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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP CAPLAN *Phil*
DAVID GOODFRIEND *D.G.*

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

(1) DCTY
(2) ZCUP
(3) WFS
about 7/8/98

(B) **Magaziner Memo on Electronic Commerce** -- Ira reports that all the goals outlined in your 1997 electronic commerce strategy report have been met: passage of key legislation (Internet Tax Freedom Act; WIPO Copyright Treaty implementation; Digital Signature Act; Online Children's Privacy Act); international agreements (*e.g.*, WTO moratorium on tariffs on electronic transmissions); and private sector self-regulation (*e.g.*, privacy guidelines; content ratings). Ira's official one-year report outlining accomplishments and next year's agenda is forthcoming. *Ira suggests a bill-signing/Internet event, which will be considered with other scheduling requests. We have sent a copy of his memo to Stephanie.*

(1) DCTY
(2) ZCUP
(3) WFS
about 7/8/98

(C) **Koskinen Y2K Materials** -- John forwards: a press release describing "National Y2K Action Week" (October 19-23) during which Federal agencies will conduct educational events; a copy of the poster, "Are You Y2K OK?" which will appear in 40,000 post offices; a copy of the post office's Y2K cancellation mark; and a list of organizations supporting Y2K Week which will appear in an advertisement published in over 300 newspapers. "We're on a roll," says John.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Ira C. Magaziner *ICM*
Subject: Electronic Commerce

I am pleased to report that all of the goals set for this past year in the electronic commerce strategy you announced on July 1, 1997 have been achieved.

We are ready to issue our one year report which spells out our progress in more detail and sets the agenda for next year (we delayed its release until the completion of the Congressional session and the OECD Ministerial meeting).

Over the past fifteen months, we have kept our activities low key, feeling that we would be more successful in maintaining the bipartisan consensus necessary for success if we did not trumpet our accomplishments.

Now however, I think it might be appropriate to have an event on the Internet and electronic commerce which combines bill signings and the release of our one year progress report.

Electronic commerce is now a major issue on economic policy agendas around the world, and the market driven principles you espoused in your strategy are now widely accepted.

The Congress has recently enacted legislation which accomplishes your four main legislative objectives:

- The Internet Tax Freedom Act;
- The WIPO Copyright Treaty ratification and associated liability legislation;
- The Digital Signature Act; and
- The Online Children's Privacy Act.

We have also met your major international goals for this year in multilateral fora:

- The World Trade Organization at its Ministerial meeting in May approved a moratorium on tariffs for electronic transmissions which we hope to make permanent in 1999.

- The OECD last week approved a declaration supporting the tax principles presented in your strategy and opposing any discriminatory taxation against electronic commerce on the Internet.
- The OECD also approved a declaration supporting your market oriented approach to authentication and digital signatures.
- The Basle Committee on Banking Supervision, with the support of the leading central banks, issued a report in March supporting the non-regulatory approach to electronic payment systems presented in your strategy.
- An international meeting on Internet technical standards in Brussels in October 1997 affirmed your position that the private sector should lead in the development of technical standards.

In addition, we have negotiated a number of bilateral agreements which have accomplished important goals:

- The agreement you announced with Prime Minister Hashimoto in May, negotiated with 14 agencies of the Japanese Government, represents the first time that the Japanese government has agreed to keep a significant area of economic activity unregulated.
- The agreement announced with Prime Minister Jospin in June commits the French Government for the first time to the principle that information should flow freely across borders in response to a consumer's request, without restrictions due to language or culture.
- The agreement you signed with Taoiseach Ahern in Dublin in September is the first international agreement signed using digital signatures.

Finally, we have made substantial progress on your proposals for private sector leadership and self regulation on the Internet.

- In July, companies that comprise the vast majority of traffic on the Internet committed to implement privacy protections which meet your guidelines by the first quarter of 1999. They have established organizations to meet this goal.
- Next week we will recognize a new private non-profit, stakeholder based organization that will take over the technical management of the Internet's domain name and root server systems.

- Private sector groups have made considerable progress in developing filtering and rating systems to empower parents, schools and libraries to screen out objectionable content. There has also been significant progress in creating Web sites and content designed for children.

These results have been achieved under the Vice President's leadership and through the coordinated efforts of a number of your Cabinet Secretaries and other senior officials. The Vice President's policy staff, David Beier, Don Gips, and Jim Kohlenberger, has helped supervise the effort, playing a particular leadership role on privacy and content issues.

Secretary of Commerce Daley, his senior staff and officials from NTIA, PTO, ITA, and NIST have directed the efforts on copyright, domain names, authentication and digital signatures, privacy, content, uniform commercial code and technical standards.

United States Trade Representative Barshefsky and her staff have directed the efforts which led to the WTO tariff agreement. They are now working with the WTO electronic commerce committee to reduce non tariff trade barriers to electronic commerce.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Summers, his staff and Treasury tax and banking authorities, have led our efforts to secure passage of the Internet Tax Freedom Act and our successful negotiations internationally on taxes and electronic payment systems.

State Department Undersecretary Eizenstat and his staff have played a key role in organizing our international negotiations.

In addition, Sally Katzen at the NEC, Bruce McConnell at OMB, Tom Kalil at the NEC and scores of others have played important roles in achieving these results.

Despite the current partisan environment, I think it would be possible to have a bipartisan event with substantial private sector participation from the many groups that have supported our efforts. The event would provide an opportunity for you to demonstrate your leadership in bringing the world into the new economy.

I recognize that these issues are not likely to attract significant coverage from the mainstream television news outlets. However, as the report we issued this year, "The Emerging Digital Economy" demonstrates, the Internet and electronic commerce are already driving a significant share of our economic growth and are likely to be even more significant over the next few decades.

I believe that historians, looking through a 21st century prism, will record your efforts to create the policy architecture for this new economic era as an important part of your legacy.

cc: Vice President Al Gore
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin
Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles
Deputy Chief of Staff John Podesta
National Economic Advisor Gene Sperling

NATIONAL **Y2K** ACTION WEEK
OCTOBER 19-23, 1998

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ARE YOU Y2K OK?

The Year 2000, or Y2K, date change is a danger to every business.

Find out how to make sure the technologies you and
your business partners depend upon are "Y2K OK."

For more information on training seminars and
other educational events being held in your area during

National Y2K Action Week, call toll free: **1-800-U-ASK-SBA**.

For more information, consult
President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion <www.y2k.gov>
U.S. Small Business Administration <www.sba.gov/y2k>



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John A. Koskinen

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Dear Mr. President,

I thought you
might enjoy some of
the material distributed at
our press event today
rolling out "National Y2K
Action Week". This poster
will be in 40,000 post offices.
The cancellation mark will be
used around the country
and the organizations will be
on an ad with us in over
300 newspapers.

We're on a roll.
All the best. /JAK



CHAIR

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON YEAR 2000 CONVERSION

For Immediate Release Contact: Jack Gribben
October 15, 1998 (202) 456-7010

YEAR 2000 COUNCIL KICKS OFF "NATIONAL Y2K ACTION WEEK" **Helping to Prepare Small and Medium-Sized Businesses for the New Millennium** **October 19-23, 1998**

Citing ongoing concerns about the lack of preparations for the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problem among many of the Nation's small and medium-sized businesses, the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion today described plans for "National Y2K Action Week," October 19-23, 1998, to promote action on the problem by these companies.

During the Week, Federal agencies including the Commerce Department and the Small Business Administration (SBA) will use their national field-office networks to conduct hundreds of educational events and outreach activities designed to help managers of small and medium-sized businesses address the Y2K problem. Materials promoting the Week will appear in the Nation's post offices and in major newspapers across the country.

"Let no one be mistaken. The Y2K problem could spell doom for any small or medium-sized company that isn't prepared," said Council Chair John A. Koskinen, who was joined by U.S. Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley and SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez at today's press conference held at the Commerce Department. "The goal of this week is to give these businesses the informational tools they need to help ensure that their systems are ready for January 1, 2000."

The field office efforts will focus on helping managers to assess how their businesses may be vulnerable to the Y2K problem, both in their own computers and embedded systems and in relationships with outside service providers, develop strategies for remediation and replacement work, find technical resources for addressing the problem, and formulate contingency plans. Citizens can get information about events being held in their area by calling 1-800-U-ASK-SBA or at www.y2k.gov or www.sba.gov/y2k.

The Commerce Department will use its network of field offices to encourage small and medium-sized businesses to act on the Y2K problem. In particular, Commerce is well positioned to promote Y2K action among small and medium-sized manufacturers and minority-owned businesses through its 400 manufacturing extension partnership offices, 104 export assistance centers, and 65 minority business development centers, many of which will be holding events during the Week.

"While publicity about the Year 2000 problem is widespread, many small and medium-sized businesses have not yet assessed their risk," said Daley. "But time is running out. If these firms do not pay attention to this potential problem today, they risk losing customers, or even their business. The Commerce Department field office effort during National Y2K

Action Week will help these businesses address this urgent problem.”

With its 1-800 number and Y2K web site section, SBA has been a key source of information for small businesses in need of guidance on how to best address the Y2K problem. During the Week, SBA will hold nearly 250 educational events at field offices and with resource partners across the country. More than 450 events will be held over the next two months.

“We have been working hard to help the Nation’s 23 million small businesses understand that they need to confront this critical challenge,” said Alvarez. “SBA events during Y2K Action Week will advance our efforts to help these companies answer the critical question: Are You Y2K OK?”

The President’s Year 2000 Council has also been working with more than 150 national organizations, representing industries, professions, State and local government, and the non-profit sector, who have agreed to encourage their members to act on the Y2K problem and take advantage of the educational opportunities available during the Week.

Highlights of the Week will include:

Educational events and outreach activities held by many of the following:

- the Commerce Department’s 400 manufacturing extension partnership offices, 104 export assistance centers, and 65 minority business development centers;

- SBA’s 69 district offices, 950 small business development centers, 52 business information centers, 69 women’s business information centers, and 17 tribal business information centers;

- the Agriculture Department’s 3,100 county extension offices; and

- the Social Security Administration’s 1,350 field offices.

Promotional materials including:

- National Y2K Action Week posters that will appear in the Nation’s post offices,

- a commemorative National Y2K Action Week cancellation mark that will be issued in major cities,

- advertisements about the Week that will appear in leading newspapers across the country, and

- an Internal Revenue Service mailing, to 6.5 million small businesses, of SBA Y2K awareness materials.

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ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING *NATIONAL Y2K ACTION WEEK*

Aerospace Industries Association
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
Air Transport Association
Alliance of American Insurers
American Ambulance Association
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of Engineering Societies
American Association of Exporters & Importers
American Association of Orthodontists
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
American Bankers Association
American College of Cardiology
American Council of Life Insurance
American Crop Protection Association
American Electronics Association
American Financial Services Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Gas Association
American Hardware Manufacturers Association
American Hospital Association
American Hotel and Motel Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
American Insurance Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Meat Institute
American Medical Association
American Paper Machinery Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Pipe Fittings Association
American Public Power Association
American Public Transit Association
American Public Works Association
American School Food Service Association
American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
American Society of Association Executives
American Textile Machinery Association
American Water Works Association
America's Community Bankers
The Arlington Institute
Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association
Association for Computing Machinery
Association for Financial Technology
Association of American Railroads
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Association of School Business Officials
The Bankers Roundtable
Building Owners and Managers Association, International
Business Software Alliance
Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association
Chemical Manufacturers Association

Chemical Producers and Distributors Association
Community Associations Institute
Computer & Communications Industry Association
Computing Technology Industry Association
Consumer Bankers Association
Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association
Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers
Council of State Governments
Council on Foundations
Direct Marketing Association
Edison Electric Institute
Financial Executives Institute
Food Distributors International
Food Marketing Institute
Gifts in Kind, International
Grocery Manufacturers of America
Health Industry Manufacturers Association
Independent Bankers Association of America
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Independent Sector
Industrial Research Institute
Information Technology Association of America
Information Technology Industry Council
Institute for Interconnecting and Packaging Electronic Circuits
Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers
Intelligent Transportation Society of America
International Association of Emergency Managers
International Association of Food Industry Suppliers
International City / County Management Association
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Franchise Association
International Insurance Council
International Sign Association
International Sleep Products Association
International Trade Council
Internet Society
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Investment Company Institute
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations
• Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America
Measurement, Control & Automation Association
Million Dollar Round Table Insurance Agents
Motor Freight Carriers Association
National Association for the Self-Employed
National Association of Broadcasters
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of Counties
National Association of Federal Credit Unions
National Association of Government Labor Officials
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

National Association of State Fire Marshals
 National Association of State Information Resources Executives
 National Association of Water Companies
 National Automobile Dealers Association
 National Cable Television Association
 National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 National Consumers League
 National Electrical Manufacturers Association
 National Emergency Management Association
 National Farmers Union
 National Food Processors Association
 National Governors Association
 National Grain and Feed Association
 National Grain Trade Council
 National Home Equity Mortgage Association
 National League of Cities
 National Meat Association
 National Milk Producers Federation
 National Retail Federation
 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
 National Rural Health Association
 National School Boards Association
 National Stone Association
 National Telephone Cooperative Association
 National Turkey Federation
 National Voluntary Health Agencies
 National Waterways Conference
 National Y2K Civic Leadership Initiative
 Natural Gas Council
 Natural Gas Supply Association
 National Voluntary Health Agencies
 Newspaper Association of America
 North American Electric Reliability Council
 North American Fire Training Directors
 Nuclear Energy Institute
 Organization for the Protection and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies
 Personal Communications Industry Association
 Process Equipment Manufacturers Association
 Professional Convention Management Association
 • Public Technology, Inc.
 Regional Airline Association
 Reinsurance Association of America
 Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment
 Securities Industry Association
 Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International
 Society for Information Management Year 2000 Working Group
 Society of Manufacturing Engineers
 Software Publishers Association
 State Emergency Medical Services Directors
 State Information Technology Consortium
 Uniform & Textile Service Association
 United States Council for International Business
 U.S. Chamber of Commerce
 United Way of America

Wholesale Florists & Florist Suppliers of America.

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Date

10/19/98

To:

BEN JOHNSON

CC:

MURRAY MOORE

From:

The Staff Secretary (DAVID GOODFRIEND)

Here is the list of
bills we discussed -- "Bills
Due" shows items we have
received from Congress.

-David
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BILLS PASSED THE CONGRESS
BUT NOT YET RECEIVED AT THE
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10/19/98
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<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Short Title</u>
1. H.R. 624	Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Amendments (Cleared 10/9/98)
2. H.R. 678	Sesquicentennial of the Birth of Thomas Edison Coin Act (Cleared 10/8/98)
3. H.R. 700	Cahuilla Indians Mineral Springs Parcel Distribution (Cleared 10/15/98)
4. H.R. 1021	National Forest Land Exchange - Colorado (Cleared 10/9/98)
5. H.R. 1197	Plant Patent Amendments (Cleared 10/16/98)
6. H.R. 1274	National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization (cleared 10/13/98)
7. H.R. 1702	To Encourage the Development of a Commercial Space Industry in the United States (Cleared 10/8/98)
8. H.R. 1756	Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy (Cleared 10/16/98)
9. H.R. 1757	Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (cleared 4/29/98)
10. H.R. 1853	Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Amendments (Cleared 10/8/98)
11. H.R. 2000	Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Cleared 10/7/98)
12. H.R. 2186	Assistance to National Historic Trails Center, Wyoming (cleared 10/10/98)
13. H.R. 2281	WIPO (Intellectual Property) Copyright Treaties Implementation Act (Cleared 10/12/98)
14. H.R. 2327	Drive for Teen Employment (cleared 10/13/98)
15. H.R. 2370	Guam Judicial Empowerment Act (Cleared 10/15/98)
16. H.R. 2616	Charter School Expansion Act (cleared 10/10/98)

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17. H.R. 2675	Requiring OPM to Submit Proposed Legislation concerning Universal Life Insurance (Cleared 10/8/98)
18. H.R. 2795	Water Contract Extention - Bureau of Reclamation (Wyoming and Nebraska) (Cleared 10/7/98)
19. H.R. 2807	Rhino and Tiger Production Labeling Act (Cleared 10/15/98)
20. H.R. 3055	Miccosukee Reservation Area Act (Cleared 10/15/98)
21. H.R. 3069	To extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy (Cleared 10/9/98)
22. H.R. 3332	High Performance Computing Act Authorization (Cleared 10/8/98)
23. H.R. 3494	Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment (Cleared 10/12/98)
24. H.R. 3528	Alternative Dispute Resolution Act (cleared 10/10/98)
25. H.R. 3687	Canadian River Project (cleared 10/14/98)
26. H.R. 3723	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Authorization (cleared 10/14/98)
27. H.R. 3830	Utah Land Exchange (Cleared 10/9/98)
28. H.R. 3874	Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorizations (Cleared 10/7/98)
29. H.R. 3903	Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment, Alaska (cleared 10/10/98)
30. H.R. 3910	Automobile National Heritage Area Act (cleared 10/14/98)
31. H.R. 4079	Folsom Dam Temperature Control Device Construction Authorization (Cleared 10/7/98)
32. H.R. 4151	Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act (cleared 10/14/98)

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33. H.R. 4166	Idaho Admission Act School Land Lease Authorization (Cleared 10/7/98)
34. H.R. 4259	Haskell Indian Nations University (cleared 10/14/98)
35. H.R. 4293	Ireland Culture and Training Program Act (Cleared 10/8/98)
36. H.R. 4309	Torture Victims Relief Act (cleared 10/10/98)
37. H.R. 4326	Oregon Public Lands Transfer (cleared 10/14/98)
38. H.R. 4337	To Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to Provide Financial Assistant to the State of Maryland Program to Restore Marshlands (Cleared 10/9/98)
39. H.R. 4558	Noncitizen Benefit Clarification Amendments (Cleared 10/8/98)
40. H.R. 4566	D.C. Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act (cleared 10/14/98)
41. H.R. 4655	To Support a Transition to Democracy in Iraq (Cleared 10/7/98)
42. H.R. 4660	Rewards for Information (Cleared 10/15/98)
43. H.R. 4679	Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act Amendments - Pesticides (Cleared 10/9/98)
44. S. 191	Criminal Use of Guns (Cleared 10/15/98)
45. S. 231	National Cave and Karst Research Institute, New Mexico (cleared 10/10/98)
46. S. 391	Mississippi Souix tribes Judgement Fund Distribution Act (Cleared 10/14/98)
47. S. 417	Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act (Cleared 10/15/98)
48. S. 459	Native American Programs Act Amendments (Cleared 10/14/98)
49. S. 538	Minidoka Irrigation Project Land Conveyance (Cleared 10/12/98)

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Short Title</u>
50. S. 744	Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System (Cleared 10/12/98)
51. S. 759	Concerning Diplomatic Immunity (Cleared 10/14/98)
52. S. 890	Federal Property Disposal - Dutch John, Utah (Cleared 10/8/98)
53. S. 1021	Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (To Amend Title 5, U.S.C. - Competitive Service Positions in the Federal Government) (Cleared 10/8/98)
54. S. 1134	Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (Cleared 10/15/98)
55. S. 1260	Securities Litigation Uniform Standards (cleared 10/13/98)
56. S. 1298	Justice John McKinley Federal Building - Alabama (Cleared 10/9/98)
57. S. 1333	National Park Fees (cleared 10/10/98)
58. S. 1397	Centennial of Flight Commemoration (Cleared 10/14/98)
59. S. 1408	Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site (Cleared 10/14/98)
60. S. 1525	Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act (Cleared 10/15/98)
61. S. 1693	National Park Service Concession Management Act (Cleared 10/14/98)
62. S. 1718	Weir Farm National Historic Site (Cleared 10/14/98)
63. S. 1722	Women's Health Research and Prevention Amendments (cleared 10/13/98)
64. S. 1733	Food Stamp Overpayment (Cleared 10/15/98)
65. S. 1754	Health Professionals Education Partnerships Act (Cleared 10/14/98)

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66. S. 2094	Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act Amendments (Cleared 10/9/98)
67. S. 2106	Arches National Park Expansion, Utah (cleared 10/10/98)
68. S. 2129	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Adjustment (Cleared 10/14/98)
69. S. 2193	Trademark Law Treay Implementation (Cleared 10/9/98)
70. S. 2232	Little Rock National Central High School National Historic Site Authorization Act (Cleared 10/8/98)
71. S. 2240	Adams National Historical Park, Massachusetts (cleared 10/10/98)
72. S. 2241	Hyde Park, New York Historic Site (Cleared 10/15/98)
73. S. 2246	National Historic Site Boundary Modification, Massachusetts (cleared 10/10/98)
74. S. 2272	Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site Boundary Adjustment (Cleared 10/15/98)
75. S. 2285	Women's Progress Commemoration Act (cleared 10/10/98)
76. S. 2364	Economic Development Administration Reform (cleared 10/13/98)
77. S. 2413	Prohibiting Conveyance of Land in Arizona (cleared 10/10/98)
78. S. 2427	Legislative Authority for Black Patriots Foundation (cleared 10/10/98)
79. S. 2432	Assistive Technology Act (Cleared 10/14/98)
80. S. 2468	Dante Fascell Biscayne National Park Visitor Center Designation, Florida (cleared 10/10/98)
81. S. 2500	Coalbed Methane Gas (Cleared 10/15/98)

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82. S. 2505	Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station Title Conveyance - Idaho (Cleared 10/9/98)
83. S. 2524	Patriotic and National Observances Codification (Cleared 10/12/98)
84. S. 2561	Consumer Reporting Employment Clarification Act (Cleared 10/8/98)
85. S.J.Res. 35	Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (Cleared 10/15/98)
86. S.J.Res. 51	Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact (Virgina and West Virgina) (Cleared 10/8/98)
87. S.J.Res. 58	Recognizing Accomplishments of Inspectors General Since 1978 (cleared 10/10/98)

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Last Day For Action</u>	<u>Short Title</u>
1. H.R. 449	10/20/98	Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998
2. H.R. 930	10/20/98	Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998
3. H.R. 1481	10/20/98	Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1998
4. H.R. 1836	10/20/98	Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1998
5. H.R. 3381	10/20/98	Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998
6. S. 314	10/20/98	Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (freedom from Government competition)
7. S. 2392	10/20/98	Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act
8. H.R. 3694	10/21/98	Intelligence Authorization - FY 1999
9. H.R. 3790	10/21/98	Library of Congress Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act
10. H.R. 4194	10/21/98	Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations
11. H.R. 4248	10/21/98	Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act
12. H.R. 1659	10/24/98	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act
13. H.R. 2411	10/26/98	Cape Cod National Seashore Land Exchange

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14. H.R. 2886	10/26/98	Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act
15. H.R. 3796	10/26/98	Rogue River National Park Boundary Adjustment
16. H.R. 4081	10/26/98	Arkansas Hydroelectric Project Extension
17. H.R. 4284	10/26/98	Mahatma Ghandi District of Columbia Memorial
18. H.R. 8	10/27/98	Border Smog Reduction Act of 1998
19. S. 53	10/27/98	Curt Flood Act of 1998 (Baseball antitrust)
20. S. 505	10/27/98	Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act
21. S. 2206	10/27/98	Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998 (or the) Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998
22. S. 2235	10/27/98	Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Amendments (School Resource Officers)
23. H.R. 2431	10/28/98	International Religious Freedom Act of 1998
24. H.R. 4112	10/28/98	Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999
25. S. 1892	10/28/98	Prevention of Article III Judge Relatives Appointments
26. S. 1976	10/28/98	Crime Victims With Disabilities Awareness Act

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 17, 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/Communications Report**
- (I) **Legislative Report**
- (J) **Public Liaison Report**
- (K) **Intergovernmental Report**
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- (M) **Political Report**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

1. Education -- Class Size Initiative: The final agreement we reached on your class size reduction initiative is remarkably close to your original proposal. The program, totaling \$1.2 billion this year, is targeted to reducing class size in the early grades to an average of 18 and to ensuring that well-prepared teachers are in the smaller classes. Under the legislation, states receive funds based on either the Title 1 (poverty) formula or the Eisenhower program (enrollment) formula, whichever is higher. The states then distribute funds to local school districts according to a formula that is based 80 percent on poverty and 20 percent on enrollment. Districts can use the funds to recruit, train, and hire new teachers to reduce class size in the early grades; they also can use up to 15 percent of the funds for additional steps to improve teacher quality, such as professional development for experienced teachers and testing of new teachers. If and when a district brings class size down to 18 in the early grades, it can hire teachers to reduce class size in other grades or make other teacher quality improvements. Schools must produce an annual report card for parents providing information on class size and student achievement levels. We estimate that school districts will be able to hire between 30,000 and 40,000 teachers with these new funds, which would put us on track to reaching your goal of 100,000 additional teachers in seven years, assuming Congress provides continued appropriations.

2. Education -- National Testing: As you know, the budget bill includes a provision on national standards that allows test development work to continue, but bans pilot testing (which we intended to do this year), field testing, and implementation without congressional authorization. The provision also calls on NAGB and the National Academy of Sciences to conduct several studies related to national testing in anticipation of Congress considering this issue when it reauthorizes NAEP next year. Because the likelihood of obtaining Congressional approval for the tests is so slim, we are trying to develop other ways to continue our push for national standards.

3. Health Care -- Home Health Care Fix: The Congressional Republicans (House and Senate) announced a proposal on Friday to modify the reimbursement rates for home health care providers, and asked that it be included in the final budget bill. The proposal is sound as a matter of health care policy, but it is financed in part by a scheme to increase income limits on Roth IRA rollovers, which the Administration strongly opposes. (As you

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recall, the scheme loses revenue in the outyears and benefits only wealthy individuals.) We responded to the Republican proposal by offering several alternative financing mechanisms, including a limit on participation in Medicare Medical Savings Accounts and some relatively non-controversial tax offsets that have appeared in other bills. The Republicans strongly oppose limiting MSAs as an offset, but may be able to agree to some of our other financing sources. We will work through the weekend to see if we can reach agreement. Even if we do not, we believe that our quick response has insulated us from Republican attacks that we stood in the way of solving the home health care problem.

4. Health Care -- Historic Budget Increases: The final budget bill includes an increase of almost \$2 billion -- or 14 percent -- in biomedical research at the NIH. In addition, the CDC and the Agency for Health Care Policy Research (AHCPR) received the full budget increases you requested for new research to improve prevention efforts and quality outcomes. The final budget bill also includes the \$80 million you asked for (though distributed among slightly different programs) to eliminate racial health disparities in six health areas, including cancer, diabetes, and immunizations. Finally, the bill includes significant new funding for HIV/AIDS, including \$250 million (a nearly 30 percent increase) for the Ryan White Program and \$130 million for funding to address the AIDS problem in the minority community. The latter increase is particularly striking and meets the Congressional Black Caucus's request for funding.

5. Health Care -- Needle Exchange: One of our greatest disappointments in the budget is a provision that not only prohibits federal funding of needle exchange programs across the country, but also prevents the use of local and private funds for this purpose in the District of Columbia. The Republican Leadership was adamant about retaining this provision, presumably because it was necessary to sell the budget package to conservatives in the party.

6. Health Care -- Kennedy-Jeffords Legislation: We proved unable to include the Work Incentives Improvement Act (Kennedy-Jeffords) in the final budget bill. This legislation, which is the disability community's primary legislative priority, gives people with disabilities the option to buy into Medicaid and Medicare when they go back to work. Although the bill has received broad bipartisan support, the Republican leadership rejected the idea of including a significant health care expansion in the omnibus legislation. We believe, however, that we have laid the groundwork for passage of this bill in the next Congress.

7. Health Care -- Pennsylvania DSH Payments: The entire Pennsylvania Congressional delegation is lobbying the Administration to place a moratorium on the collection of claims (valued at over \$300 million) against the State's hospitals for making inappropriate Medicare DSH payments. This moratorium would give the State time to get the claims overturned in court and/or lobby for remedial legislation. Because we believe that HCFA has applied the rules inconsistently in this area, we have urged the agency to be

responsive. We think that HCFA will decide to impose a temporary moratorium next week, at which time we will contact the State's Democratic Members.

8. Crime -- Prison Drug Testing/Treatment: The final budget agreement includes language to allow states to use up to 10 percent of their federal prison funds to implement drug testing and treatment plans for prisoners and parolees. As you recall, you urged Congress in January to adopt this change in law, at the same time as you signed a directive promoting coerced abstinence policies in the federal prison system. Before now, Senator Hatch consistently had opposed our efforts to allow states to use their prison funds for this purpose.

9. Crime -- Brady Implementation: The final budget agreement ensures that the Brady National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) will go on-line as planned at the end of next month. Although the bill prohibits the FBI from charging a user fee for background checks, it appropriates sufficient funds (\$42 million) to operate the system. Equally important, the bill does not include a Republican-proposed rider on records destruction procedures that would have delayed implementation of the NICS by 6 to 8 months.

10. Community Empowerment -- Budget Agreement: The final budget agreement includes almost all of the community empowerment initiatives you proposed this year. Some of the highlights include: (1) 50,000 new welfare-to-work housing vouchers; (2) first-year funding for the Round II Empowerment Zones; (3) a 19 percent increase in the Community Development Financial Institution Fund budget; (4) enactment of landmark public housing reform legislation; (5) extension of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and the Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit; (6) an 18 percent increase in homeless assistance; (7) a 33 percent increase in HUD's fair housing programs; (8) full funding for the EPA's Brownfields program; and (9) the creation of a new program to provide Individual Development Accounts to individuals wishing to save for a first home, post-secondary education, or new business. The one initiative we failed to enact was your proposal to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). We believe, however, that we have laid the groundwork to secure Congressional approval of this proposal next year.

11. Welfare Reform -- Teen Birth and Pregnancy Rates: Two recent reports show continued good news on teen birth and pregnancy rates. CDC announced data showing a 3 percent drop in the teen birth rate from 1996 to 1997, bringing the rate to 52.9 births per 1,000 girls between 15 and 19 years old. The drop is the sixth in a row and caps a total decrease of 15 percent since 1991. Teen birth rates declined for all racial groups, although the rate of decline for blacks was slightly less than for other groups. In addition, a new report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute shows that the teen pregnancy rate dropped nearly 13 percent from 1991 to 1995 and now stands at the lowest level since 1975, at 101 pregnancies per 1,000 15- to 19-year-old girls. Researchers attribute the drop in pregnancy rates to a decline in sexual activity among teens and improved use of contraceptives. The teen pregnancy data lag several years behind the teen birth data because the pregnancy data depend on abortion data which

take longer to collect. In a few months, CDC will produce its own estimate of the teen pregnancy rate, which will use a slightly different methodology but show a similar trend.

During last week's budget negotiations, we succeeded in removing a rider on the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that would have endangered these very positive trends. The rider would have prohibited all family planning organizations receiving federal funds from dispensing contraceptives to minors without their parents' consent. This rider, if passed, would have led to more teen pregnancies, births, and abortions.

12. Tobacco -- Medicaid Recoupment: The final budget agreement does not include any provision to waive the federal government's right to a share of state tobacco recoveries. During negotiations, the Republicans supported language that would have given the federal share of the money to states to use in whatever manner they pleased (rather than for a menu of specified activities). The Democrats opposed any provision waiving federal claims (with or without a menu), on the theory that leaving this issue open would make Congress more likely to consider comprehensive tobacco legislation next year. We will work with members of Congress and the public health community on a strategy to use the federal government's claims against the states as part of a renewed effort to enact such legislation.

13. Children and Families -- Child Care Budget Increases: The budget bill includes two notable increases in child care spending. First, the bill provides for \$200 million for after-school programs (up from \$40 million this year and \$1 million the year before), which will serve about a quarter of a million children each year. You are currently scheduled to highlight this remarkable increase when you campaign with Senator Boxer in California on Wednesday. Second, the bill adds \$182 million to the quality fund within the Child Care and Development Block Grant. Although even this increase was very difficult to get, the child care community expected higher. We and the first lady's staff will meet with representatives of that community within the next few weeks to discuss the treatment of child care in the next budget and develop a strategy for making progress on this issue in the next Congress.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

RE: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

cc: ERSKINE BOWLES

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Social Security COLA: Based on yesterday's Consumer Price Index release, Social Security announced that this year's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) would be 1.3 percent. This adjustment will be reflected in the Social Security checks beneficiaries receive in January. For the average retired worker, this should raise monthly benefits from \$770 per month to \$780 per month -- about \$120 per year higher benefits because of the COLA. While some may claim that the low COLA is "bad" news for retirees, as you know, it is the result of low inflation -- which is very good for those on fixed incomes, such as the elderly. Automatic COLAs have been made in Social Security every year since 1975, but they were delayed for 6 months in 1983. You should also know that Social Security announced that the cap on taxable earnings will rise 5.8 percent, in line with the increase in their average wage index. That will mean that the maximum earnings subject to Social Security taxes will be \$72,600 in 1999, compared to \$68,400 this year.

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Medicare Part B Premiums: Yesterday, Medicare announced that the monthly Part B premium would increase 3.9 percent, from \$43.80 this year to \$45.50 in 1999. This means that next year's premium is significantly less than the premium CBO estimated at the time of the passage of the Balanced Budget Act: \$50.60. Lower premiums than projected are mostly the result of slower growth in Medicare, partly due to constraints on Medicare costs in last year's Balanced Budget Act.

✓ **H-1B Visas:** Legislation to increase the number of temporary (H-1B) visas for highly skilled foreign workers based on our compromise with Senator Abraham was included in the final budget agreement. You should know that we had to include the legislation in the omnibus package because Senator Harkin put a hold on it when it was moving on its own. As you know, the agreement we reached contains a significant training and education provision funded by new revenues and stronger protections for U.S. workers. Industry is very relieved (and grateful) that the cap on the number of H-1B visas will be raised; organized labor would prefer that the cap not be raised, but is excited about the new training opportunities for American workers.

Higher Education Next Steps: Ceci Rouse and Bob Shireman, on my staff, reconvened a group (Education, OSTP, OMB, Treasury, CEA, Race Initiative) that has been meeting to discuss barriers to low-income and minority students completing college and graduate study. They are focusing on issues of students transferring from community colleges to four-year colleges, part-

time versus full-time attendance, support services to help students stay in school, and test preparation. This is part of an effort to develop ideas for the FY2000 budget and for your race initiative book.

Deal on Internet Tax: Tom Kalil, on my staff, worked with others to ensure that the Senate version of the Internet Tax Freedom Act was attached to the omnibus bill. This version has a three-year moratorium on Internet access taxes and discriminatory taxes, and establishes a commission to look at the longer term issues raised by electronic commerce and remote sales. The Senate version also included provisions that the Administration supports on electronic signatures and children's privacy, which requires parental consent before children under 13 disclose personally identifiable information. The Congress also added the "Oxley" provision that requires commercial Web site operators that disseminate information that is "harmful to minors" to verify that their customers are adult (e.g., credit card or some other mechanism). The Administration had proposed changes that would make the bill more likely to survive a constitutional challenge, but these changes were rejected. The Senate version of the Internet Tax Freedom Act was supported by both the National Governors Association and by the Internet industry.

Bankruptcy: The Republican leadership responded to the Administration's veto threat on the Bankruptcy conference report with a counteroffer that did not resolve our central concern with the conference report -- the absence of discretion for bankruptcy judges. We rejected their offer, and the Republican leadership announced that the bill was dead for the year. You should know that the omnibus will include a six-month reauthorization of Chapter 12 -- special bankruptcy provisions for family farmers -- which had lapsed on September 30th. Republicans refused to permanently extend the provision hoping that it will provide impetus to move a bankruptcy reform bill next year.

Securities Litigation: The conference report passed both the House and Senate. However, the carefully negotiated language in the statement of managers that reiterates that the 1995 Reform Act did not eliminate recklessness as a basis of pleading or liability was "inadvertently" dropped when published in the House record. After that error was corrected, a new contrary statement from Rep. Bliley was inserted in a way to make it appear that it was part of the statement of managers (which it was not). The SEC will not withdraw its support for the bill or ask that you veto, but they are taking advantage of these events to get Senator D'Amato and Representative Eshoo to provide additional clarifying statements about the intent of the bill's proponents.

Mexico: As you know, NAFTA's 5th anniversary is January 1, 1999. Mexico (and Canada) would like to mark the occasion in a high-profile manner, including participation by heads of state. Lael Brainard chaired an NEC deputies meeting in which a number of agencies (Treasury, USTR and State) indicated they would like to take such an approach, citing the powerful economic argument for NAFTA, the need to avoid a defensive posture for an agreement that many believe will be recorded as a major success of your administration, and the opportunity to use such an event to raise the profile of regional integration. Other agencies (Labor, Commerce)

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and some of your senior advisors are concerned that such an approach could cause more harm than good, needlessly riling NAFTA's opponents and once again turning fast track into a referendum on NAFTA. Sandy Berger and I may hold a principals meeting in the next couple of weeks to develop recommendations for you weighing these various considerations.

Steel Resolution Passes House: The House of Representatives passed by a vote of 345-44 a non-binding resolution introduced by Representative Traficant that would impose a one-year ban on imports of steel from Australia, China, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, South Korea and Brazil if you determine that any of these nations are not abiding by trade agreements with respect to imports of steel into the United States. All Democrats and a significant number of Republicans supported the resolution. The Senate passed a resolution which calls for enhanced enforcement of trade laws, equitable sharing of imports by our trading partners, a task force to monitor steel imports, and a comprehensive plan for responding to steel imports by January 5th. We are working on a comprehensive Administration strategy that will include full enforcement of our trade laws, stepped up monitoring, and intensified consultations with key trading partners including Russia, Japan and South Korea. Of great significance to our industry and unions, Secretary Daley has announced -- following a quasi-judicial process -- that he will expedite decisions on the steel dumping cases, which could potentially result in the imposition of duties on dumped imports arriving as early as late November.

Japan Banking Legislation Passes - Positive Step but Forceful Implementation Key: Japan has passed banking legislation that will make a large amount of funds (\$45 trillion yen total) available for recapitalization and for bank nationalization. This is clearly a positive and necessary step to address Japan's banking problems. However, we are concerned about two aspects of the legislation. First, the legislation leaves it up to banks to ask for public funds, which viable banks will be reluctant to do because of the potential for stigmatization. Second, the legislation fails to place key requirements for the disposal or even full disclosure of bad loans on the use of funds. We will therefore need to press Japan to ensure the funds are disbursed aggressively, quickly and with appropriate conditions. The Japanese Government is also considering canceling the special session of the Diet that they had originally intended to use to accelerate agreement on Obuchi's proposed stimulus package. This is troubling, and does not square with Obuchi's indications in New York.

- **Antibribery Bill:** Dorothy Robyn of my staff has been trying to help fashion a compromise that will allow the House and Senate to adopt legislation that will implement an OECD agreement to criminalize the bribery of foreign government officials. Because the agreement will require other governments to adopt statutes comparable to our Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, we want to be the first to ratify and implement it. The House-Senate disagreement is over an extraneous provision that would limit the privileges and immunities of INTELSAT and Inmarsat, two intergovernmental organizations that provide global satellite telecommunications services in competition with commercial companies. The Administration very reluctantly went along with the telecom provision in order to get Chairman Bliley to take up antibribery, but the Senate, which had passed a "clean" antibribery bill in June, rejected the provision and sent the House another clean bill. Bliley surprised everyone in his willingness to let an extraneous provision of

questionable merit bring down the antibribery bill, but the House leadership has not been willing to rein him in. ~~Because the NEC is involved in the broader issue of INTELSAT/Inmarsat privatization,~~ we will continue to try to find a formula that allows both sides to claim victory and gives us the antibribery bill we strongly support.

Bananas, the EU and the Caribbean: On Friday (10/16), Lael Brainard met with a Caribbean delegation led by Prime Minister Edison James of Dominica and including ministers and ambassadors from the Caribbean nations. Despite our efforts to achieve a fair solution to the banana dispute that does not harm Caribbean interests, Caribbean leaders oppose our continued pursuit of this case. Most recently, they were disheartened to learn of the letter from Erskine Bowles to the congressional leadership requiring U.S. retaliation against the EU if no settlement is reached by the compliance date of January 1, 1999. We explained that Erskine's letter was critical in stopping harsher legislation that would have mandated retaliation on a tighter deadline and with less Executive Branch discretion, and that any retaliation would be aimed at the EU and not the Caribbean. Although we have indicated we want to work with the Caribbean on WTO-consistent solutions that will not damage their fragile banana industries, they have been reluctant to take us up on this offer because of EU opposition.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: KATHLEEN A. MCGINTY MVT for KAM

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Everglades

In a major step to further ensure restoration of the Everglades, the Vice President, together with the South Florida Water Management district, released the Everglades Draft Comprehensive Plan, or "Restudy." The Restudy is a product of a 1996 promise by the Administration to prepare a comprehensive plan for restoring the Everglades. The \$7.8 billion Restudy plan will restore and preserve South Florida's natural ecosystems, while enhancing agricultural and residential water supplies and maintaining flood control. The project will help sustain Florida's economy and its environmental future well into the next century.

The price tag will be split evenly with the State over the next twenty years. The proposal reflected input from farmers, the environmental community and the tribes, and is subject to a public comment period before being considered by Congress.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Shrimp / Turtle

On Monday, the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) issued a final decision against a U.S. law protecting sea turtles. The law blocks imports of shrimp from countries that fail to protect sea turtles during shrimp harvesting.

The decision has a bright side, however, which may be useful over the long-term. Specifically, the Appellate Body held that the U.S. law potentially qualifies for the trade law exception for measures to conserve exhaustible natural resources. This is the strongest language from the WTO recognizing the importance of environmental objectives. The decision underscores the need for heightened attention to the trade and environment agenda.

These issues will assume an even higher profile next year than at any time since early in your first term. In addition, the high-level WTO Ministerial meeting you called for in Geneva and the fast-track trade issue will all heighten public concern about this matter.

BUDGET

Due to the extraordinary efforts of OMB, WHLA, and Erskine Bowles, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill is shaping up to be a net win on the environment, if we can keep further anti-environmental provisions from being added in the final days of the session. Your negotiating teams kept most of the anti-environmental riders off the bill and secured an additional \$467 million for clean water, resource protection, and climate change in the final discussions.

Unfortunately, the Administration was not able to keep the bill completely free of riders. Already, we are already being criticized for provisions on methyl bromide, timber management in the Northern Sierra Nevada (called the Quincy Library Group), oil valuation, mining and grazing. The additional funding for other priorities has largely offset this criticism. However, the inclusion of any more anti-environmental provisions in the final negotiations could easily tip the balance against us.

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Nobel Prizes Recognize Nine Scientists at American Institutions

All nine of the 1998 science Nobel Laureates announced this week are affiliated with American institutions, and have received extensive federal funding from NIH, NSF, and DOE. Since the start of your Administration, 80 percent of the science Nobel Awards have been given to U.S. citizens or employed here. We have won about 60 percent of these awards since 1950, when the Federal government started investing substantially in science.

Three scientists working at universities in the United States won the Nobel Prize in Physics on Tuesday for their discoveries of how sub-atomic particles can behave like a fluid. Their work shows that electrons acting together in strong magnetic fields can form new types of particles. The three, Robert C. Laughlin of the United States (Stanford), Horst Stoermer (Columbia; German), and Daniel Tsui (Princeton), will share the \$978,000 prize.

On Monday, the Nobel Prize for medicine was given to three Americans -- Robert Furchgott (State University of New York Health Science Center), Louis Ignarro (UCLA), and Ferid Murad (University of Texas Medical School) -- for their work on discovering properties of nitric oxide, a common air pollutant but also a life-safer because of its capacity to dilate blood vessels. Their finding helped lead to the discovery of the anti-impotence drug Viagra and could also pay off in new treatments for heart disease, cancer and septic shock.

The Nobel Prize for chemistry was awarded to Walter Kohn, (University of California at Santa Barbara) and John A. Pople (Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; British). Both made pioneering contributions in developing methods that can be used for theoretical studies of the properties of molecules and the chemical processes in which they are involved. Their techniques are now commonplace and are used in industry and biomedical research to gain understanding that cannot be acquired from experiments alone.

The Nobel Prize for Economics was awarded to Amartya Sen (Harvard & Cambridge; India), for his contributions to address the welfare of the poorest people, and the economics of famines.

I will be submitting a scheduling request to bring the U.S. Nobel Prize winners to the White House for an event in late November/December, and will shortly have congratulatory notes for each Prize winner to you for your signature.

AIR FORCE TO ANNOUNCE NEW LAUNCH VEHICLE CONTRACT

U.S. Air Force Secretary (Acting) Whitten Peters is expected to announce today the award of two development and launch services contracts for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV). The EELV program was an outgrowth of your 1994 National Space Transportation Policy (NSTC-PDD 4) that called for DoD to focus on upgrading the nation's current fleet of expendable launch vehicles and for NASA to concentrate on a next generation reusable launch vehicle. The Air Force's EELV program represents a success on two fronts. First, DoD estimates that it will lower launch costs by 25-50%. This will enhance U.S. competitiveness in the commercial space launch market. Second, it is an example of the type of successful government/industry partnerships we want to encourage. The Air Force will contribute roughly \$1B in development funds, which will be matched by industry.

TEMPERATURES WARMEST IN LAST 500 YEARS

An article published in Science uses the first global survey of borehole temperatures to reaffirm the finding that the earth is warming. Boreholes are deeply drilled holes (up to 4/10ths of a mile) in rock composition that are generally used for mineral exploration. Temperature profiles in boreholes can be used to reconstruct long-term surface temperature records. Measurements of temperatures in 358 boreholes on the North American, European, African, and Australia continents indicate that the average surface temperature of the Earth has been increasing for the last 5 centuries, with a warming of about 2 degrees F over that time. About half of the warming has occurred in the last century, making this century the warmest of the last five, with the most rapid rates of temperature increases seen in the 500-year record. These findings reinforce the direct measurements of surface temperature -- extending back about 100 years -- which indicate a similar warming of the Earth's surface over the last century.

FOOD SAFETY ARTICLE FOR KIDS

Next week's issue of the *Weekly Reader*, a magazine distributed to a substantial portion of the nations schoolchildren, your Council on Food Safety is highlighted. OSTP granted an interview to the weekly magazine that initiated the coverage. The article puts the issue of food safety in terms school children can easily understand and emphasizes the fact that we currently have a safe food system that can be even safer.

THIS YEAR'S OZONE HOLE BIGGEST EVER

Scientists have announced that this year's ozone hole is the biggest (in area) and nearly the deepest ever recorded. The hole is about a third larger than last year's hole, and extends nearly 15 miles into the atmosphere. The record hole is being attributed to unusually cold temperatures in the stratosphere above Antarctica (the stratosphere starts between 6 and 9 miles above the surface and extends about 30 miles into the atmosphere). A general cooling in the stratosphere may in part be due to increasing greenhouse gases, which have the effect of warming the lower atmosphere but cooling the stratosphere. If the Montreal Protocol is adhered to, the ozone layer should begin recovering in the early part of the next century, but increasing greenhouse gases are predicted to slow the recovery.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TODD STERN

SUBJECT: Climate Change Weekly Report

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Appropriations. Your budget negotiating team did a terrific job on climate change, getting an additional \$130 million for your Climate Change Technology Initiative in the final end game talks. Despite intense opposition on the Hill, we received nearly \$200M (26%) over our FY 98 budget: an additional \$60M for DOE's energy efficiency portfolio (including PNGV, PATH, Industries for the Future); an additional \$60M for DOE's renewable energy portfolio; and an additional \$10M for EPA's climate programs such as Green Lights and Energy Star Buildings and Homes. We also got \$192.5M for U.S. arrears to the Global Environment Facility, which is of particular importance to our ability to deal effectively with developing countries. (At this writing, I understand there is a rearguard action by Hill Republicans to welch on this deal. Our negotiators are resisting this effort.)

Credit for early action. On October 10, Senators Chafee, Mack and Lieberman introduced S. 2617, the "Credit for Early Action Act". The purpose of this bill is to encourage voluntary efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by providing credit for voluntary mitigation actions before 2008. The issue could be very important to us next year as a positive rallying point for business and for some Hill Republicans. We have done a lot of policy work on it and will be best off playing an active but somewhat behind the scenes role.

Federal energy. This week both the House and the Senate passed S. 417, which among other things, extends federal agency authority for the Energy Savings Performance Contracts to October 1, 2003. Extension of these contracts was part of your directive in July. We will continue to work with Congress next year to expand the use of these contracts.

Diplomatic

More than 20 countries met late last week in Buenos Aires to prepare for the Conference of Parties opening there November 2. The discussions indicated that the larger Conference could be quite contentious. Developing countries continue to resist even discussing their commitments; the EU insists on "concrete ceilings" for emissions trading and the Clean Development Mechanism; the Indians and many other developing countries insist on "equitable allocation" of the atmosphere before emissions trading can begin -- a non-starter idea for us.

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The chair of the Buenos Aires Conference, Argentine Environment Minister Maria Julia Alsogaray, appears to be a strong ally. She is working to advance discussion of developing country commitments and to shape an announcement at Buenos Aires that her government will take on an emissions target in the 2008-2012 period, which would be a break through event. Alsogaray is battling elements of the Argentine bureaucracy in these efforts. We will probably recommend that you call President Menem soon to encourage him to announce a target in Buenos Aires. We may also need your help with Tony Blair, with whom Menem will be visiting shortly before the Buenos Aires Ministerial.

Secretary Richardson travels to Mexico next week, where he will raise climate change with President Zedillo and others. The Secretary is likely to propose a bilateral climate change working group designed to bring the Mexican Energy and Trade ministries more centrally into the dialogue on this topic.

Science

Carbon Sink. In today's *Science*, researchers report evidence that North American ecosystems are absorbing significant amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere -- up to 1.7 billion metric tons of carbon annually (which would be more than total U.S. emissions). This is only one modeling result, and some direct observational and experimental evidence suggests that the North American carbon sink may be much smaller. Still, this article provides compelling evidence that forest sinks play a very significant role in the global carbon cycle, and provides a powerful argument in favor of the comprehensive approach advocated by the US -- inclusion of all sinks and sources of greenhouse gases in mitigation efforts.

Large Iceberg breaks off from Ronne Ice Shelf in Antarctica. Today the National Ice Center reported that an iceberg larger than the state of Delaware had recently broken off the Ronne Ice Shelf in eastern Antarctica. This iceberg is reportedly four times the size of the last large iceberg in the region, which came from the neighboring Larsen Ice Shelf earlier this year. Scientists acknowledge that the mechanics of ice shelf fracturing remain poorly understood but calving is a possible indicator of climate change. Temperatures around Antarctica have been rising five times faster than the global average, however a scientist from the British Antarctic Survey believes that this regional warming is not associated with climate change.

Record-breaking coral bleaching. NOAA has reported record-breaking coral bleaching due to unusually warm sea-surface temperatures in the last year. Corals thrive within certain temperature ranges, and a drift outside of those temperature ranges by only one or two degrees can cause bleaching—a sign of stress in coral communities. Satellite measurements show that during the first half of 1998 alone, more ocean areas in the tropics experienced exceptionally high sea-surface temperatures than in any full year since 1982. Note that, by executive order, you have already formed a Coral Reef Task Force to examine threats to coral systems.

September Temperature Data. On October 14, NOAA released September temperature data,

which showed that this was the hottest September on record for the US and the world -- the ninth month in a row to set such a record. NOAA data show that the US national average for September was 4.3 degrees F above the 1961-1990 norm, while the global mean temperature was 1.1 degrees F above the long-term average.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANN LEWIS AND STACIE SPECTOR

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS WEEKLY REPORT

Amplification

For each of your message events we worked to ensure that the message got to our key networks.

- **School Modernization.** Distributed information for each state on how your proposal would help that state in cutting class sizes and modernizing its schools.
- **White House Conference on School Safety.** Distributed the Administration's record on school safety to governors, mayors, state legislators and over 630 satellite sites for the event. OPL desks distributed materials to African American organizations, disability groups, health care organizations, seniors groups and agricultural groups.
- **Budget.** Distributed education and training budget chart, budget overview, budget victories and future priorities materials. Encouraged key governors, mayors, state legislators and county officials to write op-eds and letters to the editor for their local papers and distributed a sample op-eds and letters to the editor to these state and local electeds.

Web

- The web site for the White House Conference on School Safety was accessed over 5,000 times in the days leading up to the conference for information on the satellite downlinks, and 2,000 times on the day of the event for cybercast coverage.

Special Projects

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✓ **Women's Vote.** Although we could not schedule a meeting for you with women's vote leaders, we are working with Political Affairs to put together a telephone conference call for this group with the First Lady. Additionally, Ann continues to hold weekly meetings

to coordinate our issue and outreach effort to women.

- **Friends and Supporters.** In addition to our regular conference calls and getting information to friends, Ann heard from:
 - Howard Metzenbaum did a show for Fox News, hopes we see it, and also thanks for the bankruptcy bill.
 - Pat Schroeder: offered again to be helpful, and has made a number of recent television appearances.
 - Justin Dart was at the Budget Briefing that Ann addressed yesterday and asked a question. This gave Ann the opportunity to speak about all that he has contributed to our country over the years.

Week Ahead

We are working on plans to amplify the following events:

- **Breast cancer awareness with the First Lady.** We are working with HHS to hold a pre-event briefing for local and cable TV health reporters, and to have regional HHS officials hold simultaneous events, including a telephone conference call with the First Lady. We are also producing sample op-eds and press releases for participants to pitch to their local press.
- **Women and Social Security Roundtable.** The SSA will transmit this event via satellite so that local offices and women's organizations can watch and hold their own forums. The women Members of Congress who wrote you about this issue will be encouraged to hold their own events or participate in regional forums.

Speaking Engagements

- Ann spoke at the National Press Club to the Women's Research and Education Institute, to the National Jewish Democratic Council, and to DC business representatives.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LARRY STEIN *LS*
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

Appropriations

Continuing Resolution: On Friday, the House and Senate passed (voice vote) H.J.Res.136, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 through Tuesday, October 20 at midnight. To date, Congress has completed action on the following six appropriation bills: Military Construction, Energy/Water, Agriculture/Rural Development, Defense, Legislative Branch, and VA/HUD). Of the six bills received by the White House, one has been vetoed (Agriculture/Rural Development) and two have been signed (Military Construction, Energy/Water). The remaining three (Defense, VA/HUD, Legislative Branch) await your signature.

Omnibus Appropriation Agreement: As you know, on Thursday an agreement was reached among Congressional Democrats, Republicans, and the Administration on the Omnibus Appropriations legislation. The Administration will continue to evaluate the final legislative language to ensure that it complies with the agreement. The Omnibus appropriation bill will include an emergency supplemental title and the following eight bills: Commerce/Justice/State, District of Columbia, Foreign Operations, Interior, Labor/HHS/ Education, Transportation, Treasury/General Government, and Agriculture/Rural Development

United States House of Representatives

The House considered eighty-three bills under Suspension of the Rules throughout the week; a majority of which were non-controversial, with seventy-five passing and five being defeated.

Charter Schools: Last Saturday, the House passed (369-50) H.R. 2616, clearing the measure for your signature. The bill will amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The Administration supports the bill because it will encourage the creation of more charter schools, while ensuring that these schools have the support, accountability, and flexibility needed to provide students and their families with more choices in public education.

Telecommunications Competition Act: On Monday, the House passed (voice vote) H.R. 3888, the Telecommunications Competitions and Consumer Protection Act. The bill prohibits the unauthorized change of a long-distance provider. The Administration has issued a Statement of Administrative Policy in support of such legislation but in opposition to the passage of the House language because of objectionable provisions dealing with payment terms for "C block" radio spectrum licensees. The provisions would create extensive costs to the Federal Government and would undermine the spectrum auction process. The bill awaits Senate action.

Homeownership Act: On Tuesday, the House approved (voice vote) H.R. 3899, the American Homeownership Act of 1998. The bill compliments many of the Administration's efforts to expand homeownership through reauthorizing the HOME program, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and the creation Homeownership Zones. However, the Administration has issued a Statement of Administrative Policy citing serious concerns with current House language that would: require HUD to transfer ownership of certain FHA multi- and single-family properties to community development corporation or units of local government; raise the adjustable rate mortgage cap to 40 percent with an premium for mortgages over 30 percent; and add unnecessary specialized analytical requirements to the Federal rulemaking process. The bill awaits Senate action.

Foreign Steel Resolution: On Thursday, the House approved (345-44) H.Res. 598, a resolution that encourages the Administration to take all necessary measures to respond to the surge of steel imports. The bill requests that the Administration: (1) impose a one year ban on imports of all steel products from Australia, China, South Africa, Russia, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, South Korea, and Brazil if they fail to abide by trade agreements with respect to steel products within ten days; (2) establish a task force to monitor imports of steel products into the U.S. to determine whether trade agreements are being violated; and (3) report to Congress, no later than January 5th on actions taken to remedy the situation. The Administration has taken no official position on the legislation.

Matthew Shepard Resolution: On Thursday, the House passed (voice vote) H.Res. 597, a resolution condemning the actions that resulted in the death of Mr. Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming. Furthermore, the Congress views this act as unacceptable and outrageous, and urges each Member of Congress and every citizen of the United States, in his or her own way, through his or her church, synagogue, mosque, workplace, or social organization, to join in denouncing and encouraging others to denounce this outrageous murder of another human being.

The Week Ahead

The House will convene on Monday for a *Pro forma* session. On Tuesday, the House will consider several bills under Suspension of the Rules, the Omnibus Appropriation Conference report and the *Sine Die* adjournment resolution.

United States Senate

Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act: On Tuesday, the Senate passed by unanimous consent the Conference Report to S. 1260, the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1997, overriding your veto. S. 1260, sponsored by Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX), addresses a "loophole" found in P.L. 104-67, the Securities Litigation Reform Act. This legislation clarifies the original intent by requiring class action securities lawsuits to be brought in federal court, thereby preventing suits from being brought subject only to more permissive state laws. The Administration does not oppose this legislation, therefore, clearing the measure for your signature.

Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act: On Thursday, the Senate passed S. 1525, the Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998 by unanimous consent. In your remarks at the School Safety Conference you specifically commended Representative Jim Maloney (D-CT) for his leadership on this issue in the House. The enrolled bill arrived at the White House on Thursday, October 15 and is awaiting your signature.

Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act: The Senate passed HR 3267, the Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act by unanimous consent. It was a bipartisan compromise to authorize additional studies of the Salton Sea problem. It will be included in the Omnibus Spending bill.

The Week Ahead

The Senate will convene on Monday for a *Pro forma* session. On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to begin debate on the Omnibus Appropriations bill. If it is determined that a roll call vote is needed on the Omnibus Appropriations bill, this vote will take place no earlier than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20.

cc: The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
John Podesta
Rahm Emanuel
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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Neal Sharma, Room 97

Today's Date: October 19, 1998

Date of Request: 7/23/98

Request for: POTUS

Type of Request: Honorary Chairman

Requestor Name: The Honorable James R. Thompson

Title: Chairman

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Organization: Winston & Strawn
35 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601-9703

Contact Tel. #: 312-558-7400

Event Date: 11/12/98

Event Description: The Honorable and Mrs. William G. Stratton
Humanitarian Award

Notes: Partners Home Care, formerly five Hospital Homebound Elderly Program, is holding the Honorable and Mrs. William G. Stratton Humanitarian of the Year Award. This year's honoree is Michael Reschke, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Prime Group, Inc. Bob Dole will serve as a guest speaker. Governor Edgar and Mayor Daly are the only other Honorary Chairmen for the event. Partners Home care is based solely in Illinois and is a 501(c)(3).

The President should REGRET.

Recommendation:

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(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

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July 23, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President, The United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Partners Home Care (formerly Five Hospital Homebound Elderly Program) is holding The Honorable & Mrs. William G. Stratton Humanitarian of the Year Award Dinner on Thursday, November 12, 1998, at the Chicago Hilton & Towers.

I am pleased to announce that Michael W. Reschke, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Prime Group, Inc., will receive the 1998 Award for his exemplary business leadership and involvement in the community for provision of expanded living alternatives for the elderly and improved quality of their lives. The Honorable Robert Dole, 1996 presidential candidate, former Republican Senator from Kansas and Senate Majority Leader, will serve as the guest speaker.

In the evening's program book, there is a listing for Honorary Chairmen of the event. I would like to invite you to be listed as an Honorary Chairman. Please confirm your approval of this invitation on the enclosed response. If you would like to attend the event I will be happy to hold a complimentary reservation for you and a guest. If you need further information, please call (773) 871-7486. I appreciate your participation and support of our senior population.

Sincerely,



James R. Thompson
Chairman, Winston & Strawn

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Santa Clara County Black Firefighters Association

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MEMBER: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

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JACQUE BOYETTE
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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

You have been, and continue to be, a paragon of leadership in the crusade for equal access to educational opportunities for our youth. The Santa Clara County Black Firefighters Association (SCCBFA) shares your genuine, honest mission to assist under represented children in this age of high technology. It is, therefore, an honor and privilege to request your participation in the October 24, 1998, 25th Anniversary Awards Luncheon of the SCCBFA at the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara.

We will be honoring the ongoing heroism, dedication and service of these brave firefighters. It is our hope that, by highlighting their victory over adversities, their examples will shine like beacons in the night for all future generations of Santa Clara County.

The SCCBFA has joined with NASA to launch an initiative, FLAME (Fueling Lifelong Access to Minority Education), a community project developed by Black firefighters to mentor minority and underserved youth in order that they may succeed in the areas of math and science. It would be greatly appreciated if a Proclamation from you could be obtained 10 days prior to the Anniversary and presented at the Awards Luncheon Ceremony.

More importantly, President Clinton, we would be thrilled if you would attend, at least for a few moments, to personally present this recognition. Your attendance at the luncheon would confirm your support of the many courageous firefighters who have valiantly served this region while victoriously breaking barriers over the past 25 years. The hundreds of guests attending this Awards Luncheon comprise many of the leaders and forerunners who will carry forth our future.

We can be reached at 408-236-2277 for further details, or we will contact your staff soon.

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Send to Scheduling?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Yours truly,

Kevin L. Taylor
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Marc Perkel has been
calling with his
recommendations— He
wants to talk w/ Potus.

Can someone call and
talk w/ him. Thanks

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Send to Ann Lewis?

Yes ☒
No ☐

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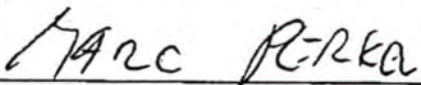
RE: President Clinton on Talk Shows

Dear Ms. Currie,

Thank you for your help on the phone and your cooperation in getting my message to the President. ***I am still firmly convinced that President Clinton appearing on TV talk shows is the magic bullet that will turn this election around and get rid of the Republicans.*** I am new to the proper procedures for contacting the President and I hope that my calls haven't been a burden to you and the President. I know President Clinton has been very busy and I know you are very busy and I don't want to pester you about getting the President on talk shows if he has already made a decision to do it or not to do it.

So, if you could email me or fax me a reply, I would like to know the status of my suggestions. I'd like to know if they have been accepted, rejected, or are being processed. Is there someone else on the President's staff who handles this kind of suggestion?

I would appreciate any guidance you can give me about contacting President Clinton in this most important matter. I don't want my enthusiasm or my lack of understanding of proper protocol and customs to get on anyone's nerves. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



Marc Perkel