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THE PRESIDENT
TO
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

April 15, 1997

Staff Copy

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997

FINAL

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

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WHCA PAGER: 4033

TRIP COORDINATOR:

*(New York City - "Kick Butts" Event
and Jackie Robinson Celebration)*

GRACE GARCIA

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EVENT COORDINATOR:

(DCCC Lunch)

LAURA GRAHAM

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ANNE EDWARDS

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WHCA PAGER: 4208

WEATHER:

New York, New York

Partly cloudy. Wind south at 5 to 10 knots.

Low 37 to 42. High 57 to 62.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 15 1997
FINAL**

8:20 am	THE PRESIDENT departs the White House via motorcade en route Andrews Air Force Base [drive time: 25 minutes]
8:45 am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
9:00 am	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York [flight time: 50 minutes]
9:50 am	THE PRESIDENT arrives John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York OPEN PRESS CLOSED PUBLIC

Note: There are no greeters upon arrival.

10:05 am

THE PRESIDENT departs John F. Kennedy International Airport via motorcade en route Andries Hudde School, Brooklyn, New York [drive time: 25 minutes]

10:30 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives Andries Hudde School, Brooklyn, New York

Greeters: Representative Major Owens
Representative Charles Schumer
Representative Ed Towns
Anthony David Weiner, New York City Council
Mark Green, Public Advocate, New York City
Howard Golden, Borough President, Brooklyn
Julia Bove, Principal, Andries Hudde School

10:45 am-
11:45 am

“KICK BUTTS” EVENT

GYMNASIUM

Andries Hudde School

Remarks: Michael Waldman

Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel

Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia

OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of Representative Charles Schumer, Representative Major Owens, Representative Ed Towns, Mark Green, Public Advocate, New York City, and Julia Bove, Principal, Andries Hudde School.
- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Ayana Harry, student, Andries Hudde School, to “Ruffles and Flourishes” and “Hail to the Chief”.
- Julia Bove makes brief remarks and invites Representative Charles Schumer, Representative Major Owens and Mark Green, Public Advocate, New York City, to make brief remarks.
- Representative Charles Schumer makes brief remarks.
- Representative Major Owens makes brief remarks.
- Mark Green makes brief remarks and introduces Ayana Harry.
- Ayana Harry makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.

-- Upon conclusion of remarks, **the President** departs.

11:50 am-
11:55 am

BROOKLYN POLICE PHOTOS
HALLWAY
Andries Hudde School

12:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Andries Hudde School via motorcade en route Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, New York
[drive time: 10 minutes]

12:10 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, New York

12:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Classroom 238

Greeters: Representative Richard Gephardt, House Democratic
Leader
Representative Martin Frost, Chairman, DCCC
Representative Charles Rangel, Chairman, Finance
Council, DCCC

12:20 pm-
12:30 pm

MEET AND GREET
CLASSROOM 238
Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
CLOSED PRESS

12:35 pm-
12:55 pm

RECEIVING LINE
PALM ROOM A
Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
CLOSED PRESS

-- **The President** does a receiving line with forty guests.

1:00 pm-
1:40 pm

**REMARKS TO DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE (DCCC) LUNCH**

PALM ROOM B

Brooklyn Botanical Gardens

Remarks: Laura Capps

Staff Contact: Craig Smith

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

POOL PRESS

- **The President**, accompanied by Representative Martin Frost, Representative Charles Rangel and Representative Richard Gephardt, enters the room and proceeds to his seat beside the podium.
- Representative Martin Frost makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Charles Rangel, Chairman, Finance Council, DCCC.
- Representative Charles Rangel makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Richard Gephardt, House Democratic Leader.
- Representative Richard Gephardt makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, **the President** departs.

2:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Brooklyn Botanical Gardens via motorcade en route the John F. Kennedy Hilton Hotel
[drive time: 20 minutes]

2:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives John F. Kennedy Hilton Hotel

2:30 pm-
5:30 pm

DOWN TIME

PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

John F. Kennedy Hilton Hotel

5:35 pm-
5:40 pm

DRIVER/QUEENS POLICE PHOTOS

HALLWAY

John F. Kennedy Hilton Hotel

5:45 pm	THE PRESIDENT departs John F. Kennedy Hilton Hotel via motorcade en route Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York [drive time: 20 minutes]
6:05 pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York Greeters: Nelson Doubleday, Owner, New York Mets Fred Wilpon, Owner, New York Mets Bud Selig, Interim Commissioner, Major League Baseball Donald Fehr, President, Players Association
OPTION: 6:15 pm- 6:30 pm	PHOTOS WITH METS AND DODGERS LOCKER ROOM Shea Stadium Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
6:40 pm- 7:00 pm	GREET ROBINSON FAMILY/PRESENTATION EXECUTIVE SUITE LOUNGE Shea Stadium Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia POOL PRESS (At the end)
7:05 pm- 7:20 pm	MEET AND GREET EXECUTIVE SUITE DINING ROOM Shea Stadium Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
7:20 pm- 7:30 pm	HOLD EXECUTIVE SUITE OFFICE Shea Stadium
7:30 pm- 7:40 pm	INTERVIEW WITH HAL BODLEY OF <u>USA TODAY</u> SITE TBA Shea Stadium Staff Contact: Michael McCurry CLOSED PRESS

7:40 pm-
8:50 pm

METS VS. DODGERS BASEBALL GAME
OWNER'S BOX
Shea Stadium
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia
OPEN PRESS

Note: *The National Anthem* will be played at 7:38 pm. The game is scheduled to start at 7:45 pm.

9:00 pm-
9:20 pm
(End of 5th inning)

CEREMONY IN HONOR OF JACKIE ROBINSON
HOME PLATE
Shea Stadium
Remarks: Michael Waldman
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia
OPEN PRESS

- "The Impossible Dream" is performed by Tevin Campbell, accompanied by a short video tribute to Jackie Robinson.
- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and Rachel Robinson.
- **The President** makes brief remarks and introduces Rachel Robinson.
- Rachel Robinson makes brief remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, **the President** departs.

9:30 pm-
9:50 pm

INTERVIEW OPTION
SITE TBA
Shea Stadium
Staff Contact: Michael McCurry
Event Coordinator: Grace Garcia
CLOSED PRESS

10:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Shea Stadium via motorcade en route John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York
[drive time: 20 minutes]

10:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York

10:35 pm	THE PRESIDENT departs John F. Kennedy International Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 50 minutes]
11:25 pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
11:40 pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via motorcade en route the White House [drive time: 25 minutes]
12:05 am	THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1997

"KICK BUTTS" EVENT

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 1997
TIME: 10:55 am
LOCATION: Andries Hudde Junior High School
Brooklyn, New York
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Rahm Emanuel

I. PURPOSE

To participate in the second annual national anti-tobacco teach-in for school kids. The event is dedicated to discussing the health hazards of tobacco and what kids have done and can do to fight back against the tobacco industry.

II. BACKGROUND

"Kick Butts Day" was created and organized by New York City Public Advocate Mark Green and the Washington, DC based Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. The day encourages leadership and activities among youth.

On April 10, at Washington DC's Hardy Middle School, the Vice President and Secretary Shalala participated in a youth rally to gain support for stronger anti-tobacco measures in schools and to encourage teen role models to quit smoking. In addition to the nationwide rallies, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids provided 10,000 "Kick Butts" Activity Kits to schools and grassroots organizations that included a Kids' Leadership Activity Guide and a "How To Participate" video.

Andries Hudde Junior High students participated in "Kick Butts" day by organizing a "Smoking Out Smoking Messages" event. For two days students noted and recorded the number of tobacco advertisements within their community. During today's event one student will report the grand total. Students also participated in a poster contest and will display the posters in the halls of the school.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants

Sylvia Mathews
Maria Eschaveste
Doug Sosnik
Michael Waldman

Event Participants

The President
Representative Major Owens
Representative Charles Schumer
Public Advocate Mark Green
Julia Bove, Interim Acting Principal Andries Hudde Junior High School
Ayana Harry, 8th Grader, Andries Hudde Junior High School

(There are approximately 800 students in the audience. In addition to the 2,000 students at Andries School who will view the event in overflow rooms, a total of two million students across the country will view the event via satellite.)

IV. PRESS PLAN

The event is open press.

The Educational Management Group (EMG) is going to transmit the event via satellite to EMG's network of more than 4,000 schools around the country.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

-Julia Bove, Acting School Principal, makes welcoming remarks and announces the speaking program of Representative Schumer, Representative Owens, and Public Advocate Mark Green.

-Representative Charles Schumer makes brief remarks.

-Representative Major Owens makes brief remarks.

-Public Advocate Mark Green makes brief remarks and introduces Ayana Harry.

-Ayana Harry makes brief remarks and The President.

-The President delivers remarks.

-Upon the conclusion of remarks, the President works a ropeline and departs.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks were prepared by Michael Waldman.

Draft 4/14/97 8:30pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON KICK BUTTS DAY
ANDRIES HUDDIE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
BROOKLYN, N.Y.
April 15, 1997**

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Acknowledgments: Principal Julia Bove.

Rep. Chuck Schumer: Whether it's taking on the NRA and passing assault weapons ban, fighting for crime bill/100,000 police, or taking on tobacco subsidies, Rep. Schumer is a tireless fighter for the health and safety of New Yorkers.

Rep. Major Owens: National leader for education and for New York.

NYC Public Advocate Mark Green: Thanks for creating Kick Butts Day all across USA. From being first official to ask to ban cartoon figures in tobacco ads -- to his fight for at risk and uninsured kids -- a leading national fighter for children.

Thanks also to Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (Bill Novelli), who sponsor Kick Butts days all across the country.

And thank you to Ayana Harry [*Eye-ya-na Harry*] [*8th grader who will give the results of their survey of tobacco ads in the vicinity of the school*].

I am delighted to join with the young people here at Andries Huddie [*An-drees Hud-dy*], around New York City, and all across America, for my second annual "Kick Butts Day." All of you should be very proud of the work you have done to take on the tobacco companies and their marketing campaigns that convince kids to start smoking.

It's hard growing up today; you are bombarded by millions of sophisticated images that try to sell you on doing what's cool, what's sexy, what's grownup, even if it isn't good for you. Adults tell you all the time to resist peer pressure. But sometimes standing up to millions of dollars of advertising pressure can be just as hard. It takes courage and moral backbone. And that is what you are showing here today.

You may not realize it, but you are beginning a habit -- a good habit, one that will stick with you throughout a lifetime -- the habit of service. You have found out that when you and your friends put your heads together to make your community a better place, it makes a difference; it's fun; it builds a community that cares. Today is also National Youth Service Day, and here in Brooklyn, AmeriCorps members are helping kids who need it, giving them extra help with homework, tutoring, or just an older person to talk to. Some of them are here today, and I would like to salute and thank them.

Here is why I believe that the citizen service here in Kick Butts Day is so important. All of you have the brightest future any generation of Americans has ever had. The great changes in technology and science, that you learn about here in school, will open opportunities your parents can only dream of. The growing links between all the nations of the world will make America the strongest nation on earth. All this can be yours in the 21st century. But if you do not grow up healthy and strong, if you do not stay away from the influences that can ruin your life, all this opportunity will mean nothing.

Tobacco kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, car crashes, and drugs combined. And today, like every day, across America 1000 teenagers will start a habit that will cut short their lives. You are just entering adolescence; you probably sometimes feel that your bodies are indestructible. But study after study shows that kids who think they can kick the habit at age 15 are still smoking at 25 and 35 and beyond. But someone who doesn't start smoking in their teens, will very likely never smoke.

In towns and cities all across the country, people are coming together in a great movement to protect young people from tobacco.

Kick Butts Days are a critical part of this movement. We have heard about what you and other young people have done here in New York already. Kids from Queens who will go to Times Square this afternoon to ask pedestrians to pledge not to smoke. Kids from Edward R. Murrow High School who educate shopkeepers about selling to minors. Students from the Heart of Harlem project who are tracking the tobacco ads in their community. Hundreds of other projects, here and around the country, by young people, for young people.

Many state and local officials have done what they can, taking the tobacco companies to court and trying to protect young people, and banning vending machines and free samples, and protecting indoor air quality as you have done in New York. I am very pleased that later this month, City Council Speaker Peter Vallone will introduce legislation to protect children from tobacco ads near New York's schools. He's here today, and I want to thank him, too.

And last August, the national government said that we would do our part. We issued tough new rules that will stop the marketing of tobacco in a way that lures young people. We said: From now on, no tobacco ads and billboards near schools . . . no to Joe Camel in magazines read by teens . . . no to cigarette vending machines.

Working together, will put Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man out of reach of our kids forever.

In the time since we first began to act to stop tobacco from marketing their products in ways that reach children, the tobacco companies have not given up. And sometimes it seems that the marketing campaign has gotten more sophisticated than ever. Virginia Slims is now sponsoring CDs and concerts. Joe Camel cartoons are now on the packets of cigarettes, not just in ads. And toy race cars are still emblazoned with tobacco brand names -- for all those middle

aged people who play with toy cars.

But now, despite this lavish marketing campaign, the tobacco industry's stone wall is beginning to crack. For years, the tobacco companies said that they did not seek to sell their product to children. For years, they swore to Congress that nicotine was not addictive. But then, last month, one of the tobacco companies changed its story. Here is what the President of this tobacco company now says, and I quote: "[we] acknowledge[] that the tobacco industry markets to 'youth,' which means those under 18 years of age, and not just those 18-24 years of age."

And the President of Liggett also admitted what we all know is true: that nicotine is addictive. To all the other tobacco companies, I have this to say: We've heard the truth from one cigarette company. Let's hear the truth from all. Sell your products to adults, if you wish. But draw the line on kids.

I am confident that this cause will prevail. We will continue to do our part. And I hope all of you will continue to do your part. Take responsibility; keep your eyes peeled and your minds sharp; don't fall for peer pressure or advertising pressure. And remember that you can make a difference.

In closing, let me tell you about someone who stood up for what he believed in, who changed this country forever. Fifty years ago, at Ebbetts Field just a few miles from here, Jackie Robinson became the first person of color to play major league baseball. He broke the color barrier, and that sound is still being heard today. Tonight, I will participate in a special ceremony during the Mets-Dodgers game at Shea Stadium marking the half century that has passed since Jackie Robinson's first game in the major leagues. Jackie Robinson was a winner in every sense. He was not only a great ballplayer; his winning attitude helped him excel in everything he tried to do -- as a husband and father, as a businessman, as a crusader for education and human dignity. Your actions today show that you too have a winning attitude. By saying "no" to tobacco, you are saying "yes" to your future. You are giving yourselves a better chance to make the most of your God-given abilities.

Keep standing up for what you believe in -- and we'll win this fight. Thanks, and God Bless.

April 15, 1997

**DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
SPEAKER'S TRUST LUNCHEON**

DATE:	Tuesday, April 15, 1997
LOCATION:	Brooklyn Botanical Gardens 1000 Washington Ave. Brooklyn, NY
TIME:	12:40 -2:00 p.m. '97 APR 14 PM6:54
FROM:	Craig Smith

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this event is to help the DCCC raise funds for the upcoming 1998 elections and to emphasize your commitment to electing a Democratic Majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

II. BACKGROUND

This lunch will be the first major road event the DCCC has held this cycle, and is expected to raise approximately \$700,000. The funds raised by the DCCC will allow them to continue to focus on recruiting quality candidates and assisting candidates and incumbents with strategic targeting, research, press and fundraising. Democrats need only 10 seats to win back control of the House.

III. PARTICIPANTS

There will be approximately 60 guests attending the luncheon. Eight Democratic Congressional Members are scheduled to attend, but they might have to leave before you make your remarks, because of an important vote. A complete list of the expected luncheon attendees, a list of the major DCCC supporters expected to attend the small meet and greet, a list of the Congressional Members expected to attend the luncheon, and a list of the those guests expected to sit at your table are all attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

The luncheon is open to press for remarks only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU proceed to the classroom and are greeted by House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, Chairman of the DCCC Rep. Martin Frost, and Chairman of the DCCC Finance Council Rep. Charles Rangel.
- YOU enter the classroom for the small meet and greet. You participate in a

- photo receiving line with approximately 10 guests.
- YOU depart the classroom and proceed to Palm Room A.
- YOU enter Palm Room A and move directly to a photo receiving line with approximately 40 guests.
- YOU depart Palm Room A and proceed to Palm Room B.
- YOU, accompanied by House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, Chairman of the DCCC Rep. Martin Frost, and Chairman of the DCCC Finance Council Rep. Charles Rangel, enter Palm Room B and proceed to your seat beside the podium.
- DCCC Chairman Rep. Martin Frost makes brief remarks and introduces Rep. Rangel.
- DCCC Finance Chairman Rep. Charles Rangel makes brief remarks and introduces Rep. Richard Gephardt.
- House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt makes brief remarks and introduces YOU.
- YOU make remarks.
- Upon conclusion of your remarks, it is our strong preference, that if you are physically able, you sit at your seat at the head table for a few moments.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks to be provided by speechwriting.

Acknowledgments:

Reps. Dick Gephardt, Martin Frost, and Charlie Rangel and other members of NY delegation. (Members will be leaving early for votes.)

'97 APR 14 PM4:10

Win back the house: In 1996 closest margin in the House in more than 40 yrs. 26 R's won w/ 51% of the vote or less. Democrats need only 10 seats. Dems. would have control now, had 9,759 voters cast their ballots differently in 10 Congressional districts in 1996.

Time of unprecedented potential:

Education: national standards.

Economy: Balance Budget; nearly 12 m. jobs; deficit down by 2/3; exports up; unemployment: 5.2%.

Reversed decades of social decline: biggest drop in welfare rolls; w to w; 5 yrs of declining crime; 100 K cops; health care: insure every child; NO SWEAT initiative.

Restoring Families: Kick Butts; FMLA expansion; v-chip; FCC Liquor.

Role of Govt: provide tools; reduced the size; campaign reform: free tv.

America's leadership: CWC, expand NATO.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

'97 APR 14 PM 6:33

INTERVIEWS WITH *USA TODAY*, ESPN AND WFAN

DATE: April 15, 1997
LOCATION: Shea Stadium
TIME: During baseball game
FROM: Mike McCurry

I. PURPOSE

These interviews will enable you to share your sports interests and enthusiasm with avid sports fans and highlight your trip to the Mets v. Dodgers baseball game in honor of Jackie Robinson.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, Major League Baseball has dedicated this season to Jackie Robinson. On April 15, 1997 you will attend the Mets v. Dodgers baseball game at Shea Stadium in Robinson's honor. The date marks the occasion fifty years ago when Robinson took the field as the first African-American baseball player in the major league. The following interviews will focus on sports, primarily baseball and Jackie Robinson's legacy. You can expect questions about the current season, the Mets and Dodgers, Jackie Robinson, the impact of the 1995 strike on the sport, and your favorite teams and players. These interviews will be similar to those you have conducted on previous visits to ballparks.

USA Today

You will interview with *USA Today* baseball columnist Hal Bodley in the executive suite prior to the game, following your meet and greet with the Robinson family and team owners. Bodley has written about baseball for many years and covered the Administration's efforts to settle the baseball strike in 1995. Bodley interviewed former President Bush on sports issues and has been looking forward to having the opportunity to talk with you about your sports' interests. This interview was scheduled to occur last year on opening day at Oriole Park and was canceled at the last minute. You have never interviewed with Bodley. He is likely to ask you about Jackie Robinson, Tiger Woods, your involvement in the 1995 baseball strike, and baseball's commissioner.

Bodley formerly covered sports and baseball for the *Delaware State News, Wilmington (DE) News Journal* and *Sporting News*. He also worked for the Philadelphia Phillies before joining USA Today. USA Today reaches one million readers daily, many who read its well respected sports pages.

ESPN (Optional)

Should you choose to do so, you will do a live interview with Chris Berman and Joe Morgan in their broadcast suite during the game. You will deliver live play-by-play coverage with them during the telecast from Shea Stadium. Berman is one of ESPN's main sportscasters. You may be aware that last year he suffered from a knee injury similar to yours. Morgan is the former Cincinnati Reds Hall of Famer.

WFAN Radio (Optional)

Another option on your schedule is to conduct a live in-person interview with Bob Murphy and Gary Cohen on WFAN, New York's sports radio station and the flagship station for the New York Mets. You will assist the announcers with some play-by-play coverage and sentiments on Jackie Robinson. Bob Murphy is a Hall of Fame broadcaster who has been providing play-by-play of Mets games since 1962. Gary Cohen has been announcing the games since 1989.

III. SCHEDULE

You will interview with Hal Bodley at Shea Stadium before watching the baseball game in the owner's box. If you are interested in interviewing with WFAN, the station will send reporters to your box. If you choose to interview with ESPN, you will proceed to their broadcast booth for a live play-by-play interview before departing Shea Stadium.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- * The President
- * Mike McCurry/Barry Toiv
- * *USA Today*, Hal Bodley
- * ESPN, Chris Berman, Joe Morgan
- * WFAN Radio, Bob Murphy, Gary Cohen

V. PRESS PLAN

Your remarks will be exclusive to these news organizations.

VI. REMARKS

Prepared remarks are not needed.

VII. TALKING POINTS

* Attached background material on Mets, Dodgers and Jackie Robinson.

IT WAS mid-June 1993 and John Olerud was still hitting above .400, well on his way to winning the American League batting title, when former Blue Jays teammate and future Hall of Famer Dave Winfield approached him and offered a bit of advice. Borrow a video camera, Winfield said, and tape your swing. Then sit down and have someone film you talking about everything you're doing at the plate. Talk about how your swing feels, what the pitches look like, how you're feeling. Tape everything so that one day when you're struggling you'll be able to pull that tape out and use it to set yourself straight.

Olerud, a first baseman, is 28 now and playing for the Mets after being traded by Toronto in December for pitcher Robert Person. Having watched his numbers decline each season since he finished with a .363 average four years ago, Olerud is hoping New York is the place he'll recover the swing that was once described as "so sweet it should be poured on pancakes." Having that videotape around the last couple of years sure would have helped him. "That was some great advice I got," says Olerud. "Did I take it? No. I could definitely kick myself now. In 1993 everything just came so easily that I thought I had it all figured out."

He didn't. The lefthanded-hitting Olerud batted only .274 with 18 home runs and 61 RBIs in 1996, struggling so badly against southpaws (.219) that the Blue Jays began platooning him. Then they forked over a record \$5 million of his \$6.5 million 1997 salary to the Mets so New York would accept him in the trade.

Early in spring training Toronto manager Cito Gaston suggested



JOHN OLERUD
Missing: One Sweet Swing

NEW YORK Mets

Olerud would crumble under the pressure in New York and might even quit the game after this season. But Olerud, who recovered from a brain aneurysm in 1989 to become the 16th player since the amateur draft began in 1965 to make his pro debut in the majors, insists he is looking forward to this year in New York.

"If that's truly how Toronto felt about him, then John got out of there just in time," says Mets general manager Joe McIlvaine. "We just can't start giving up on players who are 28. That's how you make mistakes in this business. Change is good for the soul."

After he began to struggle, the 6' 5", 220-pound Olerud was persuaded by the Blue Jays to pull the ball more so he could increase his home run production. The subsequent changes in his stance gave him a nasty hitch and left Olerud second-guessing himself at the plate. This spring, under Mets manager Bobby Valentine and hitting coach Tom Robson, the kinetic beauty of Olerud's swing is on its way back. He has moved off the plate and has

his hands closer to his body so that lefthanders can no longer jam him. And with renewed confidence and freedom at the plate, he is once again spraying the ball all over the field.

After watching Olerud blast a home run that seemed to pick up velocity as it cleared the rightfield fence, McIlvaine folded his arms and smiled. "I told John the other day," he said, "that at the end of this year he's going to look back and say that coming to New York was the best thing that happened to his career."

If so, Olerud promises that this time he will make that videotape.

—D.F.

The Lineup

CF	Lance Johnson	Led majors in hits (227), triples (21) and multi-hit games (75) in '96
1B	John Olerud	Should help Mets reduce last year's league-high 159 errors
2B	Carlos Baerga	Only player in history to switch-hit homers in same inning
C	Todd Hundley	41 homers in '96 a major league record for catchers
LF	Bernard Gilkey	117 RBIs last year were 47 more than his previous best
RF	Alex Ochoa	Batted .330 against lefthanded pitchers, .277 against righties
3B	Edgardo Alfonzo	Hit .312 in his final 44 games last season
SS	Rey Ordonez	Flashy fielder made 27 errors, tied for second-most in league
Ace	Pete Harnisch	Has never regained form after shoulder surgery in '95
Closer	John Franco	In '96 became first lefty to reach 300-save milestone

A FEW WEEKS before the 1995 season Todd Zeile and the Cardinals agreed in principle on a contract that would keep him in St. Louis for three more years. Zeile, who had played in the organization since being drafted in 1986, promptly put a bid on a home in the St. Louis area. "It's a good thing the bid was turned down," he says.

The Cardinals' ownership, which would agree to sell the team before the year was out, pulled the deal off the table just before Opening Day, after Zeile had injured his thumb. That set in motion one of the stranger episodes of big league wandering since Braves pitcher Pascual Perez couldn't find his way to Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium in his car in 1982. In a 17-month span beginning with a trade to the Cubs on June 16, 1995, Zeile was the property of five teams. Following the '95 season he signed as a free agent with the Phillies, who then dealt him to the Orioles on Aug. 29, 1996. A free agent again after last season, Zeile finally got his three-

year contract: a \$9.5 million deal with the Dodgers that brought a huge sense of relief not only to him but also to the people who forward mail at the United States Postal Service. Zeile, born and raised in the Los Angeles area as a Dodgers fan, was home.

"After seven seasons of playing with one-year contracts, you become cynical at times," says Zeile, a third baseman. "Then this happens, and it sounds so great, you think there must be a catch. It's a cliché, but I was born to be a Dodger." A Dodgers blue blood, Zeile was born on the day Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game (Sept. 9, 1965), and he used to sit in the outfield



TODD ZEILE

The Long Way Home

LOS ANGELES Dodgers

pavilion as a child member of the Dodgers-Pepsi Fan Club. "My father had a friend who was a shoe rep, and one day they took me into the Dodgers' clubhouse," he says. "I'll never forget seeing heroes of mine: Bill Russell, Steve Garvey, Ron Cey."

Through the years the Dodgers have used more third basemen than Zeile has moving men. He will be the 25th third sacker tried by Los Angeles in the 15 seasons since Cey left the Dodgers, including the six who played last year. Abbott and Costello had an easier time figuring out who was playing third. The position has been a trouble spot since the Dodgers left Brooklyn; they've used 22 Opening Day third basemen since 1958. The hot corner, in fact, remains the only position at which no Dodger has won a Gold Glove.

Zeile, a converted catcher who is an adequate fielder, is back home because of his bat. He hit a career-high 25 home runs and drove in 99 runs last year for the Phillies and the Orioles combined, production Los Angeles sorely needs.

No team in baseball last year had a worse on-base percentage (.316), and only two, the Marlins and the Phillies, scored fewer runs (703). With even a modest upgrade to its offense, L.A., which still has one of the game's best pitching staffs, could be playing deep into October. "Getting into the postseason with the Orioles rekindled my passion for the game," Zeile says. "Being with the Dodgers makes it even better."

In the meantime Zeile has ended his house hunting. He is building one in Valencia, Calif., about five miles from his childhood home. Both he and the Dodgers are ready to settle down. —T.V.

The Lineup

CF	Brett Butler	Turning 40 in June, comeback from cancer still in doubt
2B	Wilton Guerrero	Rookie was a .332 career hitter in the minors
RF	Raul Mondesi	Free swinger (122 K's) moves up from fifth in order
C	Mike Piazza	Slugger also has best career average in L.A. history (.326)
1B	Eric Karros	Lifetime .254 vs. lefthanders, .293 vs. righthanders
3B	Todd Zeile	Batted .317 in the postseason with the Orioles
LF	Todd Hollandsworth	He's the lone lefthanded threat in the lineup
SS	Greg Gagne	Hit .255 after batting .254 in 13 years in American League
Ace	Ramon Martinez	He was 9-1, with a 2.81 ERA after a Dodgers loss
Closer	Todd Worrell	Led league in saves (44) and blown saves (9)

SEATTLE FACT

Last season Mike Piazza led the majors with 79 opposite-field hits, which was 42.5% of his hit total. Among players with at least 100 hits are 26, only Boston's Reggie Jefferson (44.7%) and Cleveland's Alvin Davis (43.2%) had a higher percentage of hits the opposite way. Piazza's 10 opposite-field home runs were also tops. Only Piazza (13 of 30) and Jeff Gentry (11 of 19) among players with at least 10 homers finished more than half the opposite field.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1997

JACKIE ROBINSON ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Date: April 15, 1997
Location: Shea Stadium
Queens, New York
Time: 6:05pm (arrival at Shea)
From: Maria Echaveste
Danny Wexler

I. PURPOSE:

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut as the first African American to play Major League Baseball. And to honor his widow, Rachel Robinson and how she has chosen to honor Jackie; through the support of education.

II. BACKGROUND:

On April 15, 1947, before an overflow crowd at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, Jack Roosevelt Robinson became the first African American player in major league baseball. Handpicked by Dodger President Branch Rickey to break baseball's color barrier, (even though 15 of the 16 major league teams had voted against integration), Robinson played first base and was hitless in three at-bats against the Boston Braves. Robinson stayed at first base for the 1947 season then moved over to second when Gil Hodges came up from the minors. His career lasted 10 years, during which he batted .311 won one batting title and took the Dodgers to a World Series title in 1955. Robinson was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1962.

Tonight's celebration was organized by Major League Baseball, the Players Association, the Jackie Robinson Foundation and Mets and Dodgers organizations. You will be sitting with representatives of all these organizations.

A short ceremony will take place after the fifth inning. You and Jackie's widow, Rachel Robinson will make brief remarks. Rachel and Jackie met at UCLA where she graduated with a BS in Nursing. She and some of her friends founded the Jackie Robinson Foundation shortly after his death to help provide educational opportunities for minority youths. In addition to four-year college scholarships, the Foundation provides summer job and post-graduate placement assistance, career development and counseling.

For the 1996-97 school year, 43 new Jackie Robinson Scholars were selected from a national pool of more than 3,000 applicants. Since the beginning, they have issued 425 scholarships, at present there are a total of 142 students who receive assistance from the Foundation.

Rachel is also the author of "*Jackie Robinson, An Intimate Portrait*" published last year. Rachel will be accompanied by her daughter Sharon Robinson, nurse midwife and Assistant Professor of nursing at Yale University; Sharon's son Jesse Simms, a high school student who will attend UCLA next year on a football scholarship and Sonia Panket, Rachel's granddaughter. Sonia is the daughter of Jackie Jr. who was killed in an auto accident in the early 1970's. Sharon's other son David will not attend, he is the President of Upcountry International, a coffee producing company based in Tanzania, Africa. She has 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Early in life, Jackie Robinson excelled in all sports. At UCLA, Robinson became the first athlete to win varsity letters in four sports, baseball, basketball, football and track. In 1941, he was named to the All-American football team.

It was not until 1959, 12 years after Robinson first played in the majors, that integration was complete in baseball when, in 1959, the Boston Red Sox called up Pumpsie Green. The Red Sox however, could have been the first. In April of 1945, the Red Sox had Robinson at Fenway for a tryout. Four years later, the Red Sox passed on another black player when they turned down an 18-year old outfielder with the Birmingham Black Barons. This outfielder went on to sign with the New York Giants on his way to the Hall of Fame. His name was Willie Mays. By contrast the Boston Celtics were the first NBA team to sign a black player when Chuck Cooper joined the team in 1950.

In 1957, a year after Robinson retired from baseball, he began losing weight and was diagnosed with diabetes, which would eventually kill him. Without baseball, Robinson moved into the world of business. He became vice president in charge of personnel for Chock Full O'Nuts and spent seven years with the restaurant chain. After that he helped start the Freedom National Bank, serving as chairman of the board of the only black-owned and operated commercial bank in New York State. Later, a small group of investors established the Jackie Robinson Construction Company to build housing for low and moderate income families. Robinson suffered a heart attack in 1968 and again in 1970 and he began losing his eyesight. Two years later he was honored at the World Series to mark the 25th anniversary of his move to the major leagues. Ten days later, on October 23, 1972, he died at age 53.

Robinson earned a total of \$296,250 in his career. It will take Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox 5 ½ days to match Robinson's career earnings, 33 if you adjust for inflation. Belle signed a five year contract for \$55 million.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Pre-brief participants:

Sylvia Matthews
Maria Echaveste
Danny Wexler
Michael Waldman

Event participants:

Ceremony participants:

You
Rachel Robinson

Sitting in Nelson's Doubleday's Box with you:

Invited by the Mets:

Senator Al D'Amato
Senator Daniel Moynihan
Representative Charles Rangel

Peter O'Malley	Owner, Los Angeles Dodgers
Nelson Doubleday	Chairman of the Board, New York Mets
Sandra Doubleday	Spouse
Fred Wilpon	President and COO, New York Mets
Judy Wilpon	Spouse
Donald Fehr	Players Association
Bud Selig	Acting Commissioner, Major League Baseball
Rachel Robinson	Jackie Robinson's widow
Sharon Robinson	Jackie Robinson's daughter
Sonia Panket	Jackie Robinson's granddaughter
Jesse Simms	Jackie Robinson's grandson

Invited by the White House:

Representative Tom Manton (D-NY)
UN Ambassador Bill Richardson
Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor, Time Magazine
Rodney Slater, Secy of Transportation
Carl McCall, New York Comptroller

IV. PRESS COVERAGE

Open press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- o When you arrive at Shea Stadium, you will be greeted by Mets owners, Nelson Doubleday and Fred Wilpon.
- o (OPTION: You have the option to visit the Mets locker room and/or the Dodgers locker room and/or the umpires after you arrive.)
- o You proceed upstairs to the Director's Suite to greet the Robinson Family. Included will be Rachel Robinson, Sharon Robinson, Jesse Simms and Sonia Panket.
- o You present Rachel Robinson with sketches of the Jackie Robinson commemorative coins. Rachel will present you with a Jackie Robinson hat. This hat contains the patch that all Major League players are wearing this year as a tribute to Jackie Robinson.
- o The press pool will be escorted in to record the picture of you with the Robinson family.
- o You proceed to another area of the Directors Suite to greet other guests of the White House who will not be seated in your box. (List attached)
- o You proceed to Nelson Doubleday's box to watch the game.
- o (OPTION: ESPN INTERVIEW)
- o At or about the beginning of the fifth inning you and Rachel Robinson proceed to the umpires room to hold before going out to the field.
- o At the end of the fifth inning there will be a short break to set up for the ceremony.

(Please note that the program on the field is subject to change; Acting Commissioner Bud Selig may participate.)

- o Kevin Campbell will be introduced to sing "The Impossible Dream". During the song a short film about Jackie Robinson's life will be shown in the stadium.
- o After the song the stadium announcer will introduce you and Rachel Robinson.

- o You make brief remarks and introduce Rachel Robinson.
- o Rachel Robinson will make brief remarks.
- o You depart the field. At this point you can either return to the box and continue to watch the game or depart for the airport.

VI. REMARKS:

To be provided by speechwriting

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JACKIE ROBINSON'S FIRST GAME
SHEA STADIUM, NEW YORK
APRIL 15, 1997**

It is hard to believe that fifty years ago today at Ebbets Field, a 28-year-old rookie changed the face of baseball and American society. Jackie Robinson scored the go-ahead run that day, and we have all been trying to catch up to him ever since.

Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play professional baseball, but he was not the first to be qualified or to have the desire. Branch Rickey knew that, and he deserves credit for taking the first step toward equalizing the playing field. Together, Branch and Jackie paved the way for the great diversity in sports today.

When Jackie Robinson took his position in the Dodgers' lineup, he also took a prominent place in the history of civil rights. Jackie fought his whole life to make sure that the door he opened stayed open, not only in the sports world, but in every sector of society.

We have come a long way in 50 years: African Americans can now go to school where they want, live where they choose, and vote as they please without fear or harassment. But we still have more to do if America is to realize its great potential in the 21st century. We don't have a person to waste. Think of what baseball would have been like without Willie Mays and Ernie Banks and Hank Aaron. Think of what America would be like without the voices and talents of people like Barbara Jordan, Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King. And think of what America can be like tomorrow, if we follow the example of Jackie Robinson -- a man who showed us the meaning of hard work, dignity and compassion.

This week we got a chance to see another history-making event in sports when Tiger Woods became the first person of color to win the Masters. That was a great achievement. But like Jackie Robinson, Tiger Woods impresses us most by his character and dedication to excellence.

Jackie Robinson believed that education, not sports, was the key to real success in life. He took that message to young people wherever he went. And I want to congratulate Rachel for continuing that mission through the work of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which has given hundreds of young people the chance to pursue their dream of a college education. Jackie would be proud that his memory is being honored in that way.

If Jackie Robinson were here today, I believe he would say, now that we have achieved equity on the playing field, we must take the next step and achieve equality in the front offices and board rooms of baseball and corporate America. Now that we all seem to be able to respect and appreciate the talents of great athletes, let us take the next step and respect each other in our daily lives, wherever we are -- on the streets, in the workplace, in our schools. And now that we can all sit side by side at a baseball game, we must take the next step and make sure that when we leave the stands, we stand for something more magnificent than a grand slam -- a grand society, where all of us have an equal chance to work together to build a better future. Let that be the true legacy of Jackie Robinson. Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

BOX GUEST LISTS

OWNERS BOX (INVITED BY THE METS)

Nelson Doubleday	Owner of the Mets
Sandra Doubleday	Spouse
Fred Wilpon	Owner of the Mets
Judy Wilpon	Spouse
Rudolph Guiliani	Mayor of New York
George Pataki	Governor of New York
Bud Selig	Interim Commissioner of Baseball
Donald Fehr	Representative of the Players Union
Rachel Robinson	Widow of Jackie Robinson
Sharon Robinson	Daughter of Jackie Robinson
Jesse Simms	Grandson of Jackie Robinson
Patrick Moynihan	New York Senator
Al D'Amato	New York Senator

OWNERS BOX (INVITED BY THE WHITE HOUSE)

Walter Isaacson	Managing Editor of Time Magazine
Tom Manton	Representative
Carl McCall	Comptroller
Bill Richardson	U. N. Ambassador
Rodney Slater	Secretary of Transportation

SPECIAL GUEST BOXES

Kit Ashby (t)	
Clarence Avant	President of Motown Records
Eric Bell	Americorps Volunteer
Hugh Carey	Former Governor of New York
Jazimine Credell	Americorps Volunteer
David Dinkins	Former Mayor of New York
Toni Faye	Vice President, Time-Warner
Bill Gould	Chair, NLRB
Whoopi Goldberg (t)	
Robert Harding	
Alan G. Hevesi	City Comptroller
Peter King	Representative
Sharahara Lewellyn	Vice Chair WLF Board
Nita Lowey	Representative
Bill Lynch	Vice President of McForbes and Andrews
Major Owens	Representative
Dennis Rivera	President of 1199
Jose Serrano	Representative
Claire Shulman	Queens Borough President
Sheldon Silver	Assembly Speaker

Ed Towns	Representative
Cicely Tyson	Actress, Strong Supporter
Peter Vallone	Council Speaker
Nydia Velazquez	Representative
Kelly Wulfers	Dick Kelly's Granddaughter

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Mario Cuomo	Former Governor
John Lewis	Representative
Peter O'Malley	Owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers
Charles Rangel	Congressman
Frank Robinson	First African American to manage a major league baseball team
Percy Sutton	Chairman of the Inner City Theater Group
Maxine Waters	Representative

SEATED IN OTHER BOXES

Floyd Flake	Representative
Betty Shabazz	WLF Board Member

ROBINSON FAMILY LIST

Rachel (Jackie) Robinson	widow of Jackie Robinson
Sharon Robinson	daughter of Rachel and Jack Robinson
Molve Fieffe	husband of Sharon
Sonya Pankey	granddaughter of Rachel and Jack Robinson
Susan Thomas	granddaughter of Rachel and Jack Robinson
Jesse Martin Simms	grandson of Rachel and Jack Robinson

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Leonard Coleman	Chairman, Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF)
Warren Jackson	Vice Chairman, JRF
Martin Edelman	Secretary, JRF
Norman Siegel	Treasurer, JRF
Willitte Bailey	family friend
Jack Gordon	family friend
Jill Gordon	family friend
David & Kristein Sneddon	family friends
Ben & Sarah Cymrot	family friends

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1997

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MEET AND GREET WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

DATE:	April 15, 1997
LOCATION:	Shea Stadium
TIME:	Between 7:05 pm - 7:25 pm
FROM:	Stephanie Streett Grace Garcia

I. PURPOSE

You will greet special guests who are seated in different boxes during the game in the Executive Suite Lounge prior to the start of the game.

II. BACKGROUND

All the special guest boxes are not conveniently located to the Owners' Box where you will be seated. Therefore, we are holding a meet and greet in the Executive Suite Lounge to allow you to greet these guests prior to the game.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Please see attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photo Only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will proceed to the Executive Suite Lounge.
- You will greet guests informally.
- You will depart.

VI. REMARKS

None required

GUEST MEET AND GREET LIST

Kit Ashby (t)	
Clarence Avant	President Motown Record
Hugh Carey	Former Governor
David Dinkins	Former Mayor of New York
Toni Faye	Vice-President, Time Warner
Fernando Ferrer	Bronx Borough President
Whoopi Goldberg (t)	
Bill Gould	Chair, NLRB
Robert Harding	
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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 New York after the first 49 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in New York:

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- The unemployment rate has dropped from 8.3% to 6.3%.
- New York has added 228,900 new jobs or 56,057 per year, after losing 129,950 per year during the previous 4 years.
- New York has added 279,500 new private-sector jobs or 68,449 per year, after losing 124,725 per year during the previous 4 years.
- Construction employment has grown at about 1% per year, after falling 7.7% per year during the previous 4 years.
- New business incorporations have increased 2.2% per year, after falling 3.4% per year during the previous 4 years..
- Business failures have dropped 10.5% per year, after increasing 35.1% per year during the previous 4 years.
- Bankruptcy filings have dropped 33.7% per year, after increasing 10.7% per year during the previous 4 years.
- Bank lending has increased 5.2% per year, after dropping by 3.9% per year during the previous 4 years.
- The Help Wanted Index has increased 32.8%.
- Consumer confidence has increased 36.6%.

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

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN NEW YORK: 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 New York.

6 TIMES MORE NEW YORK FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 890,568 working families in New York will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 148,562 wealthiest taxpayers in New York.

TAX CUT FOR 80,373 SMALL BUSINESSES IN NEW YORK: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 80,373 small businesses in New York are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone and many more will benefit over the coming years.

3,141,000 NEW YORK 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 3,140,640 workers in New York, and protects the jobs of 188,672 workers in New York who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

2 MILLION STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN NEW YORK WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 2 million New York borrowers -- 1.4 million current borrowers and 600,000 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

April 14, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Ann Walker

RE: Local Issues Briefing--New York City

JACKIE ROBINSON CELEBRATION

Today, the Interboro Parkway in New York has been re-named the Jackie Robinson Parkway.

EDUCATION

New York City's already overcrowded classrooms are still growing. A recent New York Times survey of 35 randomly chosen public elementary schools found the average class size is 28.4 students. The city's school system is increasing by about 20,000 students a year, that number is not likely to decrease. Some schools have turned closets, locker rooms, and hallways into classrooms to deal with the overflow of students.

UNITED NATIONS

Mayor Giuliani continued his attack on the UN diplomats for their failure to pay parking fines. Last Sunday, Giuliani criticized the diplomats for "disrespecting local laws." Days earlier he suggested that the United Nations should "leave town" if they were unwilling to abide by local laws. Further, the mayor said the UN was not a very good tourist attraction, only receiving about 300,000 visitors a year--a small number when compared to the one million people who attend Mets and Yankees games each year.

CRIME

According to recent Police Department statistics, crime declined sharply in the city, proportionately more than in most other major cities. The murder rate was nearly cut in half between 1993 and 1996. Burglary rates were down 38 percent, rape decreased by 10 percent and reported robberies decreased by 42 percent.

Governor Pataki, in his effort to crack down on drunken drivers, is pushing legislation that would lower the blood alcohol level limit from .10 to .08 percent. If the legislation passes, New York would join 14 other states that maintain a blood-alcohol limit of .08 percent.

HOUSING

Thousands of tenants are expected to gather at the State Capitol in Albany this week, demanding a stay of execution for the law that limits rent increases on one million apartments in New York City and its suburbs. A lapse or a change in the regulations--which are to expire after June 15--could cause rents to rise for millions of tenants. State legislators are at odds over whether to extend, revise or abolish the law. Mayor Giuliani is lobbying to preserve rent regulations in New York City.

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WASHINGTON

April 14, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MIKE COHEN

SUBJECT: VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION
REFORM

Since 1969, K-8 education in New York City was largely in the hands of 32 elected community school boards, many of which had reputations for corruption and educational ineffectiveness. Last December, after years of trying, the New York State legislature enacted a sweeping overhaul of education governance in New York City. This legislation enjoyed bipartisan support among state and city officials, as well as the support of the teachers' organization, the business community, and others. In particular, the legislation removed personnel authority, including the authority to hire local superintendents, from the community boards and placed it with the Chancellor of the NYC Board of Education (Rudy Crew) starting April 1, 1997.

In early March, the Justice Department informed the Chancellor that he could not proceed with implementation of this statute until Justice reviewed the provisions under Title V of the Voting Rights Act. The Justice Department held that the legislation reduced the authority of elected governing bodies in jurisdictions covered by the Act (3 of the 5 counties in NYC), and therefore required preclearance. This action received considerable attention in New York City, and led many supporters of the legislation to be concerned that the reforms would be derailed even before they got underway. Mayor Giuliani and Chancellor Crew met with Attorney General Reno to make the case for a rapid decision by the Justice Department. On April 1, the Justice Department informed the Chancellor that it had no objections to the legislation, and the city has proceeded with implementation.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 14, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Kathleen A. McGinty *WAP for KAM*

Subject: New York Environmental Issues

Dredging in the Port of New York and New Jersey

Inadequate dredging of the channels and berthing areas serving the Port of New York and New Jersey has hampered port operations and threatened the region's economic health. Concurrently, concern about disposal of contaminated dredged material has generated active and well-publicized protests by environmental organizations in New Jersey shore communities.

On June 24, 1996, Vice President Gore announced a three-part plan to resolve the impasse and get dredging moving. The plan, launched with the support of longshoremen, Port companies and environmental groups involves: 1) a narrow clarification of EPA's rules on how dredge material must be tested; 2) a series of steps to expedite the permit process and eliminate bureaucratic obstacles to issuing dredge permits; and 3) closure of the offshore Mud Dump Site (MDS) to contaminated sediment by September 1997. The plan will allow short-term use of the MDS for some contaminated material in time to get dredging started, and longer term use of the site for uncontaminated dredge material as a remedial measure.

There is nervousness on all sides about implementation of specific commitments in the agreement. After some initial delays and significant White House intervention, the Corps of Engineers has issued public notices for all of the private dredging permits and federal channel projects that have been pending. We are now on track to fill the existing capacity at the Mud Dump Site for "category 2" (i.e. slightly contaminated material) so that we can close the MDS on schedule and remediate the site with "category 1" (i.e. uncontaminated or minimally contaminated). EPA is moving forward with its plan to close the site on September 1 and create a Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS) for disposal of category 1 material.

Nonetheless, the International Longshoremen (ILA) are nervous that dredging may not move quickly enough to use up the capacity at the MDS and environmental groups remain nervous that we will try to delay the September 1 closure date. If asked, there are three related commitments that you should restate:

- 1) We are committed to using up the capacity at the Mud Dump Site prior to September, so that we can get dredging moving and protect Port jobs;
- 2) We are committed to closing the Mud Dump Site to contaminated "category 2" material by September 1;
- 3) We are committed to supporting New York and New Jersey as they identify long-term solutions for disposal of dredged material.

Bronx Community Paper Company

Construction of the Bronx Community Paper Company, which you highlight in *Between Hope and History* as an example community rebirth and environmental stewardship, is scheduled to break ground this September. The facility, which will produce recycled newsprint from paper generated by New York City offices, is the result of a partnership with a local community development corporation, a national environmental organization, and several print and media corporations.

The project was first announced in 1994 but has been delayed because of a frivolous lawsuit and resistance from the paper industry over the purchase of recycled paper. These problems have been resolved and the project is now on track. Several companies, including the *New York Times*, have put up \$150 million in equity for the plant and agreed to purchase the newsprint it will produce.

The Bronx Community Paper Company will be built on an abandoned rail yard in an empowerment zone and will be the largest manufacturing facility built in New York City since World War II. It will help fund a dormitory for up to twenty local students who do not have stable homes; a health care, child care, literacy and job training center; local libraries; and even a revolving loan fund for housing and business development. The creators of the project give credit to your recycling Executive Order with helping to create the market conditions for the effort to succeed.

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THE PRESIDENT
TO
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA**

April 22, 1997

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997

DRAFT

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

STEPHANIE STREETT

HOME: 202-332-5651

OFFICE: 202-456-2823

WHCA PAGER: 4033

TRIP COORDINATOR:

KAREN FINNEY

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OFFICE: 202-456-7951

WHCA PAGER: 4216

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ANNE EDWARDS

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WHCA PAGER: 4208

WEATHER:

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Partly sunny. Wind west at 5 to 10 knots.

Low 34 to 36. High 52 to 56.

Washington, DC

Cloudy with rain. Wind east becoming northwest at 12 to 20 knots. Low 47 to 52. High 56 to 61.

April 21, 1997 (10:05pm)

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997
DRAFT**

NOTE:	NORTH DAKOTA EVENTS ARE CASUAL ATTIRE.
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NOTE:	STAFF VANS DEPART FROM WEST BASEMENT AT 8:15 AM.
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8:15 am-
8:30 am

MEETING
MAP ROOM
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

8:30 am-
8:45 am

BRIEFING
MAP ROOM
Staff Contact: Michael McCurry, Katie McGinty

8:50 am-
9:00 am

DEPARTURE STATEMENT
OUTSIDE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM
Remarks: David Shipley
Staff Contact: Michael McCurry, Katie McGinty
Event Coordinator: Karen Finney
POOL PRESS

- The Vice President makes a brief statement and introduces **the President.**
- **The President** makes a statement.
- **The President** departs.

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9:00 am

THE PRESIDENT departs the White House via motorcade en route
Andrews Air Force Base
[drive time: 25 minutes]



9:25 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

9:40 am (EDT)

THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force
One en route Grand Forks Air Force Base, Grand Forks, North Dakota
[flight time: 2 hours, 50 minutes]
[time change: - 1 hour]

11:30 am (CDT)

THE PRESIDENT arrives Grand Forks Air Force Base, Grand Forks,
North Dakota
OPEN PRESS
CLOSED PUBLIC

Greeters: Senator Paul Wellstone
Senator Rod Grams
Representative Collin Peterson
Governor Arne Carlson
Governor Edward Shafer
Governor Bill Janklow
Mayor Patricia Owens
Mayor Lynn Stauss
Michelle Burkette, FEMA
Mike Armstrong, FEMA
Brigadier General Kenneth Hess, Base Commander

11:50 am

THE PRESIDENT departs Grand Forks Air Force Base via Marine One
[fly over time: 45 minutes]

PLEASE SEE TRIP BOOK FOR HELICOPTER MANIFEST

11:55 am-
12:40 pm

SURVEY FLOOD DAMAGE (Grand Forks, ND and East Grand Forks, MN)
ABOARD MARINE ONE
Staff Contact: Kitty Higgins
Event Coordinator: Karen Finney
PRINT POOL PRESS (1 Reporter)

12:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Grand Forks Air Force Base

12:50 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs tarmac via motorcade en route site tba
[drive time: 5 minutes]

12:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives site tba

1:00 pm-

BRIEFING BY LOCAL OFFICIALS

1:55 pm

SITE TBA

Grand Forks Air Force Base

Staff Contact: Kitty Higgins

Event Coordinator: Karen Finney

OPEN PRESS

Note: The format and program for this briefing are tentative at this time and subject to change.

- **The President** makes opening remarks and introduces Administrator James Lee Witt, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Administrator James Lee Witt makes remarks and introduces Mayor Patricia Owens, Grand Forks, ND.
- Mayor Patricia Owens makes remarks and invites three local officials to brief on flood damage and recovery.
- James Lee Witt concludes the briefing.
- **The President** departs.

2:00 pm-

HOLD

2:15 pm

PRESIDENTIAL HOLD

Grand Forks Air Force Base

2:20 pm-

REMARKS/MEET AND GREET WITH EVACUEES

3:30 pm

HANGAR TWO

Grand Forks Air Force Base

Remarks: David Shipley

Staff Contact: Kitty Higgins

Event Coordinator: Karen Finney

OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Brigadier General Kenneth Hess, Commander, Grand Forks Air Force Base.
- Brigadier General Kenneth Hess makes welcoming remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.

-- Upon conclusion of remarks, **the President** meets and greets with evacuees and departs.

3:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs hangar via motorcade en route tarmac
[drive time: 5 minutes]

(b)(7)(e)

3:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives tarmac

3:45 pm (CDT) **THE PRESIDENT** departs Grand Forks Air Force Base, Grand Forks,
North Dakota via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 2 hours, 30 minutes]
[time change: + 1 hour]

7:15 pm (EDT) **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base

7:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via motorcade en
route the White House
[drive time: 25 minutes]



7:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives the White House

BC AND HRC RON **THE WHITE HOUSE**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

SURVEY OF FLOOD DAMAGE AND BRIEFING BY LOCAL OFFICIALS

DATE:	April 22, 1997
LOCATION:	Grand Forks Air Force Base Grand Forks, North Dakota
TIME:	11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. CDT
FROM:	Kitty Higgins <i>WSB</i> Kris Balderston <i>WSB</i>

I. PURPOSE

To survey the flood damage in Minnesota and North Dakota, and be briefed by local leaders.

II. BACKGROUND

The upper Midwest has been hard hit by record-breaking floods. Heavy snow throughout the winter of 1996-97, coupled with rapid snow melt, high winds, and severe spring storms, has caused extensive spring flooding on virtually all rivers and tributaries throughout the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. You declared a major disaster for North Dakota and South Dakota on April 7, and for Minnesota on April 8. The Vice President visited North Dakota on April 11 to review the damage.

When you arrive in Grand Forks, ND, you will take a helicopter and review the damage in North Dakota and Minnesota. Seventy-five percent of Grand Forks, ND, and all of East Grand Forks, MN, are under mandatory evacuation orders. In Grand Forks, 32-35,000 people have been evacuated. Police have reportedly indicated that mandatory evacuations may soon extend to 100 percent of the population. In East Grand Forks, 8,600 people have been evacuated. A street-by-street sweep for residents remaining in evacuated areas is underway.

The fire in downtown Grand Forks has been extinguished. Approximately 11 multi-story buildings were either destroyed or severely damaged by the flames. The suspected cause of the fires is ruptured gas lines.

The Red River is expected to crest at Grand Forks, ND, at approximately 54 feet sometime on the night of April 21-22. It will remain at that height for 1-2 days (or go down one foot) and last for another 7-10 days. At Fargo, ND, the Red River has already crested. It is expected to drop by 1-1/2 feet, it will still be 21 feet above flood stage. (FEMA has prepared a more detailed briefing for you.)

The three state Congressional delegations asked you to visit the area because of their concern over the dropping morale of the residents of the three states. Prior to your departure from the White House, you will sign amended disaster declarations for the three states that will authorize FEMA to reimburse 100 percent of the costs of all emergency work undertaken by the federal government.

III PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment I.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After flying over the flooded area in North Dakota and Minnesota, you will participate in a meeting with elected officials, evacuees, and federal emergency officials.

- **YOU** enter the room and sit at the head table, and make opening remarks.
- **YOU** introduce FEMA Director Witt for an assessment of the situation.
- Director Witt makes remarks and introduces Mayor Pat Owens of Grand Forks, ND.
- The Mayor makes remarks and invites local officials and residents to brief on flood damage and recovery.
- The Mayor concludes the briefing.
- **YOU** depart.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by speechwriting.

Attachment I

Participants on the Program

YOU

FEMA Director James Lee Witt
Mayor Patricia (Pat) Owens, Grand Forks, ND
Evacuees/Rescuers TBD

Other Participants

Cabinet

USDA Secretary Dan Glickman
HHS Secretary Donna Shalala
DOT Secretary Rodney Slater
HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo
SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez
Army Secretary Togo West

Congress

Sen. Kent Conrad
Sen. Byron Dorgan
Rep. Earl Pomeroy
Sen. Tom Daschle
Sen. Tim Johnson
Rep. Jim Thune
Sen. Paul Wellstone
Sen. Rod Grams
Rep. Colin Peterson
Rep. David Minge

Mayors

Mayor Lynn Stauss, East Grand Forks, MN
Mayor Bruce Furness, Fargo, ND
Mayor Morris (Maury) Lanning, Morehead, MN
Mayor Juan Lazo, Grand Rapids, MN

Governors

Governor Bill Janklow (SD)
Governor Ed Shafer (ND)
Governor Arne Carlson (MN)

Others

Base Commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth Hess
Mike Armstrong, Regional Director, FEMA
Michelle Burkette, Regional Director, FEMA

THE REMARKS
FOR THE BRIEFING BY LOCAL OFFICIALS
WILL BE FORWARDED

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DRAFT

4/21/97 draft
10:00 PM

**Additional Emergency Assistance Needed
for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota**

The President will request the Congress to appropriate an additional \$200 million of emergency funds to deal with the ongoing flood emergency in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. This amount is in addition to the levels that the Appropriations Subcommittees in the House of Representatives have already allocated for the FY 1997 Supplemental Appropriation Bill. This action will bring the total amount of disaster assistance requested by the President in this bill to \$457 million.

These additional funds will be requested as an emergency contingency amount, since the floods are still ongoing and detailed damage assessments have not been completed for most programs. They could cover the immediate emergency response activities and also longer term recovery programs of the federal agencies in areas that include the following:

- Flood control programs, including debris removal and levee repair
- Disaster loan and grant programs for farms, businesses and individuals
- Infrastructure repair and rehabilitation
- Emergency conservation activities, including rehabilitation of farmland
- Public facilities and equipment repair and replacement
- Agricultural and livestock emergency programs
- Disaster recovery program planning and assistance

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

REMARKS / MEET AND GREET WITH EVACUEES

DATE:	April 22, 1997
LOCATION:	Grand Forks Air Force Base Grand Forks, North Dakota
TIME:	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
FROM:	Kitty Higgins <i>kmis for Kit</i> Kris Balderston <i>kmis</i>

I. PURPOSE

To meet and make remarks to the evacuees in the Grand Forks Air Base shelter.

II. BACKGROUND

Approximately 2,500 residents in Grand Forks, ND, and the surrounding area are staying at a temporary shelter at the Grand Forks Air Base, which is located ten miles west of the city. (The numbers fluctuate on a day to day basis.) Local officials note that the facility currently serves 530 hospital and nursing home residents that had to be moved this past weekend. They also expect that all three hangers (with 750 cots each) will be filled throughout the week.

III PARTICIPANTS

Base Commander Brigadier General Kenneth Hess
Grand Forks area residents and evacuees
Attachment I

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

YOU are announced off stage and are accompanied by Brigadier General Kenneth Hess, Commander, Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Brigadier General Kenneth Hess makes welcoming remarks and introduces **YOU**.

YOU make remarks.

YOU meet and greet with evacuees.

YOU depart.

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Mike Armstrong, Regional Director, FEMA
Michelle Burkette, Regional Director, FEMA

THE REMARKS
FOR THE MEET AND GREET WITH EVACUEES
WILL BE FORWARDED

***SOUTH DAKOTA,
NORTH DAKOTA, AND
MINNESOTA***

FEMA-1173-DR, FEMA-1174-DR, FEMA-1175-DR



BRIEFING BOOK

April 22, 1997

WEATHER UPDATE, APRIL 21, 1997

Two day forecast for the Dakotas

- Today partly cloudy and windy with isolated showers in parts of South Dakota. Periods of rain in central to eastern North Dakota. Accumulations will not be sufficient to impact current flooding situation.
- By mid-week dry and mild with lows in the 30s and highs in the 50s.

Two day forecast for Minnesota

- Today in the south portion of the state scattered showers in the morning and partly cloudy to mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs around 40 near Lake Superior to the lower 60s west and south.
- Tonight fair. A chance of showers extreme southwest. Lows from the middle 20s northeast to the upper 30s south and west.
- Tomorrow partly sunny east; partly to mostly cloudy west.
- Wednesday through Friday will be dry with near seasonal temperatures – lows from the lower 30s to lower 40s. Highs from the lower 50s to lower 60s with some 40s northwest.

RIVER FORECASTS FOR THE DAKOTAS AND MINNESOTA (APRIL 21,1997)

Red River of the North (ND/MN)

- The Red River is cresting today at the East Grand Forks location. The crest is near 54 feet, 26 feet above flood stage and more than five feet above the previous record. The river will remain at or near this unprecedented stage for five to seven days.
- At Wahpeton and Fargo upstream, the river has started a very slow fall from the record crests reached last week. At both these locations, the river is still above previous record levels.
- The crest is migrating slowly north and will reach Pembina, at the Canadian border, by April 25.
- This is a broad crest, river levels will remain extremely high along its entire length for an extended period of several weeks.
- There is the strong potential for additional overland flooding in the entire Red River Valley.
- Red River Tributaries have crested and are beginning to fall.
- Extended high river levels will continue to put pressure on already-weakened levees and dikes in the valley.

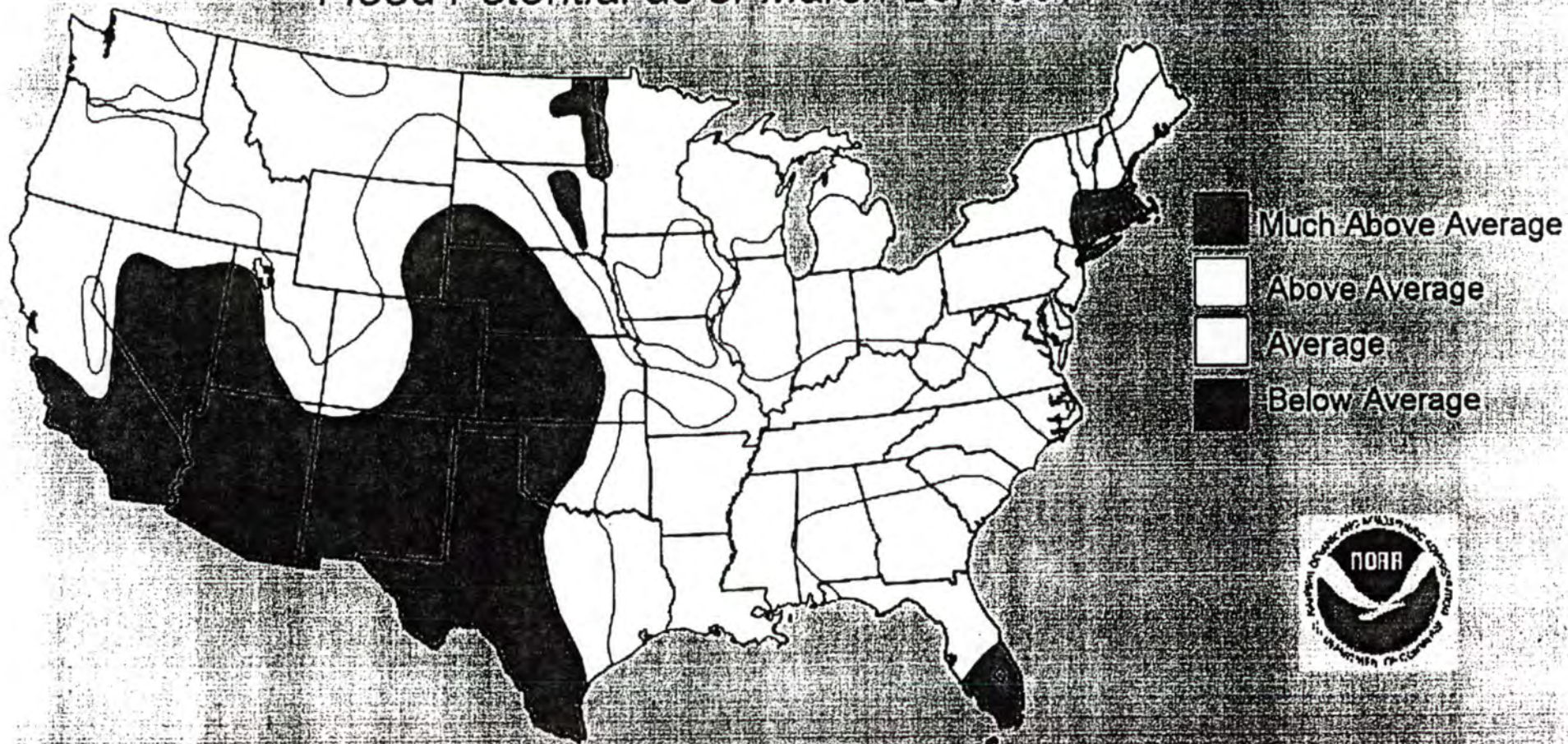
Minnesota, Upper Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers (MN)

- Conditions are improving along all previously flooding rivers in Minnesota except for the Red River.
- Although rivers remain above flood stage at most locations, they are all continuing their slow fall. The National Weather Service has cancelled flood warnings for the Minnesota River from Henderson to its confluence with the Mississippi River, the Mississippi River from St. Paul to Hastings, and the St. Croix River from Stillwater to Prescott, WI.
- The Minnesota River continues its slow fall at all points, with the prime area of concern still being in the vicinity of Montevideo. As long as the river remains above 17 feet, which it is forecast to do at least until Friday, April 25, the threat of dike failure remains.

The Lower James and Big Sioux Rivers (SD)

- The Lower James River is continuing its very slow fall or underwent slight fluctuations at South Dakota locations.
- The river is well above flood stages at South Dakota gauging stations.
- This continues to be a major flooding situation, though there is no threat of new flooding.
- The river will remain at very high levels for several weeks, perhaps as long as two months.
- The Big Sioux River is also undergoing a very slow fall, and is expected to be below flood stage at Sioux Falls this Wednesday, April 23.

Flood Potential as of March 28, 1997.



NORTH DAKOTA

GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER: April 6, 1997

PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER: April 7, 1997

INCIDENT PERIOD: February 3, 1997 and continuing.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (DEBRIS REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES), INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (53 COUNTIES):

Adams, Barnes, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Divide, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Golden Valley, Grand Forks, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, Lamoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill, Walsh, Ward, Wells, and Williams.

BACKGROUND: Heavy snow throughout the winter of 1996-97, coupled with rapid snow melt, high winds, and severe spring storms has caused extensive spring flooding on virtually all rivers and tributaries throughout the State. Additionally, an extremely dangerous and severe storm brought heavy snow, heavy rain, and freezing rain to the State on April 5 and 6, 1997.

PRIMARY IMPACTS:

- Seven (7) deaths and thirty-seven (37) injuries have been caused by this incidents.
- As the record crests on the Red River move through the state, residents from Wahepton in the south north to Grand Forks have experienced severe impact from floods, ice jams and the resulting threat to life and interruption of critical services.
- Beginning Friday, April 18, the primary impact has been seen in the city of Grand Forks (population approximately 50,000), as the river overtopped or breached emergency dikes and levees. As of April 21, 1997, approximately ten thousand (10,000) of the city's residents were under mandatory evacuation orders and evacuation was highly recommended for all remaining residents.
- Approximately three and one half (3 1/2) square miles of downtown Grand Forks were under three to ten feet of water by April 21.

- A fire that began April 19 in flooded parts of downtown Grand Forks destroyed or severely damaged at least eleven (11) multi-story buildings. The fire was extinguished by Sunday, April 20.
- The water treatment facility in Grand Forks has been contaminated, interrupting water service throughout the city. It is estimated that it will take three weeks before water service is restored.
- On April 21, twenty-five (25) schools were closed because of the flooding -- including eighteen (18) public and six (6) private schools and the University of North Dakota, which has cancelled classes for the rest of the semester.
- The American Red Cross (ARC) is operating three shelters in Wahpeton (Butte Gym), population 30; Grand Forks Air Force Base (AFB) gymnasium, population 1,600; Grafton Armory (opened yesterday), population 45. The AFB hospital is also operating an Outpatient Center for the evacuees. One of the three hangars at the Grand Forks AFB is currently being prepared to serve as an additional shelter. There are other community shelters open in the area housing approximately 530 people. Current shelter capacity is approximately 9,000-10,000.
- Voluntary evacuations are also in effect in towns down river from Grand Forks, including Drayton and Pembina.

STATUS OF RESPONSE

- To date, more than 6,600 affected residents of North Dakota have registered for assistance using FEMA's toll-free teleregistration system. **The FEMA teleregistration phone number is 1-800-462-9029.**
- FEMA, DOD, DOT, USACE, and GSA are providing emergency assistance to the State as requested. Federal agencies are maintaining their presence at the Disaster Field Office in Bismarck.
- Three Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) (California-1, California-4 and Washington-4) have been deployed to Grand Forks to relieve medical personnel.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be reinforcing levees downstream for the next four weeks as the crest continues to travel north to Canada. USACE is still enhancing levees and is currently constructing a ring of levees around local hospitals and associated nursing homes located in both North Dakota and Minnesota. A 125Kw generator has been installed by USACE at a public broadcasting station in Grand Forks. USACE personnel are working the flood fight for both North Dakota and Minnesota (450 personnel). To date, USACE has authorized \$7.6 million for flood fight and advanced measure activities for North

Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Some other measures include prime power technical assistance and installation teams.

- At the request of the State, FEMA has directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to install fifty (50) generators throughout the State. All generators have arrived and are awaiting identification of critical needs by the State.
- DOD has mission assignments to provide airlift capabilities for generators and to provide dump trucks, front-end loaders and bulldozers; DOT has mission assignments to provide transfer of USCG aviation assets or personnel to Fargo/Grand Forks, and to provide transportation for FEMA Director James Lee Witt. Total number of Federal personnel deployed to North Dakota is 638 and the number is increasing as the need arises. The total number of State personnel working the disaster is 1,594. A Defense Coordinating Officer (DCOs) has been appointed and is active in North Dakota.
- FEMA currently has 3,000 cots at the Bismarck Disaster Field Office (DFO) of which 79 have been distributed to Grand Forks. There are currently 6,000 blankets at the DFO of which 4,729 have been distributed. All 900 sleeping bags have been distributed to Grand Forks. Water, housing and emergency power resources are being identified by USACE and other concerned agencies.
- Two Disaster Recovery Centers have opened to date, one each in Fargo and Wahpeton, and two mobile Disaster Recovery teams will begin a two-week schedule in six western counties on April 21.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) has personnel deployed to the DFO and to the Fargo Recovery Center.

NORTH DAKOTA Flood Status RED RIVER AREA

AS OF: 0300 APR 21

PRE-CREST

POST-CREST

P = POPULATION (ESTIMATED)
F = FLOOD STAGE
C = CURRENT STAGE (BLUEF IN FLOOD)
4 = FORECAST CREST STAGE & DATE
R = RECORD FLOOD AND DATE (PRE-1997)

GRAFTON

P - 4,840
F - 12.0
C - 14.94
4 - UNAVAILABLE
R - 16.5 - APR 50

PEMBINA

P - 642
F - 42.0
C - UNAVAILABLE
4 - 54.0 - 25 APR
R - 53.8 - MAY 79

DRAYTON

P - 961
F - 32.0
C - 44.04
4 - 45.0 - 23 APR
R - 43.7 - APR 79

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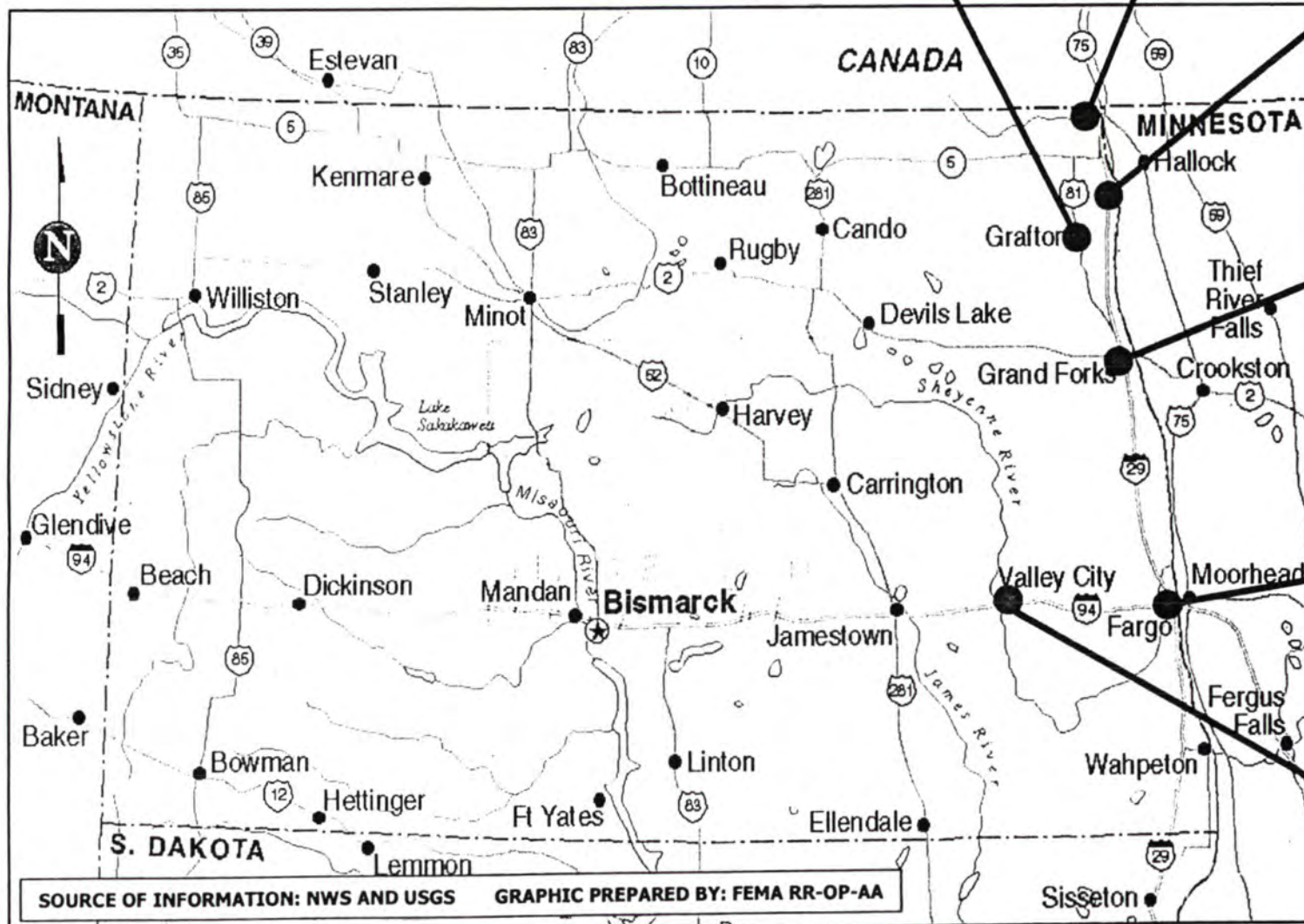
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FARGO

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VALLEY CITY

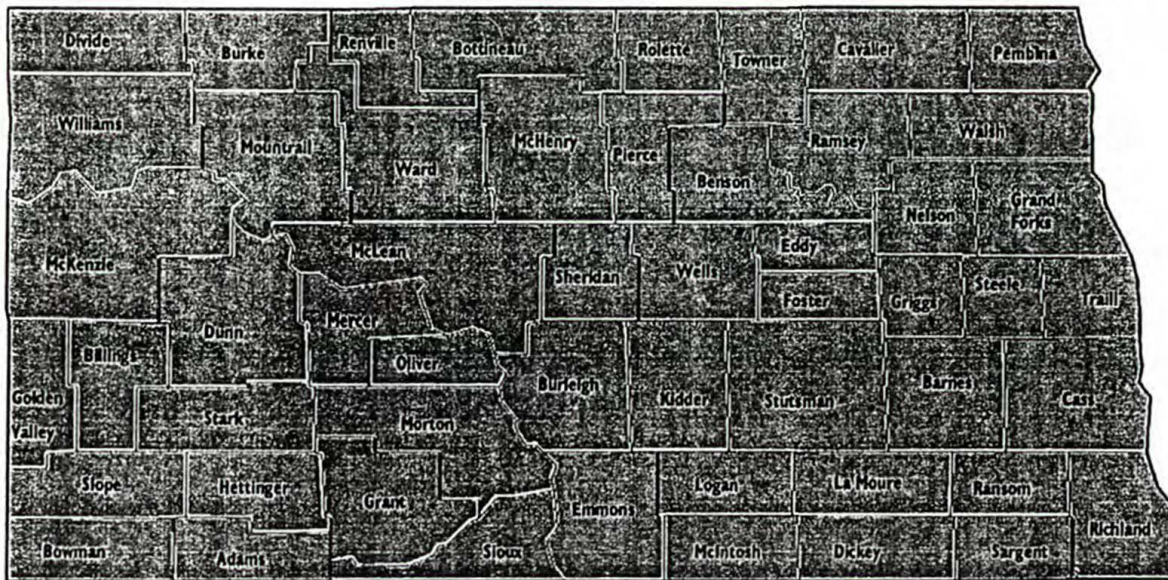
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R - 18.78 - 1996



SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NWS AND USGS

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As of April 18, 1997

RR-OP-AA graphic



Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, categories A & B, and Hazard Mitigation (53).

MINNESOTA

GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER: April 8, 1997

PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER: April 8, 1997

INCIDENT PERIOD: March 21, 1997 and continuing.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (DEBRIS REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES), INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (52 COUNTIES):

Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Benton, Blue Earth, Big Stone, Brown, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Dakota, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Mahnomen, Marshall, McLeod, Morrison, Nicollet, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Roseau, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Stevens, St. Louis, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Washington, Wilkin, Winona, Wright and Yellow Medicine.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTY IS DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (CATEGORIES A THROUGH G), INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (1 COUNTY):

Norman

BACKGROUND: On Saturday April 5, 1997, a broad storm system, centered over the middle of the country, spread a blizzard across the northern plains. In addition, prior to Saturday, unseasonable temperatures and rain caused snowmelt and river flooding.

PRIMARY IMPACTS:

- Four (4) deaths have been caused by this incident.
- The Red River at East Grand Forks is expected to crest at 54 feet, 16 feet above flood stage.
- All but an estimated 250 of the 9,000 residents of East Grand Forks have been evacuated.
- Evacuations also have been conducted in the following areas:
 - Ada: 40 to 50 percent evacuated
 - Perley: 80 percent
 - Halstad: 10 to 14 percent
 - Shelly: 35 percent
 - Hendrum Township: 40 percent
 - Halstad Township: 10 percent

Shelly Township: 20 percent

- All schools north of Moorhead in the Red River Basin are reported closed. All three of East Grand Forks' schools are flooded.
- Power has been shut down in East Grand Forks as a precaution.
- Water treatment plants in East Grand Forks are non-operational and inundated as well as the sewage treatment plants.
- The State is reporting more than 25 U.S or State highways closed. All bridges across the Red River from Moorhead north to the Canadian boarder are closed.
- The Kennedy Bridge is closed in East Grand Forks. It is believed to have shifted on its foundation. All bridges across the Red River from Moorhead north to the Canadian border are closed.
- Many residents of Montevideo were allowed back in their homes for the first time this weekend. Volunteers helped to clean homes and remove debris.

STATUS OF RESPONSE

- To date, 4,865 residents have registered for assistance using FEMA's toll-free teleregistration system. **The FEMA teleregistration phone number is 1-800-462-9029.**
- The ARC reports 30 shelters open in the west-central portion of the State, primarily in the Crookston area, which has 14 shelters. An estimated 3,500 people have registered at the shelters, which had an overnight population of up to 700 persons.
- A shipment of 7,000 blankets, 3,080 cots, and 900 sleeping bags arrived at Brainerd and was delivered for use in the Grand Forks and East Grand Forks area.
- A mobile television and radio transmission unit has been set up in Grand Forks to provide general communication to area residents. FEMA Public Affairs is operating out of a television studio on the University of North Dakota campus.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has one team of eight (8) persons and three (3) boats supporting rescue/evacuation operations. Another team is in Breckenridge providing surveys and transportation to local officials.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) continues to provide support to the floodfighting efforts. USACE has provided up to 5 million sandbags to date for the Grand Forks effort. USACE has authorized \$7.6 million for flood fight and advanced measures activities as well as providing technical assistance for power generation installation.

- The Department of Defense has mission assignments to provide airlift capabilities for generators and to provide dump trucks, front-end loaders, and bulldozers.

AS OF: 0600 APR 21

PRE-CREST

POST-CREST

P = POPULATION (ESTIMATED)
F = FLOOD STAGE
C = CURRENT STAGE (BLUFF IN FLOOD)
4 = FORECAST CREST STAGE & DATE
R = RECORD FLOOD AND DATE (PRE-1997)

HALSTAD

Red River

P - 611
F - 24.0
C - 40.56
4 - STEADY
R - 39.0 - 1979

DILWORTH

Buffalo River

P - 2,562
F - 12.0
C - 9.6 (18 APR)
4 - SLOW FALL
R - 27.2 - JUL 75

MONTEVIDEO

Minnesota River

P - 5,499
F - 14.0
C - 18.1 (20 APR)
4 - SLOW FALL
R - 21.68 - APR 69

CROOKSTON

Red Lake River

P - 8,119
F - 15.0
C - 22.62
4 - MINOR RISE
R - 27.3 - APR 69

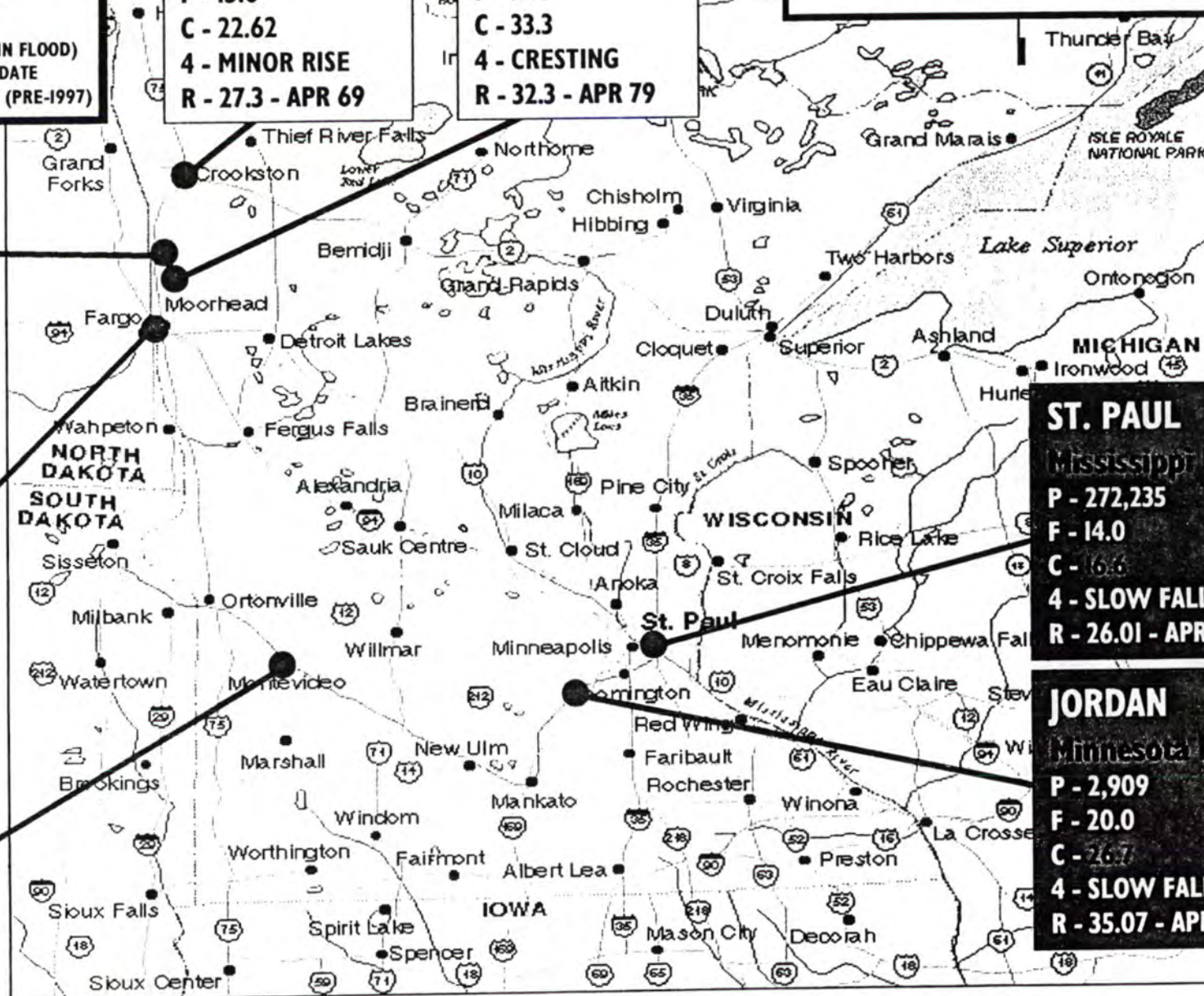
HENDRUM

Wild Rice River

P - 298
F - 17.0
C - 33.3
4 - CRESTING
R - 32.3 - APR 79

MINNESOTA

Flood Status



ST. PAUL

Mississippi River

P - 272,235
F - 14.0
C - 16.6
4 - SLOW FALL
R - 26.01 - APR 65

JORDAN

Minnesota River

P - 2,909
F - 20.0
C - 26.7
4 - SLOW FALL
R - 35.07 - APR 65

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NWS & USGS

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The map displays the 37 counties of Minnesota. The legend indicates two categories of assistance:

- ☐ Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Mitigation (50% or less of the total available assistance) - Represented by white counties.
- ☒ Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Mitigation (100% of the total available assistance) - Represented by shaded counties.

Counties shaded in the map include: Hennepin, Cook, and Lake.

Individual Assistance, full Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation (1).

RR-OP-AA FEMA Graphic

SOUTH DAKOTA

GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER: April 6, 1997

PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER: April 7, 1997

INCIDENT PERIOD: February 3, 1997 and continuing.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (DEBRIS REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES), INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (44 COUNTIES):

Aurora, Beadle, Bennett, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Butte, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Corson, Custer, Davison, Day, Deuel, Dewey, Douglas, Edmunds, Fall River, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Haakon, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Harding, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lyman, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Perkins, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Shannon, Spink, Stanley, Sully, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Union, Walworth, Yankton and Ziebach.

BACKGROUND: On February 3, 1997 local flooding in portions of the State was reported. By late February and early March the water equivalent in the snow pack east of the James River and north of Highway 14 approached six inches. In mid to late March rapid thawing started in many areas triggering flood warnings along the Big Sioux, James, and Vermillion rivers. On the weekend of April 4 - 6, 1997, just as the crest of the snow melt was beginning to subside, a major rain and snow event blanketed the state. The major storm system entered the western part of the state creating blizzard conditions that brought up to two feet of snow in the Black Hills. The storm was accompanied by extremely high winds; wind gusts of up to 70 miles an hour were reported in many areas.

PRIMARY IMPACTS:

- Portions of 17 state highways and four US highways are closed or restricted.
- The Lake Kampeska sewage treatment plant is off-line and portable toilets have been brought in for the residents. This does not impact the nearby community of Watertown.
- Wakpala Public School, on standing Rock Indian Reservation, and Christian Valley School, north of Huron, are the only two schools that have been closed.

STATUS OF RESPONSE

- As of April 20, 2,602 affected residents of South Dakota have registered for assistance using FEMA's toll-free teleregistration system. **The FEMA teleregistration phone number is 1-800-462-9029.**
- All Red Cross shelters have closed.
- The National Guard continues to assist with flood relief efforts.

SOUTH DAKOTA Flood Status JAMES RIVER AREA

AS OF: 0300 APR 21

PRE-CREST

POST-CREST

P = ESTIMATED POPULATION
F = FLOOD STAGE
C = CURRENT STAGE (BLUE IF IN FLOOD)
4 = FORECAST CREST STAGE & DATE

COLUMBIA

P - 133
F - 11.0
C - 19.0 (APR 20)
4 - BEGIN SLOW FALL
22 APR

STRATFORD

P - 85
F - 14.0
C - 17.7
4 - SLOW RISE NEXT
2-3 DAYS

ASHTON

P - 148
F - 13.0
C - 25.0
4 - STEADY NEXT
2 DAYS

REDFIELD

P - 2,770
F - 20.0
C - 29.0
4 - STEADY NEXT
2 DAYS

HURON

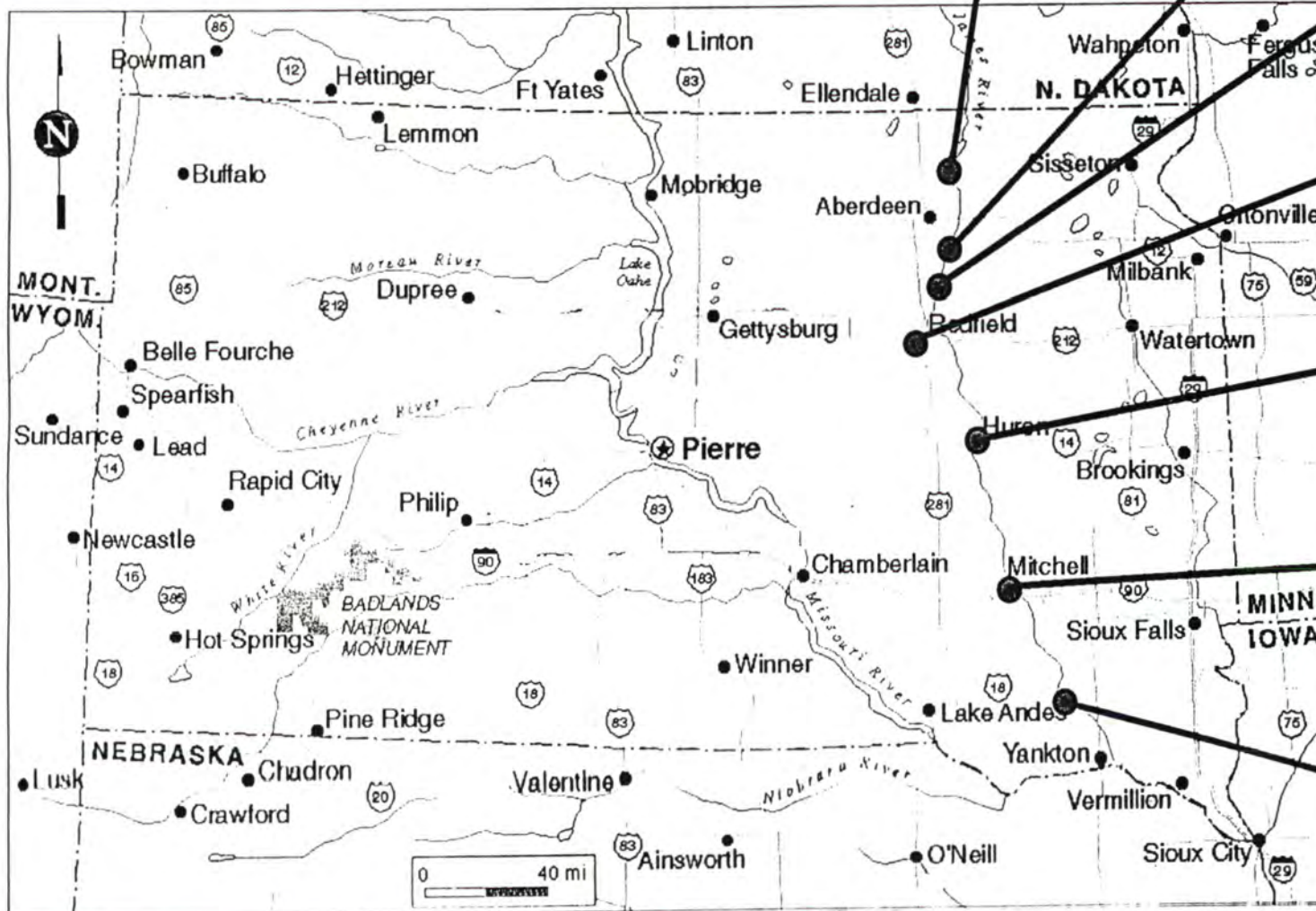
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F - 11.0
C - 18.8
4 - SLOW FALL

MITCHELL

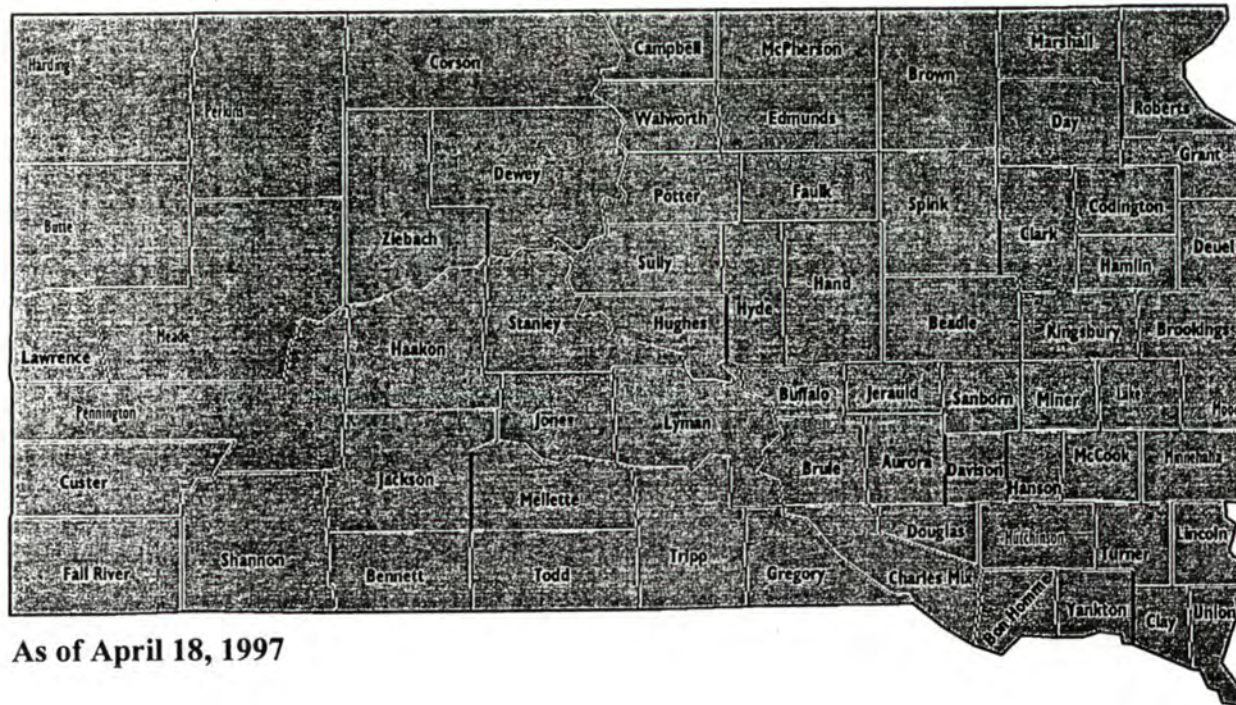
P - 13,798
F - 14.0
C - UNAVAILABLE
4 - SLOW FALL

SCOTLAND

P - 968
F - 13.0
C - 19.0
4 - SLOW FALL



FEMA-1173-DR South Dakota



As of April 18, 1997

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Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, categories A & B and Hazard Mitigation (66).

Apri 21, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**FROM:** Craig T. Smith and Mona Pasquil**SUBJECT:** North Dakota Political Briefing**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

1992			1996		
Clinton/ Gore	99,168	32%	Clinton/Gore	106,905	40%
Bush/Quayle	136,244	44%	Dole/Kemp	125,050	47%
Perot/Stockdale	71,084	23%	Perot/Choate	32,515	12%

POLITICAL DATA

Governor:	Edward T. Schafer (R)	66.7% in 1996 (2nd term)
U.S. Senate:	Kent Conrad (D)	58% in 1994 (3rd term)
	Byron L. Dorgan (D)	60% in 1992 (1st term)
U.S. House:	Earl Pomeroy (D At-Large)	55% in 1996 (3rd Term)
Electoral Votes:	3	

MOST RECENT PRINCIPLE TRAVEL

The Vice President was in Fargo, North Dakota on April 11, 1997 to survey flood damage and visit with flood victims.

STATEWIDE OFFICERS

Governor:	Edward T. Schafer (R)
Lt. Governor:	Rosemarie Myrdal (R)
Secretary of State:	Al Jaeger (R)
Attorney General:	Heidi Heitkamp (D)
Treasurer:	Kathy Gilmore (D)
Auditor:	Robert W. Peterson (R)

1998 U.S. SENATE RACE

Senator Dorgan is very popular and should have no trouble winning reelection. Governor Ed Schafer (R) who was re-elected last year, has topped most lists of likely challengers to Dorgan. However, his relationship with the Republican legislature has been tumultuous as they have overridden the Governor's vetoes removing his control over the Worker's Compensation Board and the state education formula. This particular change gives him no role in the distribution of funds to K-12 schools. Republicans and Democratic leaders believe that the Governor will not get into the race. However, Senator Dorgan is convinced he will.

Another potential candidate is state party chair and '94 congressional member nominee Gary Porter. Porter received 45% of the vote and gained statewide recognition in his '94 challenge to at-Large Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D).

STATE LEGISLATURE

Republicans control the state House by a 72-26 margin. The Speaker is Mike Timm (R) and the Minority Leader is Merle Boucher (D). The Republicans also control the Senate by a 30-19 margin. The Senate Pro Tem is Rosemarie Myrdal (R) and the Minority Leader is Tim Mathen (D).

NORTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE...

- 1994 estimated population was 638,000.
- 94.6% of North Dakotans are White; 4.1% American Indian; less than 1% African American, Asian, and Hispanic.
- 14.3% of North Dakota residents are age 65 or older.
- 59.1% of North Dakota households are married couples, and 30% are married with children.
- Median household income is \$23,213.
- 49% of North Dakotans have a college education. 28% have a high school education.
- In 1992, 315,199 North Dakotans voted of a Voting Age Population (VAP) of 463,415 (68%) compared with 271,850 of a VAP of 473,000 (57%) in 1996.

April 21, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**FROM:** Craig T. Smith and Mona Pasquil**RE:** South Dakota Political Briefing**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

1992			1996		
Clinton/Gore	125,000	37.1%	Clinton/Gore	139,295	43%
Bush/Quayle	137,000	40.7%	Bush/Quayle	150,508	46%
Perot/Stockdale	73,000	21.8%	Perot/Choate	31,248	10%

POLITICAL DATA

Governor:	Bill Janklow (R)	54% in 1994
U.S. Senate:	Tom Daschle (D)	66% in 1992
	Tim Johnson (D)	51% in 1996
U.S. House:	Jim Thune (R)	58% in 1996
Electoral Votes:	3	

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

South Dakota has something of a split personality when it comes to statewide races. While Democratic federal candidates have been quite successful (Senator McGovern, Senator Abourszk, Senator Daschle and Rep. Johnson), only four Democrats have ever been elected governor. Most observers feel that this has something to do with the credit Republicans receive for the lack of a state or corporate income tax. Republicans have gained strong support and are regularly elected to state and local offices based on this issue.

STATEWIDE OFFICERS

Governor:	William J. Janklow (R)
Lt. Governor:	Carole Hillard (R)
Secretary of State:	Joyce Hazeltine (R)
Attorney General:	Mark Barnett (R)

Treasurer: Richard Butler (D)
Auditor: Vernon L. Larson (R)

1998 SENATE RACE

Senator Tom Daschle (D) should have no problem winning reelection to a third term. His favorable rating is high, and he will certainly have sufficient funds to wage a strong campaign. His only announced opponent to date is 33-years old, right-wing State Senator Alan Aker (R). Aker has said that he intends to model his campaign after the 1994 George Nethercutt-Tom Foley race in Washington State, painting Daschle as a man who cares more about his national influence than the people of his state. Three weeks ago, Republican Ron Schmidt, a 60-year old state lobbyist who ran and lost in a primary campaign for attorney general in 1972, said he also is likely to run.

1998 GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Popular Governor Bill Janklow will likely seek and win re-election. He has boosted his significant favorable rating by following through on his campaign pledge to reduce property taxes. State Sen. Bernie Huff (D) and former state Sen. Lars Herseth (D) have expressed interest in challenging Janklow.

STATE LEGISLATURE

Republicans control the state House by a 48-22 margin. The Speaker is Rex Hagg (R) and the Minority Leader is Pat Haley (D). The Senate Pro Tem is Harold Halverson (R) and the Minority Leader is Bernie Hunhoff (D).

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE...

- 1994 estimated population was 721,000.
- 91.6% of South Dakotans are White; 7.3% American Indian; less than 1% African American, Asian, or Hispanic.
- 14.7% of South Dakotans are age 65 or older.
- 58.9% of South Dakota households are married couples, and 29% are married with children.
- Median household income is \$22,503.

- 43% of South Dakotans have a college education; 33.7% have a high school education.
- In 1992, 336,254 South Dakotans voted of a Voting Age Population (VAP) of 500,026 (67%) compared with 329,316 of a VAP of 530,000 in 1996 (62%).

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Craig Smith and Linda Moore

RE: Minnesota Politics

As you know, almost all of the flood-related news coverage has focused on North Dakota. Consequently, Minnesotans in the flood-ravaged area feel their suffering and hard work have gone virtually unnoticed. At the same time, accepting federal assistance will be difficult for many. These are very proud people who are much better at giving than receiving.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS**1992**

Clinton	1,020,997	44 %
Bush	747,841	32 %
Perot	562,506	24 %

1996

Clinton	1,120,380	51 %
Dole	766,395	35 %
Perot	257,698	12 %

STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Senator Paul Wellstone was elected to a second term with 50% of the vote against former Senator Rudy Boschwitz, his 1990 rival, who received 41%. Every member of the congressional delegation was reelected.

POLITICAL DATA

Governor:	Arne Carlson (R) 62% in 1994
Senate:	Paul Wellstone (D) 50% in 1996 Rod Grams (R) 49% in 1994
U.S. House:	6D - 2R
Electoral Votes:	10

MINNESOTA AT A GLANCE

- * 1994 estimated population: 4.5 million, making it the 20th largest state.
- * 94% of Minnesotans are white, 2.2% are African American, 1.8% are Asian American, 1.2% are Hispanic American and 1.1% are Native American.

- * 57% of households are married couples and 29% are married couples with children.
- * 12.5% of Minnesotans are 65 or older.
- * 49% of Minnesotans are college educated.
- * 64% of the voting age population turned out to vote in 1996 compared to 72% in 1992.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Senator Paul Wellstone (D)
 Congressman Gil Gutknecht (R)
 Congressman Jim Ramstad (R)
 Congressman Martin Sabo (D)
 Congressman Collin Peterson (D)

Senator Rod Grams (R)
 Congressman David Minge (D)
 Congressman Bruce Vento (D)
 Congressman Bill Luther (D)
 Congressman Jim Oberstar (D)

Senator Paul Wellstone (D) sits on the Foreign Relations, Indian Affairs, Labor & Human Resources, Small Business and Veterans' Affairs Committees. Senator Rod Grams (R) sits on the Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, Foreign Relations, Budget, Energy & Natural Resources and Joint Economic committees.

East Grand Forks, MN is located in the Seventh Congressional District, the northwest corner of the state, which is made up of the lake strewn country along the upper stretches of the Mississippi River. It is represented by **Rep. Collin Peterson (D)**, who is currently serving his fourth term. 1996 was a political turning point for Peterson. After eking out victories by only 2% margins in 1992 and 1994, Peterson won with a robust 68% in 1996. Peterson sits on the Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

In 1992, you tied George Bush in this district with 38%, while Ross Perot received 23%. In 1996, you received 46% to Bob Dole's 41% and Ross Perot's 13%.

Rep. David Minge (D), represents the Second Congressional District, the great farming area of Southwestern Minnesota, which also has been hit hard by flooding. Minge was first elected in 1992 by a margin of 569 votes to replace Rep. Vin Weber (R), who retired. He was reelected in 1996 with 55% and sits on the Agriculture and Budget Committees. Minge is currently serving his third term and has pledged to serve no more than twelve years.

In 1992, you received 37% in this district, George Bush received 35%, Ross Perot received 28%. In 1996, you received 46% to Bob Dole's 40% and Ross Perot's 14%.

STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Arne Carlson (R)

Secretary of State Joan Growe (D)

State Treasurer Michael A. McGrath (D)

Lt. Governor Joanne Benson (R)

Attorney General Skip Humphrey (D)

State Auditor Judy Dutcher (R)

LOCAL MAYORS

Lynn Stauss (male), is the mayor of East Grand Forks, MN. He is a high school teacher who won election to a first term in 1996. Another mayor who represents a significant population center affected by the flooding is Moorhead Mayor **Morris (Morrie) Lanning**. Breckenridge was the first Minnesota city hit by flooding and was visited by the Vice President a few weeks ago. It is led by Mayor **Cal Michaels**. (Party affiliation of these mayors is not known.)

1998 GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Popular liberal **Governor Arne Carlson (R)** is retiring. State Sen. Roy Terwilliger (R) is the first Republican (of many to come) to announce his candidacy for governor. Terwilliger is unlikely to win the right-wing state party's endorsement. Lt. Gov. Joanne Benson and St. Paul Mayor (and recent party switcher) Norm Coleman are the top two Republicans most often mentioned for this race. Four Democrats have begun assembling their campaigns: former State Sen. Ted Mondale, Attorney General Skip Humphrey, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman and former State Auditor and multi-millionaire Mark Dayton. Though most observers now give Humphrey the edge in the Democratic primary, the race could change significantly with a party endorsement or if a woman enters the race. It is possible, but unlikely, that former Rep. Vin Weber will run.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN NORTH DAKOTA 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 North Dakota during the first 49 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in North Dakota:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 4.7% to 2.6%.
- North Dakota has added 32,300 new jobs or 7,910 **per year**, compared to 6,025 per year during the previous 4 years.
- North Dakota has added 29,300 new private sector jobs, or 7,176 **per year**, compared to 5,450 per year during the previous 4 years.
- North Dakota has added 3,100 manufacturing jobs or 759 **per year**, after adding 625 per year during the previous 4 years.
- Consumer confidence has increased 89.4%.
- The Help Wanted Index has increased 53.3%.
- Business failures have dropped 12.3% **per year**.

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

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN NORTH DAKOTA: 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 North Dakota.

16 TIMES MORE NORTH DAKOTA FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 28,986 working families in North Dakota will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 1,796 wealthiest taxpayers in North Dakota.

TAX CUT FOR 3,301 SMALL BUSINESSES IN NORTH DAKOTA: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 3,301 small businesses in North Dakota are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

76,000 NORTH DAKOTA 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 76,264 workers in North Dakota, and protects the jobs of 4,581 workers in North Dakota who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

74,300 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN NORTH DAKOTA WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 74,300 North Dakota borrowers -- 52,000 current borrowers and 22,300 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.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 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 South Dakota after the first 49 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in South Dakota:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 3.5% to 2.7%.
- In 49 months, South Dakota has added 39,600 total jobs.
- In 49 months, South Dakota has added 34,600 private-sector jobs.
- South Dakota has added 11,000 manufacturing jobs or 2,694 **per year**, compared to 1,525 during the previous 4 years.
- New business incorporations have increased 3.8% **per year**.
- Business failures have dropped 5.2% **per year**, after increasing 11.5% **per year** during the previous 4 years.
- Bank lending has increased by 17.2% **per year**, after dropping by 14.6% per year during the previous 4 years.
- Consumer confidence has increased by 89.4%.

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

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN SOUTH DAKOTA: 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 South Dakota.

18 TIMES MORE SOUTH DAKOTA FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 39,016 working families in South Dakota will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 2,155 wealthiest taxpayers in South Dakota.

TAX CUT FOR 3,970 SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTH DAKOTA: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 3,970 small businesses in South Dakota are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

88,000 SOUTH DAKOTA 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 88,085 workers in South Dakota, and protects the jobs of 5,292 workers in South Dakota who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

124,600 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 124,600 South Dakota borrowers -- 87,200 current borrowers and 37,400 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.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN MINNESOTA 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 Minnesota after the first 49 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in Minnesota:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 5.3% to 3.0%.
- Minnesota has added 247,300 new jobs or 60,563 new jobs **per year**, compared to 38,550 **per year** during the previous 4 years.
- Minnesota has added 217,500 new private sector jobs or 53,265 **per year**, compared to 32,425 **per year** during the previous 4 years.
- Minnesota has added 30,400 total manufacturing jobs or 7,445 **per year** compared to 1,025 jobs **per year** during the previous 4 years.
- New business incorporations have increased 6.0% **per year**.
- The Help Wanted Index has increased 53.3%.
- Consumer confidence has increased 89.4%.
- Business failures have dropped 21.7% **per year**--after increasing 29.8% **per year** during the previous 4 years.

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

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN MINNESOTA: 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 Minnesota.

7 TIMES MORE MINNESOTA FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 155,358 working families in Minnesota will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 22,960 wealthiest taxpayers in Minnesota.

TAX CUT FOR 26,078 SMALL BUSINESSES IN MINNESOTA: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 26,078 small businesses in Minnesota are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

845,000 MINNESOTA 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 844,645 workers in Minnesota, and protects the jobs of 50,742 workers in Minnesota who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

419,200 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN MINNESOTA WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 419,200 Minnesota borrowers -- 293,400 current borrowers and 125,800 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.

Guidance
for
The Today Show
Interview

April 27, 1997

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1997

INTERVIEW WITH KATIE COURIC OF NBC's TODAY SHOW

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DATE: April 27, 1997
TIME: 1:35 TO 1:45 PM EDT
FROM: Mike McCurry & Stuart Schear

I. PURPOSE

This 10-minute taped interview will provide you with the opportunity to articulate your philosophy of national service in the context of the service summit in Philadelphia. The TODAY SHOW's audience will be the largest one you address during the course of the summit. While the primary focus of the interview will be on the summit, it will provide you with the opportunity to address other issues besides national service, including your commitment to a balanced budget and campaign finance reform as well as your efforts to curtail teenagers' access to tobacco.

II. BACKGROUND

The TODAY SHOW is America's most popular morning show, and its audience often exceeds seven million viewers. Laudably, NBC is covering the summit with unrivaled intensity among the television networks. The TODAY SHOW and other NBC news broadcasts will feature interviews with you, Gen. Powell and other prominent Americans participating in the summit. Moreover, NBC shows including MEET THE PRESS, THE TODAY SHOW and NIGHTLY NEWS will broadcast from Philadelphia.

Katie Couric last interviewed you just before your second inauguration.

III. QUESTIONS

Couric will devote a good portion of the interview to the summit and the proper role of national service and volunteerism in American society. However, you can count on Couric to ask at least one or two tough questions on other issues. Couric consistently tries to make news with unexpected questions. As a reminder, she asked Mrs. Clinton about the Web Hubbel situation in a recent interview on child development. During the campaign, Couric made news by scoring points against Senator Dole on the question of tobacco and addiction.

Couric is likely to ask at least one follow-up question from your interview on FACE THE NATION.

The following are some of the questions which Couric may pose:

NATIONAL SERVICE SUMMIT

Critics charge that your emphasis on national service and others' focus on volunteerism is a "cop-out." They describe it as an effort to avoid traditional responsibilities of the federal government to care for low income and other vulnerable Americans. Is there any validity to this critique?

What is your message to church leaders and others who are protesting the summit?

Some say there has been significant friction between the White House and some of the summit's Republican supporters. Is that true?

GEN. POWELL

Are you concerned that the summit is being used as a spring board by Gen. Powell for a presidential race in the year 2,000?

Given your deeply held convictions on racial healing, don't you see the appeal of a Powell presidency?

TOBACCO

Why have you given tacit approval to negotiations for a settlement with tobacco companies, when many anti-tobacco activists view these negotiations as tantamount to a surrender of principle?

Isn't there an appearance of a conflict of interest to have the First Lady's brother involved as counsel for the tobacco companies in these negotiations?

HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

Yesterday on FACE THE NATION you spoke favorably of proposals before congress to extend health care to millions of uninsured American children. Do you support the 43 cent cigarette tax hike proposed by Sen. Kennedy and Sen. Hatch to pay for expanded access to care?

BUDGET

On FACE THE NATION you noted that you might have some news on a balanced budget agreement in a few days. Do you have any progress to report on budget negotiations?

CPI

On FACE THE NATION, you noted your willingness to consider a change in consumer price index. Aren't you playing with the security of America's seniors by even suggesting such a adjustment?

Do you have the political will to take the lead on this issue?

HOT BUTTON ISSUES

Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater Special Prosecutor, asked this week for a six month extension of the grand jury based on evidence of possible obstruction of justice regarding Web Hubbel. Can you state with certainty that the White House was not involved in obstructing justice in the Hubbel case?

On Friday, news reports indicated that White House attorneys were arguing in a Little Rock courthouse against requests for new subpoenas for the First Lady and the President. What kind of information and documents are these subpoenas seeking? Why are White House lawyers involved?

On Larry King Live earlier this week, James McDougal said that he was tired of covering up the truth to protect you. Does Mr. McDougal have any credibility?

According to some reports, the Chinese government may be trying to influence American politics. Isn't this an outrage and shouldn't the President of the United States denounce such efforts?

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Sylvia Matthews
Barry Toiv
Stuart Schear
Katie Couric, NBC News
Elliot Sparkman Walker, NBC News

IV. PRESS PLAN

Your interview will air over NBC on Monday morning on the TODAY SHOW. On Monday morning, NBC News will release a transcript of the interview to the news wires. NBC will also make short portions of the interview available to other news organizations, after the interview airs on Monday morning.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

12:35 PM TO 1:35 PM EDT Pre-Brief, Marcus Foster Stadium
1:35 PM TO 1:45 PM EDT Interview, Marcus Foster Stadium

VI. REMARKS

None

VII. ATTACHMENT

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- Service Summit
- Independent Counsel Starr
- Tobacco
- Politics
- Budget
- Health Care
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Welfare
- NSC

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NSC GUIDANCE

SERVICE SUMMIT

Q: What will the Summit accomplish?

A: The Summit is a great opportunity for all Americans to make a commitment to citizen service, and a chance for all sectors of our society to come together around what matters most -- our obligation to one another, especially our children.

Government has a critical role in solving our nation's problems and I am proud to lead the efforts of the federal government. But clearly we can accomplish more if all our citizens pull together to solve our problems. Already the Summit has prompted an outpouring of commitments by corporations and non-profits across the country to help in our mutual endeavor. And I know the organizers of the Summit are committed to making sure that all this good work doesn't end at the Summit, but that it continues in communities across our country.

Q: Isn't the Summit one big photo opportunity?

A: I think it's both exciting and tremendously encouraging that the Summit has captured the public imagination the way it has. Starting with the inspiration of the late Gov. George Romney, continuing with the enthusiastic support of all the former Presidents, and with the dynamic contributions of Gen. Colin Powell, this endeavor has really sparked the interest of the American people. The media, which is so often accused of cynicism, has responded so positively to this event. We would be foolish not to take advantage of this great opportunity to focus the attention of the American people on citizen service and the goals of the Summit.

In addition, the real work to be done at the Summit is probably the least glamorous part -- the work by the 140 communities attending the Summit. They are working on plans to bring the Summit's goals to life in their own communities.

Q: Isn't this Summit really the first round of the Presidential race in the year 2000, between Powell's involvement and reports that the White House insisted that the Summit drop Bill Bradley?

A: One of the things I like most about the way General Powell talks about this Summit is his emphasis that it's not bipartisan -- it's non-partisan. These themes of service and children transcend politics. That's why you see all the former Presidents coming together, people from all walks of life and political persuasion, agreeing that citizen action can make a difference.

Q: Doesn't the Summit downplay the role of government in solving our problems, and argue that volunteers can do it alone?

A: Government has a critical role in solving our nation's problems, and I am proud of what we have accomplished for this nation's young people, in education, health care, making our communities safer, and offering young people a chance to serve. But as I have said many times, the era of big government may be over, but the era of big challenges for our nation is not. Clearly we can accomplish more if all our citizens pull together to solve our problems. That's why it is so important for us to harness the power of citizen service to accomplish our goals. And it's the theory behind AmeriCorps, a program of which I am especially proud.

Members of my Cabinet along with other federal officials are attending the Summit to lend their expertise to this effort, along with scores of officials from state and local government. What you will see at the summit is communities, non-profits, corporations, government, and many others working side by side to solve problems.

I am also proud that federal agencies have made over 40 commitments to the Summit -- to tutor and mentor students, to create afterschool programs, and to create opportunities for young people to serve. For example, the Department of the Navy has committed to tutor or mentor 700,000 young people. Federal agencies have agreed to expand from 1,500 to 2,000 the number of schools they have adopted or have partnerships with.

Q: Isn't the Summit is an effort to paper over the government's withdrawal of assistance from needy children and families, exemplified by the new welfare law?

A: I am proud to have signed the welfare law and given millions of families throughout this country a chance to move from welfare to work. Communities, governments, churches, business, and welfare recipients themselves are now working together to make this law a success. The Summit complements our efforts to create partnerships between government and the private and nonprofit sectors to accomplish our goals.

Q: Doesn't the Summit reveal a rift between your approach of service and AmeriCorps and the volunteer approach championed by former President Bush through his Points of Light program?

A: Voluntary action is a vibrant part of American landscape. It is something we should all take pride in. Showing that the service model and the voluntarism model actually work well together is what this Summit is all about.

Talking Points
April 24, 1997

Independent Counsel Starr

Q: Yesterday Independent Counsel Starr requested a six month extension of the Whitewater Grand Jury. In his pleadings, Mr. Starr indicates that he is looking at a number of issues, including obstruction of justice. Are you concerned about these developments?

A: I am not concerned. I am not going to comment on the Independent Counsel's activities. I will say that I have answered all of Mr. Starr's questions, that other entities that have looked at this have found that we did nothing wrong, and that I hope this will get wrapped up soon.

Q: Mr. McDougal said on *Larry King Live* on Monday night that you lied when you denied having attended a meeting with David Hale and Mr. McDougal about the Susan McDougal loan. Who should the public believe in light of both Mr. Hale's and now Mr. McDougal's statements?

A: I have testified truthfully on these matters.

Q: Independent Counsel Starr also indicates that certain witnesses have asserted privileges which have obstructed their search for the truth. Have you personally, or has the White House, asserted any privileges to withhold information from Mr. Starr?

A: As you know, I'm not going to comment on Mr. Starr and his investigation other than to say Hillary and I have answered all of his questions.

Tobacco Litigation

Q: Today's *New York Times* questions Hugh Rodham's role in the tobacco settlement discussions. Have you discussed the settlement negotiations with your brother-in-law?

A: Hugh has been working for over a year on tobacco litigation issues. From time to time he has updated me on the status of the discussions. If a settlement among the parties is reached, I of course will evaluate it based upon what's in the public's interest.

Q: What has been the White House's role in the settlement negotiations, and in particular, what is Bruce Lindsey's role?

A: Bruce has had discussions with the various interests in the talks to ensure those matters about which we care -- namely, the FDA rules -- are protected. He has monitored the negotiations, but no one from the White House has attended any of the negotiation sessions. And, other than Hugh, I have not discussed this matter with any of the parties. [Check with POTUS].

Tobacco Q&As

April 25, 1997

COURT DECISION

Background

The President announced the FDA rule to protect children from tobacco in August 1996; the rule was immediately challenged by the industry in U.S. District Court in North Carolina.

The Decision

The court ruled that FDA has jurisdiction and that the access and labeling provisions are still in effect, but that the advertising and promotion portions of the rule are invalid.

Statement

This is a landmark and historic day for the nation's public health and our children. With this ruling, we can regulate nicotine-containing tobacco products and take important steps to protect our children from a lifetime of addiction and the prospect of having their lives cut short by tobacco-related diseases. We have taken a monumental first step down the long, hard road we knew we had to go to protect our children.

Q: What are you going to do about the provision of the rule the court struck down?

A: The bottom line is that we are going to protect our children. Today we won an historic victory in court, and we're going forward with the provisions the court upheld. A statement on what next legal steps the Administration will take will come shortly.

Q: Doesn't this mean the FDA will have to do something more drastic in terms of access to protect children -- like make these prescription products?

A: We have taken a common sense approach to protect our children by restricting access and we have proposed a common sense approach to limiting appeal. We still believe that is the right way to approach this terrible public health crisis threatening our children.

Q: Doesn't this mean more delay?

A: The access provisions that went into effect in February have been upheld, remain in place and we are working with states to ensure compliance.

Q: Why not seek a legislative settlement?

A: From the beginning, we have said that if Congress wants to put forth a legislative package as strong as our FDA rule with appropriate oversight and enforcement, we remain prepared to work with Congress.

Q: What does this mean in everyday terms?

A: It means that provisions that went into effect in February making it harder for children to buy cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products will stay in effect, and we are working with states to begin checking for compliance. And it means that FDA has authority to regulate nicotine-containing tobacco products.

Q: If you appeal, do you think an appeal will be successful?

A: This is an historic decision by the court on the Agency's authority over tobacco products. We believe we have a very strong case and we will ultimately prevail on all parts of the rule to protect our children.

Q: Isn't it time to seek legislation?

A: We have been open to a legislative solution that is as strong as the FDA rule with appropriate oversight and enforcement since the President announced the proposal in August 1995. We are still open to a legislative solution if it accomplishes our goal of protecting our children.

SETTLEMENT TALKS

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A: I have no idea. Today, we should focus on this ruling. [Go to statement on ruling above].

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A: I'm not in any position to judge any settlement. As I've said, my only interest is in protecting kids and the public's health. We have to do right by them.

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POLITICS

Q: The Democratic National Committee is \$15 million in debt. The committee is holding a major fundraising event next week but the proceeds from that event will not begin to put the Committee in the black. What is the future of the national Democratic Party? Will it be financially able to play a role in the 1997 and 1998 elections and beyond?

A: I believe in my party and I have made and will continue to make myself available to help raise funds for it. A Party's real strength is measured in the quality of its ideas and its candidates. By that standard, the Democratic Party is wealthy.

Q: Will you or do you support the Vice President for president in 2000?

A: The next election is too far away. We don't need to start that campaign today. But, as you know, the Vice President is an integral part of this team, and I can think of no one who would be better prepared or more capable of doing the job of President than Al Gore.

Q: Do you think the manner in which the Democratic National Committee engaged in fundraising and the allegations of improprieties have made Asian Americans feel under siege? Do you think it has increased the level of xenophobia in this country?

A: Many allegations have been made, some of them unfairly. Everyone --especially those in the Congress and in the media, because they have so much power --needs to be very careful when making allegations because they can potentially hurt an innocent person or group of people. Sometimes in the hurly burly of politics people forget that their words or their actions can have a huge impact on a person's life or the lives of an entire ethnic group.

Q& A ON BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS ON THE BUDGET TALKS?

Q: ARE YOU CLOSE TO A DEAL?

A: I am encouraged by the progress that has been made and hopeful that we are going to reach a bipartisan budget agreement and it is important that we do so.

- **The deficit has fallen dramatically from \$290 billion in 1992 to \$107 billion in 1996. It is time to finish the job.** At the outset this year, I met the Republicans half-way on Medicare. I have put a detailed and serious balanced budget on the table.
- **I then instructed my economic team to work with members of Congress in a cooperative spirit.** Sensing an opportunity to move us forward, I invited Congressional budget leaders to the White House before my trip to Helsinki. Since then, budget talks have entered a new phase and I remain optimistic that an agreement can be reached.
- **I am determined to reach a balanced budget agreement that can win the majority support of both parties in Congress and that is consistent with the priorities of the American people.** A good agreement must include, at a minimum, that our children will have the best education from the first days of life through college to prepare for the 21st century; that more children will have access to quality health care; that our environment will be protected; that the most vulnerable among us will be protected; and that Medicare and Medicaid will be strengthened and modernized.

Q: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT YOUR NEGOTIATORS AND THE REPUBLICAN NEGOTIATORS HAVE COME TO A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THAT WOULD COMPRISE A NET TAX CUT OF AROUND \$80 BILLION AND MEDICARE SAVINGS OF AROUND \$110 TO \$120 BILLION. ARE THESE REPORTS ACCURATE?

A: We are in the middle of serious discussions on the best way to achieve a balanced budget that wins the support of a majority of both Democrats and Republicans. These discussions, I believe, have been going well and it would not serve this process very well to comment on specifics at this point

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE LETTER SENT TO SEN. LOTT FROM A GROUP OF SENATE REPUBLICANS OUTLINING CERTAIN DEMANDS BEFORE ANY BUDGET DEAL CAN BE COMPLETED. DOES THIS HURT CHANCES FOR GETTING IT DONE?

A:

- (1) As I have said before, we all need to be flexible and be willing to compromise.**
- (2) Each of us must be willing to compromise our sense of the perfect, to reach an agreement that advances the greater good.** And we can do so without compromising our deeply-held values.
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Q: SENATOR LOTT HAS STATED THAT HE WILL RECEIVE SOME CRITICISM FROM SOME IN HIS PARTY FOR SUPPORTING THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. HE SAYS THAT IT IS NOW YOUR TURN TO MAKE SOME BUDGET CONCESSIONS AND SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP. DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?

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MEDICARE TRUST FUND TALKING POINTS

April 24, 1997

THE MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORT CONFIRMS WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED -- THAT REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS SHOULD COME TOGETHER AND ENACT MEDICARE REFORM THIS YEAR.

- The 1997 Trustees Report estimates that the Medicare Trust Fund will remain solvent until 2001.

WE WELCOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE TRUST FUND. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS BEEN ACTING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE.

- The President's 1993 Economic Plan extended the life of the Trust Fund by three years.
- In 1994, the reforms included in the Health Security Act would have strengthened the Trust Fund by five years.
- In 1995 and 1996, the President proposed Medicare reforms in the context of his balanced budget that would have extended the life of the Trust Fund for at least a decade.

THIS YEAR THE PRESIDENT'S BALANCED BUDGET GUARANTEES THE LIFE OF THE TRUST FUND AT LEAST A DECADE.

- HCFA's Chief Actuary confirms that, under the President's proposals, the life of the Trust Fund would be extended at least a decade.

ACTION IS NEEDED -- REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR REAL MEDICARE REFORM.

- **The need for responsible intervention to improve the Trust Fund is real.** The President has a proposal that addresses this need in a responsible way, without imposing devastating provider cuts, increasing beneficiary costs, or enacting structural changes that devastate the program and the people it serves.
- **This report should not be used irresponsibly.** The upcoming Trust Fund report should not be used to recklessly frighten the 38 million Medicare beneficiaries and their families into thinking that their benefits are in imminent danger. They simply are not.
- **We have time to act this year. Over \$120 billion remains in the Trust Fund** (as of March 1997). While incoming revenues are somewhat less than outgoing payments, the current balance in the Trust Fund means that there is no danger that claims will not be paid.

IT IS TIME TO PUT PARTISAN DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND AGREE ON MEDICARE REFORMS THAT WILL EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE TRUST FUND AND STRENGTHEN THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Chris Jennings

cc: Bruce Reed, Gene Sperling, John Hilley, Melanne Verveer

SUBJECT: Introduction of a New Bipartisan Children's Health Bill

Tomorrow afternoon, Senator Chafee and Senator Rockefeller will lead a bipartisan group of at least 13 Senators (Hatch, Snowe, Collins, Jeffords, Breaux, Kerrey, Bingaman, Dodd, Kerry, D'Amato, and Kennedy) in introducing a new \$15 billion, Medicaid-based children's health coverage bill. They will suggest that their plan "targets" 5 million uninsured children, but their staffs are nervous about overpromising because estimates given to them by the Congressional Budget Office yesterday have, on a preliminary basis, projected a much lower number. Perhaps because of this, the sponsors will say that this legislation "complements," but does not replace the need for the Hatch-Kennedy grant program.

The Chafee/Rockefeller legislation includes: (1) your 12 month continuous coverage initiative; (2) an enhanced Federal match for children between 100 and 150 percent of poverty for those states that immediately cover all children up to age 18 to 100 percent of poverty (who are currently being phased-in over the next 5 years); and (3) a \$25 million a year state outreach grant. There will be no specific financing mechanism; apparently the sponsors agree with our current position that the more than \$120 billion in Medicare and Medicaid reductions that we are currently proposing is more than adequate to finance the \$15 billion investment. (As a reminder, we are currently carrying about \$19 billion for our new health coverage expansions.)

The introduction of yet another bipartisan children's health coverage bill clearly strengthens your hand in the balanced budget negotiations. It is particularly worth noting that a Chafee-Rockefeller type initiative can now easily be envisioned passing out of the Finance Committee since four of the Republican cosponsors sit on the Committee. This bill also helps respond to the Republican Budget Committee Chair's stated desire to avoid the establishment of new programs to address Presidential priorities.

We believe that the Chafee/Rockefeller bill still requires a good deal of work to most efficiently cover a greater number of uninsured children. It also seems likely that we will probably still need some type of grant program to build onto Medicaid improvements to get the most children for the least amount of money. Having said this, the introduction of this legislation undoubtably enhances the likelihood that a substantive children's coverage bill can emerge from the Congress.

Q&A on Chafee-Rockefeller Children's Health Bill

Question: Does the President support the new children's health bill being introduced by a bipartisan group of Senators led by Senators Chafee and Rockefeller?

Answer: The President is extremely encouraged by the emergence of yet another bipartisan children's health care proposal. Making a significant Federal investment in children's health care continues to be a top priority for this Administration.

We are currently reviewing the details of the Chafee-Rockefeller bill. The President is extremely supportive of expanding health coverage to more children by building on the Medicaid program. The Chafee-Rockefeller bill offers matching rates for states which expand Medicaid coverage to children above the mandatory level.

Cosponsors are discussing this bill as a complement to the Hatch-Kennedy block grant proposal to address the pockets of uninsured children in the middle class. The President too, believes that a multi-tiered approach to expanding coverage may be the best way to more uninsured children.

We look forward to working with Chafee, Rockefeller and a host of other Democrats and Republicans on the Hill interested in this issue to ensure that any balanced budget deal includes a significant investment in children's health coverage.

Background: On Thursday, April 22, Senators Chafee and Rockefeller are introducing a bipartisan children's health coverage bill which offers states higher Medicaid matching rates if they expand coverage to children above the mandatory levels. This expansion is contingent on states' choosing to extend 12 month continuous coverage to all children.

Cosponsors of this bill -- including Hatch, Kennedy, Chafee, Kerrey, Kerry, Snowe, Bingaman, Dodd, Collins, D'Amato, Breaux, and Rockefeller -- believe that this bill could complement the Hatch-Kennedy bill which provides block grants to states to cover uninsured children. This potentially increases the investment in children's health to \$25-\$35 billion.

Some Republicans like the Chafee-Rockefeller option because it builds on the current Medicaid program, rather than starting a new program.

Additional Children's Health Q&As

Question: Does the President support the Hatch-Kennedy children's health care bill which finances children's health care expansions by increasing the tobacco tax?

Answer: First of all, the President is delighted that there is so much bipartisan interest in expanding health coverage to children, and he will continue to work with Senators Hatch and Kennedy and others in Congress to pass a balanced budget this year that extends health care coverage to more uninsured children.

While the Hatch-Kennedy bill pays for new expansions by increasing the tobacco tax, the President has a proposal which would expand coverage to millions of additional children and that is paid for in the context of his balanced budget plan. Regardless of the source of financing, assuring a significant commitment for children's health care will continue to be a top priority for the President.

Question: Didn't the President propose to increase tobacco taxes in his own health care reform bill?

Answer: Yes. However, the President's current proposal illustrates how children's health coverage can be financed without this mechanism. Again, regardless of the source of financing, children's health coverage is a top priority for the President. We can no longer tolerate a nation that has 10 million uninsured children. As we develop bipartisan legislation to address this unacceptable problem, we must assume a certain financing source that helps pay for children's health insurance.

Additional Medicare Q&As

Question: Democrats are saying that the Administration has gone far enough with Medicare savings. Are you concerned that your base Democrats will withdraw their support?

Answer: The President has put forth a strong Medicare proposal that extends the life of the Trust Fund to 2007 while modernizing and strengthening the program. The President has always been and always will be opposed to excessive Medicare cuts. He is working with the Democratic Leadership to ensure that any Medicare proposal is based on strong policy rationale and does not excessively or unfairly burden Medicare beneficiaries or the providers who serve them. Democrats have always been responsible stewards of the Medicare Trust Fund, and the President is confident that there will be broad Democratic support for any necessary reforms to the program.

Question: Do you plan to eliminate any of the new benefit improvements in your Medicare plan?

Answer: While everything will clearly be "on the table" in our budget discussions, we are extremely sensitive about making any changes to the important beneficiary improvements in our Medicare plan. Over three quarters of Medicare beneficiaries earn less than \$25,000 per year. Improving benefits and fixing flaws in the program which place undue costs on this vulnerable population is a high priority for this Administration. The President's proposal to cover preventive services is recognized by Republicans and Democrats alike as a sound, cost-effective investment.

Question: How do you respond to the Republican criticism that your Medicare plan does nothing but preserve the status quo?

Answer: That is absolutely not true. The President's budget takes important steps to modernize Medicare and bring it into the 21st century through a number of structural reforms including:

- **Establishing new private plans** including Preferred Provider Organizations and Provider Sponsored Organizations -- available to seniors and people with disabilities.
- **Establishing market-oriented purchasing for Medicare** including the new prospective payment systems for home health care, nursing home care, and outpatient hospital services, as well as competitive bidding authority and the use of centers of excellence to improve quality and cut back on costs.
- **Adding new Medigap protections** making it possible for beneficiaries to switch back from a managed care plan to traditional Medicare without being underwritten by insurers for private supplemental insurance coverage. This should encourage more beneficiaries to opt for managed care because it addresses the fear that such a choice would lock them in forever.
- **Expanding coverage for preventive services** including expanding services for mammographies and colorectal screening, improving self-management of diseases like diabetes, and extending respite benefits that are increasingly important to our older Americans.
- **Empowering America's seniors to make educated choices about their health care** by providing beneficiaries with comparative information on all managed care and Medigap plans in the area where they live. To help make those comparisons meaningful, the budget would create standardized packages for additional benefits.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Q: There are now 57 separate proposals for campaign finance reform. Isn't the legislation dead for this Congress?

A: As has often been said, in Congress there are 535 "experts" on campaign reform. That's certainly true. But there is only one broad-based proposal that is supported by Democrats and Republicans – the legislation introduced by McCain and Feingold and by Shays and Meehan. I think that when the matter is proposed to Members of Congress, and they are forced to vote yes or no on this legislation, they will have a very hard time explaining to their constituents why they voted no. As for people who say "there won't be reform this year" – on an issue like this, popular sentiment can crystallize very quickly. Legislation that didn't look like it had a chance of passing, a month later, can be on its way to the President's desk. That's what happened, for example, on the lobbying reform legislation and the gift ban in 1995.

Q: Some people say that the McCain-Feingold approach will require as much fundraising as today. Senators John Kerry, Paul Wellstone, and John Glenn have proposed legislation to provide complete public financing for congressional elections. If candidates accepted the public funding, they wouldn't be able to raise private money. What is your view of this approach?

A: I believe that the basic test for campaign finance reform must be that it be comprehensive, that it be fair to both parties, that it level the playing fields, and that it curb the amount of money in elections. I welcome any effort that works to build consensus toward these goals. I believe that McCain Feingold – which doesn't have public financing, but instead gives candidates free TV time provided by broadcasters – is the most realistic way to achieve these goals. Of course, Sens. Kerry, Wellstone and Glenn also support McCain Feingold.

As for public financing, my 1993 campaign finance reform legislation provided partial public financing for congressional candidates; and I think that states who are experimenting with public funding should be able to do so. But we have a rare chance to enact broad and bipartisan reform – reform that does not include public funding – and we can't lose sight of that mission.

WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Q: More and more Republicans seem to be breaking ranks with their leadership to support some changes to the immigration parts of the welfare law. Do you think you have a chance in your negotiations with Congress to make real changes in this area?

A: I think that members of Congress and Governors and state legislators and county officials and mayors are gaining a new realization of the impact of some parts of the new law that I had a problem with from the beginning -- those parts not related to putting people to work. Many state and local officials are now looking more carefully at their budgets and the potential costs of assisting disabled legal immigrants, many in nursing homes, without federal help. We are now about 100 days away from August 1st, when many disabled individuals will lose their SSI and Medicaid benefits.

I think that, over time, more and more people will come to see the harm that these provisions could do and will support my proposal to provide medical and other vital assistance to legal immigrants who work hard, pay taxes and contribute to American society and fall on hard times through no fault of their own.

FLORIDA LEGAL IMMIGRANTS LAWSUIT

Q: The state of Florida has sued the federal government to overturn the part of the welfare law that eliminates benefits for most legal immigrants. Governor Chiles says the welfare law will leave state and local governments in Florida holding the bag for billions of lost benefits. What is your position on this?

A: I believe legal immigrants who work hard, pay taxes and contribute to American society and fall on hard times through no fault of their own should get medical and other vital assistance when they need it. That's why my budget provides \$14.6 billion in assistance for those legal immigrants -- children and individuals with disabilities -- who, through no fault of their own, are unable to work.

As you indicated, the state of Florida filed a lawsuit Wednesday. The lawyers at the Department of Justice have just begun to look at it, and I do not have an indication from the Department about their plans. Generally, however, the role of the Department of Justice is to defend the constitutionality of federal laws when they are challenged in suits like this one.

TEXAS WELFARE PLAN

Q: The Associated Press reported Tuesday that the "Texas Welfare Plan is stalled at the White House." Is it the usual procedure for you to personally consider state welfare reform requests?

A: The state of Texas is asking for far-reaching changes in Medicaid and Food Stamp laws which involve several agencies. The agencies are working as hard as they can to examine all of the relevant issues, and we hope to get the State of Texas an answer soon. The agencies have kept us informed of their decision making process — as they should, given the significance of what Texas is requesting.

As you know, the Administration gets a lot of waiver requests from the states. The agencies conduct a review process for each of them. Because this is a complicated issue involving several different agencies, the review has been lengthy, probably a little more than we expected. But the agencies are working to provide Texas with a response as soon as possible.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HIRING

Q: Earlier this month, you announced that the federal government plans to hire 10,000 welfare recipients. Do you think that federal hiring is the answer to welfare reform?

A: The federal government hiring initiative I announced April 10th is only one part of our larger strategy to make welfare reform a reality. First, I have been visiting state legislatures to share the country's best welfare to work practices and to encourage every state to rise to the challenge. Second, I have enlisted key members of the business community in this effort, soliciting pledges of help from major CEOs and working to build a larger network of business people who will hire welfare recipients. I plan to meet with a large group of corporate CEOs next month to discuss their specific commitments to make welfare reform a success. Third, I continue to reach out to nonprofits and the faith community, similarly urging them to meet this challenge and offering them information and expertise on how to do so.

Finally, I have proposed \$3.6 billion in my FY 1998 budget for several welfare to work initiatives including tax credits and other incentives for businesses that hire people off welfare; incentives for states and communities to create more jobs for welfare recipients; and transportation and child care to help people go to work.

CHINA -- WOODWARD STORY

Did top Chinese officials approve plans to buy influence/is it continuing?

- Number of allegations have appeared in the newspapers. As you know, on-going investigation; because issue is law enforcement matter, dissemination of information limited to protect the investigation. Under the circumstances, not appropriate for me to comment.

What affect on US policy/will you raise with Qian?

- I have said in the past, should allegations of illegal activity/ funneling campaign contributions prove true, would be a serious matter and take appropriate action.
- Both the Vice President and the Secretary of State have communicated that message to senior Chinese officials. Since the investigation is on-going, it would premature to speculate on just what response would be appropriate.

Does this change plans for summit meeting/would it change your plans if proven true?

- Planning to go forward with exchange of state visits; not going to speculate on hypotheticals.

Should AG share more information with you

- As have said in the past, difficult balancing question between national security and law enforcement concerns.

How come FBI briefing intelligence committee and not you?

- Not aware of the content of any briefing to the Hill, so inappropriate for me to contrast information provided to Hill, White House.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Some commentators have accused the Administration of not taking on the responsibility it should to save the Middle East peace process, even if that means putting some pressure on Israel to compromise. What are you doing?

- I have made it clear since the beginning of my Administration that I am committed to helping the parties to make peace after five decades of war and violence. That's why we've remained actively, deeply engaged in the process through the tough times as well as the good ones.
- Secretary Albright and I are in regular and constant contact with Arab and Israeli leaders in order to do everything we can to get the negotiations back on track. The talks we have had over the past two months, including two meetings with Prime Minister Netanyahu, have been for the purpose of developing an approach which will move the process closer to our goal of a comprehensive peace.
- For these efforts to succeed, two things are necessary: Zero tolerance for terror, including a 100% effort to prevent it, and a readiness by both sides to take steps that build confidence in the integrity of the negotiating process.

Will the decision not to indict Netanyahu help with your efforts to revive the MEPP?

- We are continuing our efforts to get the process back on track. I'm not going to speculate how Israeli internal matters might influence that.

Are you satisfied with the level of Palestinian security cooperation with the Israelis?

- We expect a 100% effort in the fight against terror. Amb. Ross had a positive meeting with senior Palestinian and Israeli security officials last week. Security cooperation serves the interest of both sides.