continue to push out your domestic agenda and highlight the need for Congress to move the nation forward on issues important to the American people.

Long Term Care Bill Signing

On Tuesday, in a Rose Garden Ceremony, you will sign the Long Term Care Security Act – legislation that will provide federal employees access to high quality long term care programs. This legislation serves as a strong model for employers across the nation to use in planning long term care health plans for their employees. You will use this opportunity to urge Congress to pass your proposed long-term care tax credit, which will help America's families manage the high costs of long term health care. It is an opportunity to discuss the right kinds of tax cuts for America.

Prescription Drugs

Next week, the Senate is expected to mark up the Roth Prescription Drug plan. To play into Hill action, on Tuesday, we will release a new Administration report, which illustrates the many pitfalls that would result from the state-run Medicare prescription drug plan proposed by both George W. Bush and Senator Roth. We will use this report as a newspeg to push out how your proposal provides America's seniors with an affordable, accessible prescription drug plan.

China PNTR

In anticipation of a Senate vote on China PNTR legislation on Tuesday, we are working with Speechwriting and others to prepare a statement for you to convey to the American people the tremendous significance granting China Permanent Normal Trade Relations will have on the future of the nation and across the world.

Church of God in Christ

On Wednesday, you will give the keynote address at the annual bishops' conference of the Church of God in Christ, one of the country's largest and most influential African-American religious denominations. Building on your speech at the Congressional Black Caucus dinner on Saturday, your speech will focus on celebrating your Administration's accomplishments for African-Americans, including increasing economic prosperity, expanding educational opportunity, and promoting a one America. In particular, you will discuss your record funding of the nation's civil rights programs – throughout all federal agencies – to increase opportunity and equality in every community across the nation.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Dinner

On Wednesday night you will be the keynote speaker at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Dinner. Your speech will focus on the enormous economic prosperity in the nation over the last eight years. It will highlight progress in improving education, increasing access to healthcare, creating jobs and building a better future for Hispanic communities across the nation.

Digital Divide Disabilities Event

As part of your continuing efforts to bridge the digital divide in America, you will travel to Flint, Michigan to meet with Americans with disabilities who use assistive technologies to lead normal, productive lives. We are working with the NEC, the Press Office and others to plan your trip, which will include a tour of a technology access center serving people with disabilities and an event with key members of the disabled community, elected officials and CEO's of various technology companies. At this event, you will announce new public and private sector efforts to create digital opportunity, building on your Administration's commitment to improving the quality of life and expanding employment opportunities for Americans with disabilities. We are working with the Press Office to push out regional stories on individuals with disabilities who will benefit from your efforts to bridge the digital divide.

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Rededication of the State Department

On Friday, you will rededicate the State Department as the President Harry S. Truman building. Your speech will highlight President Truman's legacy in foreign policy and role in advancing education, creating jobs, providing working Americans with a living wage and good health care, and expanding prosperity for all Americans. This event also will give you the opportunity to highlight America's role in serving as the world's strongest force for peace, freedom, and prosperity.

Launch of FirstGov

We are considering using an Internet address to the nation for you to announce the launch of FirstGov – the first-ever government web site to provide the public with easy, one-stop access to all online U.S. Federal Government resources. This cutting-edge site will bring government closer to the American people, expanding the reach of democracy and making government more responsive to citizens. This event follows on your June announcement of a federal partnership with Eric Brewer and his team of technology experts to develop FirstGov. The project is near completion.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

SUBJECT: OFFICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE FOR ONE AMERICA
WEEKLY REPORT

ACTIVITIES

Fourth Circuit: We met with national civil rights groups and were advised that they have spearheaded a national grassroots and editorial campaign calling upon the Senate to consider and vote for the Gregory nomination. Additionally, they are calling on the White House to make desegregation of the Fourth Circuit a top priority in its final days. Both Virginia Senators have returned the blue-slip. Thus, the nomination is ready to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Magic Johnson Foundation: Continuing our efforts to eliminate health disparities among minorities, we met with members of the Magic Johnson Foundation to discuss initiatives that allow black men to take pro-active steps to monitor their own health status and take appropriate action when necessary. The foundation has teamed with Pfizer Inc. to sponsor a men's health information program entitled "Know Your Score." They plan to use sporting venues to deliver health messages in hopes of driving target audiences to take positive action aimed at preserving their health. We have advised Dr. Satcher of their work and asked him to meet with them.

Community College Presidents: We gave a One America briefing to the senior leadership of the American Association of Community Colleges and 25 community college presidents from across the country. They are eager to participate in the Campus Week of Dialogue and National College Week programs next month. They were also very interested in how the budget process was going, and they encourage you to continue fighting for education issues as you have in the past.

American Assembly: We met with Dan Sharp, the president of the American Assembly, a nonpartisan forum affiliated with Columbia University, to discuss its "Uniting America" series and brief him on the One America office. This organization, which facilitates consensus-building on important issues among leaders from the key sectors of society, will convene a forum on racial and ethnic divisions in April 2001.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority: I gave a One America briefing to approximately 100 members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious African-American sororities. I gave an overview of the One America office and discussed closing opportunity gaps between the races. We had a lively discussion about integrating the Fourth Circuit, racial profiling, sentencing disparities, prescription drugs and welfare reform. They left saying they would share this information with their sorority members whom are planning on being responsible citizens in November.

NABRE: The Knight Foundation will provide significant funding (\$900,000 over three years) for the NABRE (Network of Alliances Bridging Race and Ethnicity) website that I reported to you last week. It will launch its activities early next month. Mike Wenger, the Deputy Director for Outreach and Project Development for your Initiative on Race, has worked on developing this project with representatives from many organizations, including the National Urban League, NCCJ, NIAF, National Congress of American Indians, National Council of La Raza, the National League of Cities, the Community Relations Service of the Justice Department, and the One America office.

CABINET RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLY

Department of Agriculture

Senate Hearing on Civil Rights: On September 12, USDA testified on civil rights issues before an oversight hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Witnesses included officials from GAO, USDA's Inspector General, senior USDA officials, and a panel of USDA employees and customers. Senators recognized USDA progress in resolving decades-old complaints, voiced concern that complaint processing was slow, and noted that complaints of racial and sexual discrimination in the Department continue. Information was provided on USDA progress in implementing Inspector General and GAO recommendations, and noting that USDA now meets the government-wide average of one percent of Federal employees filing discrimination complaints per year.

Department of Commerce

Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) Summit: On September 13, DOC officials met with eight HSIs and three national Hispanic organizations to explore ways of more effectively recruiting, developing, and retaining Hispanic employees. Highlights of the meeting included a signing ceremony with Secretary Mineta, which established formal partnership agreements, and panel discussions on DOC and its programs. On September 14, senior DOC managers held one-on-one discussions with HSI representatives.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Town Hall: On September 18, DOC's Chief Financial Officer Linda Bilmes will participate in a town hall meeting sponsored by the

President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). Its purpose is to identify opportunities to increase AAPI participation in federal programs, improve data collection on AAPIs, and increase public and private sector involvement in improving the health and well-being of AAPIs. The town hall will be held at the New York University School of Law.

MBDA Programs Highlighted: More than 50 businesses interested in being awarded grants to provide services through DOC's Minority and Native American Business Development Centers participated in a Pre-Application Conference on September 12. The program, led by MBDA Associate Director of Programs Paul Webber, was simulcast nationwide.

Minority Enterprise Development Week: On September 27, Secretary Mineta will give the keynote luncheon address at the National Minority Enterprise Development Week 2000 Conference.

Tribal Grants: DOC awarded a \$250,000 grant to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Inc. in NM, a \$75,000 grant to the Navajo Nation in AZ, and a \$50,000 grant to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in WA.

Department of Education

HBCU Initiative Anniversary: On September 17-24, DOEd and the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities are planning a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Initiative. On September 18, Secretary Riley will facilitate a roundtable discussion on the conference's theme, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the New Century: Continuing a Legacy of Service to the Nation."

Department of Energy

HBCU Week: As part of the White House Initiative's celebration of National Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Week, DOE, USDA, and NASA, will sponsor a "Millennium Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Research" awards program to recognize HBCU faculty and researchers who have made significant contributions to HBCUs through partnerships with federal agencies.

Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week 2000: DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) will participate in the 18th Annual MED Week Conference in Arlington, VA.

Hispanic Heritage Month: On September 21, Secretary Richardson will host a DOE Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

HCBU Community Development Grants: HUD has awarded \$10.4 million to 38 million in grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This money will help the schools stimulate local community and economic development by funding such activities as business development, affordable housing, homeownership opportunities, job training and placement, and computer training in AL, AR, DC, FL, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV.

Department of Justice

Kansas City Region Law Enforcement Conference: On August 30-September 1, over 100 police executives from MO, KS, NE, IL, IA and TN gathered in Kansas City, KS, to address major police issues such as racial profiling, excessive use of force, and hate crimes.

Northwest Regional Native American Conference: The U.S. Attorneys in AK, ID, MT, OR, and WA will co-sponsor the "Coming Together for Our Communities: Positive Changes for a New Tomorrow" conference in Pendleton, OR. This eighth annual conference will focus on building healthy communities. Workshops will cover topics that include restorative justice, conflict resolution, creative intervention and treatment, child advocacy centers, domestic violence, community accountability, and coordinated community response.

Mental Health: The Office of Justice Programs is coordinating with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to announce the first grants to be awarded under the interagency Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native Children, Youth, and Families Program. This coordinated federal initiative involves the DOJ, DOI, HHS, and DOE.

Department of Labor

CBC Foundation Legislative Conference: DOL staff and agencies will be participating in various programs in coordination with the CBCF's conference. Deputy Secretary Montgomery will participate in a Welfare-to-Work panel sponsored by Representative Danny Davis. Becky Ogle, Executive Director of the President's Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities (PTFEAD) will be part of a Disability Issues Forum sponsored by Representative Major Owens. Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary for the Employment Standards Administration, will be part of a panel on minorities and the Entertainment Industry sponsored by Representative Danny Davis. Five DOL agencies will host a booth to provide relevant information related to employment in the 21st century in the CBC Exhibit Hall at the DC Convention Center.

HBCU Reception: On September 17, in conjunction with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, DOL and the Office of Small Business Programs will host an HBCU Reception at DOL. The purpose of this event will be to honor radio personality Tom Joyner for his support of HBCUs.

American Indian Higher Education: On September 25, DOL and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) will sign the DOL/AIHEC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Deputy Secretary Montgomery will sign the MOU and six TCU Presidents will attend the signing the MOU.

Department of Transportation

Secretary Slater Honored: On September 13, Secretary Slater was honored during Amtrak's reception for the Congressional Black Caucus for his dedicated service as a member of Amtrak's Board of Directors and for his relentless commitment to issues of diversity.

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Office of Personnel Management

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Hispanic Heritage Month: On September 21, Director Lachance will host a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at OPM.

Small Business Administration

Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Administrator Alvarez will participate in the town hall meeting of the President's Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which will take place at New York University on September 18. Administrator Alvarez will announce and sign agreements with five national Asian Pacific American organizations, as part of SBA's ongoing outreach efforts to the Asian Pacific American community.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT

FROM: Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr. *K H MacKay*
SUBJECT: Special Envoy for the Americas Weekly Report

Bolivia: As a follow-up to your meeting with President Banzer last week, I met with Bolivian Vice President Jorge Quiroga. We reviewed the issues raised in your meeting with Banzer including trade preferences and increased debt relief. I reiterated support for the efforts of President Banzer to fight narcotics trafficking and to combat poverty. We also discussed in detail ways to enhance cooperation between the U.S. and Bolivia. To further this process, the State Department will lead an inter-agency delegation, including Treasury and USAID officials, to La Paz early in October. This delegation will consult with Bolivian officials and prepare a report as you requested with comprehensive recommendations for cooperation on initiatives such as poverty alleviation and transparency.

Rule of Law: My office has supported initiatives that promote the rule of law, transparency and accountability, which are essential for social and political stability and for economic prosperity. There is concern that the momentum will be lost at the end of this Administration. Since law reform is basic to everything else, I have designated a rule of law specialist on my staff to catalog the various initiatives and coordinate with the Department of Justice, the Department of State, and USAID, as well as the American Bar Association, the Inter-American Development Bank and others.

Conference on the Americas: At this Miami Herald conference, I highlighted the Clinton-Gore economic success story of the NAFTA and CBI (absorbing 46% of US exports), the inevitability of hemispheric integration, and the potential of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. Florida has much to gain from continuation of our policies toward the Americas.

Uruguay: We met with Ambassador Kit Ashby and discussed Uruguay's leadership in the hemisphere on education and the treatment of labor and environment in trade discussions, two issues that are central to the hemisphere's future.

Jamaica: I met with Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, several of his key ministers, representatives from the business community, local NGOs, and the media while in Jamaica earlier this week. The Prime Minister spoke about Jamaica's leadership role in the Caribbean CARICOM's efforts to respond to the disputed senatorial elections in Haiti. He asked me to convey to you his strong

recommendation that the USG continue to support the presidential election process in Haiti notwithstanding the controversy. He saw no other viable alternative.

*Stanley
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Prime Minister Patterson identified crime, specifically drug trafficking, as a major priority for his government and expressed great interest in increasing collaborative law enforcement initiatives.

Minister of National Security and Justice K.D. Knight and Attorney General Janet Reno have an exemplary working relationship. Knight identified several possible areas for increased collaboration on intelligence gathering, human rights training and domestic violence issues and he underscored the need for x-ray equipment for Jamaica's port operations.

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