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Black Church Group Hails Clinton As One of Its Own

By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Leaders of one of the nation's largest black churches saluted President Clinton on Wednesday as a "black man masquerading in a white body," who absorbed political blows for championing African-Americans.

"A lot of the blows that he took were because he would not forsake us," said Bishop Chandler Owens of the Church of God in Christ, speaking at the church's annual bishops conference.

Owens introduced Clinton after a succession of bishops in the 8-million member church hailed the president for defending affirmative action, intervening in Haiti and working to advance blacks.

"I told the president when he first got elected that he was a black man masquerading in a white body," Owens said, as Clinton roared with laughter. "The president is laughing, but evidently he believes that."

The bishops urged Clinton to keep working on their behalf after he leaves office next January, and a choir serenaded him with a rafter-rattling spiritual that brought the audience of 600 to its feet singing along with cries of affirmation.

"As long as there is breath in your body ... you will continue to fight for the dignity of America," said Bishop Felton Smith. "Please sir, don't quit."

Blacks were among Clinton's most unwavering supporters through the impeachment scandal that enveloped the president in the wake of his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"Mr. Clinton, we've prayed for you. Not only that, but we have spiritually walked with you and your administration. ... We will pray that God will continue to give you strength over all these relentless demons that continue to haunt you," said Bishop L.T. Haynes.

The bishops denounced current moves in Arkansas to strip Clinton of his law license.

Clinton, in his speech, sounded content with his legacy, despite the tarnish of scandal that tainted it.

"The scripture says ... in due season we shall reap. I have to admit, there were times when I thought the winters were too long and I thought we'd never get to the reaping part. But we have," he said.

He went on to recount economic and social gains during his administration.

"We are supposed to be serving, and if we take a hit now and again along the way, that's just part of the cost of doing service," he said.

But with his eye on the political ball, Clinton told the group the best way to extend his legacy would be to elect Democratic Vice President Al Gore to succeed him, and to elect first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and other Democrats to the U.S. Senate.

POTUS Q&A
September 27, 2000

FRY ELECTIONS

Kostunica has rejected the government's preliminary results and the call for a second round of voting. So what happens now?

- This was the opposition's decision to make. The Commission is by no means "independent." Given the lack of transparency in the government's numbers, we understand why the opposition chose to reject them.
- Even the government admits that Kostunica received substantially more votes than Milosevic. All credible reporting clearly shows that Kostunica got more than 50% of the votes cast. The government needs to acknowledge the will of the Serbian people.

What is the Administration going to do if Milosevic goes ahead with a second round regardless of the opposition's resistance?

- We should not underestimate the determination of the Serbian people to want a better future. They want democratic change and see a credible alternative to the disastrous policies of the current government. They want to be reintegrated into Europe. The sooner change comes to Serbia, the better. Together with our European allies, we are prepared to help with this transition. Milosevic is clearly standing in the way.

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Barak and Arafat met earlier this week. You've had a chance to talk with both of them this week as well. Are they any closer together? Are you close to putting forward an American plan to resolve this? Are you concerned that you will run out of time to reach an agreement?

- I'm pleased the Prime Minister and Chairman had a chance to meet. I've talked with both of them this week. Negotiators from both sides are here in Washington now. We'll see what progress is made.

- As I've said many times, these are complex issues that require difficult but necessary decisions to reach an agreement. Substantial differences still remain. All I really know is that the two leaders remain determined to try and reach an agreement. We will do what we can to help them narrow the gaps, but I've made no specific decision on how best to do that.
- The next few weeks will be critical. I don't know if we can get it done, but I remain ready to all I can to help.

MILITARY READINESS

The Joint Chiefs will be testifying today on the Hill about their concerns that military readiness is slipping. The Bush campaign has been very critical of your Administration, saying the military is in decline. Many retired general officers have come out endorsing Bush over Gore. Are you concerned about this criticism, including what appears to be a rejection of your defense program by the military itself? Is the military becoming too political?

- First of all, I do not believe this is a military in decline. The American military is the best trained, best equipped, most effective fighting force in the world. Our men and women have shown that time and again in Bosnia, in Kosovo, in Haiti and Iraq. You've heard Secretary Cohen make that same assessment.
- I have worked very closely with the Chiefs to enhance the quality of life for our personnel, keep our forces ready, and prepare for the future. In December 1998 we added \$112 billion to the next six years' defense budgets, the largest sustained increase in military spending in 15 years, reversing the decline in defense spending that occurred under previous Administrations. This represents six percent growth in real terms.
- For Fiscal Year 2001, we added another \$11.8 billion onto the defense budgets for those same six years. We have also increased procurement spending to \$60 billion annually, meeting the goal the Defense Department said was needed in the '97 Quadrennial Defense Review. But we didn't stop there. In addition to a financial commitment to provide new equipment, we also demonstrated the same commitment to our people, and gave them the largest pay raise in a generation.

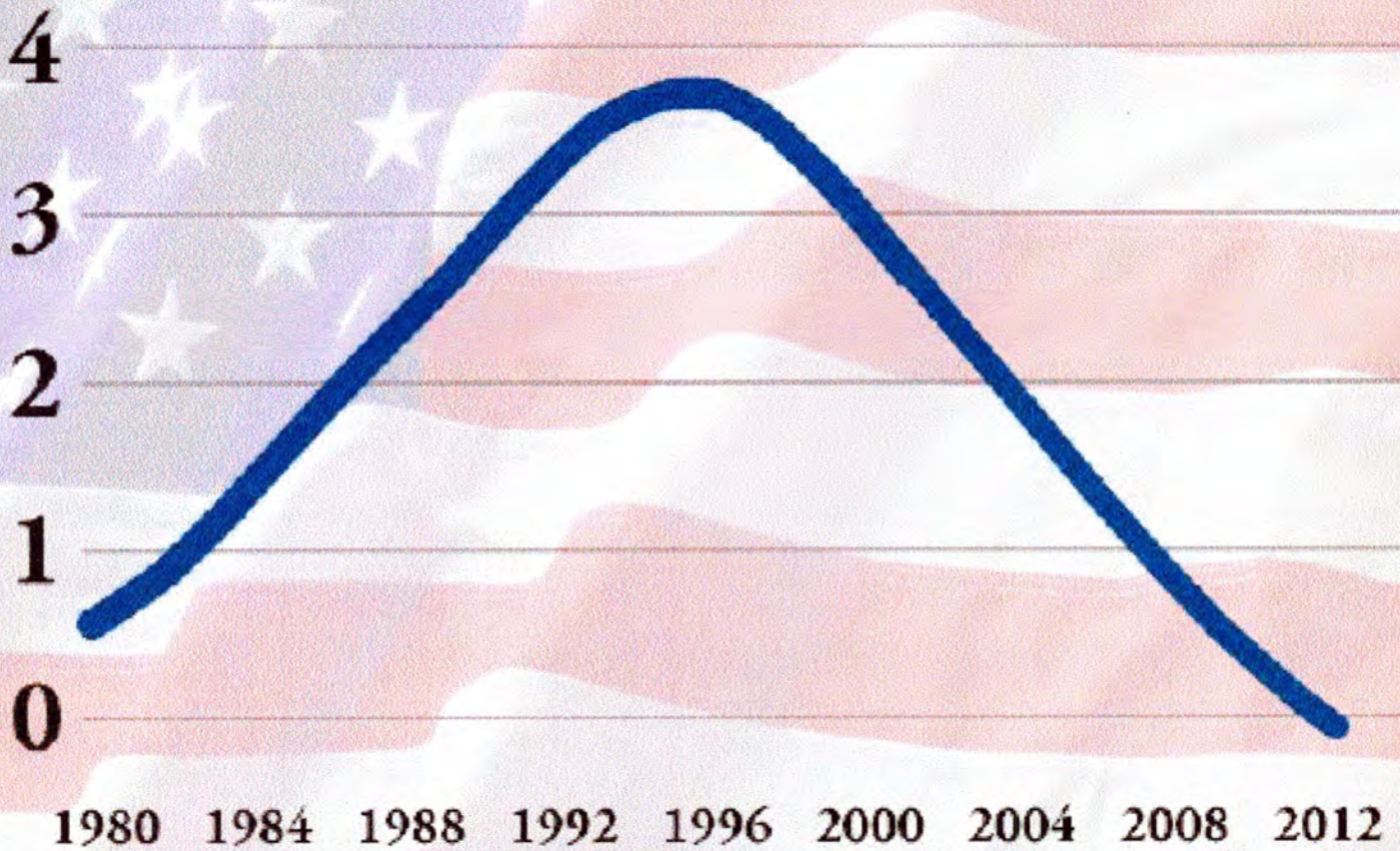
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- The Chiefs are concerned about the stresses that the current pace of operations places on our men and women in uniform. That has been one of my priorities, taking care of our military and their families. But, let's remember, the vast majority of the budget cuts and force structure reductions taken since the height of the Cold War (1985) came under previous Administrations.
- We are working to address the military's key needs. The Chiefs have an obligation to testify honestly about their assessment of military readiness. I am confident they will.

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See Mr. M. Trump

Mr. President - you may remember
we talked about Virginia in 1996. Please
don't let the party pass up an opportunity
again in 2000. The GOP support in Virginia
is a mile wide and an inch deep! We can
win there! Rich

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The President
FROM: Betty
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Kathy McClanahan sends copy of letter she received from **Abbey S. Meyers**, President of National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (**NORD**), about its efforts to gain support and get Congress to appropriate more for research on rare diseases.

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Ms. Kathy L McClanahan
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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?

Earlier this year NORD members, in an effort to bring our issues to these same politicians, asked Congress to appropriate just one dollar for every rare disease patient in the country; a miniscule request that would amount to a mere \$25 million for FDA's *Orphan Product Research Grant Program*. In 1999, Congress appropriated \$1,793 billion for AIDS/HIV research, \$475 million for breast cancer, \$269 million for heart disease, \$186 million for stroke, \$163 million for lung cancer, \$140 million for asthma, and \$132 million for Parkinson's disease, and only \$11.5 million for research on new treatments for all 6,000 rare "orphan diseases".

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?***

In response to our plea, Congress appropriated only \$1 million additional dollars for the orphan disease research program---a total of \$12.5 million to be shared by 6,000 diseases in FY 2001. NORD members were told to be grateful for this one million dollar increase, as Congress could have reduced the appropriation instead of increasing it!

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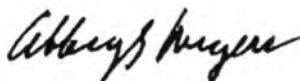
What can be done to show Congress that funding for rare disease research is just as important as celebrity led causes? It's all about numbers! By increasing the numbers of members that NORD represents, politicians will know how many voters NORD represents, how many people in their home district have 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.

What
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this

✓ Stanley K. Sheinbaum understands you were with his friend Steve Teitelbaum recently and described Stanley's long letter urging you to let him accompany you to Vietnam. After reading a copy of that letter, Steve sent him a letter, briefly telling his life story and concluding with his desire to accompany Stanley to Vietnam, if he goes. Have you set a date for the trip yet? He's on tenterhooks. Are you interested and ready to set a date for the Israel Policy Forum Dinner at which they want to honor you?

cc. Sandy Berger cc. n11
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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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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.

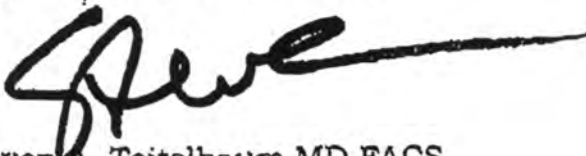
The point is that I would dearly love to go to Vietnam for the first time, and to do it with you, if you go. It wouldn't hurt for you to travel with a

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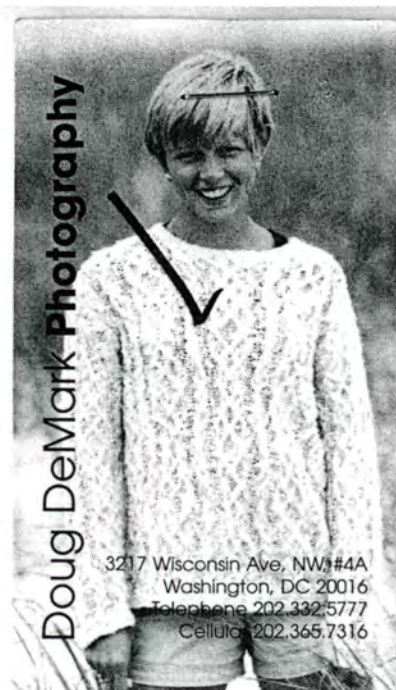
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doctuh; my medical degree is valid for 23 more months, and I could even get a rider on my malpractice policy to cover me in the Far East. A personal valet wouldn't hurt either. I've already asked Josef to adjust my training program at the gym, so that 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,



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Alexander Leiser called - re. project Bruce Stewart (Headmaster at Sidwell Friends is working on -

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Sen Dodd called

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September 25, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY HERNREICH
BETTY CURRIE

FROM: JUSTIN COOPER

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER LEESER - PHILOSOPHY OLYMPIAD

Alexander Leeser has contacted our office several times over the past month to request the participation of the President in 2 Philosophy Olympiad events during the spring of 2001. Philosophy Olympiad is an organization that brings together high school students and high profile thinkers to examine and derive solutions for fictitious and real life situations. Mr. Leeser is asking that the President to attend the events and serve as ceremonial co-chair for the events. Each faxed request from Mr. Leeser has been routed through the Staff Secretary and has ultimately been forwarded to scheduling and Carrie Street as a post-presidency request.

Based on a fax from Mr. Leeser the White House has received several requests for the Presidents participation, including a letter from Senator Kennedy's office. Mr. Leeser has also had contact with the White House Millennium office and Caroline Croft.

The first event is to be held at Harvard February 8th through 11th, the second event will take place in Philadelphia May 2nd through 6th. The conferences are officially titled the "American National Philosophy Olympiad" and "International Philosophy Olympiad". The main theme for the conferences is "From Violence to Tolerance: Toward Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy".

The faxes indicate that many individuals and organizations are supporting this effort. One name of note that has been included in the materials and in conversation (per BMC) is Bruce Stewart, the head master of Sidwell Friends.

I last spoke to Mr. Leeser just before and after the UN summit in New York, at which time he wished to set up a meeting between Secretary Kofi Annan and the President to discuss the Philosophy Olympiad. At that time we had not received any direct request from Secretary Anan's office. I did forward Mr. Leeser's information to Carrie Street in the scheduling office as background, in the case that further requests were made by Anan or Leeser for a meeting during the summit. In addition while I was in contact with the White House office in New York, I learned that Mr. Leeser was referencing my name in an attempt to gain a credential for the UN Summit.

In recent weeks Mr. Leeser has continued to fax information and updates on his project. To this point I have told him that the White House has not yet made any decisions on events that will take place post-presidency.

A collection of faxes from Alexander Leeser is attached.



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FROM: Nicole Schiegg

DATE: 9/30

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Per our discussion.

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U.S. SENATOR

United States Senate

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August 14, 2000

The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

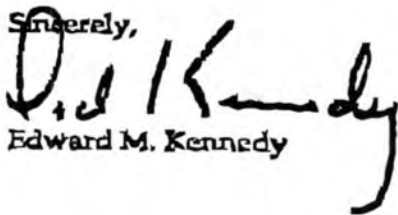
I am writing in regards to the International Philosophy Olympiad and the American National Olympiad, taking place next February and next May.

I believe this to be a strong initiative, and one that those of us who value education should support. These competitions give young people the opportunity to share their cultural differences through philosophy.

I am pleased to say that the International Philosophy Olympiad and the American National Olympiad have my strong support and I urge you to consider lending your support. I have enclosed detailed information explaining this project along with several other letters of support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy

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Dear Mr. Craft:

As you will see from the attached, this initiative was originally introduced to the White House by Senator Kennedy's Office. Since then, I have been in contact with Maureen Shea who has forwarded this matter to the office of Lloyd Conner.

Yesterday, I had occasion to speak with Secretary General Kofi Annan about this UNESCO initiative. He was very interested to learn of President Clinton's public involvement in the upcoming Olympic.

You will also note that I have asked Paul Clinton to serve as honorary chair of the K Olympic. Perhaps, Pres. Clinton and Secretary General Annan would consider co-chairing this event. I have attached a letter from me to you regarding this.

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Respectfully,
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Tu Weiming, Director

Edward J. Baker, Associate Director

June 2000

Dear Friends of the Philosophy Olympiad,

The Harvard-Yenching Institute is pleased to announce that we will host the American National Philosophy Olympiad to be held February 8-11, 2001 at Harvard.

This competition will give to young American high school students the opportunity to prepare essays on the theme From Violence to Tolérance: Towards Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy. The winners of this competition will then attend the International Philosophy Olympiad in May 2001.

American educators have begun to recognize the importance of introducing higher order thinking into the education of young students. I am encouraged by these initiatives to incorporate philosophy into the secondary school curriculum and for that reason I was among the first to join in the establishment of the American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad.

I ask everyone who shares my conviction that we must encourage an interest in philosophy among high school students to join me in enthusiastically supporting the American National Olympiad to be held at Harvard and the International Olympiad to be held in Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

Tu Weiming, Ph.D.

Director, The Harvard-Yenching Institute

Honorary Chair, American National Olympiad

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER

July 17, 2000

Mr. Alexander Leaser
3946 Jean Street
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Dear Mr. Leaser:

I am delighted to support the IX International Philosophy Olympiad to take place in Philadelphia beginning in May 2000, as well as the American National Olympiad to be held at Harvard in February 2001.

I consider most worthwhile the effort to introduce the history of philosophy and philosophical analysis into the thinking and perspective of all young people.

Sincerely,

Israel Scheffler (q.s.)

Israel Scheffler
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American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad

Alexander M. Leiser
President, International Philosophy Olympiad
Executive Director, American Committee of the IPO

30 August 2000

Dear President Clinton and Secretary General Annan:

In 1998, on the occasion of the World Congress of Philosophy, Dr. Katalin Havas, then president of the International Philosophy Olympiad, requested that I assemble an American delegation to attend the VII International Philosophy Olympiad that took place in Budapest in 1999.

Democracy constitutes the core principle of this initiative: Respect, tolerance, reconciliation and mutual understanding constitute the predilections that this initiative seeks to inculcate on a global scale.

A text that may well be the palimpsest of the global epoch, Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" testifies to the necessity of reflection, creative dialogue and imagination to a community that would acquiesce in peace and truth.

The religious and spiritual leaders who have assembled here at the Millennium World Peace Summit aver that a constructive, philosophical approach to religion and spirituality among the world's people is pre-requisite to peace. I believe that a constructive, philosophical approach to ethics, morality, history and politics signifies a *sin qua non* to the flourishing of human community in our time.

Therefore, I urge you both to unite in supporting the IX International Philosophy Olympiad, *From Violence to Tolerance: Towards Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy*.

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Leiser

American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad

Alexander M. Leoser
President, International Philosophy Olympiad
Executive Director, American Committee of the IPO

25 July 2000

The President of the United States
Washington, DC 20500

Sir:

It is a distinct honor, Mr. President, and a great privilege to address you concerning the IX International Philosophy Olympiad, *From Violence to Tolerance: Towards Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy*.

There is much for our nation's young people to contemplate in the theme of the upcoming Olympiad. We must pray that the character of American hegemony becomes so renowned for peace and reconciliation as in the past we have been famous for military and economic prowess.

The centrality of the Philosophical Olympiad initiative to the UNESCO Philosophy and Democracy in the World Project presents our nation with a strategic opportunity to affect a rapprochement between our nation and this important body of cultural diplomats. Your willingness to solemnize the IX International Philosophy Olympiad as honorary chair would have a most ennobling effect upon the occasion of this event in the United States.

I shall be sincerely honored to remain,

Respectfully



Alexander M. Leoser
President, International Philosophy Olympiad

The International Philosophy Olympiad for High School Students: Assisting in the Realization of a Philosophical Vision for Human Culture

Introduction:

The IX International Philosophy Olympiad, *From Violence to Tolerance: Towards Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy* will take place in Philadelphia beginning on May 2, 2001. This competition would be the first Olympiad to be officially sanctioned by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP). The American president of the Olympiad, Alexander Leiser, in conjunction with: Ioana Kucuradi, president of FISP, Richard Bett, Acting Executive Director of the American Philosophical Society, Tu Weiming, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and Ashok Gangadean, Chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium and Director of the Global Dialogue Institute are actively seeking support for this event from a variety of national governments, foundations, universities and societies.

The Institute for the Advancement of Secondary School Philosophy is also pleased to announce that the American National Olympiad will take place in Harvard University at the prestigious Yenching Institute.

History of the IPO:

The International Philosophy Olympiad for High School students (IPO) has been sponsoring competitions for almost ten years. IPO VIII was held in Muenster Germany in May of this year. Students who have been selected (usually on the basis of their performance in a national competition) to compete in the Olympiad are required to write an essay on a philosophical theme; they are not, however, permitted to write in their mother tongue but must write in one of the three official languages of the Olympiad: English, French or German. The top three essays are awarded cash and a variety of other prizes.

The IPO was initiated by a group of mostly Eastern European countries, namely: Bulgaria, Poland, and Turkey and Romania. Germany, Hungary, Argentina, Italy the United States and a host of other nations have since become involved in this competition. In 1998 the IPO was endorsed by a group of philosophers and educators who were convened at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. At that meeting the following statement was issued by UNESCO:

"We recognize and attest to the importance of philosophy for democracy. The manner in which philosophy should be integrated in education depends on cultural differences, differences in education systems and personal pedagogical choices."

The IPO offers students from countries around the world the opportunity to share their insights and perspectives on the state of world culture. The competition itself consists in a four-hour essay which each student writes on one of the four topics that have been selected by the representatives of the Federation of International Philosophical Societies.

The IPO and Philosophy's Millennial Mission:

The theme of the World Congress of Philosophy: *Paidea: Philosophy Educating Humanity*, served as a critical platform for discussions concerning the role of philosophy in establishing a healthy and secure foundation for human civilization as we move into the global epoch. Programs designed to involve philosophy in the education of children were prominently featured at the World Congress; indeed this theme was recognized as one of the most critical topics of discussion among philosophers who gathered in Boston for the World Congress.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the *Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Philosophiques (FISP)* approached the IPO in 1999 with a proposal to have the competition sanctioned and supported by their organization. A set of regulations that will make possible official cooperation between FISP and the IPO was agreed upon by the IPO's founding committee and, pending the assent of FISP's steering committee scheduled to meet in August, will be in place for the competition scheduled for next May. Therefore, the competition scheduled for May 2001 will be the first to take place under the auspices of FISP. This partnership with FISP represents a major development in the history of this competition:

- IPO will now have organizational ties and access to the leading national organizations in countries around the world.
- FISP's oversight and regulation of the competition opens the way for the IPO to advance its mission of promoting the study of philosophy among high school students; in particular, students who score within a given range might be offered academic credit in philosophy, which, for American students, is not possible at present since no Advanced Placement test is offered in philosophy.

Summary:

- The International Philosophy Olympiad (IPO) is a competition for high school students that, pending the agreement of the steering committee, will be sanctioned by The *Fédération Des Sociétés Philosophiques (FISP)*.
- IPO IX: *From Violence to Tolerance: Towards Reconciliation, Peace and Global Democracy* will be held in Philadelphia from May 2-6, 2001
- In addition to FISP, IPO IX will be supported by the Greater Philadelphia Consortium of Philosophy; the American Philosophical Association, the Global Dialogue Institute and the American Committee of the IPO which consists of the following members: Ashok Gangadharan (Haverford College), Jitendra Mohanty (Temple), John Searle (Berkeley), Ernest Sosa (Brown), Sandra Stotsky (Harvard), Bas Van Fraassen (Princeton), Tu Weiming (Harvard), Arnold Wilson (University of Cincinnati), Mark Miles (CEO, Association of Tennis Professionals), Richard Bett (Acting Executive Director, American Philosophical Association), Robert Solomon and Ioanna Kucaradi (President of FISP). The ACIPO is also being assisted by the Global Dialogue Institute that is co-chaired by former Assistant Secretary of the UN, Dr. Robert Muller, and theologian Dr. Ewart Cousins.

For further information about the Harvard-Yenching American National Olympiad or the International Philosophy Olympiad contact:

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American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad

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Draft of Letter to American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad

21 July 2000

Subject: American National Olympiad (February 8-11, 2001)
International Philosophy Olympiad (May 2-5, 2001)

As you will note in reading the attached documents, there have been several important developments in this initiative since I brought it to your attention in 1998. Professors Ioanna Kuçaradi and David Evans were present at the Olympiad that was held in Munster Germany in May of last year, and an agreement was reached between the IPO and FISF. According to this agreement, FISF will officiate, sanction and, in conjunction with UNESCO, will promote future Olympiads. The executive committee of the IPO accepted this proposal and we expect that this arrangement will be approved at the meeting of FISF's steering committee, that is scheduled to take place next month in Mongolia.

Given that the American Committee will sponsor the upcoming Olympiad, Prof. Kuçaradi will represent FISF on the committee. Prof. Richard Bett, Acting Executive Director of the American Philosophical Association, is now a member of the American Committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad; in a letter addressed to Prof. Tu Weiming, director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, Prof. Bett avers that the American Philosophical Association is "very supportive of the IPO." Mark Miles, who presided over the Pan American Games, and is, at present, the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Tennis Professionals, has joined the committee and has been of great assistance to this project. I expect that Prof. Richard Bernstein will also be joining our committee.

You may also glean from the attached that Prof. Tu Weiming has agreed to be the honorary chair of the American National Olympiad that will be held in Harvard University at the Yenching Institute. I am profoundly grateful to Prof. Tu; his immediate enthusiasm for this initiative catalyzed the formation of the American Committee; indeed, on behalf of the executive committee of the IPO, I feel compelled to express my sincere gratitude for your interest in this program. I believe that this initiative grasps the

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fundamental purport of the theme of the last World Congress. Uruguay, for example, is holding its National Olympiad this weekend and expects to have more than 150 students participate in the event. I am in contact with a Russian philosopher who is Head of the Department of culturelogy in Petrozavodsk State University. His University has been organizing secondary school Olympiads in Russia for several years. He was slated to be asked to participate in the International Philosophy Olympiad that will be hosted next year by the United States. The support of such accomplished and distinguished committees brings great honor to the young delegates, their teachers, and their countries. In turn, the brilliance, energy, and vision of young people who will gather in Cambridge and Philadelphia next year disclose the seminal, noetic forces that must necessarily shape the art and science of philosophical discourse if it is to be a living concern.

On behalf of the executive committee of the International Philosophy Olympiad I iterate my gratitude for your support. Of course, we would be deeply honored to have as many of you present at the Olympiads as possible. Therefore, I hereby extend an invitation to all of you to attend either or both of the Olympiads.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Leiser

Cc: Bruce Stewart: Headmaster, Sidwell Friends School
J.D.G. Evans: FISP
Richard Bett: American Philosophical Association / ACIPO
Ianna Kuearedi: Federation of International Philosophical Societies / ACIPO
Jitendra Mohanty: Temple University / ACIPO
Ashok Gangadean: Global Dialogue Institute / ACIPO
John Searle: University of California, Berkeley / ACIPO
Seiji Ozawa: Music Director, Boston Symphony Orchestra
John Coplon: Music Director, Cologne and Paris National Opera
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Arnold Willson: Executive Editor, *Teaching Philosophy* / ACIPO
Sandra Stotsky: Chair of Massachusetts State Board of Education / ACIPO
Mark Miles: CEO, Association of Tennis Professionals / ACIPO
Judith Rodin: President, University of Pennsylvania
Richard Bernstein: Haverford College
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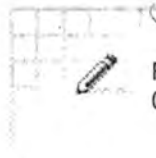
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To: Nancy V. Hernreich/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Douglas J. Band/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: thought the president might appreciate this

it's a note from the author bob wright, whose book the president has discussed quite a bit recently. he's very happy as you can see below.

----- Forwarded by Richard L. Siewert/WHO/EOP on 09/18/2000 07:02 PM -----



Bob Wright <wright@clark.net>
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To: Richard L. Siewert/WHO/EOP
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Subject: Re: note from jake siewert

Jake--

Thanks so much. You made my weekend. I had heard from someone present at a fundraiser about 10 days ago that he'd mentioned the book, but I didn't know about this recent flurry of mentions until I got your e-mail. Whatever you do, don't stop him!

You have no idea how gratifying it is--after working hard on a book and then having to swallow the usual number of unappreciative reviews--to get this kind of affirmation from on high. BTW, he has done a more accurate job of summarizing my thesis than many reviewers.

Thanks again. And congrats on your new job.

--Bob

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----- Original Message -----

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From: <Richard_L._Siewert@who.eop.gov>
To: <wright@clark.net>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2000 3:36 PM
Subject: note from jake siewert

> bob -- hope life is treating you well. the president has been
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> flacking your book at all available opportunities. check out the
web-site,
> but here's a sample from remarks yesterday:
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> "And I'll just close with this. There is a fascinating book out that I
> just read by a man
> named Robert Wright, called "Nonzero." He wrote an earlier book called
> "The Moral Animal,"
> which some of you may have read. This whole book is about, is all this
> stuff that is
> happening in science and technology, on balance, good or bad, and are the
> dark
> scenarios going to prevail, or is there some other way?
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> The argument of the book, from which it gets its title, is basically
an
> attempt to
> historically validate something Martin Luther King once said, "The arc of
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> is long, but it bends toward justice." It's pretty hard to make that
case,
> arguably,
> when you look at what happened with World War I, with Nazi Germany and
> World War II,
> with the highly sophisticated oppressive systems of communism. But that's
> the argument
> of this book, that the arc of history is long, but it bends toward
justice.
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> The argument is that the more complex societies grow, and the more
> interconnected we all get, the more interdependent we become, the more
> we have to look for nonzero sum solutions. That is, solutions in which
> we all win, instead of solutions in which I win at your expense.
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> It's not a naive book. He says, hey look, there's still going to
> be an election for President. One person wins, one person loses.
> There's still going to be choices for who wins the company or who gets
> the pulpit. (Laughter.) There will be choices. It's not a naive book.
> But he says that, on balance, great organizations and great societies
> will have to increasingly look for ways for everyone to win, in an
> atmosphere of principle compromise, based on shared values, maximizing
> the tools at hand. Otherwise, you can't continue -- societies cannot
> continue to grow both more complex and more interdependent.
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> So I leave you with that thought, and whatever it might mean for
> you, in trying to reconcile your faith with the realities of modern

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Hispanic Education Action Plan

The increased funding for the Hispanic Education Action Plan (HEAP) in FY2000 had a substantial impact on Latino education because it improved the delivery of education programs and services directed toward the community. However, the future success of HEAP will require funding levels to keep up with the growing number of Hispanic students attending our nation's public schools and universities. In addition, it will also require a concerted effort by the Department of Education to ensure that the funds reach the Latino community as intended. We believe this gives the Administration the leverage necessary to leave a lasting, positive legacy on Hispanic education. That is why we strongly encourage you to include funding for HEAP programs as noted below.

We also strongly oppose, and urge the Administration's continued opposition to, any block grant proposal that would effectively eliminate programs created to serve the most disadvantaged students.

Finally, funding for Hispanic Serving Institutions, or HSIs, has historically been unrepresentative of the number of Hispanic students attending those institutions. *That is why we urge you to insist on the House funding level of \$68.5 million for HSIs.* Hispanic enrollment in postsecondary education increased almost 50 percent in just six years – from about 782,000 in 1990 to almost 1.3 million in 1996. And yet, HSI funding has increased only incrementally, if at all, over that same period. More than 40 percent of all Hispanic students are enrolled at HSIs, and those numbers are still sky-rocketing. Increased funding for HSIs will ensure that as the pool of potential Hispanic college students increases, so do the resources for student recruitment and retention, faculty development, and building or renovating HSI facilities. \$75 million will allow HSIs to remain instrumental in providing advanced degrees and improved professional opportunities to record numbers of Hispanic students.

The HEAP programs for which we seek your support are listed below:

- ***Hispanic-Serving Institutions – \$68.5 million (House);***
- Title I Grants \$ 8.3 billion (Administration);
- Adult Education – \$ 635 million (Administration/CHC);
- Bilingual Education – \$ 320 million (Administration/CHC);
- Migrant HEP/CAMP – \$ 30 million (House/Senate/Administration/CHC), ***including provisions that establish a migrant record transfer system and require inclusion of migrant students in school accountability systems;***
- Migrant Title I – \$ 430 million (Administration/CHC), including \$181.5 million for Immigrant Education;
- TRIO – \$ 760 million (House); and
- GEAR UP – \$ 325 million (Administration).

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AS OF FRIDAY, SEPT. 15TH

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Hispanic Serving Institutions (Title V of HEA)

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Bilingual Education (Title VII of ESEA)

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Migrant Education HEP/CAMP

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Migrant Education Programs (Title I of ESEA)

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September 14, 2000

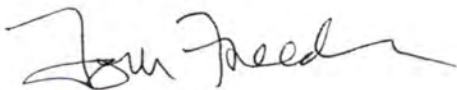
Dear Mr. President,

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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MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



I am delighted to welcome the China Disabled Persons' Federation Performing Arts Troupe to the United States.

The performing arts have the power to evoke in each of us a deeper understanding of our lives and of the world around us. They encourage independence, enhance our sense of self-worth, and provide an avenue for all people to learn and develop creative talents and skills. And, perhaps most important, the arts give us the power to transcend barriers of language, culture, race, and disability, allowing us to understand and appreciate humankind's diversity as well as the goals and values we share.

The talented artists and performers of this extraordinary troupe reflect both the capabilities of people with disabilities and the tremendous benefits we all gain from their full participation in our society. They also challenge us to recognize outmoded stereotypes and destructive attitudes that too often hinder citizens with disabilities in the quest to reach their full potential.

I thank all those participating in the China Disabled Persons' Federation Performing Arts Troupe for their role in building bridges of understanding among the peoples of the world and in strengthening the depth and breadth of U.S.-China relations. Best wishes for a wonderful visit to the United States.

A handwritten signature of Bill Clinton in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bill Clinton

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



One tenth of the world's population are people with disabilities. They are entitled to human dignity, rights, and have value, possessing the desire and ability to participate in social life. They too are equal in the creation of both material and spiritual wealth for mankind.

Special art is a new flower blossoming in the garden of human arts. It is also a living demonstration of the love of life and artistic pursuits of people with disabilities.

The artistic creativity of the China Disabled People's Performing Arts Troupe is, in one respect, a reflection of the strong determination and perseverance of the Chinese nation and the strong willpower of the world's people with disabilities in creating life. Such a spirit of bravely pursuing and creating a better life should be followed by all human beings.

I hope that the performances of the China Disabled People's Performing Arts Troupe in the United States becomes a tour of the arts presenting Chinese culture and a tour of friendship across the Pacific.

I wish these performances in the United States every success!

A handwritten signature in Chinese characters, '江泽民' (Jiang Zemin), written in a bold, expressive cursive style.

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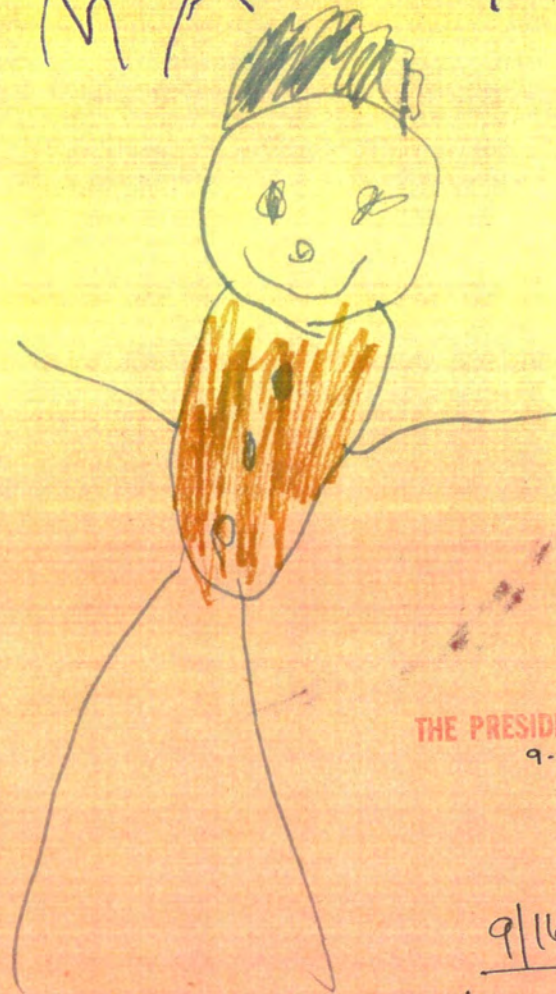
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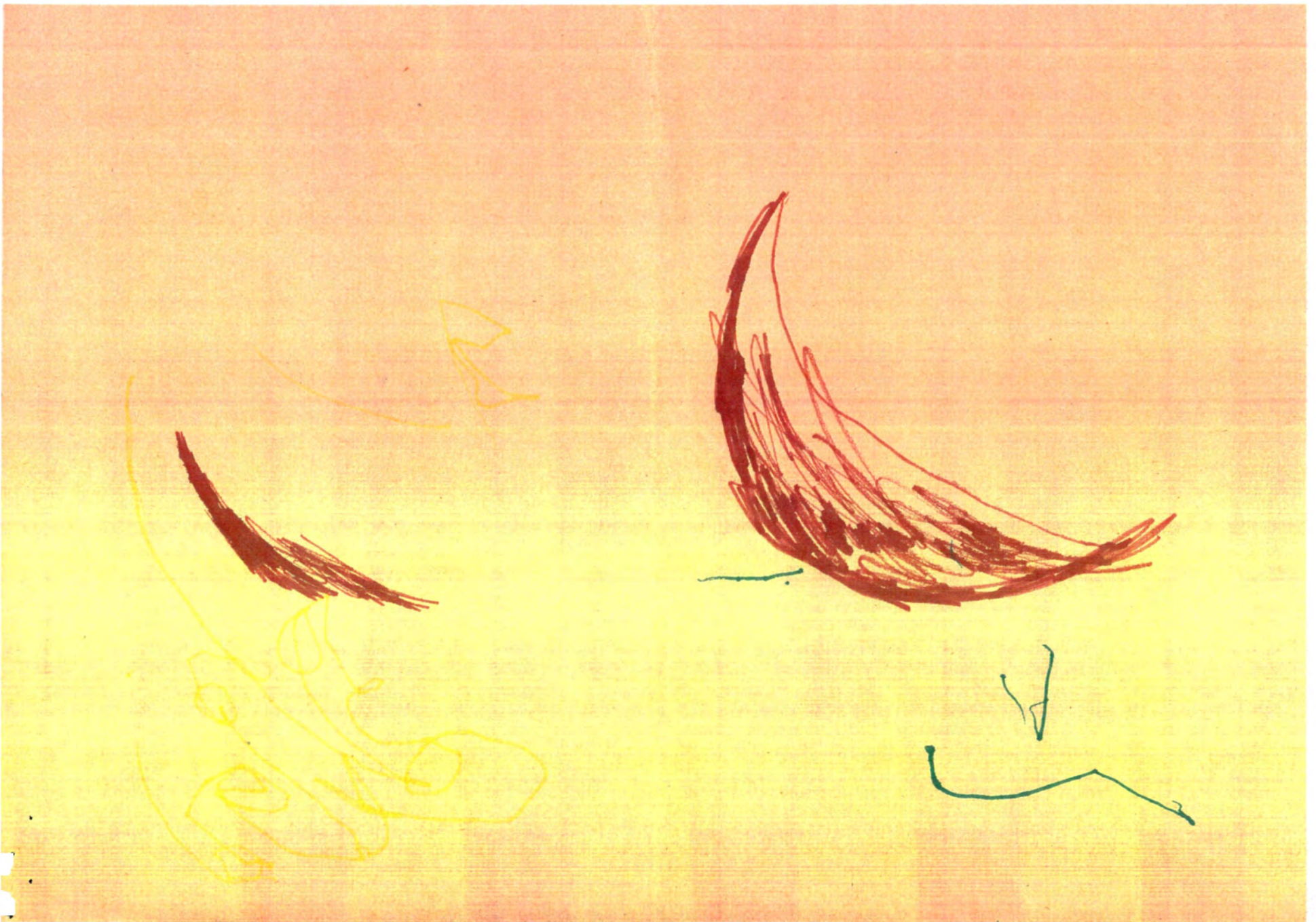
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United States
House of Representatives

Sept. 21, 2000

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H-2A Agricultural Guestworker Proposals

Background: Grower organizations want to replace the current agricultural guestworker program known as the H-2A program with a new program that has lower standards for wages and working conditions. The current program allows for an unlimited number of workers provided the grower has attempted to recruit US workers and agrees to labor standards that require wages to be at least equal to the average farm worker wage in a state, free housing and transportation. While the growers continue to criticize the program, usage of the H-2A program has grown from 13,700 in FY 95 to 38,000 in FY 2000. The agricultural workforce is approximately 1.8 million.

On May 27, 1999 the Congressional Hispanic Caucus wrote to you thanking you for your support during the 105th Congress to defeat guestworker legislation and to "reiterate our opposition in the strongest possible terms to any effort to expand the current h-2A/guestworker program." LULAC, NCLR, United Farmworkers, AFL-CIO, the Catholic Conference and the Farmworker Justice Fund are all strongly opposed to the legislation.

The Speaker has indicated that he wants to move forward with Representative Pombo's (R-CA) guestworker legislation (HR 4548) this session and that this issue is a priority for their caucus. The House Judiciary Committee marked up the Pombo bill last week and is threatening to bring the bill to the House floor soon. If so, we expect it to pass by a healthy (but not veto-proof) margin. In the past the Majority has not been united on this issue most notably members like Congressman Gallegly (R-CA) has opposed the legislation particularly provisions that remove the housing requirement.

The Administrations 2000 and 2001 budget has included \$10 million to establish a electronic worker registry to assist growers to recruit US workers. However, neither the House nor Senate has funded the proposal. DOL and the INS have proposed eliminating INS involvement in the current program; however, an appropriations rider by Senator Craig has stalled this proposal.

Talking Point:

- I continue to discourage legislation that would create new "bracero" programs principally because they reduce standards for wages and working conditions. My Administration has recently reiterated our veto threat on H2A legislation in a June 2000 letter from Secretary Herman and a September 13, 2000 letter from OMB Director Jack Lew in regard to the Pombo bill, HR 4845.

Relief for Aliens who have committed certain criminal offenses

Background: The Administration and many Members of the CHC have advocated immigration relief for long-term permanent residents who have committed certain criminal offenses. This would remedy some of the harsh effects of the 1996 immigration and anti-terrorism laws. Chairmen Hyde (R-IL), McCollom (R-FL), and Lamar Smith (R-TX), along with Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), have introduced a bill that helps immigrants who committed crimes before 1996. We support the goals of this bill, but believe it does not go far enough to ameliorate the harsh effects of 1996 law.

Talking Points:

- This bill is a good first step to helping immigrants adversely affected by the 1996 immigration laws. I wish the House Republicans had agreed to more.
- Thank you for all of your hard work on this issue. We will continue to push for these reforms.

Southwest border vigilantes

Background: The CHC is very concerned about vigilantes along the U.S.-Mexico border, particularly in Arizona who have been accused of rounding up illegal Immigrants after they cross the border. The CHC believes DOJ should prosecute these vigilantes for civil rights violations. DOJ's civil rights Division has looked into the allegations and has not found evidence of any Federal civil rights violations however the DOJ and the U.S. (INS) are working with the local community to address these issues. This issue is particularly important to representative Pastor (D-AZ).

Talking point:

- I share your concern about the conduct of these Ranchers and we will continue to monitor this situation closely and Understand that the attorney general, the deputy attorney general, the U.S. Attorney and INS are working with the state and local government and community to reduce tensions and to prevent future acts of vigilantism.

Naturalization Backlogs

Background: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) continues to make steady progress in the number of immigration benefit applications completed during the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2000. At the end of the third quarter, the agency is on track to complete 1.3 million naturalization applications and reduce the national average projected processing time to approximately six months to nine months by the end of FY 2000. The INS is also confident that by extending initiatives implemented last fiscal year to boost naturalization production, the agency will be able to achieve its goal of completing 500,000 adjustment of status applications in FY 2000. The INS expects to end FY 2000 with a national average projected processing time of less than 24 months for adjustment of status, down dramatically from 36 months at the end of the first quarter, FY 2000.

Talking Point:

- I want to get the backlogs down just as much as you do. I think INS has made some terrific progress on the naturalization backlog, and I am hopeful that the adjustment of status backlogs will soon decrease. I put \$43 million in my budget to reduce the backlogs. I hope you will help us ensure this money stays in the final budget.

Ramparts

Background: There have been allegations that officers assigned to the anti-gang unit of the Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart Division, in east Los Angeles, California have brutalized, stolen property from, and planted evidence on arrestees, during the period of 1995-1998. The

Department of Justice (DOJ) is conducting an investigation to determine whether these allegations constitute prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights laws.

On the civil side, the DOJ has notified the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) of its intent to bring a civil action alleging a pattern or practice of police misconduct. Since that notice was given, DOJ has been engaged in constructive conversations with the LAPD and city leadership in the hopes of coming to a settlement in the near future.

Representatives Becerra and Roybal-Allard have been very involved in this issue.

Talking Point:

- I appreciate your concern, and I know that the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice has opened an investigation. Unfortunately, because this investigation is still open, I cannot comment on it.

HEALTH/NUTRITION

Disability and Health

Background: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Noncitizen Benefit Clarification and Other Technical Amendments Act of 1998 invested \$11.5 billion to restore disability and health benefits to 380,000 legal immigrants who were in this country before welfare reform became law (August 22, 1996). Your FY 2001 budget proposed to restore eligibility for SSI and Medicaid to legal immigrants who enter the country after that date if they have been in the United States for five years and become disabled after entering the United States. This proposal will cost approximately \$1.2 billion and assist an estimated 53,000 legal immigrants by 2005, about half of whom would be elderly.

Uninsured Hispanics

Background: The CHC has become increasingly focused on the high rate of Hispanics without health insurance. In 1998, of the 44 million uninsured Americans, Hispanics constituted 25 percent of the total uninsured population -- nearly 11 million people. 37 percent of Hispanics are uninsured and Hispanic children account for 31 percent of the 12 million uninsured children.

The Administration has worked to reach more Hispanic children and children of legal immigrants through CHIP and to eliminate unnecessary barriers to providing more children with healthcare services.

In an attempt to reach more Latino children through the CHIP and Medicaid programs, the Administration's FY 2001 budget makes it easier for children to enroll in health programs by expanding so-called "presumptive eligibility" options for States to sign up children for coverage at organizations such as child care centers and health clinics, and by aligning Medicaid and CHIP eligibility through the use of common application and verification processes, such as mail-in applications and the elimination of asset tests.

One of the most significant efforts the Administration took to clarify the availability of benefits within Hispanic and immigrant communities was last year's publication of guidance on the public charge issue. The Department of Justice has established a regulation to assure families that enrolling in Medicaid or the new CHIP program and receiving other critical benefits, such as school lunch and childcare services, will not affect their immigration status. The new policy clarifies a widespread misconception that has deterred eligible populations from enrolling in these programs and undermined the nation's public health.

Talking Points:

- We remain very concerned about the millions of eligible children who remain unenrolled in CHIP and Medicaid. A significant percentage of the 12 million uninsured children in America could be covered under either program.
- We will continue to seek and develop strategies to address the problem particularly in Hispanic and other minority communities.

- We will work to enact Medicaid and CHIP health care restorations for legal immigrant children and pregnant women in this year's budget negotiations.

Health Disparities and HIV/AIDS

Background: Hispanic Americans suffer disproportionately from HIV/AIDS and diabetes. In 1999, Latinos accounted for 19 percent of new AIDS cases. In 1988, HIV/AIDS was the 3rd leading cause of death for men, and 4th leading cause for women between the ages of twenty-five and forty-four. The prevalence of diabetes in Hispanics is nearly double that of whites. The Administration has made health disparities a national priority through multiple HHS programs:

Minority Health Disparities: The FY 2001 budget requests \$35 million for CDC-funded demonstration projects specifically targeted at health disparities in multiple disease areas including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, immunizations, infant mortality and prostate cancer. In addition, the budget includes \$51 million for CDC's diabetes prevention activities, some of which will help address this disease in minority communities. The budget requests a \$50 million increase for Community Health Centers whose patient population is 22% Hispanic; this includes funds for Migrant Health which provides family-based primary and preventive health services to migrant and seasonal farm workers, of which roughly 80% are Latino. AHRQ will continue to fund \$8 million in health services research on minority populations.

There is a specific focus on HIV/AIDS among Hispanics in the Minority AIDS Initiative. This initiative has the strong support of the Administration since its announcement in October of 1998.

Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities: The President's FY 2001 Budget includes \$274 million for this Initiative, an increase of \$23.2 million (8.5 percent). This was first funded by Congress in FY 1999 as an emergency appropriation to combat the growing AIDS crisis in minority communities.

US-Mexico Border Health Commission

Background: In July of this year, U.S. Secretary of Health And Human Services, Donna Shalala and Mexico Minister of Health Jose Antonio Gonzalez Fernandez signed the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission agreement. The commission will serve as a forum to discuss shared health concerns and find ways to improve the health status of people living along the border. The primary goals of the Commission are to: (1) institutionalize a domestic focus on border health, which can transcend political changes, and (2) create an effective venue for binational discussions to address public health issues and problems which effect the U.S.-Mexico border population.

On Dec. 15, 1999, you appointed the members of the U.S. section. They are: Amanda Aquirre, Jeffrey Brandon, Carlos Rene Gonzalez, Rosemarie Marshall Johnson, Laurance N. Nickey, Blair Sadler, Catherine Torres, Paul Villas, and the principal state health officials from the four U.S. border states: William Reynolds Archer (Texas), Diana M. Bontá (California), Catherine R. Eden (Arizona), and J. Alex Valdez (New Mexico).

EDUCATION

GEAR UP

Background: The GEAR UP program is particularly popular with the Hispanic community. GEAR UP supports partnerships of colleges and middle schools to provide academic enrichment, involve families and communities, and mentor and raise the expectations of at-risk students. These strategies are important to help close the achievement gap for Latino students, and Hispanics have done well in the first two GEAR UP competitions. Hispanic-Serving Institutions received 10 of the 73 GEAR UP grants you announced on Tuesday, September 12 and other HSIs and Hispanic organizations (such as Aspira and LULAC) are partners in additional GEAR UP grants.

Talking Points:

- We will fight for all the education funding in your FY 2001 budget request, including elements of the Hispanic Education Action Plan. We will need the help of the CHC and its constituents.
- We appreciate the leadership and commitment of CHC Members to other critical aspects of our education agenda that will benefit all children, namely reducing class size, and modernizing our schools, and expanding after school programs. I will continue the fight.

White House Strategy Session on Improving Hispanic Student Achievement

Background: Several members of the Hispanic Caucus helped to plan and attended your White House Strategy Session on Improving Hispanic Student Achievement. The opening session included chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard, along with Vice President Gore (via satellite), Secretary Riley, and California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamonte. Following the opening, each participant attended a small discussion session. Chairs for these sessions included Representatives Ruben Hinojosa, Joe Baca, Carlos Romero-Barcelo and Secretary Louis Caldera. In the afternoon, you lead an interactive "roundtable" discussion with fifteen individuals representing the education, nonprofit, business, and policymaking communities, including Representative Hinojosa, Senator Bingaman, Secretary Riley, Governor Glendening, and Guillermo Linares, the chair of your commission on Hispanic Education. At that conference, you set five national goals for the year 2010: (1) enrolling young Latino children in quality early childhood programs at the same rate as other Americans; (2) ensuring that every Hispanic high school graduate is proficient in English; (3) eliminating the achievement gap on assessments; (4) ensuring 90 percent of Latino students complete high school; and (5) doubling the percentage of Hispanic students who earn college degrees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There are three major economic development issues that the Caucus is likely to raise: New Markets, Digital Divide and the Southwest Border Regional Economic Development Initiative.

New Markets

Background: The House passed the New Markets package 394-27 on July 25. The CHC members were supportive. The package includes: *New Markets Initiative* (New Markets Tax credit for investors, America's Private Investment Companies and New Market Venture Capital firms, modeled after SBA and OPIC's equity funds.) *Empowerment Zones* (creating 9 new zones, standardizing all the incentives, adding capital gains reductions, and \$200 million in discretionary spending.) *Renewal Communities* (40 competitively selected communities, with similar tax incentives as EZs, but a lower wage credit and 0 percent capital gains rate.) *Low Income Housing Tax Credit and Private Activity Bond Cap*, and *"Charitable Choice" for SAMHSA drug counseling programs at HHS*.

Talking Points:

- We appreciate the commitment of the Caucus to your New Markets proposal. We especially appreciate the fact that Members of the CHC (Becerra, Pastor, Sanchez) participated in your New Market trips
- We also appreciate the leadership shown by Rep. Nydia Velazquez with respect to the Small Business legislative piece of New Markets Initiative.
- There is no guarantee that the Senate will be able to bring this legislation to the floor as a stand alone bill and we should, therefore, continue to explore both a stand-alone bill and the possibility of adding the New Markets Initiative to the Reconciliation bill, Minimum Wage, or some other measure.

We can remind the Caucus of the great progress your Administration and the Caucus have made together in improving the economic well-being of Hispanic families and their businesses:

- The income of the typical Hispanic household has risen by nearly 16 percent over the past three years.
- The Hispanic poverty rate has dropped to its lowest level since 1979.
- The Hispanic unemployment rate is the lowest in history.
- There are a million new Hispanic homeowners since 1994

Digital Divide

Background: One of your major priorities has been to bridge the digital divide and create digital opportunity for all Americans. Access to computers and the Internet, and more importantly, the skills needed to use it, are becoming increasingly important to full participation in America's economic, political and social life. Currently, there is a digital divide along income and education levels, 47 percent of white households have computers, compared to 26 percent of Hispanic households.

In your FY2001 budget, you have proposed \$2 billion in tax incentives over 10 years, and \$370 million in investments, including \$100 million to create 1,000 new Community Technology Centers, \$150 million to train all new teachers to use technology, and \$50 million to provide home access to the Internet for low-income families. Republicans have proposed scaling back many of these initiatives, and have not provided any funding for the home access initiative.

Talking points:

- I want to thank the Congressional Hispanic Caucus for your support of the digital divide initiatives that we have proposed.
- We need to make sure that every American has an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the Information Age -- access to distance learning, the ability to compete for high-tech jobs, more frequent communication between parents and teachers.

Southwest Border Regional Economic Development Initiative

Background: The Southwest Border Task Force, created by Executive Order on May 25, 1999, has been charged with taking a closer look at the ways in which federal agencies can cooperate with state and local authorities, community organizations and the business community to revitalize the Southwest Border by strengthening the region's economic, social and physical infrastructure.

Last fall, the Task Force produced a report (the Interim Report) that for the first time catalogued all federal programs and projects targeting the border. Via six public forums and a number of other venues, the Task Force has made a concerted effort to reach out to the citizens of the border, including community leaders, industry and elected officials, and members of Congress, to solicit their input on how the Task Force can best achieve its goals.

A pilot program to encourage a coordinated federal response to the needs of highly distressed border communities was developed. The Task Force's first annual report, *Empowering Southwest Border Communities to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century*, is highlighted by 16 new initiatives designed by federal agencies to improve access to capital, foster small business development, promote financial literacy, improve living conditions, provide enhanced technical assistance to rural communities, address transportation needs, and develop new energy technologies and sources along the border. These new initiatives are coupled with four recommendations to the White House and 65 additional recommendations for continued and expanded support to current programs that impact the border.

The Task Force is convening a Southwest Border conference on September 20th in order to give a status report on the new Task Force initiatives and initiate the development of a comprehensive strategic plan for the entire border region.

Talking Points:

- For the past sixteen months, the Southwest Border Task Force has been looking closely at the ways in which federal agencies can cooperate with state and local authorities, community

organizations and the business community to revitalize the Southwest Border by strengthening the region's economic, social and physical infrastructure.

- The recommendations and initiatives developed by the Task Force over the past year should not be viewed as a panacea for all of the border's problems. They represent the first step in a three-year effort to assess the region's needs and develop a comprehensive strategy to foster economic regeneration along our 2,000-mile border with Mexico.
- The Task Force will continue to meet regularly to review new options and assess the effectiveness of current programs and initiatives targeted at the border because our mission is very important – not only to the 12 million people who call the Southwest Border home but also to our entire nation. It is a crucial part of this Administration's efforts to widen the circle of economic opportunity to include all of the poorest communities in the United States.

LATINO APPOINTEES/JUDGES

Your Administration has an unparalleled record with regard to Hispanic Presidential nominees and appointees. Overall, Latino hiring in both the first and second Clinton terms, is at 7 percent. In the second term, taken by itself, Latino hiring is at 8 percent. We continue to actively recruit Latinos for administration positions.

Judges

Background: You have the best record of appointing women and minority judges of any President in history. Almost half of your judicial appointees have been women and minorities. Your appointees have also garnered the highest percentages of top ABA ratings of any president in nearly 40 years -- shattering the myth that diversity somehow diminishes quality.

Your record with respect to Hispanics is particularly impressive. You have appointed 23 Hispanics to the federal bench -- more Hispanic judges than any President in history. You have appointed as many Hispanic Americans to the federal judiciary as Presidents Bush and Reagan combined, and have appointed more Hispanic Americans to the federal appeals courts than Presidents Bush, Reagan, and Carter combined.

Last year's confirmation of Judge Richard Paez to sit on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit against extraordinary opposition was a great accomplishment. Judge Paez was forced to wait longer than any judicial nominee in history and was subjected to withering scrutiny. You personally intervened in working for Judge Paez's confirmation, by making speeches and calling individual Senators on Judge Paez's behalf. The CHC was dogged in its support of Judge Paez. Judge Paez's confirmation is a significant accomplishment worthy of commemoration at this time.

An additional Hispanic judicial nominee is on the Senate floor with reasonably good confirmation prospects. Mary Murguia, a former prosecutor from Arizona, is the Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys at the Department of Justice. Her sister is Janet Murguia, and her brother is Carlos Murguia, whom you appointed to the district court in Kansas last year.

But the Senate has continued to stall consideration of qualified Hispanic nominees. Enrique Moreno has been treated especially unfairly. The son of Mexican American immigrants, a graduate of Harvard College and Law School, Moreno has already been kept waiting more than a year without even receiving a Judiciary Committee hearing. Moreno's been rated one of the top three trial attorneys in El Paso by state judges. The American Bar Association unanimously gave him its very highest rating for the appellate bench. Yet Senators Gramm and Hutchison oppose Moreno's nomination, claiming that Moreno should not sit on the Fifth Circuit because he has never been a judge before. This appears to be a double standard. Half of the judges on the Fifth Circuit had never served on the bench. Six of the seven judges appointed by Republican Presidents had no prior judicial experience. The Texas Senators' rejection of Moreno must not go unchallenged.

There are two other Hispanic nominees awaiting Senate action, both of whom have bi-partisan support. Senator Hatch makes much of the fact that he defers to home-state Senators, and that is why he will not give Enrique Moreno the hearing that he deserves. But we have two other Hispanic nominees – both of whom have bi-partisan home-state support – who have not received a Judiciary Committee hearing. Christine Arguello, a 45-year-old Deputy Attorney General from Colorado, is your nominee for the Tenth Circuit. She has the support of Senators Allard and Nighthorse Campbell. Likewise, Ricardo Morado, your district court candidate for the Southern District of Texas, has the support of the Texas Senators, yet somehow still has not been put on a hearing even though his nomination has been pending for 132 days.

Talking points:

- I'm proud that the judges I have appointed are the most diverse group in history. My appointees are also the most qualified in the last forty years – shattering the pernicious myth that diversity and quality do not go hand in hand. Justice may be blind, but diversity in our courts – as in all aspects of society – sharpens our vision and makes us a stronger nation. I'm glad that I've appointed twenty-three Hispanics of the federal bench – more than any President in history. It was a wonderful moment this past March when (with the Vice President standing by in case of a tie vote) Judge Richard Paez was confirmed to sit on the Ninth Circuit. I made a lot of phone calls and speeches on the issue, but I know that much of the credit goes to you at the CHC. Confirming Judge Paez in the face of the vehement (and unfair) Republican criticism is an achievement of which we should be truly proud.
- There is more to be done. Mary Murguia, a district court candidate from Arizona, is on the Senate floor and may get confirmed this year. But I am outraged at the Republicans' treatment of Enrique Moreno, my nominee to the Fifth Circuit. Moreno is an American success story: a graduate of Harvard Law School, he was rated one of El Paso's top three trial lawyers in a poll of local judges; the American Bar Association unanimously gave Moreno its highest rating for the appellate bench. But, remarkably, Senators Gramm and Hutchinson have announced that Moreno is not qualified for the Fifth Circuit. Their conduct in this matter should not go – and has not gone – unchallenged. But there are two other exceptional candidates out there: Christine Arguello for the Tenth Circuit and Ricardo Morado for the district court in Texas. They have the support of their home state Senators, and yet they are still being denied a hearing by Senator Hatch.

Latino Appointments

Since your last meeting with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in October of 1999 the following Hispanics have been confirmed by the Senate.

(see attached charts)

PUERTO RICO/TERRITORIES ISSUES

Vieques

Background: Earlier this year, you joined the Secretary of Defense in determining that continued use of the Vieques range for Navy training exercises is of vital importance to our nation's security. Accordingly, an agreement was reached with the Governor of Puerto Rico whereby residents of Vieques would be able to vote on whether Navy use of the island would continue after May 2003 and, pending that vote, the Navy would continue to conduct limited training on Vieques that involved no live ammunition.

Notwithstanding this agreement, trespassers continued to occupy the Navy land and thus prevent its use for training exercises. Accordingly, the Navy requested law enforcement assistance from the Department of Justice in removing these trespassers. In early May, the Justice Department undertook the removal of hundreds of trespassers who continued to prevent Navy use of the Vieques range. This was carried out in a careful and orderly manner. All trespassers were given an opportunity to leave on their own, and even among those who insisted upon being removed by law enforcement, none of the peaceful protestors was criminally charged. However, trespassers were warned that any subsequent reentry onto Navy property would be prosecuted as illegal trespassing. Reps. Gutierrez and Velazquez were among those removed from the Vieques range. Rep. Serrano was contemporaneously arrested at a White House gate. A number of protesters continue to enter the range and be removed.

Resident Commissioner Romero-Barcelo supports your decisions on Navy and Marine Corps training on Vieques, but Representatives Gutierrez, Velazquez, Serrano, and Menendez continue to call for an immediate end to training. Gutierrez charges the decisions are an appeal to "white" voters, the aid for the community is a "bribe," and the Navy will not leave if the Viequesenses vote for that. Romero would like the referendum -- which the Navy can call at any time through February 2002 -- as soon as possible. But forcing an earlier date than the Navy wants while Congress is still considering elements of your decisions could jeopardize the measures.

Your solution has been a major issue in the conference on the Defense authorization bill. Conferees have agreed to most provisions so far, but would transfer the conservation zones of the land on the western side of the island -- 44 percent of the land -- to the Interior Department instead of local ownership and transfer the non-conservation zones on the eastern side to Interior instead of disposing of it. We are pressing the conference's leaders to eliminate these changes to your decisions.

Talking Points:

- I understand your concern about the continued use of the Navy training range. I believe that the agreement we worked out with the Governor of Puerto Rico achieves the best balance between our immediate concerns for military preparedness and our desire to let the people of Vieques help shape the longer-term future of this island.

- The decisions I made on Vieques are meeting all of the community's concerns, not as expeditiously as some people would like but as expeditiously as possible.
- Training has been limited to non-explosives and to 90 days a year and will totally end May 1, 2003 if the Viequenses vote for that. \$40 million is being provided to address the community's health, economic, and environmental concerns. The conference on the Defense bill has agreed the Navy will give up 40 percent of its land now, the rest if the Viequenses vote for a total end to training, and provide another \$50 million to the community if it accepts further training.
- Puerto Rico's governor and legislature, Vieques' mayor, and your colleague who represents the Commonwealth have all accepted this solution.
- The \$40 million was obtained only after a close vote in the House. The House approved transferring the 40 percent of the Navy's land, but only after an even closer vote. And the Senate passed legislation that would retain Federal ownership of all of the land. We're right now urging the conference to agree the Federal Government should give up the land, but its tough.
- And Republicans are making military readiness a big issue. They're wrong about it, but Vieques is where one of our two basic fleets has done 90 percent of its naval gunfire practice and over half of its aerial target practice. The Navy can't immediately replace Vieques for all of that and I must ensure our young people in uniform have the training they need.

Puerto Rico Presidential Vote

Background: A Federal judge in Puerto Rico ruled that citizens have a right to vote for president that trumps the Constitution's allocation of electoral votes, ordered the insular government to put the presidential candidates on the ballot, and said electoral votes from the islands should be counted. Puerto Rico has enacted a law providing for the balloting and presidential electors. The Justice Department is appealing the judgment. Representative Serrano is "outraged" by the appeal.

Talking Points:

- My Administration doesn't read the Constitution to say that territories have electoral votes. But I support Puerto Ricans voting for the elective officers of the government that makes their national laws if they want that power and Puerto Ricans deciding whether that government should be the government of the United States or a government of Puerto Rico.
- Another case asserts that citizens who move to PR from a State should be able to continue to vote for president in the State the way that citizens who move to foreign countries can. The case has been dismissed but is being appealed. This case is more of a political question. An option would be to express support for changing the law to enable such votes.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT MAY BE RAISED

Longhorn Pipeline

Background: The proposed Longhorn Partners Pipeline System runs across Texas for approximately 700 miles and is intended to carry refined petroleum products from Houston, through the Austin area, to southwest markets via terminals in El Paso and Odessa. Members of the Texas Congressional delegation and local officials are sharply divided over the environmental impacts of the pipeline.

Members of the CHC, particularly Congressman Reyes, are pleased that CEQ recently decided to finalize the current environmental assessment instead of requiring a full environmental Impact Statement. This will allow the pipeline to open in the near future.

CEQ is now working closely with DOT, EPA, DOJ and other agencies to complete the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by the end of October.

Talking Points:

- We understand how strongly Congressman Reyes and the members of the CHC feel that the environmental analysis should be completed as soon as possible. The current schedule is necessary to ensure a thorough and defensible analysis and process because the outcome will be challenged. You strongly support efforts to conclude the environmental review process and provide for the health and safety of all Texans and their environment.

Latino Appointments

Linda Bilmes	A/S and Chief Financial Officer at Dept. of Commerce
Rudy de Leon	Deputy Secretary at Dept. of Defense
Pedro Castillo	Member of the National Council on the Humanities
Sylvia Baca	A/S for Land and Minerals Mgt. at Dept. of Interior
Julio Mercado	Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration
Manuel Pacheco	Member of the National Security Education Board
Manuel Rocha	Ambassador to Bolivia
Carlos Pascual	Ambassador to Ukraine
Jose Perez	US Marshal in Central California
Irasema Garza	Director of Women's Bureau at Dept. of Labor
Diana Natalicio	Member of the National Science Board
Jose Antonio Perez	US Marshall, Southern California
Frank Cruz	Member, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Pedro Castillo	Member, National Council on the Humanities
Ruben Castillo	Member, U.S. Sentencing Commission
Julio M. Fuentes	Judge, 3rd Circuit
Richard Paez	Judge, 9th Circuit
Jay Garcia Gregory	Judge, US District Court, Puerto Rico 1st
Ronald Guzman	Judge, 7th District Court in Illinois

As always, we can use CHCI's help in getting the following people confirmed.

Name	Title	Dept/Agency	Date
Nominated			
Ella Wong-Rusinko	Alt Co-Chair	Appalachian Regional Commission	3/23/00
Alberto Mora	Member	Broadcasting Board of Governors	7/26/00
Jose Collado	Member	Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcast	7/27/00
Enrique Moreno	Judge	US Circuit Court, 6th Circuit	9/15/99
Christine Arguello	Judge	US Circuit Court, 10th Circuit	7/27/00
Mary H. Murgia	Judge	US Circuit Court, 9th Arizona	7/21/00
Ricardo Morado	Judge	US Circuit Court, 5th Southern TX	5/11/00
Miguel Lausell	Member	OPIC	7/20/00
Joseph Baca	Member	State Justice Institute	4/15/99
Peter Romero	Assist Sec.	Inter-American Affairs, State Dept.	9/10/98
Luis Lauredo	US Rep.	Department of State	2/3/00
Lawrence Rossin	Ambassador	Republic of Croatia, State Dept.	3/22/00
Francisco Sanchez	Assist Sec.	Aviation & Int'l Affairs, DOT	6/13/00
Nuria Fernandez	Administrator	Federal Transit Adm. DOT	3/22/00
Gregory Vega	US Attorney	Southern California	3/10/99
Marie Ragghianti	Commissioner	US Parole Commission	2/3/00
Vicki Ruiz	Member	National Council on Humanities.	9/12/00

Program	FY Enacted	00FY Request	01CHC Budget	Tentative Conference	Conf. Request (+/-)
State Agency Migrant Program	355	380	430	380	0
High School Equivalency Program (HEP)	15	20	20	20	0
College Assistance Migrant Program7 (CAMP)		10	10	10	0
Bilingual Education	248	296	320	279	-17
Adult Education	470	556	635	490	-65
Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)	42	63	63	69	6
Federal TRIO Programs	645	725	690	760	35
GEAR UP	200	325	300	200	-125
LEP Research	0	10	10	0	-10
Migrant Youth Job Training Program (DOL) 5		5	5	5	0
Migrant and Seasonal Youth Opportunity10 (DOL)		15	10	10	-5
Title I, Grants to local educational agencies	7,941	8,358	8,205	8,251	-106
Total, HEAP	9,938	10,762	10,698	10,475	-287

9-12-00

Facts about Internet and information technology

1. 360 million people online – worldwide - as of July 2000
2. 143 million people online in the U.S. as of July 2000
3. 1 billion people could be online as soon as 2005
4. Almost one-third of U.S. economic growth accounted for by IT industry between 1995 and 1999 - despite being only 8.3 percent of economy
5. Jobs in IT industry pay 85 percent more than average private sector wages
6. There are almost 20 million sites on the World Wide Web, up from 50 in 1993
7. There are 2 billion pages of information on the World Wide Web -- and more than 7 million pages are being added each day.
8. Global electronic commerce could exceed \$7 trillion by 2004.
9. The percentage of classrooms in public schools connected to the Internet has increased from 3 percent in 1994 to 63 percent in 1999. 95 percent of schools now have at least one connection.
10. Fiber optics technology will soon be able to transmit all of the phone traffic on Mother's Day on a single strand
11. According to a recent UCLA study Internet users rank the Internet as more important as a source of information than television and radio
12. The number of cell phone subscribers around the world could reach 1.7 billion by 2005

Sept. 14, 2000

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

9-12-00

Do you have any more information on what the Department of Justice will propose as responses to the study?

I believe the Attorney General will be making an announcement this afternoon about the Department's analysis of and response to the data in the study.

What about the clemency petition for death-row inmate Juan Raul Garza? What will the President's response be if Mr. Garza argues these statistics show the system is unfair?

I don't want to comment on a pending clemency petition, except to say I will consider the matter closely and carefully, as I would any clemency matter.

What about Senator Leahy's proposed legislation on DNA testing? Where do you stand on that?

I have said before, I think we need to make DNA testing available to those who may have been wrongly convicted, and we need to make every effort to guarantee that capital defendants are represented by competent counsel. Senator Leahy has introduced a bill aimed at addressing these issues, and I strongly support the goals of his legislation – we have been working with Senator Leahy on that very language.