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THE PRESIDENT
to
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 22, 1998

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1998

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WEATHER:

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*Partly cloudy. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots.
Low 70 to 75. High 88 to 93.*

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

*Variably cloudy, hot and humid. Winds west-
southwest at 6 to 12 knots. Low 68 to 73. High 89
to 94.*

June 21, 1998 (3:43pm)

Monday, June 22, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, June 22, 1998**

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9:20	am-	(T)	BRIEFING
9:50	am		OVAL OFFICE
			Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
9:50	am-	(T)	STATEMENT
10:00	am		SOUTH DRIVEWAY
			Remarks: Jeff Shesol
			Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
			Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
			POOL PRESS
10:00	am		THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart The White House via motorcade en route the Reflecting Pool [drive time: 5 minutes]
10:05	am		THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive the Reflecting Pool
10:15	am		THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart the Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 10 minutes]
10:25	am		THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base
10:40	am	ET	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Nashville International Airport, Tennessee [flight time: 1 hour, 35 minutes] [time change: - 1 hour]

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11:15 am CT **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Nashville International Airport, Tennessee

Note: The President will pause for a photo with Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson Dyer.

Greeters:

- John Wilder, Lieutenant Governor
- Ned McWherter, Former Governor
- James Naifeh, Speaker of the House
- John Arriola, State Representative
- Melvin Black, Councilmember
- Ron Nolinier, Council Member
- Don Majors, Council Member
- Frank R. Harrison, Jr., Council Member
- Lawrence Hart, Council Member
- Tim Garrett, Council Member
- Mike Wooden, Council Member
- Charles O. French, Council Member
- Roy Dale, Council Member
- Morris B. Haddox, Council Member
- Jerry Wayne Graves, Council Member
- Mansfield Douglas, Council Member
- Willis McAllister, Council Member
- John Aaron Holt, Council Member
- Eric Crafton, Council Member
- Horace Johns, Council Member
- Durward Hall, Council Member
- Ron Turner, Council Member
- Chris Ferrell, Council Member
- Bill Walter, CEO, Murray Regional Hospital
- Bill Suggs, CEO, Summit Hospital
- Gary Nichols, Vice President, Williamson County Medical Center

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11:30 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Nashville International Airport, Tennessee via motorcade en route Langford Hall, Vanderbilt University
[drive time: 20 minutes]

11:50 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Langford Hall, Vanderbilt University

Greeters: Joel Wyatt, Chancellor, Vanderbilt University
 Mrs. Faye Wyatt,
(Inside Hold) The Vice President, Mrs. Gore, and Mrs. Pauline Gore (T)

11:55 pm-
12:05 pm **BRIEFING BY THE VICE PRESIDENT**
PRESIDENTIAL HOLD
Vanderbilt University
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

12:10 pm-
12:25 pm **HOLD**

12:30 pm-
1:15 pm **REMARKS TO THE FAMILY RE-UNION 7: FAMILIES AND HEALTH**
LANGFORD HALL
Vanderbilt University
Remarks: Jeff Shesol
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be 900 in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore.
- The Vice President makes brief remarks and introduces the Mrs. Gore.
- Mrs. Gore makes brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes brief remarks.
- The Vice President introduces **the President**.

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- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President invites all principals to take their seats on stage.

Note: There will be a 3 minute pause on stage as the podium is removed. During this pause all four principals will remain on stage and greet the panelists.

1:20 pm-
3:30 pm

DISCUSSION ON FAMILY RE-UNION 7: FAMILIES AND HEALTH
LANGFORD HALL
Vanderbilt University
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
OPEN PRESS

Note: The First Lady needs to depart the stage by 3:00 pm.

- The Vice President introduces the eight panelists and opens the discussion.
- 2:35pm -- The Vice President concludes the discussion and invites the President to make closing remarks from his seat.
- The President makes closing remarks and invites everyone to join him at the signing table on stage.
- 2:55pm -- The President, accompanied by the Vice President, the First Lady, Mrs. Gore and the panelists, proceeds to signing table on stage and signs the Children's Health Directive.

Note: The First Lady departs following the signing.

- The President, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore work a ropeline and depart.

3:35 pm-
3:40 pm

DRIVER PHOTOGRAPHS
HALLWAY
Vanderbilt University

3:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Langford Hall, Vanderbilt University via motorcade en route Nashville International Airport, Tennessee
[drive time: 20 minutes]

4:05 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Nashville International Airport, Tennessee

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4:20 pm CT **THE PRESIDENT** departs Nashville International Airport, Tennessee via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 1 hour, 25 minutes]
[time change: +1 hour]

6:45 pm ET **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base

7:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 10 minutes]

7:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives the Reflecting Pool

7:20 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

<i>EVENING OFF</i>

BC/HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC

June 21, 1998 (3:33pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1998

FAMILY RE-UNION 7: FAMILIES AND HEALTH

DATE:	June 22, 1998
LOCATION:	Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
EVENT TIME:	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
FROM:	Bruce Reed/Chris Jennings

I. PURPOSE

To illustrate the important role of the family in the delivery of quality health care; to demonstrate your commitment to address the health care needs of American families; and to announce a series of new initiatives to improve health for older Americans, children, and all families. You also can use this forum as an opportunity to address the tobacco issue.

II. BACKGROUND

This year's Family Re-Union focuses on families and health. The purpose of the conference is to bring together families, health care providers, representatives of health plans, family-centered community-based organizations, and other experts to highlight the critical health issues that families face and the ways in which the health care system -- at the community, state, and Federal level -- can be more responsive to their needs.

This is the seventh family conference hosted by the Vice President and Mrs. Gore. You have participated in every one since 1993. Previous topics have included fatherhood, family and the media, and families and education. This year's conference will be held in the same location as last year's and will follow a similar format.

During the course of this event you will: (1) issue an Executive Memorandum that directs eight Federal agencies to implement over 150 new initiatives to help enroll millions of uninsured children in health insurance programs; and (2) renew your call on Congress to pass a patients' bill of rights. In addition, the Vice President will announce a new multi-faceted national health initiative for older Americans, which includes: the implementation of new preventive benefits for Medicare beneficiaries; more usable information on critical health care choices; and a new nationwide public/private Medicare Alliance Network, designed to help older Americans and their families navigate the increasingly complex health care system.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM TO IMPLEMENT OVER 150 NEW FEDERAL COMMITMENTS TO ENROLL ELIGIBLE BUT UNINSURED CHILDREN.

Over 4 million uninsured children are eligible for but not enrolled in Medicaid, and as the new Children's Health Insurance Program is implemented, even more families will have children who are eligible for state or federal health insurance programs. You will sign an Executive Memorandum that cuts across jurisdiction and traditional agency inflexibility by directing eight Federal agencies -- ranging from HUD to SSA to the Education Department -- to implement over 150 new Federal initiatives to help sign up the millions of uninsured children eligible for but not enrolled in health insurance programs. This action illustrates how a responsive and flexible government can meet the evolving needs of families and is being characterized by the American Association of Pediatrics characterized these initiatives as "representing the best of creative government and absolutely critical to achieving our common goal of providing health insurance for all eligible children." The initiatives include:

- **Sending Letters to 350,000 Federal Workers, Including Head Start Teachers, School Nurses, Child support Workers, and Community Health Center Directors** asking them to ensure that all of the families they work with whose children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP are enrolled in these programs.
- **Working With National Organizations and Programs That Reach Millions of Families to Help Enroll Children in Health Insurance Programs**, including educating grandparents through the Medicare program, holding a conference with Historically Black Colleges to identify new strategies, and ensuring that sites, including 15,000 public housing projects, 400 IRS walk-in centers, and 113 job centers, have information for families about how to enroll children in health insurance.
- **Releasing a New Guide to Help Child Care Workers Enroll Uninsured Children.** Child care centers are one family-friendly setting where parents can learn about insurance programs they may be eligible for. There are already many efforts underway to link child care centers with the health needs of the millions of children in child care. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services is releasing a new child care handbook "Child Care and Medicaid: Partners for Healthy Children" to ensure that child care workers understand how to identify and enroll families with uninsured children.

NEW NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE HEALTH OF OLDER AMERICANS. One of the greatest concerns for families is the health of older family members. Today, the Vice President will announce:

- **New Preventive Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries starting July 1st.** For the first time, Medicare will cover two critical preventive benefits -- bone mass measurement tests to detect osteoporosis and diabetes education. The benefits were enacted as part of the historic Balanced Budget Act of 1997 -- as well as a series of preventive benefits to detect cancer, which were implemented earlier this year. These benefits underscore how Medicare is trying to encourage better health outcomes for families.

- **Launched a New Internet Site for Medicare Beneficiaries.** Families need good information to help make the best health care decisions for older family members. The Vice President will launch a new nationwide Internet site (Medicare.gov) so that families can understand the options and services Medicare provides. This information will be even more critical as the historic changes you enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 are implemented this fall. These reforms give beneficiaries new plan choices that will improve care for older Americans, but also have the potential to cause confusion.
- **Created a Nationwide Public/Private Medicare Education Alliance Network, including over 80 National Organizations, to ensure families become informed health care consumers.** The Vice President will also announce that over 80 organizations, including the AFL-CIO, American Association of Retired Persons, Older Women's League, National Rural Health Association, and American Association of Family Physicians, are joining with the Health Care Financing Administration, Administration on Aging, and National Institutes of Health to launch a new National Medicare Education Alliance Network that will work to ensure that families have the information they need to make critical health decisions including: ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries learn of the new preventive benefits and other prevention and wellness strategies; understand new plan options so they can select the health plan that best meets their needs; and know the consumer protections available under Medicare.

PROTECTING FAMILIES THROUGH A FEDERAL PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

- **Renewing Call on Congress to Pass a Patients' Bill of Rights.** This is also an opportunity to again urge Congress to stop delaying and pass a patients' bill of rights to ensure that all families have the patient protections they need in a rapidly changing health care system. A patients' bill of rights should contain a range of protections, including guaranteed access to needed health care specialists, access to emergency room services when and where the need arises, and access to a meaningful internal and external appeals process for consumers to resolve their differences with their health plans and health care providers.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

The President
The First Lady
Chris Jennings

Event Participants:

The Vice President

The First Lady

Mrs. Gore

Julie Moretz, Chair of the Family Advisory Council to the Medical College of Georgia's Children's Medical Center.

Dr. Ricki Robinson, Co-Director of the Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning in La Canada, CA.

Tony Watson, CEO of the New York Health Insurance Plan, and one of your appointees to the Medicare Commission.

Sheila Savannah, Executive Director of People in Partnership in Houston, TX

Dr. Irwin Redlener, President and Co-Founder of the Children's Health Fund, New York, NY

Milagros Batista, Program Manager for Best Beginnings, New York, NY

Gerri Lamb, Nurse and Senior Corporate Director for Community Programs at Carondelet Health Network, Tucson, AZ

Jim Tallon, President of the United Hospital Fund, New York, NY

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The Vice President will brief **YOU** on the events that have taken place earlier in the day.
- **YOU** will greet participants in the panel discussion.
- The Vice President returns to the stage and he and Mrs. Gore will introduce a video. [The film "Team Game" is a short documentary highlighting how health care is portrayed by the media.]
- **YOU** will then be announced onto the stage accompanied by the Vice President, the First Lady, and Mrs. Gore.
- The Vice President makes brief remarks and introduces Mrs. Gore.
- Mrs. Gore makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces a Public Service Announcement on Osteoporosis featuring the First Lady and Mrs. Gore.
- The Public Service Announcement is played.
- The Vice President returns to the Podium and introduces **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks.
- Upon conclusion of your remarks, **YOU**, the Vice President, the First Lady, and Mrs. Gore will proceed to your seats for the discussion. [Other panelists will already be seated.]

- The Vice President will open the discussion by introducing participants.
- The Vice President will introduce each participant and **YOU** will have the opportunity to ask follow up questions. [Suggested sequence and questions attached.]

- Upon conclusion of the discussion, Mrs. Gore will invite you to proceed to the signing table where you will sign the Executive Memorandum.
- Following your signing of the Executive Memorandum, you will depart.

VI. REMARKS

Opening remarks provided by Speechwriting.

Revised Final 06/21/98 5:00pm
Jeff Shesol

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE FAMILY REUNION CONFERENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
June 22, 1998

Acknowledgments: First Lady; VP and Mrs. Gore; members of the roundtable

Before I begin, I want to emphasize what previous speakers have said: no family health issue is more important than protecting our children from tobacco. We have been working for some time now to forge an honorable, bipartisan compromise. A majority of the Senate stands ready to make progress by passing meaningful legislation. But last week, in a brazen act of partisan politics, the Republican leadership chose tobacco companies over American families. The bipartisan bill they blocked would not only give parents a chance against tobacco ads that target children. It would also protect kids from drugs, and give low- and middle-income families a tax break by ending the marriage penalty. It would [improve child care and] make an important investment in cancer research. **So this was not just a pro-tobacco vote; across the board, it was an anti-family vote.**

The congressional leadership will not succeed in clouding the debate or changing the subject from the health of our children. And they will not convince me that this battle is over, because we're going to keep on fighting it until we win it for our children. I urge all members of Congress to join in passing comprehensive legislation that curbs youth smoking. But one thing I will not do is participate a charade that fails to protect our kids and instead gives political cover to the allies of the tobacco lobby. I will not settle for anything less than honest legislation. Because our children deserve no less.

In many ways, this is a moment of great opportunity for America. Our economy is strong and social problems are on the mend. Families are more secure. For five years now, our administration has fought to give America's families more options for affordable health care. We've helped Americans keep health coverage when they change jobs. And we've proposed a patients' bill of rights to ensure that all families have the protections they need in a changing health care system. Families benefit only when we put their interests above special interests -- just as we are trying to do with the tobacco bill -- so I urge Congress to act to protect patients' rights before the end of this session.

America is making great progress in protecting the health of all our family members, from the oldest to the youngest. Previous speakers described the steps we're taking to fulfill our sacred obligation to older Americans. I want to take a moment to explain what we're doing for younger Americans -- our most precious responsibility as parents, and as a nation.

Last year, we made a historic investment in our children's health that will give up to 5 million uninsured kids access to the medical coverage they deserve. In my balanced budget for

1999, I have proposed to give states the funds and flexibility to enroll hard-to-reach children -- because millions of them, though eligible for Medicaid, remain without coverage. And, as recent studies have shown us, uninsured children are more likely to be sick as newborns; less likely to be immunized; and less likely to receive treatment for recurring illnesses, like ear infections or asthma. Without treatment, those conditions can have lifelong consequences.

Every family knows: there is no concern greater than a child's illness; there is no priority greater than a child's health. That is why, four months ago, I asked eight federal agencies to find new ways to help provide health care for children. And today, I am signing an Executive Memorandum directing those agencies to implement more than 150 initiatives, from information for schools and child care centers to partnerships with job centers and Head Start. Working together, we can enroll the millions of uninsured children in Medicaid or our new Children's Health Insurance Program.

As the health care industry evolves, families' needs also change. So must the government that works to meet their needs. The federal commitments I am enacting today give government a new flexibility -- cutting across agency lines, forging relationships with private organizations, pooling resources to protect the most vulnerable Americans. This is more than good policy; it is a fundamental obligation to our families. As we approach the 21st century, I am confident we will fulfill that responsibility -- and have healthier and stronger families, and a healthier and a stronger America.

I would now like to open the roundtable for discussion, and I look forward to hearing all your perspectives.

FAMILY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND SUGGESTED QUESTIONS
(IN SPEAKING ORDER -- THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS AND PARTICIPANTS WILL SPEAK. THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY, AND MRS. GORE HAVE THE OPTION TO ASK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.)

Julie Moretz is the Chair of the Family Advisory Council to the Medical College of Georgia's Children's Medical Center. Julie's seven year-old son was born with complex heart disease and has undergone 10 heart surgeries. She has learned first-hand how the health care system should be more responsive to families and she has worked tirelessly to make the hospital where her son was treated more family-centered so that it truly accommodates parents and families (e.g., she redesigned rooms to accommodate family-member visits, and created a guide for parents).

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: You have invested a lot of energy and time into improving your son's care ... In fact, I think that Daniel is here with us today -- Acknowledge Daniel ... What advice do you have for other families in similar situations?

MEG SUGGESTED QUESTION: You clearly made an impact on the Medical College of Georgia's hospital. What changes do you think were the most important to families and do they have broader applications for all hospitals?

Tony Watson is the CEO of the New York Health Insurance Plan, a progressive managed care plan. He believes that there are many things health plans can do to be more family-centered, including supporting basic consumer protections. Tony's plan has developed, in conjunction with the New York Department of Health, an important domestic violence program that offers services regardless whether the client is a member of New York HIP. [Tony is also one of the President's appointees to the Medicare Commission.]

VP SUGGESTED QUESTION: Why did your health plan decide to break the mold and come out in support of Federal patient protections?

HRC SUGGESTED QUESTION: I have met many women and children who are plagued by the terror of family violence. I have learned that an extraordinary percent of all emergency room visits by women result from domestic violence. What are the costs of domestic violence, beyond the clear emotional costs, to patients and our health care system?

Dr. Irwin Redlener is the President and co-founder of The Children's Health Fund. Irwin works as a pediatrician and child advocate for homeless, abused, and neglected children across the country. He is an expert on the importance of insurance and other prevention efforts for children outside the health care system.

HRC SUGGESTED QUESTION: We are proud of what the Federal agencies are doing to reach out to families of uninsured children. What would you recommend as the best next steps?

MEG SUGGESTED QUESTION: What are the best ways for local communities to get involved in these efforts?

Milagros Batista is the Program Manager for Best Beginnings, an organization which is devoted to promoting healthy families and children through extensive community outreach and the first home visiting program in New York State. Her program identifies high-risk mothers and works to address any immediate needs. Milagros has pioneered new methods to work with families in the home and to make sure they have appropriate health coverage.

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: What are the unique barriers that minority populations face in terms of understanding health insurance and other health care programs?

HRC QUESTION: How best can we address these issues?

Jim Tallon is the President of the United Hospital Fund, a philanthropic and health services research organization that is currently running a project on family care givers. He recently became Executive Director for the planning committee unveiled last week to create a national Quality Forum.

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: How can we best use existing resources to ensure better opportunities for caregiving by families?

VPOTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: In preparation for this conference, we heard over and over again that patients and their families are best suited to make the best choices about their health care. One of the greatest challenges is to ensure that this information is in a form that families can understand and use. How can we best meet this challenge?

Sheila Savannah is the Executive Director of People in Partnership in Houston, TX, which has had remarkable success in assisting families with mental health problems and providing services to promote the well-being of children.

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: As you know, Mrs. Gore is our Administration's leading voice on mental issues. She worked to ensure that the new Children's Health Insurance Program has a strong mental health benefit and to pass the mental health parity act. What are the greatest challenges the families you work with face in addressing mental health issues?

MEG SUGGESTED QUESTION: You work with families, teachers, and other people in the community to identify children's mental health issues as early as possible. What are the benefits for the patient and the entire community when you identify behavioral problems early?

Dr. Ricki Robinson is the Co-Director of the Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning in La Canada, CA. Ricki is the mother of an autistic child, and since 1990 has been involved in developing family-centered education programs for autistic children. As a physician, her personal experience has given her a unique perspective on how health professionals can work with families confronted by illnesses.

VP SUGGESTED QUESTION: What changes in medical education need to be made to better address the needs of families that have experiences like yours?

HRC SUGGESTED QUESTION: You have experienced many changes in the health care delivery system. What changes are necessary to empower families to navigate the health care system.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

SUBJECT: Federal Actions to Improve Children's Health
Insurance Outreach

Last year, with bipartisan support from the Congress, I was pleased to sign into law the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This new program will help millions of children of working families obtain affordable and much-needed health insurance. As of today, nearly 20 States have had their CHIP plans approved and most States have applied for approval.

Yet, as recent studies show, rapidly implementing CHIP and ensuring that all eligible children are enrolled in this new program or Medicaid has never been more important. This month, a major report from the Institute of Medicine confirmed that children without health insurance are more likely to be sick, less likely to be immunized, and less likely to receive medical treatment for illnesses, such as recurrent ear infections and asthma. Without treatment, these diseases can have lifelong consequences. Another study by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research concluded that there are 4.7 million uninsured children who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid. Several million more will become eligible for CHIP as States implement their programs.

Only an intense, sustained campaign in both the public and private sectors can address the significant challenge of uninsured children. On February 18, 1998, I requested children's health outreach proposals from eight Federal agencies on how the executive branch of the United States Government can assist in children's health insurance outreach.

In response, I received the *Report to the President: The Interagency Task Force on Children's Health Insurance Outreach*, which contains proposals on how to engage the executive branch in children's health outreach. I have reviewed this report and found these proposals sound, innovative, and worth undertaking.

Therefore, I hereby direct you to take the following actions to promote children's health insurance outreach, consistent with the missions of your agencies and the content and timelines of each potential initiative described in the *Report*.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall ensure that the:

- Health Care Financing Administration, among other proposed actions, creates an on-line clearing house for outreach information and facilitates relationships between State Medicaid and CHIP agencies and community-based and private organizations to identify, educate, and enroll uninsured children in State health insurance programs;
- Health Resources and Services Administration, among other proposed actions, trains health care providers to help identify and enroll children in health insurance through its National Health Service Corps and Area Health Education Centers, which trains students and health providers and distributes information to families that use the community clinics that it funds;
- Administration for Children and Families, among other proposed actions, distributes promotional material and applications for Medicaid and CHIP to the families they serve through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Head Start sites, and subsidized child care sites;
- Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, among other proposed actions, supports investigator-initiated evaluations of outreach activities to better understand which outreach and enrollment strategies work best and to disseminate results to improve outreach performance;
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among other proposed actions, puts outreach referral information in its public health publications and pamphlets;

- Indian Health Service, among other proposed actions, integrates "train the trainer" techniques to educate select community members who can then provide information on health insurance to the rest of the community;
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, among other proposed actions, develops and implements an educational campaign for uninsured children with special needs.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall, among other proposed actions:

- Educate Regional and State directors of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and other Food and Nutrition Service programs on health care programs that are available to families with uninsured children and determine what information to give to these families; how to coordinate the application process to facilitate enrollment in CHIP and Medicaid; and how families applying for school lunch programs can receive information on health insurance;
- Provide information to the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service regional and State program staff and grantees and encourage dissemination of information to families regarding the CHIP and Medicaid programs.

The Secretary of Education shall, among other proposed actions:

- Educate and assist families through its Partnership for Family Involvement program, which promotes family involvement in education, and includes employers, schools, education organizations, and community and religious groups.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall, among other proposed actions:

- Provide information on children's health outreach to applicants for competitive grants, and ask its directors of Public Housing Authorities and Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities to post or distribute this information.

The Secretary of Interior shall, among other proposed actions:

- Develop and distribute culturally relevant referral information to Native American families through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, especially focusing on tribal schools, colleges, and social services agencies.

The Secretary of Labor shall, among other proposed actions:

- Distribute Medicaid and CHIP outreach information through its Job Corps Centers, One-Stop Career Centers, welfare-to-work grant programs, and small businesses contacts.

The Secretary of the Treasury shall, among other proposed actions:

- Post children's health outreach information for families at IRS walk-in centers and provide this information to Voluntary Income Tax Assistance sites.

The Commissioner of Social Security shall, among other proposed actions:

- Distribute information and/or applications for children's health insurance in its SSA field office reception areas and provide to States names of families of children denied SSI so that States can send these families educational information and applications for children's health insurance programs.

I also direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to continue to work with the above mentioned agencies to assist them in fulfilling these commitments, to engage new agencies and develop other commitments, and report back to me in 1 year on agency accomplishments.

Conference Agenda

Monday, June 22, 1998
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Langford Auditorium
Nashville, Tennessee

Moderated by:
Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore

(All times Central)

12:30-12:50 p.m.

OPENING SESSION, Langford Auditorium, Vanderbilt Medical School

WELCOME

Joe Wyatt, Chancellor, Vanderbilt University

Martha Farrell Erickson, Ph.D., Co-Sponsor and Director of the Children, Youth & Family Consortium, University of Minnesota

Bill Purcell, Co-Sponsor and Director of the Child and Family Policy Center at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies

Introduction of Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore

"TEAM GAME," A film collage, directed by Jeffrey Cole, Director of the UCLA Center for Communication Policy

Introduction by Vice President Gore

12:50-3:30 p.m.

"FAMILY-CENTERED HEALTH"

President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Tipper Gore make remarks and lead a forum discussion with:

Milagros Batista, Program Manager, "Best Beginnings"

Gerri Lamb, Ph.D., RN, Senior Corporate Director for Community Programs, Carondelet Health Network

Julie Moretz, Chair, Family Advisory Council, Medical

College of Georgia

Children's Medical Center

Center, **Irwin Redlener, M.D.**, Vice President, Children's Medical
Montefiore Medical Center, President of the
Children's Health Fund

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Ricki Robinson, M.D., Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University
of Southern California School of Medicine, Co-Director,
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Sheila Savannah, Executive Director of People in Partnership
James Tallon Jr., President, United Hospital Fund
Anthony Watson, Chairman and CEO of HIP Health Plans

Concurrent Sessions

4:00-5:00 p.m.

"FAMILY FRIENDLY HOSPITALS"

**Vice President Gore leads an interactive session with three
videoteleconference sites and participants from Vanderbilt
University Medical Center**

Pediatrics

Officer

Member

Pediatric Resident

1. **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA**
Juliette Schlucter, Parent
Donald F. Schwarz, M.D., Vice Chairman of the Department of
Jeffrey A. Rivest, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating
Monica Russell, Parent
2. **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA**
Lawrence N. Shulman, M.D., Patient and Family Working Group
and Council, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham
and Women's Hospital
Nancy Lev, Patient and Family Advisory Council Co-Chair
Paula Killelea Guyette, Patient and Family Advisory Council
Susan M. Grant, RN, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham
and Women's Hospital
3. **Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Lebanon, NH**
Sarah Lester, M.D., Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD)
William E. Boyle Jr., M.D., Director, William E. Boyle Community
Pediatrics Program at CHaD
Melanie French, Parent
4. **Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and Family Resource Center,
Vanderbilt University**

Medical Center

Tennessee

Harry R. Jacobson, M.D., Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs,
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
William Walsh, M.D., Chief of Nurseries, Vanderbilt University

Donnica DeLeon, Parent
Dara V. Howe, Parent, State Coordinator of Family Voices of

4:00-5:30 p.m.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

(These roundtable discussions are concurrent with the Vice President's interactive videoteleconference session.)

(Law Building, Rm. 131)

1. BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Milagros Batista, Founder of "Best Beginnings," New York, NY
Barbara Clinton, Director, Center for Health Services, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Gerri Lamb, Ph.D., RN, Senior Corporate Director, Community Programs, Carondelet Health Network, Tucson, AZ
Naomi Tannen, Human Services Consultant, Burlington, VT
David Satcher, MD, Ph.D., U.S. Surgeon General, Assistant Secretary for Health, Washington, DC

(Law Building, Rm. 133)

2. FAMILY-CENTERED MENTAL HEALTH

Special Guest: Tipper Gore

Alvin Poussaint, M.D., Director, Media Center, Judge Baker Children's Center, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
Barbara Friesen, Ph.D., Director, Research and Training Center, Professor, Portland State University, Portland, OR
Judith Katz-Leavy, Senior Policy Analyst, Federal Center for Mental Health Services, Washington, DC
Beth Stroul, Vice President, Management and Training Innovations, Inc., McLean, VA

(Langford, then
Divinity, Rm. G23)

3. TRAINING AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

Ricki Robinson, M.D., Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of Southern California School of Medicine, Co-Director, Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning, La Canada, CA
John Brooks, M.D., Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, Dartmouth Medical School, Lebanon, NH
Darrell Kirch, M.D., Dean, Schools of Medicine and Graduate

Studies, Medical College of Georgia
William Schwab, M.D., Professor, Department of Family
Medicine, University of Wisconsin
Cheryl Taylor, Ph.D., RN, Director of Nursing, Charter Behavioral
Health Services, Greensboro, NC

(Divinity Refectory) 4.

STAYING WELL

Lisa Farnin, Project Leader, Visteon Systems, Board Member,
The Wellness Community, Philadelphia, PA

Lanny Copeland, M.D., President-elect, American Academy of
Family Physicians, Albany, GA

Jane Delgado, Ph.D., President and CEO, National Coalition of
Hispanic Health and Human Services Organization,
Washington, DC

Anne McGintis, Parent, School and Community Involvement
Coordinator, Hamilton County Department of Education,
Hamilton County, TN

Lt. Gen. Charles Roadman II, M.D., Surgeon General, U.S. Air
Force, Washington, DC

(Law Building, Rm. O-27)

5. **WHAT FAMILIES WANT TO KNOW**

David Kendall, Director, Health Priorities Project, Progressive
Policy Institute, Washington, DC

Carol Flint, Writer/Producer, "ER," Los Angeles, CA

Robert Levine, M.D., Chairman, Advisory Group "Health Priorities
Project," New York, NY

Col. Virginia Randall, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD

Sheila Savannah, Executive Director, People in Partnership,

Houston, TX

(Divinity, Rm. G27) 6.

FAMILIES AND ELDER CARE

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing
Administration, Department of Health and Human Services,
Washington, DC

Val Halamandaris, President, National Association for Home
Care,
Washington, DC

John Rother, Director of Legislation and Public Policy, American
Association of Retired Persons, Washington, DC

Karen Schrock, Executive Director, Adult Wellbeing Services,

Detroit, MI

(Law Building, Rm. 123)

7. **FAMILIES AS EXPERTS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH
CARE**

Polly Arango, Director, Family Voicés, Algodones, NM

Julie Moretz, Chair, Family Advisory Council, Medical College of
Georgia

Herbert Smitherman Jr., M.D., Assistant Professor, Detroit

Medical Center/Wayne State University School of
Medicine, Detroit, MI

Thomas Tonniges, M.D., Director of Community Pediatrics,
American Academy of Pediatrics, Los Angeles, CA

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Divinity All Faith

Chapel)

8. FAMILY FRIENDLY HOSPITALS

Irwin Redlener, M.D., President, Children's Health Fund,
Professor of
Pediatrics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine,
New York, NY

Joan Carlson, Vice President and CEO, Baptist Memorial
Hospital-Memphis DBA St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, TN

Christine Harper Seitz, Vice President of Clinical Operations,
Children's Hospitals of St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN

Patricia Sodomka, Executive Director, Medical College of
Georgia Hospital and Clinics

(Owen, Rm. 110)

9. SAFE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Martha Farrell Erickson, Ph.D., Director, Children, Youth and
Family Consortium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

Karl Dennis, Executive Director, Kaleidoscope, Inc., Chicago, IL

Thomas Frazier, Police Commissioner, Baltimore City, MD

Jan Malcolm, System Vice President of Public Affairs, Allina
Health System, Minneapolis, MN

Ann Rosewater, Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

(Calhoun, Rm. 109)

10. MAKING HEALTH POLICY WORK FOR FAMILIES

Robert Ross, M.D., Director, San Diego County Health and
Human Services Agency, San Diego County, CA

Richard Aronson, M.D., Chief Medical Officer/State Director,
Maternal and Child Health, Wisconsin Division of Health,
Milwaukee, WI

Paula Duncan, M.D., Principal Assistant to the Secretary, Agency
in Human Services, VT

Maxine Hayes, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Community and
Family Health, Washington State Dept. of Health, Olympia,
WA

Chris Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President for Health
Policy Development, Washington, DC

(Calhoun, Rm. 103)

11. MEASURING SUCCESS

John Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care
Policy and Research, Washington, DC

Nancy Dickey, M.D., President-elect, American Medical

Association, Chicago, IL

David Lansky, Ph.D., President, Foundation for Accountability,

Portland, OR

Michael Millenson, Author, *Demanding Medical Excellence*,

Chicago, IL

5:30-7:00 p.m.

RECEPTION WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND TIPPER GORE

Committee

Welcome by Elliott Moore, Chairman of the Tennessee Steering
for Family Re-Union 7

Musical performances by:

The Super Stars from Jones Paideia Magnet School with their
teacher and conductor Amy Alley.

Students from the "Kids on Stage" Summer Academy at Hillsboro
School in Williamson County. Their principal is Ann Lewis and
their conductor is Rick Wheeler.

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, June 23, 1998
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Langford Auditorium
Nashville, Tennessee

(All times Central)

8:30-8:40 a.m.

WELCOME

University

Harry Jacobson, M.D., Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Vanderbilt

Jill Iscol, Ed.D., Chair of Family Re-Union 7

Introduction of the Vice President and Mrs. Gore

8:40-9:50 a.m.

"HEALTH STARTS WITH FAMILIES"

A discussion led by Vice President Gore and Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.

Chicago, IL

Nancy Dickey, M.D., President-elect, American Medical Association,

Diego

Maggie Hoffman, Co-Director, Project DOCC, Manhasset, NY

Robert Ross, M.D., Director, Health and Human Services Agency, San

County, CA

John W. Rowe, M.D., President of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Hospital, Professor of Medicine and Geriatrics, New York, NY

Hospital and Clinics

Patricia Sodomka, Executive Director, Medical College of Georgia

William Stead, M.D., Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

9:50-9:55 a.m.

INTRODUCTION BY TIPPER GORE OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY FILM

9:55-10:15 a.m.

"FAMILIES AND HEALTH: A CHILD'S VOICE"

Directed and produced by Michael Stevenson

Department of Film and Television, College of Communication, Boston

University

10:15-10:25 a.m.

REMARKS BY TIPPER GORE

"Children's Mental Health and Family Illness"

10:25 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

"COMMITMENTS FOR THE FUTURE FOR FAMILIES AND

HEALTH"

Polly Arango, Co-Founder and Director of Family Voices, Algodones, NM

Sue Bailey, D.O., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs,
Department of Defense, Washington, DC

Jordan Cohen, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Association
of American Medical Colleges, Washington, DC

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing
Administration, Department of Health and Human Services,
Washington, DC

Martha Farrell Erickson, Ph.D., Director, Children, Youth and Family
Consortium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

Carol Flint, Writer/Producer for "ER," Los Angeles, CA

Ruby Hearn, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Robert Wood Johnson

Foundation,

Princeton, NJ

Janice Lachance, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management,

Washington, DC

Stephanie Pena, Student, LaGuardia High School for the Performing

Arts, New York, NY

Eric Pulier, President and CEO, Digital Evolution Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Bill Purcell, Director, Child and Family Policy Center, Nashville, TN

John Rother, Director of Legislation and Public Policy, American

Association of

Retired Persons, Washington, DC

Ralph Smith, Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Jon Wagner-Holtz, Founder and CEO, Kids Konected, Trabuco, CA

12:00 p.m. -12:15 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GORE

12:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

(A list of conference attendees is available by sending a self-addressed 9x12 envelope and \$1.50 to: Family Re-Union 7, care of The Child and Family Policy Center, Vanderbilt University, 1207 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212.)

June 19, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Craig Smith, Karen Skelton, and Jocelyn Bucaro

SUBJECT: Tennessee Political Briefing

PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

1992

Clinton/Gore	933,521	47%
Bush Quayle	841,300	42%
Perot/Stockdale	199,968	10%

1996

Clinton/Gore	906,448	48%
Dole/Kemp	860,778	46%
Perot/Choate	104,549	6%

Electoral Votes: 11

POLITICAL DATA AND STATISTICS

Governor:	Don Sundquist (R)	Won with 54% in 1994
US Senate:	Fred Thompson (R)	Won with 61% in 1996
	Bill Frist (R)	Won with 56% in 1994
US House:	4D/5R	
State Senate:	18D/15R	
State House:	61D/38R	

TENNESSEE AT A GLANCE

- 83% of Tennesseans are White; 16% African-American; 1% Hispanic; and 1% Asian/ Pacific Islander.
- The population is 5,320,000. Just under two-thirds of the population is between the ages of 18-65. 39% of the population lives in rural areas.
- The unemployment rate has declined from 6% to 5.1% since 1993.
- 257,800 new jobs have been created since 1993--an average of 56,247 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 39,375 jobs per year during the previous administration.
- The poverty rate has fallen 3.7% since 1993.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL

- * **YOU** were last in Tennessee on June 25, 1997, with **the Vice President** to attend the Tennessee Family Conference.
- * **The Vice President** was last in Tennessee on April 17th, where he toured areas devastated by tornadoes, attended an airport event in Memphis, and attended a fundraiser for Rep. Harold Ford Jr.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Senator Fred Thompson (R)	Senator Bill Frist (R)
Representative William L. Jenkins (R-01)	Representative John J. Duncan (R-02)
Representative Zach Wamp (R-03)	Representative Van Hilleary (R-04)
Representative Bob Clement (D-05)	Representative Bart Gordon (D-06)
Representative Ed Bryant (R-07)	Representative John Tanner (D-08)
Representative Harold E. Ford, Jr. (D-09)	

NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

Mayor:	Philip Bredesen (D)	
Metro Council:	Jay West	Vic Varallo
	George Armistead	Ronnie Steine
	Chris Ferrell	Leo Waters
	Regina Patton	Melvin Black
	Ron Nollner	Don Majors
	Frank Harrison	Eileen Beehan
	Earl Campbell	Lawrence Hart
	James Dillard	Tim Garrett
	Mike Wooden	Phil Ponder
	Charles French	James Bruce Stanley
	Roy Dale	Jerry Wayne Graves
	Mansfield Douglas	Stewart Clifton
	Julius Sloss	Morris Haddox
	John Holt	Eric Crafton
	Horace Johns	David Kleinfelter
	Michelle Arriola	Janis Sontany
	Durward Hall	Saletta Holloway
	Leroy Hollis	Tom Alexander
	Craig Jenkins	Ron Turner
	Charles Fentress	Vic Lineweaver

US Representatives: Bob Clement (D- 05)
Bart Gordon (D-06)

Clinton/Gore won the 5th Congressional District 53% to 37% in 1992. In 1996 Clinton/Gore won the 5th Congressional District 55% to 39%.

1998 GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Primary: August 6

Many prominent Democrats have looked at the gubernatorial election, including Congressman Bob Clement, former House Majority Leader Bill Purcell, and Knoxville businessman and Gore friend Doug Horne. For a variety of reasons, though, each has opted not to challenge Governor Don Sundquist (R) in 1998. Among the nine Democratic candidates who have filed to take on Governor Sundquist, Attorney Michael Whitaker (D) of Covington, Tennessee is the most serious. Although he is well-connected in Tennessee politics, he is not considered to be a strong challenger to Sundquist, who was elected in 1994 with 54% of the vote. Governor Sundquist has

been steadily raising money since his inauguration and had raised over \$3 million as of the March 31 filing.

John Jay Hooker (D), who was the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1966 and 1970, is also running. He has received a great deal of attention by the media because of his ongoing lawsuit contesting the constitutionality of the "Tennessee Plan" for selecting appellate and Supreme Court judges, a hot issue in the August primary election (see below). Hooker's candidacy, however, is not considered serious because of his personal problems and questions about his stability.

1998 HOUSE RACES **Primary: August 6**

4th CD: Rep. Van Hilleary (R)

2nd term, 58%

Rep. Hilleary won this northeastern district in 1994 after Jim Cooper (D) left office to run unsuccessfully for the Senate. Hilleary took 57% in 1994 and 58% in 1996. State Senator Jerry Cooper (D) will challenge Hilleary in November. While the race will be an uphill battle, Cooper has the ability to raise money and is considered a very good campaigner. In addition, the Tennessee Democratic Party has targeted Hilleary's district in an effort to win back this seat.

5th CD: Rep. Bob Clement (D)

6th term, 72%

Rep. Clement has held this Nashville-based district since he won the seat in a special election in 1988. He has a moderate to conservative voting record, which is favored by Tennessee's increasingly Republican voters. He won in 1996 with 72% of the vote after spending \$372,000.

6th CD: Rep. Bart Gordon (D)

7th term, 54%

Republicans have been eyeing Rep. Gordon's seat in recent years, noting his decreasing victory margins, which have shrunk from 77% in 1986 to 54% in 1996. Four Republicans have lined up to challenge Gordon in 1998. None is considered serious, though. Gordon has outpaced his challengers in fundraising and had \$477,000 on hand at the end of March.

8th CD: Rep. John Tanner (D)

5th term, 67%

Rep. Tanner is considered safe in his northwestern 8th district. In 1996, he defeated Tom Watson (R) by 37 points, outspending him \$380,000 to \$10,000.

9th CD: Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D)

1st term, 61%

Rep. Ford replaced his father, Harold Ford Sr., who represented this Memphis-based district for 22 years. He faces no serious Republican challenge in his reelection bid.

HOT ISSUES

"Tennessee Plan" and Supreme Court Elections

Questions over the August 6 election of members of the state appellate courts and the state

Supreme Court have been the focus of spirited debate and controversy over recent weeks. Gubernatorial candidate John Jay Hooker (D) and Court of Appeals candidate Robert Delaney filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the "Tennessee Plan" for election of appellate judges. The Tennessee Plan, enacted in 1994, involves a merit screening process, appointment by the governor, evaluation by a special commission, and uncontested "retention" elections. The lawsuit focused primarily on retention elections, which require that sitting judges face an uncontested, yes-no vote for reelection. Under the Tennessee Plan, Delaney is prohibited from running for a Court of Appeals vacancy, which instead would be filled through an appointment by the Governor. Davidson County Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle ruled earlier this month the Tennessee Plan unconstitutional, requiring the August 6 elections be contested and thereby placing Delaney on the ballot. Lyle's decision, however, was stayed pending appeal in a ruling on June 16 by a specially appointed substitute Court of Appeals panel. It is unlikely the appeals process will be completed before the August 6 election.

Supreme Court Justice Penny White failed the retention vote in 1996 due to heavy opposition from radical right Republicans who labeled her anti-death penalty because of her vote to overturn a death sentence in the Odom case, a particularly gruesome rape and murder case in Memphis. As a result of that election, Justice Lyle Reid decided to retire from the Supreme Court rather than face a retention vote. There are three remaining "Democratic" justices - Riley Anderson, Frank Drowota, and Adolphus Birch. Justice Birch is the only member of the Supreme Court who is being targeted by the radical right in this year's election because he authored the opinion that Justice White affirmed overturning the death sentence in the Odom case.

Economy

While the U.S. economy has been steadily improving over the last five years, Tennessee's economy has been seeing downward trends in recent years. The Tennessee budget deficit has reached unprecedented highs, totaling \$250 million. Tennessee job growth dropped to 44th in the nation in 1997, down from 8th in 1995. Tennessee was one of nine states in the nation to lose more than 10,000 manufacturing jobs, and consequently, unemployment has risen above the national average for the first time since before 1988. Personal income has also dropped to 38th in the nation from 4th in 1995. Over the past month, however, 25 companies committed \$1.2 billion in new investment for Tennessee, a package that Governor Sundquist hopes will stimulate economic growth and produce jobs in some of Tennessee's most devastated regions.

Nashville Mayoral Elections (1999)

Former House Majority Leader Bill Purcell (D) announced his intention to run for Mayor of Nashville in 1999. Purcell hired Al Cocke, formerly a deputy in Attorney General Knox Walkup's office, as his campaign manager. Former Mayor Dick Fulton (D) announced he hired a treasurer and formed a committee to run for Mayor, but stated that he has not made up his mind yet. Nashville Vice Mayor Jay West (D) has stated that he is interested in running in 1999, but has not made any formal announcement. There are a couple of other potential candidates still in the wings, and Mayor Phil Bredesen (D) has stated publicly his intentions to seek re-election, although many insiders are questioning whether or not he will. He has a number of projects he would like to continue working on, including the public school system (he implemented a Core curriculum program last year and is encouraged by the results), building a new state of the art

public library and museum for Nashville (he won funding for this project in March), and welcoming the Oilers to Nashville Stadium in 1999. Additionally, many believe he still wants to run for Governor, which would be difficult without an office from which to run, especially with three years before the 2002 gubernatorial election.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN TENNESSEE 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 Tennessee after the first 63 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic Conditions in Tennessee:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 6% to 4.8%.
- Tennessee has added 327,800 new jobs, or 62,438 **per year** -- compared to 39,675 **per year** during the previous administration.
- Tennessee has added 301,700 new private-sector jobs, or 57,467 **per year** -- compared to 34,825 **per year** during the previous administration.
- The Help Wanted Index has increased 58.7%.
- Bank lending has increased by 9.9% **per year** -- after **DECREASING** 1.6% **per year** during the previous administration
- Business failures have decreased 1.8% **per year** -- after **INCREASING** 9.2% **per year** during the previous administration.
- Home building has increased 9.6% **per year** -- after **DECREASING** 4.3% **per year** during the previous administration.
- Construction has increased 5.3% **per year** -- after **DECREASING** 0.9% **per year** during the previous administration
- Consumer confidence has increased 85.6%.

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

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

19 TIMES MORE TENNESSEE FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 384,057 working families in Tennessee will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 20,469 wealthiest taxpayers in Tennessee.

TAX CUT FOR 25,586 SMALL BUSINESSES IN TENNESSEE: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 25,586 small businesses in Tennessee are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

898,000 TENNESSEE 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 897,527 workers in Tennessee, and protects the jobs of 53,918 workers in Tennessee who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

285,700 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN TENNESSEE WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 285,700 Tennessee borrowers -- 200,000 current borrowers and 85,700 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.



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

June 19, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KATHLEEN A. MCGINTY *WPM for KAM*
SUBJECT: TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

American Heritage Rivers

Four rivers in Tennessee were nominated as American Heritage Rivers: the Cumberland, French Broad, Mississippi (Memphis) and the Tennessee Rivers. The Advisory Committee did not include any of these nominations in their final recommendations to you.

There were strong expectations in Memphis that the American Heritage River Advisory Committee would recommend the entire Mississippi River, including a nomination from Memphis, as an American Heritage River. During its first meeting in May, the Advisory Committee considered the possibility of recommending all of the Mississippi River's nominations as a group, including the Memphis proposal. However, this idea was dropped when the Advisory Committee met earlier this week to make their final recommendations. Instead the committee chose to recommend only the Upper Mississippi River for designation.

If asked about American Heritage Rivers, you should say that you will be making designations over the summer.

Oak Ridge

There has been a great deal of media attention in Tennessee over health concerns at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Since 1995, about 50 current and former workers at Oak Ridge have experienced unexplained health problems. A DOE incinerator on site was initially reported to be the problem, but a blue ribbon panel found that the incinerator is not the cause of the illnesses. Health studies conducted by the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health have also failed to find any environmental exposure problems. Currently, three occupational physicians from outside the area are evaluating the workers' illnesses and are due to report their findings in October.

If asked about the issue, you should say that you are deeply concerned about the sick workers and that finding out the cause of the problem is a high priority.

Tennessee Valley Authority Appropriations

The Administration has requested \$76.8 million in its budget request for 1999 for Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) non-power resource conservation programs. This year, the Senate Appropriations Committee has sent the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for 1999 to the floor with a continuation of the \$70 million allocation. The House Committee Energy and Water Appropriations bill for FY 1999 contains no funding for non-power programs and instructs that further funding for such activities should come from TVA's own "internally generated revenues" -- meaning from revenues from the sale of power to customers in the Valley.

The Administration opposes these cuts in funding, and the Vice President intends to actively fight for restoration of the funds. The TVA has long been the administrator of funds appropriated by Congress for programs such as river management for both flood control and navigation, management of certain public lands, environmental management and research, and other purposes.

If asked about this issue, you should say that the Administration is opposed to this cut in funding and plans to fight for its restoration.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. *TM*
JON P. JENNINGS *JPJ*

SUBJECT: HOT ISSUES -- NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mining Petition: The Office of Surface Mining has been petitioned to designate the 85,588 acres in the watershed and viewshed of Fall Creek Falls State Park (FCFSP) in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties in TN as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations. The petitioners contend that mining in the petition area would adversely impact the water quality of FCFSP as well as other natural resources of the park. A mining company that has formally intervened in the proceedings indicates that it is successfully utilizing mining and reclamation technologies that prevent acid mine drainage. This company has made large capital investments in properties in the petition area. A public hearing on the recently issued draft environmental impact statement (EIS) was held on June 18, in Crossville, TN. The petitioners oppose the preferred action in the draft EIS. (DOC)

Air Quality: The air quality conformity determination of Nashville's Long Range Transportation Plan lapsed on May 1. This means that only ^a few exempted highway projects will be allowed until a new plan is accepted. (DOT) ✓

Air Pollution: EPA has identified TN, among other states, as causing significant air pollution problems in downwind states. EPA proposed a rule on October 10, 1997 requiring states that contribute significantly to ozone problems in other states to reduce their air pollution emissions. Under the proposed rule, TN will have to implement air pollution controls, most likely on utilities, beginning in 2002 to achieve a statewide 35 percent reduction in ozone-forming emissions. Governor Sundquist strongly opposes the proposed rule and signed a letter, along with nine other Southern and Midwestern governors, to you expressing concerns and requesting an extension of the comment period on the proposed rule. (EPA)

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS: *TENNESSEE*

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

- ***Unemployment Down to 4.8%:*** The unemployment rate in Tennessee has declined from 6% to 4.8% since 1993.
- ***327,800 New Jobs:*** 327,800 new jobs have been created in Tennessee since 1993 -- an average of 62,438 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 39,675 jobs per year during the previous administration.
- ***301,700 New Private Sector Jobs:*** Since 1993, 301,700 new private sector jobs have been created -- an average of 57,467 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 34,825 private sector jobs per year in the previous administration.
- ***28,500 New Construction Jobs:*** 28,500 construction jobs have been created in Tennessee since 1993 -- an average of 5,429 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 825 construction jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- ***319,000 Have Received a Raise:*** Approximately 121,000 Tennessee workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 198,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- ***The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:*** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Tennessee, the poverty rate has fallen 3.7 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- ***Highest Homeownership Ever:*** Homeownership in Tennessee has increased from 67.4 percent to 71.4 percent since 1992-- its highest homeownership rate on record.
- ***Home Building Up 9.6%:*** Home building has increased by an average of 9.6% per year since 1993, after falling over 4.3% per year during the previous four years.
- ***A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:*** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. **Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 593,000 families in Tennessee.**
- ***3.6% Growth in Personal Income:*** Personal income in Tennessee has risen at an annual rate of 3.6% since 1993.
- ***9.9% Growth in Total Bank Loans and Leases:*** Tennessee has seen a 9.9% average growth rate in total bank loans and leases per year since 1993, after falling over 1.6% per year during the previous administration.
- ***7.5% Growth in Commercial and Industrial Loans and Leases:*** Each year since 1993, Tennessee has experienced a 7.5% growth in commercial and industrial loans and leases. In contrast, commercial and industrial loans and leases fell over 3.7% per year during the previous administration.
- ***Over \$25,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:*** The national debt will \$1.7 trillion lower in fiscal year 1999 than projected in 1993 -- that's \$25,000 less debt for each family of four in Tennessee next year.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- ***\$76.2 Million in Head Start Funding:*** In FY97, Tennessee received \$69.4 million in Head Start funding benefitting nearly 14,600 children. This year, Tennessee receives \$76.2 million, an increase of \$6.9 million over 1997. President Clinton's FY99 budget proposal will increase Head Start funding for Tennessee's children by an additional \$5.6 million.
- ***\$8.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:*** This year [FY98], Tennessee receives \$8.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. President Clinton's FY99 budget proposes to increase Goals 2000 funding by an additional \$310,000. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- ***\$7.2 Million for Technology Literacy:*** Last year, Tennessee received \$3.5 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund. This year [FY98], Tennessee receives an increase of \$3.7 million, to \$7.2 million, for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.

President Clinton's FY99 budget proposal will raise funding for technology literacy by nearly \$800,000 over FY98.

- **\$128.6 Million for Students Most in Need:** Tennessee receives \$128.6 million in Title I grants providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98]. President Clinton's FY99 budget proposes to increase funding for Title I Grants by \$5.7 million to aid Tennessee's students.
- **\$128.9 Million in Pell Grants:** This year [FY98], Tennessee will receive \$128.9 million in Pell Grants for low-income students going to college, an additional \$25 million over last year. With this increase, a total of 69,400 Tennessee students will benefit, 4,100 more than the previous year. And President Clinton's FY99 budget proposal increases Pell Grant funding to \$133.3 million.
- **Over 1,700 Have Served in Tennessee through AmeriCorps:** Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 1,700 AmeriCorps participants, working in 204 different programs, have earned money for college while working in Tennessee's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. [through 3/98]
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. **98,000 students in Tennessee will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 119,000 students in Tennessee will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**

FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- **1,467 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,467 new police officers to date in communities across Tennessee. [through 6/98]
- **Over \$2.6 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Tennessee receives \$2,640,000 in federal funds this year [FY98] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services.
- **Over \$1.1 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** This year [FY98], Tennessee will receive \$1,136,633 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse, an additional \$205,000 increase over last year. President Clinton's FY99 budget proposal increases HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to nearly \$1.2 million.
- **\$9.3 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Tennessee's Schools:** Tennessee will receive \$9.3 million in FY98 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

MOVING TENNESSEANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK

- **166,281 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 166,281 fewer people on welfare in Tennessee now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 52% decrease. [through 3/98]
- **Child Support Collections Up 96%:** Child support collections have increased by over \$81 million -- or 96% -- in Tennessee since FY92. [through FY96]
- **Tennessee Receives \$21.6 Million in Welfare-to-Work Grants:** In FY98, Tennessee is eligible to receive \$21.6 million in welfare-to-work state formula grants, helping Tennessee prepare welfare recipients for work and to place them in jobs. Part of the President's comprehensive efforts to move recipients from welfare to work, this funding is included in the \$3 billion Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge Fund signed into law in the 1997 balanced budget.

INVESTING IN TENNESSEE'S HEALTH

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in

Tennessee the Balanced Budget provides \$66 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 85,700 children in Tennessee.

- **Helping Tennessee Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Last year, in Tennessee, 20,262 more women and children in need received health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Tennessee in 1996, 95% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **Increased Funding for HIV/AIDS Programs by 513%:** In FY97, Tennessee communities received \$5.8 million in Ryan White formula and other HIV/AIDS program funds, a 513% increase over FY93 levels. This funding provides people living with HIV and AIDS medical and support services, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program which helps those without insurance obtain much needed prescription drugs. [HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4/98]
- **President's Tobacco Plan Will Cut Smoking and Premature Deaths by 47% in Tennessee:** If the Clinton Administration's tobacco proposal on youth smoking is enacted, by 2003, Tennessee will see a 47% cut in youth smoking and resulting premature deaths. Over the next five years, 65,000 youth of Tennessee will be kept from smoking and 22,000 will be spared a premature tobacco-related death. [Treasury Dept., 3/23/98]
- **2,300,000 Americans in Tennessee Cannot Be Assured They Have Patient Protections.** Even if Tennessee enacted all the protections in the Patients' Bill of Rights, 2,300,000 people in Tennessee cannot be assured they have the comprehensive patient protections recommended by the President's Advisory Commission. This is because the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) may preempt state-enacted protections. That is why the President has called on Congress to pass a federally enforceable patients' bill of rights so that everyone enrolled in managed care may have a basic set of protections. Notably, 1,180,000 Tennessee women are in ERISA health plans and are therefore not necessarily protected. Women are particularly vulnerable without these protections because they are greater users of health care services, they make three-quarters of the health care decisions for their families, and they have specific health care needs addressed by a patients' bill of rights.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **8 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 8 Superfund toxic waste clean-ups in Tennessee, in Arlington, Memphis, Chattanooga, Collierville, Moscow, Gallaway, Lewisburg, and Waynesboro [through 1/98]. There were no Superfund sites cleaned up in Tennessee during the previous twelve years combined.
- **Revitalizing Brownfields Projects in Knoxville and Memphis:** Part of the Clinton-Gore Administration's efforts to clean up Brownfields, the EPA has designated two communities in Tennessee -- Knoxville and Memphis -- for environmental clean-up and economic revitalization. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS

- **Over \$10 Million to Communities Across Tennessee:** Memphis, Nashville, and the counties of Fayette, Haywood, and Scott were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded a total of over \$10 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.
- **Expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Will Help Develop 3,700 To 4,500 New Affordable Housing Units in Tennessee Over the Next 5 years:** In January, the Vice-President announced the Clinton-Gore Administration's proposed 40-percent expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. If enacted, it will mean an additional 3,700 - 4,500 quality rental housing units for low-income American families in Tennessee during the next five years.

EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

- ***\$1.77 Billion in Federal Highway Aid:*** Since 1993, Tennessee has received \$1.77 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 75,000 jobs. [through FY97]
- ***Over \$274 Million in Aviation Funds:*** From FY93-FY97 Tennessee received \$274,250,000 in AIP funds to help build and renovate airports, and, when necessary, to provide funds for noise abatement to improve the quality of life for residents who live near airports.
- ***Over \$153 Million in Transit Funds:*** Tennessee has received a total of \$153,390,000 in FTA funds since 1993.