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DEAR Mr. PRESIDENT,

Ms. CURRIE KINDLY ARRANGED FOR A PLAYDATE FOR OUR DAUGHTER, EMILY, AND BUDDY AT THE END OF MAY. EMILY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND BUDDY APPEARED TO ENJOY HIS TIME PLAYING CATCH/FETCH WITH THIS NEW LITTLE PERSON. IT WAS QUITE A MEMORABLE TRIP TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

EMILY'S CLASS DREW PICTURES FOR GRADUATION BASED ON THE THEME, "WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE..." EMILY (6) DREW HERSELF AS PRESIDENT. WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THEIR DRAWINGS OR A PHOTO ON A MUG EMILY ASKED IF WE COULD MAKE CUPS FOR YOU AND Ms. CURRIE BECAUSE HE IS YOUR BUDDY AND SHE THOUGHT YOU WOULD ENJOY A PICTURE OF HIM HAVING FUN.

BUDDY WAS OBVIOUSLY APPROPRIATELY NAMED AS HE APPEARS TO MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO YOU. HE NOW MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO A LITTLE GIRL IN MINNESOTA WHO HAS COME TO REALIZE HOW SPECIAL IT WAS TO PLAY WITH THE FIRST DOG. THANKS FOR SHARING!

SINCERELY, THE HARTMAN FAMILY

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B. CURRIE
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WASHINGTON

September 27, 2000

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INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL R. BERGER
CHARLES M. BRAIN

SUBJECT: Your Cartagena Trip Gives Pastrana Big Boost

Your visit to Colombia had a profound effect on the country, increasing public morale and confidence and giving President Pastrana a notable boost in the polls. His popularity soared from the low-20s to mid-40s, with over 70 percent viewing your visit as positive. Support for Plan Colombia increased to around 60 percent. Your visit provided a strong message of solidarity at a time of national despair and helped the Colombian people and the world understand our objectives in supporting Plan Colombia. Even the main opposition leader, Horacio Serpa, whom you greeted briefly at the lunch, complimented Pastrana publicly for the success of the visit. This is important because while we have strong bipartisan support at home for our assistance, Pastrana needs to build broader domestic support for Plan Colombia if it is to succeed.

Your trip also helped allay fears in neighboring countries that the United States is planning a major military initiative in the region, while stressing that we are mindful of the need to continue to support regional anti-drug efforts. At the South American Summit, hosted by Cardoso, the South American presidents endorsed Pastrana's program and his attempt to reach a peaceful resolution to the nation's decades-old conflict.

Pastrana is now focusing on the peace talks. He remains optimistic that a cease-fire is possible in the short term. After your visit, NSC staff met with his chief negotiator, Camilo Gomez, who noted that the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was surprised by your candor and clear expression that the United States does not intend to become

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

involved in fighting the insurgency. Gomez explained that while the FARC remain highly skeptical, their tone has changed. The FARC realize they cannot reject elements of Plan Colombia that promote alternative development -- as they have long claimed that they want better economic opportunities for poor peasants. They also cannot oppose fighting drug traffickers as they have stated that they oppose the drug trade and are not involved in it. Your visit served to highlight these inconsistencies and provide impetus to the negotiations.

On Pastrana's appeal that you become more involved in supporting the peace process, Gomez said that while direct U.S. involvement would likely be counter-productive, new ideas are welcome. We proposed helping to arrange meetings for both the FARC and National Liberation Army (ELN) with those who have successfully managed peace talks, whether in Guatemala, Northern Ireland, or the Middle East. Gomez liked the idea and asked that we explore it further.

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Regarding Pastrana's request that Cartagena be carved out of the State Department's travel advisory, State is examining whether this is possible. Our Bogota embassy is re-assessing the Cartagena security situation. There is considerable concern that declaring an area "safer" would actually make it a prime location for those looking for easy American targets. While kidnappings are fewer in the Cartagena area, we know that those who conduct them operate there. We will keep you apprised of the results of State's review, which we expect will be done within a month.

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Finally, on the Graham legislation that seeks to give Colombia CBI parity for a year, while prospects continue to be doubtful, there is some congressional interest in including the bill as part of the legislative endgame. A major impediment to this effort will be Chairman Bill Archer. We are working with the Speaker and other House Republicans to overcome this problem.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 2000

9-30-00

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Senator John Warner (R-VA)

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on floor*

DATE:

The call should be placed tonight, if at all possible.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Chuck Brain
Karen Tramontano
Joel Wiginton

PURPOSE:

To call Senator John Warner (R-VA) to urge him to include the Kennedy Hate Crimes amendment in the conference report to the Department of Defense Reauthorization bill.

BACKGROUND:

On June 20th, 2000, the Senate passed by a vote of 57 to 42, the Kennedy Hate Crimes bill as an amendment to the Department of Defense Reauthorization bill. Senator Warner opposed the amendment.

The amendment would expand the federal Hate Crimes law to include crimes committed because of the victim's gender, sexual orientation, or disability. In addition, the amendment would create a federal grant and technical assistance program under which states and municipalities could receive aid in their investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

On Sept. 13th, 2000, the House passed by a vote of 232 to 192, a motion to instruct conferees to include the Senate passed hate crimes language in the final version the DoD Reauthorization conference report.

The DoD conference has not yet been completed, and it is still unclear whether the Kennedy Hate Crimes amendment will be included in the conference report. There are numerous press reports, however, that Senator Warner, who is the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and of the conference, may now support inclusion of the amendment. Reportedly, Senator Warner has been deeply disturbed by the fatal shooting rampage that occurred in a "gay bar" in Roanoke, Virginia last Friday night. Police reports note that Ronald

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Edward Gay was upset about teasing because of his last name and opened fire on the bar patrons in retaliation. A man named Danny Lee was murdered and six other people in the tavern were wounded in the attack.

A press report quotes Senator Warner as saying, "have to tell you frankly, the horror of this crime has to influence my judgment when this thing is brought back up on the floor of the Senate. I don't think many people understood hate crime laws until this horrible crime occurred."

TALKING POINTS:

- I have read about the tragedy of the hate crime that occurred in Roanoke last week. I have also read the press reports of your reaction to this tragedy, and I share in your sorrow. That is why I think it is essential that this Hate Crimes bill be passed this year. We have to send a strong message that crimes committed solely because of the victim's race, sexual orientation, etc – such as the shooting in Roanoke – will not be tolerated.
- I know that as Chairman of the DoD Reauthorization conference it will be difficult for you to support the Hate Crimes amendment, but it's the right thing to do.
- The problem of hate crimes is not going away. The latest FBI hate crimes statistics released in October 1999, show that nearly 60,000 hate crime incidents have been reported since 1991. In addition, the FBI found that nearly 8,000 hate crime incidents were reported in 1998, that is nearly one hate crime every hour of every day. Finally, the FBI statistics demonstrate that hate crimes based upon the victim's sexual orientation are at an all time high. In 1998, there were 1,260 reported sexual orientation-based hate crimes, more than 1/7 of the total.
- The Kennedy bill is not a bill that would validate someone's sexual orientation. On the contrary, the bill does not address that issue at all. Rather, it simply stands for two propositions:
 - First, and most importantly, the bill supports the fundamental principle that those groups in our society who have suffered from discrimination and oppression cannot be forced to endure further harm at the hands of those who are motivated solely by their hatred of those groups.

- Second, the bill stands for equality. Of course, the purpose of the Hate Crimes law in general is to achieve equality between the majority and some minority groups. The Kennedy bill, however, stands for more than that; it stands for equality between those groups who have been historically disadvantaged. It violates the basic principles of fairness to say that we will protect you from hate crimes if you are Black or Jewish but not if you are a woman, disabled, or gay.
- Moreover, the bill is designed to assist local law enforcement and to keep hate crimes prosecution at the state level, if possible. The bill specifically provides for Justice Department grants of \$100,000 and technical assistance to go to local and state authorities.

**CONTACT PERSON:
AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER:**

Senator John Warner
h: 703-836-0321 (after 8:45pm)

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

September 28, 2000