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FOR THE WEEK ENDING
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Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) **Update on Global Markets/Interest Rates and Stock Prices**
- (B) **Intergovernmental**
- (C) **Communications**
- (D) **Race Initiative**

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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

December 29, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lawrence H. Summers 

SUBJECT: Update on Global Markets
The Week Ending December 29, 2000



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In a week of relatively thin year-end trading, financial markets remain focused on evidence of global economic slowdown, particularly in Japan.

Data released this week reinforced the sense that Japan's hesitant recovery has run its course and that deflationary pressures have re-emerged. Rising unemployment, falling consumer demand and industrial output, and declining consumer prices have all weighed on investor sentiment. The yen reach its lowest level in 17 months, near ¥115 per dollar. The Japanese stock market rose a bit, though, on hopes that the weaker yen would spur exports.

The euro continued its strengthening trend, rising above 94¢ for the first time since mid-summer, as investors remain convinced that growth prospects next year are brighter in Europe than in the U.S. or Japan.

Investors believe that the Federal Reserve is likely to lower U.S. interest rates by 50 basis points before February, and there is now increasing sentiment that the stronger euro, and lower oil prices, may give the European Central Bank room to cut rates in the euro zone not long thereafter.

With declining U.S. interest rates (the 30-year Treasury yield has declined almost a half percentage point in the past two months) and narrowing spreads for emerging market debt (EMBI+ spread has fallen 15 basis points this month to 756), the overall borrowing costs for emerging economies have declined significantly in recent weeks. The decline in global liquidity prompted by fears of an economic slowdown, however, has limited financial market access to only the most creditworthy countries. Emerging economies with significant borrowing needs, including Turkey and Argentina, will therefore remain vulnerable in the beginning of the new year.

The World Bank approved supplemental credits totaling \$155 million to seven of the poorest highly indebted African countries last week to help offset the impact of higher oil prices. Oil prices continued their recent decline, with spot prices falling to their lowest level since April (WTI at \$26.36 and European Brent at \$22.28). Futures prices now indicate a price of \$23.80 by the end of 2001.

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Weekly Market Indicators for the Week Ending:
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December 29, 2000

Major International Markets							
<i>Changes are Friday to Friday</i>							
Exchange Rates			Equities			Ten-Year Government Bond Yields	
	Level	% change	Index	Level	change	%	BP change
Japan	114.47	1.4%	<i>Nikkei</i>	13786	2.7%	1.64	7
Euro	0.94	-1.5%					
Euro-yen	107.32	3.3%					
Germany			<i>Xetra-Dax</i>	6434	2.9%	4.84	-2
U.K.			<i>FT-SE 100</i>	6223	2.1%	4.89	-5
France			<i>CAC-40</i>	5926	2.5%	5.02	2
Italy			<i>MIB 30</i>	43719	0.5%	5.27	-1

^ U.S. dollar depreciation/appreciation

Emerging Markets							
Exchange Rates			Equities			Emerging Market Sov. Bond Spread*	
	Level per USD	% change (local ccy)	Index	Level	change	BP	BP change
Korea	1265.00	-2.2%	<i>Kospi</i>	505	0.8%	233	-19
Indonesia	9675.00	-4.0%	<i>JSE</i>	416	0.0%	598	-9
Thailand	43.40	-3.1%	<i>SET</i>	269	0.8%	224	-9
Hong Kong	7.80	0.0%	<i>Hang Seng</i>	15096	2.4%	255	-9
Brazil	1.95	0.5%	<i>Bovespa</i>	15259	4.1%	757	-18
Argentina	1.00	0.1%	<i>Merval</i>	417	-0.9%	626	8
Mexico	9.61	-0.4%	<i>Bolsa</i>	5600	2.0%	460	32
Russia	28.54	-1.9%	<i>RTS</i>	143	3.7%	1146	-39
India	46.68	0.0%	<i>BSE 200</i>	437	2.4%	n/a	n/a
Turkey	670300.00	0.1%	<i>ISE 100</i>	9437	0.0%	707	-9
South Africa	7.57	-0.2%	<i>JSE</i>	8326	1.1%	379	6

* spread on U.S. dollar-denominated sovereign debt to 10-year U.S. Treasuries

Source: Reuters

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARTIN N. BAILY *M.N.B.*

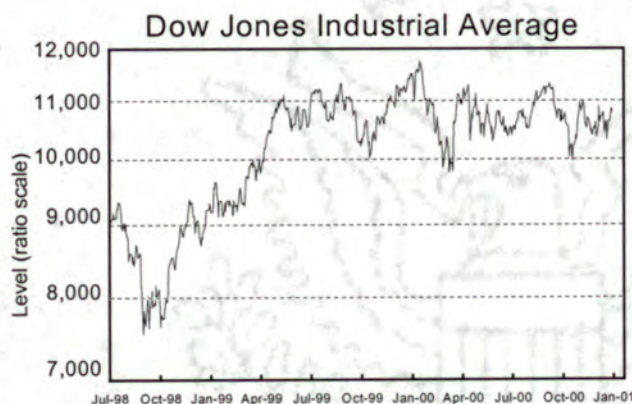
SUBJECT: Stock Prices and Interest Rates for the Week Ending Friday, December 29, 2000

The Dow and S&P 500 ended the week up. Financial and healthcare companies contributed to gains in the S&P index, as both sectors finished the year strong. Shares of retailers also rose this week, on reports of a surge in holiday sales the week before Christmas. Meanwhile, continuing losses in technology stocks kept the NASDAQ in negative territory for the week.

Index	Change from 12/22/2000 (percent)	Change from 12/31/99 (percent)
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	1.4	-6.2
S&P 500	1.1	-10.1
NASDAQ Composite	-1.8	-39.3

Treasury yields rose this week, following several weeks of significant declines. Some investors seem to have scaled back their expectations that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates in the near future. Yields on 3-month bills increased sharply on Tuesday, reversing a decline of similar magnitude that occurred late last week, as a temporary end-of-the-year demand for liquidity increased volatility. In 2000, prices on longer-term Treasuries rose more than in any year since 1995.

Treasury securities	Close 12/29/2000 (percent)	Change from 12/22/2000 (percentage points)	Change from 12/31/99 (percentage points)
3-month bills	5.73	0.60	0.56
10-year notes	5.12	0.10	-1.33
30-year bonds	5.46	0.06	-1.02



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICKEY IBARRA

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT

DISASTER DECLARATIONS

Yesterday, you approved disaster declarations for Arkansas and Oklahoma as a result of severe winter storms and you approved a disaster declaration for North Dakota for damage resulting from at least six tornadoes from November 1-20, 2000. All necessary notifications were completed.

INSULAR AREAS

Puerto Rico Status: Statehood party leaders (Republicans and Democrats), Independence party leaders, and Representative Jose Serrano (D-NY) made favorable public comments about your directives establishing an Executive branch task force to work with Puerto Rican leaders and Congress on the islands' status issue. Governor-Elect Sila Calderon initially questioned it but later joined Resident Commissioner-Elect, Anibal Acevedo Vila (D), in saying the directives were not incompatible with their own plans for a local status commission.

Puerto Rico Medicare: The news media reported prominently your regret that Congress failed to approve higher payment for hospital services.

Guam War Claims: Governor Carl Gutierrez again asked that you create a commission to review compensation to Guamanians for World War II suffering based on the bill that we worked out with Delegate Robert Underwood (D). Underwood reiterated his advice against administratively establishing the panel, but we are exploring Gutierrez's request.

IN THE NEWS

Governor Rick Perry (R-TX): Governor Perry was sworn in as the new governor of Texas on December 21st. Governor Perry was born in West Texas in 1950. He attended Texas A&M University in 1972, then served in the U.S. Air Force for five years. From 1985 to 1990, he was a member of the Texas House of Representatives and then for the next eight years, he served as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture. During his first term as Lt. Governor and the President of the Texas Senate, Perry passed a balanced state budget including record tax cuts, teacher pay raises, and public school funding. Governor Perry continues to farm and ranch at his home in Austin. Governor Perry and his wife Anita have two children.

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TO: ~~THE PRESIDENT~~

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
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RE: Communications Weekly Report

Overview:

This week, through events and other message vehicles, we pushed out the message that you continue to lead the nation on issues important to the American people, including integrating America's courts with the recess appointment of Roger Gregory, eliminating America's debt by the end of the decade and providing all children with quality education and nutrition. This week in your weekly radio address, you announced new federal efforts to help Americans confront high energy costs resulting from recent severe winter weather.

Women's Health

On Thursday, you will participate in a White House event to celebrate your Administration's accomplishments in protecting women's health – specifically through your support for breast and cervical cancer research, prevention and treatment. Joined by women's and health groups, cancer survivors, Members of Congress and others, you will announce new guidance from HHS to states to implement the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000. This legislation provides over \$990 million over 10 years to help thousands of low-income, uninsured women with breast or cervical cancer.

Final Roadless Rule

On Friday, at an event at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., you will announce the federal regulations to protect 58 million acres of "roadless" lands within America's national forests – some of our nation's last unprotected wildlands. Joined by environmentalists, conservationists and others, you will use this opportunity to highlight your Administration's historic achievements in conserving America's lands and environmental treasures. To ensure optimal coverage of this announcement, we are working with the Press Office on a communications strategy, including pitching regional validators such as leading environmentalists and elected officials and conducting regional conference calls with environmental reporters.

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Armed Forces Presidential Tribute

On Friday, in tribute to your service to the nation as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Military, you will be honored at the Armed Forces Review and Farewell Tribute – a traditional ceremony hosted by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to pay tribute to the outgoing President and First Lady. In your remarks, you will highlight the important role the U.S. military has played in contributing to your Administration's foreign policy achievements, your commitment to preparing America's military for the new century and your gratitude to the U.S. Armed Services for serving their nation.

Radio Address

We are considering using next week's radio address to announce new enrollment numbers for the Children's Health Insurance Program. To date, over 3 million children across the nation have enrolled in CHIP. We will use this as a vehicle to convey your commitment to working on behalf of America's children to ensure that all children have access to quality health care.

Domestic Travel

We are working with the Scheduling Office, Political Affairs and others to plan your domestic travel for the week of January 8, including two events in Midwestern states on Tuesday and two events in the Northeast on Thursday. We are considering numerous cities in both these regions that serve as symbols of the progress and prosperity communities across the nation are enjoying as a result of your Administration's leadership.

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Legacy Materials

We are working with OPL and the Press Office to distribute final legacy materials to editorial boards, regional press, columnists, key constituency groups and validators. These materials showcase the incredible transformation of America and the world during the last eight years as a result of the Clinton/Gore Administration.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

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

ACTIONS

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe--Rev. Wendell Anthony has called me several times concerning federal recognition of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts. These American Indians are the descendants of the tribe that befriended the Pilgrims and celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1621. This tribe has pressed this issue for a long time, but a promise of federal recognition has never been kept. Rev. Anthony asked me to forward a letter to you, which I have attached to this report, concerning the status of the tribe.

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OUTREACH

Fourth Circuit Appointment--Your recess appointment of Roger Gregory for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has been widely acclaimed across the country. I faxed your remarks to influential lawyers in the National Bar Association and prominent civil rights leaders, including the Black Leadership Forum. Many black leaders continued to be impressed by your courage in advancing racial progress. During the briefing, you asked aloud about making additional recess judicial appointments. I, for one, believe you should recess appoint all of your judicial nominees who are pending before the Senate. Given how the Senate has blocked your judicial nominees for some time, I believe that it is only fair to take this action.

American Indian Outreach--We also faxed your statement on the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to 575 tribal leaders across the country. We sent the act as an example of how, even in the waning days of your administration, you continue to address issues that concern the American Indian community.

CABINET AFFAIRS RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

Cabinet Affairs did not prepare a Race Initiative report this week.

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REVEREND WENDELL ANTHONY
President

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Executive Director

December 27, 2000

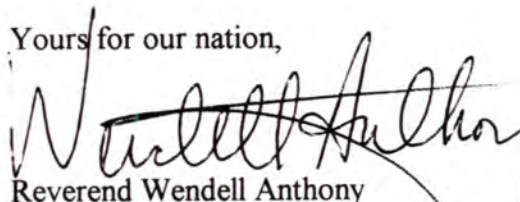
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I write you in behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts. As you know, this particular tribe has over the last 400 years been attempting to be recognized, respected, and established in the full mainstream of the American soul and our national conscience. Many of us are quite aware that there is very little doubt that the early arrivals known as the Pilgrims who celebrated their first Thanksgiving in 1621, would never have survived were it not for the spirit and humanity of the Wampanoag Indians. It is because of their great history of being both a charitable and historic body of Native Americans that are a part of the very fabric of our nation, that I write to ask that you might recognize this tribe. I would ask that you would by Executive Order, extend every right and privilege that is due to them symbolizing America's commitment to the descendants of those who blazed a trail for all of us.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has been written about and discussed in many areas of our nation. They have been the subject of commentaries and news stories for many years. Yet, we believe that through your commitment and as a lasting legacy of your good will to bring "One America in the 21st Century," that this will add to that great cause. The significance of your recognition will add a great deal to the lives and self-appreciation of the children and the elders of this historic tribe. On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, I write this letter in hopes that you will give every consideration recognizing these Native Americans after so many years of hoping and waiting for federal recognition to occur. Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter. God's blessings upon you as you enter into a new phase of your life to serve our nation and world.

Yours for our nation,



Reverend Wendell Anthony

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MR. PRESIDENT:

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- (A) **Update on Global Markets/Interest Rates and Stock Prices**
- (B) **NEC**
- (C) **CEQ**
- (D) **Office of Environmental Initiatives**
- (E) **Intergovernmental**
- (F) **Cabinet Affairs
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- (G) **Communications**
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Weekly Report for the Week Ending December 22, 2000

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December 22, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lawrence H. Summers *LHS*

SUBJECT: Update on Global Markets
The Week Ending December 22, 2000

Concerns about short-term risks of a more pronounced U.S. slowdown intensified this week and private forecasts of 2001 growth have started to come down modestly. In reaction to the FOMC's reassessment of the balance of risks from inflationary pressures to weakening economic conditions. February interest rate futures suggest expectations of Fed easing increased on the week with almost 50 bps of easing at or before the FOMC's next meeting on January 31 now priced in.

The euro appreciated about 3% against the dollar on the week. European financial markets are viewed as better positioned to capitalize on a weaker U.S. outlook than Japanese. European bourses declined 1% to 1.2%, but outperformed the Wilshire-5000 and Nikkei on the week.

Investors increasingly believe that Japan's gradual recovery from the 1997-98 recession has run out of steam, as export growth slows, consumer demand remains weak, firms have become more pessimistic about the business outlook, and weak business investment and industrial production suggest a slow-down in coming months. On these concerns, the yen has eased 3%-9% across the board since early November while the Nikkei declined 7.7% this week to near a two-year low. With nominal interest rates near zero, a large fiscal deficit, and worrisome levels of public debt, Japan's scope for policy action is limited should a recession occur.

On Thursday, the IMF Board approved an additional \$7.5 billion for Turkey as well as disbursement of \$566 million under its existing program. The financial package, accompanied by strengthened policies, are in response to recent turmoil in Turkey's banking sector, which threatened its anti-inflationary program. Although markets have stabilized over the past two weeks, the situation remains fragile and short-term interest rates remain high at close to 100%.

On Monday, Argentina announced it has reached a new agreement with the IMF on a package totaling \$39.7 billion. While Q3 GDP growth and industrial production continue to suggest that the economy remains stalled, confidence has continued to improve and interest rates have declined as market participants bet that the IMF-led package will boost growth next year.

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Weekly Market Indicators for the Week Ending:
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Emerging Markets							
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Mexico	9.58	-1.7%	<i>Bolsa</i>	5492	-0.7%	428	-62
Russia	28.01	-0.1%	<i>RTS</i>	138	1.1%	1186	3
India	46.69	0.1%	<i>BSE 200</i>	427	-7.4%	n/a	n/a
Turkey	671270.00	1.0%	<i>ISE 100</i>	9437	0.2%	716	17
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARTIN N. BAILY *M.N.B.*

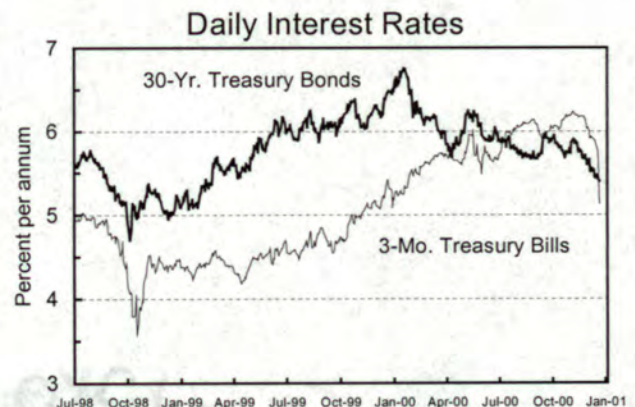
SUBJECT: Stock Prices and Interest Rates for the Week Ending Friday, December 22, 2000

The Dow rose this week, while the NASDAQ continued to fall. The NASDAQ is down 50 percent from its high last Spring. Continued fears of slower earnings contributed to losses in technology and communications stocks this week. The Federal Reserve's decision to leave interest rates unchanged may have also led to declines. A rally in technology stocks on Friday, led by IBM Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc., made up for some of the technology sector's losses earlier in the week.

Index	Change from 12/15/2000 (percent)	Change from 12/31/99 (percent)
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	1.9	-7.5
S&P 500	-0.5	-11.1
NASDAQ Composite	-5.1	-38.1

Treasury yields fell sharply this week, as further evidence of a slowing economy, combined with a change in the Federal Reserve's inflation bias, reduced investors' expectations of inflation and increased chances of an interest rate reduction in the near future. Over the past six weeks, long term Treasury yields have declined around 50 basis points, while short-term yields have declined more than 100 basis points. For the first time since July yields on 3-month bills are below those on 30-year bonds.

Treasury securities	Close 12/22/2000 (percent)	Change from 12/15/2000 (percentage points)	Change from 12/31/99 (percentage points)
3-month bills	5.13	-0.72	-0.04
10-year notes	5.02	-0.18	-1.43
30-year bonds	5.40	-0.04	-1.08



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

U.S.-EU Bananas and Beef Disputes

Work continues on resolving these disputes, particularly bananas, during the term of your Administration. During Monday's U.S.-EU summit, the two sides came as close to settling the eight-year bananas dispute as ever before. However, after European officials told the press Monday that substantial progress was made, on Tuesday the EU Agricultural Affairs Council took a step to continue the legal process necessary to adopt an alternative system ("first-come, first-served"). All Western Hemisphere parties to the dispute oppose the EU's alternative system except Ecuador and Dole. We view the EU Agricultural Affairs Council action as a logical tactical step in view of the two key issues that blocked a settlement on Monday. First is the size of quota reserved for newcomers (read E.U. distributors of bananas). Second is what support the United States should promise the EU regarding a WTO waiver it wants in connection with the proposed settlement. The waiver would prevent new WTO dispute settlement actions against the EU regarding certain aspects of the proposed settlement. U.S. embassies in Europe have been asked to approach the governments of the fifteen EU member states and urge their support for sending the European Commission back to the negotiating table to close out the remaining issues.

Diversity of the IT Workforce

We have been working to develop an initiative on increasing the diversity of the IT workforce. Tom Kalil of my staff and I have been meeting with members of the Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucuses, minority colleges and universities, civil rights organizations, and leading high-tech companies and trade associations. Options that we are exploring include (1) encouraging high-tech companies to identify and adopt best practices on minority recruitment and retention; (2) strengthening the recruitment "pipeline" between minority job applicants and high-tech companies; (3) benchmarking the progress of the high-tech industry on diversity; and (4) expanding internship and industry co-op programs.

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OECD Agricultural Trade Credits

Agencies this week gained an extension to early January of the year-end deadline (12/31/00) in OECD negotiations to limit government-subsidized lending programs in support of agricultural exports. Negotiators at the OECD have concluded work on a draft agreement, drawing largely on a recent U.S. proposal, which would limit subsidy elements of the U.S. GSM (General Sales Mechanism) export credit guarantee program. The OECD negotiations were mandated by the Uruguay Round Agreement, and a failure to close the talks successfully would create an opportunity for WTO members to bring WTO dispute settlement actions against the agricultural trade credit programs of the United States and others. U.S. industry users of the GSM program are divided on whether to sign onto the draft OECD agreement. Oilseeds, pork and wheat associations favor it, while cotton and corn groups do not. In obtaining the extension from the chair of the talks (a Swede), our negotiators expressed two basic conditions before we can agree to the deal. First, we need a few weeks (for Secretary Glickman) to explain the agreement to incoming Administration officials. Second, we will sign on, subject to acceptance by all other OECD participants. We are particularly concerned that Australia and Canada agree to be fully covered by the agreement, including their state trading enterprises in the wheat sectors (Australian Wheat Board and Canadian Wheat Board). Both of these countries continue to hold out against the deal, but could be forced to cave if isolated by our actions.

Burma

The NEC has chaired two IWGs and a Deputies meeting to prepare possible options for dealing with continued labor and human rights abuses in Burma. The ILO recently approved, for the first time, sanctions against Burma due to continued pervasive use of forced labor. The UN is presently preparing to send a special envoy to reason with the military junta from January 5-6. Barring progress, we intend to have options ready for Principals level consideration that will respond firmly to Burmese abuses.

Steel

USWA George Becker requested on December 14 that the Administration self-initiate a national security review and quickly institute comprehensive import relief under Trade Act Section 232. Unfortunately, agencies arrived at a consensus this week that the Administration could not credibly respond favorably. DOD steel production needs during a national security crisis do not appear large enough to be affected by a cutoff of imports, and the most important items (high tech specialty steels) are already covered by Buy America restrictions. We have informed the USWA of this view. Instead, and at the USWA's request, we will invite Becker to bring industry leaders to the White House in early January for a full briefing on the responsive steps we have taken concerning the latest surge in imports. Separately, Commerce data announced Thursday show steel imports in November fell for the third consecutive month, down 23 percent from October. Latest weekly figures for December also show domestic capacity utilization continues to fall. Both figures reflect declining domestic demand. The downturn in imports, if it persists, will make it generally more difficult for plaintiffs to meet the International Trade Commission's injury criteria for granting import relief under the anti-dumping, countervailing duty and emergency safeguards (Section 201) laws.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

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

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Northern Forest Protection

During the week before Christmas, the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees approved most of the Administration's proposed funding for the Forest Legacy program. In approving the Administration's allocations of your FY 2001 Lands Legacy funding, the Subcommittees agreed to a total of \$10.4 million in Forest Legacy grants to the State of Maine. The funds will be used for Governor King's top priority -- the permanent protection of over 656,000 acres of spruce and fir forests along the West Branch of the Penobscot River. This funding marks the second installment on one of the largest federal and state conservation partnerships in recent history. Governor King and the Maine Congressional delegation are very appreciative of the Administration's commitment to the project. They hope to secure the balance of the funding next fiscal year.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM TOXICS

New Standards Set for Lead Hazards

Today, in compliance with a court-ordered deadline, EPA is expected to sign new regulations to establish hazard standards for lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust and soil. These new standards will apply to housing built before 1978 as well as certain facilities that children frequent, such as child care facilities. These new standards will enable the public to know when and where a lead hazard may exist and to take appropriate action. Exposure to lead can result in profound developmental and neurological impairments, particularly for children. Nearly one million children in the U.S. today have dangerously elevated levels of lead in their blood. EPA is also working towards finalizing new regulations that will lower the threshold for public reporting of lead emissions to the Toxics Release Inventory.

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December 22, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER BALLENTINE 
RE: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLYPress, Science and Industry

The World Meteorological Organization said this week that the year 2000 will be the fifth or sixth warmest since 1860, making it the 22nd straight year global temperatures have been above the average of the 1961-1990 base period. The U.N. announcement came a day after the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said temperatures in the United States were well above normal during 2000. According to data from NOAA, the average temperature for the year is projected to be 54.1 or 54.2 degrees Fahrenheit — well above the average of 52.8 degrees over the last 106 years. That would make 2000 the seventh to twelfth warmest year of that period. And NOAA satellite data showed average global surface temperatures were also warmer than normal in 2000 — about 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit above the average recorded since 1880. Only four years — 1998, 1997, 1995 and 1990 — have been warmer. NOAA noted that the ten warmest years on record have all occurred since 1983. NOAA also found that global temperatures over the last 25 years increased at a rate nearly three times that of the previous 75 years.

The boreal forests of Canada, Alaska and the former Soviet Union are seeing unprecedented fire damage, apparently as a result of global warming, according to scientists at the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco. In Alaska and Canada's boreal forest, fire consumed an average of more than 7 million acres a year in the 1990s, a sharp rise from the 3 million acres per year that burned in the 1960s. The scientists say global warming effects of drying out of timber and brush causes the increased burning. The increase of fire in the boreal forest may in turn exacerbate climate change by releasing more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and eliminating important carbon sinks.

EPA released a report last week that finds the national fuel economy is at a 20-year low. Average gasoline mileage for 2000 model year passenger vehicles was 24 miles per gallon, the lowest since 1980. The average car gets 28.1 mpg, while light trucks — which account for 46 percent of all U.S. passenger vehicle sales — get 20.5 mpg.

The Kyoto Protocol

On Monday, the U.S., Canada, Japan, and Australia declined the invitation of the European Union to attend further negotiations on climate change in Oslo. We rejected the invitation because the EU had toughened their negotiating stance on several key issues – especially restrictions on emissions trading – since they rejected our last offer in the closing hours of the negotiations in The Hague.

cc: The Vice President
John Podesta
Sandy Berger
Martin Baily
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICKEY IBARRA

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SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT

BUDGET AGREEMENT OUTREACH

IGA contacted governors, mayors, and other elected officials, as well as the groups of the U.S. Alliance (Big 7) to highlight the victories for states and communities in the final budget agreement. All were delighted by the robust funding in the package for child care, school repair, new markets, EC/EZ funding, health care and more.

GOVERNORS

Governor Gray Davis: As a follow-up to your telephone conversation on December 19, Governor Davis wrote asking that you consider making a recess appointment to FERC and providing a list of three potential candidates (all from San Diego). He also asked for a message from the Administration to FERC for regional price caps throughout the West or "cost plus" pricing. IGA is working with the COS, NEC, and Energy to respond to his concerns. The Governor is scheduled to meet with you at the White House on Wednesday, December 27.

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Western Governors' Association (WGA): On December 20, Secretary Richardson met in Denver with five Western governors - Geringer (R-WY), Kitzhaber (D-OR), Owen (R-CO), Leavitt (R-UT), and Locke (D-WA) - to address electricity issues. Several of the governors were sharply critical of Governor Davis' request for help with electric power supply and price caps, noting that the actions in California could be negatively impacting price and availability of power in their states. They called on California to take more steps to reduce electricity consumption.

LIHEAP: The New England governors, in particular Governor Shaheen (D-NH), were grateful for your release of the remaining LIHEAP emergency funds last week. Governor Shaheen indicated she hopes you will consider another release soon with the new funds provided in the final budget agreement.

*James
Lee Witt*

Governor Don Siegelman: On December 18, IGA notified Governor Siegelman of your approval of his disaster declaration request for damage resulting from severe storms and tornadoes in Alabama beginning on December 16, 2000. James Lee Witt has toured the tornado area and the Governor expressed his gratitude for the excellent federal response.

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Governor Paul Patton: Governor Patton spoke to John Podesta yesterday regarding his wish that you award Mohammed Ali with the Presidential Medal of Honor.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

Seattle Area Transit: On December 19, IGA met with Mayor Schell (D-Seattle) and County Executive Ron Sims (D-King Co.) and Executive Bob Drewel (D-Snohomish Co.) to discuss a final full funding agreement on the Sound Transit light-rail project. Although there were some concerns about reaching a final agreement before January 20, due to a significant increase in the estimated cost of this project, Sec. Slater and Mort Downey are confident that the project will be executed by January 20. *Important!*

Mayor Beverly O'Neill: Mayor O'Neill of Long Beach, CA wrote to you requesting your attention to fulfill Congressional intent meant for the former Long Beach Naval Hospital, afforded by No-Cost Economic Development Conveyance legislation. Favorable Navy consideration could mean \$8.6 million for the city. IGA is working with Dorothy Robyn of NEC to respond. *Please get this done by 1/20*

Hidalgo County, TX: Congressman Hinojosa and Hidalgo County elected officials wrote to you regarding FEMA issued official flood elevations and associated maps. County officials claim the new maps are inaccurate and jeopardize the local economy significantly. FEMA is working with Congressman Hinojosa and County officials to facilitate a resolution to this matter.

INSULAR AREAS

Vieques: Puerto Rico's legislature called the referendum for November 6, 2001 as requested by Navy Secretary Danzig but the Vieques mayor-elect said that the vote should be much sooner and also include an option for an immediate end to Navy training. Governor-elect Sila Calderon is preparing new legislation to meet the mayor-elect's request. Danzig cautioned the Governor-elect that her plans would delay land transfers. Calderon said she will move forward anyway with her policies that would be contrary to your Vieques directives. Incoming House Resources Chairman James Hansen (R-UT) and Senate Readiness Subcommittee Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) expressed support for our Administration's position.

Puerto Rico Medicare: Senate Republicans blocked our proposal to bring payment rates for hospital services in the islands more in line with the rates that apply everywhere else. They did this even though it was accepted by Senator Santorum and House Republicans and strongly supported by Representative Rangel and Senator Moynihan.

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Guam Visa Waiver: We are also working on Gutierrez's request to suspend the ability of Myanmar citizens to enter Guam without a visa under the special visa waiver program for the territory. Hundreds of Myanmar citizens have entered with tuberculosis or overstayed.

Marianas Garment Quotas: We are working with the Commerce department on a plan to impose quotas on garments made in the Northern Mariana Islands without minimal percentages of domestic labor. The quotas would be similar to our budget proposal for tariffs that was blocked by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay although it was sponsored by a majority of both Houses of Congress. The AFL-CIO asked for such action and it is supported by the Interior department.

IN THE NEWS

States' Budget Report: On Monday, December 18, the NGA and the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) released its annual report on the "Fiscal Survey of the States." It reports, although the national economy remains relatively strong, signs on the horizon indicate that the state budget outlook may deteriorate during the next few years. Specifically, a moderate slowdown in state revenue growth and escalating state health care costs will cause many state budgets to tighten. Among other things, the survey found that about one-half of the states assume general fund revenue growth for fiscal 2002 lower than current year estimates. On average, the decline is approximately one percent, although several states indicate a much steeper decline.

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December 22, 2000

TO: ~~THE PRESIDENT~~

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
STEPHANIE CUTTER

RE: Communications Weekly Report

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Overview:

This week, through events and other message vehicles, we pushed out the message that you continue to lead the nation on issues important to the American people, including protecting the privacy of medical records, recognizing the contributions of our nation's cultural and artistic leaders and protecting public health by cleaning America's air. With the signing of the FY2001 budget, you further demonstrated your commitment to expanding the circle of opportunity by investing in education, health care and America's new markets. On Friday, we worked with the Department of Justice to release the names of the 62 individuals to whom you granted clemency.

Housing Initiatives

In your weekly radio address, you announced new efforts to help homeless Americans achieve self-sufficiency and new housing initiatives to assist working families, including over \$1 billion in grants to help more than 200,000 homeless people obtain housing and vital social services, a final rule requiring Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to promote economic integration in public housing and the raising of the Federal Housing Administration's loan limits by 9 percent, expanding homeownership opportunities for working families. To amplify this important announcement, Secretary Cuomo conducted a conference call with reporters and will hold a press event in New York City on Saturday following your radio address.

Global Feeding and Education

Next Thursday, at an event at the White House, you will announce new efforts to provide children around the world with quality education and nutrition. Joined by former Senators George McGovern and Robert Dole, you will announce the recipients of the global school feeding program – a \$300 million international school nutrition pilot program to expand access to basic education and improve childhood development for 9 million children in poor countries, specifically improving student enrollment, attendance and performance. You will also announce the creation of an international council on universal education, made up of leading philanthropic

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foundations, corporate foundations and non-governmental organizations, united to increase access to quality basic education for children in developing nations:

Women's Health

On January 4, you will participate in a White House event to celebrate your Administration's accomplishments in protecting women's health – specifically breast and cervical cancer research, prevention and treatment. You will be joined by women's and health groups, Members of Congress and others to celebrate these accomplishments. As a news peg, you will announce new guidance from HHS to states to implement the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, which invests over \$990 million over 10 years to help thousands of low-income, uninsured women with breast or cervical cancer.

Final Roadless Rule

We are working with CEQ, the Press Office and others to plan an event on January 5 to announce new protection of millions of acres of "roadless" lands within the national forests – some of the last unprotected wildlands in America – and highlight your record on conserving America's lands and environmental treasures. Joined by environmentalists, conservationists and others, you will use this opportunity to showcase your Administration's accomplishments in protecting public health, the environment and the nation's natural treasures for future generations.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARY BETH CAHILL
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON



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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT (December 16 to December 22)

I. ACTIONS SUPPORTING PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:

AFRICA POLICY

OPL Hosts Final Africa Constituency Roundtable on Monday. In a meeting with NSC and State, key Africa constituents urged you to emphasize to the new Administration the importance of our partnership with Africa. Community representatives highlighted official visits to the continent, passage of the Africa Trade Bill, HIPC Debt Relief, the Ethiopia - Eritrea Peace Agreement, HIV/AIDS Funding, and the creation of the USTR for Africa post as significant milestones. They said a failure to maintain Africa as a foreign policy priority would jeopardize the democratic and developmental advances made throughout the continent. Constituents plan to meet with the incoming foreign policy team prior to inauguration.

II. CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES:

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OUTREACH

OPL Hosts Conference Call on Japanese Internment Camp Initiative. On Monday, in a conference call with CEQ, Interior, and the Millennium Council, OPL sought community input on recommendations for preserving the WWII internment camp sites. In addition to identifying potential sites, national Japanese American leaders, and representatives from museums, historical societies, and local community organizations suggested forming a national coalition to continue advocacy efforts for the preservation of all 10 major camp sites. Per your Memorandum of November 9, 1999, Interior will formally submit their recommendations to you by January 8.

GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH

The Office of Public Liaison and One America Co-host Screening of "That's a Family," A New Educational Film About Family Diversity. Over 100 organizations were represented at the viewing, and the program included remarks by representatives of the Child Welfare League, National PTA, Girl Scouts, and the National Council on Negro Women. The film highlights a variety of families, including single parent, multiracial, divorced, guardian, adoptive and gay-and lesbian-headed households. This vital resource for schools and family service organizations addresses important themes, such as school safety, preventing prejudice and recognizing family

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diversity as the cornerstone to building awareness of, and respect for, differences of all kinds.

Service Members Legal Defense Network (SLDN) Concerned with DOD Delay in Issuing Anti-Harassment Directives. The SLDN applauds your continued call to implement the DADT policy in a fair manner. Although a DOD Taskforce made several good recommendations on implementing the policy last summer, DOD has yet to act on the recommendations. SLDN leaders believe it is critical that DOD issues these directives before January 20th.

RELIGIOUS OUTREACH

American Church Leaders Send Delegation to Israel. Last week, The National Council of Churches and 12 Christian denominations visited Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as part of an ecumenical, six-day peace delegation. At the end of their visit, they issued a statement calling on Israel to withdraw from Palestinian areas to the 1967 borders and "asking the community of nations to recognize and condemn this new apartheid that oppresses the Palestinian people."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

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

Pardons: Pardon requests are continuing to come in from a number of sources. The most interesting request is contained in a letter faxed to you from former Ambassador Andrew Young (see attached). I spoke with Mr. Young last night and found that he feels strongly about the issue and wants you to favorably act on his request. Alan Wheat sent me a request concerning a pardon for Bobby Franklin Griffin a former Speaker of the House from Missouri. I've also attached his pardon request.

License Plates: I talked to Barbara Lett Simmons this morning, and she wanted me to tell you how delighted she was to read that you agreed to put the license plates supporting the District on the Presidential limousine. You may recall that she was the District woman who refused to cast her electoral vote in protest over the District's lack of statehood.

Film Screening: We spoke at a screening of the new film "That's a Family," a 30-minute educational film produced for young people to promote the positive aspects of diversity. The film was produced by Women's Educational Media and has been endorsed by the Interfaith Alliance, Academy of Family Psychology, PFLAG, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Psychological Association and the Foundation for Grandparenting.

CABINET AFFAIRS RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLY REPORTDEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants: USDA is requesting that proposals for the FY2001 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program be submitted by February 20, 2001. This competitive grants program is open to all U.S. public and other nonprofit Hispanic-Serving Institutions (those with an undergraduate full-time enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students). The purpose of the program is to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the nation's food, natural resources, human sciences, and agricultural scientific and professional work force.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dual Language Grants: On December 20, DOEd will announce dual language grants.

Latino Childhood Roundtable: On January 12, DOEd's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights will participate in the national Roundtable on Latino Childhood Issues, in Chicago, IL.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Tribal Consultations in AK: DOI's Minerals Management Service (MMS) will be contacting Native Villages that could be affected by future activity for the next Office of Community Service Five-Year Plan for 2002-2007. Formal letters initiating the government-to-government consultations were mailed to coastal tribal villages around AK on December 12. Villages will be notified that the planning process has started and apprised of opportunities to comment on the plan. MMS plans to visit coastal villages on the Chukchi and Beaufort Sea coastlines in January to discuss the development of the plan.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MI Admissions Case: On December 13, a federal court upheld the constitutionality of the University of Michigan's 1999 and 2000 undergraduate admissions programs, which appropriately used race as one of several factors in admissions decisions to attain a diverse student body. The court held that under the Supreme Court's *Bakke* decision, diversity constitutes a compelling governmental interest in the context of higher education justifying the use of race as one factor in the admissions process. An earlier MI program was struck down.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Promoting Multicultural Business Opportunities: In an Internet election, SBA was voted by America's leading women and minority-owned businesses as the premier government agency promoting multicultural business opportunities. The election was produced by DIV2000.com, a business portal providing an internet link between women and minority-owned businesses, Fortune 1000 companies, government agencies, colleges and universities.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LISEL LOY
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SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

- (A) **Berger Memo re: Report of Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy** -- Sandy forwards the report of the Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy, established in May 1999 to advise you and the Secretary of State on effective diplomacy programs to ensure U.S. leadership on worker rights and respond to 21st Century international labor challenges. The Committee recommends, among other things, that U.S. ambassadors be personally involved in labor diplomacy; that State substantially increase the number of U.S. labor officers and make labor tours more attractive to Foreign Service generalists; and that DOL play a greater role in State's labor diplomacy program. Madeline has convened a working group to respond to the Committee's recommendations.
- (B) **Marshall Memo re: Hoan Bridge** -- Goody forwards a DOT memo explaining the events leading up to the demolition of the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee, WI, following a severe snowstorm in early December.
- (C) **Congressional Correspondence (via Casstevens)** -- Kay forwards letters from (1) Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), congratulating you on an extraordinary record and thanking you for your devotion to public service; (2) Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT), forwarding you a copy of your July 18, 1980 speech to the Connecticut Democratic State Convention; (3) Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY), thanking you for your visit to Ulster County and expressing his gratitude for having served his first 8 years in the House during your successive administrations; and (4) Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI), thanking you for your message to him on the 45th anniversary of his service in the House.

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Items executed on your behalf:

- **Message to Congress on Pelly Amendment/Japanese Whaling** -- On Friday, at the Chief of Staff's direction, we executed on your behalf a message to Congress reporting your response to Secretary Mineta's certification of Japan under the Pelly Amendment. Your message, which reflects the middle option you selected, informs Congress that you have directed additional investigation of those Japanese companies that both manufacture whaling equipment and export products to the U.S.
- **PDs on west coast power supply and inclement weather** -- In conjunction with Saturday's radio address on your release of LIHEAP funds and other action in response to inclement weather, we executed 3 PDs on your behalf directing all Executive Departments and Agencies to reduce power consumption in California, Washington, and Oregon; DOE, DOT and the Coast Guard to ensure that fuel distribution systems remain open during inclement weather; and SBA to begin aggressive outreach to make small businesses aware that SBA lending programs are available to businesses that need assistance in paying energy bills.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*
GENE SPERLING *GS*

SUBJECT: Report of Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy:
"A World of Decent Work: Labor Diplomacy for the
New Century"

Attached is the report of the Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy, which was established in May 1999 to advise you and the Secretary of State on the resources and policies necessary to implement effective and efficient labor diplomacy programs. These are programs designed to ensure U.S. leadership on worker rights and respond more effectively to international labor challenges of the 21st century. The Committee held numerous public meetings, after which it met with Secretary Albright and delivered a report with recommendations for strengthening U.S. labor diplomacy.

The report recommends, *inter alia*, that U.S. ambassadors be personally involved in labor diplomacy; that the Secretary of State substantially increase the number of U.S. labor officers, sensitize the Foreign Service corps to the importance of labor diplomacy, and make labor tours more attractive to Foreign Service generalists (for example, by restoring a promotion track specifically designed for labor officers); that the U.S. Department of Labor play a greater role in the State Department's labor diplomacy program; and that the Secretary of State strengthen labor diplomacy institutions and processes in Washington.

Secretary Albright has convened a working group to respond to the Committee's recommendations, many of which the working group has already endorsed.

Attachment

Tab A "A World of Decent Work: Labor Diplomacy for the
New Century"

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

A World of Decent **WORK**

Labor
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Report of the Advisory Committee

on Labor Conditions in the Service of U.S.
and the President of the United States

September 2000

Preface

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright established the Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy in May of 1999. The Advisory Committee charter provides that the Committee shall advise the Secretary of State and the President of the United States on the resources and policies necessary to implement labor diplomacy programs efficiently, effectively and in a manner that ensures U.S. leadership before the international community in promoting the objectives and ideals of U.S. labor policies in the 21st century.

The Advisory Committee has embraced its charge, holding four public meetings, including an inaugural meeting featuring presentations by the Secretaries of State and Labor.¹ The Advisory Committee established

a policy subcommittee and an operational subcommittee, both of which also held several meetings. The Advisory Committee received briefings from a wide range of key officials with responsibilities and experience in the field.²

The Advisory Committee submits this first Report with the intention of continuing its work, and will issue additional reports as appropriate to address other labor diplomacy matters.

While this Report is submitted to the President and the Secretary of State, it provides some background information for other readers who may not be familiar with the labor diplomacy program.³

¹ Public meetings were held on September 17, 1999; December 14, 1999; March 14, 2000 and July 18, 2000.

² These officials included: The Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; the Special Representative for International Labor Affairs; the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; the Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs; the Director General of the Foreign Service; staff from the Bureau of Human Resources; staff from the Office of Resources, Plans and Policy of the State Department; current and former Labor Officers; staff from the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental Scientific Affairs; officials of the Foreign Service Institute; the Director of the Center for Democracy and Governance, United States Agency for International Development; the Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor and staff from that Bureau; the Assistant Secretary and Director General of The Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce; the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Foreign Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture; a member of the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel; and other officials.

³ The Advisory Committee gratefully acknowledges the assistance and cooperative support of Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Andrew Samet, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs; and Sandra Polaski, Special Representative to the Secretary of State for International Labor Affairs. The Advisory Committee also acknowledges the assistance of the staff of the State Department's International Labor Affairs Office, the Department of Labor's Office of Foreign Relations, and the AFL-CIO's International Affairs Office. In particular, it acknowledges the work of its Executive Secretary, Mark Simonoff.

Executive Summary

President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright have highlighted the promotion of core worker rights—including freedom of association, the right to organize and bargain collectively, freedom from discrimination, and the prohibition of child and forced labor—as a key component of U.S. foreign policy. The promotion of core worker rights leads to more democratic, stable, and robust civil societies, and a stronger and more productive middle class. The U.S. Strategic Plan for International Affairs calls for the advancement of core labor standards, the strengthening of independent trade union movements and the promotion of labor and human rights. The State Department's Strategic Plan echoes this strategy.

The Secretary of State established the Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy to advise her and the President on the resources and policies necessary to ensure U.S. leadership on worker rights in the international community. The U.S. Government has historically taken a strong interest in labor conditions overseas, from the first labor reporting in the 1880's, to participation in the founding of the International Labor Organization in the early 20th century, to President Roosevelt's establishment of a labor attaché program, to the support of free and independent trade union movements during the Cold War. Now, with the emergence of a truly global economy, the growing importance of international trade and related trade agreements, the increasing interdependence of capital and labor markets, and intensified economic competition, international labor issues have taken on an even greater significance in U.S. foreign policy.

Unfortunately, even as the global economy has elevated the importance of core worker rights as critical U.S. foreign policy interests and goals, resources for the task fell through the 1980's and most of the 1990's. In the mid-1990's, the State Department deeply cut back on an already shrinking labor diplomacy program. The number of Labor Officers overseas decreased, and the status and authority of the highest level official handling labor issues was reduced. While much progress has been made in the past two years, with an increase in the number of Labor Officers and the creation of the position of Special Representative for International Labor Affairs, there needs to be institutional reform in the State Department to effect lasting, meaningful change. The Advisory Committee, after receiving remarks and briefings from a wide array of knowledgeable individuals, has crafted recommendations to transform the culture and institutions of the Department to accomplish the labor goals of the U.S. Government.

The Advisory Committee's recommendations are clustered around six basic areas for reform: (1) the role of the Ambassador in labor diplomacy; (2) the role and work of Labor Officers overseas; (3) the career path of Foreign Service Officers who work on labor issues; (4) the Department of Labor's role in the labor diplomacy program; (5) Washington's labor diplomacy apparatus, particularly the Special Representative for International Labor Affairs; and (6) labor training and awareness throughout the State Department.

First, the Advisory Committee recommends that U.S. Ambassadors be personally involved in devel-

oping the country strategy on labor diplomacy and personally committed to engaging in discussions with leaders at the highest level of the country about the U.S. Government's international labor priorities. The President should emphasize the importance of labor issues in his letter of instruction to Ambassadors and, prior to departing for their posts, Ambassadors should engage in consultations on the U.S. Government's international labor goals and on labor issues in the host country.

Second, *the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary substantially increase the number of Labor Officers, including senior Labor Officers, and enhance the status of Labor Officers in overseas Missions. The Labor Officer is the Ambassador's key advisor on labor issues. The Labor Officer of the 21st Century must be an advocate for worker rights and an expert on labor conditions in the host country; should build coalitions among business, labor, civil society, government and non-governmental organizations; should coordinate U.S. Government labor-related programmatic activity; and should serve as a resource to U.S. and in-country policymakers on labor market programs and developments and related technical assistance programs. Labor Officers should spend most of their time working on the U.S. Government's labor priorities for the Mission; those at the FS-02 level and above should report to Deputy Chiefs of Mission and not section chiefs; Labor Officers should serve on their Embassies' Country Teams; and Labor Officers should be given the tools they need to perform their work effectively.*

Third, *the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary develop and expand the cadre of Labor Officers and make labor tours more attractive to Foreign Service generalists. A corps of labor experts in the Foreign Service, together with broad-based knowledge and support of labor issues throughout the Foreign Service, will result in a greater capacity to respond to the challenges of international labor*

diplomacy. To achieve this goal, the Secretary should restore and expand a labor promotion track and both encourage specialization in labor and recruit generalist Foreign Service Officers for one or two labor tours. The President and the Secretary of State should make it known that they will weigh labor and other global experience favorably in the ambassadorial selection process. The status of the Joint Award for Excellence in Labor Diplomacy should be enhanced. The Department should consider re-evaluating whether the "up or out" system is serving the Department's modern-day needs with respect to the development of expertise in labor and other global affairs. The Department should re-examine its practice of not hiring individuals with expertise into the Foreign Service's mid-level ranks, and should also use limited non-career appointments where special expertise is needed. The Department should place representatives from organized labor on Selection Boards. The Department should redouble its efforts to reach its goal of achieving a diverse Foreign Service, and, in particular, should recruit people of color for Labor Officer positions.

Fourth, *the U.S. Department of Labor should play a greater role in the State Department's labor diplomacy program. The Department of Labor, which has such a strong interest in the implementation of new worker rights initiatives overseas, and which, along with the State Department, plays a major role in the development of international labor policy in international fora, should have an institutionalized role in the labor diplomacy program. The Advisory Committee recommends the establishment of a new Interagency Labor Diplomacy Program Committee to oversee the labor diplomacy program. In addition, the Department of Labor should have a greater role in the staffing and funding of labor positions. The Advisory Committee also recommends maintaining the Labor Department/State Department exchange program.*

Fifth, *the Secretary should strengthen labor diplomacy in Washington.* The appointment of the Special Representative has been an important step in revitalizing labor diplomacy. But the position should be enhanced. The Special Representative should have more authority over Labor Officers. The position should be made permanent, and should be granted Ambassador-at-Large status. The resources of the International Labor Affairs Office should be increased to meet the expanding needs of labor diplomacy. There should be a senior Labor Officer in each Regional Bureau, as well as a designated labor advisor in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the International Organizations Bureau. In addition, there should be more labor coverage in the Department's strategic planning to reflect the U.S. Government's labor priorities, particularly in the Mission Performance Plans.

Sixth, *the State Department must continue its recent efforts to sensitize the entire Foreign Service corps, from Ambassadors down to junior Foreign Service Officers, to the centrality of the mission of advocating core worker rights and strengthening independent trade union movements.* The Foreign Service Institute should include more labor instruction in its courses, after engaging in a systematic analysis of labor content. Moreover, the Department should continue holding the Worldwide Annual Labor Officers Conference.

The Advisory Committee is grateful to the Secretary of State for all that she has already done to enhance labor diplomacy, and for her continued commitment to ensure U.S. leadership in international labor affairs. It looks forward to working with the Secretary in the implementation of these recommendations to strengthen the labor diplomacy program further.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.
SEAN P. O'SHEA *SPO*

SUBJECT: The Hoan Bridge

Attached is a copy of a memo from DOT outlining the events leading up to the demolition of the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee, WI, following a severe snowstorm in early December. The demolition of the bridge was delayed until Thursday, December 28, due to poor weather conditions. The WI DOT is surveying additional bridges throughout the state to assess potential impact upon existing structures.

Issue: HOAN BRIDGE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Background: On December 13, a motorist called police to report a sagging section of an approach viaduct to the HOAN Bridge, which is part of I-794. The police closed the route to traffic within 15 minutes of the report and the Wisconsin DOT immediately began to assess the condition of the bridge. No injuries or fatalities occurred. The Hoan Bridge, built in 1973, is comprised of twin three lane structures, which parallels the Milwaukee Harbor from Maier Festival Park to Carferry Drive. Approximately 3.7 miles of multiple viaduct structure spans on both sides of the Menomonee River lead to the main bridge over the river, a semi-through arch bridge which was opened to traffic in 1977. Before closure, the bridge carried up to 37,000 vehicles per day. The sagging 217-foot approach span was supported only by the third girder, which was still intact. Cracking of the third girder was noted on December 14. Instrumentation was placed on the bridge to monitor its stability and although there was no indication of additional sagging, a decision was made to conduct a controlled demolition of about one half of the fractured 217-foot span. The decision for controlled demolition was made in part because the cracked span passed over a portion of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Districts sewage treatment plant and would have caused significant damage to it had the span come down on its own. Controlled Demolitions Inc. (CDI), a Maryland company involved with the demolition of the Edward Morrow Federal Building in Oklahoma City, was retained by WI to perform the demolition before Christmas. Severe weather conditions including near zero temperatures and high winds hampered CDI personnel and froze the hydraulics of the equipment being used. This resulted in a delay until December 28 for the successful demolition.

Follow On Action: DOT's Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) WI Division Office engineers immediately began to work with Wisconsin DOT personnel in assessing the damage following notification on December 13. FHWA bridge experts from Washington were dispatched to work with WI DOT to assist in plans and offer technical support to determine the cause of girder failure. Several sections of the dropped span, including the actual cracked section of the steel girders will be shipped to FHWA's Laboratory in McLean, VA, and to Lehigh University for forensic analysis. FHWA engineers will investigate the fractured sections and toughness of the steel used in the bridge while experts at Lehigh University will determine the physical characteristics of the steel. The forensic analysis is being done in cooperation with the Wisconsin DOT. The collaborative analysis will determine the cause of girder cracking. Twenty-six bridges in Wisconsin have been identified as having similar material and structural details as used in the Hoan Bridge approach spans. WI DOT has already begun to conduct detailed inspections of those bridges. The FHWA will survey other states to determine the number and locations of similar types of bridges and encourage re-inspection of those structures. (Note that not all bridges are located in such harsh environments, a potential cause of cracking). Upon completion of the forensic analysis, appropriate measures, including advisories to states, will be made.

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3RD DISTRICT, MARYLAND

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2003

December 7, 2000

COMMISSIONER
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ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC WHIP

1-2-01

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As your terms in office comes to a close, I realize how fortunate I have been to be a member of Congress during these eight years. Your extraordinary leadership and commitment to the principles of inclusion have permanently changed our nation for the better. Your economic policy has made it possible for the federal government to be an active partner in dealing with the problems of our communities and its people.

Myrna and I each agreed that your speech at the Democratic Convention gave us an opportunity to reflect on just how special and incredible the last eight years have been. You used every opportunity to advance the goals of our country. Domestically and internationally this nation has never been stronger. Last Sunday night at the Kennedy Center Honors as Hillary and you received the accolades from the performing arts community that you deserved, it was apparent in that room of the great love and respect in which you are held. You are a President that understands the full beauty and potential of our country.

I particularly appreciate the manner in which you engaged each of us who was interested in joining in your mission. Your frequent meetings at the White House and Capitol Hill, the accessibility of your staff, your genuine desire to learn from our experiences and your energy and optimism made your presidency the most productive in recent history.

Congratulations on an extraordinary record. Thank you for your devotion to public service. Because of what you have done, many more young people now believe that our system of government works and that public service is an honorable career.

Myrna and I are proud to call you our friend.

Sincerely





1-2-01

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROSA L. DELAURO
THIRD DISTRICT
CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. President -
As promised, a
copy of your Jan 18, 1980
speech to the Congress
Staff Council - I'm it

too as long -

Remember You and Ann
are important date
for all of us - particularly
The Rev. Miss Dodd - your
good friend and mine.

My warmest wishes to
you - Rose

December

Dear Mr. President -

As promised, a copy of your
July 18, 1980 speech to the
Connecticut State Convention.
Sorry it took so long -
Pertinent then and now -
an important date for all of us -
particularly the Honorable Chris
Dodd - your good friend and mine.

My warmest wishes to you -

Rosa



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CONGRESSMAN MAURICE D. HINCHEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 6, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you so very much for your visit to Ulster County. Both the public and fundraising events were highly successful and the Kingston area residents were thrilled and honored to have you come to visit. My office was flooded with letters, calls of congratulations and gratitude for providing the community the opportunity to see and listen to you. One particular point that still resounds is your very eloquent elaboration on "Why we are Democrats." You summed it up perfectly and, when election night came, the fruits of our efforts paid off. As you can imagine, having Hillary on New York's side is something that I am looking forward to. Working with her on our mutual goals, as we have done over the past eight years, will be most satisfying. She is going to be a great U.S. Senator from New York.

I am honored by your friendship and trust. I will always be grateful for having served my first eight years in the House of Representatives during the successive administrations of William Jefferson Clinton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hinchey".

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500



JOHN D. DINGELL 12-13-2000

Mr. President, —

Thank you for your gracious message on my Forty-Five Years of Service. It was most kind, and the sort of thing you always do in such a gracious fashion. —

Deborah + I send you + Hillary
Christmas Greetings + good wishes
— over, —

for the New Year.

We have been honored by your
friendship + many kindnesses. And,
we are proud to have worked with
you on the many fine things you
have done for the Country. —

You have been a fine
President, and you have served the
people well.

God guard + protect you,
John

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 11, 2000

Dear John:

Congratulations on your 45th anniversary of service in the United States House of Representatives! Only four other members have served our nation for this long in the people's house.

I am deeply grateful to have been able to work with you on issues of profound importance to our nation such as health care, prescription drug coverage, telecommunications, energy and environmental matters, financial services and others. Your experience and skill are invaluable to your colleagues and to the institution of the House.

As you celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to the challenges ahead, Hillary joins me in extending best wishes to you and Debbie for many more happy and productive years.

Sincerely,

Bill

The Honorable John D. Dingell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WEEKLY REPORTS

Week Ending January 5, 2001

January 5, 2001

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) **Update on Global Markets/
Interest Rates and Stock Prices**
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- (C) **DPC**
- (D) **Office of Environmental Initiatives**
- (E) **Intergovernmental**
- (F) **Cabinet Affairs**
- (G) **Communications**
- (H) **Public Liaison**
- (I) **Race Initiative**
- (J) **Legislative Affairs**
- (K) **Political Affairs**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 7, 2001

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONGREGATION

Foundry United Methodist Church
Washington, D.C.

11:40 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Reverend Wogaman, staff, choir, congregation of this wonderful church. I would like to thank many people in this audience, but if I might, a few by name.

My good friend, Bishop May and Mrs. May, thank you for being here. My counsel-man, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Evans, thank you so much for your friendship and for being here. (Laughter.) Senator Max Cleland, my friend of many years, before either one of us were in our present positions -- surprising all but our mothers by our success. (Laughter.) I am so proud of you, sir, and I thank you for all you have done.

I think of this church when reading the words of Paul that Hillary cited earlier, speaking of his gratitude to the Thessalonians, or constantly remembering their work of faith, their labor of love, their steadfastness of hope. I thank Foundry for all that and for being a church home to my family these last eight years.

I thank especially those of you who were so kind to Chelsea over the years, who provided her opportunities to participate in the life of the church, especially in the Appalachia Service Project, from which she learned so much. I thank those of you who have taken special care to befriend Hillary and to support her. And I thank you especially for the wonderful welcome you gave her last week, when she came back here for the first time as a senator-to-be.

I thank you all for your prayers and your welcome to all of us in the storm and sunshine of these last eight years. I will always have wonderful memories of every occasion where we passed

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the peace; for all the people, young and old, who came up to me and said a kind word of welcome; to remind me that no matter what was going on in Washington, D.C., at the moment, there was a real world out there, with real people and real hearts and minds, reaffirming the timeless wisdom of de Tocqueville's observation so long ago, that America is great because America is good. You cannot imagine the peace, the comfort, the strength I have drawn from my Sundays here.

I want to thank you for a few other things. For the social mission of this church, especially for your outreach to the homeless, which I have been honored to support. And for your constant support of my efforts to bring peace in the Middle East and Kosovo and Northern Ireland and the other trouble spots of the world, where there are people suffering who have no money or power, too often overlooked by great nations with great interests.

I want to thank you for making Foundry a true community church, welcoming Christians from all races and all nations, with all kinds of abilities and disabilities, some seen and some not. I thank you especially for the kindness and courage of Foundry's welcome to gay and lesbian Christians, people who should not feel outside the family of God.

I thank you for your support for the city of Washington, for its economic and social revitalization, which I have done my best to speed. And for giving its citizens the political equality and statehood I have always believed they deserve, as my license plate shows. (Laughter.) And will for at least a couple more weeks. (Laughter.)

Especially, I would like to thank Reverend Wogaman, for being my pastor and friend, my counselor and teacher. Most of you know that for more than two years now, he and two other minister friends of mine have shared the burden of meeting with me on a weekly basis. It has been an immense blessing to me and to my service as President.

Two weeks from yesterday, at high noon, I will relinquish my office -- doing so with a heart filled with gratitude; gratitude to the American people for the chance to serve and to leave our country with more opportunity, stronger bonds of community and a more positive impact in the larger world, at the dawn of a new century and a whole new aspect of human affairs.

Our nation has come a long way together these last eight years, and I am profoundly grateful to have had the opportunity to play a part in it. In the years ahead, America may have Presidents who do this job better than I have. But I really

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doubt we'll ever have another one who enjoyed it more than I have. (Laughter.)

Well, those are my reflections. I didn't know what the title of my sermon was until I picked up the program, as I walked into church. (Laughter.)

What do I anticipate? I anticipate that my Christian bearing will be tested by a return to commercial air travel -- (laughter and applause) -- where I will reap the rewards of not having succeeded in one of the things I tried very hard to do, which was to end all those backlogs.

I anticipate that for some several months I will be disoriented when I walk into large rooms, because no one will be playing a song anymore. (Laughter.) I look forward to finding out whether John Quincy Adams was right when he said, there is nothing so pathetic in life as an ex-President. (Laughter.) Or whether, instead of his words, the life of John Quincy Adams and the life of Jimmy Carter prove exactly the reverse.

In the next chapter of my life I will do my best to use the incredible opportunities my country has given me to be a good citizen here at home and around the world, to advance the causes I believe in and to lift the fortunes and hopes of those who deserve a better hand than they have been dealt -- whether in Africa, Asia, Latin America or Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta, the inner cities or the Native American reservations. I will try every day to remember, as apparently for the first time in my life I will be able to earn a sizeable income -- (laughter) -- that Christ admonished us that our lives will be judged by how we do unto the least of our neighbors.

I will also do my best to keep working for peace and reconciliation among people, across their differences, to find ways to get people to move beyond tolerance to celebration of those differences. I know it's sort of out of fashion, but I've kind of grown impatient with the word "tolerance," because tolerance implies that someone who's better than someone else is decent enough to put up with them. And I think we need to move beyond that.

We are moving into the most incredible era of human affairs the world has ever known, in terms of our interdependence, our capacity to relate to people across national and cultural and religious lines, and our ability to use these breathtaking advances in technology with advances in bio-medical sciences to lengthen and improve lives in ways that previously are literally unimaginable.

And, yet, the biggest threat we face is the oldest problem of humankind, the fear of the other, which can so easily lead to hatred and de-humanization and violence, but even if it doesn't go that far, limits the lives all of us might otherwise live.

And I have spent a lot of time, as you might have noticed, in a reasonably combative arena. I am not without my competitive instincts. A lot of days I thought just showing up was an act of competition. (Laughter.) But I do believe, in the end, when all is said and done, what matters most is what we did that was common to our humanity. And, somehow, I will do everything I can to advance that simple but powerful idea at home and around the world.

I will also do my best to support my Senator and our daughter. And I will try to keep learning and growing, working to follow the example of the mythic Parsifal, a good man slowly wise.

Thanks to the good people of New York, as Phil said, this is not really a goodbye, but the beginning of a new chapter in our lives with Foundry. But it is a new chapter. So let me thank you again, for letting all of us, Hillary, Chelsea and me, make this part of our life's journey with you; for your constant reminder, in ways large and small, that though we have all fallen short of the glory, we are all redeemed by faith in a loving God.

God bless you.

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WASHINGTON D.C.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

January 5, 2001



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lawrence H. Summers *LHS*

SUBJECT: Update on Global Markets
The Week Ending January 5, 2001

The surprise timing and size of the FOMC's 50 basis point interest rate cut on Wednesday prompted a substantial rally in global stock markets but raised fresh concerns about the depth and potential duration of the slowdown in the U.S. economy.

- Prior to the rate cut, the National Association of Purchasing Management's index for December came in at 43.7, its lowest since April 1991, with sharp declines in sub-indices for new orders, production, and employment. Other data releases showed dismal auto sales and record corporate layoffs in December, an increase in initial unemployment claims last week, and declines in construction spending and in new home sales in November. December non-farm payroll and unemployment data released on Friday were at market expectations, but the components of the data – showing broad-based declines in both employment and average workweek hours in the manufacturing sector – reinforced analysts' impression of a slowdown.
- Implied yields on dollar interest rate futures indicate that a further 100 hundred basis point easing by mid-year is now largely "priced in," of which 50 bps are expected by the end of January when the FOMC next meets.
- The yield spread of JP Morgan's EMBI+ index for emerging market bonds over the comparable Treasury bond narrowed by a further 17 basis points, to 739 bps this week. The spread on the EMBI+ sub-index for Argentina narrowed to 737 bps, down by 28 bps on the week. The sub-index's outperformance relative to the overall EMBI+ primarily reflected the direct impact on Argentina of the U.S. interest rate cut due to the peso's link to the dollar.
- There has not been a parallel move in lower quality U.S. corporate credit spreads. These narrowed by only 2-3 basis points for industrial issuers and widened by 21 bps for utilities in light of concerns about the credit problems of California utilities.
- The euro surpassed the \$0.95 level – ending the week 1.7% higher and above where it was before the U.S. interest rate cut – on a relatively favorable economic outlook for Europe. The yen depreciated by 1.9%, moving beyond ¥ 116 on added pessimism about Japan's economic prospects.

Weekly Market Indicators for the Week Ending:
5:00 PM

January 5, 2001

Major International Markets							
<i>Changes are Friday to Friday</i>							
Exchange Rates			Equities			Ten-Year Government Bond Yields	
	Level	% change	Index	Level	change	%	BP change
Japan	116.64	1.9%	Nikkei	13868	0.6%	1.62	-2
Euro	0.96	-2.2%					
Euro-yen	111.67	4.0%					
Germany			Xetra-Dax	6382	-0.8%	4.69	-14
U.K.			FT-SE 100	6198	-0.4%	4.80	-9
France			CAC-40	5758	-2.8%	4.83	-19
Italy			MIB 30	42992	-1.7%	5.09	-18

^ U.S. dollar depreciation/appreciation

Emerging Markets							
Exchange Rates			Equities			Emerging Market Sov. Bond Spread*	
	Level per USD	% change (local ccy)	Index	Level	change	BP	BP change
Korea	1262.50	0.2%	Kospi	581	15.1%	212	-21
Indonesia	9507.50	1.8%	JSE	419	0.6%	615	18
Thailand	43.25	0.4%	SET	287	6.5%	242	17
Hong Kong	7.80	0.0%	Hang Seng	15448	2.3%	272	18
Brazil	1.95	-0.3%	Bovespa	16410	7.5%	747	-10
Argentina	1.00	-0.1%	Merval	464	11.4%	577	-49
Mexico	9.76	-1.5%	Bolsa	5924	5.7%	483	25
Russia	28.42	0.4%	RTS	146	1.7%	1130	-17
India	46.71	-0.1%	BSE 200	464	6.1%	n/a	n/a
Turkey	663998.00	0.9%	ISE 100	10007	6.0%	692	-15
South Africa	7.51	0.7%	JSE	#N/A N/P	#####	365	-14

* spread on U.S. dollar-denominated sovereign debt to 10-year U.S. Treasuries

Source: Reuters

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

January 5, 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DIANE LIM ROGERS *DLR*

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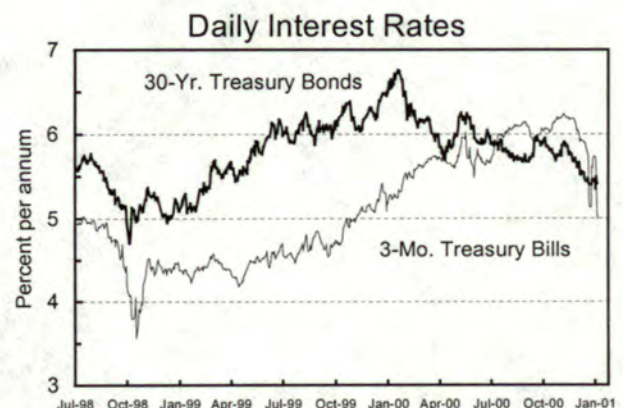
SUBJECT: Stock Prices and Interest Rates for the Week Ending Friday, January 5, 2001

Major stock indexes ended the week down, despite a sharp increase in stock prices on Wednesday following the Federal Reserve's decision to lower interest rates. Worries that the slower economy will lower profits fueled the declines. Shares of utilities and health-care stocks fell substantially, while the technology sector posted its first weekly gain since early last month.

Index	Change from 12/29/2000 (percent)
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	-1.2
S&P 500	-1.7
NASDAQ Composite	-2.5

Yields on Treasuries of all maturities fell this week. The Federal Reserve interest rate cut, and more news of a slowing economy (increasing the chances of another interest rate cut in the near future) contributed to the week's declines. Mortgage rates have fallen steadily since last spring, and are now at their lowest level since May 1999.

Treasury securities	Close 1/5/2001 (percent)	Change from 12/29/2000 (percentage points)
3-month bills	4.99	-0.74
10-year notes	4.93	-0.19
30-year bonds	5.41	-0.05



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January 5, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Barbara Chow

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

1. Welfare –Disability: The Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities is finalizing its third annual report, documenting the Administration's activities over the past year and offering recommendations for the future. The report commends your Administration for acting on last year's recommendations, as well as actively promoting the goals of economic opportunity, independence and self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities throughout your tenure.

At the same time, we are preparing an Executive Order that would fulfill one of last year's recommendations by creating the President's Disability Employment Partnership Board within the new office of the Assistant Secretary of Disability Policy that was proposed in your budget and funded in the final Labor-HHS package. This Board would serve as a liaison to the private sector in promoting public-private partnerships aimed at increasing the employment and other economic opportunities of persons with disabilities. The Task Force is working on a list of proposed appointments to this Board, including Tony Coelho as Chairperson, and other members of the business, labor, and research communities.

The report, the Executive Order and select appointments could be announced in conjunction with your participation in the dedication ceremony for the new FDR memorial statue next Wednesday, January 10.

2. Education -- The Gates Foundation Funds New Education Initiative: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced a \$100 million school-improvement and college scholarship fund to help 5,000 low-income students from 10-15 Washington State high schools with high poverty levels. Only students from the chosen schools will be eligible for the scholarships, which means the 500 full scholarships awarded every year for 10 years will be spread over a small pool of candidates. The schools themselves will be given a lump sum equaling \$500 for every student enrolled to redesign themselves into small, autonomous learning environments of no more than 100 students per grade level. The announcement of this school improvement and scholarship plan follows the Gates'

Foundation \$350 million initiative launched last year to fund education reform with an emphasis on creating smaller schools.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER BALLENTINE 

RE: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLY

Press, Science and Industry

DaimlerChrysler announced that it will deliver one of the first prototype fuel cell-based vans to German parcel-delivery company Hermes Versand Service for a two-year test period beginning later this year. The company also announced plans to invest approximately one billion EURO in fuel cell technology by 2004.

Author and environmentalist Bill McKibben wrote a highly critical op-ed in *The New York Times* today on this Administration's record on climate change. McKibben claims that we have "done nothing" because climate change was "too politically painful to address head-on". We are preparing a response.

State and Local

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) made good on its earlier commitment and announced that it will add 100 new compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles to its fleet. However, in a bit of a backtrack, WMATA stated that the CNG buses will be considered "experimental" and that until those buses prove desirable, it expects that most of the remaining 700 or so buses it plans to add in the next five years will be diesel.

cc: John Podesta
Martin Baily
Charles Burson
George Frampton
Neal Lane
Gene Sperling

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JANUARY 5, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICKEY IBARRA 

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT

BUSH TO "ABOLISH" IGA

According to a story in today's Washington Post, the new Administration plans to abolish the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The article states, in relevant part:

"Rove has been given authority over the White House Office of Political Affairs, the Office of Public Liaison and the newly created Office of Strategic Initiatives, which will handle long-term planning. Card has decided to abolish the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, which coordinated with state and local governments; that task has been given to the policy department."

Tom Cochran, USCM executive director and new chair of the U.S. Alliance (Big Seven), spoke to Karl Rove today by phone in an effort to get an explanation of their plan. He remains unclear and confused by Rove's response. Tom has requested a meeting with Rove and others to discuss this matter further. Tom also spoke to Robert Pear of the New York Times, who is preparing an article on this issue.

NGA LETTER

The NGA wrote the attached letter thanking you for your leadership in helping to protect the nation's Governors' priority programs in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of FY 2001, community renewal, and Medicare legislation.

LIHEAP RELEASE

The National Energy Assistance Directors' Association sent a very gracious letter thanking you for the LIHEAP funds released recently. Governor Shaheen also wrote a letter thanking the White House for releasing the money now.

ROADLESS ANNOUNCEMENT

While many Republican governors are on record opposing the Administration's roadless policy, Governors Kitzhaber and Locke both spoke very highly of the Roadless announcement today.

Governor Locke said, "I strongly support President Clinton's decision to protect pristine areas that are free of roads. While protecting significant blocks of roadless areas, it will allow recreation, grazing and even limited logging where forest managers determine it would be appropriate." NGA has taken no position although the WGA, NCSL, and NACo all oppose it.

SENORA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Former Speaker Art Hamilton (D-AZ) called to express concern about expanding the Senora National Monument without designating a right of way for a utility corridor. Interior has agreed to discuss this concern with the parties involved. Hamilton was very grateful for our assistance.

DISASTER DECLARATION

Today, IGA notified Governor Keating's office of your approval of his disaster declaration request for damage resulting from a severe and dangerous slow-moving storm beginning on December 25, 2000.

INSULAR AREAS

Vieques: Governor Sila Calderon told reporters she is requesting New Yorkers ask the First Lady and you for an immediate end to training at the Navy range. Dennis Rivera's leadership of the effort has also attracted press attention. Calls and/or letters have been received from Representatives Nydia Velazquez (D) and Jose Serrano (D) and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer (D). Calderon also said in her Inaugural Address January 2, that she "expected" you to act on her request. Resident Commissioner Anibal Acevedo Vila (Commonwealth party/D) made a similar statement after being sworn-in.

Navy Secretary Danzig wants to make sure you know that such an action would leave the Navy and Marine Corps without a reliable way of training their personnel through May 1, 2003. That is the date that you have ordered the now limited training to end if the Viequenses vote November 6, for it to end. Meanwhile, Senator John Breaux said that Calderon's statements are inconsistent with the agreement that you reached with former Governor Pedro Rossello and would likely provoke the Congress to deny further economic aid to the islands. Senator James Inhofe said he would seek repeal of the requirement for the Navy to relinquish its land on Vieques. And new House Resources Committee Chairman James Hansen reiterated that he would propose independence for Puerto Rico if Calderon implemented her plans.

DIRECTOR TRAVEL

While in San Juan, Puerto Rico on December 29, I was able to meet with outgoing-Speaker Mislá, Senate President Gonzalez, and Secretary of State Morey to express your gratitude for their unending support of the many Clinton initiatives, including your Vieques Directives, to improve conditions in Puerto Rico.

IN THE NEWS

New Governors: This week three new Governors were sworn into office. They include:

- Sila Calderón became the Governor of Puerto Rico on January 2. In 1985, Governor Hernández Colón named her as his chief of staff, and later appointed her as Secretary of the Interior and then Secretary of State. Since 1996, she has been mayor of San Juan.
- Judy Martz (R) became the new Governor of Montana also on January 2. Since 1973, she has owned and operated a solid waste firm in Butte. She also competed in the 1964 Olympics as a speed skater. She eventually joined Governor Racicot as his Lt. Governor in 1996.
- On January 3, 2001, Ruth Ann Minner (D) was sworn in as Governor of Delaware. After beginning as a page, she was later elected as a state representative for four terms and as a state senator for three terms. She was elected Delaware's first woman Lt. Governor in 1992.



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December 21, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to thank you for your determined efforts to complete action on the omnibus appropriations, community renewal, and Medicare legislation. We are grateful for your leadership in helping to protect the nation's Governors' priority programs. Your efforts with Congress to maintain commitments to states for key programs such as Title XX/Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), and education programs were especially important. The Governors strongly support the provisions in the community renewal tax legislation adjusting the private activity bond and low-income housing tax credits to meet current needs and the funding increase towards meeting the federal share of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Because of the importance of flexibility, the Governors strongly support the provision from the 1996 welfare reform law extending through the end of this year the authority that allows states to transfer up to 10 percent of their TANF block grant into SSBG. Proposals to restrict that flexibility would have acted as a cut in funding for SSBG. Consequently, the Governors appreciate the restoration of the transferability provision to the full 10 percent.

The Governors appreciated your constant commitment and efforts to meet with us, to share your priorities, and to respect our views and concerns.

We wish you well.

Sincerely,

Governor Parris N. Glendening

Governor John Engler

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January 5, 2001



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TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
SONYA HEBERT

RE: Communications Weekly Report

Overview:

This week, through events and other message vehicles, we pushed out the message that you continue to lead the nation on issues important to the American people, including protecting women's health, conserving America's "roadless" lands – some of our nation's last unprotected wildlands and recognizing the contributions of America's Armed Forces. In your weekly radio address, you announced new enrollment numbers for the Children's Health Insurance Program totaling at least 3.3 million children – a 70 percent increase over the 1999 level. To further increase enrollment, you also announced new regulations to promote outreach to uninsured children via school lunch programs and make it easier for families to find quality health insurance for their children with the assistance of SCHIP.

Israel Policy Forum Gala Dinner

On Sunday, you and the First Lady will attend the Israel Policy Forum Gala, where you will be honored for your achievements and efforts to secure peace in the Middle East. This will serve as an opportunity for you to discuss recent developments in the Middle East peace process and demonstrate your commitment to continuing efforts to bring peace to this troubled region of the world.

Tribute to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

On Sunday, joined by the First Lady, the Vice President, Senator Schumer, Representative Rangel and supporters of the First Lady's Senate campaign, you will participate in a Tribute to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Madison Square Garden Theatre, which will include a reenactment of the First Lady's Senate swearing in ceremony.

AFL-CIO Event

On Monday, you will participate in a rededication ceremony of the new AFL-CIO building. We will use this event to push out your record on improving the lives of working Americans,

including by raising the minimum wage. In your remarks, you will highlight a new report detailing the benefits of raising the minimum wage to working families and to the economy.

Citizens Medal Ceremony

On Monday, you will award 28 talented and dedicated individuals Presidential Citizens Awards for their commitment to active citizenship and service to our nation. The honorees, some of whom include Hank Aaron, Elizabeth Taylor and Muhammad Ali, are being recognized for their remarkable service and accomplishments in a variety of areas including civil rights, medicine and health, human rights, religion, education, sports, disability advocacy, government service, and the environment.

DNC/DSCC/DCCC Staff Event

On Monday, you will give remarks at DNC Headquarters to the party faithful on how the Democratic Party better meets the needs of Americans today than ever before – giving a look at what the Democratic Party has done and what we still need to accomplish for the American people. This will give you an opportunity to motivate the party apparatus to continue fighting now more than ever for the issues important to the American people.

Midwest Travel

We are working with the Press Office, Scheduling Office, Political Affairs and others to plan your travel to the Midwest on Tuesday. You will return to East Lansing and Chicago, cities you visited on the campaign trail that represent the progress the nation has enjoyed under your leadership. You will return to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan to a crowd of 15,000 people to discuss the economic transformation of America – showcasing America's historic economic growth over the last eight years as a result of your economic strategy of fiscal discipline and debt reduction. You then will travel to Chicago for an event at James Ward Elementary School, a school that has significantly improved in recent years in part due to your education initiatives. Joined by members of the Chicago community, you will give remarks to highlight the progress across America in improving education and the quality of our schools, particularly in the nation's cities, as a result of your leadership. Lastly, you will participate in a large rally event in Chicago at the Palmer House Hotel to again discuss the enormous transformation in America over the last 8 years.

FDR Memorial

On Wednesday, at an event at the FDR memorial, you will dedicate a new statue depicting Franklin Delano Roosevelt seated in his wheelchair – completing the National Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. In your remarks, you will commemorate Roosevelt for his commitment to empowering all people, including persons with disabilities and celebrate his legacy as a leader of vision and understanding. Accompanied by members of the Roosevelt family, you will tour the new "room," which includes the statue and an engraving of an historic quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, the first quote of a First Lady to be displayed on a National Memorial. This event will

demonstrate your commitment to improving the quality of life for Americans with disabilities and empowering all people to realize their full potential.

Northeast Travel

We are working with the Press Office, Scheduling Office, Political Affairs and others to plan your travel to Dover and Manchester, New Hampshire and Boston, Massachusetts. Similar in theme to your Midwest travel on Tuesday, these cities, which you visited on the campaign trail, represent America's progress under your leadership. On Thursday, you will participate in a crowd event in Dover New, Hampshire – the site of your “when the last dog dies” speech – and deliver a major speech on social progress in America. Here you will showcase how as a result of your leadership, today, the circle of opportunity has widened, crime has decreased, the economy has grown, education has improved and America is better for it. In Manchester, you will visit Elm Street, a Manchester street that has enjoyed great economic revitalization during the last eight years – representing the transformation of America. Following your visit to Manchester, you will return to Boston to participate in a rally to showcase the transformation of America, specifically highlighting the city's success in combating crime and how Boston is symbolic of the progress made across the nation in making our streets safer. We are working with the Press Office to set up press interviews and briefings with national reporters to push out the social progress message.

Economic Report of the President

On Friday, in a departure statement, you will discuss the importance of keeping the nation on the path of fiscal discipline and continuing to pay down the debt, using CEA's Economic Report of the President as a newspeg.

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JANUARY 5, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARY BETH CAHILL
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT (December 30 to January 5)

I. CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES:*AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH*

Black Farmers Seek Executive Order. The National Black Farmers Association (NBFA) President, John Boyd, sent you a letter requesting an Executive Order to address expediting payment to the 11,000 farmers approved for payment, allowing 53,000 potential claimants an opportunity to join the class action suit, and earmarking funds for farmer outreach. Boyd communicated to our office that the Bush Administration/Transition Team has already expressed an interest to develop an Executive Order to expedite the payment of black farmers. However, NBFA would like to see the Clinton Administration issue the order, especially since this Administration was the first to meet with black farmers in 1997 which created the catalyst to the settlement of the largest civil rights case in U.S. History: \$3 billion for black and small farmers.

ETHNIC OUTREACH

Arab Americans Express Interest in Arafat's Visit. Arab Americans applaud your continued effort to bring peace to the Middle East, and are heartened by Arafat's visit. There is great apprehension about the elections in Israel, as well as enormous concern about the well being of the Palestinians who are facing terrible economic conditions, such as severe food shortages. They continue to praise your perseverance and commitment to peace.

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JANUARY 5, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

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

Antidiscrimination campaign: On January 10th, MTV will launch its 2001 "Fight For Your Rights: Take A Stand Against Discrimination" public service campaign. For the first time in its history, MTV will suspend its regular programming and commercial time for seventeen and one-half hours to continuously scroll the names of hate crimes victims. The campaign will feature a documentary on the death of Matthew Shepard, a news special examining hate crimes, a partnership with civil rights organizations to educate the public on ways to fight hate, and a massive email lobbying effort to pass federal hate crimes legislation.

CABINET RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLYDepartment of Education

Native American Technical Education Grants: On January 3, DOEd invited applications for new Native American Vocational and Technical Education Program (NAVTEP) awards for FY2001 for publishing in the *Federal Register*. This program provides grants to improve vocational and technical education programs that benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives. Salish Kootenai College, a current grantee under the program (formerly known as the Indian Vocational Education Program), is challenging DOEd's interpretation of the NAVTEP statute. The college has threatened to bring a lawsuit to stop the competition.

Latino Childhood Roundtable: On January 12, DOEd's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights will participate in the national Roundtable on Latino Childhood Issues, in Chicago, IL.

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Department of Housing and Urban Development

Chicago Racial Discrimination Case: A federal court approved the settlement of a suit brought by DOJ last June against a couple charged with discriminating against black tenants in a Chicago apartment building. The couple claimed that there were "too many blacks in the building." After they evicted many of the building's black tenants, three of them brought complaints against them. The couple paid \$30,000 in compensation and the complainants' attorney's fees. They will also receive fair housing training and will be monitored by DOJ for three years.

Department of Justice

Violent Crime in Indian Country: DOJ's SD district, through its model victim-witness program, recently developed a video entitled, "A Journey Through the Federal Justice System." The video depicts the progression of a domestic violence case through the criminal justice system. The video will be used to help crime victims, especially those in Indian Country jurisdictions, understand the complexities of the criminal justice process.

Department of Transportation

Minority Seat Belt Use: On January 9, Secretary Slater will give the keynote address at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives symposium in Washington, DC. The focus of the symposium is law enforcement's role in achieving increased seat belt use in diverse communities. Symposium attendees will include minority law enforcement officers, civil rights leaders, and ranking government officials. Symposium topics include enforcing primary seat belt laws in minority communities and building support within the African-American community for traffic safety.

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January 5, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHUCK BRAIN *KC for CB*

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

House of Representatives

On Tuesday, the House convened for the first session of the 107th Congress. Members were sworn in and Rep. J. Dennis Hastert was reelected Speaker of the House with 222 votes. Rep. Richard Gephardt received 206 votes. Rep. James Traficant (OH) voted for Hastert and was thereupon expelled from the Democratic caucus. Rep. Gene Taylor (MS) voted for Rep Jack Murtha (PA). Reps. Hastert and Gephardt did not vote.

In one of its first resolutions, the House adopted (215-206) a new set of rules for the 107th Congress. Democrats opposed the rules because of the lack parity in committee ratios.

Republican rules limiting the terms of committee chairmen resulted in almost all new committee leadership in the 107th Congress. Most of the ranking Democrats remained the same:

Agriculture	Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX), Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-TX)
Appropriations:	Rep. C.W. Bill Young (R-FL), Rep. David Obey (D-WI)
Armed Services:	Rep. Bob Stump (R-AZ), Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO)
Budget:	Rep. Jim Nussle (R-IA), Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)
Energy and Commerce:	Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA), Rep. John Dingell (D-MI)
Education and the Workforce:	Rep. John Boehner (R-OH), Rep. George Miller (D-CA)
Financial Services	Rep. Michael Oxley (R-OH), Rep. John LaFalce (D-NY)
International Relations	Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL), Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA)
Judiciary	Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Rep. John Conyers (D-MI)
Resources	Rep. Jim Hansen (R-UT), (open)
Science	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX)
Transportation and Infrastructure:	Rep. Don Young (R-AK), Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-MN)
Veterans' Affairs:	Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ), Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL)
Ways and Means:	Rep. Bill Thomas (R-CA), Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY)

To satisfy a struggle between Reps. Tauzin and Oxley, the Commerce Committee's financial services and insurance jurisdiction was transferred to the Financial Services (formerly Banking)

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Committee. Rep. Oxley was named chairman, passing over Rep. Marge Roukema, who was next in seniority.

Week Ahead

The House will next convene on Saturday, January 6th to count the votes from the Electoral College. The House is not expected to meet again for legislative business until January 30, 2000.

United States Senate

Swearing-in: On Tuesday, the Senate convened and Vice President Al Gore swore-in the newly elected Senators for the 107th Congress. Senator Byrd (D-WV) was elected unanimously as the President of the Senate Pro-Tempore.

Committee Representation: On Friday, the Senate passed (by unanimous consent) S. Res. 8, relative to the rules of the organization of the Senate. This resolution would allow for equal party representation on Senate committees. In the case of a tie vote cast in committee, the agreement would give the Majority Leader the authority to issue a discharge action that would allow the bill to be brought up for a procedural vote in the Senate. A majority vote would be required to place the measure on the calendar. If that procedural vote results in a tie, the vice president would be able to break the tie, thus giving Republicans the ability to move legislation once President Bush is sworn in.

Week Ahead

On Saturday at 12:45PM, the Senate will convene and proceed to the House Chamber for the counting of the Electoral College votes.

On Monday at noon, the Senate will convene and Senator Byrd (D-WV) will proceed to general housekeeping of the Senate.

The following Senators are designated as chairmen of the following committees until 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001:

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Tom Harkin
- Appropriations: Robert C. Byrd
- Armed Services: Carl Levin
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Paul Sarbanes
- Budget: Kent Conrad
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Ernest F. Hollings
- Energy and Natural Resources: Jeff Bingaman
- Environment and Public Works: Harry Reid
- Finance: Max Baucus
- Foreign Relations: Joseph Biden
- Governmental Affairs: Joseph Lieberman
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Edward Kennedy

- Judiciary: Patrick Leahy
- Rules and Administration: Chris Dodd
- Small Business: John Kerry
- Veterans' Affairs: Jay Rockefeller
- Indian Affairs: Daniel Inouye
- Select Committee on Intelligence: Bob Graham

Effective on January 20, 2001 at noon the following committees shall have the following chairmen, pursuant to Republican Conference ratification:

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Richard Lugar
- Appropriations: Ted Stevens
- Armed Services: John Warner
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Phil Gramm
- Budget: Pete Domenici
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation: John McCain
- Energy and Natural Resources: Frank Murkowski
- Environment and Public Works: Robert Smith
- Finance: Charles Grassley
- Foreign Relations: Jesse Helms
- Governmental Affairs: Fred Thompson
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Jim Jeffords
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