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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

DATE: December 9, 1995
LOCATION: Air Force One
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
FROM: Mike McCurry

I. PURPOSE

You will conduct a one on one print interview with Kathy Kiely from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette to highlight your administration's accomplishments and discuss your goals for the year ahead.

II. BACKGROUND

Kathy Kiely is the new Washington bureau chief for the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. She previously reported for the now defunct Houston Post. You have never interviewed with her before. You last interviewed with the Democrat Gazette in a roundtable with Arkansas reporters in December 1993. Kiely is likely to ask you about:

- * Your assessment of the last year dealing with a Republican Congress
- * Your goals for the last year of your first term
- * The budget battle with the Hill and whether you anticipate a second government shutdown
- * Congressional support for Bosnia
- * Whitewater

III. SCHEDULE

Briefing followed by on the record, in person interview.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- * The President
- * Kathy Kiely

V. PRESS PLAN

This interview is exclusive to the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and will run in the newspaper's Sunday edition.

VI. REMARKS

None.

BACKGROUND

- Recent Arkansas Democrat Gazette Articles
- Whitewater Q's & A's
- Background on Arkansas troops in Bosnia

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BYLINE: KATHY KIELY, Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

BODY:

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton hasn't quite gotten around to overtly acknowledging that he's running for re-election, but his wife is about to do it for him.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton travels to New Hampshire Friday to plunk down the paperwork and the \$ 1,000 that will formally enter her husband as a candidate in that state's first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

Presidential contenders have until the end of next week to file for a spot on the Feb. 20 ballot.

Clinton plans to make a campaign day of it in the Granite State. She'll hold a morning roundtable with senior citizens in the coastal town of Portsmouth and deliver a mid-day speech at the University of New Hampshire before heading to the statehouse in Concord to file the president's election papers. She's expected to hold a press conference there.

Later that evening, the first lady will be the featured speaker at the New Hampshire Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

Ann Lewis, the spokeswoman for the Clinton-Gore campaign, said Clinton is serving as her husband's proxy in New Hampshire because she's been an asset for him there. "She filed for him four years ago, and our New Hampshire folks asked that she come back," Lewis said.

Clinton's proxy appearance in New Hampshire is as close as her husband's come so far to throwing his hat in the ring.

While there's never been much question that the president intends to run for re-election -- he has raised nearly \$ 20 million, has set up a campaign headquarters in Washington and has filed all the necessary paperwork with the Federal Election Commission -- he has yet to formally begin his campaign with the usual big speech and first-day campaign swing.

Aides are now saying that probably won't happen until shortly before the Feb. 12 Iowa caucuses, the traditional opening day of the 1996 presidential campaign season.

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December 07, 1995, Thursday

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 13A

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BYLINE: KATHY KIELY, Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

BODY:

WASHINGTON -- They say neither rain nor snow nor dark of night will stay the U.S. Postal Service from making its appointed rounds, but when it came to getting an important delivery from Texas, President Clinton opted for Federal Express.

The commander in chief relied on one of the government's chief shipping competitors when he sent for the fountain pen Lyndon Johnson used 30 years ago to sign Medicare and Medicaid into law.

In a not-so-subtle gesture, Clinton used the pen, an elegant wood-handled model which he had to refill several times from an old-fashioned inkwell, to veto the congressional Republicans' budget plan. The president contends the GOP's budget would gut those two popular LBJ programs.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the pen was "Fed-Exed here for the occasion" from the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, Texas -- a revelation which, relayed to U.S. Postal Service spokeswoman Sandra Harding, provoked an audible groan.

But, according to Harding, Clinton wasn't necessarily casting aspersions on the ability of his federal employees when he chose FedEx. Rather, he was being budget-conscious.

Seems that a number of federal agencies use Federal Express -- a private Memphis-based firm -- to make overnight deliveries instead of using the Postal Service's Express Mail. The reason: FedEx offers the government a bulk rate -- at a big discount.

"That's something our competitors can do that we -- unfortunately at this point -- cannot," said Harding.

U.S. Postal Service officials have requested an opportunity to offer discount rates several times. But the U.S. Postal Rate Commission has turned them down, ruling it would give the post office an unfair competitive advantage over private shippers like FedEx and United Parcel Service.

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WHITEWATER

Questions and Answers

Q: What is your reaction to the ongoing Senate Whitewater Committee hearings?

A: The First Lady and I have cooperated fully with this inquiry because we believe that the Whitewater allegations are steadily evaporating as all the facts are known. We intend to continue our cooperation. That is all we can really do.

Q: How can you say you are cooperating when you are invoking the attorney-client privilege, forcing the Senate Committee to subpoena you for information?

A: We have provided more than 35,000 pages of documents to the Committee, as well as full access to witnesses. We have made the key materials available to the media and the public.

But this is the first time that the Committee has tried to break the confidential relationship between lawyer and client. Every American has the right to receive private advice from a doctor, lawyer or a minister. United States Presidents and Senators have this same right.

The Senate Committee can get the information it needs without violating this important American right. The White House has offered the Committee a framework to resolve this issue, and we will continue to work to provide answers to the Committee's legitimate questions.

Q: You say that you are cooperating, yet the First Lady's answers to the Committee's four questions were not filed on time Thursday afternoon. Why not?

A: The First Lady was pleased to answer the Committee's questions, and those answers were sent to the Committee first thing Friday morning.

Q: Last week it was discovered that the Robert Barnett, Susan Thomases and Maggie Williams were all in the White House residence at the same time on the day that Vince Foster's files were transferred. Why were all of these people present?

A: The White House made this information available to the public because we believe that once all the facts are presented people will be able to decide the issue for themselves. The handling of Vince Foster's files has been looked at time and time again. There is absolutely no evidence to suggest that his files were handled in anything but a proper manner. What these hearings have done is put a human face to Vince Foster. A man took his life; a family was in crisis; his friends were upset; and co-workers in shock. In such a terrible situation, it is very understandable that people reacted the way that they did. Were mistakes made -- Yes. In retrospect, could things have been handled differently -- Yes. However, in the final analysis, was there any wrong-doing -- No.

Q: Isn't Whitewater really a question of character and trust?

A: I make tough decisions EVERY DAY. During the course of my Presidency, I have made some of the toughest and most difficult choices any President has had to make. I am challenging the Republican Congress to protect Medicare and education from drastic cuts. I took on the Washington lobbyists and pushed through the largest deficit reduction package in history. We confronted the NRA in our fight to pass the Brady Bill and the assault weapons ban. I led the fight -- including taking on many good friends in my own party -- for the passage of trade agreements in order to open foreign markets for American workers. Right now, we are taking on the powerful tobacco industry so as to reduce smoking by teenagers. We have taken on the special interests and won because it best serves all Americans. To me, that is what character and trust are all about.



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314th AIRLIFT WING

The 314th Airlift Wing is the host unit at Little Rock Air Force Base and provides a major part of the "Global Power" leg of the Air Force's Global Reach-Global Power mission.

Directly reporting to the 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., the wing has two major missions: providing airlift support for United States and allied forces anywhere in the world anytime, and operating the only Department of Defense C-130 formal training school. The wing trains approximately 2,400 students from the Air Force, sister military services, the Coast Guard and a number of allied nations. Students are trained in all five C-130 crew positions: pilot, copilot, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster.

To accomplish this two-fold mission, the wing is organized into a quad-group structure consisting of the 314th Operations, Support, Logistics and Medical Groups. The 314th Comptroller Squadron supports all financial matters for the wing.

Additionally, the wing supporting staff consists of the quality support, history, inspection and reserve affairs, public affairs, protocol, safety, staff judge advocate, wing plans, manpower offices, Command Post and the base chapel.

314th Operations Group

The largest of the four groups, the 314th Operations Group consists of four flying squadrons and five aviation support squadrons. It is responsible for loading, flying and maintaining aircraft, managing the airfield, weather forecasting and intelligence support. It also provides command, control and communication support to deployed forces at austere locations on a worldwide basis. Two of the flying squadrons are operational airlift squadrons ready to deploy to any part of the world on short notice. The other two flying squadrons conduct the C-130 training program using classroom, simulators and actual flight instruction.

314th Support Group

Every base can be considered a city. The 314th Support Group keeps the city functioning by focusing on people and property. There are five squadrons assigned to this group. They provide such functions as police and fire protection, civil engineering, communications support, a walk-in family support center, personnel services, dining and housing facilities, and recreation activities.

314th Logistics Group

The 314th Logistic Group is composed of five squadrons. Its mission is to provide the equipment and means needed to keep the other wing units operating. It supports the wing with scheduled aircraft maintenance not performed on the flight line and manages extensive assets including more than 700 vehicles, a \$126 million supply account and contracts valued at more than \$25 million a year. It also provides aircraft maintenance management and maintenance training services to the wing.

314th Medical Group

The 314th Medical Group provides and promotes health care for active duty members and their families, military retirees and their dependents, reservists and National Guard members serving their military duties. The 20-bed facility can be expanded to more than 90 beds in times of emergency. It renders medical care in the following areas of specialty; dental, family practice, pediatrics, flight medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, mental health, optometry, acute care and pharmaceutical services. Furthermore, the Medical Group conducts physiological training using an altitude chamber.

USAF C-130 Combat Aerial Delivery School

The mission of the C-130 Combat Aerial Delivery School is: to provide aircrews with graduate level of instruction in C-130 tactical employment; to expand and enhance theater combat delivery methods and expertise; to conduct tactics development and testing; and to conduct C-130 operational test and evaluation.

The CADS will have over 100 persons assigned, and consists of four functional divisions. The *Weapons Instructor Course* teaches advanced airlift tactics, similar to the Weapons Center at Nellis AFB, Nev. The *Joint Training Division* (formerly part of the 34th Combat Airlift Training Squadron) conducts joint training exercises providing airlift support and theater airlift management for the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. The *Advanced Tactics Division* is responsible for developing and testing tactics to counter the evolving ground and air threat to C-130 operations. The *Test and Evaluation Division* consolidates all C-130 follow-on operational test and evaluation as well as airdrop and aerial

employment testing at one location.

History

Part of the Air Combat Command, the 314th AW traces its history back to World War II. Since that time, it has been involved in all the wars and major operations involving United States forces. It supported military operations in Korea, Southeast Asia and Grenada. In 1989, the wing spearheaded an air assault by Army rangers at Rio Hato, Panama. In August 1990, with minimal notice, the wing deployed forces to the Middle East to counter Iraqi aggression during Operation Desert Shield.

In 1991, at the height of the Persian Gulf War, the wing had about 1,500 people and 38 aircraft deployed to more than 30 locations throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Half of those locations were in the Persian Gulf area. Wing aircraft and crews were heavily involved in the famous "Hail Mary Pass," a flanking maneuver which transported American and allied troops around the bulk of the Iraqi forces. This maneuver greatly contributed to the collapse of Iraqi resistance in the 100-hour ground war.

After the war, the wing airdropped supplies, food, water, blankets and whatever else was needed by the Kurdish refugees in southern Turkey and northern Iraq. This effort saved many thousands of lives.

During the Somalia Airlift in 1992, the wing provided much-needed supplies, support and food to Africa. In 1993, the wing provided airlift forces to support the no-fly zone over Iraq as well as helped resupply and then withdrew forces from Somalia.

During times of peace, global humanitarian relief efforts after disasters is another crucial facet of the airlift mission. Wherever someone needed help after such diverse natural disasters as earthquakes, hurricanes or volcanic eruptions, the wing was there to relieve human suffering and save lives.

To accomplish all these missions, the wing flies approximately 80 C-130 Hercules aircraft, which are designed to operate from short, unimproved airfields near the forward edge of the battle area. The Hercules first flew in 1954 and is capable of taking off and landing from dirt strips as short as 3,000 feet long while carrying a load of up to 42,000 pounds. With a normal crew of five, it can carry and air-drop 92 fully equipped combat troops. Loads can be delivered directly onto the battlefield by landing, dropping by parachute or through a procedure known as low altitude parachute extraction system. In this maneuver, the aircraft flies just above the ground with the rear ramp open. A parachute opens and pulls the load from the cargo bay. The load slides out and falls to the ground.

Built by the Lockheed-Martin Aircraft Corp. and powered by four Allison T-56 Turboprop engines, the Hercules can reach speeds in excess of 300 miles per hour and has a range of more than 2,000 miles.

Nov. 1995

Upholding our Values: Protecting our Interests

- End Suffering: More than half Bosnia's pre-war population murdered, starved, or driven from homes. More than 1 million still homeless. Human rights atrocities -- ethnic cleansing, mass executions, torture, rape. Conscience demands that we seize this chance for peace.
- Strong Europe: We need strong Europe to be strong partner to help combat new security threats from terrorism to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Europe's stability in danger as long as this war burns at its heart. War could spread if rekindled. NATO at stake.
- American Leadership: Recent Europe trip -- everyone I talked to expressed strong support for American leadership. But leadership not spectator sport. In Bosnia, we already made difference between war and peace. Making a difference also in Middle East, Northern Ireland; on nuclear issue in North Korea; in containing Saddam Hussein. If we fail to make good on Bosnia, credibility of our leadership elsewhere in question.

The Mission

- Waging Peace: Our troops are going to Bosnia not to fight war, but to secure peace -- peace the Bosnian people have chosen and asked us to help take hold.
- Others Taking Part: More than 25 other nations joining us -- will provide 2/3 of forces. Because we are willing to lead, strength multiplied and burdens shared.
- Clear, Limited, Achievable: Troops being sent on a clear and limited military mission that our military commanders say can and will be accomplished in about one year. Troops will monitor cease-fire, oversee separation and withdrawal of forces, help create secure environment so Bosnians can begin to rebuild their lives.
- Risks Minimized: Won't mislead you--difficult mission, will probably be casualties. Take responsibility. But troops commanded by U.S. general. Strong rules of engagement. Well-trained and heavily armed. If attacked, will respond strongly; deter others.
- Relief/Reconstruction: In secure environment, separate, civilian relief effort will get under way -- mostly paid for by Europeans. Families reunited, refugees returned. Free elections to choose leaders devoted to peace. Bring Bosnian people concrete benefits of peace: food, medicine, shelter; rebuild schools and hospitals; revitalize economy. Change face of Bosnia so that by time NATO mission ready to leave, people have greater stake in peace than in war.
- Support: I am confident that Congress will support our troops and our efforts to help the people of Bosnia secure peace. Mission is clear and so are the stakes -- for Bosnian people, Europe's stability, and American leadership around the world.

U.S. Troops

Number of troops

- Approximately 20,000 U.S. for IFOR in Bosnia, another 5000 in Croatia. Some 7000 support troops in neighboring countries.
- Others Taking Part: Allies and partners will supply the bulk of the troops, about 40,000 of 60,000 in Bosnia. Some 25 countries, including all NATO members sending forces.

Reserve callup

- We must rely on the special skills of the members of the Guard and Reserves.
- This week the DoD identified 37 units that may be asked to send members to Europe to support deployment of active duty troops to Bosnia, Croatia and nearby countries.
- Estimated 3800 members of the Guard and Reserves will serve with active duty forces.
- Some may go to Bosnia, others will be deployed to backfill units going to Bosnia, Croatia, Italy or Hungary.

What will all this cost the U.S.?

- Best estimate of military costs is approximately \$1.2 billion for ground forces inside Bosnia for one year. Additional incremental costs of \$500 million for support troops in neighboring countries and \$300 million for air operations supporting implementation -- for total of \$2 billion. (These are incremental costs.)
- Europeans and others will undertake lions share of reconstruction costs, but we should participate to some degree -- about \$600 million/3 years.

Why one year?

- U.S. and NATO military commanders agree: the very clearly defined military mission can be accomplished in about one year.
- The mission: to supervise the separation of forces and the departure of troops from areas transferred under the agreement, and to maintain the cease fire so that the parties and civilian agencies can get on with the job of rebuilding.
- In this secure environment, separate, civilian relief effort will get under way -- mostly paid for by Europeans. Families reunited, refugees returned. Bring Bosnian people concrete benefits of peace: food, medicine, shelter; rebuild schools and hospitals; revitalize economy. Hold free elections. Change face of Bosnia so that by time NATO mission ready to leave, people have greater stake in peace than in war.
- In cases such as this, if our troops stay too long they can begin to wear out their welcome -- be seen as occupiers rather than protectors.
- All the international community can offer, in Bosnia and other traumatized societies, is breathing space for healing and reconstruction to begin. Their destiny lies in their hands. The Bosnian people and their leaders must take responsibility for their future.

Equip and Train

- Stable Military Balance: Establishing a stable military balance in Bosnia by time IFOR leaves is important to preventing resumption of war and facilitating IFOR departure.
- Intend to pursue strong arms control provisions which provide for “build-down” of forces.
- Commitment to Bosnians: Even with arms control, Federation forces will still be at disadvantage. Accordingly, we have made a commitment to Bosnians that we will coordinate an international effort to ensure they have what is needed for self-defense when IFOR leaves.
- Impartiality: We want to assure impartiality of IFOR, so providing arms and training to Federation forces will not be done by either IFOR or U.S. military. Approach we intend to pursue is for the U.S. to coordinate efforts of third countries.
- Best practical approach to getting job done while minimizing risks.

- Efforts in this connection already underway. Assessment team evaluating needs of the Federation just returned from Bosnia.
- We will proceed in manner consistent with UN resolution lifting arms embargo, which allows planning and training to proceed but prohibits transfer of small arms for three months and heavy weapons for six months.

Can we succeed? Won't they just resume killing each other after we leave?

- Important to understand Bosnia's history. While there have been periods of violence, fact is much of Bosnia's history has been characterized by peace and interethnic tolerance -- more so than anywhere else in the Balkans.
- Nowhere more evident than Sarajevo. Before war began, Orthodox church, Catholic cathedral, Jewish synagogue and Muslim mosque stood together in heart of city, and one in four marriages cut across ethnic divides.
- We can help create conditions for another period of peace. Over next year, NATO presence will create breathing space for healing to begin. Civilian relief effort will bring concrete benefits of peace to people's lives -- give people greater stake in peace than war. Free elections will allow them to choose leaders committed to peace.
- Members of Congressional delegation just back from Bosnia told me in moving terms how strongly the people of Sarajevo want peace... and want our help.
- No guarantees about what will happen in future if we act -- but we know what will happen if we don't act: War will return to Bosnia, with all its horror and suffering. American leadership in Europe and around the world will pay a terrible price.

Won't the Bosnian Serbs attack our soldiers?

- We expect that President Milosevic will produce compliance with the Dayton Agreement.
- So far, the Bosnian Serbs have held to the cease-fire.
- President Milosevic knows that if the Bosnian Serbs do not comply with the peace agreement, sanctions will be reimposed.

What about the Mujahhadin?

- All foreign forces must be withdrawn within 30 days after the signing of the peace agreement December 14.
- We have made it clear to the Bosnian government that we expect compliance, and they understand their obligations.

Will we “cut and run” if there are American casualties in Bosnia?

- No.
- Our military commanders have done everything possible to minimize risks to our troops. The force is strong with strong rules of engagement. They are highly trained and will be heavily armed.
- I have received personal assurances from all of the Balkan leaders that they will do their best to protect our forces. We will hold them to that.
- I have been very clear that, while our troops are not going to fight a war but to secure a peace, this is a difficult mission. There will be casualties. I have tried to be very honest about this with the American people, so that in the event of losses, we will be prepared.
- As Commander in Chief, I have no responsibility more grave than putting young Americans in harm's way. But I am convinced that U.S. participation in this operation is important to our interests and our values. Unless the agreement totally collapses -- which is extremely unlikely -- our well-trained and highly professional forces will complete their mission as planned.

How can you send troops without public/Congressional support?

- It is natural that the public should have questions. American people always and rightly concerned before we send young Americans in harm's way.
- I think their questions are being answered. As it becomes clear that our troops are keeping the peace, not fighting a war -- as public sees pictures of our troops creating the conditions that will allow families to return to their homes, kids to go back to school, hospitals and businesses to start operating again -- support will grow, just as it did in Haiti.
- While there may be disagreements about how we reached this chance for peace in Bosnia, I believe Congress will offer its expression of support for our troops and our leadership.

Consultations with Congress

- In February 1993, shortly after taking office I made clear that I would not send forces into a combat situation in Bosnia, but if there were a genuine and enforceable peace agreement, the U.S. would participate in implementation of that agreement, after consultation with the Congress.
- In October 1993, I made that point in a letter to Senator Mitchell, in which I noted the possibility that American military forces could participate in a NATO operation to implement a fair and enforceable peace agreement. At that time, I also made clear that an expression of support by the Congress prior to such participation would be helpful.
- Since September 1994, senior officials of my Administration and I have met, consulted, and discussed our policy in Bosnia with Members of Congress on approximately 180 separate occasions.
- My November 13, 1995, letter to Speaker Gingrich on the Dayton negotiations, I welcomed the opportunity to deepen the dialogue and consultation with the Congress as we worked toward a settlement that would require NATO participation and U.S. leadership.
- I also offered Congress a timely opportunity to debate and express support for the participation of American troops in the implementation of a final peace agreement -- and I am doing that.
- I would welcome such an expression of support for our troops and their mission in the coming days.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ADAMS FIELD AIRPORT ARRIVAL
ROPE LINE GREETING: COLLEEN NICK

Date: December 9, 1995
Time: 5:15 pm
Location: Adams Field, Little Rock, AR
From: Carol H. Rasco CBR

I. PURPOSE

To listen briefly to Colleen Nick's tragic story about the abduction of her 6 year old daughter, Morgan, from a ballpark in Alma, Arkansas on June 9, 1995. Today, Saturday, December 9, marks the sixth month that Morgan Nick has been missing.

II. BACKGROUND

Since Morgan's abduction, Colleen Nick has started a petition drive to enlist your help in establishing a nationwide notification system for missing children. She is proposing that you issue an executive order requiring federal and public buildings to post pictures of missing children.

Colleen's story has been widely broadcast across Arkansas media and appeared twice on the national television program "America's Most Wanted."

On Tuesday, December 5th Colleen Nick was taped for the Oprah Winfrey show. The show is scheduled to air Tuesday, December 19th.

Despite the efforts of hundreds of people, vast amounts of publicity, and a suspect profile and police sketch, Morgan remains missing. We have been in touch with the FBI and they have a file on Morgan.

Morgan has two younger siblings: Logan, 3, and Taryn, 2.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Colleen Nick

IV. PRESS

Open.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Colleen Nick will be in the front of the rope line (public section) at the airport. You will greet her as you move along the rope line. She will tell you that her daughter was kidnapped six months ago and she would like for the federal government to establish a nationwide notification system for missing children.

As always, if Colleen Nick has literature, you should accept it and tell her that a staff person will be in touch with her.

VI. REMARKS

None needed.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8 December 1995

Tarmac Greeting with Anti-Smoking Kids

Date: December 9, 1995
Location: Adams Field, Little Rock
Time: 5:30 P.M.
From: Jennifer O'Connor, Yusef Khapra

I. Purpose

You will thank a group of 25 middle school children who have written letters to their local elected officials on behalf of your tobacco initiative or have participated in the Smoke-Free Class of 2000 program and the American Cancer Society's Red Ribbon Campaign.

II. Background

The group consists of 17 students from Lakewood Middle School, four eleventh graders from Cabot High School, and one student each from Mann Magnet, Lonoke Junior High, and Lonoke Primary schools (25 students total). These students have done some or all of the following: studied the effects of smoking, supported your tobacco initiatives through letter writing campaigns to elected officials and community leaders, and participated in the American Cancer Society's Red Ribbon Campaign and the Smoke-Free Class of 2000 (SFC2000).

The Red Ribbon Campaign is a week long yearly anti-smoking program which includes the Great American Smokeout, as well educational events for school kids. The SFC2000, established by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and American Lung Association is a 12-year education and awareness project focusing on the three million children who entered the first grade in 1988 and will graduate in the year 2000. The members of the SFC2000 are in the eighth grade during the 1995-96 school year.

Lakewood Middle School, Lakewood, Arkansas. The Lakewood Middle School students, who are all members of the SFC2000, have been studying smoking and its effects this semester. In addition to their participation in the Red Ribbon Campaign, they are drafting letters to the FDA to show their support.

III. Participants

The President

Cabot High School Students:

Robert Lee Montague

Elizabeth Rudeen Noblin

Charles Joshua Guyot

Jodi Lyn Hicks

Amanda Brooke Nance

Lakewood Middle School

Kenya Brown

Christi Gilliam

Elizabeth Grobmeyer

Kari Winkler

Ava Smith

Rashand Delph

Kelli Henderson

Olivia Allen

Cameron Lively

Jenny Holland

Toni Settles

Patrick Hefner

Nathan Garner

Monique McCrary

Jennifer Cox

Nikki Franklin

Cori Lively

April Leigh Henard, Mann Magnet, member of the SFC2000.

Lindsey Wilson, Lonoke Primary School, third grader who participates in the Red Ribbon Campaign.

Alison Wilson, Lonoke Junior High, member of the SFC2000.

Kirsten Heintz, Director of Cancer Prevention & Communications, American Cancer Society, Arkansas Division.

IV. Press

Open Press.

V. Sequence

You shake hands with and pose for pictures with these 25 students and Kirsten Heintz.

VI. Remarks

None required.

**President William J. Clinton
Prepared Remarks
Democratic Party of Arkansas
Honors Senator David Pryor**

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[Introduction by Jimmie Lou Fisher]

[Acknowledgments: David and Barbara Pryor; Governor Tucker; Senator Bumpers; Congresswoman Blanche Lambert Lincoln; State Party Chair Bynum Gibson; Maurice Mitchell; Mary Steenburgen and Ted Danson.]

Jimmie Lou Fisher introduced me before I gave a speech that some of you may remember in October in 1991. And as it turns out, that speech went over pretty well. So, Jimmie Lou, if I'm smart, I'll follow you on stage anywhere, anytime.

Hillary sends her love and her regrets that she could not be here with us. She and I always look forward to coming home and spending time with our friends. I'm especially happy that we've come together to honor a man who in many ways, brought us together.

Most of us here have worked with David Pryor one way or another, including myself and important members of my staff, like Bruce Lindsey and Mack McLarty. I have been lucky to know David Pryor for most of my adult life. Beyond providing an example of what a public servant should be, David Pryor has been a mentor, friend and adviser.

I will never forget how David Pryor put everything on hold and put his heart and soul, literally, into our campaign in 1992, from New Hampshire to the White House. He has always been there for us.

On one hand, I know we're all happy that David will have more time to spend with his family. I know how much that means to him. And I also know that retirement means he'll have a lot more time to work on his golf game. That part I not too happy about, because it'll make him even tougher on the course.

But I'll tell you this: David may be retiring from the Senate, but if I have my way, he won't stop being a busy man. I still need David Pryor, and more important, our country still needs David Pryor.

If he believes in a cause, no effort is too great. He has been a grand champion of our finest values. Since his days here as a young state legislator 30 years ago, he has fought especially hard for the elderly. He once worked as a nursing home orderly to call attention to the bad care that elderly patients receive. And when he couldn't get members of Congress to listen, he held hearings in a trailer in a parking lot. His work led to the creation of the House Select Committee on Aging.

And David Pryor, as chair and now ranking member of the Special Committee on Aging, has continued fight for seniors. He led the way to nursing home reforms and he's taken on those who would limit availability or raise the cost of prescription drugs that older patients need. I am thankful for David Pryor especially now as we fighting to prevent enormous cuts in Medicare and Medicaid.

It's fitting that we honor David for many reasons, for the gentleman, family man, statesman and patriot that he is. And I think it's timely that we honor him now. David Pryor knows about tough fights and hard decisions.

While he was Governor, he faced the brunt of the recession, and he carried our state through a difficult time, all the while balancing hard choices with those things our people value. David has always brought that sense of balance to the table, and I have always counted on it. There have been so many times in the Congress that he has taken to the floor to try to restore some humanity, sanity and civility into the national political debate.

These are all things that we're trying to do now as we look for common ground on two fronts: In our budget debate and in our actions on Bosnia.

David Pryor has always believed in bringing the debates away from Washington and to the people, and so as we honor him tonight, I'd like to talk a little about them.

Two big things happened this week on the budget. First, Congress sent me a budget and I vetoed it. And I was proud to veto the biggest Medicare and Medicaid cuts in history; deep cuts in education and the environment and a tax hike on working people. And second, I proposed a budget that balances in seven years, but does it in a way that reflects our values.

Two versions; one stated goal. But there are crucial differences. My budget increases investment in education; theirs would deny college scholarships to 380,000 deserving students. My budget secures Medicare without new costs on beneficiaries; theirs would cause Medicare to "wither on the vine." And while their budget would raise taxes on 8 million working families, my budget gives tax cuts to people who actually need them.

And the sharpest difference is on Medicaid. For three decades, Medicaid has been a legal guarantee of quality health care for poor children, pregnant women, the disabled and senior citizens. Seven out of 10 nursing home residents get help from Medicaid.

The Republican budget would cut Medicaid by \$163 billion. And it would repeal the guarantee of health care for these vulnerable Americans. Now, remember, the Republicans insist that this be a part of the budget. Let me tell you what this would mean.

In 2002 alone, the Republican budget could deny quality health care coverage to nearly 8 million people. It could deny meaningful care to more than a million people with disabilities... to 150,000

veterans... and to 330,000 nursing home residents.

Under their budget, nearly four million poor children could be denied quality medical care from a family doctor. Hundreds of thousands of pregnant women could be denied regular check ups and other basic services.

And senior citizens, the people that Senator Pryor has worked so hard to protect, would be hit very hard. Today, every senior citizens knows that they will not be denied medical care simply because they do not have the money. Women who have devoted themselves to their families for years know they can count on medical care, or nursing home care if necessary. But the Republican plan eliminates the guarantee of nursing home care for as many as 300,000 people. Nearly one million older Americans could be pushed out of Medicare altogether.

So that's why I want to be clear about this. I very much want to work with the Republican Congress to get a balanced budget. But I wonder if a balanced budget is really the priority in their proposal. The question that we should be asking is, what is the goal here, what is the agenda? If the goal is to balance the budget in seven years, then let's do it in the way that protects our principles and our values and protects the economic interests of working families.

But if the goal is to take away vital access to medical care from people who need it, then that is quite another thing; that's a different agenda. And in that agenda, a seven-year plan is just a means to a mean, unjustifiable end. We cannot and we dare not allow that to happen.

I will not permit the repeal of guaranteed medical coverage for senior citizens, for disabled people, for poor children and pregnant women. That would violate our values, it is not necessary, and therefore, if the Republicans continue to insist on unconscionable cuts in health care for poor children and the elderly, I will veto it again.

Our proposal shows that these cuts simply are not necessary to arrive at a balanced budget. My seven-year plan reforms Medicaid and keeps costs down. It cuts federal spending, lets states be more efficient and targets the money more wisely. It does all that, but it doesn't take away the guarantee of quality health care for millions of American. It upholds our values; it balances hard choices with necessity and common sense and decency. And that's what we will continue to press for in this budget debate.

I am determined that we will reach common ground and achieve a balanced budget. We all agree that is what we want.

I have made a good faith effort to reach out with my proposal to balance the budget in seven years. And it is my hope that we can reach across party lines to get the job done together.

Our responsibility is to uphold American values, and that's true not just at home.

Last week, I was in Northern Ireland, and I saw first-hand how American leadership can make a difference. From Belfast to Haiti, to the Middle East, the United States is leading the world away from violence and toward peace. And that holds true for Bosnia, too.

I know you have seen the horrific pictures, and I know that it can be so overwhelming that it is almost numbing. But America has a chance to end this misery for good.

It was our determined diplomacy, backed by NATO's resolve, that brought the Balkan leaders to the peace table in Dayton, Ohio. And now that they have made a commitment to peace, our responsibility truly begins.

All parties have asked for NATO's help in securing the peace. The United States, as NATO's leader, must be a key part of the mission.

If we walk away from Bosnia now, our allies will do the same. And the peace will fail, the slaughter will resume, and the conflict could spread like poison throughout the region. NATO, the alliance of democracies that has shielded our security for half a century, would be shaken to its core. And American leadership, in Europe and around the world, would pay a terrible price. That is why we must help the peace.

The Bosnia peace mission is clearly defined with realistic goals to be reached in a definite period of time. The force will be strong with strong rules of engagement.

I am convinced that the risks to our troops have been minimized to the maximum extent possible.

We go not to fight a war, but to wage a peace. We do it for the people of Bosnia, for the stability of Europe, for American leadership and for the values that we hold dear.

David Pryor has shown us that values are more than what we talk about. They are about how we live, how we treat one another, how we take responsibility for ourselves and for making the world better in any way we can.

David Pryor has made the world a lot better for a lot of people. We can best honor him by doing all we can to continue the legacy his years in public life have given us.

America remains the greatest country on earth. We are better than we were three years ago. Our nation is on the move. Our economy is growing. Many of our most difficult social problems are beginning to yield to the efforts and common sense values of the American people. We have proved again that we are a model for peace and reconciliation in the world. We are moving in the right direction. And I believe the best is yet to come. Working together, that is the future we can bring home.

Thank you and God bless.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

VIDEO TAPING AND SATELLITE FEED IN LITTLE ROCK

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1995
LOCATION: DEMPSEY THOMAS FILMS STUDIO
LITTLE ROCK, AR
TIME: Video: 10:00 - 10:05AM CST
Satellite Feed: 10:10 - 10:40AM CST
FROM: MEDIA AFFAIRS 

I. PURPOSE

You will do one video message and a satellite feed to the Florida State Democratic Party Convention in Miami.

II. BACKGROUND

The video is for a fundraiser hosted by Maryland State Senate President Mike Miller. Senator Miller holds a large fundraiser every four-year election cycle. This year, the fundraiser will be a celebration of Senator Miller's 25 years of public service, and will include all statewide elected Democrats, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, and most of the members of the Maryland General Assembly. Proceeds will be spent on various elections in Maryland in 1996. The fundraiser is on December 14.

Following the video you will do a 30 minute satellite feed to the Florida State Democratic Party Convention at the Fountain Bleau in Miami. You will wear a lavalier microphone and an IFB. The audience will see you on two 10 x 14 foot screens, but you will not be able to see the audience. You will be introduced by Chris Dodd, speak for 15 minutes and take three predetermined questions from the audience. A teleprompter will be provided for your remarks.

III. SCHEDULE

9:45 - 10:00AM	Makeup/Briefing
10:00 - 10:05AM	Video Message
	1. Maryland State Senate President Mike Miller
10:10 - 10:40AM	Satellite feed to the Florida State Democratic Party Convention at the Fountain Bleau in Miami
	- Introduction by Senator Dodd
	- You give remarks
	- You take three questions from audience

IV. PRESS PLAN

The Miami site is open press, but the feed from Little Rock is closed press.

V. PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDENT
Ginny Terzano
Laura Schwartz
Nancy Shepherd - makeup
Television Crew (5)

VI. REMARKS

A Teleprompter will be provided. Scripts to be provided.

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WASHINGTON

December 8, 1995

SATELLITE HOOK-UP TO THE FLORIDA STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

DATE:	December 10, 1995
LOCATION:	Dempsty/Thomass Film Studio
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
FROM:	Doug Sosnik and Craig T. Smith

I. PURPOSE

You will speak to the almost 3,000 attendees at the Florida State Convention.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, in 1991 a strong victory at the Democratic Convention Straw Poll launched your campaign. Building on your work leading up to the straw poll, a loyal following was developed in the state. Many of the people that will attend this convention attended in 1991 and supported you. The Vice President will be attending the convention on Saturday, December 9, 1995.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The following will be on stage while the President is speaking:

Senator Chris Dodd

Attorney General Bob Butterworth

Terrie Brady, State Party Chair

Jon Ausman, State Party Vice-Chair (Possible)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open to the press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will speak to the group for 10 minutes and then be asked four questions. The questions have been attached.

Please note, Lt. Governor MacKay will be speaking earlier in the day.

QUESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON
ADDRESS VIA SATELLITE
1995 FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION
DECEMBER 10, 1995

1. There's so much bickering in Washington about what the federal budget is going to do to programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Florida has so many hundreds of thousands of elderly people who rely on these programs. Any cuts could be a matter of life and death. What are the real facts?
2. What's the most important thing you have done in your first term to give our kids a better education -- and a brighter future?
3. You fought to put more police officers on our streets -- but we're worried that this state and country are too violent. What can we do to prevent violent crime?
4. What achievements are you most proud of in your first term -- and what is your major goal for the second term -- because you're going to have a second term!

This page will be revised and forwarded on Saturday. It will include the answers to these questions.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

VIDEOTAPED REMARKS

SENATOR THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER -- 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN OFFICE
FOR USE ON: 12/14/95 TO BE TAPED ON: 12/10/95

Good evening. This is a truly special occasion -- Senator Mike Miller has reached the 25-year milestone of his career in public service. I'm pleased to say that I have known Mike now for a number of those years, and I greatly appreciate all he has done to help me and to help the Democratic party. Whether it was gathering support for me in 1992 or his participation in weekly Democratic strategy meetings held here in Washington, Mike has always been willing to lend a hand.

I remember a special trip that I took before the 1992 elections. Mike invited me to his home and I had the pleasure of meeting his lovely family. It wasn't just the name of their town, Clinton, that made me feel so very much at home.

Thank you, Mike, for all the fine work you do. You are a credit to the state of Maryland and a credit to all Americans who have dedicated their lives to serving the public. I know I join everyone who is there with you tonight in wishing you, your family, and friends the best on this special occasion. God bless all of you.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN ARKANSAS UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON

President Clinton's strategy to strengthen the economy is based on reducing the federal budget deficit, lowering trade barriers, and empowering workers, families, businesses and communities to succeed. Here are some of the results for Arkansas after the first 34 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in Arkansas:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 6.6% to 4.9%.
- 49% more new jobs **per year** -- 36,545 vs. 24,450 average during the previous 4 years. In 33 months, Arkansas has added 100,500 total jobs, after adding 97,800 amount during the previous 4 years combined.
- 70% more new private sector jobs **per year** -- 34,327 vs. 20,250 average during the previous 4 years. In 33 months, Arkansas has added 94,400 private sector jobs, after adding 81,000 during the previous 4 years combined.
- Nearly 3 times more new manufacturing jobs **per year** -- 7,200 vs. 2,525 average during the previous 4 years. In 33 months, Arkansas has added 19,800 manufacturing jobs, after adding 10,100 during the previous 4 years combined.
- The Help Wanted Index has increased 88%.
- Bankruptcy filings are down 5% **per year** -- after increasing 10% **per year** during the previous 12 years.
- Home building has increased 15% **per year**.
- Business failures have dropped 30% **per year**.
- Consumer Confidence has increased 73% **per year**.

What President Clinton's Accomplishments Have Achieved for the People of Arkansas:

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN ARKANSAS: The national debt will be **more than \$1 trillion** lower over 7 years than was projected before the passage of the President's economic plan. That's about \$15,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Arkansas.

31 TIMES MORE ARKANSAS FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 202,759 working families in Arkansas will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 6,585 wealthiest taxpayers in Arkansas.

TAX CUT FOR 12,238 SMALL BUSINESSES IN ARKANSAS: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 12,238 small businesses in Arkansas are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

344,000 ARKANSAS WORKERS PROTECTED BY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT: The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child, to care for a sick family member, or if they become too sick to work. This law covers about 344,121 workers in Arkansas, and protects the jobs of 20,673 workers in Arkansas who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

139,200 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN ARKANSAS WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 139,200 Arkansas borrowers -- 97,400 current borrowers and 41,800 new borrowers in the next few years -- can take advantage of the new direct student loan program by participating directly in the program or by consolidating guaranteed loans into direct loans. Some will benefit from lower interest rates, and all will benefit from more repayment options, including income contingent repayment.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Matthias Leitner, Eric Froisland and Tom Hasman

THROUGH: Julia Chamovitz
National Economic Council

SUBJECT: Background on Recent Developments in the Arkansas Economy

This memorandum presents background information about current economic issues in Arkansas.

- ***ALLTEL Expansion Brings 500 Jobs to Little Rock*** -- ALLTEL Corporation recently completed an expansion of its Little Rock headquarters complex, creating approximately 500 mostly high-wage positions over a 14-month period. ALLTEL is one of the nation's leading telecommunications and information services companies. The company serves approximately 1.6 million customers in 16 states, and has clients in 41 countries. (Source: ALLTEL Corporation)
- ***Pulaski County Designated as an Urban Enterprise Community (EC)*** -- The Pulaski County EC received \$3 million in social services block grant funds and tax exempt bond authority. Key activities of the EC include a neighborhood crime watch program, a small business program, and an educational program. Private investors, local banks, the State and local governments have committed millions of dollars to form six non-profit Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to revitalize disadvantaged neighborhoods. (Source: NEC)
- ***Mississippi County and Eastern Arkansas Designated as Rural Enterprise Communities*** -- Mississippi County and Eastern Arkansas each received \$3 million in social services block grant funds and tax exempt bond authority. The Mississippi County EC plans to create a CDC, along with a business access fund and a small business development center. A key initiative of the Eastern Arkansas EC is to establish the Delta Agricultural Technology Center to promote the development of innovative agricultural-related businesses. (Source: NEC)
- ***TRP Funds \$1.9 Million for Project in Morrilton, AR*** -- Winrock International leads a project to help small companies develop flexible manufacturing networks, match individual manufacturers to extension services, and expand a metalwork apprentice program. After completing the program, firms will have a better chance to become certified vendors to large original equipment manufacturers, making them more competitive. (Source: ARPA)

- ***Progress on New Northwest Arkansas Airport*** -- The new Northwest Arkansas Airport, to be completed in early 1998, will provide the cities of Fayetteville and Springdale with a dependable, all-weather replacement carrier airport. The FY-96 funding requested from FAA by the airport developers is \$18.5 million. Total project cost is expected to be \$68 million in federal and \$105 million in overall funds. Airport Improvement Program money should be allocated next spring. (Source: DOT)
- ***Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Merger is Good/Bad News for Arkansas*** -- Union Pacific and Southern Pacific recently applied to the ICC for permission to merge. The economic effects of this \$5.4 billion merger are unclear. A number of Executive Branch agencies are trying to determine whether the merger would lower consumer prices (through new operating efficiencies) or raise them (because the combined railroad would be able to exercise monopoly power in some markets). (Source: NEC)
- ***Brown Shoe Company Plants Closing Costs 654 Jobs*** -- The Brown Shoe Company has closed its Pocahontas plants. The plants closure will cost 654 employees their jobs. The plants closing was finished in late November. (Source: Brown Group Inc.; Arkansas Industrial Development Commission)
- ***Wall-Mart's Growth Benefits Arkansas*** -- Bentonville, AR-based Wall-Mart Stores Inc. expects to open approximately 75 new discount stores and 110 new Supercenters in the U.S. next year. The company has 30,880 associates on the payroll in Arkansas and operates 77 stores in the state, including 17 Supercenters. (Source: Wall-Mart)
- ***Pine Bluff will Gain 400 Jobs from Tyson Plant*** -- Tyson Foods, Inc., headquartered in Springdale, AR, has opened a new poultry plant next to an existing one in Pine Bluff, AR. This expansion will create up to 400 new jobs. Tyson's combined poultry complex, when fully operational will be the largest single production unit for chicken in the nation with an output of 2.5 million birds per week.
FYI: Tyson Foods is also preparing to open a byproducts recycling plant in Texarkana, AR. It will become operational in early 1997, adding approximately 200 new jobs. (Source: Tyson Foods)
- ***Airline Adds 818 Jobs in Little Rock*** -- Since the March 1995 opening of its new reservations center near Little Rock Airport, Southwest Airlines has added 624 full- time and 194 part-time employees at the facility. The center is the second largest of nine reservation centers in the Southwest Airlines system, and uses advanced telecommunications technology. Southwest Airlines is headquartered in Dallas, TX and employs 20,500 workers. (Source: Southwest Airlines)
- ***Video Cassette Maker Boosts Little Rock Investments*** -- Rank Video Services America, the world's leading duplicator of pre-recorded video cassettes for home video and business, announced plans to build a second \$35 million plant adjacent to its Faulkner Lake Road operation. Both plants will employ at least 1,000 people and produce 150 million movie-length video cassettes each year. (Source: Rank Video Services America)

- ***EITC Benefits Over 200,000 Families*** -- This information comes from 1993 Treasury estimates.

<u>Rep.</u>	<u>EITC Benefits</u>	<u>\$ (millions)</u>	<u>% Families</u>	<u>Higher Taxes</u>
Lambert	57,000 families	100.6	34.4	1,406 taxpayers
Thornton	44,000 families	77.6	27.4	2,244 taxpayers
Hutchinson	50,400 families	88.8	29.8	1,676 taxpayers
Dickey	51,300 families	90.5	31.9	1,258 taxpayers
STATE	202,700 families	357.5	30.9	6,584 taxpayers

- ***Federal Reserve on the 8th District (St. Louis)*** -- Retail sales grew at a moderate pace in recent months. Nonresidential construction continues to be a bright spot in many parts of the District. Overall loan demand remains strong but most contacts note some recent softening. According to a recent survey of small businesses in the District, nearly two-thirds expect little change in business conditions in the next six months. (Source: Federal Reserve Beige Book 12/7/95)

Impact Of The Republican Budget Cuts On ARKANSAS

The Republican MEDICARE Cuts Will Force 416,000 Older And Disabled Americans In Arkansas To Pay Higher Premiums and Higher Deductibles For A Weakened Second Class Medicare Program.

- **Medicare spending in Arkansas will be cut by \$525 million in 2002 and \$2 billion over seven years.**
- **These cuts will threaten the integrity of the Medicare program** by imposing unprecedented out-of-pocket increases on beneficiaries, decreasing access to doctors, and undermining the financial viability of hospitals.
- **The cuts will force many hospitals to close and cost the typical hospital \$17 million over seven years,** according to the American Hospital Association.

The Republican MEDICAID Cuts Will Reduce Federal Payments To Arkansas By \$2.5 billion Over Seven Years, A 31% Reduction In 2002 Alone. Nationally, Republicans are proposing to cut \$163 billion from Federal Medicaid spending between 1996 and 2002: a cut of 28% in 2002.

- **Nearly 8 million will be denied Medicaid coverage nationwide.** States will be forced to deny coverage to nearly 8 million people, including:
 - 3.8 million children
 - 850,000 older Americans
 - 1.3 million individuals with disabilities

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

**FROM: DAN COLLINS
RUSSELL HORWITZ**

RE: Local Issues Brief -- Little Rock, Arkansas

DEFENSE

Bosnian troops

A unit of reservists from the 314th Operations Group at Little Rock Air Force Base has been ordered by the Pentagon to prepare for duty in the Bosnian peacekeeping operation. A total of 3,800 reservists have been called up from five bases: Arkansas, California, Florida, North Carolina and Nebraska. The 314th Operations Group flies C-130 transport planes used to carry troops and equipment.

CRIME

Phone and mail fraud

Four men have been arrested in Arkansas as part of a nationwide law enforcement crackdown on fraudulent marketing schemes called "Senior Sentinel". Working with local authorities, the FBI used volunteer senior citizens to pose as victims in the sting operation. More than 400 arrests were made in the operation nationally and more are expected. The FBI says victims in Arkansas lost sums ranging from \$500 to tens of thousands of dollars.

GOVERNMENT

City Government

The Little Rock Board of Supervisors has adopted its first-ever code of ethics for city officials. Violators face punishments ranging from a simple warning to removal from office. While codes of ethics are common in cities across the nation, Little Rock appears to be the only municipality in Arkansas with a separate ordinance establishing a code of ethics for its board, top employees and citizen commissions.

ENVIRONMENT

Hazardous waste

The Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology (PC&E) has put Rixey Iron and Metal in North Little Rock on the state's list of most troublesome hazardous waste sites. PC&E inspectors determined last July that hazardous materials were being released from the scrap-metal facility and posed a danger to the public. The agency wants to ensure the site is stabilized and no hazardous waste is seeping into area ground water.

HOUSING

Affordable Low-income Housing

A Little Rock resident was able to purchase a new home with the help of a \$3,000 grant available to low and moderate-income people. The house on Lewis Street is one of three being built for low-income city residents on vacant lots. The owner, Marilyn Shavers, said she could not have made the purchase without the help of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). The ACORN program faces reduction in funding as part of the proposed cuts in the 1996 Congressional budget.

BUSINESS

New Plant

One of Arkansas' largest employers will build a new plant in Russellville by mid-1996. The Texas-based Amarillo Gear Company will spend \$5 million to convert the vacant National Garment Company building into a plant. The company, which specializes in mining equipment gears, expects to generate 60 jobs in the development.

Plant Closing

The nation's third-largest packaged bakery goods producer has announced that it will be closing three U.S. bakeries, including one in Little Rock. Campbell Taggart, a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch Company, said the move is the final step in a company restructuring. Operations at the Little Rock location, where approximately 100 people are employed, will cease in early 1996.