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January 8, 2001

The Honorable Harris Wofford
Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National Service
1201 New York Avenue Northwest
Eighth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20525-0001

Dear Harris:

As my Administration comes to a close, I want to thank you for your five years of dedicated service as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service. I'm deeply grateful for your many contributions to my Administration and our nation.

Throughout your tenure, you have carried out your demanding responsibilities with distinction, dedication, and skill. Under your leadership, CNS has strengthened service opportunities for all Americans and played a crucial role in preparing our nation for the challenges of the 21st century. Whether building homes, responding to natural disasters, making our streets safer, or tutoring children, the thousands of Americans in AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps have helped to create a brighter future for our nation.

You can take away with you a great sense of pride in all you have done to keep our promise of opportunity and hope for all Americans. For five decades, you have been a leading advocate for national service, and through your tireless efforts at CNS, you have helped to forge strong bipartisan and public support for service opportunities that will ensure the success of programs such as AmeriCorps for years to come. I have valued your friendship and support over the years, and I will always consider you an important member of my team.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute you for a job well done. Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for continued success and every happiness.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rochelle G. Thompson/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: JUDICORPS - letter to the President

Hello all. I just received this note from Martin Sheen's attorney Joe Cosgrove regarding a letter that Sheen sent to the President yesterday regarding JudiCorps (and a separate matter). Please see below - thanks!

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PERSONAL

December 6, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton

President of the United States

The White House

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I very much appreciate your response to my recent letter, and your enthusiasm for the Judicorps program I proposed. My lawyer and friend, Joe Cosgrove, met with several of your advisors at The White House last month to discuss this idea and left with a sense that, despite the limited time remaining, the creation of Judicorps was indeed possible. Particularly excited about the Judicorps concept was Thurgood Marshall, Jr., whom Joe was delighted to meet. I also heard that support for Judicorps was also expressed by the people at Americorps, with Senator Wofford himself quoted in a recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education. As I understand, the funding authority for Americorps would allow

establishment of Judicorps as one of its sub elements, which could be created through executive order. With the uncertainty of the future, it would be a fine addition to your legacy to see this program dedicated to legal service to the poor planted on the federal lawn. As do you, I have great hope for this plan, and again, offer you any help in promoting or creating it as you deem needed.

May I also, Mr. President, draw your attention to another pressing matter, namely the pending execution of Juan Garza, scheduled for December 12. As you know, that date is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of The Americas, who appeared to a poor Mexican man also named Juan. The Justice Department recently issued a report recognizing the disparate manner in which minorities are treated in the implementation of the federal death penalty. Sharing Mr. Garza's Hispanic heritage, I implore you to exercise the most awesome power available to a president and spare his life. Granting clemency to Garza would not diminish his responsibility for this crime, but would instead subject him to the severity of a life in prison without parole. Such a result is consistent with the public will, where recent polls, for example, show that support for the death penalty drops below fifty percent when life imprisonment without parole is offered as an alternative. Sparing Mr. Garza would allow us as a nation to show the true depth of our greatness by treating even the most despised with human respect and dignity, and would earn for you personally the long promised blessing reserved for those who show mercy.

I have worked personally with Sister Camille D'Arienzo, a Roman Catholic nun who knows Mr. Garza and has related his story to me, which includes the depth of his nine-year old daughter's love for her father. In this season where spiritual light is celebrated, it seems that the execution of one of our fellow human beings, especially someone from an ethnic class which has consistently struggled for its place at our table, would not be a lighted candle, but instead a curse of darkness. I beg you, Mr. President, to prevent this from happening.

You have my deepest admiration and respect, as well as my prayers. I hope that we can speak sometime on these important issues, and as always send you my

Faith, hope and love,

Martin Sheen

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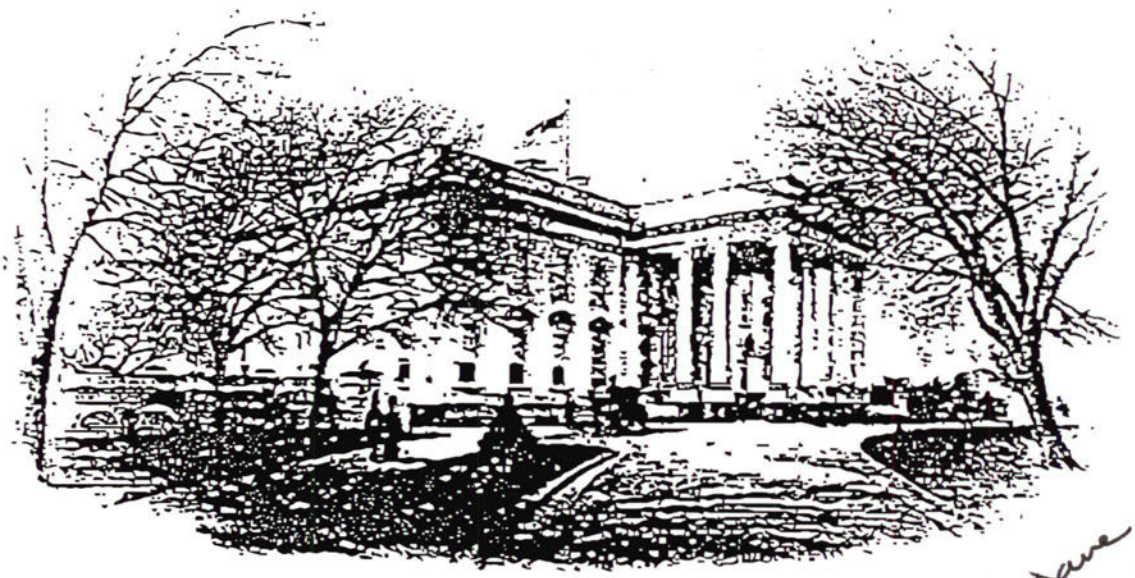
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 2000

Mr. Martin Sheen
6916 Dume Drive
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Dear Martin:

Thanks so much for your letter. I was touched by your warm words of support, and I'm pleased to enclose a copy of my speech for you.

I think your idea about establishing a "Judicorps" is interesting, and I was disappointed that we were unable to get together to discuss your proposal during your recent stay in Washington. I've asked my staff in the Scheduling Office to look into the possibility of arranging a meeting, and I also want you to know that I've shared your correspondence with members of my staff in the Domestic Policy Council. You can be assured that your proposal will be carefully considered.

Your support and friendship mean a lot to me, and I send my best.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

I really appreciate the kind things you've said about my presidency — very best of fortune in the future. Thanks



Remarks To The Democratic National Convention

To Martin Sheen
with thanks
Bill Clinton

President William J. Clinton

August 14, 2000 • Los Angeles, CA

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Per our e:mails.

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Thank you!!

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PERSONAL

September 5, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

By FAX and Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. President:

I had the distinct honor and pleasure of witnessing your address to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. The strength and courage with which you have served the American people these last seven and one half years has changed forever the landscape of our culture and has instilled in your fellow citizens an enthusiasm reminiscent of the New Deal and the New Frontier. We owe you a great deal, which, I am quite confident, will be repaid by history.

I found one portion of your address particularly important, namely your reference to the success of volunteer efforts during your Administration. The Corporation for National Service and its Americorps program have ignited a fire of energy in the young people of our country, bringing selfless service to this land just as the Peace Corps did a generation ago. As one who has steadfastly supported the role of volunteer service in our society, I applaud and commend these efforts.

Along these lines, I have been developing an idea, along with my dear friend and lawyer (and fellow "West Wing" actor), Joe Cosgrove, of Pennsylvania. While volunteer service has taken its place as a national virtue, the role of lawyers in that endeavor has unfortunately diminished. During the week of the Convention, for example, the *New York Times* ran a story discussing the significant decrease in *pro bono* services provided by lawyers at major firms, much of this trend attributed to the increasingly competitive need for lawyers in the high-tech sector. It is curious, and unfortunate, that this profession, which uniquely calls upon its members in its internal rules to provided free service, should now be seen as lessening its role in the field of volunteerism. To stem this trend and further promote the good work of such programs as the CNS, I foresee development of a program ancillary to Americorps, designed to seek and incorporate lawyers into the volunteer fabric your Administration has woven. Called, perhaps, "**Judicorps**", this program would not need any independent structure beyond Americorps to support itself, but could simply focus on the recruitment of lawyers (likely recent law school graduates) and place these new recruits in already established Americorps homes and the like. Placement of **Judicorps** volunteers would be quite easy: **Judicorps** lawyers could assist victims of natural and other disasters who often find themselves in a legal limbo on everything from mortgage liability to insurance concerns. Likewise, community service centers which provide assistance to the poor, including Legal Services offices throughout the country, could satisfy their constantly pressing need for additional staff with the addition of **Judicorps** members, who could serve the elderly and

others who are most in need of legal assistance.

I believe it is important that lawyer volunteers, while acting under the Americorps/CNS umbrella, maintain a separate identity. In this way, young legal volunteers could more easily be identified and the concept of *pro bono publico* could be better fostered. The legal profession is a unique entity in our national structure; its volunteer counterpart should be identified likewise. Without a separate identity like **Judicorps**, lawyer volunteers would be (and obviously are) much more reluctant to provide a term of service comparable to that of Americorps members. Specifically aimed at their talents, and providing tuition benefits similar to those of Americorps, a program organized around lawyers could begin a trend of increasing the role of volunteers from the professional ranks in modern society. With your Executive power, you can make **Judicorps** just that program, and help enhance the traditionally honorable role of lawyers within our society.

I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this important idea with you and thank you for your time in considering it. You can count on my assistance to make this program a reality. I am currently scheduled to visit Washington, D.C., beginning September 17 for several days of filming. Understanding the constraints on your schedule, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this idea with you then if you so wished. Further, please feel free to contact Joe or me at any time if you have any questions or comments you wish to share. With every best wish, I remain yours in

Faith, hope and love,

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For Goody Marshall

CORPORATION
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SERVICE

Dec 19, 2000

Goody—

Belatedly I realized this letter should go— and get to—the President, preferably before his talks with Bush— who may be primed by his father, or Governor Racicot, to bring up the subject as his gesture of goodwill.

Warmly,
Harris

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CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL
SERVICE

December 19, 2000

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for you thoughtfulness and kindness in getting and giving me those great two volumes, The Mind of Mahatma Gandhi -- and for your wonderful inscription. I can't remember a gift -- or words -- that meant as much.

I'm glad you gave me this assignment with the Corporation. On another occasion, including my next book (on my adventures in the 20th century), I will have a lot more to say about your meaning to our country and in my life.

Continuing the function you gave me, I urge you to have AmeriCorps and the Corporation in mind in your meetings with President-Elect Bush. You will know best when and how to encourage him to go forward with the Corporation and AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps will now lose the power and blessing it had in your steadfast parental and presidential concern for its well-being and growth. It is strong and large enough to move out from under your protective wing; but obviously the new President's role will be crucial in enabling it to thrive and grow.

Bush has no doubt heard his father's account that the one thing he asked you to do was to take good care of his Points of Light. You can report that you did. We have forged a very close working partnership with the Points of Light Foundation. The daily Points of Light awards were resumed (administered by the Foundation with the Corporation for National Service). The Points of Light Foundation is now fully-established in law through our National Service Act. The Foundation receives its federal funds (this year, $10 million -- about half its revenue) from the Corporation. We supported and helped secure an extra $2.5 million to be a start on an endowment in former President Bush's honor. I enclose the article that Points of Light President Bob Goodwin and I wrote about this joining of two legacies -- yours and President Bush's.

In turn, you can thank the President-Elect for his support of AmeriCorps and the programs of the Corporation in Texas, and for his joining Governor Racicot and the governors of all the other states except for Colorado in the letter to Congressional leaders calling for the reauthorization of AmeriCorps and the Corporation.

The first big test will be the quality of the leader he selects to head the Corporation. Governor Racicot and General Powell are taking an interest in seeing that an outstanding Republican or clearly non-partisan CEO is nominated.

We, of course, hope the new President will resist cuts in the Corporation's budget and will in due course ask Congress to reauthorize the Corporation and expand its programs.

This transition can be the occasion when the new President adds his mark and brings his party to support National Service -- in all its forms, including the Points of Light Foundation, the America's Promise campaign, and AmeriCorps.

So I hope -- and trust -- you will do everything you can to persuade the President-Elect that here is a very good opportunity to bring America together on a very good common ground.

With warm regards,

Harris

Harris Wofford

Enclosure

THE NONPROFIT TIMES
The Leading Business Publication of Nonprofit Management

Two Presidents: A Shared Legacy

HARRIS WOFFORD
CEO, Corporation for National Service

BOB GOODWIN
President, Points of Light Foundation

Most people would not think that Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton have that much in common. But, Presidents Bush and Clinton share an important legacy. By making citizen service a central idea of their presidencies, these two presidents have fundamentally changed the landscape of the civic sector by moving citizen service from the margins to the center of the public agenda.

It wasn't always this way. In 1988, President Bush called for a "thousand points of light" in his inaugural address and thereafter created the Points of Light Foundation. President Bush recently told us that he never imagined the Points of Light would be viewed as a Republican venture. Nonetheless, Democrats were dubious and sometimes belittled it as an inadequate substitute for government action.

Today, much of that skepticism has passed. With bipartisan support, the Points of Light Foundation was included as part of the National Service Act of 1993 and receives regular funding through the Corporation for National Service. The foundation's network of hundreds of volunteer centers, often part of the United Way, is thriving — helping to connect local residents with opportunities to serve. And two years ago, President Clinton joined with President Bush to resume the Daily Points of Light Award.

Similarly, President Clinton's special contribution to citizen service — AmeriCorps — faced stiff opposition from some Republican skeptics. After the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, there were recurring threats to eliminate AmeriCorps.

But President Clinton was steadfast, governors and mayors, Republicans and Democrats, and local and national nonprofits and faith-based organizations rallied in support, and the critics have been quieted.

By a large majority, including many Republicans, the Senate has voted for two years in a row to continue support for AmeriCorps. Republican Sen. Kit Bond stated, "The battle over whether we ought to have an AmeriCorps program or not is over. It has been decided." And Colin Powell has said, "It is a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in the future, and I am a strong supporter of AmeriCorps."

Today, the partisan bickering around service and volunteering has almost disappeared. The call for citizen service is a major theme of presidential candidates of both parties. Al Gore, George W. Bush, John McCain and Bill Bradley all have spoken powerfully on the need for citizen service and the role that nonprofits and faith-based organizations can play in solving community problems and uniting us as a nation.

While the political winds have been shifting, two great streams of civilian service — community volunteering and intensive national service — have become partners in communities across the country.

These collaborations work because the Points of Light and AmeriCorps are founded on the same fundamental belief: through service we can bring people together to solve the problems that still plague our country. Their operating principle is to provide resources — usually people power — to thousands of nonprofits, with government playing the role of junior partner, supporting the work of these organizations, not guiding it.

Three years ago the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service cemented and elevated their partnership when Presidents Bush and Clinton came together to convene the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia. They enlisted Colin Powell to chair the Summit and to lead the continuing campaign for America's Promise.

Powell's mandate is to rally the forces of all the great institutions in this country, businesses, the nonprofit sector, governments at all levels, and committed individuals, traditional volunteers and those in full-time service, to make a concerted effort to assure the conditions for success for all young Americans.

In coming weeks this partnership between the Corporation for National Service and the Points of Light Foundation will be demonstrated again as a bipartisan coalition in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate introduces legislation reauthorizing the Corporation and its three main programs — AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, and student service learning. This legislation will extend the life of the Corporation and support for the Points of Light Foundation into the next Administration.

Presidents Bush and Clinton pressed — and are still pressing — an idea and an ideal. Together they have raised a standard to which, as George Washington said at the Constitutional Convention, "the wise and the honest may repair."

This is a legacy of which they can jointly and justly be proud.

By passing this legislation, Congress will honor and share in this important bipartisan and nonpartisan legacy.

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
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21 November 2000

Ref.: International Year of Volunteers (IYV 2001)

Dear Mr. President:

During the past year, the staff of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) has worked with a very committed group of U.S. organizations representing the non-profit, corporate and governmental sectors in planning for the International Year of Volunteers 2001. Chaired by the Points of Light Foundation and the Association of Junior Leagues International, this steering committee has worked to mobilize both individuals and organizations within the United States to meet the objectives of the Year.

The main objective of the International Year of Volunteers is increased recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteering by celebrating and advocating volunteerism around the world, applauding the achievements of volunteers and building more government, nonprofit and private sector partnerships that will engage new volunteers in alleviating local social problems. The Points of Light Foundation and the Association of Junior Leagues has modeled this by bringing together groups that represents all of these sectors.

Throughout the year, they have continued to invite organizations that represent youth, the elderly, parents, the faith community, business and others to participate on the Steering Committee to plan for the International Year of Volunteers. UNV has been designated by the United Nations as international focal point to prepare for the Year. We are aware of no other groups working nationally in the United States on the International Year of Volunteers.

It has been a pleasure working with the Points of Light Foundation, the Association of Junior Leagues International and the rest of the U.S. Steering Committee.

Sincerely,

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK
WASHINGTON, DC
November 22, 2000

Acknowledgements: Secretary Dan Glickman. [Real senior TBD] Lynn Brantley, the Executive Director of the Capital Area Food Bank. I want to thank our D.C. Delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, for being here today. [TBD -- DC City Council Members, Harris Wofford.] And I want to recognize all the members of Dan Glickman's team, but especially Joel Berg, who worked with me at the DLC before even my mama thought I could be elected President. He's been working on food issues at the Department of Agriculture since January 21, 1993. That must be some kind of record.

I also want to thank all the volunteers and Americorps members who are working here today, and who kindly let me help them sort food. As we all prepare to celebrate with our loved ones tomorrow, let's remember to give thanks for the volunteers across America who keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive every day of the year. And let's ask Congress to move quickly to reauthorize Americorps and keep it strong and growing for another year.

As our nation counts its blessings in this time of remarkable economic growth, we must not forget that a very significant number of Americans – as many as 31 million -- still have trouble getting enough to eat every day. They are the people we see on the street; but they are also senior citizens with tiny fixed incomes like [Real Person TBD]; they are working families getting by on the minimum wage. And a shockingly high number of them are children – one in four children in this city lives every single day at risk of going to bed hungry.

The Capital Area Food Bank helps meet those needs by distributing 20 million pounds of food a year to community kitchens, children's programs, and other emergency feeding centers. Around the country, a network of private organizations, religious groups, and civic-minded individuals is doing the same. Their commitment to fighting hunger is a precious national resource.

The challenge for us in government is finding ways to work with community groups, businesses and farmers to end hunger in America not just on holidays, but every day.

Secretary Glickman talked about our community food security initiative, and the great progress we've made. I want to take a moment to thank him for his personal leadership and commitment to this issue. Soon after I named him Secretary of Agriculture, Dan told me about a program he had started in his home state of Kansas, to collect food that would otherwise be wasted and pass it on to those who need it. He told me that our country loses about 96 billion pounds of food a year that could be consumed, but instead is thrown out or allowed to spoil. But Dan didn't just talk about the problem, he did something about it -- establishing a program that

allows Federal agencies to send excess food to places like this. Ten agencies, the U.S. House of Representatives, and several local military bases are now taking part.

But Dan didn't stop there. We are also building public-private partnerships to make it easier and more affordable for seniors and low-income Americans to get fresh, healthy food in their neighborhoods. This is a real problem for people who live in inner cities and rural areas where there simply are no stores – or where produce prices are 15-18 percent higher, on average, and quality and selection are much worse. Today I'm announcing three new initiatives to help meet that challenge – and help America's small farmers build markets for their produce.

First, the Department of Agriculture will make available ten million dollars in grants to help seniors take advantage of farmers' markets. We've asked states and tribal reservations to apply by December 1, and use the funding to create coupon programs, like WIC or food stamps, that will allow seniors on limited incomes to shop at farmers' markets or buy directly from local farms. When seniors and low-income families are able to purchase fresh local produce, their health improves – and so does the health of the local farm economy. Capital City Food Bank has demonstrated that here in Washington, by starting the Anacostia farmers' market and bringing local growers to Southeast DC – as well as accepting WIC coupons and food stamps from customers.

Second, I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Agriculture has awarded $2.4 million in Community Food Project grants to 16 nonprofit groups in 13 states. These grants will help build community gardens at public schools and in vacant lots. They will fund training in gardening, nutrition and food preparation for young people. And they will help create farmers' markets in underserved areas.

Third, the Department of Agriculture is going to increase by $200 million the amount of fresh foods it buys and donates to food banks, community kitchens, and other emergency feeding centers. That represents millions more healthy snacks in senior centers, fresh vegetables in school lunches, and generous helpings at food pantries across our nation.

These are win-win initiatives for America's farmers, seniors and working families. They help build a direct connection between the people who grow our food, and the people who need it. And they take another step toward ensuring that, in this land of plenty, no American goes to bed hungry.

Thank you very much, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gene Sperling

FROM: Harris Wofford

SUBJECT: Eliminating the Taxability of the AmeriCorps Education Award

DATE: October 24, 2000

If Congress and the Administration work out acceptable tax legislation later this week, I hope that you will work to include provisions in this legislation to eliminate the taxability of the AmeriCorps education award. This tax fairness issue is of great importance to AmeriCorps members, and as you may recall the President's budget submission included a proposal to eliminate the taxability of the AmeriCorps education award.

As background, AmeriCorps members receive $4,725 as an education benefit after successfully completing their national service. Although many scholarships and grants are excludable from income, AmeriCorps education awards are considered to represent payment for services rendered, and therefore must be included by members as taxable income when used to attend college and/or pay off loans. (N.B. The national service legislation proposed by the President in 1993 made the education award non-taxable. However, because of jurisdictional problems in the Congress that provision was removed from the bill.)

Over the years, the taxation of education awards has become the most pressing issue for AmeriCorps members and former AmeriCorps members. These taxes are particularly onerous because they often call for out-of-pocket payments at a time when young people have little income.

The simplest approach to resolving the problem faced by AmeriCorps members is to treat the AmeriCorps education award as nontaxable income. This year, Senator Kerry proposed such an approach under the AmeriCorps Scholarship Fairness Act, which passed the Senate in March, but was included as an amendment to a tax bill that was unacceptable to the Administration. If you are able to negotiate an acceptable tax bill this week, we would hope that this tax fairness provision will be included once again.

For your use, I've enclosed legislative language that would accomplish the tax relief for AmeriCorps members. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 606-5000 ext. 177. As always, thanks for your continued strong support of national service. We can all be proud of the Administration's exceptional record in this area.

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Enclosure

Exclusion from taxable income of all payments from the National Service Trust

This proposal excludes from gross income, for purposes of federal income tax, payments from the National Service Trust on behalf of AmeriCorps members to repay student loans and cover the cost of attendance at an institution of higher education.

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These taxes are particularly burdensome, as they represent out-of-pocket costs at a time when young people typically have little income. These taxes are viewed by AmeriCorps members and nonprofit organizations across the country as the single most important action that can be taken to strengthen national service and recruitment.

This adds a new section to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Bill language:

EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF PAYMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

SEC. 1. Part III of Subchapter B of Chapter I (relating to items specifically excluded from gross income) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 139. PAYMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income of an individual does not include payments received from the National Service Trust.

"(b) PAYMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—For purposes of this section, payments from the National Service Trust include national service educational

awards, interest expenses, and other authorized payments to individuals based on their participation in service activities.

"(c) RELATIONSHIP TO CURRENT LAW.—This section shall not be construed to affect the deduction from, or inclusion in, income of amounts that are paid or incurred, or received as reimbursement, for educational expenses under section 117, 127, 162, or 212 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to amounts received in taxable years after December 31, 1999.

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CORPORATION
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Oct 23, 2000

Dear Goody,

Thanks again for being an emissary in assuring that the President saw this.

I'm sending a copy to John Podesta, with a note – also copies to Jack Lew & Barbara Chow, referred to in the letter.

And thanks Anne for her help.

Warmly,
Harris

The Philadelphia event – with your good help – went smoothly & the President was happy – a very good.

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CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL
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October 23, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your powerful talk to AmeriCorps members in Philadelphia, with a strong call for reauthorization. As so often, the media did not pick it up.

These are the critical hours or days that will determine whether AmeriCorps and the Corporation's other programs are reauthorized. And as I wrote you last month and John Podesta last week, your determination will be a deciding factor.

Queen Elizabeth I's response when one of her ministers told her she **must** take a particular action was reported to be: "How darest thou say 'must' to thy sovereign, little man." Knowing how important AmeriCorps is to you, I am going to come very close to using that word "must."

Here is the situation, as I see it:

John Podesta, Jack Lew, Barbara Chow and team have been alert to the problem and I know are dedicated to winning reauthorization, among the other competing end-of-session priorities.

Senator Kennedy (with Senator Jefford's support) thought they had struck a deal with Senator Hutchinson to accept his bill (which passed the House) for an audit of the Education Department <u>if and only if</u> Republicans agreed to reauthorization of the Corporation.

In further discussions, Kennedy's negotiator (Jane Oates) has said we would accept a reauthorization for <u>two</u> years instead of <u>five</u>. (In 1993 the logjam in the Senate was broken when we reduced the length of authorization from five years to three.)

Kennedy's threat was to block any bill providing for the Education audit without agreement for the reauthorization. Now Hutchinson has put the audit bill on the list of Republican demands for attachment to one of the pending appropriations bills (presumably Labor-HHS now being negotiated). If we are to get reauthorization it seems essential that the audit bill not be accepted unless the Corporation reauthorization is agreed to.

It is, in any case, essential that your determination be conveyed with all necessary persuasive force. A key Republican supporter says: "This bill can get passed – but only if the President uses his muscle to press for and bargain for it. The leaders will get the bill passed if the President makes clear that this is 'must pass' legislation."

You will know how to do it. So go to it! – with our faith and hope.

Respectfully,

Harris

Harris Wofford

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October 17, 2000

TO: John Podesta

FROM: Harris Wofford

RE: Reauthorization of AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service

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Your presence and your words at the celebration of VISTA's 35th Anniversary last week meant a great deal to those assembled, and to me personally. I very much appreciate the support you have shown to national service.

We are working all-out in these final days to secure reauthorization of AmeriCorps and the Corporation. We have amassed considerable support in both the House and Senate – I'm confident we would prevail by a large margin on an "up-and-down" vote in both houses. Unfortunately, this late in the session such a vote is probably not possible.

Our allies in both the House and Senate have been direct with me – to get reauthorization the President and you must be very clear and insistent that this is an urgent priority. As one key Republican supporter in the House told me today: "This bill can get passed – but only if the President uses his muscle to press for and bargain for it. Hastert will get the bill passed if the President makes clear that this is 'must pass' legislation."

The bill passed by the Senate Labor Committee and awaiting Senate action is a non-controversial reauthorization of current law for five years. There are only small changes to current law proposed, but none of them is essential. We are extremely flexible on the legislative vehicle for passing reauthorization and the terms for it. If it would help move the legislation, we could:

- Reduce the length of the authorization period from 5 years down to 3 (or even 2) years. This was a sticking point on the original bill, and we compromised at 3 years.
- Strip the bill down to a simple one-sentence date extension of current law.
- Incorporate the bill (in whatever form) into a larger legislative package if passing the bill free-standing is no longer feasible.

My basic message is this: If the President is ready to insist that Congress pass this bill in the coming days, there is the bi-partisan support on the Hill, the room to negotiate, and the flexibility within the Congressional leadership to get this done.

We stand ready to do anything and everything that you think would be helpful. With strong effort over the next few days, we can win a victory that would be a fitting capstone for the President.

AMERICORPS*VISTA
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October 4, 2000

John Podesta
Chief of Staff to the President
White House
First Floor, West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Podesta,

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Sincerely,

Matt Dunne

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Director

TALKING POINTS ON AMERICORPS*VISTA
FOR JOHN PODESTA

"Contemporary Arkansas history owes much to the groundbreaking efforts of VISTA Volunteers. Some of our economic development programs today bear a striking similarity to the community development efforts initiated by VISTA some ten to twenty years ago."
--then-Gov. Bill Clinton, 1985, in his forward to ***In Service to America: A History of VISTA in Arkansas***, by Marvin Schwartz.

- Thank people gathered tonight for their service through VISTA, and their continued commitment to service.

- Share your personal reflections on VISTA from your time with ACTION. How did that work affect your own commitment to public service?

VISTA FACTS

- Established in 1965, VISTA became part of the Corporation for National Service, under the AmeriCorps umbrella in 1993.

- More than 130,000 members have now served in VISTA.

- VISTA members started programs that have become national models: Head Start and legal clinics and health clinics. These programs are among our nation's best weapons in the fight against poverty.

- VISTA members at help to alleviate poverty and empower people who are poor by giving them the tools to get out poverty.

- VISTA members provide human capital to poor communities, helping poverty fighting organizations to build their capacity and increase their outreach to those in need.

- At its founding, VISTA challenged young people to serve their country in their communities. Now, service has become a way of life. Through Learn and Serve America, AmeriCorps, and the National Senior Service Corps, Americans of all ages, backgrounds and skills can answer the call to serve.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~February 14, 2000~~ ← DATE will be changed to a header

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating the 35th anniversary of AmeriCorps*VISTA.

It is a very American idea that we meet our challenges not through big government or as isolated individuals, but as members of a true community, with all of us working together. Upholding this fine tradition, more than 130,000 VISTA Volunteers have worked tirelessly during the past 35 years to give hope and help to their fellow citizens in need and to renew the strength, vitality, and character of communities across our nation.

Whether building affordable housing, fostering economic development in underserved areas, helping children learn to read, or immunizing newborn babies in inner cities and rural communities, generations of VISTAs have devoted their time, talents, and energy to fulfill America's bright promise for all our people. From the first swearing in of VISTA Volunteers by President Johnson to VISTA's merger into the AmeriCorps network of programs, VISTA has helped to foster a community of all Americans.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank each of you for your vital contributions to our communities and commend you for your unwavering commitment to citizen service -- you are an inspiration to us all. Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for a wonderful anniversary year and every future success.

Bill Clinton

For Shalala

Please note – VISTA 35th Conference Events take place at the following locations:

Thursday 10/12	12-6pm	Hyatt Regency Crystal City 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202 703/418-1234
Thursday 10/12	7-9pm	Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902
Friday 10/13	Day & Evening	Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Saturday 10/14	9am-12pm	Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Saturday 10/14	Noon –3:30pm	Doubletree Hotel 300 Army Navy Drive Arlington, VA 22202 703/416-4100

VISTA 35th Anniversary Conference
Charting A Course for AmeriCorps★VISTA in the 21st Century

Thursday, October 12 **PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY**

10:00am-5:00pm **REGISTRATION/ON-SITE CHECK-IN**

12:00noon Lunch

12:30-5:00pm **AmeriCorps★VISTA UNIVERSITY:**

A Voyage of Discovery

Designed specifically for Leaders & members, the AmeriCorps★VISTA University is an opportunity for AmeriCorps★VISTA Leaders, members and alumni to form a learning community gain awareness and knowledge about some of the current and emerging trends, strategies, and best practices for reducing poverty in America.

The University is organized around six subject areas:

- philanthropy
- community problem solving
- education
- policy
- economic/community development
- health

12:30pm **Welcome & Overview**
Matt Dunne, Director, AmeriCorps★VISTA

1:00pm **Team Learning Experience & Teach-Back Design**

4:00pm **Team Teach-Back Learning Sessions**

5:00pm **University Closing**

4:00-6:00pm **NETWORKING SESSION**

A Hospitality Suite for Alumni
not attending the AmeriCorps★VISTA University

7:00-9:00pm **RECEPTION --**
Reaching Back...to Move Forward –
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF VISTA

- Harris Wofford, host

Special Guests:

- Sargent Shriver
- Senator Jay Rockefeller
- Former Directors of VISTA

7:00 Guests Arrive at Hart Building, Room 902
Mingle and eat
(Entertainment—tapes of music from 60s)

7:30 Harris Wofford on AmeriCorps and Past Service

7:35 Harris Introduce ~~Sargent Shriver~~ cancelled John Podesta → Sally's spot
~~Sargent Shriver on working to develop VISTA~~

7:45 Harris Wofford Introduces Jay Rockefeller
Rock on helping develop VISTA and his service—why so important to him

7:50 Introduce Matt Dunne
Matt thanks all former VISTA Directors
Recognize Current and Former VISTA Staff

8:05 History Video

8:10 Coffee and Dessert Service
Videos play on monitors throughout the room around the room

9:00 Load Busses

VISTA 35th Anniversary Conference
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Friday, October 13 **CELEBRATING VISTA MEMBER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

8:00-12:00noon **REGISTRATION/ON-SITE CHECK-IN**

8:00-9:00am Continental Breakfast

9:00am **OPENING SESSION**
Matt Dunne, Director, AmeriCorps★VISTA

9:30am **VISTA Talk**
– with special host
Ray Magliozzi, *Co-host of National Public Radio's Car Talk/VISTA '68-'69*

...and special invited guests:
- Associate Justice Paul Anderson Minnesota State Supreme Court/*VISTA '68-'69*
- Dan Blumenthal Scholar-In-Residence, American Association of Medical Colleges/*VISTA '69-'70*
- Monique Magliozzi San Antonio Wesley Center/*VISTA '68-'69*
- Toni Vaughn AmeriCorps Recruitment Outreach Specialist/*AmeriCorps★VISTA '97-'99*

10:45 **Lessons Learned and Used Through The Years**
Small group discussion at tables

11:15 **VISTA Briefing: Past/Present/Pipeline/Parameters**
Deb Jospin, Director, AmeriCorps
Matt Dunne, Director, AmeriCorps★VISTA
TBD, Program Specialist

12:00noon **KICK-OFF LUNCH**
Charting the Course for AmeriCorps★VISTA in the 21st Century
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker—Deb Jospin
- Keynote by Jack Gherty, Chief Executive Officer, Land O'Lakes /*VISTA '68-'69*

1:30-5:00pm

CHARTING FUTURE STRATEGIC ACTIONS: Part One

- Creating a shared vision for reducing poverty
- Identifying critical poverty factors/drivers
- Strengthening the role AmeriCorps*VISTA
- Developing strategic action work teams related to:

  - Health
  - Legal/Policy
  - Housing
  - Community Development
  - Enterprise/Economic Development
  - Arts
  - Service-Learning
  - Education/Digital Divide
  - Youth Development

- Preliminary Reports: Part One

7:00 -9:00pm

RECEPTION – CELEBRATING VISTA'S FUTURE/HORIZON

Guest Speakers

- Senator Gwendolynne Moore, Wisconsin State Legislature/*VISTA '82-'84*
- Marilyn Finnemore, President, Mind & Media, Inc./*VISTA '90 – '92*
- Shuan Butcher, Executive Director, Wood County Habitat for Humanity/*AmeriCorps*VISTA '96 – '98*

Saturday, October 14 **STRATEGIES FOR ADVANCEMENT**

8:00-9:00am	Continental Breakfast
9:00am	**CHARTING FUTURE STRATEGIC ACTIONS: Part Two**
	• Draft New VISTA Initiatives • Identify Commitments
12:00noon	Lunch
1:30pm	**ACTION REPORTS & COMMITMENTS**
3:00-3:30pm	**CLOSING SESSION-- THE END IS JUST THE BEGINNING**

Sally Katzen currently serves as the Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget. Previously, she has served in the Clinton Administration as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council (1998-1999), and as the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in OMB (1993-1998). She served in the Carter Administration as General Counsel (1979-1980) and then as Deputy Director for Program Policy (1980-1981) of the Council on Wage and Price Stability in the Executive Office of the President.

Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Ms. Katzen was a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, specializing in regulatory and legislative matters. She has worked extensively in the field of administrative law, both in her law practice and in professional activities. In 1988, she was elected Chair of the Section on Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice of the American Bar Association; she has held various other offices in the ABA, including serving two terms as a D.C. Delegate to the House of Delegates. She served as a Public Member and Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and she has taught Administrative Law as an Adjunct professor at Georgetown Law Center. In 1990, she was elected president of the Federal Communications Bar Association. She also served as president of the Women's Legal Defense Fund (1976-1977).

Ms. Katzen was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated magna cum laude from Smith college and the University of Michigan Law School, where she was the Editor-in-Chief of the Michigan Law Review. Following graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Ms. Katzen is married to Judge Timothy B. Dyk and they have one child, who is 18 years old and will be starting college at the University of Pennsylvania his fall.

FROM:

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JDP - YES

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To: Ann Bovaird

Fax Number: 456-7076

Pages: _____ (including cover)

Date: 04 Oct 2000

Copies of invites to the Cab. Members. Of course, they are welcome to attend any night of the VISTA celebration

10/4 - emails sent to Podesta / Baldwin / Cuomo / Shalala / Riley

AMERICORPS*VISTA
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October 4, 2000

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Secretary
Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Robert C. Weaver Federal Building
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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The Honorable Donna Shalala
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

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The Honorable Bruce Babbit
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Richard Riley
Secretary
Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202

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The full conference will be October 12-14 and will include hundreds of VISTA alumni and current AmeriCorps*VISTA members. While some of the conference will offer traditional speakers, receptions, member/alumni trainings, and panel discussions, we are specifically hoping to engage the alumni in developing new program initiatives for the organizations. The idea is to take their common VISTA experience, combined with their now diverse life experiences, to build new focuses for the AmeriCorps*VISTA program to solve the problems of poverty today. We believe this hands on, true impact part of the conference reflects the VISTA tradition of service and will make the event particularly unique.

Due to your strong commitment to service, we would be honored to have you attend if your schedule permits on **Thursday, October 12**. The evening event will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Senate Hart Office Building, Room 216. Guest speakers include Sargent Shriver, Senator John Rockefeller, and Harris Woffard, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service.

Please contact Brian Harvey, AmeriCorps*VISTA Alumni Coordinator at 202-606-5000, ext. 492 with questions or confirmation information. Thank you for your immediate attention, and I look forward to working with you on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Matt Dunne

Matt Dunne
Director

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Comments: per our conversation.

From: Helen

February 14, 2000

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating the 35th anniversary of AmeriCorps*VISTA.

It is a very American idea that we meet our challenges not through big government or as isolated individuals, but as members of a true community, with all of us working together. Upholding this fine tradition, more than 130,000 VISTA Volunteers have worked tirelessly during the past 35 years to give hope and help to their fellow citizens in need and to renew the strength, vitality, and character of communities across our nation.

Whether building affordable housing, fostering economic development in underserved areas, helping children learn to read, or immunizing newborn babies in inner cities and rural communities, generations of VISTAs have devoted their time, talents, and energy to fulfill America's bright promise for all our people. From the first swearing in of VISTA Volunteers by President Johnson to VISTA's merger into the AmeriCorps network of programs, VISTA has helped to foster a community of all Americans.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank each of you for your vital contributions to our communities and commend you for your unwavering commitment to citizen service -- you are an inspiration to us all. Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for a wonderful anniversary year and every future success.

9/13 - spoke to JG + Melody

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DATE: 9/13/00
FROM: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

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Comments POTUS schedule is full

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George Frampton		Bruce Reed	
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DATE: 8/8/2000
FROM: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

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Comments Oct. Schedule is pending.

SUBJECT: for POTUS to address the participants of the Americorps VISTA 35th Anniversary Celebration

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Laura Graham	✓	Rozensky/Emrich	✓
Nancy Hernreich	—	Patti Solis-Doyle	—
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Ben Johnson	—	Carrie Street	✓
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Scheduling Request August 4, 2000

TO: Stephanie Streett 00 AUG 4 P5:52
Assistant to President and
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FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. T.M.
Assistant to President and
Cabinet Secretary

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LOCATION: The White House

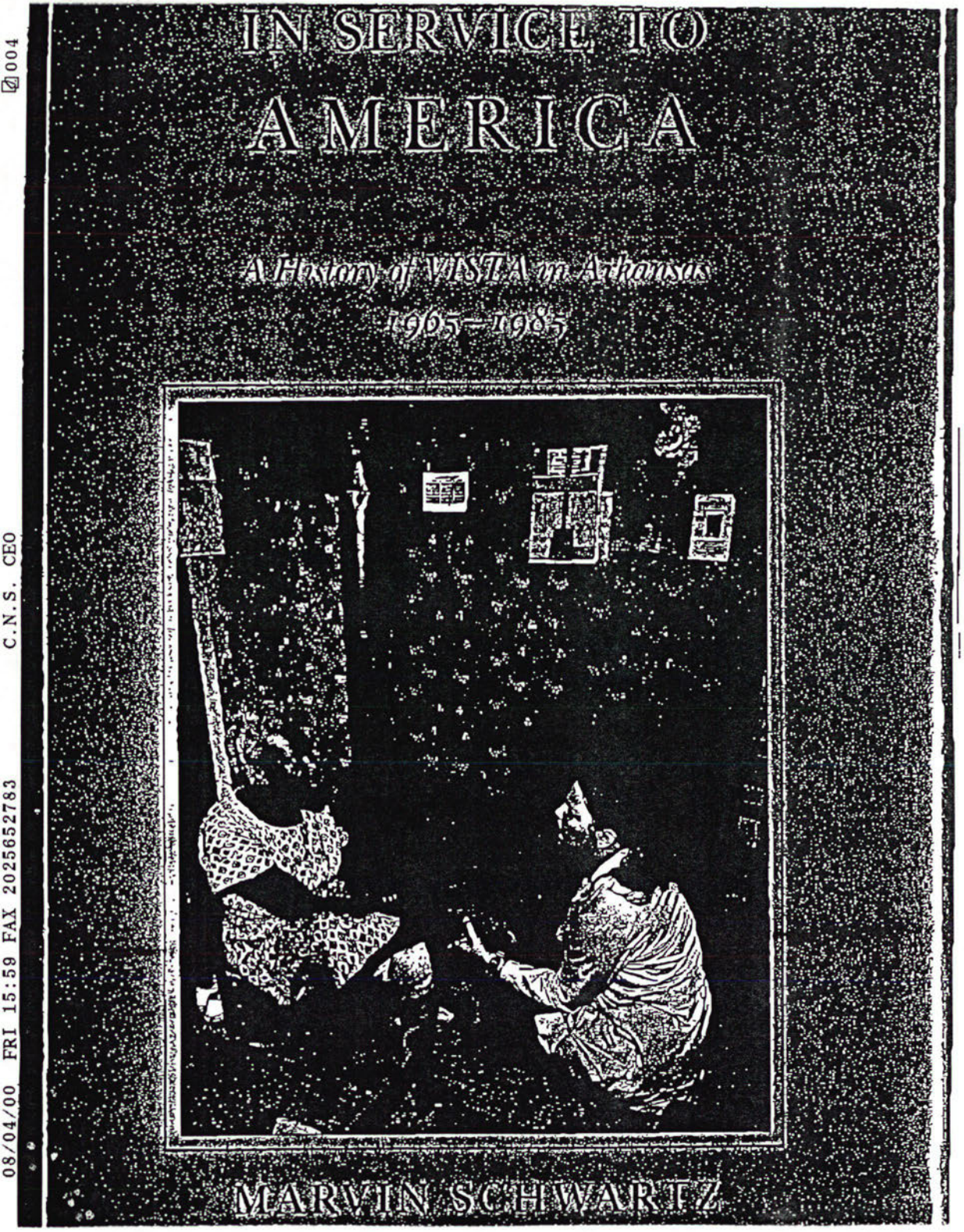
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CONTACT:	Anne Bovaird *Assistant to Cabinet Secretary* (202) 456-7072

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Preface

By Governor Bill Clinton

The progress of history is not limited to the grand sweep of major events or milestone occurrences. History is linked to the progress of people—to the slow and sometimes imperceptible changes that pass from one generation to the next. Arkansas has achieved great progress in the past and our people reflect an established heritage that projects Arkansas as the "Land of Opportunity" where any individual with the desire for self-improvement can succeed.

The federal anti-poverty program, VISTA, brought an influx of dedicated Volunteers to Arkansas. Young and old, VISTA Volunteers believed in self-help and self-advancement, but they also accepted the challenge of initiating that progress in others. VISTA Volunteers motivated Arkansas for positive change—change which is still evident today as we continue to urge communities to work together. I have seen time and time again the success that occurs when a community decides to help itself by pulling together its resources to provide jobs for its people and solve other problems.

Contemporary Arkansas history owes much to the groundbreaking efforts of VISTA Volunteers. Some of our major economic development programs today bear a striking similarity to the community development efforts initiated by VISTA some ten to twenty years ago.

The VISTA concept was ingenious. Its goal was great social advancements, but it began its work in what we now see as the obvious place: in the communities where that need was the greatest. VISTA taught us about the importance and power of people building from within.

VISTA projects relied on the essential dignity and hard work of people within poverty communities and demonstrated that the effective use of resources and planning would produce positive results, but only if the people themselves maintained the effort. VISTA Volunteers did more than just teach; they inspired others to learn.

Of course VISTA workers were not free of controversy. Change in those days was often accompanied by strife, but the work on balance had a very positive impact.

I am pleased to see this volume bringing due recognition to the dedicated individuals and communities that were involved in the first twenty years of Arkansas VISTA programs. As the first book of its kind in the nation, *In Service To America: A History of VISTA in Arkansas* should inspire other states to support written histories of their VISTA experiences.

In the largest sense, this book may rekindle an awareness and provide new vigor to public service programs weakened by budget cutbacks and anti-government rhetoric in recent years. Marvin Schwartz has written a historical and inspirational work whose value will likely increase with the passage of time.

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Volunteers in Service to America—Serving America Since 19

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August 15, 2000

Mrs. Betty W. Currie,
Personal Secretary to the President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 1WW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Currie:

The AmeriCorps*VISTA office will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of VISTA (Volunteers in Service To America) on October 12-14 in Washington, DC. We would like to include a White House reception and address to the participants by the President. It is our hope that you will assist us in scheduling this event. We have planned the reception to include approximately 200 VISTA members, staff and alumni as well as others involved in the Arkansas VISTA program of which the President was so supportive. I have enclosed, for your information, a copy of the formal request that was sent to Ms. Stephanie Street, including a list of possible attendees. This should provide you with full details of the planned activities. A brief overview of our plans is provided below:

REQUEST
For the President to address participants attending the AmeriCorps *VISTA 35th Anniversary Celebration Reception

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND
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LOCATION
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AUDIENCE
Please see attached list for sample of attendees

OUTLINE OF EVENT
Please see attached information

REMARKS REQUIRED
Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE
Yes

PROPOSED ATTENDANCE
Approximately 200

RECOMMENDED BY
Harris Wofford, *CEO, Corporation for National Service*

REFERENCE
Discussion with Lee Lacy and Barbara Wilson

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact Patricia Booker, 202-606-5000 X226 (voice), 202-565-2789 (fax), or via email at pbooker@cns.gov.

Thank you for your kind assistance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia A. Booker

Patricia A. Booker,
35th Anniversary Committee Member
AmeriCorps*VISTA

Enclosures

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OEOB Conference & Roosevelt Room Reservation

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Time: 5pm To: 9pm

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Staff Contact: Anne Bavaird **Extension No.:** x67072 **Pager No.:** 4722 **Room No.:** 2A WW

Type of Event:

☐ *Meeting* ☒ *Reception* ☐ *Other* _____

Name/Description of Event:

35th Anniversary of VISTA Celebration

Number of Outside Guests: 200

Total Number of Attendees: 220

In Attendance:

☐ *President* ☐ *First Lady* ☐ *Vice President* ☐ *Mrs. Gore*

Room(s) Requested:

☐ *Roosevelt Room* * ☐ *Room 180* ☐ *Room 472* ☒ *Room 474 (Indian Treaty Room)*

☐ *Room 476* ☐ *Room 450* ☐ *Room 459*

General Services: ☒ *Elevator Service (elevator #4)*

Time Reserved: _____ ☐ *Podium* ☐ *Flags*

Special Room Arrangements for the Indian Treaty Room:

☐ *Conference Style* ☐ *Theatre Style* ☒ *Other* Reception

Number of Chairs: TBD *Number of Table(s):* TBD

Entrance/Gate Preferred:

☒ *Pennsylvania Avenue (OEOB)* ☐ *East Visitors Gate*

Note: the 17th & "G" Street entrance is wheelchair accessible.

Additional Requirements or Requests:

Invitees: Secy Babbitt (VISTA supervisor), Sen. Rockefeller (unofficial, unpaid VISTA), John Podesta (ACTION)

* **Roosevelt Room Reservation Forms must be returned to the West Wing receptionist (FAX # 6-1210)**

OEOB Room Reservation Forms must be returned to the White House Conference Center (FAX # 6-6791)

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GETTING STARTED - A GUIDE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

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September 1999

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AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE

A Guide for AmeriCorps Members

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Oct. 2, 2001

Dear Mr. President,

Father Hesburgh wanted me to make sure you saw his letter to Hastert, Lott, Daschle, & Gephardt (copy attached). It's good! — and I'm told is particularly impressive to Hastert.

At the ceremony for Hesburgh, I was greatly moved by your remarks, as was he — and moved by his remarks about you.

By the way, I was the one who alerted your office it was the day of his 50th year as a priest — and you called him over to the White House.

Warmly,
Harris

1201 New York Avenue, N.W., ★ Washington, D.C. 20525 ★ Telephone: 202-606-5000, x167 ★ Fax: 202-565-2784

University of Notre Dame
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President Emeritus

Theodore M. Hesburgh Library
Suite 1315

September 19, 2000

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert:

After that wonderful occasion in July – a real highlight of my life – at which you gave so much to me, I'm reluctant to ask anything of you. But in the spirit you brought to that event, I'm emboldened to write you about something that I feel is so right and good for our country.

I'm writing to convey to you how important I think it is that this Congress, in its last days, reauthorize the Corporation for National Service and its three programs – AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps.

We at the University of Notre Dame have had great and beneficial experience with two of those programs. Both AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America have contributed to the strength of our Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, one of the truly unique teacher-training service programs in the nation. ACE seeks to develop a corps of highly motivated and committed young educators to meet the needs of our country's most under-served elementary and secondary schools by recruiting, training, placing and supporting them as teachers in 11 southern states. The Corporation for National Service has served as ACE's innovative summer teacher-training and service learning program, as well as education awards to all qualifying ACE participants who are thereby considered full-time AmeriCorps members.

As one who worked closely to plan the Peace Corps and then for Notre Dame to run the Peace Corps program in Chile, I've long thought that a domestic Peace Corps was vital for young people coming of age. In fact, in the 1970s I served on a national commission to study the idea of national service and contributed to a final report that proposed a program and structure remarkably similar to what came through the National Service Acts of 1990 and 1993 in the Bush and Clinton administrations.

I've worked closely with Harris Wofford for more than forty years – on the Peace Corps, when he was on the faculty of Notre Dame Law School, on the national service study, and in the late fifties on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. I know he has worked long and hard at the Corporation to make national service a non-partisan enterprise in which our whole country can take great pride, like the military and the Peace Corps.

I realize these last days of session will be difficult ones, with many pressures and demands. I urge you to take this opportunity to reaffirm our common commitment to an idea that transcends partisan politics – that every person be called upon to take responsibility and serve our country. National service makes that call, and I hope you'll support it.

Respectfully and with warm regards,

Father Ted Hesburgh

(Rev.) Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
President Emeritus

PRESIDENTIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

STAFF REQUEST FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION - *thank you*

TODAY'S DATE: 10/2/00 **DATE OF EVENT:** 11/2/00

Request to: *Presidential Support*
Room 62
Ext. 62304

From: (Name) Anne Bovaird
(Department) Cabinet Affairs
(Room) 2FL WW
(Ext.) x67072

A minimum of two weeks notice is required for processing. All requests are subject to final approval by the Director of Correspondence and Presidential Messages.

Mark [X] in appropriate box and include any additional comments pertinent to the request in the "information" space below.

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- ☐ **RETIREMENT** *(number of years; name of company or government agency)*
- ☐ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** *(number of years)*
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- ☒ **BIRTHDAY** *(number of years)*
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- ☐ **WEDDING** *(provide first names)*
- ☐ **BIRTH OF BABY** (card to child) *(child's full name)*
- ☐ **GRADUATION** *(list name of school and degree awarded)*
- ☐ **BAR OR BAT MITZVAH**
- ☐ **BIRTH OF BABY** (card to parents) *(parents' full name & child's full name)*
- ☐ **ADOPTION** *(list parents' & child's names)*
- ☐ **OTHER** *(please specify below)*

Information: Mrs. McCree will be 100 years old on November 2.

Inside address for letter *(complete address to appear on letter)* **Circle one:** Mr. (Mrs.) Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Ms.

Name: Mrs. Ida McCree

Address: Crescent Cities Nursing Home, 4409 East West Highway

City/State/Zip Code: Riverdale, MD 20737

Mailing address for label *(include complete address and zip code)* **Circle one:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. (Ms.)
(if different from "inside address")

Name: Ms. Ida Green

Address: 4125 23rd Place

City/State/Zip Code: Temple Hills, MD 20748

CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL
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TO: Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Karen Tramontano, Barbara Chow, Shirley Sagawa, Thomas Kalil, Ann O'Leary

CC: Anne Bovaird

FROM: John Gomperts

RE: Senator Lott's Digital Divide Press Release

DATE: September 26, 2000

As you know, last week the President announced $9 million in AmeriCorps grants to assist in bridging the digital divide. Attached is the press release from Senator Lott announcing the grants in Mississippi.

He mentions the Corporation for National Service and AmeriCorps several times. This is a huge step in the reauthorization process.

If there are any questions, please call Melody at 606-5000 ext. 191. Many thanks.

TRENT LOTT
UNITED STATES SENATOR
MISSISSIPPI

Immediate Release
Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Contact: Lee Youngblood - 202/224-4216
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$1 Million of Federal Technology Funds Approved for State of Mississippi

Washington -- Federal technology funding totaling more than $1 million has been approved by the corporation for National and Community Service for use at 100 school and community sites throughout Mississippi, said U.S. Senator Trent Lott today.

The funds are being administered through the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, and the program will be used to provide personnel for 100 "Power Up" stations in the state. "Power Up" is a public/private partnership established to give under-served youth greater access to technology, specifically computers. Power Up will be providing equipment for this unique program while the federal funding will support personnel and technical assistance which will help bridge Mississippi's 'digital divide.'

"I had the opportunity to visit a Power UP site in California several months ago," Senator Lott said. "I was very impressed with this program, and I am confident Power Up will help Mississippi's educators close the troubling 'digital divide' which threatens to leave technologically under-served communities and our school children in those communities behind."

Juanita Sims Doty, of Jackson, now serves on the Corporation for National and Community Service Board of Directors following her nomination by Senator Lott and approval by the President and U.S. Senate last year. Other national benefactors and partners include: America On Line, Sun Microsystems, YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Power Bar Incorporated, Family Education Network and the US Department of Education.

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"These efforts to bridge the digital divide by the Corporation for National and Community Service Board are commendable," Senator Lott continued. "I know Mrs. Doty and this board will continue working on behalf of young people throughout Mississippi who have the will and ability to succeed, but who currently lack some of the tools."

Specifically, the program will provide computers in the schools through funding provided from the aforementioned partners/benefactors, and the labs will be staffed by AmeriCorps Vista workers. Nationally the Corporation for National and Community Service will use approximately $12.5 million to award grants of this type to eligible organizations in support of efforts that will help overcome technology barriers currently separating Americans. Mississippi's share of this funding totals $1,051,101 and will be administered by Mississippi's Office of the Attorney General and the Mississippi Department of Education. The sites are being determined at the state level.

In the sites, a targeted 80 percent of the faculty and staff will demonstrate greater computer proficiency, and AmeriCorps members will tutor at risk K-12th grade students. Also, AmeriCorps members will provide after-school tutoring and computer instruction to 5,000 students on weekday afternoons and some weekends. Members may also contact up to 2,000 families in the local communities during school hours and weekends to encourage them to become more computer savvy. An on-line mentoring program will also be developed. Partner sites include 25 community-based organizations including eight Big Brothers Big Sisters regional locations and Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the state.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1999

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Partly cloudy. Winds northeast at 4 to 8 knots. Low 58 to 63. High 76 to 81.
AUSTIN, TEXAS
Sunny. High 85. Lwo 64.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
Sunny. High 80. Low 53.

Schedule of the President
for
Saturday, May 8, 1999
Final Schedule

8:30	am	**THE PRESIDENT** departs Driskill Hotel via motorcade en route Austin-Bergstrom International Airport [drive time: 15 minutes]
8:45	am	**THE PRESIDENT** arrive Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
9:00	am	**THE PRESIDENT** departs Austin-Bergstrom International Airport via Air Force One en route Tinker Air Force Base [flight time: 1 hour, 5 minutes]

10:05 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Tinker Air Force Base

Greeters:
Major General Michael E. Zettler, Commader, Tinker Air Force Base
James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Deputy Secretary Saul Ramirez, Department of Housing and Urban Development
Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration
Senator Don Nickles
Senator James Inhofe
Representative Ernest Istook
Representative Frank Lucas
Representative Wes Watkins
Governor Frank Keating
Mrs. Cathy Keating
Lt. Governor Mary Fallin
Insurance Commissioner Caroll Fisher
Commissioner of Labor Brenda Reneau
Attorney General Drew Edmonston
State Auditor & Inspector Clifton Scott
State Superintendent of Education Sandy Garrett
House Speaker Loyd Benson
Chairman George Skinner, Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
Chairman Earl Rooms, Oklahoma County Board of Commissioners
Mayor Eddie Reid, Midwest City
Mayor Kirk Humphries, Oklahoma City
Mayor Glenn Lewis, Moore
Mayor Harry Nelson, Del City
State Senator Dave Herbert
Adjutant General Steven Cortwright, Oklahoma FEMA Liason
Director Albert Ashwood, Oklahoma Civil Emergency Management Agency
Buddy Young, Regional Director, FEMA

10:15 am **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to the Base Operations Building

10:20 am-
10:45 am

BRIEFING
FLIGHT PLANNING CENTER
Base Operations Building
Tinker Air Force Base
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
CLOSED PRESS

Participants
THE PRESIDENT
James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA
Buddy Young, Regional Director, FEMA
Governor Frank Keating
Albert Ashwood, State Director, Oklahoma Office of Civil Emergency Management
Bob Hendrix, Federal Coordinating Officer
M.T. Berry, Chief of Police, Oklahoma City
Gary Marrs, Fire Chief, Oklahoma City
Sue Hale, Chair, Oklahoma Chapter, American Red Cross
Fred Laibe, State Coordinating Officer

-- Governor Frank Keating makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks and introduces James Lee Witt.

-- James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency moderates the briefing.

-- James Lee Witt concludes the briefing.

-- **The President** departs.

10:50 am **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to Marine One

11:05 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs Tinker Air Force Base via Marine One en route Tinker Air Force Base

11:10 am-
11:30 am

HELICOPTER TOUR OF TORNADO DAMAGE
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
PRINT REPORTER ABOARD MARINE ONE

Note: Press Pool aboard NightHawk Four.

11:30 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Tinker Air Force Base

11:40 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs Tinker Air Force Base via motorcade en route Del Air Neighborhood
[drive time: 10 minutes]

11:50 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Del Air Neighborhood

11:55 am **WALKING TOUR**
12:20 pm DEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
POOL PRESS

12:25 pm- **STATEMENT**
12:55 pm 4212 ANGELA DRIVE
Del Air Neighborhood
Remarks: Paul Glastris
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Julie Eddy
OPEN PRESS

-- Governor Frank Keating makes brief remarks and introduces Director James Lee Witt.

-- Director James Lee Witt, Federal Emergency Management Agency, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

1:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs 4212 Angela Drive via motorcade en route Tinker Air Force Base
[drive time: 10 minutes]

1:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Tinker Air Force Base

Greeters:
Former Senator David Boren
Mike Turpin
Susan Turpin
Former Governor George Nigh
Donna Nigh
Pam Fleischaker
Emily Fleischaker
Eddie Sutton
Patsy Sutton

1:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Tinker Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: approximately 2 hours, 30 minutes]

[time change: +1 hour]

4:55	pm	**THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base
5:10	pm	**THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool [flight time: 10 minutes]
5:20	pm	**THE PRESIDENT** arrives the Reflecting Pool
5:30	pm	**THE PRESIDENT** departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House [drive time: 5 minutes]
5:35	pm	**THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

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WASHINGTON, DC

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/20/00 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

Subject: Remarks on Creating Digital Oppty for People w/ Disabilities

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	✓	☐	LOCKHART	☐	✓
PODESTA	✓	☐	MARSHALL	✓	☐
ECHAVESTE	✓	☐	MOORE	☐	☐
RICCHETTI	✓	☐	NASH	☐	☐
LEW	✓	☐	NOLAN	☐	☐
BAILY	☐	☐	Chow	✓	☐
BERGER	☐	☐	SPERLING	✓	☐
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BRAIN	☐	☐	TRAMONTANO	✓	☐
BURSON	☐	☐	UCELLI	✓	☐
CAHILL	☐	☐	VERVEER	☐	☐
EDMONDS	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
FRAMPTON	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
IBARRA	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
JOHNSON, B.	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
JOHNSON, J.	✓	☐	_____	☐	☐
LANE	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

REMARKS: Comments to Pollack 6-2832

RESPONSE:

Staffing Form 5/26/00

Office of the Staff Secretary
Ext. 62702

Draft 9/20/00 7:15 p.m.
John Pollack

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
CREATING DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
FLINT, MICHIGAN
September 21, 2000

Thank you, Karla Hudson. Thank you for your commitment to others, and to building a better future. A future with more opportunity for *all* Americans.

Let me also recognize some others joining us today: Secretary Mineta, Mayor Stanley, Judy Brewer from the Web Consortium's Accessibility Initiative; Pamela Loving from the Career Alliance; Michael Zelley from the Disability Network; my good friend Bill White of the Mott Foundation; and of course, our host Dr. Shaink (shank) – the President of Mott Community College. Thank you for your leadership, and for making this day possible. I'd also like to recognize Vice President Gore, who has worked by my side for eight years now to make the promise of America real for everyone.

Looking back, I think this is my fourth trip to Flint; I'm beginning to feel right at home here. Mayor Stanley welcomed me when I first came in 1992, and next year, when I'm out of office, he'll *still* be mayor. I want to know what his secret is.

This is a fortunate time for our country. We are enjoying the longest economic expansion in history. We've created 22 million new jobs. Inflation is the lowest in a generation. Home ownership is at a record high. Crime has fallen eight years running, and more students than ever before are heading on to college.

Together, we are building a better America – and nobody has worked harder, against tougher odds, than the people of Flint.

This community has done a remarkable job retooling for the new century, and has made a lot of progress. But we know things could be better. Not everyone has been able to share in America's economic renaissance. All of us know people and places that are at risk of being left behind. And that includes millions of Americans with significant disabilities who say they want to go to work.

The Vice President and I have worked for nearly eight years to break down the barriers that hold people back. In negotiating the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we insisted that people with disabilities have full access to the telephone equipment and services that most people take for granted. In 1998, we pushed through the Workforce Investment Act, requiring that any information technology the federal government buys be accessible to people with disabilities. And in 1999 I was proud to sign the "Work Incentives Improvement Act," which will enable Americans with disabilities to retain their Medicaid or Medicare coverage when they go to work, and have more choices for job training.

Now that we've broken down some of the barriers, it's time to give people the tools they need to take advantage of new opportunities – especially in cyberspace. As people here know well, an economy based on brawn is giving way to an economy based on brainpower. New technologies mean that a person with a disability, such as Stephen Hawking, can still become one of the world's top experts in astrophysics.

But if we want people with disabilities to tap the power of the Information Superhighway, we need to build some on-ramps. Vice President Gore and I have worked hard to bridge the digital divide. For example, we're creating a national network of Community Technology Centers so that every American, no matter where they live or what their income, has easy and affordable access to the Internet.

I visited America's newest Community Technology Center just this afternoon, right here in Flint. It's a partnership between the Department of Education, Mott Community College and the non-profit Disability Network, and it focuses on empowering people with disabilities to access the Internet and learn computer skills. You should see some of this technology. It's astounding. It translates Web pages aloud for people who are blind or visually impaired. It provides captioning for the deaf and hard of hearing. And it enables people with significant physical disabilities to control a computer through eye movement and brain waves.

I met a man today, a former construction worker, who is paralyzed from the chest down but uses all these high-tech computer tools to run a construction consulting business over the Internet. And we heard Karla's story, too.

You know, there are columns of "Help Wanted" ads in this city right now, because employers can't find enough people like him to fill all the technical jobs out there. Jobs that pay $20 an hour. And you'd be amazed how much time we spend at the White House thinking about those unfilled jobs and how, in a tight labor market, we can continue to grow the economy. One answer is to make information technology more accessible, so we can bring more people with disabilities into the workforce.

Bridging the digital divide will take all of us, and today I'm proud to announce several major commitments from both the private and public sectors.

First, 45 CEOs of American high-tech companies have pledged to make their products more accessible to people with disabilities. That means training their employees to develop new, accessible, software, hardware and services.

Second, 25 of the nation's leading research universities have committed to help us create equal access to information. This will include new coursework for engineering majors, and new tenure-track faculty positions to address these challenges.

Third, I'm pleased to announce that Flint's very own C.S. Mott Foundation will support these goals by funding a one-year, blue-ribbon task force to study the challenges involved. Led by the Disability Network, this task force will also investigate how to make this new technology more affordable to people just entering the workforce.

Fourth, I am directing my Cabinet to explore ways of enhancing Medicare and Medicaid, to help people with disabilities pay for assistive technology to live and work independently in their communities.

Fifth, I am announcing grants totaling $4 million from the Department of Education to the Web Accessibility Initiative and the National Center for Accessible Media. These investments will help ensure that people with disabilities can tap into the World Wide Web, and make the most of on-line learning.

Finally, I am proud to announce that today, AmeriCorps (CNS) will award $9 million in grants to help close the digital divide. These grants will put 1,200 volunteers into schools and communities all across the country, teaching underprivileged kids the skills they need to take advantage of the Internet. One project, in North Carolina, will provide computer training to 300 students who are blind or visually impaired, showing them a whole new horizon of possibility.

Let me add here, that I received a letter today signed by 49 governors, calling on Congress to reauthorize AmeriCorps and the other community programs administered by the Corporation for National Service, including a new E-Corps program to bridge the digital divide. I urge Congress to heed this call.

We have a lot of work ahead to bridge the digital divide. Doing this is the right thing to do from a moral perspective, and the smart thing to do economically. You know, a decade ago when people were debating the Americans with Disabilities Act, some critics said it would be too expensive to make public facilities handicap accessible, to put in ramps and handrails and signs in Braille.

Well, they were wrong. Today we take those amenities for granted. How many parents pushing strollers have been thankful for the curb cuts installed for people in wheelchairs? And thanks to the removal of old barriers – both physical and in people's attitudes – more than a million Americans with disabilities have entered the workforce. That's almost 5% of the 22 million new jobs we've created. And if we build new on-ramps to the Information Superhighway, people with disabilities will be able to help us build an even stronger America.

Let me close today with one last thought. A century ago, visionaries here in Flint recognized the potential of new industrial technology, and harnessed it to build the world's largest automobile company. Their success gave Americans a mobility and freedom that would reshape both our economic and physical landscape. Today, at the dawn of an information age, we have the potential to give millions of people around the world mobility and freedom in cyberspace. If we succeed in this endeavor, we will again transform the economic landscape, and forever reshape the terrain of human potential.

Thank you.

Contact and Email list from Roosevelt Room Meeting on CNS Reauthorization
September 19, 2000
1:30 PM
The White House

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White House Strategy Meeting:
National and Community Service Act Amendments of 2000

Tuesday, September 19, 2000
1:30 am – 2:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Room

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Need for National and Community Service Reauthorization
Shirley Sagawa, Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady

II. Success of the Corporation for National Service
Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

III. Legislative Strategy for Reauthorizing the National and Community Service Act
Joanna Slaney, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

IV. Appropriations
Barbara Chow, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council & Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget

V. Importance of the National and Community Service Reauthorization to the President
Karen Tramontano, Assistant to the President and Counselor to the Chief of Staff

VI. Discussion of Legislative Strategy

Corporation for National Service
Meeting Attendees
September 19, 2000
1:30 – 2:30 pm

1. Richard Tate, National Association of Senior Companion Directors - Y
2. Betty Ruth, National Association of RSVP Directors - Y
3. Jane Watkins, National Association of Foster Grandparent Directors - Y
4. Donna Butts, Generations United
5. Judy Vredenburgh, Big Brothers and Big Sisters
6. Tom Jones, Habitat for Humanity
7. Robbie Calloway, Boys and Girls Clubs - Y
8. Bob Goodwin, Points of Light Foundation - N
9. Bill Milliken, Communities in Schools
10. Steve Culbertson, Youth Service America
11. Peter Gallagher, America's Promise
12. Gordon Raley, National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations
13. Alan Khazei or Michael Brown, City Year
14. Janet Sharma, President of the National Network of Volunteer Centers-Y
15. Pam Boylin, Campus Compact and the National Service Coalition
16. Stewart Smith, National Collaboration for Youth & Campfire Boys and Girls
17. Nancy Murphy, UPS Foundation - Y
18. Martin Rodgers, Anderson Consulting
19. Mimi Mager, Friends of VISTA

20.	Nicole Boothman-Shepard	Executive Director	Rhode Island
21.	Michael Milligan	Executive Director	Iowa - Y
22.	Kyle Caldwell	Executive Director	Michigan - Y
23,	Kitty Burscu	Executive Director	Ohio - Y
24,	Chuck Supple	Executive Director	California - Y
25,	Charlie Briggs	Executive Director	Montana
26.	Michael Call	Executive Director	Utah - Y
27.	Robert Hickerson	Executive Director	Texas - Y
28.	Marsha Meeks Kelly	Executive Director	Mississippi -Y
29.	Bill Basl	Executive Director	Washington
30.	Joe Smith	Executive Director	Indiana - Y
31.	Bill Sundermeyer	Executive Director	AASSC* - Y
32.	Rosie Mauk	Chair	AASSC* - Y
33.	Herschel Lamirand	Past Chair	AASSC*
34.	Jane Oates	Senator Kennedy's Office	
35.	Sherry Kaiman	Senator Jefford's Office - Y	
36.	Maggie McDow	Representative Roemer's Office - Y	
37.	Paul Pimentel	Representative Shays' Office	

*AASSC=American Association of State Service Commissions

To be invited if others cannot come:

Chris Kwak, Kellogg Foundation
Sylvia Robinson, Kauffman Foundation
Don Jones, Red Cross
Betty Beene, United Way
AnnMaura Connolly, City Cares of America
Jane Silverman, Assoc. of Jr. Leagues
Catherine Milton, Save the Children
Rae Grad, Power Up
John Dutton, Join Hands Day (for the fraternals)
Jim Kielsmeier, National Youth Leadership Council
Jim Lindsay, Catholic Network of Volunteer Services
Chuck Gould, Volunteers of America

Corporation for National Service Staff:
Harris Wofford, CEO
Deb Jospin, Director of AmeriCorps
John Vezina, Intergovernmental Affairs
Christine Benero, Director of Public Liaison
John Gomperts, Special Advisor
Rhonda Taylor, Public Affairs

Note:
Y = Invitee will attend
N = Invitee will not attend

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Carrie -
Pls. route & send pending.
9/18
~~9/25~~ - REGRET is OK by CNS

September 1, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
c/o Stephanie S. Streett, Director of Scheduling
Office of the President
Washington, DC 20501

Dear President Clinton:

As AmeriCorps★National Civilian Community Corps prepares to begin its seventh year, I'd like to express my sincere thanks for all that you have done for our program. You are the man responsible for creating and fostering the growth of AmeriCorps, and it would be a great honor if you would be the keynote speaker at our induction ceremony to be held on October 27, 2000 at 2 p.m. Induction is tentatively scheduled to be held at the FDR Memorial.

As the esteemed American leader who helped pull America out of the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." On October 27, 2000 over 100 people are going to pledge to help America go forward. The FDR Memorial is the perfect place to make that pledge. And you are the perfect man to help them begin their journey.

Over 100,000 young people owe their personal growth and life experience to you. But most importantly, it's the American people who have reaped the benefits of such an amazing program. During Class VI Corps Members at the Capital Region achieved incredible things for our country and for themselves. We are looking forward to another year full of hard work, and watching another group of young men and women walk in as optimists and walk out as heroes. We look forward to you leading these men and women through the pledge to serve their country.

I have enclosed a copy of some of the accomplishments of our last class. Please consider joining us for this very special event. If your schedule does not allow for such a commitment on October 27, perhaps we could schedule our ceremony the day before, or the day after.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please contact me at (202)-561-1091 if you have any questions or need more details.

Sincerely,

Kate M. Becker

Kate M. Becker
Campus Director

Letter from POTUS → sign up for registry

Suzanna

09/13/00

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The Corporation for National Service
AmeriCorps Member and Alumni Affairs

Goal: Help AmeriCorps members to develop skills and increase knowledge

* **Goal:** Foster a sense of AmeriCorps member identity

Goal: Educate AmeriCorps members about the opportunities and restrictions of the AmeriCorps program and the education award

Goal: Increase the benefits of AmeriCorps membership

Goal: Prepare members for a lifelong commitment to service

* **Goal:** Provide opportunities for AmeriCorps alumni to fulfill their pledge to a lifetime of service.

Currently offered services/benefits:
Member handbook
Welcome letter to newly enrolled members
Web site pages geared to members and alumni
AmeriCorps newsletter
NCCC update
Fellows newsletter
All AmeriCorps Awards
National days of service
AmeriCorps gear
Life After AmeriCorps publication
All member gatherings in some states
Anniversary celebrations

Working on:
Web-based recruiting – over 2m hits/month – online matching + applications
AmeriCorps Experience Book
Mass distribution e-mail messages to alumni – permanent email (ie. from college)
Alumni Registry
Member Directory
On-line Community – improved web offerings
AmeriCorps side panel for college rings and AmeriCorps signet ring

Future projects:
AmeriCorps e-mail
AmeriCorps identification card with pledge on back
Standard training curriculum on history of national service, AmeriCorps 101, non-profit management, life after AmeriCorps etc. ← used to have this – good to revitalize
More schools to match the education award and offer special fellowships for AmeriCorps alumni
* Member and alumni satisfaction survey

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To: Anne Bovaird

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Pages: 3 (including cover)

Date: 5 Sept. 2000

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REASONS TO REAUTHORIZE THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE AND AMERICORPS

- By reauthorizing the Corporation for National Service, Congress will recognize the contributions of more than a million Americans engaged in service to their country through the programs created by Congress and administered by the Corporation for National Service.

  - For three decades the **senior service** programs – Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) – have been broadly supported in Congress and around the country.

  - Since the 1990 National Service Act signed by President Bush, the **service-learning** programs of elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, and community organizations have won wide praise. These programs challenge young people to improve their studies, develop problem-solving skills, and learn the habits of good citizenship while improving their communities.

  - In the last five years, **AmeriCorps** (now including the 35-year old VISTA program) has been proving itself. More than 150,000 AmeriCorps members have served their nation patriotically on the home front since the program was created. At this time of special concern about the future of our youth, it's essential that as many as possible be called upon to do something more challenging and rewarding than many of them have yet known – dedicated and sustained service to their fellow citizens.

- Building Strong Partnerships: AmeriCorps is administered in a nonpartisan spirit and works closely with the Points of Light Foundation, established by President Bush, and with America's Promise – the campaign for children and youth, launched at the 1997 Philadelphia Summit of all the Presidents and led by General Colin Powell. Recently, Powell told the National Governors' Association:

  > "I have now had two years of experience with AmeriCorps, and they are doing a great job... They are given a stipend for their work, but what they do in terms of leveraging other individuals to volunteer is really incredible. So it is a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in the future, and I am a strong supporter of AmeriCorps. I think they have demonstrated their worth, they have paid their dues, and they are worthy of the support I hope they will get from the Congress."

- Employing a Devolved Structure: Most people don't know how AmeriCorps operates or how it's administered. They assume that a top-down Washington bureaucracy runs the program and deploys AmeriCorps members around the country. The opposite is true. AmeriCorps is one of the most successful experiments in state and local control the government has ever supported. In fact, the bulk of AmeriCorps funding is in the hands of our nation's governors, whose state commissions on National and Community Service make grants to local non-profits. Those non-profits recruit and select the participants and run the programs. AmeriCorps provides people power to help these organizations meet community needs in education, housing, health care, environmental protection and disaster relief.

- Producing Net Benefits: The largest independent study to date concludes that AmeriCorps creates $1.66 in benefits for every dollar spent. The service of AmeriCorps members strengthens communities and builds job-readiness skills among participants, the study found.

- Supporting the Nation's Volunteer Tradition: Critics have asked why we should pay people to spur volunteering in this nation, which has a proud tradition of volunteer service. Millard Fuller, the founder and leader of Habitat for Humanity, provides one very practical answer. Initially concerned about involving Habitat with a federal program, Fuller now has secured more than 600 full-time AmeriCorps members and is requesting even more because the kind of dedicated full-time service that AmeriCorps members provide to recruit, organize and make maximum use of traditional unpaid part-time volunteers helps Habitat. AmeriCorps members thus multiply the number of houses that can be built for low-income families. Full-time volunteers, unless they are retired with assured income or are very rich, require at least the minimum living allowance provided AmeriCorps members. The full-time service of Peace Corps Volunteers overseas or of AmeriCorps members on the home front – let alone the service of the individuals in the volunteer armed forces – would not be possible without provision for living expenses.

- Generating Additional Volunteers: Reports and studies show that AmeriCorps members generate unstipended volunteers in large numbers – an estimated average of 12 additional volunteers per AmeriCorps member. That is part of the "value added" that AmeriCorps provides the civic sector.

- Working with Faith Communities: AmeriCorps has made a major commitment to faith-based institutions. Approximately 15 percent of AmeriCorps' 40,000 current members serve in faith-based institutions, and the number is growing.

- Keeping Costs Down: In keeping with a bipartisan agreement reached several years ago, AmeriCorps has successfully reduced its per-member costs by approximately $1,000 each year for three years running, to less than $15,000 per-member this year.

- Gaining New Supporters: Already, some former critics, such as Representative John Kasich and Senator John McCain, have announced that they have changed their minds about AmeriCorps. "I was wrong about AmeriCorps," McCain says. "I was extremely skeptical at first...But I've got to say that, over all, the program's been a success. And it was a failure on my part not to recognize that earlier."

Members of Congress now have an opportunity to separate policy from partisanship and to reach a bipartisan consensus on the renewal of the Corporation for National Service and its programs.

For more information, please contact the Corporation for National Service at (202) 606-5000, ext. 235

CORPORATION
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July 28, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Harris Wofford

Subject: Reauthorization of National Service

As the fall legislative season looms, I want to report very good news on our progress in getting AmeriCorps and national service reauthorized, and to alert you that we will need your very strong help in the final push. With the bipartisan support we have built and the necessary pressure from you directly with the Congressional leadership, we can win reauthorization this year.

You may have heard that the bill passed out of the Senate Labor Committee last week on a voice vote (with only one voice against – Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas). Senators Kennedy and Jeffords (who are piloting the bill) had some hope that it would pass the Senate Friday by unanimous consent procedure. In the rush to recess on Thursday, that could not happen, and so we are now looking for action in September.

As I have reported in previous memos, we have had a number of breakthroughs in our longstanding effort to develop bipartsian support. One major announcement will occur sometime in August. Through the personal efforts of our new Board member Governor Marc Racicot, 46 Governors have now signed a letter in support of the reauthorization legislation. For your information, I enclose the text of the letter. Governor Racicot is working hard to secure the few Governors who have not yet signed the letter. When he completes his work, this letter will be an extraordinary demonstration of the strength AmeriCorps has around the country and a very important boost for the legislative effort.

At this juncture, no strong opposition to the bill has surfaced – though there is a diminishing coterie of opponents in the House. Our challenge is to get enough attention to the bill in the final days to make sure it gets passed. Our Senate and House sponsors will be pressing the leadership for action, and the Governors' letter will be a powerful impetus. But our key legislative supporters (including John Kasich and Chris Shays, as well as Ted Kennedy and Jim Jeffords) believe that now is the time crucial for you to indicate to the leadership that you want and expect Congress to pass this legislation this fall.

You and all of us here have worked long and hard to reach this point. Success is within our reach. To get reauthorization enacted this fall is just the right upbeat and forward-moving note to close this chapter of your great Presidential leadership on service. With your timely help, we can do it.

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July 10, 2000

The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Lott, Senator Daschle, Speaker Hastert, and Rep. Gephardt:

As Governors, we have long been involved in and concerned with volunteer efforts in our respective states. We have seen the progress of young people inspired by older students, the importance of trained hands helping after a disaster, and the pride of a senior sharing his or her time with a child in need of mentoring.

For these reasons and many more we write in support of reauthorizing and extending AmeriCorps and other national service and volunteer programs administered by the Corporation for National Service.

Governors have built an outstanding state-federal partnership in operating national service programs. Governor-appointed state commissions that direct financial resources and membership within states are successfully administering AmeriCorps.

As Governors, we recognize the value of national service as a tool in meeting important needs in our states. We have seen national service at work in our states. We do not want to lose this force for good in our communities, states, and country.

We fully support the National and Community Service Amendments Act of 2000 and strongly urge Congress to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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To: Anne Bovaird

Fax Number: 456-7067

Pages: 2 (including cover)

Date: 28 July 2000

Project information. I just received it. Just in case your folks are interested.

Also, someone will drop the letters off this afternoon

Thanks - Melody

Have a nice weekend

AmeriCorps PASS
Member attending: Herschell Ray Bell
The People Achieving Self-sufficiency Program (PASS) strive to reduce recidivism and increase self-sufficiency among ex-offenders residing in Pinellas County. Each year. 20 members, some of whom are themselves ex-offenders, serve adult and juvenile offenders, and ex-offenders at Community Correctional Centers and Neighborhood Community Centers. Members are trained to provide workshops and one-on-one assistance in such areas as: Parenting, Emotional Incarceration, Pre-release Orientation, Employability Skills and GED preparation. These workshops provide an opportunity for participants to achieve their educational and career goals.
Program focus: public safety and education

AmeriCorps Hillsborough Reads
Members attending: Glynis Antrim
Francis Brennan
Judith Drake
Randi Redmon
Deborah Shifrine
AmeriCorps Hillsborough Reads is a Communities in Schools of Hillsborough program, a special project of the Hillsborough Education Foundation. This program serves to increase literacy achievement for the children of Hillsborough county. Members provide one-on-one tutoring services to primary grade children, recruit and train volunteers to do the same and share information with parents to assist them in working with their children. AmeriCorps members tutor 12 targeted elementary school sites, but the program extends to each of the 108 elementary schools in the county through volunteer, service-learning and parent involvement efforts.
Program focus: education

AmeriCorps Pinellas
Member attending: Ron Levy
AmeriCorps Pinellas works in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and whose members perform community service in five Pinellas County neighborhoods and with inmates at the county jail. AmeriCorps Pinellas places members in community policing programs and enrolls them in a part-time criminal justice degree program at St. Petersburg Junior College. Members provide community service through crime patrol, crime prevention, neighborhood revitalization, youth mentoring and tutoring. Most importantly, AmeriCorps Pinellas members gain on the job experience in law enforcement by working directly with law enforcement officers and detention deputies.
Program focus: public safety

AmeriCorps Eckerd Hi-Five
Member attending: Sharon Guzanek (in wheelchair)
AmeriCorps Eckerd Hi-Five reduces disciplinary problems among students in three elementary schools in Pinellas County by teaching children alternatives to aggressive behavior, involving students in community service projects and pairing at-risk students with adult role models. Members make home visits to encourage parental involvement in school and provide parent education training.
Program focus: public safety and education

AmeriCorps Florida State Parks
Member attending: Max R. Dersch
Crews at each state park district (Apopka,Thonotosassa, Panama City, Gainesville, and North Miami) build trails, improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and participate in resource management (exotic plant removal, hardwood removal, prescribed burning and planting of native species). Members train on Florida Park Service philosophy, safety procedures, construction, historical restoration, disaster relief and resource management. Program focus: environment

The other members attending are VISTAs. No project descriptions were received.

July 13, 2000

Mr. Eliot Waxman
4405 Harrison Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Eliot:

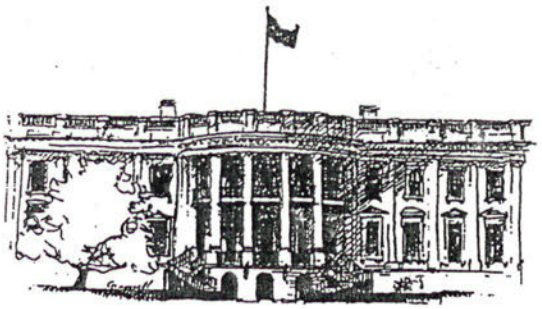
As you leave the Corporation for National Service, I want to thank you for your hard work and your many contributions to my Administration.

You have played an important role in our mission to improve the lives of Americans, and I appreciate all that you've done. Best wishes for every happiness and continued success.

Sincerely, BILL CLINTON

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cc: Anne Bovaird, 2FL/WW, OCA



The White House
Presidential Scheduling

TO: Anne

DATE: 1/21

FROM: Carrie Street
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 # ATTACHED:

___ Please advise on how to respond	___ For your information	___ For your action
___ As you requested	___ Please call me regarding the attached	___ Please prepare response per instructions below
___ For your approval	___ For Surrogate Consideration	___ Please prepare Scheduling Proposal

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COMMENTS:

Here is the request we discussed earlier this week. (AmeriCorps greet in Iowa). We are regretting the event.

Thank you!.

CC:

Anne W. Bovaird
07/18/2000 12:14:48 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Carrie A. Street/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
bcc:
Subject: Re: Mid-Iowa Community Action/AmeriCorps

Sounds good! Thanks...
Carrie A. Street

Carrie A. Street

07/18/2000 12:06:05 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Anne W. Bovaird/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
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Subject: Re: Mid-Iowa Community Action/AmeriCorps

hmm...what I'll do is keep a copy in my "future travel" file and send a copy for your file as well.
Anne W. Bovaird

Anne W. Bovaird
07/18/2000 12:04:22 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Carrie A. Street/WHO/EOP@EOP
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Subject: Re: Mid-Iowa Community Action/AmeriCorps

Yes, that's fine to regret. But, we should keep that group in mind for the next time we do an AmeriCorps airport greet in Iowa (if we do one, I guess!)... Any thoughts on the best way to make sure that stays on the radar screen?
Carrie A. Street

Carrie A. Street

07/18/2000 11:27:22 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Anne W. Bovaird/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:
Subject: Mid-Iowa Community Action/AmeriCorps

Hi Anne -

We received an invitation from Mid-Iowa Community Action inviting the President to their celebration for AmeriCorps members on August 21. They say they were one of the original grantees for AmeriCorps.

I assume you are fine with a regret unless I hear otherwise.
Thanks!
Carrie
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From: Anne Bacon <abacon@midiaca.org> on 06/19/2000 09:22 PM GMT
Please respond to Anne Bacon <abacon@midiaca.org>

To: president@Whitehouse.GOV
cc:
Subject: Invitation to AmeriCorps Celebration

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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME:	Anne Bacon
EMAIL-ADDRESS:	abacon@midiaca.org
ORGANIZATION:	Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.
RELATIONSHIP:	Employee
STREET-ADDRESS:	411 W. Church St.
CITY:	Marshalltown
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ZIP-CODE:	50158
COUNTRY:	USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE:	Extend invitation to visit or speak
TOPIC:	Education
AFFILIATION:	Professional
SUBJECT:	Invitation to AmeriCorps Celebration

[Message]

Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) was one of the original grantees for AmeriCorps. Since its inception our AmeriCorps members have served thousands of children and their families. The program has included support for families to insure their children's success in school, assistance to increase children's involvement in developmental activities such as music, sports and the arts, and after-school and summer activities. The success of this program has been pivotal to our communities receipt of TWO 21st Century Community Learning Center projects!

Our program will be ending this fall and we will be having a celebration on August 21 to honor our AmeriCorps members from the past 6 years and our community partners.

We would like to extend an invitation to the President, the Vice-President and/or the First Lady to attend this event. I recognize the full schedules these people must have, yet I also recognize that AmeriCorps has been one of President Clinton's finest programs!

The event will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on August 21, 2000 in Marshalltown, Iowa If the President, VP or 1st Lady can only attend a portion that would be wonderful...and of course, we would understand!

Thank you for your consideration!
Anne Bacon

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General Powell Delivers *Report to the Nation 2000* to President Clinton



General Powell with AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, Rafiq Abdus-Sabur and Donna Moniot, present the Report to the Nation 2000 to President Clinton in the Oval Office.

Retired General Colin L. Powell delivered the *Report to the Nation 2000* to President Bill Clinton at the White House May 26, saying, "I confidently tell America that our Alliance for Youth is fulfilling its promise to the country. We are pulling together the might of this nation to strengthen the character and competence of youth. We now have an active Alliance and a powerful movement."

The report contains the significant achievements of almost 500 communities and states, and nearly 500 national organizations. "These are the results of communities, businesses, organizations and people working together to support our youth who desperately need it," he added.

General Powell shared the significant three-year progress with President Clinton. He showcased how America is fulfilling the Five Promises for youth: caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills and service opportunities.

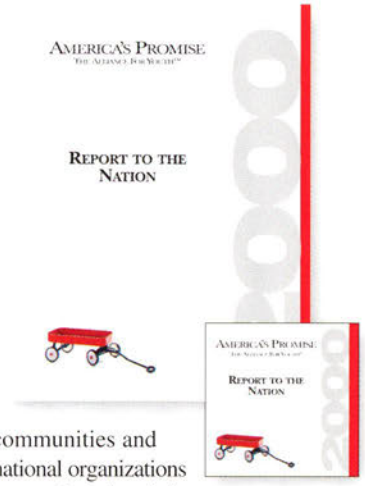
General Powell noted what this means to kids. They not only benefit from increased skills, but make better decisions, learn how to solve problems and have increased confidence, trust and a sense of belonging. "Helping a child succeed makes an adult feel good too, like he is improving the society in which he lives," he added.

"America's Promise is working, so we will keep working in 2000 — and beyond — to expand our capacity, inspire new partnerships and make sure youth have a role in improving their communities," General Powell said. "To do that, we must take America's Promise to Main Street — to every town and city across the country." ■

Report to the Nation 2000

America's Promise marks year three with clear proof that the Alliance is a dynamic force in the lives of youth nationwide.

The 650-page *Report to the Nation 2000* showcases the progress states,



communities and national organizations reported against their specific goals to increase resources for young people. It includes nearly 1,000 individual progress reports.

The report was compiled with information collected from America's Promise partners who responded to a series of standard questions. It is a tool to share ideas and best practices for helping youth.

The *Report to the Nation 2000* is available as a book and a CD-ROM. Each America's Promise partner will receive a copy. Additional copies can be ordered by calling (800) 292-6430. The report is also available at *www.americaspromise.org/rtn/rtn.cfm*, AOL Keyword: America's Promise. You can search the report online by state, community or partner name. Entries include links to partner e-mail addresses and Internet home pages. ■

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 2000

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE NATIONAL BIG BROTHER AND BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR

DATE:	Thursday, June 29, 2000
TIME:	6:55 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.
LOCATION:	The Oval Office
FROM:	Thurgood Marshall, Jr. Anne W. Bovaird

I. PURPOSE

To participate in a photo opportunity with the National Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year and their respective Little Brothers and Sisters.

II. BACKGROUND

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been hosting its national conference in Washington, DC from June 27-30. The conference theme, "Thinking Big: The way to one million mentors," speaks directly to Big Brothers Big Sisters' commitment to matching one million children in need with caring adult mentors by 2010. At the conference, the National Big Brother/Big Sister of the Year Award will be presented to Mr. Michael Bowler of Chatsworth, CA, and Ms. Margaret Bernstein of Cleveland, OH. Michael Bowler, a special education teacher, has been a volunteer in the Hearing Impaired Program at Catholic Big Brothers of Los Angeles for over sixteen years. His sister Kathy, is the Executive Director of the California Democratic Party. Margaret Bernstein, an editor at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, has been matched with her two Little Sisters for sixteen years.

Former Senator **Dan Coats** (R-IN), President of the national board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, recently wrote an article for "The Hill" describing why he and many of his fellow Republicans have changed their minds about the AmeriCorps program. As one of the primary reasons for his own change of heart, Senator Coats specifically cited the considerable positive impact that the spirit and leadership of AmeriCorps members involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America programs has had.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU
Senator Dan Coats, National Board President, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Judy Vredenburgh, President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Bob Wood, President-Elect, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Margaret Bernstein, Big Sister of the Year
Cora Edinburgh, Little Sisters
Ernestine Edinburgh, Little Sisters
Michael Bowler, Big Brother of the Year
David Leone, Little Brother
Matt Drouillard, Little Brother
Edgar Pineda, Little Brother

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press. White House Photo Only.

V. PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION

YOU have participated in a photo opportunity with the National Big Brother/Big Sister every year except for 1999.

VI. REMARKS

Informal remarks.

VII. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will greet the participants.
- Judy Vredenburgh, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, will introduce **YOU** to the National Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year and their respective Little Brothers and Sisters
- **YOU** will participate in a photo opportunity with the group.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

- Biographies of Participants
- Background Information on Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- "Why I Changed My Mind About AmeriCorps" by Dan Coats

Judy Vredenburgh
President and Chief Executive Officer
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Judy Vredenburgh became president and chief executive officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in June 1999. She came to the nation's foremost youth-mentoring organization with a proven professional track record and 29 years of management experience in both for-profit and non-profit organizations. She is also the first woman to hold the top national position in the history of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"The national statistics on youth violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and teenage pregnancy confirm that the need for our proven service to children has never been greater," says Vredenburgh. "Big Brothers Big Sisters brand of mentoring has been shown to have a dramatic impact on the lives of the children we serve. Research demonstrates that children with Big Brothers and Big Sisters do better in school, get along better with others, and show marked improvements in self-esteem. And we know that those children will, in turn, have an impact on their peers, their families, and the people in their communities."

Vredenburgh also believes that in order to remain vital in the 21st century, major non-profit organizations, like Big Brothers Big Sisters, will have to adopt business growth strategies similar to those used in the for-profit sector. "The need for our service is at least as great – and possibly greater – than the average booming business," she says. "The work we do today will have a huge impact on society for generations to come. Our challenge is to find effective and innovative ways to bring our 'product,' Big Brothers Big Sisters brand of mentoring, to the largest number of children in need without sacrificing the quality of the relationships we create and nurture."

Vredenburgh came to Big Brothers Big Sisters after six years as senior vice president with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, where she was responsible for revenue development and marketing for the national non-profit organization. Under Vredenburgh's leadership, the March of Dimes' revenue increased by 50 percent, to $181 million in 1998.

She began her professional career in the retail industry, rising from buyer to executive management positions with several major corporations. Her last position in the for-profit sector was CEO of Chess King, a $257 million, 535 specialty-store division of Melville Corporation. She also served as executive vice president and general merchandise manager for Sizes Unlimited/Lerner Woman.

Vredenburgh has served on the board of directors of Partnership with Children (formerly Big Sisters of New York). She has also volunteered as a chief executive roundtable leader with the American Women's Economic Development Corporation, where she mentored a group of women entrepreneurs. She also volunteers as a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters' Philadelphia affiliate.

She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is the oldest and largest youth-mentoring organization in the United States. With 508 affiliates in all 50 states, Big Brothers Big Sisters serves 158,000 children in more than 5,000 communities across the country.

National Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year

Margaret Bernstein
Cleveland, Ohio

As the Everywoman Editor at the *Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, Margaret Bernstein has a tremendous grasp of what it takes to succeed as a woman today – balancing her family, her career and her commitment to the community. And she has been able to share with her Little Sisters ("Littles") the importance of setting their goals high, working hard to achieve them, and focusing on their education.

Margaret began her relationship with Ernie and Cora Edinburgh more than 10 years ago. Over the years, the girls have gone through a tremendous amount of adversity, including dealing with the deaths of their mother and grandmother and moving in at out of a number of foster homes. In that time the one constant in their lives has been the guidance of Margaret Bernstein.

As a testament to the girls' spirit, their passion to succeed and the influence of Margaret Bernstein, Ernie will be the first member of her family to attend college when she leaves for Kent State University in the fall. And not to be outdone, Cora plans to follow her lead in a year.

Michael Bowler
Los Angeles, California

Born with a hearing loss, Mike Bowler went on to obtain two master's degrees, minister to hundreds of kids in the juvenile detention system, and become a high school special education teacher. Mike has been matched with four Littles in the Catholic Big Brothers Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Program. He is an exemplary role model, not only for his Littles but also for hundreds of youth he counsels throughout Los Angeles.

As a Big Brother in the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Program, Mike has been an example of how to flourish in the face of adversity. He has taken his own experiences as a hard-of-hearing child and turned them into a positive contribution to other deaf and hard-of-hearing youth. His Littles not only receive the benefit of his friendship, but the inspiration of watching and learning from Mike's tremendous contribution to the community. He has an endless supply of caring and guidance for any child in need.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) has been the nationally recognized leader in youth mentoring for almost 100 years. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides meaningful mentoring relationships for millions of children through its more than 500 affiliated agencies reaching 5,000 communities.

Research has confirmed the effectiveness of the program. According to one major study, children who are involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program are:

- 46 percent less likely to start using drugs;
- 27 percent less like to start drinking
- 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, and 37 percent less likely to skip a class
- One-third were less likely to hit someone
- Their relationships with family and peers also showed marked improvement.

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Why I changed my mind about AmeriCorps

By Dan Coats

When I was in the Senate, I did not support the legislation that created AmeriCorps because of my fundamental belief in private voluntary service and my skepticism about government-based solutions. I thought that government-supported volunteers would undermine the spirit of voluntary service and that new federal resources might subvert the mission and the independence of the civic sector.

My faith in the civic sector has not diminished one bit; in fact, it is stronger today than ever before. However, I have changed my mind about AmeriCorps. Instead of distorting the mission of the civic sector, AmeriCorps has proved to be a source of new power and energy for nonprofit organizations across the country.

My changed view about AmeriCorps is in no small measure because of the leadership that Harris Wofford, my Democratic former Senate colleague from Pennsylvania, has given to that program. Wofford and I did not vote on the same side very often in the Senate, and we still differ on many issues. But his leadership of AmeriCorps has convinced me that I should have voted with him on this issue.

First, thanks to Wofford's steadfast commitment to place national service above partisanship, AmeriCorps has not become the political program that some of us initially feared. Second, he shares my belief that the solutions to some of our most intractable problems lie in the civic sector. Accordingly, he has set AmeriCorps to the work of supporting, not supplanting, the civic sector.

I have seen firsthand how AmeriCorps members have provided a jolt of new energy to the civic sector from my experience as president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. As Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and another former skeptic of government-supported volunteers, also discovered, the leadership provided by full-time AmeriCorps members is a key addition for nonprofit and faith-based organizations that are tackling the most difficult community and human problems.

AmeriCorps members, through their idealism, enthusiasm and can-do spirit, have multiplied the impact of organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat, and hundreds of other organizations large and small. The number of Republicans who have changed their mind about AmeriCorps continues to grow.

In the last year, Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) and Rep. John Kasich (R-Ohio) have spoken out about the positive role AmeriCorps plays in strengthening the civic sector. Together, we join a growing bipartisan list of present and former federal and state legislators, governors and civic leaders in support of AmeriCorps.

Their support is part of a quiet, yet remarkable, transformation in American politics that has occurred since the white-hot debate that took place a few years ago between those who believed that government should take the lead in solving community problems and those who thought government could accomplish little or nothing, and was even likely to be a negative force.

Now, as evidenced by both major party presidential candidates and by growing bipartisan support in Congress, a new middle ground has emerged, leading to a unique partnership between AmeriCorps, the nonprofit organizations and private and religious institutions that are critical to strengthening our communities. It is these institutions that transmit values between generations that encourage cooperation between citizens, and make our communities stronger.

In a recent speech to the nation's governors, retired Gen. Colin Powell declared himself "a strong supporter of AmeriCorps." After spending two years working with the organization, Powell concluded, "[W]hat they do in terms of leveraging other individuals to volunteer is really incredible. So it is a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in the future. ..."

Later this month, a bipartisan coalition in the Senate will introduce legislation to reauthorize AmeriCorps and its parent agency, the Corporation for National Service. I hope that Congress will move quickly to enact this legislation so that AmeriCorps can continue to work with the nonprofit and faith-based sectors to strengthen our communities and build a better future for us all.

Former Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.) is president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and a member of the Washington law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand.



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Here is Senator Coats information (b)(6) and Robert Wood is Any other questions contact me. Thanks.

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Los Angeles, CA
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MA film/television Loyola Marymount University
MA Special Education Cal State Dominguez Hills

Littles:
David Leone, 17
Matt Drouillard, 23
Edgar Pineda, 30

Margaret Bernstein
Cleveland,Ohio
Occupation, Everywomen Editor, The Plain Dealer
BA in print journalism, University of Southern California

Littles
Cora, 17
Ernestine, 19

I hope this answers your questions.
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Anne,
I'll see what I can do. My contact person at BBBSA is Glynda Carr. Her e-mail address is gcarr@bbbsa.org and her phone number at the Grand Hyatt is (202) 582-1234 Room 211. I will forward her this e-mail, but feel free to contact her directly. Whatever works for you. I'm happy to do anything that makes your life easier. Thanks.
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> Hey Eliot! Now that I've taken a closer look at the biographical
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> school attended, and any other biographical data on the winners
> themselves). Judy's bio and the background on the program itself were
> great. Thanks!
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June 28, 2000

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE NATIONAL BIG BROTHER AND BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR

DATE:	Thursday, June 29, 2000
TIME:	6:55 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.
LOCATION:	The Oval Office
FROM:	Thurgood Marshall, Jr. Anne W. Bovaird

I. PURPOSE

To participate in a photo opportunity with the National Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year and their respective Little Brother and Sisters.

II. BACKGROUND

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America ~~will be~~ has been hosting its national conference in Washington, DC on June 27-30, 2000. The conference theme, "Thinking Big: The way to one million mentors," speaks directly to Big Brothers Big Sisters' commitment to matching one million children in need with caring adult mentors by 2010. At the conference, the National Big Brother/Big Sister of the Year Award will be presented to Mr. Michael Bowler of Chatsworth, CA, and Ms. Margaret Bernstein of Cleveland, OH. Michael Bowler, a special education teacher, has been a volunteer in the Hearing Impaired Program at Catholic Big Brothers of Los Angeles for over sixteen years. His sister Kathy, is the Executive Director of the California Democratic Party. Margaret Bernstein, an editor at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, has been matched with her two Little Sisters for sixteen years.

Former Senator Dan Coats (R-IN), President of the national board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, recently wrote an article for "The Hill" describing why he and many of his fellow Republicans have changed their minds about the AmeriCorps program. As one of the primary reasons for his own change of heart, Senator Coats specifically cited the considerable positive impact that the spirit and leadership of AmeriCorps members involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America programs has had.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU
Judy Vredenburgh, President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Margaret Bernstein, Big Sister of the Year
Cora Edinburgh, Little Sisters
Ernestine Edinburgh, Little Sisters
Michael Bowler, Big Brother of the Year
David Leone, Little Brother
Matt Drouillard, Little Brother
Edgar Pineda, Little Brother

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press. White House Photo Only.

V. PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION

YOU have participated in a photo opportunity with the National Big Brother/Big Sister every year except for 1999.

VI. REMARKS

Informal remarks.

VII. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will greet Judy Vredenburgh, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.
- Judy Vredenburgh will introduce **YOU** to the National Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year and their respective Little Brothers and Sisters
- **YOU** will participate in a photo opportunity with the group.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

- Biographies of Participants
- Background Information on Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- "Why I Changed My Mind About AmeriCorps" by Dan Coats

Judy Vredenburgh
President and Chief Executive Officer
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Judy Vredenburgh became president and chief executive officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in June 1999. She came to the nation's foremost youth-mentoring organization with a proven professional track record and 29 years of management experience in both for-profit and non-profit organizations. She is also the first woman to hold the top national position in the history of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"The national statistics on youth violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and teenage pregnancy confirm that the need for our proven service to children has never been greater," says Vredenburgh. "Big Brothers Big Sisters brand of mentoring has been shown to have a dramatic impact on the lives of the children we serve. Research demonstrates that children with Big Brothers and Big Sisters do better in school, get along better with others, and show marked improvements in self-esteem. And we know that those children will, in turn, have an impact on their peers, their families, and the people in their communities."

Vredenburgh also believes that in order to remain vital in the 21st century, major non-profit organizations, like Big Brothers Big Sisters, will have to adopt business growth strategies similar to those used in the for-profit sector. "The need for our service is at least as great – and possibly greater – than the average booming business," she says. "The work we do today will have a huge impact on society for generations to come. Our challenge is to find effective and innovative ways to bring our 'product,' Big Brothers Big Sisters brand of mentoring, to the largest number of children in need without sacrificing the quality of the relationships we create and nurture."

Vredenburgh came to Big Brothers Big Sisters after six years as senior vice president with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, where she was responsible for revenue development and marketing for the national non-profit organization. Under Vredenburgh's leadership, the March of Dimes' revenue increased by 50 percent, to $181 million in 1998.

She began her professional career in the retail industry, rising from buyer to executive management positions with several major corporations. Her last position in the for-profit sector was CEO of Chess King, a $257 million, 535 specialty-store division of Melville Corporation. She also served as executive vice president and general merchandise manager for Sizes Unlimited/Lerner Woman.

Vredenburgh has served on the board of directors of Partnership with Children (formerly Big Sisters of New York). She has also volunteered as a chief executive roundtable leader with the American Women's Economic Development Corporation, where she mentored a group of women entrepreneurs. She also volunteers as a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters' Philadelphia affiliate.

She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) has been the nationally recognized leader in youth mentoring for almost 100 years. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides meaningful mentoring relationships for millions of children through its more than 500 affiliated agencies reaching 5,000 communities.

Research has confirmed the effectiveness of the program. According to one major study, children who are involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program are:

- 46 percent less likely to start using drugs;
- 27 percent less like to start drinking;
- 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, and 37 percent less likely to skip a class
- One-third were less likely to hit someone
- Their relationships with family and peers also showed marked improvement.

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Anne — Here's an article about the award we won.
—Margaret

All they needed was sisterly love

By DEANA POOLE
PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

Most of Ernestine and Cora Edinburgh's earliest memories are ones of pain.

They were small children when they watched as their mother was shot by her boyfriend. They were shuttled off to live with their grandmother, who died in 1996; months later, their mother died.

But through it all, the teens had someone who believed in them, their Big Sister, Margaret Bernstein. That, they say, has made all the difference.

Today, Bernstein, the editor of the Plain Dealer's Everywoman section, will be recognized as the 2000 National Big Sister of the Year. The award will be given to her during the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of America National Banquet in Washington, D.C.

A white binder chronicles the past 10 years of the teens' lives with Bernstein. "The story of Cora, Ernie and Margaret," is written on the inside cover letter in red, blue and orange crayon. Tickets to movies and the ballet, along with Ernestine's high school commencement program are there; so are commentaries written by Bernstein and the girls about each event.

It's been a long, hard road for the sisters. They bounced from home to home after the death of their mother and grandmother, eventually becoming wards of the state. Ernestine struggled with schoolwork as she switched high schools five times; Cora went to four high schools.

But this fall, 19-year-old Ernestine will study interior design at Kent State University at Stark — the first in her family to attend college. Cora, 17, will be a senior at Euclid High School.

They've learned to be responsible, to aim high and never give up — lessons Bernstein constantly reiterated.

"She taught us how to be responsible and how to set goals and really work for them," Ernestine said. Bernstein also emphasized the importance of attending college and took Cora and Ernestine on a tour of Kent State's campus.

Bernstein, a mother of two — Alex, 4, and Randy, 6, — and the wife of Randy Keller, was paired with Cora and Ernestine 10 years ago. The relationship has bloomed, so much that Ernestine and Cora consider Bernstein their sister.

Their first meeting in November 1989 was at a McDonald's; Ernestine and Cora, then 6 and 8, were quiet.

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"It took a long period of just asking a million questions and trying to get them to open up," Bernstein said, noting it took between six and eight months before they actually did.

The teens have been through many trying times; the 1997 summer following their mother's and grandmother's deaths was the hardest, but the sisters leaned on each other.

"I guess how my grandmother taught Cora and me how to be strong," Ernestine said. "It was hard at first; the first summer was really hard. But family helped."

Bernstein started spending more time with her little sisters, "trying to get us to talk about it [the deaths] even though we didn't want to," Ernestine said.

Ernestine and Cora depend on each other for strength. "Having to move away from memories, schools and friends is hard, and everyone always says, 'How did you girls ever make it through times like that?' " Cora wrote in a letter nominating Bernstein as Big Sister of the Year. "And we know that God helped out the most, but he also sent Margaret to help guide us when we somehow wandered off the path."

Bernstein has not been the only one doing the teaching. Cora and Ernestine have taught her about courage, Bernstein said. "I had a comfortable upbringing," she said. "My parents had high expectations for me and I followed that path. Where I had a clear path, the girls had chaos. And they're still making it."

The Big Sisters contract between Bernstein, Cora and Ernestine will be up in a few months, but only on paper, said Bernstein. "I can't ever see them not being a part of my life."

The memories, kept neatly in the binder, will eventually be given to Cora and Ernestine as a reminder of their successes. "I'm just glad I was in the right place to cheer them on and give them support because that's all they need," Bernstein said.

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Anne —

Your thoughtfulness
was appreciated.

Thanks so much for getting my family the 8 tickets for a guided White House tour. They loved it! And thanks for your special attention during our White House visit.
-Margaret Bernstein

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