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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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DAVID GOODFRIEND

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December 7, 1998

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

This end-of-the-year letter is as presumptuous as the beginning-of-the-year letter I sent you last January. That missive was pegged on Andrew Marvel's 17th century proposition: "Let us roll all our strength and all our sweetness up into one ball" This is still what the nation needs you to do.

No doubt you get more advice than you can handle. Based on our years of laboring together in the vineyard of National Service, I am taking the liberty of giving you my unvarnished view of what it will take to realize our dream of making service the common expectation and common experience of all Americans. So here goes . . .

The events of the last year have been a terrible diversion from what we could have done, if not engulfed in the unrelenting, uncivil war of these past too many months. "Events have controlled me," Lincoln said of his leadership as the man of peace who led the nation through a sea of blood. In the end, after times when he feared people would vote him out of office, Lincoln prevailed and, in a profound sense, controlled events. In very different difficult circumstances that is your challenge in the remaining 700 days – to control events, to overcome the noise, to summon what Martin Luther King called "the fierce urgency of now."

More now than ever, you must do everything in your power to roll all your strength and all your sweetness up into that one ball – into a vision that integrates the three great themes you have most championed: education, racial unity, and citizen service. With the best of your imagination, creativity, and energy you can turn this into one clear, unforgettable, and commanding vision.

Let me stress I'm not here making a case for the specific policy proposals we are crafting with your staff. I'm also not arguing here for the proposal we submitted to your staff last week to vastly increase public understanding of and support for AmeriCorps by using your extraordinary power of persuasion and other White House assets to put in place a new strategy of emphatic communication about citizen service.



This personal letter goes beyond policies and speeches or anything you have yet done. My call is for a quantum leap in your personal leadership to give your vision life and force, making it a legacy and challenge to the American people that they can never forget. This will require more of your time, your attention, and perhaps most importantly, your sweat, for the cause of citizen service. In the beginning is the Word – but the word must be made flesh.

In the next one hundred weeks, if you commit a far greater part of your self to this endeavor, you will make an indelible mark on the mind and spirit of America. With that high hope, I offer two specific suggestions as a start:

First, commit yourself – and your schedulers – to arranging at least once a month for you to engage in some personal service in a school or community. These occasions do not have to be high profile, and it is neither necessary nor desirable that your service always be with AmeriCorps. Engage in service projects where with a few hours of work you can accomplish something, demonstrate something, and learn something.

Your service projects could include helping with a book drive at a local school or library, assisting in a homeless shelter, attending to a person with AIDS, building a playground, spending time in a senior center, working in environmental clean-up, rehabilitating housing, reconstructing trails in a National Park, or working with a faith organization (perhaps your own church) in a local project. Almost any project can be linked to larger themes of the Administration – but the real point of the service should be more personal than political.

Second, plan to lead a series of conversations to help shape future strategies of citizen service. Since you first took up the banner of service through the National Governors' Association and the Democratic Leadership Council, the field has grown and changed significantly, thanks in large part to your leadership in advancing AmeriCorps, the Corporation's other service programs, and the Presidents' Summit. Today there is lively debate about how citizen service can help meet national goals; how to get more people involved in high impact service and volunteering; how service can help to bring together people from diverse backgrounds; how to end the false division between part-time volunteering and full-time service; how to define the role of government in supporting "civil society" and mediating institutions; and how to best capture the special potential for religious organizations. You and the First Lady should become actively involved in convening and leading these discussions.

I recommend that early in the New Year you and the First Lady host an off-the-record discussion tackling some of these questions with a small, ideologically diverse group of leading thinkers and activists, including perhaps:

Susan Berresford (Ford Foundation)
Geoff Canada (Rheedlen Center, a star program based on AmeriCorps members
and featured in John Kasich's new book)
John DiIulio (Public Private Ventures, leading thinker on faith organizations)
E.J. Dionne (Journalist, Brookings Institute Fellow, new book *Community Works*)
Bill Galston (National Commission on Civic Renewal)
John Kasich (New book *Courage is Contagious* about individual volunteers)
Alan Khazei (City Year founder)
Charlie Moskos (Northwestern University)
Bill Moyers (Journalist, philanthropist)
Michelle Nunn (Hands on Atlanta)
Colin Powell (America's Promise)
Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (Lieutenant Governor of Maryland)
Oprah Winfrey (Television talk show host, philanthropist)

The list can be improved, but the idea is for this to be a non-political and non-ideological setting. With a relatively small investment of your time, you and the First Lady would be a major influence in the national conversation already underway.

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We have made remarkable progress as a nation over the past six years. Yet, despite almost unparalleled prosperity, many Americans feel that something is missing – a sense of community, a set of common values, a shared national purpose. By making the kind of personal commitment I propose, you will help all of us understand better the power of service – in our own lives and in the lives of the people we serve. You will point the way to service as a strategy for the nation in the 21st Century – to produce stronger communities, more compassionate and informed citizens, and more solutions to the problems that once seemed insurmountable. This is your legacy. What is needed now is for you to claim it as your own.

Warmly,

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Harris Wofford

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William M. Daley

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SUBJECT: Report on My Presidential Business Development Mission to Africa

From November 30 - December 7, I led a Presidential Business Development Mission to South Africa, Kenya, Cote D'Ivoire, and Nigeria. The delegation included Congressman Bill Jefferson and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson; senior officials from the Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im), Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), and Trade and Development Agency (TDA); Dr. Earl Richardson, President of Morgan State University in Baltimore (who is active in expanding ties between historically-black U.S. colleges and universities and African academic institutions); and fifteen U.S. business executives, who had been selected from more than 100 applicants (the most ever for a Commerce Department trade mission to any part of the world). I have attached a list of the members of the business delegation.

As you will recall, I originally had planned to take this mission in early September, but the August 7 terrorist bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam made it very difficult for our embassies and Commercial Service personnel to prepare for a large delegation. I therefore postponed the business mission, but did visit South Africa, Tanzania, and Kenya for five days in September to discuss a range of policy issues -- including your African Partnership Initiative, the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the status of the then-pending aid package for Kenya and Tanzania, and regional economic initiatives -- with government and business leaders.

Unlike during my September visit, the August 7 bombings, and the roughly \$50 million in assistance that the United States will provide to Kenya and Tanzania, were not focal points of this mission. However, our embassy personnel in Nairobi did express to me their concern that Washington had not paid sufficient attention to the emotional consequences of the bombings for both U.S. and foreign nationals working in our embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. The same message apparently has been conveyed to Admiral Crowe, who is heading up a commission established in the aftermath of the bombings. To try to assuage these concerns, my staff is working with staff at the White House and NSC to frame a holiday message from you to personnel in both embassies expressing your sympathies and support for their continued dedication and perseverance in very difficult circumstances.

Throughout the four stops on our itinerary, including in speeches during each stop and in press briefings, I focused on the elements needed to attract greater U.S. trade and investment -- laying out what the fifteen companies on our mission, and others, want to see to do more business with Africa. I identified four issues on which progress is critical to building confidence in a "new" Africa and combating stereotypical images of a continent in crisis:

- (1) the economic situation, i.e., the level of commitment to economic reforms, including lowering trade barriers, tax and investment policies, progress on privatization, and improving infrastructure;
- (2) the political situation, i.e., the degree of political stability and progress toward greater democracy and political participation;
- (3) the legal structure, i.e., the degree of confidence in predictable and transparent laws and regulations, existence of an independent judiciary, protection of intellectual property, and progress in addressing concerns about corruption; and
- (4) greater integration of regional markets throughout the continent to promote additional economies of scale and reduce barriers among neighboring countries.

Our meetings with government and business leaders focused on reinforcing the Administration's commitment to engage Africa commercially. This included emphasizing that Congress' failure to enact the African Growth and Opportunity Act this year does not diminish that commitment, as evidenced by the measures we already are undertaking that do not require legislative action.

The fifteen businesses in our delegation had an active schedule of individual meetings with relevant government ministers and private sector counterparts to explore specific trade and investment opportunities. While nearly all of the companies represented already had done business on the continent, these meetings helped identify potential new or expanded opportunities; in fact, one of the smallest firms on the delegation is returning this week to conclude negotiations on a contract to provide its technical services to a large South African bank.

In addition, during each of the first three stops (all except Nigeria) we announced specific "deliverables": agreements involving our three trade financing agencies -- Ex-Im, OPIC, and TDA. We also focused attention on programs that several of the participating companies have developed consistent with Ron Brown's message of "doing well by doing good" -- such as the "Medical Scholars Initiative" that Pfizer has developed to educate and train disadvantaged black students in South Africa, and an agreement Monsanto announced with Kenya's Agricultural Research Institute to develop a disease-resistant form of sweet potato.

South Africa

The primary objective of our visit to South Africa, including in meetings with Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Minister for Trade and Industry Alec Erwin, was to reinforce the central message of my September policy mission: that despite the economic problems, the U.S. Government and business community remain optimistic about South Africa and interested in expanding our bilateral commercial relationship.

We arrived in Cape Town (we did not go to Johannesburg on this trip) against the backdrop of the release of the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, chaired by Bishop Tutu. In

expressing his concern about the report's extensive coverage of abuses not only by the government but by the African National Congress (ANC) during the anti-apartheid struggle, Deputy President Mbeki sought to make a broader point to the delegation: that those who play by the rules and tell the truth sometimes become victims, when others fail to abide by the rules. He noted that this reality carried over to the business arena, where companies that abided by anti-corruption requirements might find themselves disadvantaged in certain markets.

Our meetings focused on the steps South Africa is taking to address its economic difficulties and promote greater regional economic integration in southern Africa. For the most part, they did not center on specific tensions in our economic relationship (e.g., our concerns with South Africa's Medicines Act and lack of effective intellectual property protection, and their complaints about our steel antidumping case), but instead on ways to deepen the overall relationship. With Minister Erwin, we also discussed developments in South Africa's relationship with the European Union (EU); shortly after our meeting, the South African Government announced that free trade negotiations with the EU had been put on hold indefinitely because of important unresolved differences (including concerning agricultural trade).

I also met with the President of Botswana and the Prime Minister and Trade Minister of Mozambique (whose President was meeting with you the same day in Washington), each of whom also was attending a large international trade and investment conference in Cape Town that I addressed with Deputy President Mbeki. I encouraged both to continue on the path of economic reform, and to encourage other members of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to do more to emulate the trade and investment strategies that have proven so successful for their countries over the past year.

Other meetings in South Africa included a discussion with officials from KwaZulu Natal province (Durban and the surrounding area) on trade and investment opportunities there; signings by OPIC and TDA; the opening of our new Commercial Service office in Cape Town; and a program in Khayelitsha Township, near Cape Town, to highlight the benefits from the installation by SBC Communications, a U.S.-owned firm, of a telecommunications tower providing phone service and Internet access for students and other residents of that impoverished community.

Kenya

Our one day in Nairobi was very productive, including agreement signings between Ex-Im, OPIC, and Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and their Kenyan counterparts; a meeting with a cross-section of Kenyan Government ministers to discuss trade and investment issues in different economic sectors; a meeting with East African governmental and business leaders, including officials from Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia, to discuss a broad range of economic, environmental, and infrastructure development issues that require regional solutions (such as dealing with a severe weed infestation problem in Lake Victoria); and a very interesting dialogue with women's business leaders that I hope can pave the way for closer coordination between women entrepreneurs in the United States and East Africa. As with my September visit,

the focus of all of these meetings was on the steps needed to create a better "enabling environment" for expanded trade and investment in Kenya and across East Africa.

At the same time, the tone and atmosphere in Kenya were decidedly more negative than in either South Africa or Cote D'Ivoire. First, our scheduled meeting with President Moi (with whom I had met in September) was canceled -- almost certainly to demonstrate Kenyan unhappiness about not having been invited to the inaugural Cabinet-level U.S. Africa-Economic Forum (originally scheduled for this month, but since postponed to next year) because of what we consider to be insufficient progress on political and economic reforms.

Second, both Kenyan government and business leaders reacted sharply to our central message -- both in private sessions and in my luncheon address to the Kenyan business community -- about the need for African governments to address longstanding concerns about corruption and bribery in order to attract more trade and investment. Several of them were very defensive about their record of combating corruption, increasing the transparency of government operations, and implementing other reform measures that we have raised with them repeatedly, and we had a spirited exchange during the question-and-answer session following my luncheon speech.

In short, the visit to Kenya highlighted both the opportunities and the challenges that exist in our bilateral relationship. As U.S. Ambassador Bushnell noted in her introductory remarks at a breakfast meeting with U.S. businesses in Kenya, it is a relationship characterized by "hope and frustration," where Kenya's great promise must be assessed against the backdrop of a slowing of reforms, severe infrastructure problems, and other difficulties.

Cote D'Ivoire

Aside from having joined you in Ghana for the first stop of your March trip, this marked my first visit to West Africa. The primary objective of our two days in Cote D'Ivoire was to explore ways to expand U.S. economic ties, which lag well behind those of the French in particular (our share of the Ivorian market, for example, is one-ninth that of France), and to establish a more level playing field for our firms in procurement and other areas.

In bilateral meetings with President Bedie, Prime Minister Duncan, and several Government ministers, we focused on our interest in greater trade and investment in key sectors, while emphasizing our support for Cote D'Ivoire's economic reform program, sustained commitment to democracy, and leadership role in promoting greater regional integration and conflict resolution. Our delegation also held a regional meeting with officials from Cote D'Ivoire and several other West and Central African governments to discuss progress on regional economic integration and additional steps needed to bolster U.S. trade and investment in the region.

A highlight of the Cote D'Ivoire visit was a joint legal conference, cosponsored by the Commerce Department and the African Development Bank, at which U.S. and African speakers covered a range of issues, including judicial independence, government transparency, and protection of

intellectual property rights. I spoke with African Development Bank President Omar Kabbaj at the opening session, and Congressman Jefferson and Senior Judge Nathaniel Jones of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals both made very well-received presentations later in the program.

I also met separately with African Development Bank President Kabbaj, who has moved aggressively to reform the Bank's practices and procedures and to involve the Bank in efforts to improve "good governance" throughout the region and the continent. In addition, TDA and Ex-Im each participated in an agreement between a small U.S. medical supply company and an Ivorian hospital; we witnessed signing of an educational agreement through which Georgia State University will help establish a new international university in Cote D'Ivoire; and I participated in the dedication of a new natural gas facility built by Ocean Energy, a Texas-based firm.

Nigeria

Nigeria was a late addition to our itinerary; we originally had been scheduled to go to Angola in September, but the deterioration of the situation there and the promising steps taken by General Abubakar led us to arrange a five-hour visit to the capital of Abuja on the final day of our mission.

My message to General Abubakar and his government colleagues, and to the Nigerian business community in a luncheon speech, was simple and straightforward: that, as you had told the General when he visited Washington this fall, continued progress on political and economic reforms would result in closer U.S.-Nigerian ties, including the stimulation of greater trade and investment. I noted that Nigeria, as Africa's most populous country and second largest economy, could be a model for the rest of the continent if such progress was sustained.

General Abubakar, who had made a considerable effort to rearrange his schedule to meet with us, was relaxed and gracious in our meeting, expressing his pleasure that Nigeria had been added to our itinerary. He discussed both economic reforms and the "democratization process," focusing on the apparently fair and successful local elections that had been held the previous day.

During both the luncheon and in meetings with Nigerian ministers and local representatives of U.S. businesses, we heard repeated expressions of concern about the different U.S. sanctions imposed under our foreign assistance and drug certification laws, including the prohibition on Ex-Im and OPIC project financing, as well as the continued listing of the international airport in Lagos as unsafe and thus not eligible for direct air service to the United States.

Several focused in particular on the latter issue -- and specifically the highly visible warning signs that are posted for travelers at the Lagos Airport noting its failure to meet international security standards. Even though that decision was reached in 1994 by the Secretary of Transportation based on an assessment by FAA officials, the Nigerians clearly regard it as having political overtones, and they seek some sort of "goodwill gesture" from the United States in the coming months. I understand that FAA officials are working closely with their Nigerian counterparts to ensure that the next assessment -- the timing of which has not yet been scheduled -- is positive.

Both Nigerian officials and some locally-based U.S. business officials also complained strongly about what they claimed were inaccurate media portrayals of Nigeria and an alleged lack of perspective concerning the country's complex ethnic and tribal situation. Some of the businessmen frankly seemed more concerned about maintaining law and order than in encouraging further progress on longstanding problems with human rights, business scams and other forms of corruption, environmental degradation, and the like.

I believe that our brief stop in Abuja accomplished the key objective of laying out the type of economic relationship that we want with Nigeria and hopefully will be able to achieve if the Abubakar Government remains on the path to reform. The national elections in February, followed by the planned transition to civilian rule in May, obviously will be the key tests of whether the commitment seen in last week's local elections -- and apparent in my meeting with the General -- will be sustained.

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I am grateful to you for designating this as a Presidential Business Development Mission and making a U.S. Government aircraft available for our use. I would be pleased to discuss any of the issues raised in this memorandum further with you or Sandy Berger. As we have discussed, we need to build on the progress made over the past nine months, beginning with your historic March trip, to foster a more positive understanding of the "new" Africa without, of course, overlooking the terrible conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia/Eritrea, and elsewhere, and the other grave challenges -- such as the AIDS crisis -- facing the continent.

Even though there will be fewer high-level visits to the continent than this year, we obviously have a busy agenda for 1999, including gaining passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, holding the rescheduled Economic Forum (as well as the next meeting of the Gore-Mbeki Binational Commission with South Africa in February and other regional meetings), and making progress on the many important elements of your Partnership Initiative.

Still, the most important factor in keeping our commercial relationship with Africa moving forward will be the extent to which African governments make progress in implementing promised reforms -- from transparency and anti-corruption programs to reducing trade barriers to more effective protection of intellectual property rights. The Commerce Department is ready to work with them on these and other important initiatives, which will be essential to promoting and sustaining positive business attitudes toward increased trade and investment. In light of our mission, I believe that our business community is still enthusiastic about deepening its ties with African partners, but will be looking to African leaders -- and to us -- for signs of a continued commitment to building a new relationship in the coming months and years.

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Dear President, Mrs. and Chelsea Clinton:

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and Thank you for your love and steadfast fulfillment of your leadership of The United States of America and for your continued exemplary American pride for One and All --

despite any partisan mis-representatives who dare hold millions of innocent men, women and CHILDREN hostage as these few self-empower and destruct their own impeachment process, who dare ignore, overturn and outcast the expressed will of the PEOPLE, and who dare continue in obsessed violation of that same PEOPLE and CONSTITUTION they took an oath to serve. Remember? -- "We, the People ... establish this Constitution."

Are not these same partisans guilty of high crime perjury in violation of their oaths to represent WE THE PEOPLE, self-indulging The Constitution down to private, marital indiscretions?

Should not WE THE PEOPLE, also stoop to drudge the depths of the private sex lives of these partisans and then misapply and misconstrue The Constitution so as to oust them from their congressional seats as WE THE PEOPLE invade their privacy and obsessively beat them over the head with it, then flaunt our insatiable appetite for them to crawl at our feet in base contrition? STOP THE blow-by-painful blow of IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS. Your hypocritical hate hurts the innocent.

THE PEOPLE OF THAT GOVERNMENT and CONSTITUTION DID NOT WANT to pay \$40 MILLION for partisan suspicions which wallow an unsuspecting people in the depths of pornography, in stoned disregard for WE THE PEOPLE AND OUR NATION'S CHILDREN.

THE PEOPLE OF THAT GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION DO NOT WANT a partisan IMPEACHMENT PROCESS shoved down our throats.

THE PEOPLE OF THAT GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION DO NOT WANT OUR CONSTITUTION MISINTERPRETED AND MISAPPLIED to self-serve any abuse of those powers THE PEOPLE entrusted to Congress.

GOD says: Vengeance is GOD's.
Our Constitution says: Congressional power shall represent WE THE PEOPLE, not the partisan.

GOD BLESS AMERICA especially our partisan, "and that Government of ..., for ..., and By the People shall not perish..."

GOD BLESS US TO FORGIVE AND BE HEALED OF THIS OBSESSION TO UNPRECEDENTED AND INJURIOUS IMPEACHMENT. Such reckless abandon and presumption RENDERS US VOICELESS, HELPLESS AND WITHOUT HOPE TO BE GOVERNED BY AND FOR OURSELVES.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I PRAY THE REASON FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL PREVAIL FOR WE THE PEOPLE IN EACH AND EVERY GOVERNING PROCEDURE IN AMERICA
THANK GOD, AMEN.



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CURRENT DEVELOPMENT

Is the Euro a Threat to the Dollar?

The dollar's role as the dominant international currency was described in last week's *Weekly Economic Briefing*. This analysis looks at whether the introduction of the euro threatens this status.

Characteristics of an international currency. How does the dollar stack up with respect to the attributes that analysts have identified as important in determining international currency status?

- **Economic size.** The currency of a country that has a large share in international output, trade, and finance has a natural advantage as an international currency. The U.S. economy is still larger than the euro-11 economies combined. If Britain and the other remaining EU members (Sweden, Denmark and Greece) join in the future, however, the two currency areas will then be very close in size.
- **Strong financial markets.** U.S. capital and money markets, more so than those on the European continent, meet the condition of being open, free of controls, well-developed, and liquid.
- **History.** A strong inertial bias favors using whatever currency has been the international currency in the past, and that is the dollar.
- **Confidence in the value of the currency.** An international currency should not be subject to wild fluctuations in value or doubts about its stability. The United States has enjoyed good inflation performance relative to other major countries recently—but it has not always. Furthermore, the United States' status as a large net international debtor with a substantial current account deficit might reduce the attractiveness of the dollar as an international currency.

Prognosis for the euro. On January 1, the euro will automatically inherit the international currency status now held by the ecu, DM, and French franc. Subsequently, the euro's share in reserve currency holdings and other measures of international use may rise gradually to be more consistent with the share of "euroland" in world output.

Despite the likely international importance of the euro, however, the odds are against its rapidly supplanting the dollar as the world's premier currency. The dollar will probably continue to be the world's favorite currency for holding reserves, pegging minor currencies, invoicing imports and exports, and denominating bonds and lending. Two of the four determinants of reserve currency status—liquid financial markets and historical inertia—support the dollar over the euro. A third, economic size, is a tie. The fourth determinant (confidence and stability) is an open question, which will depend in part on the track record of the new European Central Bank.

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INTERNATIONAL ROUNDUP

World Bank Forecasts Slow Growth for Developing Countries. Growth in per capita income in developing countries is expected to slow from 3.2 percent in 1997 to 0.4 percent this year, according to the World Bank's latest annual *Global Economic Prospects of the Developing Countries*. This would be the slowest growth for these countries since the 1980s debt crisis. Countries that account for nearly half of the developing world's GDP and more than a quarter of its population are expected to experience a decline in per capita income. The press conference accompanying the release of the report generated controversy when it was reported that the Bank was critical of the International Monetary Fund and the United States for their handling of the Asian crisis. The Bank has disavowed such criticism. The report does argue, however, that the response to the crisis failed to recognize its profound social cost and its disproportionate impact on the poor.

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WTO Forecasts Less Trade. Growth in the volume of real merchandise exports in 1998 is expected to fall to 4 to 5 percent from an historically high level of 10 percent in 1997, according to the World Trade Organization's annual report on trade. Even at the slower pace, however, growth in trade will continue to outpace growth in GDP. The report cites the decrease in overall economic activity precipitated by the international financial crisis, the Japanese recession, and slow growth in the United Kingdom and Latin America. Two major risk factors are identified as a result of the slower trade growth: the possibility of a sharp correction in "historically high-priced" Western European and North American stock markets and a significantly weaker dollar.

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Is FDI Good for the Environment? In the next 30 years, developing countries will become the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions. Yet these countries may be inhibited in their ability to reduce emissions by weak public sectors and other pressing concerns, such as reducing poverty. A new study examining the impact of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Chinese electricity generating sector suggests that FDI offers promise as a way of achieving important energy efficiency gains in these countries and thereby reducing emissions. China opened its power sector to FDI in the early 1990s, and the study finds that average coal consumption per kilowatt hour of electricity generated is substantially lower in American wholly owned and joint venture plants than it is in new Chinese plants of similar scale. However, the gains may not be all that they could be. To avoid the lengthy approval process for large plants and to minimize risk, early FDI tended to be in small-scale plants that are generally less energy-efficient than large-scale plants. Also, international investors' early enthusiasm may be waning in the face of persistent uncertainties regarding FDI approval, electricity sector regulation, and the ongoing risk of default on power purchase contracts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena KaganSUBJECT: DPC Weekly ReportCopied
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1. **Health Care – CDC Guidelines for HIV Surveillance:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released draft guidance on Thursday to assist states in designing and implementing new HIV surveillance and reporting systems. The guidance recommends that states track people with HIV by name (as states now track people with full-blown AIDS). At our insistence, however, the guidance also allows states to use so-called unique identifier codes, rather than names. The HIV/AIDS community is relieved that the guidance gives states the option of using identifier codes, but is disappointed that it expresses a preference for using names. The community believes that names-based reporting jeopardizes confidentiality and discourages testing; CDC disputes these contentions and argues that name-based reporting generally leads to more effective surveillance. Members of the AIDS Council may raise questions about this issue when they meet with you on December 18. You can respond by indicating strong support for states (like California) that are developing effective alternatives to name-based reporting.

2. **Health Care – Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities:** Your Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities will present the Vice President with its first report on Tuesday. The Task Force will recommend several new investments (e.g., the Jeffords-Kennedy Work Incentives Improvement Act), which we are considering in the context of the budget process; we are fairly confident that the budget will incorporate enough of these recommendations to elicit a positive response from the disabilities community. In addition, the Task Force will propose a number of administrative actions that we can implement immediately. For example, the Office of Personnel Management will develop a plan to increase the representation of adults with disabilities in the federal workforce, and the Small Business Administration will launch a new outreach campaign to improve opportunities for adults with disabilities. The Vice President, in accepting the report, will reiterate the Administration's commitment to passing a strong and enforceable patients' bill of rights to improve the quality of care for people with disabilities.

3. **Health Care – Dean Ornish:** Nancy Ann Min DeParle is meeting with Dr. Ornish today to discuss his proposal for a demonstration project on the cost-effectiveness of programs like his "Life Style Intervention." Nancy Ann will express support for the idea, although she will not be able to formally approve it at this meeting. We will stay on top of this issue in the

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next few weeks, as HCFA makes decisions about the scope and financing of the demonstration.

4. Health Care -- New FDA Commissioner: The Vice President will swear in Dr. Jane Henney as the new Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday.

5. Education -- ESEA Reauthorization: We are working with the Education Department to include in our ESEA reauthorization proposal a set of accountability requirements that are significantly stronger than any in current law. Some of the proposals under consideration would require states and school districts that receive funding under the ESEA to (1) take immediate steps to identify and intervene in their lowest performing schools; (2) phase out the use of unqualified teachers, including those who are not fully certified or are teaching out of field; (3) phase out the use of instructional aides as primary instructors, especially in high-poverty schools; and (4) have effective policies in place (including appropriate supports for students) to prevent social promotion. Our aim is to design a proposal that demands a serious commitment by states and school districts receiving ESEA funds to establish and enforce high standards for schools, teachers, and students. When you return from the Middle East, we will give you information on school reform efforts now going on around the country, and present you with specific recommendations for the ESEA and State of the Union.

6. Education -- National Education Goals Panel: The National Education Goals Panel released its annual progress report on Thursday. The report highlighted improvements in school readiness, student achievement in math, and participation of women and minorities in math and science in higher education. The report, however, also pointed to apparent backsliding in teacher quality, student achievement in reading, and student drug use. More generally, the report noted that none of the Goals would be met by 2000. Members of the Panel and others are now discussing what should happen to the Goals (and the Panel itself) after that year. We will soon present you with options on this issue.

7. Education -- GED Test: You asked at yesterday's budget meeting about the GED test. We have learned that the American Council on Education (ACE) is responsible for developing and administering the GED. The ACE is now in the process of upgrading the test to keep up with rising academic standards, and hopes to unveil a new version of the test in 2001. We will work with the Education Department on possible ways to make use of a strengthened GED in our education proposals.

8. Crime -- 1998 FBI Crime Statistics: The FBI will release on Sunday crime figures for the first six months of 1998. These data show a five percent decline in overall crime compared to the half-year figures of 1997, with violent crime down seven percent and property crime down five percent. In the category of violent crime, murder decreased eight percent, robbery decreased 11 percent, and rape and aggravated assault decreased five percent. In the category of property crime, larceny dropped five percent, motor vehicle theft dropped

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *GTFjr.*

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

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RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Headwaters Forest

Do your best

If we are to successfully complete the Headwaters agreement in time to secure federal funding, we must come to closure next week on the final parameters of the habitat conservation plan (HCP). This week, following extensive public comment, federal and state agencies submitted to PALCO proposed changes to the HCP. Significant changes to the plan are required based on a number of reasons including scientific review, public comment, legislation passed by the state, and the suspension of PALCO's timber license. Administration officials have made it clear to Charles Hurwitz and representatives of PALCO that the draft HCP published earlier this year was subject to substantive change in its final form.

Do your best

Hurwitz seriously objects to a number of the proposed changes, and we anticipate a rough road ahead. While there is room for compromise on a few issues, we are already at our bottom line on some of the issues of highest concern to Hurwitz.

Mexican Gray Wolf

Continuing their reintroduction efforts in the southwest, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today will release two pairs of Mexican gray wolves (two males and two females) into the Apache National Forest. Additional safeguards will be taken to reduce human-caused mortality in the wolves, including closer monitoring of the released animals by biologists and increased patrols by law enforcement agents.

Eleven wolves were originally released in March. Since then, five wolves have been shot and killed. A task force of state and federal agents is continuing to investigate the shootings and is following up on more than one hundred leads.

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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 network of governors, mayors, attorneys general, state legislators, county executives, religious leaders, House and Senate Democratic Leadership Offices, Cabinet members, Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Communications Directors, White House Liaisons and Schedulers for all of the agencies. In addition, we also undertook the following speciality amplification efforts:

- **White House Conference on Social Security.** Contacted Press Secretaries of the members of Congress who attended the conference to encourage them to write op-eds about the importance of saving Social Security; 27 of the Congressional members will pitch to newspapers in their home districts. Distributed talking points to the Press Secretaries about the conference and saving Social Security first.
- **Human Rights Day.** Distributed message materials to 200 Asian and Pacific American civil rights and civic groups, all national African American organizations, and 70 organizations and members of the religious community.
- **State Accomplishments.** Distributed updated accomplishments pieces for each state to our list and to Press and Outreach Offices to disseminate to their constituencies and networks. Information posted on web site.
- **Central American Leaders Meeting.** Distributed message materials to 1300 organizations and advocates from the Hispanic community.

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- **Israel.** Today, we launched a trip site in support of your visit to the Middle East. This site will contain photos from the trip, your speeches, press and policy briefings, and information about the sites you will visit.

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- **While You Are Away.** On Sunday, the Vice President participates in the annual Menorah lighting ceremony. Monday, the Vice President holds a crime event and announces new COPS grants. The Vice President will also attend an event to accept a report from the Disabilities Task Force. The Vice President addresses a USAID Conference on Relief Efforts for Central America.
- Wednesday, the Vice President holds a meeting with the Community Empowerment Board at the White House.
- On Thursday, you are scheduled to hold an event announcing that the social security system is Y2K compliant. The Vice President travels to New Hampshire for a business forum, and announces new clean water measures. Friday, you will host a U.S./European Union meeting at the White House. On Saturday, you are scheduled to deliver a live radio address on \$700 million in homeless grants.

Long Term Communications Planning

Ann is working on long term projects including:

Americorps: How do we raise visibility of and build support for Americorps as a signal achievement of your Administration; service by young people making a difference in our communities.

NATO Summit: How do we use the NATO Summit to explain the importance of American leadership in building a safer, more secure world. Recommended themes include safeguarding freedom with American leadership and celebrating the victory of democracy.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MINYON MOORE AND BEN JOHNSON *BJ*

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON WEEKLY REPORT (Dec. 7-Dec. 11)

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- **Middle East:** OPL has been working with other White House offices to incorporate outreach to the Muslim community during your trip. We facilitated a meeting on Tuesday for three Arab Americans, including Jim Zogby, with the First Lady's staff to discuss her themes and possible sites for her visit as well. In addition, Maria Echaveste and Rob Malley hosted conference calls with both Arab and Jewish Americans. Both groups expressed their support during this trip, and the Arabs, in particular, were grateful that you are traveling to Gaza. Many of them plan to be in the Middle East and are looking forward to being helpful to you while you are there.
- **Social Security Conference:** The Social Security Conference was a great success and all of the participants and attendees were very pleased. It will be vital to continue to reach out to the seniors, women, minority, and disability groups as reforms are crafted over the next year. The women's groups present at the conference were particularly pleased by your reference to the impact of social security reform on women and by the numerous times women came up during the break out sessions. The disability community was also pleased with the integration of disability issues at the conference.
- **50th Anniversary United Nations Declaration of Human Rights:** OPL worked with NSC and State in coordinating the Eleanor Roosevelt/50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights event with you and the First Lady. The audience, representing a broad range of 33 international human rights, religious and civil rights institutions, was moved by your remarks and was very pleased with the four deliverables you announced. Gay and lesbian leaders, in particular, applauded your inclusion of gay civil rights legislation in your remarks. Your announcement was sent to each of our constituency groups, reaching over 3,000 organizations and individuals.
- **Medicare Fraud and Abuse:** OPL coordinated with IGA and Cabinet Affairs to invite seniors groups to your Medicare announcement on Monday. We sent information on the proposals to all of our constituency groups. The AMA expressed concerns that using the

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terms "fraud" and "abuse" taints the entire medical profession. They recommend that future discussions of Medicare abuses note that they comprise only a small percentage of the profession.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES

AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH

- **Gen. Benjamin Davis:** African Americans across the country were thrilled that you pinned the Fourth Star on General Benjamin Davis. During the reception, his family expressed their gratitude for your words of praise regarding General Davis' military accomplishments. They were particularly touched by your remarks about the General's wife Agatha. Additionally, the Tuskegee Airmen were extremely proud to proclaim you an honorary Tuskegee Airman. They were pleasantly surprised and honored to see you wear the jacket during the ceremony. They said they will remember the event for the rest of their lives.
- **Disenfranchisement of Felony Offenders:** Ben Johnson met with representatives from the NAACP, Human Rights Watch, the American Civil Liberties Union, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, and other civil rights organizations to hear their views on the disenfranchisement of felony offenders. They are concerned that large numbers of African American males have permanently lost their voting rights as a result of a low level felony convictions. A coalition is building among civil rights groups to develop a legislative strategy to address what they consider to be a Voting Rights issue.

ASIAN and PACIFIC AMERICAN OUTREACH

- **HHS Action Plan:** Asian Pacific American advocates expressed concern about HHS's Action Agenda, a plan to ensure that Asian Pacific Americans' needs will be addressed in health campaigns. Advocates would like to see more concrete plans and goals. The comment period closes December 15 so we should have more to report next week. Community advocates believe that an Executive Order from you is critical to institutionalize agencies' efforts to address Asian Pacific American health problems.

BUSINESS OUTREACH

- **Managed Funds Association:** OPL hosted a meeting for the Board of the Directors of the Managed Funds Association (MFA). They specialize in the international managed fund industry. The meeting was attended by 15 top managed funds professionals including Joel Katzman of Chase Manhattan Bank, Robert E. Murray of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., R. Charles Tschampion of General Motors Investment Mgt. Co., and John R. Frawley, Jr. of Merrill Lynch Investment Partners, Inc. to name a few. MFA requested the briefing to get the Administration's views on stabilizing financial markets.

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Gary Gensler, Treasury Assistant Secretary, addressed the group and highlighted the Administration's positions. The association expressed their pleasure at being given an opportunity to come to the White House. MFA members applauded your efforts to get the increase in IMF funding.

DISABILITY OUTREACH

- **Hearing-Impaired Community:** On Tuesday, OPL attended a strategy meeting of the Council of Organizational Representatives (COR), a coalition of 16 national deaf organizations. The organization expressed concerns that new communications technology, such as wireless phones, are not accessible to the hearing-impaired. The representatives stressed the need for integrating issues of the deaf and hard-of-hearing into Administration policy in order to ensure that the latest technology is accessible to all people. OPL also met Tuesday with four representatives of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). ASHA is concerned over a current FDA policy restricting the use of hearing aid devices to patients with certification from medical doctors. ASHA advocates enabling audiologists, who best understand hearing loss, to make determinations about hearing aids and thereby provide greater access to their benefits.

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EDUCATION

- **Charter Schools:** A UCLA study released this week reports that charter schools fall short of high expectations. The two year study of 10 California school districts concluded that charter schools do no better than public schools at educating our children. The study also noted that it is very difficult to measure charter schools' progress in part because goals and outcomes are vaguely written. Supporters of charter schools contend that there are more than 50 other studies indicating that charter schools are better educators.

ETHNIC OUTREACH

- **Meeting with Greek American Leaders:** The Greek American leaders were encouraged by your comments last week in the meeting and appreciate your willingness to work on the Cyprus issues. They feel the resolution is rather straightforward but understand the difficulties in getting to that point. They want to be as supportive and helpful as possible as you begin to work through this issue.

GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH

- **Court Ruling on Gay Civil Rights:** On Wednesday, the Court of Appeals of the State of Oregon ruled that extending employment benefits like health coverage only to married state employees is unfair to lesbian and gay workers who cannot legally marry and

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