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Sandy Sheller  
512 Hoffman Drive  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
September 1, 1998

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The Honorable William Clinton  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to you because my husband, Stephen A. Sheller, and I have been your supporters for a number of years and contributors to the Democratic party. We have been in your company a number of times, both in Philadelphia and in Washington, and have been with Mrs. Clinton. We are good friends with Ed Rendell. I am a Messianic Jew and a strong believer that God works all things together for good to those that love him (Romans 8:28), and he wants all to be saved and none to perish (1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9). I feel tremendously for you and what you and your family must be going through. I felt in my heart to write to you and encourage you to seek after God, not necessarily in a "religious way" (going to Church, etc.), but in a personal way.

God has appointed you as the leader of our country and ordained you to stand up, and lead this great country to do what is right and give him the glory. Our morals and ethics have fallen way down because we have taken God out of our lives, and now follow man's rules and ways, instead of his. Our country is great, because it was founded by men who loved God, walked with him, and established his principles to be our laws and guides. God's love is forever and his promises are forever. There is so much in his word that can encourage you. He understands our short comings and foibles, and uses us to work out his plans, despite the sins we fall into. You can turn this around, not only in your own life and family, but to help all of us, as Americans, repent and turn from our ways. It took one man, Jeremiah, to have a vision and rebuild the walls. I ask you to meditate on what I will share with you, and to let God and his Holy Spirit change you and us.

The Bible tells us that David was a man after God's own heart. David was not afraid to fight for God (Goliath), worship God (2 Samuel 6), or cry out to God and be real with him (Psalms). We are told, "David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all of his people." (2 Samuel 8:15). Yet, David was caught with his guard down, allowing the lust of his flesh to take over, when he didn't accompany Joab into battle. From his roof top, he saw a very beautiful married woman (2 Samuel 4) and slept with her. The more he tried to cover up the sin, the worse it got. Eventually, he had the woman's husband killed, and the woman became David's wife and bore him a son. "But the thing David had done displeased the Lord." (2 Samuel 11:27b). God said to him, through the prophet Nathan, "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and

took his wife to be your own..." (2 Samuel 12:9). God seemed more upset with the lie and cover up, then the original sin of lust. David would have to pay the consequences by withstanding God's own punishment. But also, he would have work to do, to restore his relationship with God. David says, (2 Samuel 16:12) "It may be that the lord will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today." I pray God will see your distress, guide you to do his will, and repay you with good for all your suffering and the suffering of your family. You too have work to do.

Psalm 32, David's heart cry says, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and you did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord - and you forgave the guilt of my sin..."

God's word says if we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Jesus died for our sins, we will be forgiven and restored in our relationship with God. Once we are washed clean, the Holy Spirit can come into our hearts and transform us more and more into God's likeness.

Then Psalm 32 says, "Therefore let everyone who is Godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him."

I ask you to trust in God, and seek him with all your heart. Let him be your counselor and his word instruct you. Psalm 18:16-19 and 2 Samuel 22:17-20 both say, "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me." You have many who are against you, yet God is waiting for you to come to him because Psalm 30:5 says, "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." Acts 3:19 says, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..."

I feel like God is already working in your heart, knocking at your door. Your wanting to forgive so you can be forgiven is from the Bible which, tells us to forgive seven times seven, times

seven, times seven, and on and on. It is not based on what we feel like or even on the change in our perpetrators, but simply because God asks us to, and he has forgiven us. He says, in Mark 11:25, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

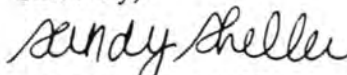
I know there are many out there who profess to be believers in God and Church going citizens, but maybe they have not pondered and meditated on his words. For example, there is a famous story in the Bible about a woman who commits adultery and the Pharisees and teachers of the law want to stone her. In John 8:7, Jesus replies to them, "If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." At this reply, all the people around the woman leave until she is alone, and then Jesus says, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?...Then neither do I condemn you, go now and leave your life of sin." You can take a stand and show all of America how God has not condemned you, but cleansed you and changed you, and how you have left your sin behind you.

I think you can identify with David when he says in Psalm 38:16-22, "Do not let them gloat or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips. For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. Many are those who are my vigorous enemies; those who hate me without reason are numerous. Those who repay my good with evil, slander me when I pursue what is good. O lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior." Let God be your Savior.

As God's word says, we are to pray for our leaders, and I will be doing just that. As you can see, there is so much from his word. I only touched the tip of all God has to say. We cannot successfully live out our lives in our own strength. But with God, all things are possible. Deuteronomy 30:19-20 says, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him." Help bring this great country back to the reason it became great; God was in the center of our lives.

I sincerely hope and pray you will receive this.

Sincerely,

  
SANDY SHELLER

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

STEPHANIE STREETT

SUBJECT:

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Schedule

Purpose

To request your approval of the schedule for your participation in the 53<sup>rd</sup> opening session of the UNGA.

Background

You are scheduled to address the General Assembly at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 21. Other events tentatively on the schedule for the 21<sup>st</sup> include the traditional courtesy calls with Annan and the incoming General Assembly President, Foreign Minister Opertti of Uruguay; bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Sharif of Pakistan and President Abubakar of Nigeria; a Kofi Annan hosted luncheon and a panel discussion with other world leaders at the NYU conference on Strengthening Democracy in the Global Economy. In addition, we recommend that you hold a bilateral meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with Prime Minister Obuchi of Japan.

Courtesy Calls

It is traditional for you to make courtesy calls on the Secretary General and the incoming General Assembly President. Accordingly, we recommend you make ten-minute courtesy calls on Kofi Annan and incoming UNGA President Opertti.

Approve ✓

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

What time will  
you be there?  
Should you?

Luncheon

The Secretary General of the United Nations traditionally hosts a luncheon for heads of state/delegation on the opening day of the opening session. We recommend you attend.

Approve ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Bilaterals

**Prime Minister Sharif of Pakistan** - Sharif is under considerable pressure to distance his government from the United States and resume development of deployed nuclear weapons and missiles. In spite of this, he has taken a number of recent steps that support our policy objectives, including turning over a suspect in the Nairobi bombings and a commitment to sign the CTBT. A meeting with you will help bolster his difficult political situation and allow you to engage him on a range of security issues including CTBT, FMCT, Afghanistan, terrorism and India-Pakistan relations. We recommend that you agree to meet with **Prime Minister Sharif**.

Approve ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**President Abubakar of Nigeria** - This meeting would demonstrate U.S. support for the broad reform-oriented direction Nigeria has taken in the past three months under Abubakar's leadership. Among other initiatives, Abubakar has released most political prisoners, dissolved government-manipulated electoral structures and put in place a regionally and ethnically balanced independent election commission. At a time when much of the news emanating from Africa has been negative, a meeting with Abubakar would be a very important symbolic and substantive recognition of one of the positive stories to be told about developments on the continent. We recommend that you agree to meet with **President Abubakar**.

Approve ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prime Minister Hashimoto of Japan** - Given the cancelled Hashimoto State Visit, the tenuous state of the Japanese economy, and the need to show support for the new Japanese government, it is important for you to meet with Prime Minister Obuchi as soon as possible. Psychologically, it is also important that this meeting be seen by the Japanese as more than the standard bilateral meeting between world leaders. Consequently, we recommend that you meet with Obuchi at a "special" location in the New York area where, in addition to bilateral discussions, you could have a bit of personal time to begin to get to know one another. Given the activity already scheduled for Monday, the best time for this meeting is Tuesday morning. Draft schedules for Monday and Tuesday are attached.

We considered several possible venues for the meeting including the Harriman estate (Arden House), the Merchant Marine Academy and West Point; however, we quickly focused on Kykuit (pronounced Kye-cut), the Rockefeller family estate located in the historic and picturesque Hudson Valley. Kykuit was constructed between 1906 and 1913 and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1976. The estate sits atop an exposed hilltop site 500 feet above sea level and enjoys a panoramic view of the Hudson River. In addition to the main house, designed in turn of the century American architecture, there are extensive gardens, both of which we would use for the meeting. For format, we recommend that you arrive at Kykuit ahead of Obuchi and welcome him to the estate followed by a short walk to the Tea House in the inner garden for Tea (15 minutes). Afterwards, you would hold a one-hour bilateral meeting in the living room of the main house focusing on economic issues and conclude with a one-hour working lunch in the dining room of the main house. **We recommend that you meet with Obuchi on Tuesday, September 22 at the Rockefeller estate.**

Approve ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

**We recommend that you start the meeting with tea, followed by a bilateral meeting and a working lunch.**

Approve ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment

Tab A Draft Schedules for September 21 and 22.

Sunday, September 20, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998

*Draft Schedule*

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Sunday, September 20, 1998

**Schedule of the President  
for  
Sunday, September 20, 1998  
*Draft Schedule***

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|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady proceed to the South Lawn                                                                                               |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart The White House via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base<br>[flight time: 10 minutes]                      |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base                                                                                           |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route John F. Kennedy Airport, New York<br>[flight time: 55 minutes] |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive John F. Kennedy Airport                                                                                          |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart John F. Kennedy Airport via motorcade en route Waldorf-Astoria Hotel<br>[drive time: tbd]                        |
| TBD | THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel                                                                                            |

Greeters:

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| BC/HRC RON | WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL<br>NEW YORK, NEW YORK |
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September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Monday, September 21, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
FOR  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1998

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Monday, September 21, 1998

**Schedule of the President  
for  
Monday, September 21, 1998  
*Draft Schedule***

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| TBD                       | <b>BRIEFING</b><br>PRESIDENTIAL SUITE<br>Waldorf-Astoria Hotel<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>PRESS TBD</b>                                                                  |
| 9:25    am                | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Waldorf-Astoria Hotel via motorcade en route<br>United Nations Building<br>[drive time: 5 minutes]                                                                                           |
| 9:30    am                | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives United Nations Building<br><br>Greeters:        TBD                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:35    am-<br>9:45    am | <b>BRIEF MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN</b><br>GA 200<br>United Nations Building<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY</b>                           |
| 9:50    am-<br>10:00   am | <b>BRIEF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DIDIER OPERTTI</b><br>GA 200<br>United Nations Building<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br>Interpretation: TBD<br><b>OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY</b> |
| 10:05   am-<br>10:25   am | <b>SPEECH PREPARATION</b><br>LOCATION TBD<br>United Nations Building<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                                      |

September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Monday, September 21, 1998

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| 10:30 am- | <b>SPEECH TO 53RD OPENING SESSION OF UNITED NATIONS</b>                                                                       |
| 10:50 am  | <b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>                                                                                                       |
|           | ASSEMBLY HALL                                                                                                                 |
|           | United Nations Building                                                                                                       |
|           | Remarks:                                                                                                                      |
|           | Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                  |
|           | Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams                                                                                            |
|           | <b>OPEN PRESS</b>                                                                                                             |
| 11:00 am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs United Nations Building via motorcade en route United Nations Mission<br>[drive time: 5 minutes] |
| 11:05 am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives United Nations Mission                                                                           |
| 11:10 am- | <b>BRIEFING</b>                                                                                                               |
| 11:25 am  | LOCATION TBD                                                                                                                  |
|           | United Nations Mission                                                                                                        |
|           | Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                  |
| 11:30 am- | <b>BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SHARIF OF</b>                                                                        |
| 12:15 pm  | <b>PAKISTAN</b>                                                                                                               |
|           | 12TH FLOOR                                                                                                                    |
|           | United Nations Mission                                                                                                        |
|           | Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                  |
|           | Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams                                                                                            |
|           | <b>POOL SPRAY (AT THE TOP)</b>                                                                                                |
| 12:20 pm- | <b>BRIEFING</b>                                                                                                               |
| 12:35 pm  | LOCATION TBD                                                                                                                  |
|           | United Nations Mission                                                                                                        |
|           | Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                  |
| 12:40 pm- | <b>BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ABUBAKAR OF</b>                                                                           |
| 1:10 pm   | <b>NIGERIA</b>                                                                                                                |
|           | LOCATION TBD                                                                                                                  |
|           | United Nations Mission                                                                                                        |
|           | Staff Contact:                                                                                                                |
|           | Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams                                                                                            |
|           | <b>STILLS ONLY</b>                                                                                                            |
| 1:20 pm   | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs United Nations Mission via motorcade en route United Nations Building<br>[drive time: 5 minutes] |

September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Monday, September 21, 1998

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| 1:25         | pm        | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives United Nations Building<br><br>Greeters: TBD                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1:30<br>2:45 | pm-<br>pm | <b>UNITED NATIONS LUNCHEON</b><br>ROOM TBD<br>United Nations Building<br>Remarks:<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>PRESS TBD</b>                                                            |
| 2:50         | pm        | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs United Nations Building via motorcade en route New York University School of Law<br>[drive time: tbd]                                                                                                     |
| 3:10         | pm        | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives New York University School of Law<br><br>Greeters: TBD                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3:15<br>4:25 | pm-<br>pm | <b>BRIEFING/DOWN TIME</b><br>LOCATION TBD<br>New York University School of Law<br>Staff Contact:<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams                                                                                                 |
| 4:30<br>6:30 | pm-<br>pm | <b>STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: AN OPENING DIALOGUE</b><br>LOCATION TBD<br>New York University School of Law<br>Remarks:<br>Staff Contact: Sid Blumenthal<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>POOL PRESS</b> |
| 6:45<br>7:30 | pm-<br>pm | <b>RECEPTION</b><br>LOCATION TBD<br>New York University School of Law<br>Staff Contact: Sid Blumenthal<br>Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg<br><b>CLOSED PRESS</b>                                                                    |

September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Monday, September 21, 1998

7:45 pm THE PRESIDENT departs New York University School of Law via  
motorcade en route Waldorf Astoria Hotel  
[drive time: approximately 15 minutes]

8:00 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Waldorf Astoria Hotel

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WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
FOR  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

*Draft Schedule*

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Tuesday, September 22, 1998

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for  
Tuesday, September 22, 1998  
*Draft Schedule***

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| 8:15  | am- | <b>BRIEFING</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| 9:15  | am  | PRESIDENTIAL SUITE<br>Waldorf Astoria Hotel<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                           |
| 9:30  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Waldorf Astoria Hotel via motorcade en route<br>Wall Street Landing Zone<br>[drive time: tbd]                            |
| 9:45  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives Wall Street Landing Zone                                                                                                 |
| 9:55  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Wall Street Landing Zone via Marine One en<br>route Rockefeller Family Estate<br>[flight time: approximately 20 minutes] |
| 10:15 | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives Rockefeller Family Estate<br><br>Greeters:       TBD                                                                     |
| 10:20 | am- | <b>WELCOMING EVENT TBD</b>                                                                                                                            |
| 10:50 | am  | SITE TBD<br>Rockefeller Family Estate<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>PRESS TBD</b>                       |
| 11:00 | am- | <b>BILATERAL WITH PRIME MINISTER KEIZO OBUCHI OF JAPAN</b>                                                                                            |
| 12:00 | pm  | SITE TBD<br>Rockefeller Family Estate<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>PRESS TBD</b>                       |
| 12:05 | pm- | <b>WORKING LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:05  | pm  | SITE TBD<br>Rockefeller Family Estate<br>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger<br>Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams<br><b>PRESS TBD</b>                       |

September 11, 1998 (2:04pm)

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

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| 1:10 | pm- | (T) | <b>HOLD FOR PRESS PLAN TBD</b>                                                                                                      |
| 1:45 | pm  |     | LOCATION TBD                                                                                                                        |
|      |     |     | Rockefeller Family Estate                                                                                                           |
|      |     |     | Remarks:                                                                                                                            |
|      |     |     | Staff Contact: Samuel Berger                                                                                                        |
|      |     |     | Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams                                                                                                  |
|      |     |     | <b>PRESS TBD</b>                                                                                                                    |
| 2:00 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Rockefeller Family Estate via Marine One en route John F. Kennedy Airport<br>[flight time: tbd]        |
| 2:20 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives John F. Kennedy Airport                                                                                |
| 2:35 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs John F. Kennedy Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base<br>[flight time: 55 minutes] |
| 3:30 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives Andrews Air Force Base                                                                                 |
| 3:45 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route The White House<br>[flight time: 10 minutes]            |
| 3:55 | pm  |     | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives The White House                                                                                        |
| 4:00 | pm- |     | <b>PHONE AND OFFICE</b>                                                                                                             |
| 5:30 | pm  |     | <b>OVAl OFFICE</b>                                                                                                                  |
| 6:00 | pm- |     | <b>AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS RECEPTION</b>                                                                                 |
| ?    |     |     | LOCATION TBD                                                                                                                        |
|      |     |     | Remarks:                                                                                                                            |
|      |     |     | Staff Contact: Minyon Moore                                                                                                         |
|      |     |     | Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz                                                                                                   |
|      |     |     | <b>PRESS TBD</b>                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>EVENING OFF</b> |
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BC/HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, DC

September 11, 1998 (3:13pm)

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
SKIP RUTHERFORD

8/28/98

To BLF  
May - 13

Please show to the President - This is the  
direction the City of Little Rock is heading -  
But this is not been publicly released yet -

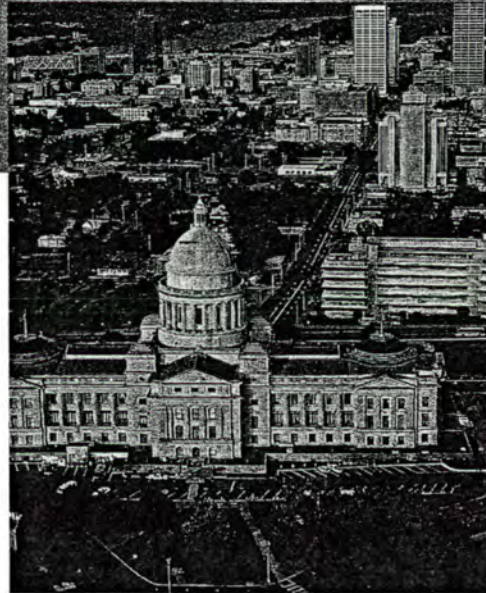
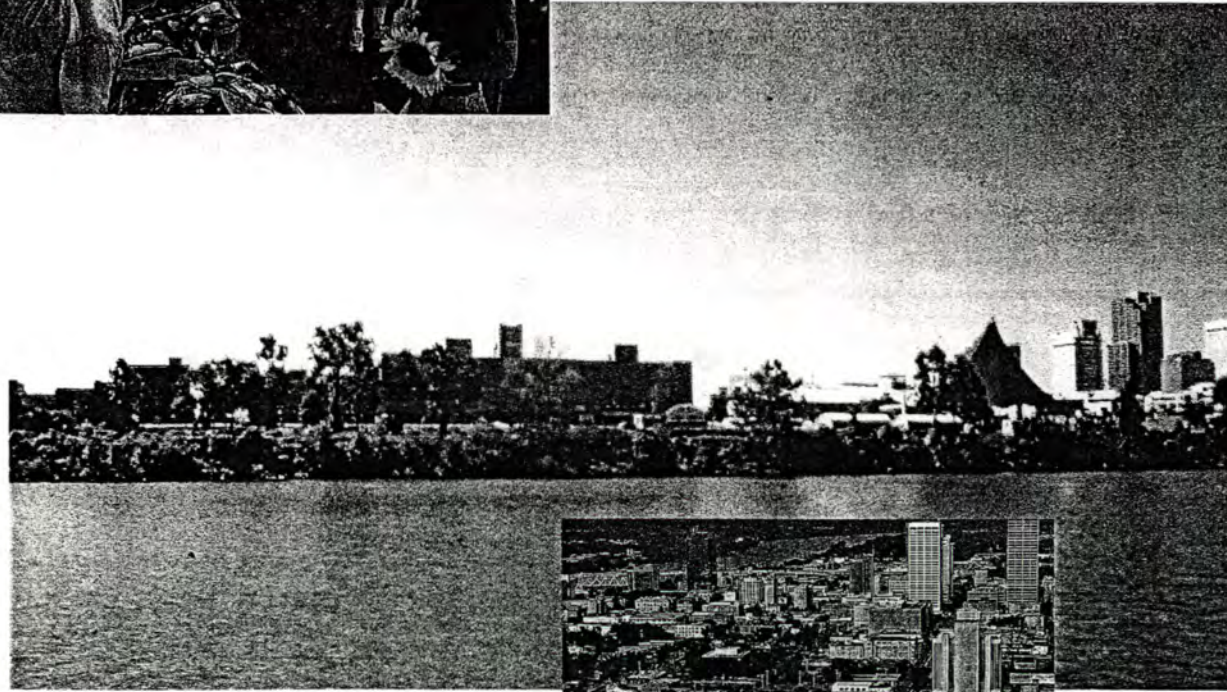
# WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK

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Little Rock , Arkansas

A VISION  
FOR LITTLE ROCK'S  
MILLENNIUM





## Introduction

☆ Building on the success of recent accomplishments in Little Rock's downtown, Waterfront Heritage Park will extend the river-related linear park concept, complement the diversity of destinations already in place in downtown, and add the component of urban waterfront development.

☆ The synergy and public consensus-building that are key to the success of downtown Little Rock is seen in the work of The Downtown Partnership. Indeed, as the organization states, "In a mere three years Downtown Little Rock has reinvented itself. Downtown Little Rock is filled today with signs of positive growth and movement - reaching for long-term planning and development objectives into the next millennium. Construction cranes hail the addition of over \$200,000,000 in public and private investments. Housing, hospitality, cultural and entertainment facilities are integral parts of this new downtown.

☆ Voters, the City of Little Rock, The Downtown Partnership and private businesses and individuals have all had a hand in transforming the River Market District from a quiet warehouse district to a 24-hour destination. The River Market District, the Convention Center expansion, and the Alltel Arena signal the emergence of a new era for Little Rock. Residents and tourists alike find Downtown Little Rock to be the destination of choice - nowhere else in Arkansas can one experience such cultural, ethnic and entertainment-oriented diversity."

☆ Waterfront Heritage Park - with its combination of day-and-night venues and destinations, and anchored by the Clinton Presidential Library - is poised to support and maintain the momentum already established in the redevelopment of Little Rock's downtown.

# WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK



Little Rock, Arkansas

*.....where Little Rock's history began  
and where - now - history returns to Little Rock.....*

Little Rock's place in the history of the new millennium is assured with the announcement of the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library. A source for scholars and a destination for proud Americans, it will serve as a catalyst for the emergence and as an anchor for the renaissance of development of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Little Rock is poised at a special and important moment in its history. Just as the Clinton Presidential Library creates for Little Rock a *gravitas* - a center of permanence and historical importance - Little Rock's downtown and riverfront are postured to realize their own destiny, a limitless potential for urban and waterfront rebirth.

Together, the development of the downtown and waterfront districts and the creation of the Clinton Library will provide a lasting legacy for generations of Americans yet unborn. Building on its past and its physical heritage, and seeing a future imbued with a new aura of historical importance, Little Rock.....

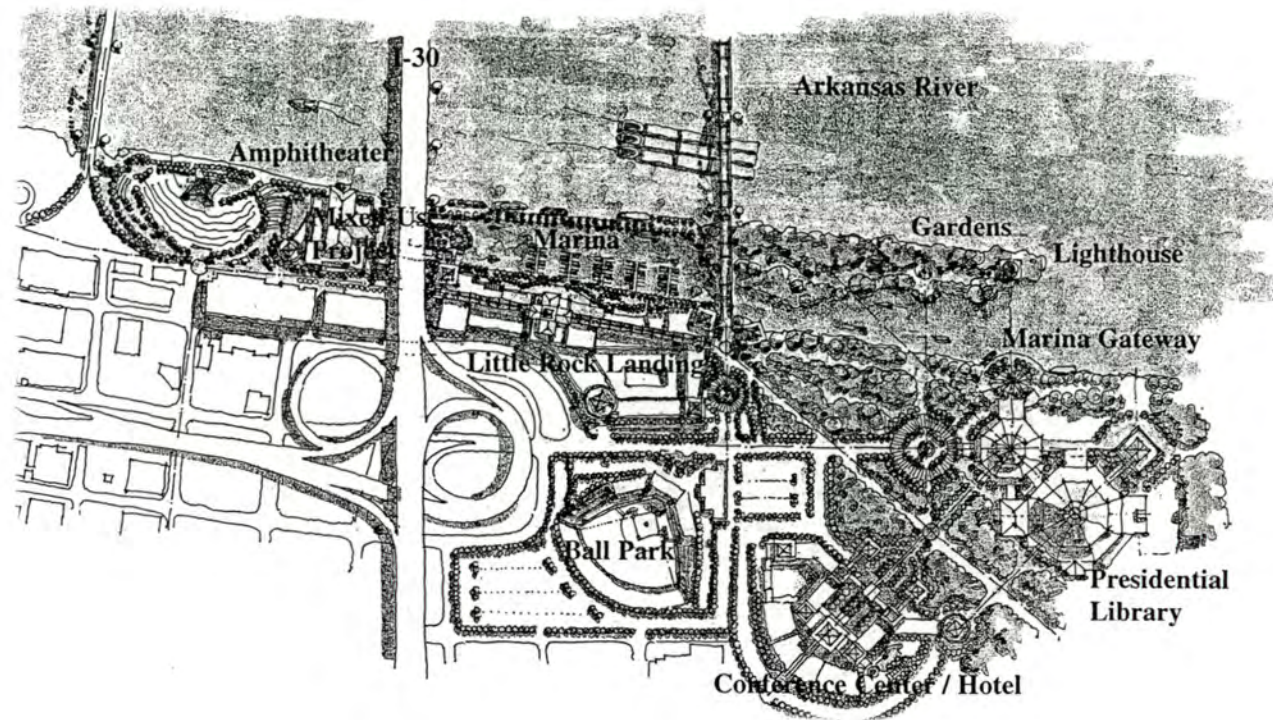
....can become the most lustrous of the String of Pearls comprising the Arkansas River linear park system.

## A Vision Of The Future

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK



Little Rock, Arkansas



*Plan View of Park*

## Waterfront Heritage Park

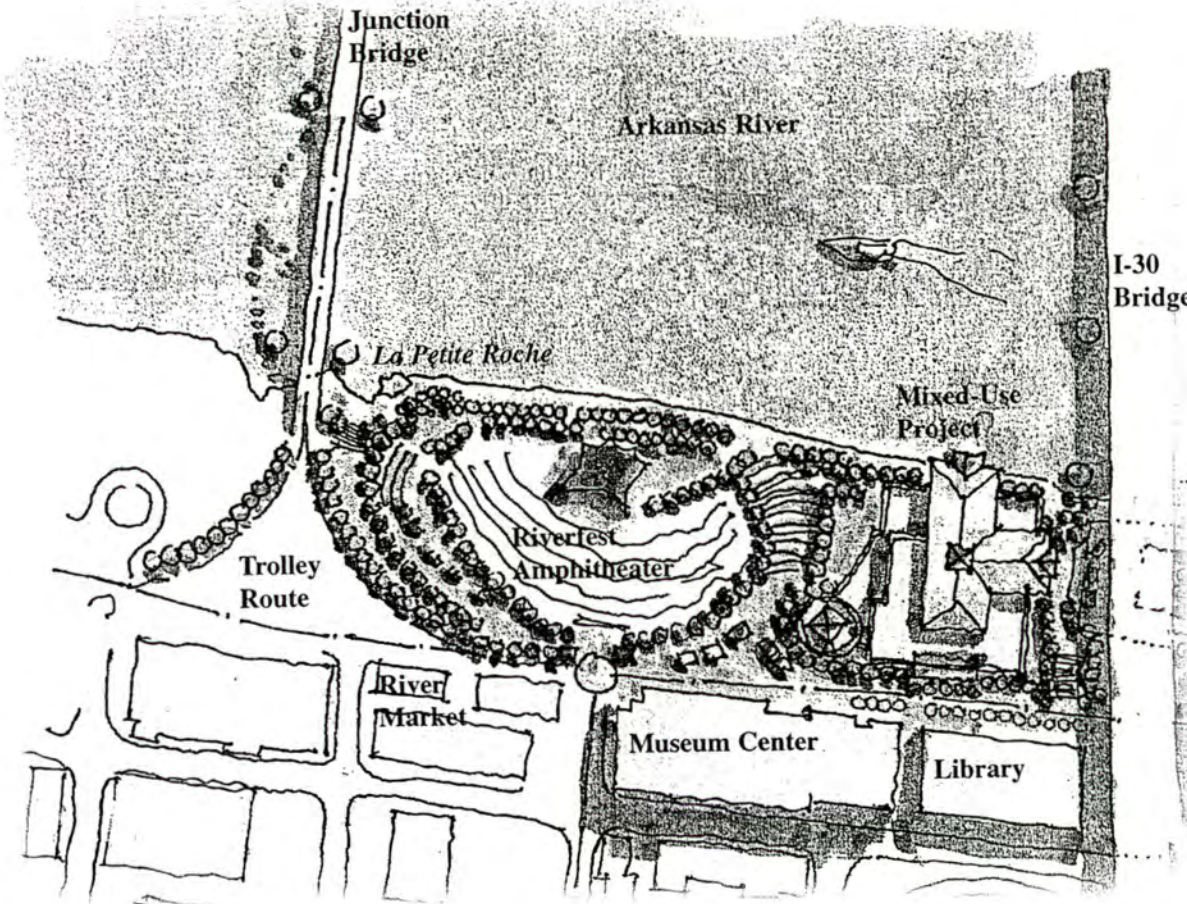
☆ Waterfront Heritage Park is envisioned as a key link in the Chain of Parks concept advanced by the City of Little Rock in 1989. The infusion of urban destinations and the availability of a variety of transportation modes will increase visitor awareness of and accessibility to the 14-mile linear park paralleling the Arkansas River. The resulting "String of Pearls" is envisioned as a paragon of urban linear park development.

☆ The Waterfront Heritage Park project adds a precious jewel of development to the String of Pearls and provides an urban counterpoint to the linear park system of which it would be part. By adding diversity of destinations and activities, the attractiveness of the linear park system to the potential visitor is enhanced. With increased visitation, the whole of the linear park system benefits. Little Rock becomes the urban anchor then, in a complex and beautiful series of open spaces and structured destinations.

☆ The Little Rock Landing project, itself one part of the overall Waterfront Heritage Park concept, was initially proposed by the consultant in January 1998 as a way to capitalize on the adjacency of Little Rock's downtown to the Arkansas River and the development potentials represented there. Linking it first to the Waterfront Heritage Park concept, thence to the 14-mile long String of Pearls linear park, a mutually supportive series of park destinations is achieved.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK





*Plan View of Riverfront*

## Entertainment Venue District

☆ One of the anchors - the Clinton Presidential Library will be the other - of the renewal of Little Rock's downtown, this District will form a daytime and nighttime hub of activity. It will be the progenitor of future projects seeking to build upon the momentum of on-going investment in downtown, characterized by the new library, museum, amphitheater, River Market, and streetscape, recently completed.

☆ At the heart of the District is a Mixed-Use Project, which might include a Musically-themed Cafe, retail, and office space, that engages downtown on one side and the new waterway and Marina on the other; creates the possibility of upper-level residential; and encourages pedestrian circulation between Markham Street and the river. Visitors can dine, drink, dance, stroll, and shop at the diverse venues and outlets featured in the District.

☆ The Museum will provide the District with a focus for cultural activities, exhibits, and special presentations.

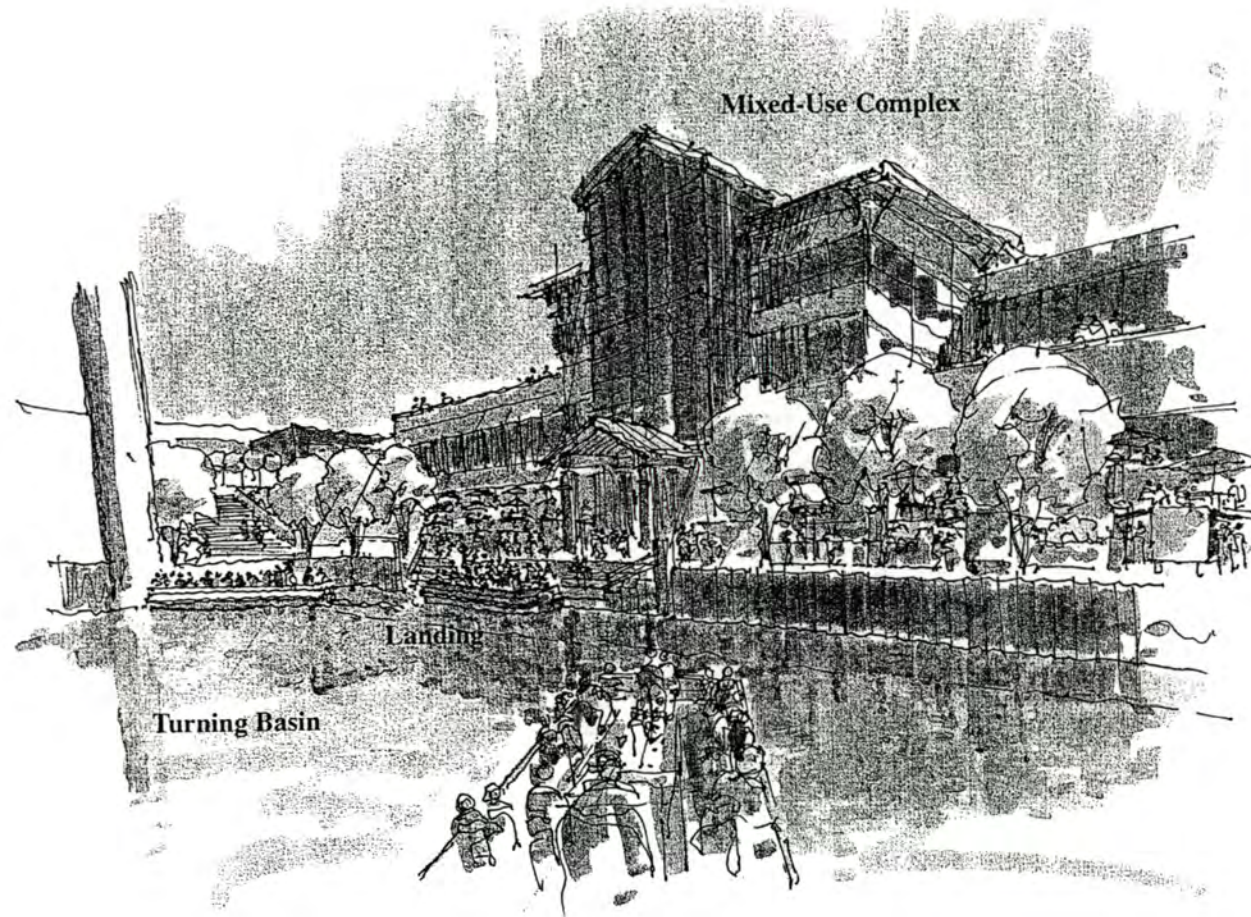
☆ Riverfest Amphitheater is currently one of Little Rock's destinations for enjoyment of music and outdoor cultural events. Recent improvements have elevated visitors' and performers' experiences there.

☆ The downtown Public Library offers residents and visitors alike the possibility of a quiet place to read and research, as well as lending its established presence to the fabric of downtown architecture. More than merely a collection of books, its presence states that academic pursuits can be entertainment.

☆ The River Market and Pavilions complement Riverfest Amphitheater by providing a venue for outdoor social and cultural activities under cover. Retail and Downtown Association offices complete the facilities contained here.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK





Perspective of Turning Basin

## Entertainment Venue District

☆ At the heart of this district, the Mixed-Use Complex engages the Marina, bringing people and activities to the water's edge. In turn, the Marina serves the Complex as a focus for water-borne transportation staging.

☆ The Complex sits at the end of the Marina and Turning Basin, serving as a focal point of urban water-edge development. Situated between the Riverfest Amphitheater and the new Marina development, and close to River Market, the Mixed-Use Complex is a magnet for visitors, who may arrive by vehicle or boat, or on foot. The Complex is designed to complement and extend the draw of River Market and other downtown destinations and to encourage pedestrian movement throughout the area. It serves also to extend the orientation of River Market to the Arkansas River.

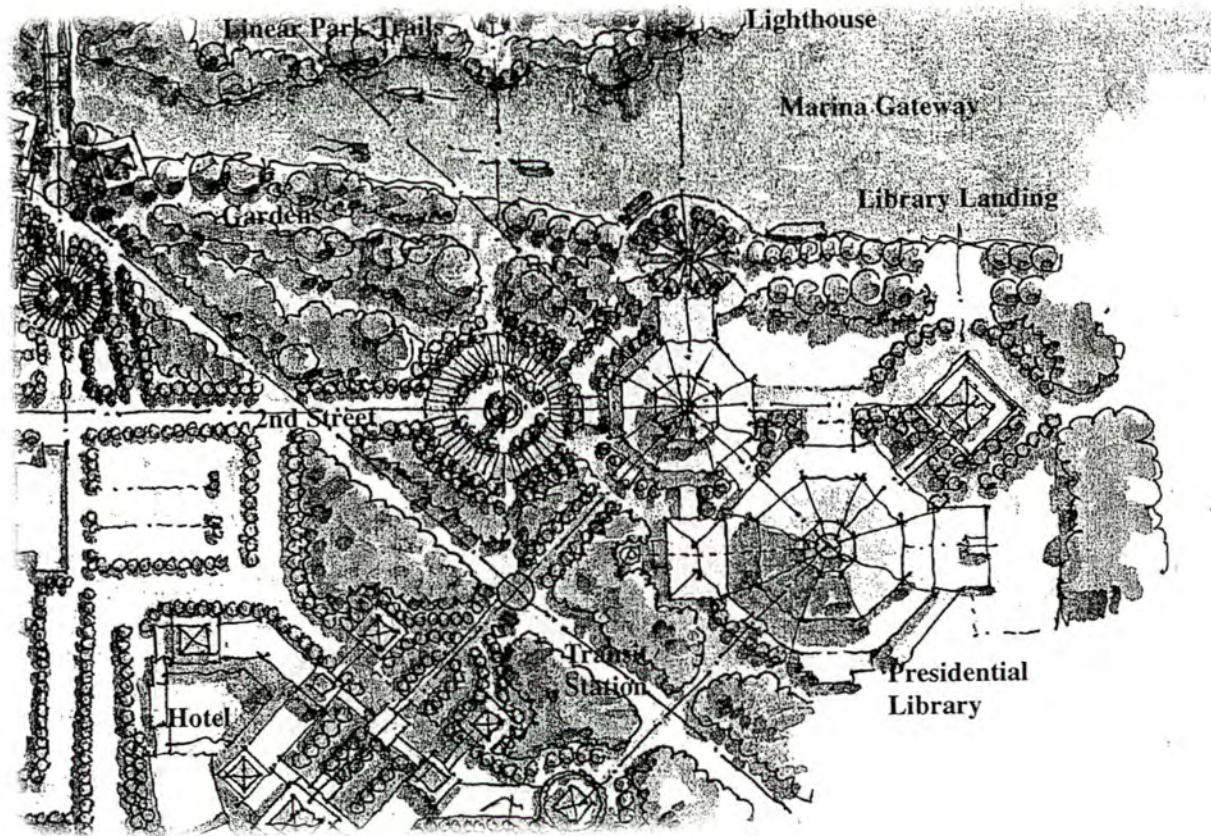
☆ The idea and image of the development is based in the successes enjoyed by other urban water-edge developments like New York City's Battery Park, Vancouver's Granville Island, and Seattle's Pike Place Market. The key component is creating a positive and mutually advantageous relationship between landbased downtown and the Marina and Arkansas River water systems.

☆ At the core of the idea is the concept of creating developable area by reclaiming land from the edge of the Arkansas River, and turning it to the advantage of downtown development.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK



Little Rock, Arkansas



*Plan View of Presidential Library*

## Presidential Library District

☆ Envisioned as an integral thread in the fabric of Little Rock's renewal, the Clinton Presidential Library will anchor this District and form its thematic basis. Containing diverse yet complementary uses, the District is viewed conceptually as an interface of humankind's desire for knowledge and culture with its accomplishments and resourcefulness. The Clinton Library will be a place of historical significance and intellectual retreat in an urban park setting. The Library will interface with and help energize the adjacent waterway development through access and views to and from it. Served by several different modes of transportation, including a presidential landing at the river, the Library will truly become a focal point of activity in the downtown area.

☆ The Linear River Park forming one of the edges of this District will provide - along with the botanical gardens - a counterpoint to the formalized architecture of the presidential library. The Park will connect downtown with the Library Grounds. Visitors may freely stroll the area and enjoy the pastoral pleasures of the park, appreciating the unique resources of Little Rock's river edge location.

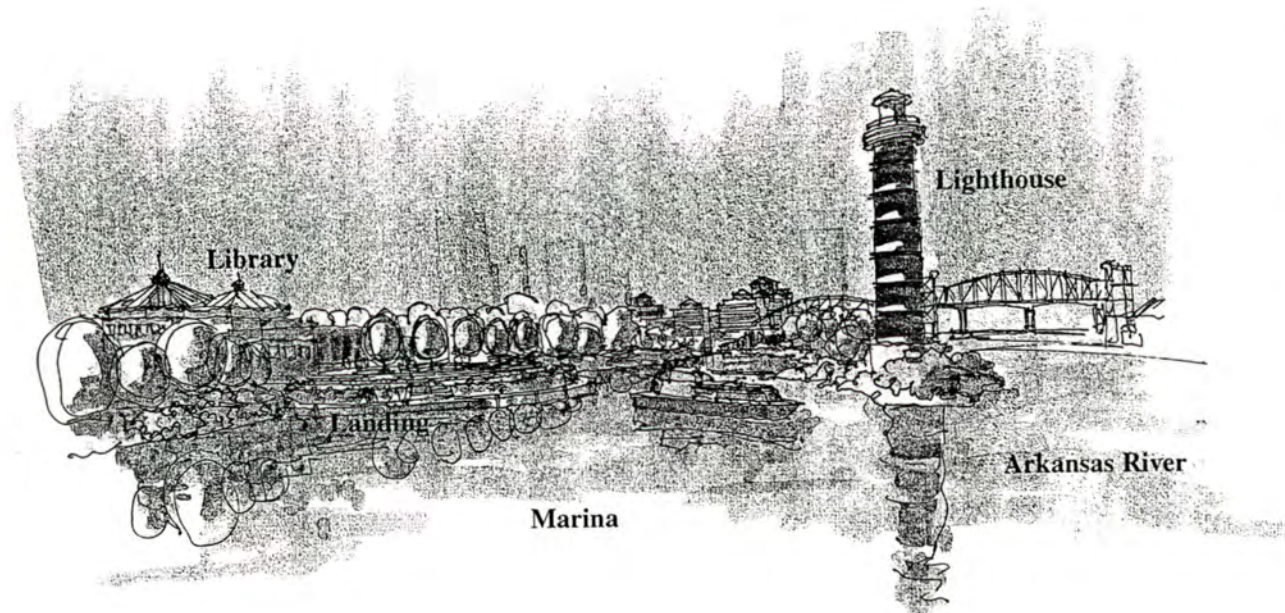
☆ The Botanical Gardens provide the setting for the library. Their serene beauty and park-like atmosphere reinforces the notion of the linear park system to which it is linked.

☆ The image of the Clinton Library conveyed herein is conceptual only. It is not intended to convey any suggestion of the physical requirements of the Library beyond illustrating potential building-to-site relationships inherent in the location of the Library site adjacent to the Marina and Arkansas River. The actual design of the Library will happen once an architect is selected and a rigorous architectural programming and concepting exercise is conducted.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK

Little Rock, Arkansas





Perspective of Marina Gateway

Presidential Library District

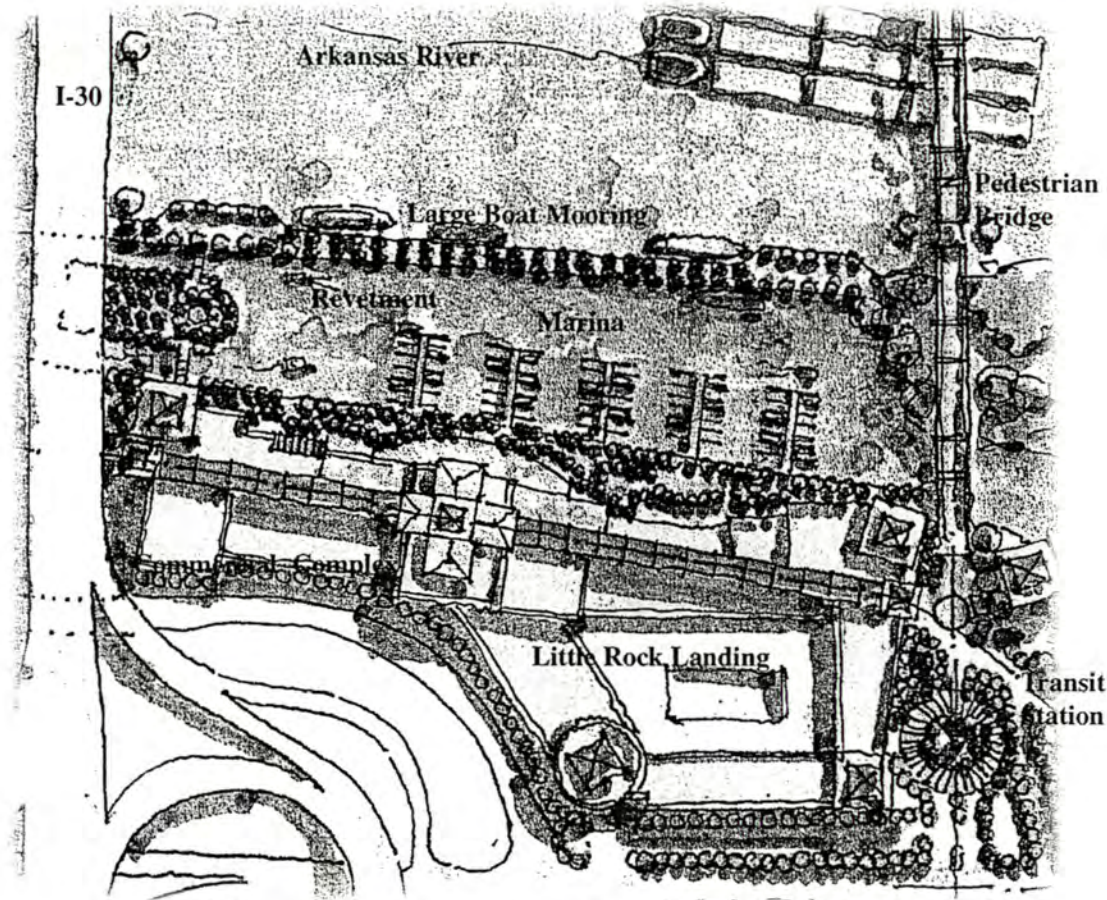
☆ The Marina Gateway symbolizes the interconnectedness of Little Rock with its river. The gateway and marina form a unique and active public edge to the Library District, creating a memorable “riverfront door” for Little Rock, while embodying many of the qualities that make Little Rock special.

☆ A physical counterpoint to the library, and forming a welcoming presence at the doorway of the marina, the Lighthouse beacon symbolizes both the search for knowledge and the assurance of a safe harbor. It also functions as a balancing focal point on axis with the Library, which itself is on axis with the State Capitol at the end of Second Street.

WATERFRONT  
HERITAGE PARK



Little Rock, Arkansas



*Plan View of Little Rock Landing*

## Little Rock Landing District

☆ The historic importance of this area, centered on *La Petite Roche* - the "Little Rock" - and embodied by a legacy of boat operations on this very spot, cannot be overstated, as Little Rock prepares once again to re-focus its physical development on its lifeblood: the Arkansas River. This District is envisioned as a vibrant multi-use complex of urban spaces and waterway activities. It is a hub for private recreational and commercial boating activities on the river, and a focus of retail development. Accessible from North Little Rock via rail trolley, water taxi, and pedestrians, it serves patrons of the Amphitheater, Museum, Alltel Arena, and the Clinton Presidential Library.

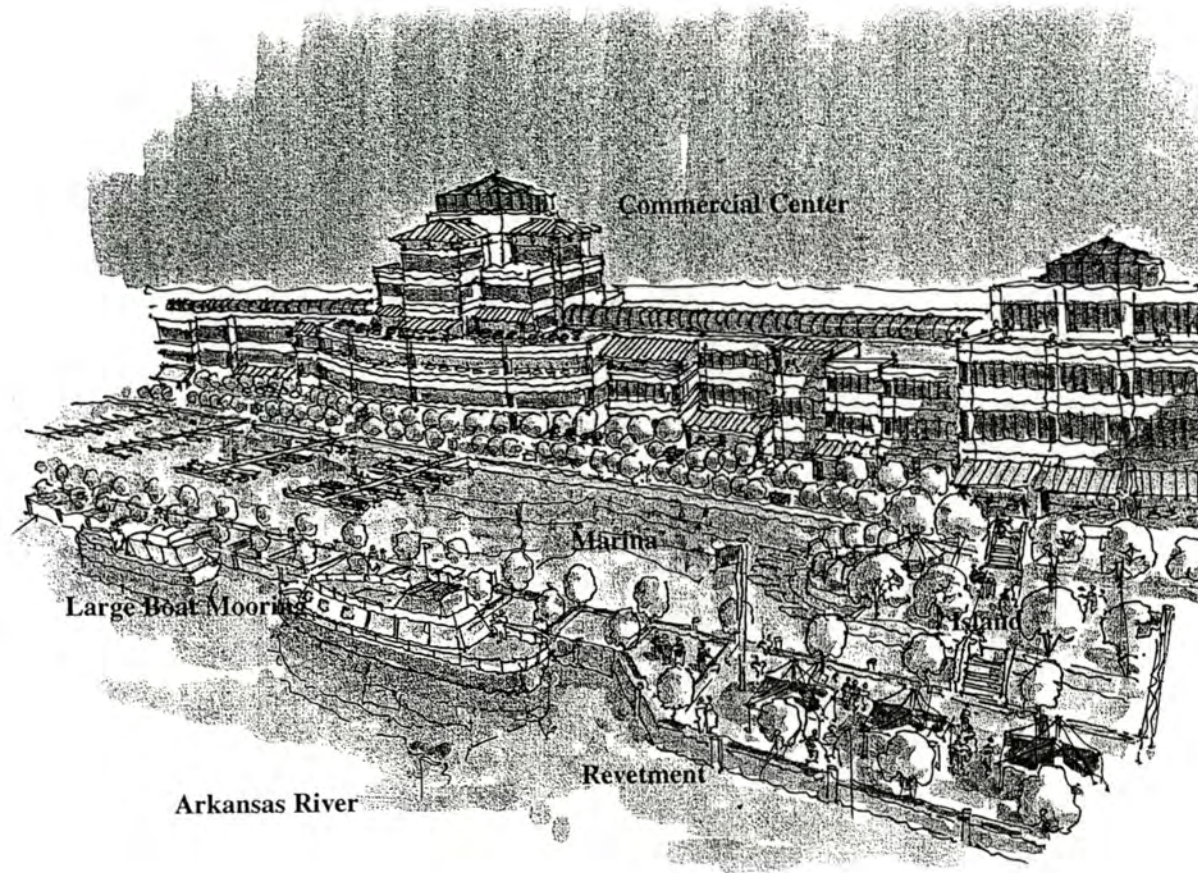
☆ The Revetment serves two functions: it stabilizes the shoreline and it contributes to the urban development proposed for the balance of this District. The Revetment is reconfigured as an urban waterfront edge condition, and functions as a linear park, connecting the Amphitheater and Botanical Gardens. Outside the Marina, the Revetment serves as a focus of mooring for large commercial boats and a guide for active river barge traffic.

☆ The Marina is designed to include elements of both urban hardscape and more natural park-like settings. The central portion is urban in character, bringing diverse commercial and retail uses, and people, to the water's edge. Slips for mooring boats are a feature of this stretch of open water. The remainder of the Marina to the west is constructed to accommodate excursion boat and water taxi operations, coinciding with a highly-articulated urban edge that both energizes the waterfront and is served by it.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK

Little Rock, Arkansas





*Perspective of Marina*

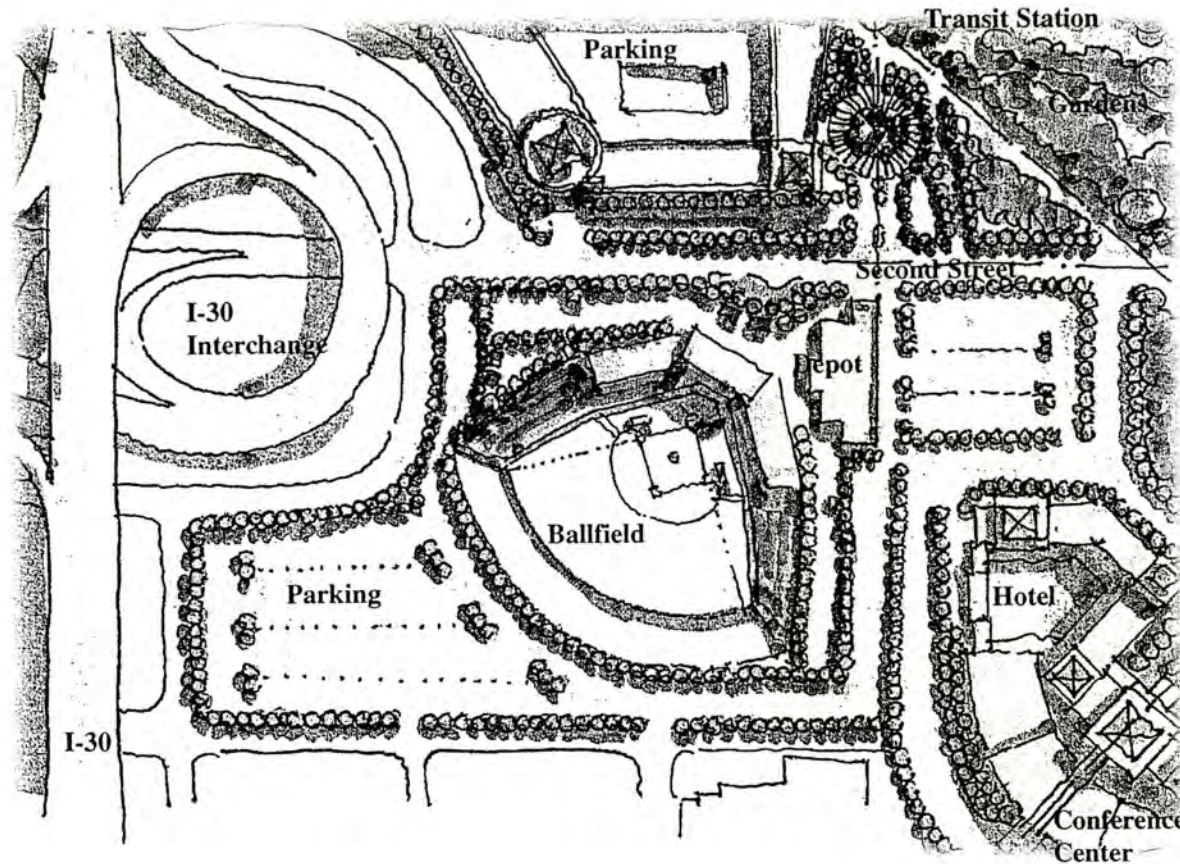
## Little Rock Landing District

☆ The westernmost portion of the Marina terminates at an Island, formed by canals and a turning basin that transitions between the Marina development and the Entertainment District. The Island is served by two arched pedestrian bridges and is accessible for public events, again demonstrating the interconnectedness of the diverse elements of this urban District.

☆ Fronting the Marina and serving as the focus of urban development there, the Commercial Center is envisioned as a multi-use complex of stores, restaurants, merchants, offices, residences, parking, and outdoor amenities connecting the Marina waterway with the Clinton Library and downtown.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK





*Plan View of Stadium*

## Stadium Park District

☆ The new Ball Park could house Little Rock's Travelers baseball team, as well as providing a venue for other baseball games - such as All-Star Games, colleges, and tournaments - and special events like concerts, public gatherings, and civic celebrations. Its downtown location will recall other stadiums whose location is inextricably woven into the fabric of city life, and its architectural style will complement its historic context.

☆ The Ball Park will be located adjacent to the historic Rock Island Railroad Depot, scheduled to be refurbished as part of the revitalization process. The two structures are mutually supportive, with the Depot being refurbished as a restaurant and office complex.

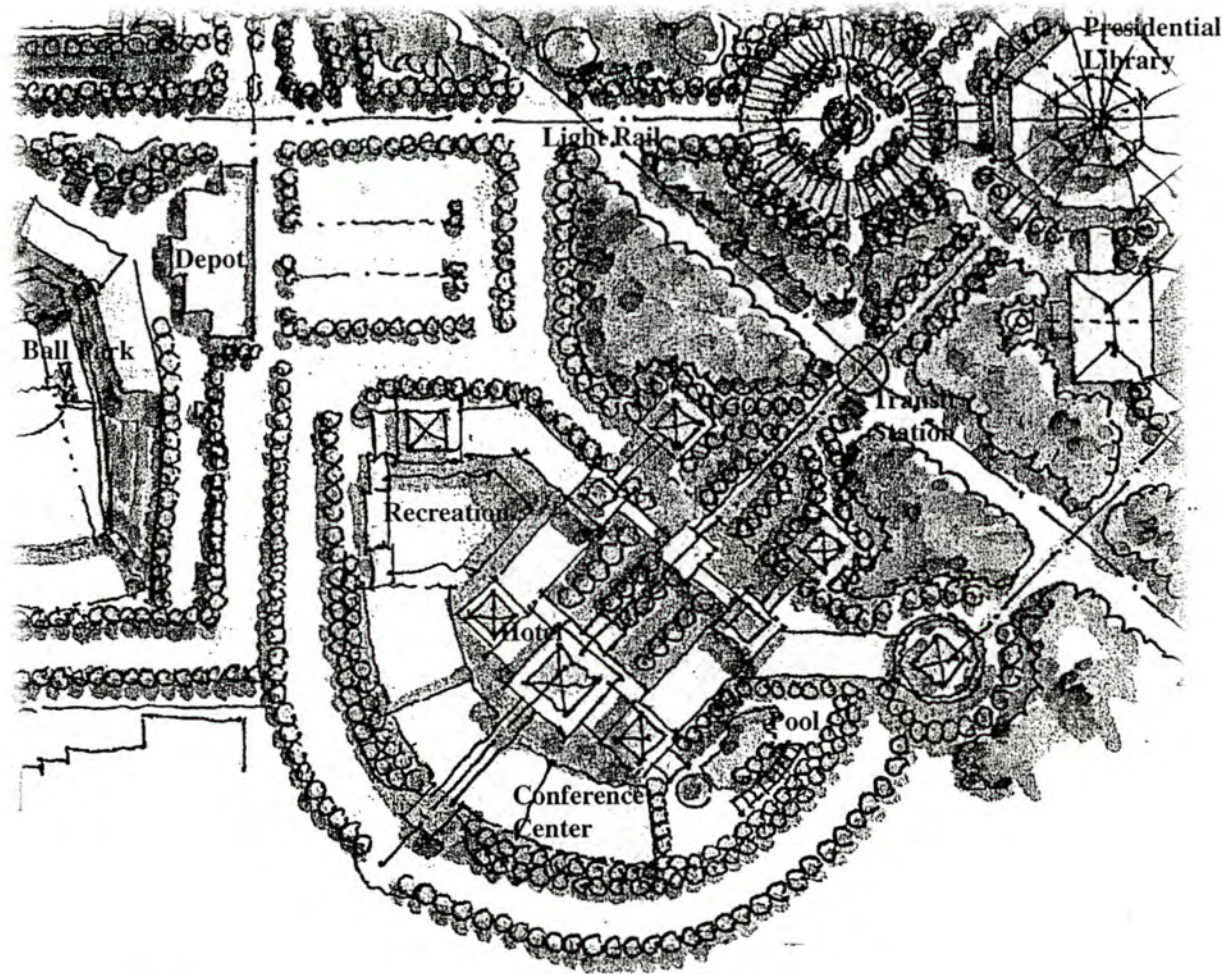
☆ Parking for the new facilities will add capacity to the downtown area, supporting the anticipated increase in visitation numbers.

☆ Its proximity to I-30 makes the Stadium accessible from all parts of Little Rock, as well as the region.

☆ The Ball Park as illustrated provides a good layout and proper orientation for baseball, and is designed so that stadium crowd noise is directed away from the Clinton Library.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK





*Plan View of Conference Center / Hotel*

## Conference Hotel District

☆ This District will be a strong physical development flanked by the Clinton Presidential Library and the Ball Park Districts, and supports the overall downtown development, including retail. Sparked by the downtown resurgence, the Conference Center and Hotel affords Little Rock yet another diverse downtown use, and complements the newly-expanded Convention Center. The Conference Center / Hotel District will be a multi-faceted destination - attracting a blend of business, tourism, recreation, and conference travelers.

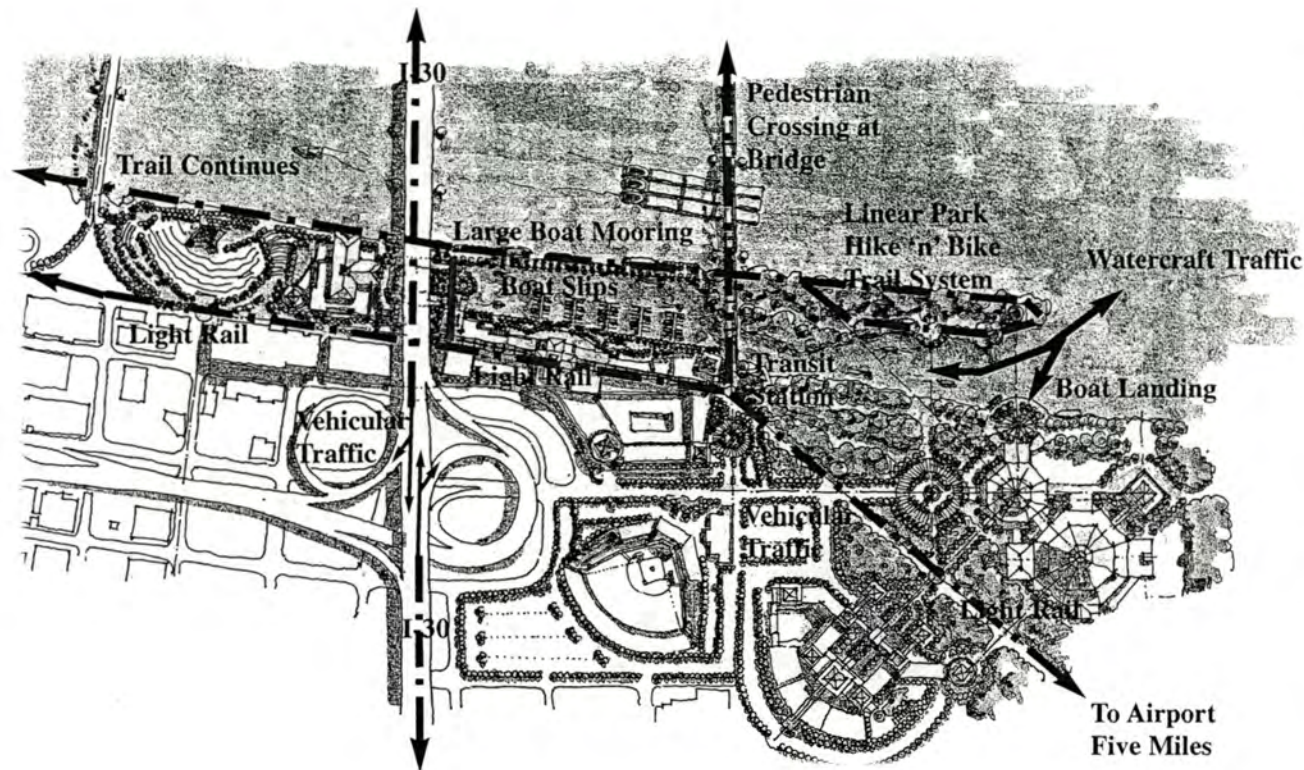
☆ The Conference Center and Hotel will host conferees from around the world, many of whom will gather to take advantage of its proximity to the Clinton Presidential Library. Other conferences will plan to visit and recreate in Little Rock's reborn downtown environs. Business travelers, history buffs, sports enthusiasts, and tourists can all be accommodated by the Conference Center and Hotel complex.

☆ The Hotel will be a destination in its own right, due in part to its proximity to the revitalized Little Rock downtown and river edge development, as well as the Ball Park next door. It will also be a regional resort hotel destination, offering swimming pools, tennis courts, and access to nearby golf courses.

☆ Parking will be an integral component of the Conference Center and Hotel District, due to the numbers of visitors it is expected to generate.

## WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK





Plan View of Park

## Transportation Network

☆ Accessibility throughout the development area is improved. Overlapping and complementary modes of transportation lace the different Districts and venues, accommodating pedestrians, bicycles, boaters, and vehicles. This network of systems provides a seamless transition between the use areas of Waterfront Heritage Park and allows the visitor to travel easily and efficiently throughout the area and beyond.

☆ Light Rail Transit is envisioned providing access for riders to the downtown areas and to the airport, a ten minute trip. It makes a series of stops in each of the Districts comprising Waterfront Heritage Park, even flowing through the middle of the Commercial Building in the Little Rock Landing complex.

☆ Slips for mooring private pleasure craft adjacent to walks and other transit opportunities are provided in the Marina. Commercial boat operations include water taxis, excursion boats, dining boat cruises, and pleasure boating (rentals) - all available in the downtown area.

☆ Pedestrian users can move around the entire area on foot, even crossing the river at the old train bridge to North Little Rock. The trail system associated with the "Chain of Parks" linear park along the river offers walkers, runners, and bicyclists regional circulation opportunities. Walks, paths, ramps, stairs, and elevators allow the pedestrian visitor complete access throughout the downtown development.

☆ Vehicular traffic reaches downtown via many different routes; chief among them, I-30. Local traffic and bus and trolley traffic patterns complete the network of vehicular transportation downtown.

☆ Parking capacity, spread over the entire redevelopment area, allows easy transition from one transportation mode to another.

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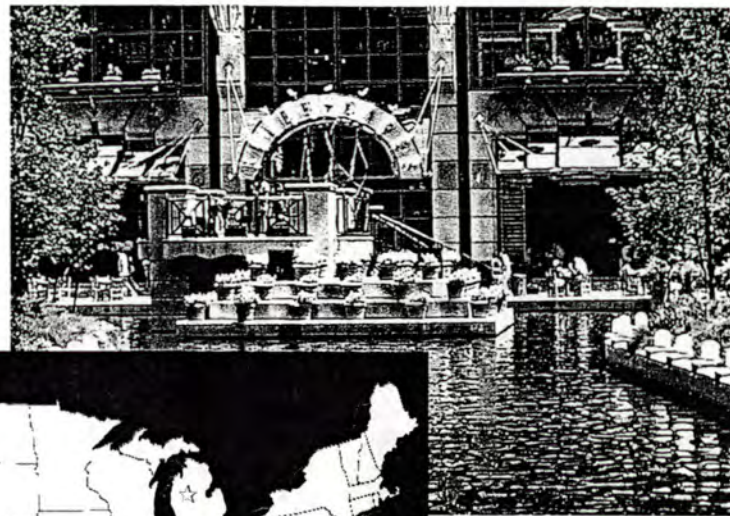
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Little Rock Arkansas



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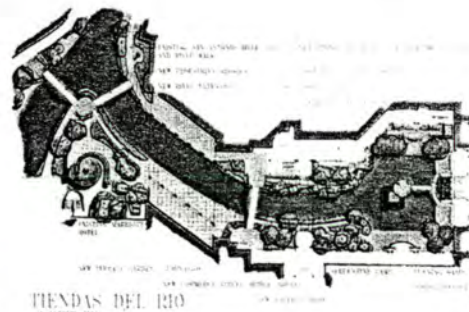
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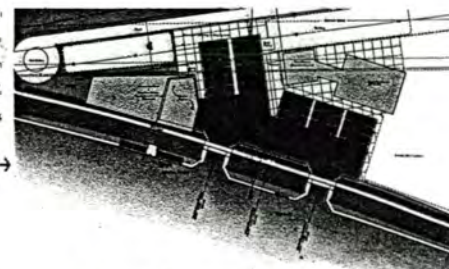
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Excursion Boat Prototype



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## International Waterfront Group

☆ **Our Mission:** Through collaboration, contribute to the successful preservation, enhancement, and appropriate development of waterways around the globe. And do so in a manner that will enrich the lives of all future generations.

☆ **Our Staff:** The professionals comprising the core of International Waterfront Group (IWG) represent a cross-section of backgrounds and abilities. This diversity enables IWG to focus on complex urban waterfront issues in a comprehensive and detailed manner. IWG is currently providing design and boat operations consulting services in over twenty cities across the United States and in South America.

Rudolph F. Rodriguez, President and CEO, demonstrates over twenty years of waterfront and transportation planning experience. He has guided policy development as Chairman of San Antonio's River Walk Advisory Committee and, from his association with the concession boat operator for the River Walk, has detailed knowledge of boat operations planning and implementation strategies.

James W. Gray, Vice President for Programming and Design, has devoted the past twenty years of his practice of landscape architecture and urban design to site-specific projects, including over thirty projects on the San Antonio River Walk.

Edward Garza, Director of Urban and Land Development Planning, brings to IWG his expertise in real estate analysis and development. In his current position as a Councilman of the City of San Antonio, he provides leadership in planning, fiscal responsibility, and other community advocacy efforts on behalf of his constituents and the public at large.

Richard Terrell, Vice President for Boat Operations, guides boat operations policy and financial management, staff development and training, and safety and operational liability oversight.

☆ **Our Services:** International Waterfront Group, an Arkansas corporation, provides professional design and operational services related to waterfront planning, development, and management, including

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- Site-Specific Programming for Land and Water Activities
- Design, Operations, and Management Policy and Design Guidelines Development
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September 12, 1998

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to take this opportunity to bestow my sincere gratitude for taking time out of your hectic schedule to attend the Social Security Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico on July 27, 1998. The turnout was a success and I feel that the New Mexican people experienced a sense of importance and shared responsibility as they voiced their concerns regarding the significance of Social Security to the leader of our country.

As one of your many supporters and campaign volunteer for both the 1992 and 1996 elections, I am also a volunteer for the Democratic Party in support of gubernatorial candidate Martin Chavez and congressional candidate Phil Maloof. Recently, I attended the Democratic Campaign Training Academy sponsored by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) held in Louisville, Kentucky and learned how vital the base vote is. To date, I don't feel that the New Mexico's Democratic party is reaching out trying to gain the base vote.

Upon my research, it is clear that 85% of all African Americans are registered democrats who get out and vote. It was brought to my attention that the Republican Headquarters have two staffers from out of the state of New Mexico gaining the African American vote. I was very encouraged by Regina Thomas, Base Vote for The DNC, indicating the wide support given you by the African Americans. I believe the New Mexico Democratic Party could utilize my learned knowledge gained from the training as a Field Director in helping to gain the base vote in New Mexico.

Mr. President, upon your return to Albuquerque, New Mexico, I would like to invite you to New Hope Baptist Church in recognition of the support that the New Mexico community has for you as our leader of our country and your administration.

Sincerely,

Dana D. Taylor  
Coordinator and Supporter for  
the Democratic Party

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## *Itinerary*

### *Albuquerque, New Mexico October 16-18, 1998*

#### *Friday, October 16*

*6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

*Reception/Fundraiser for Gubernatorial Candidate  
Martin Chavez  
Special Guest: Mayor Wellington Webb, Denver, CO  
Petroleum Club of Albuquerque  
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#### *Saturday, October 17*

*(Time To Be Announced) Precinct Walk -- "Get Out The Vote" for Martin Chavez*

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#### *Sunday, October 18*

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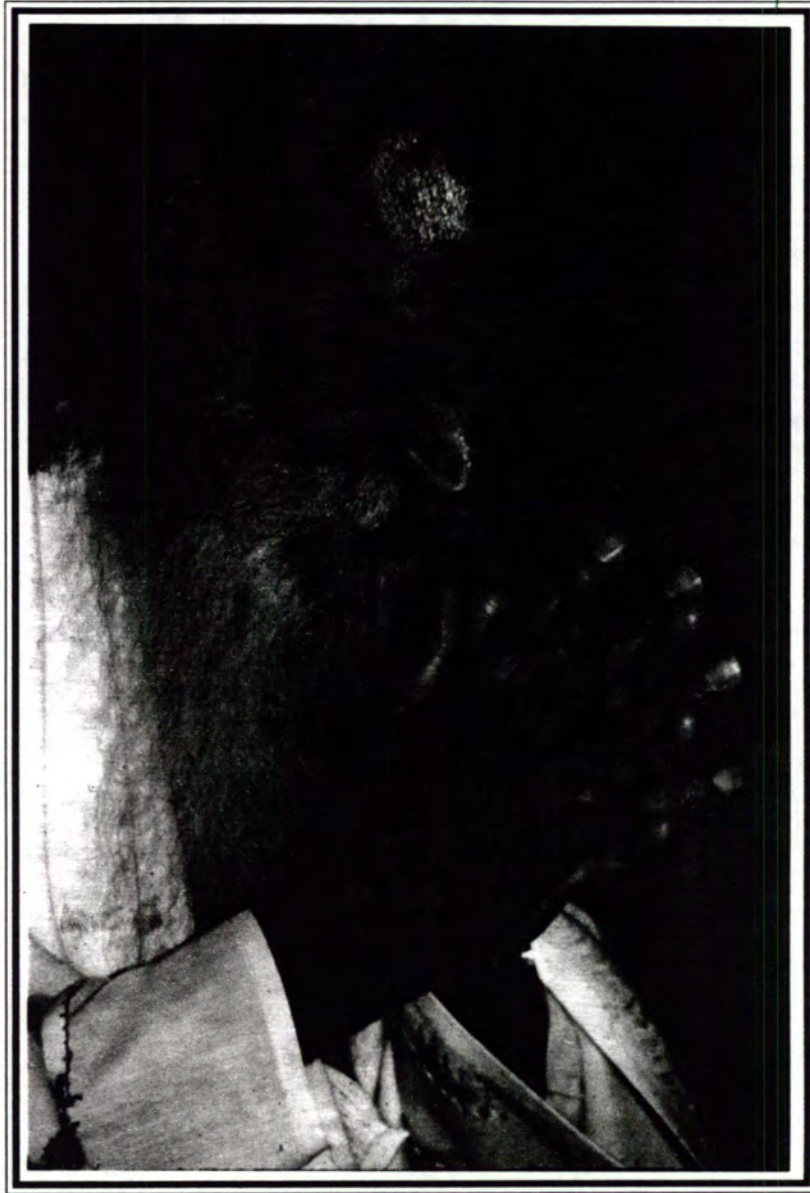
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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September 12, 1998

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) Weekly Economic Briefing
- (B) Interest Rates/Update on Global Markets
- (C) DPC Report
- (D) NEC Report
- (E) CEQ Report
- (F) OSTP Report
- (G) Climate Change Report
- (H) Upcoming Speeches
- (I) Legislative Report
- (J) Public Liaison Report
- (K) Intergovernmental Report
- (L) Race Initiative Report
- (M) Cabinet Affairs Report
- (N) Political Report

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. *KMB for TMB*

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports  
September 5 - 11, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Japan:** On September 4, Secretary Rubin met with Japanese Finance Minister Miyazawa. The two agreed on the importance of taking all possible steps to quickly resolve Japan's financial sector problems, including the use of sufficient public funds to restructure the banking system and protect depositors. Minister Miyazawa also outlined his government's plans to cut taxes and maintain fiscal expenditures at a high level next year. The Secretary emphasized the importance of taking rapid action in both the banking and fiscal areas that is of sufficient magnitude to address the problems convincingly and restore market confidence, and growth and stability to Japan's economy.
- **Foreign Sales Corporations (FSC):** In the coming weeks, final regulations will be issued that resolve an issue of major concern to the software industry. Under these final regulations, a limitation on the foreign source income of a related supplier of a FSC will affect only income from sales of export property. The limitation will not apply to income from computer software licensing, which become eligible for treatment under the FSC rules as a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1997.
- **IMF:** On September 10, the House Appropriations Committee marked up the Foreign Operations FY99 bill. Representative Pelosi's amendments to increase IMF funding to the full \$18 billion and conditionality language were defeated 22-30 and 24-28, respectively. On September 2, the Senate passed its FY99 Foreign Operations bill 90-3, containing the full \$18 billion in funding for the IMF. The Senate Foreign Operations bill also contains \$47.5 million towards the \$192.5 million arrears request for funding for the Global Environment Facility (GEF), though the bill contained no funding towards the \$107.5 million annual commitment.

- **Russia:** On September 10, Under Secretary Lipton testified before the House Banking Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations on the Russia IMF program. Under Secretary Lipton was praised by the Members for his frank and honest answers. Most of the Members' comments suggested that they laid most of the blame on the Russians, some on the IMF, while acknowledging that the U.S. has to stay engaged with Russia. The debate centered around how much reform is needed before re-engaging, where the past assistance went, and concerns with the IMF program in Russia. On September 16, Secretary Rubin will testify before the House Banking Committee on the global economic and financial situation. On September 17, Deputy Secretary Summers will testify before the House International Relations Committee on the IMF program in Russia.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- **Ford Clean Air Settlement:** U.S. v. Ford Motor Company. Last week, the court entered a consent decree resolving DOJ's Clean Air Act claims against Ford Motor Company. Ford's 1997 Econoline vans used a device to increase fuel economy at the expense of increased NOx emissions. The settlement requires Ford: 1) to recall 60,000 1997 Econoline vans and to recalibrate the engines to deactivate the defeat device, at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million; 2) to pay civil penalties of \$2.5 million to the U.S.; and 3) to purchase 2,500 tons of NOx credits, worth approximately \$2.5 million, to offset the excess NOx emissions caused by the defeat devices. In addition, Ford must implement a Supplemental Environmental Project worth \$1.5 million to provide at least two airports with natural gas vehicles to transport travelers from the airport to off-site parking areas and to provide the airports with refueling stations.
- **Northwest Tribal Fishing:** U.S. v. Oregon and Washington. Last week, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals declined to approve a stipulated agreement negotiated between the U.S. and five Indian tribes that would commence the second phase of their fall chinook fishery on September 8. The States of OR, WA, and ID, which opposed the agreement, argued that the National Marine Fisheries Service must issue a biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act to authorize the fisheries, because the fall chinook fishery also results in the incidental capture of steelhead, a species listed under the Act.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

- **New World Record for Deepwater Wells:** Chevron U.S.A. is drilling a well in a new world record water depth in the Gulf of Mexico. The drillship Glomar Explorer is drilling in 7,716 feet of water on Atwater Valley Block 118 on the "Gamera" Prospect

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Wildfires:** 6100 fires burned over 210,000 acres last week, bringing the number of fires this season in line with the ten-year average, while the area burned remains only 75 percent of the ten-year average. The most intense fire activity of the past week occurred in MT, where several large fires broke out and fire indices remain extreme.
- **Russia Trade:** USDA has suspended Russia from USDA's agricultural export credit guarantee program after it missed a \$20 million payment. USDA officials expect that Russia will eventually make the payment, reinstating it for eligibility for additional credits.
- **Commodity Markets in Review:** Wheat futures rose slightly last week, following corn prices up, but average cash prices fell. Corn and soybean futures were boosted by hopes of improved demand, but harvest pressure forced cash prices down. Rice futures advanced on concerns over tightening world supplies, while cash prices were unchanged. Cotton futures rose sharply on worries about the quality of the U.S. crop, but cash prices dropped slightly. Cattle prices fell in line with weakening wholesale beef prices. Broiler prices remained firm, but potential problems with exports to Russia are a significant concern.
- **Secretary's Schedule:** On September 14, Secretary Glickman will attend events with Representative McGovern in Dartmouth and Westport, MA.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **AL Travel:** On August 28, Secretary Daley spoke to a group of 150 business, economic development and government officials in Huntsville, AL about the growth in exports and technology in the Huntsville community and how DOC programs had assisted in the expansion of opportunities in those areas. Secretary Daley and Rep. Cramer also toured the Huntsville National Weather Service (NWS) office, one of the offices proposed for closure under the NWS modernization plan.
- **Foreign Access to Japan's Film Sector:** On August 19, the interagency Film Monitoring and Enforcement Committee, co-chaired by DOC and USTR, issued its first monitoring report on foreign access to Japan's film sector. While the availability of foreign film doubled over the past three years in "non-traditional" outlets, it declined slightly in the traditional photo-specialty stores, which represent nearly half of Japanese film sales. The Committee argued that to fully live up to its WTO representations, Japan must take significant additional action to open its distribution system to imports; abolish its retail regime that favors small and medium-sized stores; and address business practices that restrain trade in the photographic film and paper sector.

- **AK Fisheries:** On September 4, Commerce officials attended a Federal Task Force meeting on the Alaskan Fisheries Disaster. The chum and sockeye salmon runs were dramatically reduced this year (at 100-year lows) and the fish were smaller and in poor condition. El Niño weather effects may have directly contributed to the depletion of the fishery resource. As a result, some 98 villages and 8,000 people in the Bristol Bay, Yukon, and Kuskokwim river systems have suffered reduction in incomes and in the areas' subsistence economies.
- **Census 2000:** On September 17, the Census Bureau will participate in a Census Issues Forum at the 28th Annual Legislative Conference sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Census Bureau staff and regional directors will discuss the importance of participating in Census 2000 during the forum.
- **Minority Broadcast Ownership Report:** On September 19, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will release its annual survey of minority ownership of broadcast media, The Minority Broadcast Ownership Report, at the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters meeting and at the Congressional Black Caucus 28th Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.
- **Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC):** During the weeks of September 14 and 21, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) will be conducting enforcement training for its personnel, focusing on BXA's enforcement responsibilities under the CWC.
- **Public Interest Obligations on Digital Television Broadcasters:** On September 9, the seventh meeting of your Committee was held. The Committee discussed a framework for recommendations and deliberated further on its recommendations for public interest obligations in the digital age. The Committee requested an extension for its October 1 reporting deadline from the White House. An extension is expected to be granted until either mid-November or mid-December.
- **Satellite Launch Waiver:** DoD is seeking a Presidential waiver to the National Space Transportation Policy which states that all U.S. government satellites must be launched on U.S. launch vehicles. DoD claims it cannot find a domestic company capable of meeting the cost, schedule, and orbit requirements of its 68-kilogram "PICOSat" mission. DoD is considering the use of an excess Russian Intercontinental Ballistic Missile for the launch.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

- **BLS Data Announcements:**
  - ▶ September 15 - U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes (August).
  - ▶ September 17 - Consumer Price Index (August).

- **Time-Warner Case:** DOL has pursued pre-litigation settlement discussions with officials of Time-Warner, Inc. in a case that involves the misclassification of hundreds of workers, denying them eligibility for health and retirement benefits in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. A tolling agreement, which stops the running on the statute of limitations, expires September 14. No significant progress toward settlement has been made. Unless the agreement is extended, or a settlement is reached, DOL may file suit in federal court in NY on or about September 14.
- **Youthful Offender Grants:** Within the next two weeks, Secretary Herman and Senator Specter plan to announce a \$12.5 million grant competition to assist youthful offenders.
- **Welfare-to-Work:** Within the next week, Secretary Herman plans to move forward with NJ (\$23,257,092), FL (\$50,756,512), Puerto Rico (\$34,566,095), and DC (\$4,646,445) which will be announced as a package including School to Work, One Stop, and JTPA allocations. Currently, DOL has approved 41 state formula plans worth approximately \$816,176,193.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **National Nursing Home Surveys:** On September 11, HHS distributed an analysis of national nursing home surveys which presents selected comparisons for two survey years, 1985 and 1995, covering nursing facility, staffing, and resident characteristics. The data show that both the number of certified nursing homes and the number of beds per nursing home increased between 1985 and 1995. However, this growth did not keep pace with the growth in the elderly population. The elderly nursing home population has declined as a proportion of the general elderly population. In addition, the nursing home population overall has become older, with more physical and cognitive disabilities.
- **Hospital Outpatient PPS Regulation:** On September 8, proposed regulations for a new Medicare prospective payment system (PPS) for hospital outpatient services were published. The regulations discuss the Health Care Financing Administration's proposals to implement the PPS enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The proposed regulations also change beneficiary coinsurance payments, which are currently based on 20 percent of charges billed by the hospital. These charges are typically significantly higher than Medicare payments, resulting in beneficiaries' paying 50 percent or more of the total payment to the hospital for many services. Although the system was legislated to be implemented on January 1, 1999, HCFA will delay implementation in order to complete essential computer systems work to ensure Year 2000 compliance. The new payment system will be implemented as soon as possible after January 1, 2000.

- **Georgia Title XXI Proposal:** On September 3, HCFA approved the state of GA's Title XXI plan. The GA plan will expand health care coverage to children through age 18 in families with incomes below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, who are not eligible for Medicaid, through a separate state health insurance program.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Officer Next Door:** On September 4, the Vice President announced that the Officer Next Door program, now enabling 2,000 law enforcement officers to buy homes at half price in distressed neighborhoods, will expand to serve 1,000 more officers and cut mortgage costs by up to several thousand dollars per officer. The Vice President also announced that the Mortgage Bankers Association of America will urge its nearly 3,000 member lenders to give law enforcement officers moving into eligible neighborhoods a choice of mortgage discounts.
- **One America:** On September 17, Secretary Cuomo will sign a One America cultural diversity certification agreement with the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. This will be the second such agreement implementing your One America in the 21st Century Initiative. The first agreement between HUD and the National Association of Realtors certified real estate professionals who completed a diversity training course.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Welfare-to-Work Summit:** On September 14, Secretary Slater and Welfare-to-Work Partnership Chairperson and United Airlines CEO Gerald Greenwald will cosponsor the first White House Welfare-to-Work transportation summit to discuss transportation issues that former welfare recipients face as they enter or reenter the workforce. Summit participants will engage in panel discussions to address transportation issues including: urban-suburban transportation; car ownership; public transportation; and public-non-profit-private partnerships.
- **Aviation Bilateral Negotiations:** The U.S. and the UK will be restarting their efforts to negotiate an Open Skies bilateral aviation agreement. Informal talks were held in Washington, DC on September 8, with formal talks to be held in London on September 15. On September 9, the U.S. and Japan will begin talks in Anchorage to discuss ways to liberalize the aviation pricing agreement between the two countries. On September 23, the U.S. and Italy will discuss Open Skies issues. On October 20, the US and Argentina will discuss Open Skies issues.

- **Atlantic Coast Airlines Possible Strike:** Atlantic Coast Airlines, a scheduled air carrier based at Dulles International Airport, is faced with a possible, although not imminent, strike of its flight attendants. Atlantic Coast operates 69 small (under 50-seat) aircrafts in 50 markets in the eastern U.S. under a code-share/feeder arrangement with United Airlines using the trade name United Express.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **World Energy Council Annual Meeting:** On September 13, the Secretary will make welcoming remarks at the World Energy Council (WEC) Meeting in Houston, TX and will hold bilateral meetings with key foreign energy ministers. While in Houston, he will meet with industry representatives from the oil and gas industry, independent oil producers, and attend a community event.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Voluntary National Tests:** On September 3, the National Academy of Sciences released a study which found that the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is on the right track in developing questions for the Voluntary National Tests and made recommendations for NAGB's development of the tests.
- **America Reads:** On September 18, DOEd will host a Reading Summit, including representatives from 51 states and territories and 50 national organizations. Secretary Riley will address the gathering.
- **Safe and Drug Free Schools:** The September Satellite Town Meeting, the first of this school year's monthly events, will be titled "Back to School: Safe and Sound." Secretary Riley will deliver the keynote address at a September 25 School Violence Symposium hosted in Baltimore by Governor Glendening, and the Secretary will also participate in the kickoff of the K-Mart Race Against Drugs in DC on September 16.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **TeleHomeCare Project:** The first VA large-scale TeleHomeCare demonstration project is at the Tampa, FL VA Medical Center. The system is designed for use in the patient's home using ordinary telephone lines for "video-visits." This will put home-care nurses, clinicians, and other health care providers in direct contact with VA patients and their care-givers.
- **Welfare-to-Work:** VA set a goal of 800 hires nationwide under the Welfare-to-Work Program for FY98. As of September 3, VA had hired 1,024 individuals, far exceeding the original goal. It is expected that more hires will be reported prior to the end of the fiscal year. On July 31, Deputy Secretary Gober issued a memorandum to VA staff

reiterating VA support of the Welfare-to-Work Initiative, and emphasizing the need to ensure that new employees receive mission orientation, mentoring, and skills development.

- **Gulf War Illnesses:** Major media covered the release of a Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs report that found no evidence to prove or disprove the theory that exposure to nerve gas caused illnesses in U.S. service members who served in the Gulf War. Stories ran on *AP* and *UPI*, with additional stories in *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Baltimore Sun*, and some local and regional newspapers.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Mississippi River Initiative:** On September 9, Administrator Browner and Attorney General Reno announced that Shell Oil Company will pay to expand water quality and wildlife protection on the Mississippi River as part of an agreement to resolve allegations that it violated national pollution laws. A new DOJ complaint filed against Clark Refining and Marketing, a St. Louis-based firm, for illegally polluting a Mississippi River tributary was also announced. Both cases are part of a comprehensive, coordinated federal effort, known as the Mississippi River Initiative, to prevent illegal pollution of the Mississippi and to restore the river and surrounding communities.
- **Reducing Regional Smog:** On September 21, consistent with your directive to Administrator Browner regarding implementation of the new standard for ozone (smog), EPA will issue a final regulation to reduce the interstate transport of ozone air pollution. The regulation will require broad regional emissions reductions in states east of the Mississippi River of nitrogen oxides (NOx) gases which contribute to the formation of ozone smog. The regulation will enable hundreds of areas to attain EPA's new public health standard for ozone without having to adopt expensive or onerous local controls.
- **National Strategy on Animal Feeding Operations:** On September 17, Administrator Browner and Secretary Glickman will release a national strategy on animal feeding operations (AFOs). The strategy responds to the environmental and public health threats posed by animal feeding operations, such as excessive nutrient levels that reduce water quality and have been linked to outbreaks of *Pfiesteria piscicida*. The strategy encourages all operators of AFOs to develop nutrient management plans and requires that larger and problematic facilities have permits under the Clean Water Act that include the development and implementation of nutrient management plans.
- **Treaty on Trading Hazardous Substances:** On September 9, the U.S. Delegation to the UN Environment Programme and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization meeting in Rotterdam, Netherlands, signed the *Convention of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade*

(PIC). This treaty will provide greater international controls on trade in hazardous substances. EPA will take primary responsibility of implementing this treaty in the U.S.

- **Women's Issues:** On September 12, Administrator Browner will speak at Rep. Moran's 6th Annual Women's Issues Conference in Alexandria, VA.

#### UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Travel to Japan:** On September 15, Ambassador Barshetsky will visit Japan for a three-day visit to underscore the Administration's resolve on the deregulation of, and access to, Japanese markets. The Ambassador will meet with Japanese ministers responsible for foreign affairs, trade, finance and agriculture, key Diet members, Japanese and U.S. business leaders, and the press.

#### OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Athletics Initiative Against Drugs:** On September 14, Director McCaffrey will join Daryl Greene of the Washington Redskins to announce the Washington Redskins' partnership with ONDCP in the White House Athletics Initiative Against Drugs. The Redskins will participate in the initiative by playing anti-drug PSAs at all home games and providing players to serve as spokespeople in anti-drug ads and events.
- **Budget Meetings:** On September 14, Director McCaffrey will hold one-on-one meetings with Secretaries Cohen and Slater to discuss drug budget priorities for the coming budget cycle. ONDCP is tracking budget related legislation and work with agency staff to insure that adequate resources are available to support the National Drug Control Strategy.
- **United Counter Drugs '98:** On September 17-18, Director McCaffrey will lead the U.S. national delegation to the Multinational Interagency Exercise United Counter Drugs '98. National Interagency teams from eight Latin American nations and observers from nine others will identify and seek policy solutions to issues that limit counter-drug coordination and effectiveness.

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Very Small Business Rule:** On September 2, final rules were published in the Federal Register for the Very Small Business pilot program, which is designed to give small businesses with fewer than 15 employees the first shot at federal contracts under \$50,000 in ten areas around the country.
- **NY Events:** On September 16, Administrator Alvarez will be in New York City for an America Goes Back to School event and will also meet with *Parade Magazine*.

- **Year 2000 Computer Problem:** SBA and IBM are working together on a Y2K advertisement to appear in the October issue of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce publication *Nation's Business*. IBM is also developing materials for SBA's Y2K Awareness Week in October. In addition, representatives from SBA and Microsoft met to explore ways in which the firm could support the Y2K initiative.

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- **Project Impact in NC:** As cleanup begins in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley in TX and Hurricane Bonnie in NC, it drives home the need for the U.S. to move forward on making communities disaster resistant. The incentive to become a Project Impact community is clear: A disaster-resistant community is able to recover from a natural disaster quicker and with less damage. This translates into less cost in terms of dollars and disruption to individuals and the community. The City of Wilmington, NC implemented numerous prevention measures in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran and upon becoming a Project Impact pilot community. Because of increased building codes for new construction, residential homes on Carolina Beach were elevated to two feet above flood elevation. During Hurricane Bonnie, no damage was reported from Carolina Beach in reference to these new homes. During Hurricane Fran, LP Gas Tanks floating in flooded waters were a big problem, therefore Wrightsville Beach initiated an LP Gas Tank Ordinance. The law required all tanks to be dropped and secured to eliminate any potential floating problems.

#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **Welfare-to-Work:** The Federal government has passed the halfway point in its goal to hire 10,638 employees off the welfare roles by the year 2000. As of August 17, the government has hired 6,161 or 58 percent of the four year goal.
- **Lifetime Learning:** In accordance with your January 30 memorandum to "Enhance Learning and Education through Technology," OPM has been partnering with the Office of Science and Technology Policy. There are several initiatives underway, including, but not limited to, providing the perspective of the Federal Government's training policy and learning initiatives, dealing with procurement policy issues, and recently developing and chairing the Federal Track at American Society of Training and Development's Interactive Multimedia-Summer Conference.

#### UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- **First-Ever Cyprus Survey:** USIA's first-ever survey in Cyprus finds that the two communities differ in their assessments of current economic conditions and that neither group is optimistic about future improvement. Greek Cypriots are about equally likely to describe the current economic situation in Cyprus as good (48 percent) or bad (50

percent), while Turkish Cypriots are more lopsidedly negative (15 percent good, 84 percent bad) in their assessment of current conditions in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Both groups are equally pessimistic about economic conditions over the next 12 months. A plurality of about four in ten in each group expects the economic situation to decline over the next year, while a third expect little change. Only about one in five expect the economic situation will improve. The economic perceptions diverge even further when Cypriots are asked to evaluate their own household's financial situation. Two-thirds of Greek Cypriots rate their financial situation as good, while a nearly equal proportion of Turkish Cypriots describe their situation as bad.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

- **House Freshman Democratic Class:** On September 17, Commissioner Apfel will address the House Freshman Democratic Class on "Social Security First."

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September 11, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed  
Elena Kagan

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

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**1. Health Care -- Medicaid and the Patients' Bill of Rights:** You are currently scheduled to participate in an event on Thursday to announce the application of the patients' bill of rights to the Medicaid program and call on Congress to pass legislation extending these protections to all Americans. As of this writing, Senator Lott does not intend to bring the patients' bill of rights to the Senate floor for a vote. But Senator Daschle is challenging Lott every day to schedule a vote, and a presidential event this week will increase the pressure on Lott to do so.

**2. Health Care -- Assisted Suicide:** The House and Senate are both expected to take action on assisted suicide next week. We expect the full House to approve the Hyde-Hatch bill, which would empower the Drug Enforcement Agency to prosecute physicians who assist the suicide of a patient. We also expect the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve this bill, although we think that the full Senate will be unable to pass the legislation in the limited time left in the session. As you recall, we have opposed this legislation (while underscoring your opposition to assisted suicide) on the ground that the fear of DEA enforcement action of the kind specified in the bill would deter physicians from appropriately prescribing already underutilized pain relief medications for the terminally ill. The AMA and a host of other national health care organizations (most of which also oppose physician-assisted suicide) have joined us in taking this position.

In advance of his mark-up, Senator Hatch has asked us to submit an alternative piece of legislation prohibiting assisted suicides. We are inclined not to do so because we simply do not have enough time to work through the real difficulties involved in developing medically sound legislation prohibiting physician-assisted suicides. In addition, putting forward an alternative proposal of this kind now would anger most respected health care organizations and the whole Oregon delegation, particularly Senator Wyden. Instead, we are working with the Department of Justice on a letter proposing to establish (either by statute or by executive action) a new advisory board to (1) develop guidelines on appropriate (and inappropriate) uses of controlled substances for terminally ill patients and (2) recommend the best mechanism or method to enforce these guidelines. The board's members would include doctors, nurses, consumers, ethicists, and law enforcement officials and would report back to Congress and the

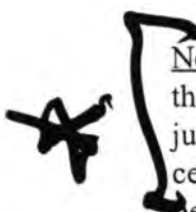
Administration within a specified time period. If you do not favor this suggested way of proceeding, please let us know.

**3. Health Care -- Vice President's Event in New Hampshire:** The Vice President is scheduled to join Governor Shaheen in New Hampshire on Friday to discuss a number of the Administration's health care priorities. The Vice President will highlight the approval of New Hampshire's new Children's Health Insurance Program, the application of the patients' bill of rights to federal health plans, a new grant to the State to provide support services to disabled individuals going to work, and perhaps an initiative related to programs for older Americans.

**4. Education -- Charter Schools Legislation:** We are attempting to broker an agreement to bring charter schools legislation to the Senate floor for a vote, in the face of a recent objection by Senator Harkin. As you recall, a bipartisan coalition on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee last month approved a charter schools bill, which is generally similar to the bill that the House passed last year. Harkin, however, is holding up the bill in an effort to insert a provision permitting a small portion of the funds to support "innovative" non-charter schools in states (such as Iowa) where charter schools are not permitted. Senate Republicans oppose this provision because it undermines one purpose of the bill -- to provide incentives to states to enact charter schools legislation. We are trying to break the resulting logjam by helping Harkin to find other funding streams for innovative non-charter schools and/or by suggesting possible legislative compromises, such as a small demonstration program to support these schools. It is unclear whether either Harkin or the Republicans will accept such approaches.

**5. Immigration -- Agricultural Guestworkers Program:** We are beginning meetings this week with a bipartisan group of legislators on proposals to reform the agricultural guestworker (H-2A) program; at the same time, we are continuing to oppose an H-2A provision, sponsored by Senator Wyden, that the Senate attached to the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations bill. Secretary Herman wrote a strong letter of opposition to the Wyden amendment when it came to the floor, arguing that it would severely weaken labor protections for migrant farmworkers. Although the amendment passed by a large majority (68 votes), Democratic support for it has declined in recent weeks, in part because of increasingly fierce labor opposition; in addition, no one in the House (Republican or Democrat) appears to have a strong interest in including this provision in the final bill. We have told Wyden that we would like to work with him on reforms to the H-2A program, but want to do so through a bipartisan working group that will try to develop consensus legislation (outside the appropriations process) addressing the concerns of both growers and farmworkers. This working group -- which probably also will include Senators Kennedy, Graham, Feinstein, Abraham, and Coverdell and Representatives Lamar Smith, Becerra, and Berman -- will meet for the first time this week. Wyden is unhappy with this approach, preferring to negotiate with us directly on changes to his appropriations rider. Erskine is meeting with him this week to discuss the differences in our approach to this issue.

**6. Welfare Reform -- Caseload Decline:** The rate of decline in welfare caseloads is continuing to hold steady across the nation, at about 2 percent each month and 20 percent each year. (Of course, as the rolls get smaller, this steady rate of decline produces a progressively smaller number of people leaving the rolls each month). For example, the rolls declined by 6 percent between March and June of 1997 and by an identical 6 percent between March and June of 1998. Caseload decline has slowed down some in the states with the largest overall rates of decline since 1993, such as Wisconsin, Idaho, and Wyoming (which all showed declines of more than 80 percent during this period); at the same time, however, caseload decline has quickened in some other, slower-starting states.

 **7. Tobacco -- Smokers' Quitting Rates:** A study published in the latest issue of the New England Journal of Medicine found that smokers were four times more likely to quit if their health insurance plan paid the full cost of smoking cessation services, rather than paying just half. The researchers found that with full coverage, 10 percent of smokers per year use cessation services and 2.8 percent successfully quit smoking; with half coverage, only 2.4 percent use cessation services and 0.7 percent quit. The study involved 90,000 enrollees in the Puget Sound health maintenance organization. In preparation for your FY 2000 budget, we are examining ways to make cessation services more affordable within the Defense, Veterans, Medicaid, Medicare, and federal employees health systems. New proposals to help current smokers quit could complement your continued call for comprehensive legislation to stop children from smoking before they start.

**8. Children and Families -- Child Care Appropriations:** The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$182 million in new funding for the Child Care and Dependent Block Grant (CCDBG). This is the exact amount that you requested in new discretionary funding as part of your child care initiative. Because you requested that large mandatory spending increases (from tobacco revenues) go toward CCDBG, you recommended that these additional discretionary monies fund new efforts to enforce quality standards and provide scholarships for child care workers. In the absence of your proposed mandatory spending increases, we and the child care community think that the Senate committee was right to apply the additional discretionary monies to the block grant. We and OMB will work to maintain at least this level of increased support for CCDBG.

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