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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 12:35 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
LOCATION: State Dining Room

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. *T.M.*
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird *AMB*

I. PURPOSE

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the AmeriCorps program and to thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. The occasion of the fifth anniversary will kick off the All*AmeriCorps Award, new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994. This lunch is an opportunity for **YOU** to thank the nonprofit, corporate and foundation partners of AmeriCorps who have contributed to the success of the program over the last five years.

During this lunch, Eli Segal and Deborah Jospin will present **YOU** with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. This presentation is intended to be a surprise to **YOU**. The President will refer to the award in his remarks at the celebration.

Following the luncheon, **YOU** will participate with the President in the AmeriCorps Fifth Anniversary celebration and the presentation of the first annual All*AmeriCorps Awards. **YOU** will unveil two new television advertisements by GSD&M which were commissioned by the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. **YOU** will also announce the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee's new web site, which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!. Other participants in the afternoon program include: Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member; General Colin Powell; Governor Mike Leavitt; Sargent Shriver; and Coretta Scott King.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

Eli Segal, President and CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership

Deborah Jospin, Director of AmeriCorps, Corporation for National Service

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press.

Please note that several reporters have been invited to attend the lunch as guests.

V. REMARKS

To be provided by speechwriting.

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See attachment from Social Office.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- AmeriCorps Accomplishments
- Sequence of Events
- List of Accepted Guests

AmeriCorps: Five Years of Getting Things Done for America

Since 1994, some 150,000 men and women have answered AmeriCorps' call to service and have devoted a year to help change lives, rebuild communities and strengthen America. Together they have served millions of people in more than 4,000 communities.

- **Getting Things Done to Strengthen Communities:** Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have tutored and mentored more than 4 million children; started after-school programs serving more than 1 million at-risk youth; established or expanded more than 40,000 neighborhood safety patrols; helped build more than 11,000 homes; and helped communities rebuild after dozens of natural disasters in more than 30 states.
- **Instilling a lifetime ethic of service.** A recent independent study by Aguirre International found that the AmeriCorps experience reinforced and raised members' interest in serving their communities. Nearly all AmeriCorps members (99 percent) reported plans to continue some form of community service in the future, although only 56 percent of them reported involvement prior to serving. Many members were motivated to pursue careers in public service and community-oriented work.
- **Expanding Educational Opportunity:** Modeled on the GI Bill, AmeriCorps members earn educational opportunity – a \$4,725 scholarship that helps pay for college or training, or pay back student loans after completing a year of service. To date, AmeriCorps members have earned more than \$330 million in education awards.
- **Growing Bipartisan Support.** For the last two years, Congress has increased funding for AmeriCorps -- giving more young people the opportunity to serve their community. This year, the House and Senate conference committee voted to fund AmeriCorps at \$433.5 million -- approximately level funding at FY 99 level -- providing opportunities for more than 40,000 to serve.
- **Devolving Power to the States:** AmeriCorps is a model of devolution – it lets states and communities identify their own problems and the best solutions to them. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps funds are administered by governor-appointed state commissions. The remainder is administered by national nonprofits. Nonprofits must compete every year for AmeriCorps members, and they must set and meet tough goals at the local level.
- **Part of American Tradition of Service:** AmeriCorps is part of a long history of service in America, extending from President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps to President Bush's Points of Light Foundation. In recent months, leading Republicans including Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Rep. John Kasich, Elizabeth Dole and others have voiced their support for AmeriCorps. Speaking to the National Governors Association, Powell called AmeriCorps "a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in their future."
- **Making Communities and Nonprofits Stronger:** AmeriCorps provides trained, dedicated people to help nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity, the YMCA and the American Red Cross accomplish more and make more effective use of occasional volunteers. In five years, AmeriCorps members have helped recruit and supervise more than 2.5 million volunteers. More than 13,000 AmeriCorps members have served through faith-based organizations such as the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services.

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AMERICORPS LUNCHEON
Wednesday, October 20, 1999
State Dining Room

Guest Times

E.V. Gate Opens: 11:30 a.m.
Invite Time: 12:00 p.m.

Principals Times

12:15 p.m.	Brief	Elevator
12:20 p.m.	Receiving Line	Cross Hall
12:35 p.m.	Lunch	Blue Room

Approx. 70 Guests/Closed Press/Business Attire
8 Social Aides
3 Volunteers (Tutty, Dee, Margaret)

11:30 a.m. East Visitors Gate opens and guests proceed to pick up escort cards outside China Room and to the Grand Foyer for cocktails.

Contact: Tibbie Turner

12:15 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY** receives briefing at Elevator.

12:20 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY** proceeds to *either* greet guests outside the Blue Room as they enter for lunch or if The First Lady is running behind, she can enter Blue Room while Lunch is in progress.

12:35 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY** proceeds to Blue Room.

Lunch is served.

PROGRAM

THE FIRST LADY makes welcoming remarks and introduces Harris Wofford.

Harris Wofford makes remarks and introduces Eli Segal.

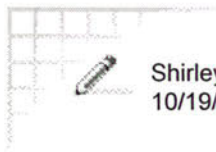
Eli Segal makes remarks, and Wofford & Segal present an award to **THE FIRST LADY**, who makes brief thank-you remarks.

1:45 p.m. Lunch concludes and **THE FIRST LADY** invites guests to the event on the South Lawn and departs to the Residence.

Social Aides escort guests to the South Lawn via Diplomatic Reception Room.

Note: Presenters, awardees, Wofford & Segal proceed to Dip Room to hold for the announce.

SETUP NOTES: *Flute Trio at East Landing for arrivals; Coatcheck in Family Theater; escort table outside China Room; strings and piano in Grand Foyer for before/during/after music; cocktails in Grand Foyer; furniture removed from Blue Room and set for lunch; no amplification.*



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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
AMERICORPS ANNIVERSARY LUNCH
OCTOBER 20, 1999**

Draft Talking Points

- I want to welcome all of you to the White House for what is truly a remarkable anniversary. Five years ago, right here at the White House, the President swore the first AmeriCorps members into service for our country.
- And in just five years – those first members have grown to more than 150,000 young people who have answered the Call to Service, and transformed America one child, one school, one community at a time.
- The President has said that AmeriCorps is one of his proudest achievements. And when I think of the AmeriCorps members I have met these past five years – idealistic young people filled with the “can do” spirit, I know why. I have seen AmeriCorps members in action – helping hurricane victims rebuild their homes and their lives; teaching children to read in schools that can’t even afford text books; wiring schools and community centers for the internet; training child care workers; and building houses for the homeless with Habitat for Humanity and Youthbuild. In short, they are getting things done.
- And I have seen how AmeriCorps has also made a difference in the lives of its members –helping them earn money for college or pay back student loans; helping members from all walks of life gain a greater understanding of each other and the diverse communities we live in.
- Today is our opportunity to thank the people who made all this possible. First, our nonprofit partners – including America’s Promise, the Points of Light Foundation, Youth Service America, the Red Cross, the King Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the National Mentoring Partnership, Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club, United Way, and

AmeriCorps Alums [cut those not in the room -- don't have list from Social yet]. Thank you for believing that AmeriCorps could work for the people you serve.

- Next, our corporate and foundation partners. Some of you have worked with us from the very beginning, by supporting local initiatives or national programs – like the Ford Foundation, IBM, GE, the Kellogg Foundation, the Kauffman Foundation, and the James Irvine Foundation, to name a few.
- And some of you are supporting an effort to make the program that has been described as “the best kept secret in Washington” more visible – I especially want to thank Danny Abraham with Slimfast Foods, Archer Daniels Midland, Yahoo, AOL, and Nokia, along with my good friends Jill Iscol and Nancy Rubin for all they have done.
- This effort to make AmeriCorps more visible is the hard work of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. Over the year, the Committee has worked with Yahoo to create a state of the art website about AmeriCorps, which is being unveiled this week and will be improved over the coming months; with Roy Spence and his wonderfully creative colleagues at GSD&M to develop television ads, which we will be previewing at the ceremony in a few minutes; with Peter Hart and his associates to refine the message and learn what the American people like best about AmeriCorps; and with Morgan Binswanger at the Creative Artists Foundation to develop a television special – which we hope to premiere in the coming months.
- I first met with the committee’s organizers almost a year ago -- and I could not have met a more enthusiastic, energetic and committed group of people. One of the committee's leaders was my good friend Dan Dutko. I know that we all wish that Dan Dutko could have lived to see this day. He brought to this Committee a great creative mind, his wide network of friends and colleagues, and a passion to help out whenever he was needed. His tragic death was a tremendous loss for all of us. I know we would not be here today had it not been for him.
- Eli Segal and Alan Solomont have continued the work of the Committee in Dan's absence and I am deeply grateful to them both.
- I particularly want to thank Eli Segal, who heads the Welfare-to-Work Partnership, another great success story, but deserves our thanks both for his excellent work in starting up AmeriCorps – guiding the legislation through Congress and then serving as the first CEO of the Corporation for National Service; and for his leadership of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. We will hear from Eli shortly.
- But first, it is my pleasure to thank and introduce the current CEO of the Corporation for National Service, Harris Wofford. After a long and distinguished career in public service, Harris agreed a few years ago to lead AmeriCorps into the 21st Century. We are so lucky he did. Harris has guided AmeriCorps through some of its toughest hours in Congress. By

reaching across the aisle, Harris has built even stronger bipartisan support for the program and developed strong partnerships with many of the nonprofit organizations here today. Harris – please come up and say a few words.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: South Lawn Pavilion
FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. T.M.
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird *AMB*

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the accomplishments of the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have served their country over the past five years and to congratulate the winners of the first annual All*AmeriCorps Awards. You will also issue a renewed “call to service” to the AmeriCorps alumni and announce steps to expand and strengthen the continuing service of former AmeriCorps members.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. At this event, **YOU** will kick off the All*AmeriCorps Award, a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994.

The 1999 All*AmeriCorps Awards will be given to a total of twenty-one winners in four different categories: Getting Things Done, Community Strengthening, Leadership and Common Ground. A panel of distinguished Americans chose the award winners from hundreds of finalists in a national competition.

YOU will issue a renewed “call to service” to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. **YOU** will announce the following specific actions: **YOU** will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; **YOU** will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and **YOU** will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading

non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

In addition, the First Lady will unveil two new television advertisements created by GSD&M which were commissioned by the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. Mrs. Clinton will also announce the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee's new web site, which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!.

Prior to the awards presentation, the First Lady will host a lunch in the State Dining Room to thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps. Eli Segal and Deborah Jospin will present the First Lady with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

The First Lady
Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member
General Colin Powell
Governor Mike Leavitt
Sargent Shriver
Coretta Scott King
Harris Wofford
Eli Segal
150 NCCC AmeriCorps Members

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. REMARKS

See remarks from Speechwriting

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** proceed to meet the First Lady outside the Map Room.
- **YOU** and the First Lady proceed to meet the program participants and other special guests in the Diplomatic Reception Room
- **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by the stage participants, proceed to the Entry Tent.
- Off-stage announcement of **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by Andre Crisp, General Colin Powell, Coretta Scott King, Governor Michael Leavitt, Sargent Shriver, Eli Segal and Harris Wofford.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces two AmeriCorps ads to be played on the large screens.

- Two AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee videotaped ads are played.
- The First Lady introduces AmeriCorps Member Andre Crisp.
- Andre Crisp makes brief remarks and introduces **YOU**.
- **YOU** make remarks and introduce General Colin Powell.
- General Powell makes brief remarks and introduces the winners of the "Getting Things Done" Award.
- Harris Wofford and Eli Segal present the award winners with their medals.
- **YOU** and the First Lady participate in a photo opportunity with each award winner.
- This process repeats three times as each of the following people present a different category of the All*AmeriCorps Award: Governor Leavitt (Leadership), Sargent Shriver (Community Strengthening) and Coretta Scott King (Common Ground).
- Following the fourth award presentation, **YOU** return to the podium and administer the AmeriCorps pledge to approximately 150 new National Civilian Community Corps members.
- **YOU** thank the guests for attending and acknowledge the Howard University Choir.
- Singing of *America the Beautiful*, led by the Howard University Choir.
- **YOU** and the First Lady depart.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative
- Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards List
- List of Meet and Greet Participants
- List of Accepted Guests

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative

Background

In taking the AmeriCorps pledge, each AmeriCorps member promises: "I will carry this commitment with me this year *and beyond*." Now that some 150,000 Americans have joined AmeriCorps, these former AmeriCorps members have become a great national resource, a large and influential pool of leaders for local communities and non-profit organizations.

As part of the AmeriCorps fifth anniversary commemoration, President Clinton will issue a renewed "call to service" to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. The President will announce the following specific actions: he will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; he will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and he will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

Specific Actions

The Corporation for National Service will immediately begin to develop a special registry of former AmeriCorps members who are interested in continuing volunteer service and to connect those AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities. The goal will be to match the skills and experiences of AmeriCorps alumni with the needs of individual non-profit and educational allies.

Several leading non-profit organizations have agreed to help launch this initiative. These organizations, each of which has extensive experience with AmeriCorps members, will reach out to AmeriCorps alumni and provide them with significant opportunities for continuing volunteer service. The opportunity to participate in this initiative will be open to all interested organizations that have significant volunteer opportunities. The first organizations to agree to participate in this new initiative are:

The National Mentoring Partnership which will help former AmeriCorps members who want to establish mentoring relationships with young people through their alliance of three thousand mentoring organizations including Campfire Boys and Girls, Girl Scouts, Mentoring USA, and 100 Black Men, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America;

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America which will offer service opportunities for former AmeriCorps members who want to establish a mentoring relationship with a young person through their five hundred local affiliates in over five thousand communities;

Habitat for Humanity International which will offer national, regional and leadership roles to former AmeriCorps members who want to help volunteers to build homes for low-income families, or to help recruit and organize other volunteers at Habitat building sites;

The American Red Cross which will enlist the assistance of former AmeriCorps members in disaster response, preparedness and recovery, health and safety programs, and community service especially by young people;

Boys and Girls Clubs which will reach out to former AmeriCorps members who have a special interest in volunteering in after-school activities for young people, especially in engaging young members of Boys and Girls Clubs in service to their communities;

America's Promise which will enlist AmeriCorps alumni who want to participate directly in the America's Promise campaign for children and youth by helping to fulfill the five basic promises made at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future;

Points of Light Foundation and its network of over 500 Volunteer Centers which will offer to former AmeriCorps members a wide range of opportunities to connect Americans through service in communities across the country; and

The United Way of America, which in partnership with member United Ways across the country, will connect AmeriCorps alumni with community building initiatives and community mobilizations for children, youth, and families.

Organizations participating in this initiative will have access to a special registry of AmeriCorps alumni that will provide a pool of experienced, potential volunteers. To participate, any interested non-profit organization will agree to provide AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities and to restrict the purpose of their solicitation of former AmeriCorps members to service opportunities. Any non-profit organization that is interested in reaching out to AmeriCorps alumni and agrees to restrict their use of the alumni registry to service opportunities will be welcome to participate.

The Corporation for National Service will spell out the details of the agreement with participating organizations in the coming days.

Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards

The fifth anniversary of AmeriCorps kicks off a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have served as AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps alumni who are being honored with the All*AmeriCorps Award represent the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve communities and our nation. The All*AmeriCorps Award recognizes achievement in four categories: Getting Things Done, Strengthening Communities, Leadership and Common Ground.

- *Christine Packer*, while serving with the Idaho Immunization Project in **Boise, Idaho**, helped start a statewide effort that boosted the immunization rate for two-year-olds from 50 percent to 70 percent and drew her to a career in public health.
- *Traci Chevraux* developed school-based health initiatives, including Smoke Free Sheridan, a comprehensive campaign to reduce smoking among school-aged children in **Sheridan, Colorado**.
- *Lin Min Kong*, a lawyer serving with the National Service Legal Corps in **Los Angeles**, helped low-income residents of run-down public housing purchase their buildings and renovate them into safe and affordable housing.
- *Toni Sage* started a tutoring project in **Salt Lake City** and brought together local students and residents to turn a vacant lot into a safe place for children and their families.
- *James Boland*, a Marine veteran and AmeriCorps member with the National Collaboration for Homeless Veterans in **West Haven, Connecticut**, developed mentoring, family, and crisis programs for veterans in the very facility that had helped him 12 years earlier when he was a homeless veteran.
- *Jack Bridges*, after finishing college out of state, returned home to **Americus, Georgia** to care for his mother. As an AmeriCorps member with Habitat for Humanity, he helped launch a partnership that now engages more than 600 AmeriCorps members in building decent, affordable housing in thousands of communities.
- *Scott Finn* graduated from Harvard University before serving in **Big Ugly Creek, West Virginia**, where he transformed an abandoned school building into a community center with after-school and summer programs.
- *Tera Oglesby* developed the **Seattle** Police Department's first victim support team, offering a range of emergency and long-term services for victims of crime and abuse.
- *Anna Severens*, serving in **Reno, Nevada**, ran a free mobile preschool program operating out of a converted school bus, called COW (Classroom on Wheels). She helped double the number of children served through the program.
- *Byrnadett Frerker* of the St. Louis Safety Corps in **St. Louis, Missouri**, provided disaster relief

to families and communities in the wake of wildfires in Florida, a hurricane in Mississippi, floods in Missouri, and, most recently, Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina.

- *Kyoko Henson* started summer youth programs in **Pittsburgh**, launched a family tutoring program, coordinated community service projects, and now is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh.
- *Kelton Young* served with the Youth Crime Commission in **Fort Worth, Texas**, where he helped turn young people away from gangs, started eighteen TRUCE sites serving more than 200 young people each, and engaged young people in activities through local YMCAs.
- *Mason Jenkins* served with YouthBuild of **New Bedford, Massachusetts**, where he built low-income housing, helped start a grassroots organization to address youth issues and coordinated a conference to open discussions between young people and public servants on the issues that affect them.
- *Maria del Mar Bosch* trained tutors in Head Start centers in **Puerto Rico** and launched after-school programs for older children, including a leadership program that gives them a chance to give back to their communities through service.
- *Jason Lupeituu*, serving in **Pine Island, Minnesota**, turned an old laundromat into the Pine Island Union of Youth, Inc., the community's only youth center.
- *Arthur White* grew up in poverty and lived on his own from the age of 15. While serving with an AmeriCorps environmental education program in **New Hampshire**, he worked with a tutoring specialist to improve his own reading and writing skills so he could better help young people.
- *Christy Hicks* served with the 4-H Youth Program in **Pontiac, Michigan**, where she started a conflict resolution program for middle school students.
- *Mark Payne* served with both City Year and Public Allies in **Chicago**, where he recruited young African-American males to volunteer and serve as role models for others in his Southside neighborhood.
- *Jamie Lee Manning* organized city-wide service events in **San Jose** for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday that brought together thousands of people from diverse backgrounds in hands-on community service projects to honor Dr. King's legacy and teachings.
- *Trampas Stucker*, serving with the Washington Service Corps in his hometown of **Tonasket, Washington**, brought the special perspectives of those living with physical and learning disabilities to teach reading and math to economically disadvantaged, rural elementary school students.
- *Graciela Noriega* served with the Center for Drug Free Living in **Orlando, Florida**, where she started Culture Shock, an education program for the city's young people that has now reached youth in other countries through an international pen pal program.

AMERICORPS EVENT

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

South Lawn Pavilion

Guest Times

Awardees: 12:45pm

E.V. Gate Opens: 1:00pm

Invite Time: 1:30pm

Principals Times

1:25 p.m. Brief Oval Office

1:45 p.m. Meet Diplomatic Reception Room

2:00 p.m. Event South Lawn Pavilion

Approx. 1,000 Guests/Open Press/Business Attire

12 Social Aides (20 when combined with Luncheon Social Aides)

7 Volunteers (Tutty, Dee, Dwight, Margaret, Diane, Johanna, Sherri)

Tuesday, Oct. 19

12:00 p.m. Future View Screens arrive/setup.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

8:00 a.m. MDW & AmeriCorps flags setup.

12:45 p.m. Awardees arrive by bus to the East Executive Drive for check-in and walk-thru.

1:00 p.m. East Visitors Gate opens and guests proceed to South Lawn Pavilion via Sculpture Garden.

Contact: Staff TBD, Shereen Soghier

Program Note: Programs will be handed out by Volunteers at Entry Tent.

Social Aides escort luncheon guests to the South Lawn Pavilion via Dip Room.

1:25 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** receives briefing at Oval Office.

1:40 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to meet **THE FIRST LADY** outside the Map Room.

1:45 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY** proceed to meet the following in the Diplomatic Reception Room (see attached).

Approx. 1:55 p.m. AmeriCorps 4-minute video played for audience.

2:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY**, accompanied by stage

participants, proceed to the Entry Tent and are announced to HONORS to the stage.

PROGRAM

THE FIRST LADY makes remarks and introduces 2 AmeriCorps ads to be played on the large screens.

Two Ads are played on the screens – 30 secs each.

THE FIRST LADY introduces AmeriCorps Member André Crisp.

André Crisp makes remarks and introduces **THE PRESIDENT**.

THE PRESIDENT makes substantive remarks, discusses the four presenters and introduces General Colin Powell.

Gen. Powell makes brief remarks about Getting Things Done Awardees. The awardees seated in the cut away rise and walk to the stage when remarks are complete, receive the medal from Wofford & Segal and stand center stage with POTUS/HRC for picture.

This repeats 3 times: Gov. Leavitt (Leadership Award), Sargent Shriver (Community Strengthening), Correta Scott King (Common Ground).
Note: Each presenter goes to podium without introduction after last medal is awarded.

Following the fourth presentation, **THE PRESIDENT** returns to the podium to administer the AmeriCorps pledge to approx. 150 new members in the audience – seated stage left.

THE PRESIDENT thanks all guests for attending and acknowledges the Howard University Choir.

The Howard University Choir sings “America the Beautiful” as **THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY** depart.

3:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY** depart.

Guests depart Southwest Gate.

All press interviews take place on the North Lawn following the program.

SETUP NOTES: Coatcheck in Family Theater pending weather; scaled down Marine Band in pavilion for before/honors/after music except when chorus sings; Howard University Choir, possibly on tennis bleachers; wheelchair ramp to stage; 10x24 stage at north end of pavilion; tbd gold chairs on stage; programs handed out in entry tent; furniture removed from Dip Room; Blue Goose on stage; water at podium; screens setup for video on each side of the stage; table for awards off-stage; park service press risers location opposite stage; announce from entry tent;

STAFFING TBD

Arrivals

East Visitors Gate: Shereen Soghier, 3 Interns
East Portico: Margaret
East Landing: Tutty
Sculpture Garden: Dwight & Dee
Entry Tent: Sherri & Johanna (Distributing Programs)
Pavilion Seating: Kim Widdess + Social Aides
Dip Room Meet: Diane + Social Aides
Howard U. Choir: Debby McGinn
Logistics Shadow: Julie

Departures

Entry Tent: Diane & Johanna
S. Drive to SW Gate: Margaret, Dwight, Dee

SEATING

Stage Participants Yellow by Name

The President
Mrs. Clinton
André Crisp
Colin Powell
Coretta Scott King
Michael Leavitt
Sargent Shriver
Eli Segal
Harris Wofford

#TBD Awardees Section

#TBD AmeriCorps Pledges Section

#TBD Members of Congress Yellow General Reserved

Greet Guests Blue by Name

Mr. Cothren
Mrs. Leavitt
Mrs. Segal
Mr. Shriver
Mr. Rogers

Cabinet/Senior Staff Yellow by Name

Ms. Lachance
Mr. Witt
Mr. Lew
Mr. Ibarra

Diplomatic Reception Room Participants (36)

Stage Participants and Guests (11)

André Crisp, AmeriCorps*NCCC Member
General Colin Powell, America's Promise
Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Founder, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change
Lynn Cothren, Guest
Governor Michael Leavitt, State of Utah
Mrs. Jacalyn Leavitt, Wife
Sargent Shriver, Chairman, Special Olympics International
Timothy Shriver, President & CEO, Special Olympics
Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service
Eli Segal, President & CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership
Mrs. Phyllis Segal, Wife

Corporation for National Service (2)

Dr. Bob Rogers, Chairman of the Board, Corporation for National Service
Deborah Jospin, Director of AmeriCorps, Corporation for National Service

Members of the Cabinet (3)

Janice Lachance, Director, Office of Personnel Management
James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Jack Lew, Director, Office of Management & Budget

Members of Congress (20)

Sen. John Breaux
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Rep. Benjamin Cardin
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- **Continuing Service Initiative for AmeriCorps Alumni.** In taking the AmeriCorps pledge, each AmeriCorps member promises: "I will carry this commitment with me this year *and beyond.*" Today President Clinton will issue a renewed "call to service" to over 150,000 former AmeriCorps members and unveil an initiative to tap the energies and idealism of these alumni. Specifically, he will announce a new strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in community service opportunities. This alliance will include the National Mentoring Partnership; the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America; Habitat for Humanity International; the American Red Cross; the Boys and Girls Clubs; America's Promise; the Points of Light Foundation; and the United Way of America.
- **"Taking Responsibility Personally."** The President will also unveil two thirty-second television spots -- part of a new community service ad campaign, "Taking Responsibility Personally" -- and a website designed by Yahoo! to tell the stories of AmeriCorps members.

CALLING FOR A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS OUR PRIORITIES AND VALUES

- **President Urges Congress Pass a Budget Making Education and Young People the Top Priority.** Emphasizing the can-do spirit of AmeriCorps, the President will call on Congress to summon that same spirit and to pass a budget that makes education the number-one priority -- by hiring more highly trained teachers to reduce class size in the early grades,

investing in accountability to help turn around failing schools, and funding after-school and mentoring programs for young people in communities nationwide.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: South Lawn Pavilion

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. *T.M.*
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird *AMB*

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the accomplishments of the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have served their country over the past five years and to congratulate the winners of the first annual All*AmeriCorps Awards. You will also issue a renewed “call to service” to the AmeriCorps alumni and announce steps to expand and strengthen the continuing service of former AmeriCorps members.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. At this event, **YOU** will kick off the All*AmeriCorps Award, a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994.

The 1999 All*AmeriCorps Awards will be given to a total of twenty-one winners in four different categories: Getting Things Done, Community Strengthening, Leadership and Common Ground. A panel of distinguished Americans chose the award winners from hundreds of finalists in a national competition.

YOU will issue a renewed “call to service” to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. **YOU** will announce the following specific actions: **YOU** will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; **YOU** will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and **YOU** will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading

non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

In addition, the First Lady will unveil two new television advertisements created by GSD&M which were commissioned by the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. Mrs. Clinton will also announce the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee's new web site, which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!.

Prior to the awards presentation, the First Lady will host a lunch in the State Dining Room to thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps. Eli Segal and Deborah Jospin will present the First Lady with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

The First Lady
Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member
General Colin Powell
Governor Mike Leavitt
Sargent Shriver
Coretta Scott King
Harris Wofford
Eli Segal
150 NCCC AmeriCorps Members

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. REMARKS

See remarks from Speechwriting

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** proceed to meet the First Lady outside the Map Room.
- **YOU** and the First Lady proceed to meet the program participants and other special guests in the Diplomatic Reception Room
- **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by the stage participants, proceed to the Entry Tent.
- Off-stage announcement of **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by Andre Crisp, General Colin Powell, Coretta Scott King, Governor Michael Leavitt, Sargent Shriver, Eli Segal and Harris Wofford.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces two AmeriCorps ads to be played on the large screens.

- Two AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee videotaped ads are played.
- The First Lady introduces AmeriCorps Member Andre Crisp.
- Andre Crisp makes brief remarks and introduces **YOU**.
- **YOU** make remarks and introduce General Colin Powell.
- General Powell makes brief remarks and introduces the winners of the “Getting Things Done” Award.
- Harris Wofford and Eli Segal present the award winners with their medals.
- **YOU** and the First Lady participate in a photo opportunity with each award winner.
- This process repeats three times as each of the following people present a different category of the All*AmeriCorps Award: Governor Leavitt (Leadership), Sargent Shriver (Community Strengthening) and Coretta Scott King (Common Ground).
- Following the fourth award presentation, **YOU** return to the podium and administer the AmeriCorps pledge to approximately 150 new National Civilian Community Corps members.
- **YOU** thank the guests for attending and acknowledge the Howard University Choir.
- Singing of *America the Beautiful*, led by the Howard University Choir.
- **YOU** and the First Lady depart.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative
- Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards List
- List of Meet and Greet Participants
- List of Accepted Guests

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative

Background

In taking the AmeriCorps pledge, each AmeriCorps member promises: "I will carry this commitment with me this year *and beyond*." Now that some 150,000 Americans have joined AmeriCorps, these former AmeriCorps members have become a great national resource, a large and influential pool of leaders for local communities and non-profit organizations.

As part of the AmeriCorps fifth anniversary commemoration, President Clinton will issue a renewed "call to service" to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. The President will announce the following specific actions: he will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; he will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and he will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

Specific Actions

The Corporation for National Service will immediately begin to develop a special registry of former AmeriCorps members who are interested in continuing volunteer service and to connect those AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities. The goal will be to match the skills and experiences of AmeriCorps alumni with the needs of individual non-profit and educational allies.

Several leading non-profit organizations have agreed to help launch this initiative. These organizations, each of which has extensive experience with AmeriCorps members, will reach out to AmeriCorps alumni and provide them with significant opportunities for continuing volunteer service. The opportunity to participate in this initiative will be open to all interested organizations that have significant volunteer opportunities. The first organizations to agree to participate in this new initiative are:

The National Mentoring Partnership which will help former AmeriCorps members who want to establish mentoring relationships with young people through their alliance of three thousand mentoring organizations including Campfire Boys and Girls, Girl Scouts, Mentoring USA, and 100 Black Men, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America;

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America which will offer service opportunities for former AmeriCorps members who want to establish a mentoring relationship with a young person through their five hundred local affiliates in over five thousand communities;

Habitat for Humanity International which will offer national, regional and leadership roles to former AmeriCorps members who want to help volunteers to build homes for low-income families, or to help recruit and organize other volunteers at Habitat building sites;

The American Red Cross which will enlist the assistance of former AmeriCorps members in disaster response, preparedness and recovery, health and safety programs, and community service especially by young people;

Boys and Girls Clubs which will reach out to former AmeriCorps members who have a special interest in volunteering in after-school activities for young people, especially in engaging young members of Boys and Girls Clubs in service to their communities;

America's Promise which will enlist AmeriCorps alumni who want to participate directly in the America's Promise campaign for children and youth by helping to fulfill the five basic promises made at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future;

Points of Light Foundation and its network of over 500 Volunteer Centers which will offer to former AmeriCorps members a wide range of opportunities to connect Americans through service in communities across the country; and

The United Way of America, which in partnership with member United Ways across the country, will connect AmeriCorps alumni with community building initiatives and community mobilizations for children, youth, and families.

Organizations participating in this initiative will have access to a special registry of AmeriCorps alumni that will provide a pool of experienced, potential volunteers. To participate, any interested non-profit organization will agree to provide AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities and to restrict the purpose of their solicitation of former AmeriCorps members to service opportunities. Any non-profit organization that is interested in reaching out to AmeriCorps alumni and agrees to restrict their use of the alumni registry to service opportunities will be welcome to participate.

The Corporation for National Service will spell out the details of the agreement with participating organizations in the coming days.

Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards

The fifth anniversary of AmeriCorps kicks off a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have served as AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps alumni who are being honored with the All*AmeriCorps Award represent the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve communities and our nation. The All*AmeriCorps Award recognizes achievement in four categories: Getting Things Done, Strengthening Communities, Leadership and Common Ground.

- *Christine Packer*, while serving with the Idaho Immunization Project in **Boise, Idaho**, helped start a statewide effort that boosted the immunization rate for two-year-olds from 50 percent to 70 percent and drew her to a career in public health.
- *Traci Chevraux* developed school-based health initiatives, including Smoke Free Sheridan, a comprehensive campaign to reduce smoking among school-aged children in **Sheridan, Colorado**.
- *Lin Min Kong*, a lawyer serving with the National Service Legal Corps in **Los Angeles**, helped low-income residents of run-down public housing purchase their buildings and renovate them into safe and affordable housing.
- *Toni Sage* started a tutoring project in **Salt Lake City** and brought together local students and residents to turn a vacant lot into a safe place for children and their families.
- *James Boland*, a Marine veteran and AmeriCorps member with the National Collaboration for Homeless Veterans in **West Haven, Connecticut**, developed mentoring, family, and crisis programs for veterans in the very facility that had helped him 12 years earlier when he was a homeless veteran.
- *Jack Bridges*, after finishing college out of state, returned home to **Americus, Georgia** to care for his mother. As an AmeriCorps member with Habitat for Humanity, he helped launch a partnership that now engages more than 600 AmeriCorps members in building decent, affordable housing in thousands of communities.
- *Scott Finn* graduated from Harvard University before serving in **Big Ugly Creek, West Virginia**, where he transformed an abandoned school building into a community center with after-school and summer programs.
- *Tera Oglesby* developed the **Seattle** Police Department's first victim support team, offering a range of emergency and long-term services for victims of crime and abuse.
- *Anna Severens*, serving in **Reno, Nevada**, ran a free mobile preschool program operating out of a converted school bus, called COW (Classroom on Wheels). She helped double the number of children served through the program.
- *Byrnadett Frerker* of the St. Louis Safety Corps in **St. Louis, Missouri**, provided disaster relief

to families and communities in the wake of wildfires in Florida, a hurricane in Mississippi, floods in Missouri, and, most recently, Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina.

- *Kyoko Henson* started summer youth programs in **Pittsburgh**, launched a family tutoring program, coordinated community service projects, and now is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh.
- *Kelton Young* served with the Youth Crime Commission in **Fort Worth, Texas**, where he helped turn young people away from gangs, started eighteen TRUCE sites serving more than 200 young people each, and engaged young people in activities through local YMCAs.
- *Mason Jenkins* served with YouthBuild of **New Bedford, Massachusetts**, where he built low-income housing, helped start a grassroots organization to address youth issues and coordinated a conference to open discussions between young people and public servants on the issues that affect them.
- *Maria del Mar Bosch* trained tutors in Head Start centers in **Puerto Rico** and launched after-school programs for older children, including a leadership program that gives them a chance to give back to their communities through service.
- *Jason Lupeituu*, serving in **Pine Island, Minnesota**, turned an old laundromat into the Pine Island Union of Youth, Inc., the community's only youth center.
- *Arthur White* grew up in poverty and lived on his own from the age of 15. While serving with an AmeriCorps environmental education program in **New Hampshire**, he worked with a tutoring specialist to improve his own reading and writing skills so he could better help young people.
- *Christy Hicks* served with the 4-H Youth Program in **Pontiac, Michigan**, where she started a conflict resolution program for middle school students.
- *Mark Payne* served with both City Year and Public Allies in **Chicago**, where he recruited young African-American males to volunteer and serve as role models for others in his Southside neighborhood.
- *Jamie Lee Manning* organized city-wide service events in **San Jose** for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday that brought together thousands of people from diverse backgrounds in hands-on community service projects to honor Dr. King's legacy and teachings.
- *Trampas Stucker*, serving with the Washington Service Corps in his hometown of **Tonasket, Washington**, brought the special perspectives of those living with physical and learning disabilities to teach reading and math to economically disadvantaged, rural elementary school students.
- *Graciela Noriega* served with the Center for Drug Free Living in **Orlando, Florida**, where she started Culture Shock, an education program for the city's young people that has now reached youth in other countries through an international pen pal program.

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9:30 AM	HOLD	No Paper
11:40 AM	Tape Israeli History Documentary Interview	Tab A
	- Questions and Answers	Tab B To Be Forwarded
	- Rabin Eulogy	Tab C
12:10 PM	VA/HUD Bill Signing	Tab D
	- Remarks	Tab E To Be Forwarded
1:45 PM	Americorps Fifth Anniversary Event	Tab F
	- Remarks	Tab G
	- Continuing Service Initiative	Tab H
	- All*AmeriCorps Award Winners	Tab I
	- Meet-and-Greet Participants	Tab J
5:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Tab K
	- Attendees	Tab L
OPTION: Between 12:30 PM- 1:30 PM	Drop-By Americorps Fifth Anniversary Luncheon Hosted by the First Lady	No Paper

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Wednesday, October 20, 1999

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999**

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mostly cloudy with rain showers, becoming partly cloudy late. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 43°F. High 60°F.

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**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999
*Final Schedule***

9:30	am-	HOLD
10:30	am	
10:30	am-	MEETING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
10:45	am	
10:45	am-	MEETING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
11:05	am	
11:15	am-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11:30	am	
11:30	am-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill, Joe Lockhart
11:40	am	
11:40	am-	TAPE ISRAELI HISTORY DOCUMENTARY INTERVIEW ROOSEVELT ROOM Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill, Joe Lockhart
12:00	pm	
12:00	pm-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Mary Beth Cahill
12:10	pm	
12:10	pm-	VA/HUD BILL SIGNING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Mary Beth Cahill Event Coordinator: George Caudill POOL PRESS
12:25	pm	

- **The President** makes remarks, signs bill, greets guests, and departs.

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12:30 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
1:30 pm **OVAL OFFICE**

OPTION BETWEEN:

12:30 pm- **DROP-BY AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**
1:30 pm **HOSTED BY THE FIRST LADY**
STATE DINING ROOM

1:30 pm- **BRIEFING**
1:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

1:45 pm- **MEET AND GREET**
1:55 pm **DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 35 guests in attendance.

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Wednesday, October 20, 1999

2:00 pm-
3:00 pm

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

SOUTH LAWN TENT

Remarks: Lowell Weiss

Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be 1000 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Andre Crisp, General Colin Powell, Coretta Scott King, Governor Michael Leavitt, Sargent Shriver, Eli Segal, and Harris Wofford.

-- The First Lady makes remarks.

-- AmeriCorps videotaped ads are played.

-- Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks and introduces General Colin Powell.

-- General Colin Powell makes brief remarks and presents "Getting Things Done" awards.

-- Governor Michael Leavitt makes brief remarks and presents "Leadership" awards.

-- Sargent Shriver makes brief remarks and presents "Community Strengthening" awards.

-- Coretta Scott King makes brief remarks and presents "Common Ground" awards.

-- **The President** administers pledge to new NCCC AmeriCorps volunteers.

-- **The President** thanks guests for attending and acknowledges Howard University Choir.

-- Singing of *America the Beautiful* by Howard University Choir.

-- **The President** and The First Lady depart.

3:00 pm-
5:15 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

5:15 pm-
5:30 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

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5:30 pm-
6:45 pm

OUTREACH MEETING
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill
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October 19, 1999 (7:13 PM)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 19, 1999

INTERVIEW FOR DOCUMENTARY, "IN SEARCH OF PEACE"

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999
LOCATION: ROOSEVELT ROOM
TIME: 11:30 AM
FROM: MARY BETH CAHILL, DEBORAH MOHILE

MB

I. PURPOSE

You will be interviewed for the latest production of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films Division, "In Search of Peace," a theatrical documentary which will chronicle the history of the state of Israel.

II. BACKGROUND

In November 1977, Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal founded a center to carry on his life work of hunting Nazis and bringing them to justice. Today, together with its world renowned Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is a 400,000 member strong international center for Holocaust remembrance, the defense of human rights and the Jewish people. With offices throughout the world, the Wiesenthal Center carries on the continuing fight against bigotry and anti-Semitism and pursues an active agenda of related contemporary issues, such as hate on the internet and hate education among youth.

"In Search of Peace" is the fourth film venture for the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the third under it's Moriah Films division, created in 1994. Each of the films, two of which won Academy Awards for Best Feature Documentary, has covered different aspects of the Holocaust. "Genocide" combines historical narrative with actual stories of ordinary people caught up in the Nazis' reign of terror. "Liberation" chronicles Hitler's war against the Jews and the Allied campaign to liberate Europe. "The Long Way Home" examines the post War period and the plight of thousands of Jewish Holocaust survivors.

"In Search of Peace" picks up where "The Long Way Home" left off, beginning with the 1948 War of Independence and follows Israel's history to present time. "In Search of Peace" combines archival footage of leaders such as David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Anwar Sadat and King Hussein and taped interviews with current leaders such as Shimon Peres, Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Saeb Erakat and Hanan Ashwari.

"In Search of Peace" will start screening in theaters around the United States in February 2000 and will be featured in a number of international film festivals. After theatrical release, the film will be available on video and broadcast on television outlets around the world.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, who is founder and dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance and the producer of all the aforementioned films, will interview you (questions attached). Rabbi Hier has invited you to visit the Museum of Tolerance on multiple occasions but you have regretted all invitations.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Event participants:

The President

Rabbi Marvin Hier

Pre-brief participants:

Mary Beth Cahill

Joe Lockhart

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:30 AM- **BRIEFING**

11:35 AM Oval Office

Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

Mary Beth Cahill

Joe Lockhart

11:35 AM- **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to the Roosevelt Room

12:00 PM **THE PRESIDENT** is interviewed by Rabbi Marvin Hier

12:00 PM **THE PRESIDENT** departs

VI. REMARKS

Talking points provided by NSC.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

List of questions.

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**THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FOR THE ISRAELI HISTORY DOCUMENTARY
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Jerusalem, Israel)

For Immediate Release

November 6, 1995

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CLINTON
AT THE STATE FUNERAL OF
THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL,
YITZHAK RABIN

Har Herzl Cemetery
Jerusalem, Israel

2:24 P.M. (L)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Lea, to the Rabin children and grandchildren and other family members, President Weizman, Acting Prime Minister Peres, members of the Israeli government and the Knesset, distinguished leaders from the Middle East and around the world, especially His Majesty King Hussein for those remarkable and wonderful comments, and President Mubarak for taking this historic trip here. And to all the people of Israel.

The American people mourn with you in the loss of your leader. And I mourn with you, for he was my partner and friend. Every moment we shared was a joy because he was a good man and an inspiration because he was also a great man.

Lea, I know that too many times in the life of this country you were called upon to comfort and console the mothers and the fathers, the husbands and the wives, the sons and the daughters who lost their loved ones to violence and vengeance. You gave them strength. Now, we here and millions of people all around the world in all humility and honor offer you our strength. May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Yitzhak Rabin lived the history of Israel. Through every trial and triumph -- the struggle for independence, the wars for survival, the pursuit of peace, and all he served on the front lines -- this Son of David and of Solomon took up arms to defend Israel's freedom and laid down his life to secure Israel's future.

He was a man completely without pretense, as all of his friends knew. I read that in 1949, after the War of Independence, David Ben Gurion sent him to represent Israel at the armistice talks at Rhodes, and he had never before worn a necktie, and did not know how to tie the knot. So the problem was solved by a friend who tied it for him before he left and showed him how to preserve the knot simply by loosening the tie and pulling it over his head.

Well, the last time we were together, not two weeks ago, he showed up for a black-tie event on time but without the black tie. And so he borrowed a tie, and I was privileged to straighten it for him. It is a moment I will cherish as long as I live.

To him, ceremonies and words were less important than actions and deeds. Six weeks ago, the King and President Mubarak will remember, we were at the White House for signing the Israel-Palestinian agreement. And a lot of people spoke. I spoke, the King spoke, Chairman Arafat spoke, President Mubarak spoke, our foreign ministers all spoke. And finally Prime Minister Rabin got up to speak and he said, "First, the good news -- I am the last speaker."

But he also understood the power of words and symbolism. "Take a look at the stage," he said in Washington, "the King of Jordan, the President of Egypt, Chairman Arafat, and us, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel, on one platform. Please take a good, hard look. The sight you see before you was impossible, was unthinkable just three years ago. Only poets dreamt of it. And to our great pain, soldier and civilian went to their deaths to make this moment possible." Those were his words.

Today, my fellow citizens of the world, I ask all of you to take a good, hard look at this picture. Look at the leaders from all over the Middle East and around the world who have journeyed here today for Yitzhak Rabin and for peace. Though we no longer hear his deep and booming voice, it is he who has brought us together again here in word and deed for peace.

Now, it falls to all of us who love peace and all of us who loved him to carry on the struggle to which he gave life and for which he gave his life. He cleared the path and his spirit continues to light the way. His spirit lives on in the growing peace between Israel and her neighbors. It lives in the eyes of the children, the Jewish and the Arab children who are leaving behind a past of fear for a future of hope. It lives on in a promise of true security.

So let me say to the people of Israel, even in your hour of darkness, his spirit lives on, and so you must not lose your spirit. Look at what you have accomplished -- making a once barren desert bloom, building a thriving democracy in a hostile terrain, winning battles and wars and now winning the peace, which is the only enduring victory.

Your Prime Minister was a martyr for peace, but he was a victim of hate. Surely we must learn from his martyrdom that if people cannot let go of the hatred of their enemies, they risk sowing the seeds of hatred among themselves.

I ask you, the people of Israel, on behalf of my nation that knows its own long litany of loss, from Abraham Lincoln to President Kennedy to Martin Luther King, do not let that happen to you.

In the Knesset, in your homes, in your places of worship, stay the righteous course. As Moses said to the children of Israel, when he knew he would not cross over into the promised land, "be strong and of good courage, fear not for God will go with you. He will not fail you. He will not forsake you."

President Weizman, Acting Prime Minister Peres, to all the people of Israel, as you stay the course of peace, I make this pledge: Neither will America forsake you.

Legend has it that in every generation of Jews from time immemorial, a just leader emerged to protect his people and show them the way to safety. Prime Minister Rabin was such a leader. He knew as he declared to the world on the White House lawn two years ago, that the time had come, in his words, "to begin a new reckoning in the relations between people, between parents tired of war, between children who will not know war." Here in Jerusalem, I believe with perfect faiths that he was leading his people to that promised land.

This week, Jews all around the world are studying the Torah portion in which God tests the faith of Abraham, patriarch of the Jews and the Arabs. He commands Abraham to sacrifice Yitzhak. "Take your son, the one you love, Yitzhak." As we all know, as

Abraham in loyalty to God was about to kill his son, God spared Yitzhak. Now, God tests our faith even more terribly, for he has taken our Yitzhak.

But Israel's covenant with God -- for freedom, for tolerance, for security, for peace, that covenant must hold. That covenant was Prime Minister Rabin's life's work. Now, we must make it his lasting legacy. His spirit must live on in us.

The Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for mourning, never speaks of death, but often speaks of peace. In its closing words, "May our hearts find a measure of comfort and our souls the eternal touch of hope." "Oseh shalom bimromov hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu ve'al kol Yisrael, ve'imru amen." And shalom chaver.

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2:34 P.M. (L)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1999

**Bill Signing Ceremony for H.R. 2684, FY 2000 Department of Veterans Affairs and
Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act**

Date: October 20, 1999
Location: Oval Office
Time: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
From: Larry Stein

I. PURPOSE

To sign into law H.R. 2684, a bill which makes appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and other Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

II. BACKGROUND

The VA-HUD Appropriations bill is an excellent example of Congress putting aside partisanship in order to provide for our national priorities. The Administration and the Congress worked in a bipartisan fashion to fund needed investments for veterans and housing; compromised when we had differences; and, passed a bill that is fully paid for. We hope that this example is used in the coming days as we complete the appropriations process.

Chairman Walsh (R-NY) and Ranking Member Mollohan (D-WV) worked together on the VA-HUD Subcommittee to bring this bill to the floor. On the Senate side, VA-HUD Subcommittee Chairman Bond (R-MO) and Ranking Member Mikulski (D-MD) worked across party lines to get this bill passed.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Brief

The President
John Podesta
Jack Lew
Steve Ricchetti
Larry Stein
Gene Sperling
Mary Beth Cahill
Joel Johnson

Ceremony
The President

Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV)
Senator Kit Bond (R-MO)
Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
Representative Bill Young (R-FL)
Representative David Obey (D-WI)
Representative James Walsh (R-NY)
Representative Alan Mollohan (D-WV)

Andrew Rivas, Catholic Charities USA
Diana Aviv, United Jewish Communities
Mary Ann Gleason, National Coalition on the Homeless
Lisa Carr, Lutheran Services in America
Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition
Jeffrey Lubell, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Thomas Shellabarger, US Catholic Conference
Jane Hull Harvey, General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church
Mary Cooper, National Council of Churches

John Podesta
Jack Lew
Steve Ricchetti
Larry Stein
Gene Sperling
Mary Beth Cahill
Joel Johnson

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The President enters the Oval Office.
- The President moves to the Resolute desk and makes remarks.
- The President signs the bill and greets guests.
- The President, guests, and Members of Congress depart.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by Speechwriting.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.

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THE REMARKS
FOR THE VA/HUD BILL SIGNING EVENT
WILL BE FORWARDED

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: South Lawn Pavilion

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. *T.M.*
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird *AMB*

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the accomplishments of the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have served their country over the past five years and to congratulate the winners of the first annual All*AmeriCorps Awards. You will also issue a renewed “call to service” to the AmeriCorps alumni and announce steps to expand and strengthen the continuing service of former AmeriCorps members.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. At this event, **YOU** will kick off the All*AmeriCorps Award, a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994.

The 1999 All*AmeriCorps Awards will be given to a total of twenty-one winners in four different categories: Getting Things Done, Community Strengthening, Leadership and Common Ground. A panel of distinguished Americans chose the award winners from hundreds of finalists in a national competition.

YOU will issue a renewed “call to service” to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. **YOU** will announce the following specific actions: **YOU** will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; **YOU** will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and **YOU** will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading

non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

In addition, the First Lady will unveil two new television advertisements created by GSD&M which were commissioned by the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. Mrs. Clinton will also announce the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee's new web site, which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!.

Prior to the awards presentation, the First Lady will host a lunch in the State Dining Room to thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps. Eli Segal and Deborah Jospin will present the First Lady with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

The First Lady
Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member
General Colin Powell
Governor Mike Leavitt
Sargent Shriver
Coretta Scott King
Harris Wofford
Eli Segal
150 NCCC AmeriCorps Members

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. REMARKS

Remarks provided by Speechwriting.

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** proceed to meet the First Lady outside the Map Room.
- **YOU** and the First Lady proceed to meet the program participants and other special guests in the East Room.
- **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by the stage participants, proceed to the Entry Tent.
- Off-stage announcement of **YOU** and the First Lady, accompanied by Andre Crisp, General Colin Powell, Coretta Scott King, Governor Michael Leavitt, Sargent Shriver, Eli Segal and Harris Wofford.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces two AmeriCorps ads to be played on the large screens.

- Two AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee videotaped ads are played.
- The First Lady introduces AmeriCorps Member Andre Crisp.
- Andre Crisp makes brief remarks and introduces **YOU**.
- **YOU** make remarks and introduce General Colin Powell.
- General Powell makes brief remarks and introduces the winners of the “Getting Things Done” Award.
- Harris Wofford and Eli Segal present the award winners with their medals.
- **YOU** and the First Lady participate in a photo opportunity with each award winner.
- This process repeats three times as each of the following people present a different category of the All*AmeriCorps Award: Governor Leavitt (Leadership), Sargent Shriver (Community Strengthening) and Coretta Scott King (Common Ground).
- Following the fourth award presentation, **YOU** return to the podium and administer the AmeriCorps pledge to approximately 150 new National Civilian Community Corps members.
- **YOU** thank the guests for attending and acknowledge the Howard University Choir.
- Singing of *America the Beautiful*, led by the Howard University Choir.
- **YOU** and the First Lady depart.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative
- Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards List
- List of Meet and Greet Participants
- List of Accepted Guests

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT AMERICORPS 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
THE WHITE HOUSE
October 20, 1999**

Acknowledge: introducer Andre Crisp; Mrs. Clinton: A few minutes ago, in a very moving presentation, the AmeriCorps Fifth Anniversary Committee presented my wife with an award for her passionate commitment to AmeriCorps. The award was named in honor of Dan Dutko, one of the best friends AmeriCorps ever had. Long before the Lord called him to Heaven, he had become our guardian angel on earth. I am sure he is smiling down on us today.

Debbie Jospin; Harris Wofford; Eli Segal; AmeriCorps members, alumni, and friends; 21 winners of the first annual All* AmeriCorps Awards; distinguished award presenters: Gen. Colin Powell, Mrs. Coretta Scott King; the Honorable Sargent Shriver, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, about all of whom I will say much more in a few moments; Howard University choir.

Five years ago, on the North Lawn of the White House, I had the honor of leading the very first class of AmeriCorps members in the AmeriCorps pledge. As these courageous and idealistic men and women spoke in unison, answering their nation's call to service with one booming voice, I knew we were looking at America's next generation of heroes. It was a moment I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

But let us remember that on that day, AmeriCorps was little more than a good idea and a solid plan. Yes, it was rooted in Sargent Shriver's success with the Peace Corps and VISTA and in the remarkable service corps I had seen in Boston, San Antonio, Los Angeles, and other cities. Yes, it was championed by some of the most passionate leaders and thinkers and doers from both political parties. And yes, it was energized by 20,000 young people raring to give something back to the country that had given so much to them. But it was still just the beginning of a journey.

Five years later, AmeriCorps is more than an incandescent idea. Thanks to so many of you here today, AmeriCorps is a glowing success.

AmeriCorps members are living up to the highest obligations of citizenship – creating opportunity, taking responsibility, fostering community. They are some of the best community builders and bridge builders in America. You can see it in the way their infectious optimism inspires other people in the community to invest themselves and lend a hand. You can see it in their teamwork and camaraderie – perhaps the strongest antidote to the alienation too many of our young people feel today. Kids who went to Ivy League schools and kids who dropped out of high school are working side by side, serving together, giving together – proving that Dr. King's Dream of a Beloved Community is alive and well.

I want to give you just one vivid illustration of what I mean. And frankly, it is just one of hundreds, if not thousands, I could have chosen.

On his very first day as an AmeriCorps member in a small town in southern West Virginia, Scott Finn heard that local residents had a dream of cleaning up a boarded-up old school and turning

it into a center of community life. The school had no electricity or running water. It was a complete wreck inside and out – not just an eye sore but a place that invited drugs and crime.

So Scott, fresh out of Harvard, put together a team of volunteers and provided the spark to get things done – from hauling water out of a nearby creek to mop the floors ... to negotiating a lease ... to raising \$50,000 in grants. Today, that new community center has a lending library, a gym, a safe playground. It serves as a meeting place for dances, gospel concerts, after-school programs, and a Boy Scout Troop. It is a tremendous source of community pride. Scott is here with us today. He is one of the 21 remarkable AmeriCorps members and alumni who will receive one of our All*AmeriCorps Awards.

When AmeriCorps members like Scott first took their AmeriCorps pledge, they promised, and I quote, “to carry this commitment with me this year – and beyond.” Today, we will help them fulfill the second part of the pledge. Today, I am asking the Corporation for National Service to develop a new initiative to connect former AmeriCorps members with service opportunities wherever they live. Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Clubs, America’s Promise, the Points of Light Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the United Way, and the National Mentoring Partnership have already signed on to help.

Like returned Peace Corps Volunteers and military veterans, those of you who are AmeriCorps members and alums represent enormous national pool of “know-how” and “can-do” spirit in our communities. You are already 150,000 people strong – and growing stronger. Soon, I want to add 100,000 new members to your ranks every single year.

There is no question in my mind that America is discovering that you are an indispensable force for change. After years of fights over funding for AmeriCorps, peace is breaking out. A major factor in lifting AmeriCorps out of the realm of partisan politics is the support of governors of both political parties – leaders like Mike Leavitt who know first-hand how AmeriCorps members are setting off chain reactions of civic involvement and pride. In state after state, community after community, AmeriCorps members have proven that they are one of the smartest and best investments America can make.

AmeriCorps members are also showing us here in Washington what you can do when you stop talking past each other and start working with each other. Right now, in the midst of battles over the budget, we need more reminders like this. I hope we will have some in the days ahead. Tomorrow, the budget extension I granted to Congress will expire. And there is still so much work they must do to complete a budget that reflects the values and priorities of the American people.

I just want to mention one of those values today – the value of helping all our children live up to their God-given talents in high-tech, high-quality schools. As you well know, America’s public schools now have the largest and most diverse student body in our history. When those children graduate, they will inherit a complex economy that values learning and skills more than ever before. For their sake, and for the sake of our continued prosperity and leadership in the world, education must be America’s number one priority.

That means instead of having to fight attempts to reduce funding for our public schools, we should be spending our time working together to strengthen them. By shrinking class size and fulfilling our commitment to add 100,000 highly trained teachers to the classroom. By building or modernizing 6,000 schools. By insisting on strict accountability. By expanding Head Start. By

ensuring that our children are Y2K ready with computers and Internet access throughout their schools. By keeping schools open in the afternoon and in the summer to give kids a safe place to learn. AmeriCorps members by the thousands are in the forefront of almost all of these efforts.

There is nothing pie-in-sky about these education priorities. We know our children need all these things. And we know we can achieve them all – without touching a dime of the Social Security surplus – if we just work together. Yes, there differences of opinion. But I want to continue to work with the Congressional leadership, as we did yesterday at the White House. Together, we can make this a season of progress and give our children the best education in the world.

Before I introduce the distinguished Americans who will present the All*AmeriCorps Awards, I want to say, again, how grateful I am to all of you who are helping to lift AmeriCorps above partisan politics. I especially want to thank those of you who expressed sincere reservations five years ago and then had the follow-through and the courage to take an honest look at AmeriCorps in action.

But most of all, I am grateful to the AmeriCorps members who have lived up to their pledge and gone far beyond. By taking your responsibility personally [*AmeriCorps' anniversary slogan*], you are breathing new life into our democracy. You are sparking a new patriotism among a new generation of Americans – a patriotism of the home front. And you have helped us remember that what each of us can achieve is determined in no small measure by whether all of us can become what God meant us to be.

And now, it is my great honor to introduce our four presenters. I will say a few words about each, and then they will take it from there.

From the moment her husband was struck down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Coretta Scott King knew it was up to her to keep the dream alive. Despite her grief, she boarded a plane for Memphis to address the same striking workers her husband had come to help. She told them, “We are going to continue his work to make all people truly free.” Mrs. King has done so in every possible way. By leading marches. By giving hundreds of impassioned speeches – not only for racial justice but for human rights and gay equality. By founding the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. By leading the efforts to create the national holiday in her husband’s memory – and by helping to turn that holiday into a day of service, not a day of rest. There is simply no one in America who is better suited to present the All*AmeriCorps “Common Ground” Award.

Sargent Shriver often describes himself as a lucky man, having been graced with a wife and children as wonderful as his. But I believe America’s luck is just as profound – for never was a more compassionate man put on this earth to serve. Not only was Sarge America’s founding Peace Corps and VISTA director. He served in the Navy in World War II, created Head Start and the Job Corps and Legal Services, led the Special Olympics, served as Ambassador to France, led the Chicago Board of Education, fostered civil rights and economic opportunity and religious faith. On top of it all, he is one of the warmest and most unassuming people you’ll ever meet. We are honored – and lucky – to have him here today to present the All*AmeriCorps Award for “Strengthening Communities.”

Mike Leavitt, the Governor of Utah and the new chairman of the National Governors' Association, has become one of the most popular leaders in Utah history. His passionate commitment to service is one important reason why. Two years ago, in a rally with Gen. Colin Powell, Gov. Leavitt launched Utah's Promise, a statewide effort to mobilize all citizens to action. Already it is yielding remarkable results – in increasing literacy, in creating youth service teams, in recruiting and training more caring foster parents. Gov. Leavitt has also been a great champion of Utah's school children – reducing class size, increasing teacher pay, and equipping Utah's classrooms for the 21st century. Today, it is only fitting that he present the All*AmeriCorps Award for Leadership.

And finally, Gen. Colin Powell. In 1993, Gen. Powell – Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, architect of the great American victory in Desert Storm – retired from one of the most successful careers in military history. But that was just the first act in Colin Powell's remarkable life. He has gone on to serve his country as the leader of America's Promise, the national crusade to give every child the nurturing and support they need – and to give the young themselves the opportunity to serve. Already, Colin Powell and his troops, including many AmeriCorps members, have touched the lives of millions of children. Gen. Powell used to say that he was first and foremost an infantryman. I think he is first and foremost one of the greatest heroes of ours or any other time.

Gen. Powell, the podium is yours.

[After all the awards have been presented, you will return to the podium for brief, informal closing remarks and to lead the newest AmeriCorps members in their pledge]

Now, let me ask all the AmeriCorps members here to raise your hand and repeat after me:

I will get things done for America.

To make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together.

To strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member.

And I will get things done.

Congratulations and God speed. And now, I would like to ask the Howard University choir to lead us all in singing, together, "America the Beautiful." # # #

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative

Background

In taking the AmeriCorps pledge, each AmeriCorps member promises: "I will carry this commitment with me this year *and beyond*." Now that some 150,000 Americans have joined AmeriCorps, these former AmeriCorps members have become a great national resource, a large and influential pool of leaders for local communities and non-profit organizations.

As part of the AmeriCorps fifth anniversary commemoration, President Clinton will issue a renewed "call to service" to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. The President will announce the following specific actions: he will write to all former AmeriCorps members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; he will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and he will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

Specific Actions

The Corporation for National Service will immediately begin to develop a special registry of former AmeriCorps members who are interested in continuing volunteer service and to connect those AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities. The goal will be to match the skills and experiences of AmeriCorps alumni with the needs of individual non-profit and educational allies.

Several leading non-profit organizations have agreed to help launch this initiative. These organizations, each of which has extensive experience with AmeriCorps members, will reach out to AmeriCorps alumni and provide them with significant opportunities for continuing volunteer service. The opportunity to participate in this initiative will be open to all interested organizations that have significant volunteer opportunities. The first organizations to agree to participate in this new initiative are:

The National Mentoring Partnership which will help former AmeriCorps members who want to establish mentoring relationships with young people through their alliance of three thousand mentoring organizations including Campfire Boys and Girls, Girl Scouts, Mentoring USA, and 100 Black Men, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America;

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America which will offer service opportunities for former AmeriCorps members who want to establish a mentoring relationship with a young person through their five hundred local affiliates in over five thousand communities;

Habitat for Humanity International which will offer national, regional and leadership roles to former AmeriCorps members who want to help volunteers to build homes for low-income families, or to help recruit and organize other volunteers at Habitat building sites;

The American Red Cross which will enlist the assistance of former AmeriCorps members in disaster response, preparedness and recovery, health and safety programs, and community service especially by young people;

Boys and Girls Clubs which will reach out to former AmeriCorps members who have a special interest in volunteering in after-school activities for young people, especially in engaging young members of Boys and Girls Clubs in service to their communities;

America's Promise which will enlist AmeriCorps alumni who want to participate directly in the America's Promise campaign for children and youth by helping to fulfill the five basic promises made at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future;

Points of Light Foundation and its network of over 500 Volunteer Centers which will offer to former AmeriCorps members a wide range of opportunities to connect Americans through service in communities across the country; and

The United Way of America, which in partnership with member United Ways across the country, will connect AmeriCorps alumni with community building initiatives and community mobilizations for children, youth, and families.

Organizations participating in this initiative will have access to a special registry of AmeriCorps alumni that will provide a pool of experienced, potential volunteers. To participate, any interested non-profit organization will agree to provide AmeriCorps alumni with service opportunities and to restrict the purpose of their solicitation of former AmeriCorps members to service opportunities. Any non-profit organization that is interested in reaching out to AmeriCorps alumni and agrees to restrict their use of the alumni registry to service opportunities will be welcome to participate.

The Corporation for National Service will spell out the details of the agreement with participating organizations in the coming days.

Winners of All*AmeriCorps Awards

The fifth anniversary of AmeriCorps kicks off a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have served as AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps alumni who are being honored with the All*AmeriCorps Award represent the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve communities and our nation. The All*AmeriCorps Award recognizes achievement in four categories: Getting Things Done, Strengthening Communities, Leadership and Common Ground.

- *Christine Packer*, while serving with the Idaho Immunization Project in **Boise, Idaho**, helped start a statewide effort that boosted the immunization rate for two-year-olds from 50 percent to 70 percent and drew her to a career in public health.
- *Traci Chevraux* developed school-based health initiatives, including Smoke Free Sheridan, a comprehensive campaign to reduce smoking among school-aged children in **Sheridan, Colorado**.
- *Lin Min Kong*, a lawyer serving with the National Service Legal Corps in **Los Angeles**, helped low-income residents of run-down public housing purchase their buildings and renovate them into safe and affordable housing.
- *Toni Sage* started a tutoring project in **Salt Lake City** and brought together local students and residents to turn a vacant lot into a safe place for children and their families.
- *James Boland*, a Marine veteran and AmeriCorps member with the National Collaboration for Homeless Veterans in **West Haven, Connecticut**, developed mentoring, family, and crisis programs for veterans in the very facility that had helped him 12 years earlier when he was a homeless veteran.
- *Jack Bridges*, after finishing college out of state, returned home to **Americus, Georgia** to care for his mother. As an AmeriCorps member with Habitat for Humanity, he helped launch a partnership that now engages more than 600 AmeriCorps members in building decent, affordable housing in thousands of communities.
- *Scott Finn* graduated from Harvard University before serving in **Big Ugly Creek, West Virginia**, where he transformed an abandoned school building into a community center with after-school and summer programs.
- *Tera Oglesby* developed the **Seattle** Police Department's first victim support team, offering a range of emergency and long-term services for victims of crime and abuse.
- *Anna Severens*, serving in **Reno, Nevada**, ran a free mobile preschool program operating out of a converted school bus, called COW (Classroom on Wheels). She helped double the number of children served through the program.
- *Byrnadett Frerker* of the St. Louis Safety Corps in **St. Louis, Missouri**, provided disaster relief

to families and communities in the wake of wildfires in Florida, a hurricane in Mississippi, floods in Missouri, and, most recently, Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina.

- *Kyoko Henson* started summer youth programs in **Pittsburgh**, launched a family tutoring program, coordinated community service projects, and now is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh.
- *Kelton Young* served with the Youth Crime Commission in **Fort Worth, Texas**, where he helped turn young people away from gangs, started eighteen TRUCE sites serving more than 200 young people each, and engaged young people in activities through local YMCAs.
- *Mason Jenkins* served with YouthBuild of **New Bedford, Massachusetts**, where he built low-income housing, helped start a grassroots organization to address youth issues and coordinated a conference to open discussions between young people and public servants on the issues that affect them.
- *Maria del Mar Bosch* trained tutors in Head Start centers in **Puerto Rico** and launched after-school programs for older children, including a leadership program that gives them a chance to give back to their communities through service.
- *Jason Lupeituu*, serving in **Pine Island, Minnesota**, turned an old laundromat into the Pine Island Union of Youth, Inc., the community's only youth center.
- *Arthur White* grew up in poverty and lived on his own from the age of 15. While serving with an AmeriCorps environmental education program in **New Hampshire**, he worked with a tutoring specialist to improve his own reading and writing skills so he could better help young people.
- *Christy Hicks* served with the 4-H Youth Program in **Pontiac, Michigan**, where she started a conflict resolution program for middle school students.
- *Mark Payne* served with both City Year and Public Allies in **Chicago**, where he recruited young African-American males to volunteer and serve as role models for others in his Southside neighborhood.
- *Jamie Lee Manning* organized city-wide service events in **San Jose** for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday that brought together thousands of people from diverse backgrounds in hands-on community service projects to honor Dr. King's legacy and teachings.
- *Trampas Stucker*, serving with the Washington Service Corps in his hometown of **Tonasket, Washington**, brought the special perspectives of those living with physical and learning disabilities to teach reading and math to economically disadvantaged, rural elementary school students.
- *Graciela Noriega* served with the Center for Drug Free Living in **Orlando, Florida**, where she started Culture Shock, an education program for the city's young people that has now reached youth in other countries through an international pen pal program.

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East Room Participants (49)

Stage Participants and Guests (11)

André Crisp, AmeriCorps*NCCC Member

General Colin Powell, America's Promise

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Founder, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change

Lynn Cothren, Guest

Governor Michael Leavitt, State of Utah

Mrs. Jacalyn Leavitt, Wife

Sargent Shriver, Chairman, Special Olympics International

Timothy Shriver, President & CEO, Special Olympics

Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

Eli Segal, President & CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership

Mrs. Phyllis Segal, Wife

Corporation for National Service (2)

Dr. Bob Rogers, Chairman of the Board, Corporation for National Service

Deborah Jospin, Director of AmeriCorps, Corporation for National Service

Members of the Cabinet (3)

Janice Lachance, Director, Office of Personnel Management

James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Jack Lew, Director, Office of Management & Budget

Members of Congress (33)

Sen. John Breaux

Rep. Robert Borski

Rep. Benjamin Cardin

Rep. Eva Clayton

Rep. Sam Farr

Rep. Harold Ford

Rep. Maurice Hinchey

Rep. Rush Holt

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee

Rep. Eddie Johnson

Rep. Dale Kildee

Rep. Dennis Kucinich

Rep. Tom Lantos

Rep. John Lewis

Rep. Carolyn Maloney

Rep. James Maloney

Rep. Edward Markey

Rep. Matthew Martinez

Rep. Carrie Meek

Rep. Patsy Mink

Rep. Dennis Moore

Rep. Constance Morella

Rep. Richard Neal

Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Rep. Timothy Roemer

Rep. Carlos Romero-Barcelo

Rep. Max Sandlin

Rep. Janice Schalowsky

Rep. Christopher Shays

Rep. Louise Slaughter

Rep. Robert Underwood

Rep. Bruce Vento

Rep. Lynn Woolsey

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1999

YOUTH LEADERS OUTREACH MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 5:30 PM
FROM: Mary Beth Cahill 
Minyon Moore

I. PURPOSE

This is the fourth outreach meeting in a series of meetings organized by OPL. This meeting will provide you an opportunity to listen to young Americans recommend solutions and remedies to problems facing young Americans. You will hear their personal stories on the positive activities they have engaged in to help solve problems affecting our country.

II. BACKGROUND

OPL and OPA recommended you host an outreach meeting to listen to some of the solutions and remedies proposed by youth throughout the United States on issues such as youth violence, education, school safety, and AIDS's awareness. Youth Leaders from the following organizations are represented in the briefing: Do Something, Inc.; The Youth in Action Campaign; Students Against the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE); Students Against Violence in America (SAVE); Americorps Members; NAACP Youth Division, National Council of LARAZA Youth Division; Hetrick Martin Institute Youth Leadership Program; The National Council on Disability Youth Leadership Council; Youth Vision; and The Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

A large majority of the youth leaders are in town to participate in the launching of the Anti - Violence Action Guide. The guide is a special edition program of the annual Youth in Action Campaign that provides a framework for youth to form teams and develop solutions and projects to reduce violence in their community.

In 1996, the Youth in Action Campaign was created by the Foundation of America. The campaign was launched in 1996 with two non-partisan National Youth Conventions, held concurrently with the 1996 Republican and Democratic Conventions in San Diego and Chicago. The conventions were developed to provide a sustainable vehicle for a national voice of youth to address their most important issues and concerns.

Several youth leaders are founders of programs such as Students Taking Action for Non – Violence and Diversity (STAND) and Youth Vision’s “Exchanges for Changes” at their local high schools that work in coalition with the police to reduce violence in the school area. Some are directors of school safety awareness programs such as Student Against the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE) and Students Against Violence in America. Others represent major youth organizations that deal with issues affecting young Americans such as AIDS, Education, and Disability Issues. Each youth leader has developed programs to give youth an opportunity to address issues affecting their community.

III. **PRE -BRIEF PARTICIPANTS**

The President
Mary Beth Cahill
Minyon Moore

IV. **PARTICIPANTS**

The President
14 Youth Leaders Outreach Meeting Participants

V. **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

- **YOU** will meet and greet the 14 youth leader participants in the Cabinet Room.
- **YOU** will make a brief statement about the significance of youth leaders staying involved with the government about issues that affect them such as education and school safety.
- **YOU** will open the dialogue, asking that each youth leader make a statement about an issue they or their organization is addressing to youth in America.
- **YOU** depart.

VI. **MEDIA**

Closed Press

VII. **ATTACHMENTS**

Youth Leaders Outreach Meeting Confirmation List.

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YOUTH OUTREACH MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Martin Banda, 17

Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year
Harlington, Texas

Martin Banda is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year and Southwest Regional Youth of the Year. He is an 11-year member of the Boys & Girls Club of Harlington, Texas. Banda has served as a Boys and Girls Club peer leader for the SMART MOVES drug, alcohol, and teenage pregnancy prevention initiative. SMART MOVES is a student managed program that assists in developing leadership skills for teenagers.

Reverend Jamal Bryant, 27

NAACP National Youth & College Director
Baltimore, MD

In his role as the NAACP Director of 60,000 Youth in 600 youth and college units, Reverend Jamal Bryant has announced a call to action next April 4th, for a National Day of Nonviolence. College Chapters and Youth Councils will hold candlelight vigils, rallies, forums, and services to call on Americans to end all types of violence (which include school violence) that plague communities throughout the Nation. To date, over ten youth organizations in nine states have agreed to join the NAACP in coalition for this day.

Ms. Marie Celestin, 22

Youth In Action National Youth Advisory Council
G.I.R.L.S., Founder
Boston, Massachusetts

Marie Celestin is the founder of a girl – led non-profit organization called G.I.R.L.S. which stands for Growing Individuals Reacting to Life's Struggles. Her organization coordinates annual conferences and monthly forums for young women in the Boston area on gender discrimination, body image, and self- esteem. She is a member of the Title 9 Advocacy Project Policy Advisory Committee which works on gender discrimination and sexual harassment in schools. She is also a member of the Youth In Action National Youth Advisory Council.

Jeannie Cimino, 22

The National AIDS Fund, Team Coordinator
Americorps Member
Washington, DC

Jeannie is a recent BA graduate of the George Mason University. She served last year as an Americorps Member with the National AIDS Fund as the Team Coordinator. This year, she assists children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS at Pediatric Care and coordinated the Americorps activities for an 11-person Americorps team.

Marco Davis, 27

National Council of LARAZA Youth Director
Washington, DC

Marco Davis operates the NCLR Youth and Leadership Development Programs. NCLR's Leadership Development staff runs two major programs during the NCLR Annual Conference: the National Student Leadership Summit, the annual meeting of a national network of Latino youth and student organizations, and the Youth Leaders Program, an intensive four-day program for 40 Latino high-school-age youth. The programs provide opportunities for youth to discuss issues such as school violence and develop leadership projects and activities that bring positive change and empowerment for youth within and outside the Hispanic community.

Charlie Dominguez, 19

Hetrick Martin Institute's Youth Leadership Program
New York, NY

Charlie is an 19 year old New Yorker from an interracial couple (Latino and white), who is gay. He is currently participating in the Youth Leadership Program at the Hetrick Martin Institute in New York. He works on a program called POP (Peers Outreaching to Peers) a peer anti-violence program, which seeks to reduce the level of violence, especially gang violence, against both gay and straight kids.

Brian Elms, 23

Youth In Action National Director, University Outreach
Americorps Alumni
Jefferson County, Colorado

Brian Elms just ended his Americorp term in April. He served as the director of a leadership program in the inner city Philadelphia Neighborhoods that taught students how to resolve youth conflicts & diminish clashes with other students that lead to violence. Elms brought a lot of experience to Americorps in resolving conflicts among students. At Pomona High School, the rival campus to Columbine High School in Colorado, Elms was a member of PeaceJam, Inc. PeaceJam is a high school program that provides youth interaction with Noble Peace Prize Laureates to discuss the important contribution of peace resolutions. Throughout his college experience at Regis University (a University you addressed with the Pope in 1994 for World Youth Day,) he continued to work with PeaceJam, Inc. to promote nonviolent over violent resolutions between high school students. Currently, Elms is the Director of University Outreach, Youth In Action, Inc. He travels to U.S. Colleges and Universities collecting solutions from young American on issues affecting all Americans, including School Violence and shares the information with the Executive Branch, Congress, NGO's, and the media.

Christina Martini

Youth Vision "Exchanges for Changes" Project Director
Staten Island, NY

Christina is a high school senior in Staten Island, New York. She is experienced in mediation and cultural diversity issues. She is involved in a number of activities. She is involved in numerous activities including student council, Amnesty International, girl

scouts, and editor of the Staten Island student newspaper. She is the creator of the Youth Vision project, "Exchanges for Changes." The program is designed to create opportunities for dialogue between students at two Staten Island schools - - one private, one public - - which share a good deal of mistrust of each other.

Kim McGuire, 17

Students Taking Action for Non-violence and Diversity (STAND), Founder
Damascus High School
Damascus, MD

Kim McGuire founded the organization called STAND-Students Taking Action for Non-violence and Diversity at her school. She is an Americorps Leadership Workshop Delegate that travels throughout the Maryland Schools Systems to discuss how to improve safety. Ms. McGuire is a sophomore class president who works with the school's mentoring program for disabled students.

Vincent Pan, 26

Heads – Up, Executive Director and Co-Founder
Washington, D.C.

Vincent trained and mobilized a diverse group of parents and college students to provide more than 40,000 hours of after-school tutoring, mentoring and summer learning activities for over 400 low-income children and families in Washington, D.C.

"Leadership means showing others that you have the courage of your convictions and thinking creatively to generate hope in seemingly hopeless situations," Pan says. Pan was recommended by Do Something, Inc.

Benjamin Quinto, 21

Director, U.N. Global Youth Assembly
Youth Development Director, ONE DAY Foundation
National Youth Action Council, Member
New York, NY

Benjamin has been focused on empowering young people to make a difference in dealing with issues confronting us today. Nationally, he has been working with the Youth National Council to offer support to young people who take action through the Youth In Action Campaign. Internationally, as the U.N. Global Youth Assembly Director, he has helped to take the Youth In Action Campaign around the world. The Campaign has received over 500 youth initiated projects and given out over 50,000 dollars in Youth in Action Awards to date. Benjamin spearheaded the initiative to create the U.N. Global Youth Assembly to establish a permanent Global Youth Assembly to help other youth have a voice to generate solutions for improving our world. Recently, he was included in the Pop Artist "Jewel" 's Youth Empowerment Conference called "The State of the World Forum" in San Francisco, California. He was one of the youth keynote speakers addressing the need to create awareness about what young people are doing these days on youth violence.

Isolde Raftery

Students Against Violence in America (SAVE)

Seattle, WA

Isolde Raftery has been an active member of Garfield High School's SAVE chapter in Seattle working on projects collaborating with the police to reduce violence in the area, as well as many other projects. She recently spoke at the Rock Artist "Red Hot Chili Peppers' Concert To End Violence." She is also a leader among her peers through the Natural Helpers program at her school.

Mr. Marlin Thomas, 23

National Council on Disability Youth Leadership Council Member

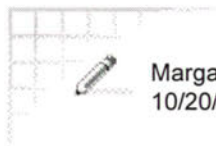
Alton, IL

Marlin Thomas is a peer mentor for youth with disabilities. He is an active youth member of the National Council on Disability. In Illinois, he works at a local adult independent living center that was developed from a grant by the Department of Education. In his peer mentorship role, he communicates with youth in local schools and colleges about the Disability Rights Movement and issues affecting youth such as school violence.

David Winkler, 18

Students Against the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE) Students of Colorado, Executive Director
Denver, CO

David just graduated from George Washington High School. He was strongly affected by the tragic events at Columbine on April 20, 1999. The horrible reality that students his own age could kill and be killed in their own school motivated him to action. After reading that three of the four guns were obtained legally through the gun-show loophole, David began to realize that our system did not prevent minors and criminals from getting guns. Since then, David has spoken out about the need to listen to our nation's youth and to keep guns out of the wrong hands. He participated in a youth panel discussion at the Colorado Governor's Conference on Youth Violence on June 19th. On July 14, David lead a group of 95 high school students from Colorado to Washington DC to tell Congress to put aside politics and pass reasonable gun reforms. David gave a speech from the south lawn of the White House and appeared on the Today Show. At the urging of President Clinton, David and his longtime friend Ben Gelt decided to take a year off before college to organize SAFE Students, a national youth movement dedicated to reducing gun violence. David is the executive director of SAFE Students of Colorado. This group will unite students across the country to reduce youth violence, to make their schools safer, and to advocate reasonable gun laws. They will return to DC next year for a larger student rally. Currently, SAFE Students has fifteen high schools in Colorado as members, along with students in Utah, Texas, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Each school group will make posters, morning announcements, and flyers to educate their peers and the community about the problem of gun violence. He is a spokesmen for the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. He will spoke to others students at Rep. Gephardt's Voices Against Violence Conference yesterday.



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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY AT AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

South Lawn Tent

2:55 P.M. EDT

MRS. CLINTON: Good afternoon. Good afternoon, and welcome to the White House for the fifth anniversary celebration of AmeriCorps. And I am so pleased to see all of you here. We apologize for the delay. The weather delayed a lot of people, we just got our last guests in and seated. And we're so grateful that all of you could make it here for this very important celebration.

It was an idea, but it became a reality five years ago when the first AmeriCorps members stood on the White House lawn and really became the embodiment of a cherished idea of the President and so many others throughout our country: the idea that America's young people were not cynics or slackers; they were instead idealists and patriots, and among

the greatest American generations we have had. (Applause.) The idea that young people did want to be part of something bigger than themselves, to take responsibility and make a difference in their communities.

We only needed to find a way to unleash that potential. And national service -- giving more Americans the opportunity to serve their communities and to earn money for their own college educations -- was one of the reasons that my husband ran for President. It remains one of his proudest achievements, and today we can see why. In just five years, 150,000 Americans have joined AmeriCorps. (Applause.) These AmeriCorps members have helped to immunize more than 1 million people; taught, tutored or mentored 4.4 million children; built some 11,000 homes; and have truly led our nation in a true season of service.

All across the country, I have seen AmeriCorps in action. And I've met some extraordinary people -- people like Loc Truong, who came to America as a refugee from Vietnam and joined AmeriCorps to mentor at-risk teenagers so that he could give something back to the country that had helped his family in their neediest hours. Or Ashley Dumas, who, after graduating from college taught GED classes and provided child care in a shelter for single mothers in South Boston. Or Colin Yost, who taught needy families how to conserve energy and prevent lead poisoning in Portland, Oregon and used his AmeriCorps award to help pay for law school.

In short, the young people of AmeriCorps are getting things done. But even more than getting things done, they are strengthening our democracy and building our society so that it continues into the 21st century as strong as ever. You know, in America, citizenship has always meant more than paying taxes, more than going to work, more than obeying the law. Citizenship is built on the belief that we are all responsible for one another, that we meet our challenges, not through government alone or as isolated individuals, but as a true community working together.

Over the years, I've been to many countries where I've had the privilege of representing the United States -- places where people are just beginning to understand the benefits and responsibilities of freedom. And wherever they go I'm asked, how has America made it work for so many years. And I tell them about citizen service, and I tell them about AmeriCorps, how the young people in AmeriCorps are learning firsthand the power of civic action.

They see playgrounds controlled by drug dealers or neighborhoods devastated by tornadoes. And rather than throwing up their hands in despair, or waiting for someone else to take care of things, they roll up their sleeves and get to work -- because they know they can help.

And they're learning that much more unites us than divides us. By serving together, suburban teenagers next to young kids from the inner city next to kids who grew up on farms, AmeriCorps members are learning that what matters is not your politics or the color of your skin, but your ability to get things done and get along with one another. It doesn't

matter whether you're a Republican or a Democrat or an independent, from California or Maine or Florida. If you can hammer a nail or teach a child to spell, you have the kind of open heart and extended hand that AmeriCorps needs.

So I thank all of you for helping to rekindle the spirit of democracy. And particularly to the AmeriCorps members who are here with us today, and the new members who will be sworn in at the end of the ceremony, you truly do represent the spirit of citizenship and service that has always made America unique. And we are grateful for your willingness to serve.

In order to take the message of AmeriCorps far beyond the confines of this tent or the White House, or the Congress, or the specific places where you work, we've been very fortunate to have created some videos that we'll be running on TV to educate more Americans about AmeriCorps. Because one of AmeriCorps's great strength is that it's not just a government program, but it's a partnership, with states and localities, with not-for-profits and community organizations, and with private sector donors.

And a year ago, a group of those private sector donors, friends of AmeriCorps, joined together to see what they could do to make sure that this celebration really counted in making AmeriCorps part of the American fabric of our lives. That group was led by Eli Segal, Alan Solomont and Dan Dutko. Sadly, our friend, Dan Dutko, died in a tragic accident this summer. We miss his wisdom, his energy and his commitment to this cause. But I know he is here with us in spirit.

The Anniversary Committee has partnered with Yahoo to develop a new website celebrating AmeriCorps, and the ads we are about to see are the result of their work with GSD&M from Austin, Texas; and Peter Hart and Associates from here in Washington. These ads feature what I think is the perfect slogan for AmeriCorps -- "Taking Responsibility Personally" -- because that is what every AmeriCorps member does every single day. I hope you'll pay attention to these ads and I hope you'll see them often on your TV screens and I hope they will spread the word about what AmeriCorps means.

Let's look at them now.

(The videos were shown.)

MRS. CLINTON: I'm hoping that by the end of the ceremony we'll have the sound working and we maybe can show those again, because I think that the message of the ads is one that truly does represent what all of you have done.

The next young man who will be speaking -- actually speaking -- is going to express in words better than any of us can what it has meant to be part of AmeriCorps. And it is an honor to introduce Andre Crisp -- (applause) -- a young man with a great deal of courage, hard work and spirit, who is literally changing the world and transforming his own life through AmeriCorps. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Well, Andre, thanks to you no one has to wonder about what AmeriCorps's all about. I thank you for your introduction. I thank you for your service to AmeriCorps and your country. And I thank you for the power of your example. And I hope, maybe more than anyone else who speaks today, your voice and your story will be told out of this great anniversary meeting.

I want to thank all the other people here who helped to make this day possible. I want to thank Deb Jospin for her leadership; Senator Harris Wofford; Eli Segal for what he did to help us get started -- (applause) -- and all of them. Let's give them all a hand. (Applause.)

I want to thank Hillary for always believing in this, and for taking it on as a personal goal that we would do something about the fact that when we had 100,000 people in AmeriCorps, and everybody who knew about it loved it, but most people didn't know about it, she decided she would change that. And Eli, and Alan Solomont, and our friend Dan Dutko and others agreed to help. And I thank her for her passionate support during these years when we believed in AmeriCorps when it was just sort of an idea. And she has done a wonderful job. Thank you. (Applause.)

I want to thank the members of Congress who are here, who were here: Senator Specter, Congressman Quinn and Congressman Payne, three who represent the bipartisan support that we have enjoyed. I thank James Lee Witt, Jack Lew, Janice LaChance and others in the administration who have helped us. I want to thank our presenters, whom I will introduce in just a moment; General Colin Powell, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Sargent Shriver and the Governor of Utah, Mike Leavitt, for being here. And I want to thank the Howard University Choir. They're going to sing for us and with us in a few moments.

You know, it seems impossible to me that it was five years ago on the North Lawn of the White House that we led the first class of AmeriCorps members in the AmeriCorps pledge. It wasn't very long before that that I had the privilege of signing the legislation creating AmeriCorps with the same pen that President Kennedy had used to sign the legislation creating the Peace Corps.

I always believed that you would elevate the cause of citizen service in America, that you would make America a better place. But on that day five years ago, AmeriCorps was still just an idea with a good plan, built on the remarkable path-breaking efforts of Sargent Shriver with the Peace Corps and VISTA; built on the remarkable service corps I had seen in Boston and Los Angeles and San Antonio, and other cities; championed by some of the most thoughtful and passionate citizens of both parties; energized by -- even then -- 20,000 young people who were raring to give something to their country, and wanted to be part of AmeriCorps.

But still it was just an incandescent idea. Today we celebrate -- thanks to you

and your predecessors -- a glowing success. AmeriCorps members are living up to the highest obligations of our citizenship. They are creating opportunities for others, taking responsibility for themselves, and fostering a community of all Americans. They are our best builders, building that bridge to the new century.

You can see it in the way their optimism inspires others to also lend a hand and volunteer in their communities. You can see it in the remarkable teamwork and camaraderie that I have personally witnessed and felt, all over this country, in so many different activities. You can see it in the way they work together across the lines that would normally divide AmeriCorps members, and eliminate the alienation that too many of our young people experience today.

You can see kids who went to Ivy League schools and kids who dropped out of high school working side by side, serving together, giving together, and treating each other as equals, proving that Dr. King's dream of a beloved community is alive and well in the hearts and lives of the AmeriCorps volunteers.

I could just give you one illustration among thousands. On his very first day as an AmeriCorps member in a small town in southern West Virginia, Scott Finn heard that local residents had a dream of cleaning up a boarded-up old schoolhouse and turning it into a community center. The school had no electricity; it had no running water. It was a complete wreck, inside and out, an eyesore and a place that invited drugs and crime and mischief.

So Scott, fresh out of Harvard -- a long way from a little town in West Virginia -- put together a team of volunteers and sparked a new determination to get things done. They hauled water out of a nearby creek to mop the floors. They negotiated a lease. They raised \$50,000 in grant money. And today that sorry old school is a beautiful new community center, with a lending library, a gym and a safe playground. That's AmeriCorps at its best. (Applause.)

That new community center is a meeting place for dances, for gospel concerts, for after-school programs and a Boy Scout troop. It's a tremendous source of community pride. Scott is one of the 21 remarkable AmeriCorps members and alumni who will receive one of our All-AmeriCorps awards. They'll all be introduced later. But I just wanted you to think about that.

When AmeriCorps members like Scott first took their pledge, they promised -- and I quote -- "to carry this commitment with me, this year and beyond." Today we will help them fulfill the second part of that pledge, for today I'm asking the Corporation for National Service to develop a new initiative to connect former AmeriCorps members with service opportunities wherever they live -- Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Clubs, America's Promise, the Points of Light Foundation, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the United Way, the National Mentoring Partnership. They've all signed on to help, all to use the incredible experience and commitment of our former AmeriCorps members.

Like returned Peace Corps volunteers and military veterans, those of you who are AmeriCorps members and alums represent an enormous national pool of know-how and can-do. You are already 150,000 strong and growing stronger. I hope soon we'll be adding 100,000 new members to your ranks every single year. (Applause.)

There is no question that you are now an indispensable force for change in America. After years of fights over funding and purpose in AmeriCorps, peace is breaking out all over in Washington. (Laughter.) A major factor lifting AmeriCorps out of the realm of partisan politics here is the support of people and leaders and especially governors of both parties, like Governor Leavitt, out in the country who have seen firsthand how AmeriCorps members are setting off chain reactions of civic involvement, civic progress and civic pride.

In state after state, in community after community, AmeriCorps volunteers prove daily they're one of the best and smartest investments our country ever made. They're showing us here in Washington what you can do when you stop talking past one another and start working with each other. Right now, in the middle of this battle over the budget, we need more reminders like this.

Today, I had the honor of signing the budget for VA and HUD, for the EPA, for the National Science foundations -- programs to help the homeless, to give housing vouchers to empower the poor; programs for our empowerment zones, that the Vice President has led; and for the first step in my New Markets Initiative, to give investors in this country the same incentives to invest in poor communities in America, where many of you work, that we give them today to invest in poor communities in Latin America and Asia and Africa. This is important. (Applause.)

I hope this is just the beginning, and that we will do the same when it comes to the education of our children. AmeriCorps volunteers have been in the forefront of a lot of our education efforts, and I hope that the spirit you bring will infect the spirit of our deliberations here. We know that our children can have a good future if we work together across party lines the way you do.

Let me just say, before I introduce the distinguished Americans who will present the All-AmeriCorps Awards, once again how profoundly grateful I am to every person here who has helped to lift AmeriCorps beyond the pale of a partisan political fight. I especially thank those who had genuine reservations five years ago and didn't have the follow through and the courage and the openness to take an honest look at AmeriCorps in action and to help us to improve some of our actions, which we also did.

Most of all, I want to express my gratitude to the AmeriCorps members and their leaders throughout this country who have lived up to their pledge and so much more. By taking your responsibility personally, as the advertising campaign says, you are breathing new life into our old, old democracy, sparking a new patriotism among a new generation of Americans -- a patriotism of the home front rooted in the knowledge that our nation's strength and security, and our individual possibilities are all determined in no small measure by

whether all of us have a chance to live up to our God-given potential.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. (Applause.)

I'm going to introduce our four presenters and they, in turn, will come to the microphone and do their jobs.

From the moment her husband was struck down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Coretta Scott King determined that it was up to her to keep the dream alive. Despite her grief, she got on a plane for Memphis to address the same striking sanitation workers her husband had gone there to help. She told them, we are going to continue this work to make all people truly free.

She has done that in every possible way: by leading marches and giving impassioned speeches for racial justice, human rights; an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation; by founding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change; by leading the efforts to create a national holiday in her husband's memory; and by helping to turn that holiday into a day of service, not a day of rest. There is no one in America who is better suited to present the All-AmeriCorps Common Ground Award, and we welcome her here today. (Applause.)

Sargent Shriver often describes himself as a lucky man, having been graced with the remarkable and wonderful family he has. I might say, the rest of us think he's lucky because, among other things, he's the youngest and healthiest man his age on the face of the planet. (Laughter.)

But our luck is just as profound, for America has never in its long history had a more compassionate and passionate man more devoted to public service. He was the founder of the Peace Corps and the VISTA. He served the Navy in World War II, created Head Start and the Job Corps, and Legal Services. He led the Special Olympics, served as Ambassador to France, led the Chicago Board of Education; fostered civil rights early, when it wasn't so popular; and economic opportunity for the poor, all growing out of his profound religious faith and his deep patriotism.

On top of all that, he is one of the most warm and genuinely unassuming people you will ever meet. We are honored to have him here today to present the All-AmeriCorps Award for strengthening communities. One of the greatest public servants in the history of the United States, Sargent Shriver. (Applause.)

Whenever I speak about Mike Leavitt, the governor of Utah and the new Chairman of the National Governors' Association -- one of the most popular leaders in Utah history -- I am reluctant to say anything nice about him because his state is so Republican I'm afraid I'll hurt him and knock him down a peg or two back home if it gets out that I'm bragging on him. (Laughter.) But his complete commitment to service and his generous support of AmeriCorps is one of the reasons that we are where we are today, with the breadth

and depth of support for this program.

Two years ago, at a rally with General Powell, Governor Leavitt helped to launch Utah's Promise, a statewide effort to mobilize all the citizens of that state to action. Already it is yielding remarkable results -- increasing literacy; creating new service teams; recruiting and training more caring foster parents, a big issue for Hillary and for me.

Governor Leavitt has been a great champion of Utah's schoolchildren, reducing class size, increasing teacher pay, equipping Utah's classrooms for the 21st century. It is only fitting that he present the All-AmeriCorps Award for leadership, because he is truly an All-American leader.

Thank you, Governor Leavitt. (Applause.)

And, finally, General Colin Powell. In 1993, General Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the architect of America's victory in Desert Storm, retired from his extraordinary military career. I was one of many Presidents who benefitted immensely by his service.

But that was just the first act in Colin Powell's remarkable life of service. He has gone on to serve our country as the leader of America's Promise, his national crusade to give every child the nurturing and support he or she needs, and to give every young person the opportunity to serve. Already, General Powell and his troops, including many AmeriCorps members, have touched the lives of millions of children.

General Powell used to say in a characteristically modest way that he was, first and foremost, an infantryman. Ladies and gentlemen, I begin by introducing you to the infantryman who is leading the charge toward America's Promise, General Colin Powell. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Now, I think our presenters did a wonderful job. Let's give them all a hand again. They were great. We thank them for their time. (Applause.)

I want to leave you with this thought, and then ask the new class to stand and join me in the AmeriCorps promise. And then we will hear from and sing with the Howard University Choir in "America The Beautiful."

When you leave here today and you remember how you felt, and you remember the stories of the people we honored, I want you to think of the future you would like to build for America and the 21st century. I want you to think about what you'd like this country and this world to be like when your children are your age, when your grandchildren are your age.

If I ask you to write down what you think the new century will hold, depending

on your background, you might say, well, we're going to finally solve all the mysteries of the human gene -- which is true -- and then mothers will go home from the hospital with their newborn babies with a little map of their future and it will tell you, individualized, what kind of food your children should eat, what kind of exercise regimes they should have, what they should avoid, how you can maximize the quality of their lives.

Or if you're into computers, you might talk about the next generation of the Internet and how, in no time at all, the number of Internet users will be as dense as the number of telephone users in America; and how the Internet might allow children in the poorest villages of the world to skip a whole generation of educational and economic development. Or you might think about how these two things will join together, and we'll be able to put little digital, electronic impulses in various parts of people's bodies that will help them overcome paralysis, and have medical miracles.

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Or if you're interested in outer space, you might say you look forward to the discovering of billions of new galaxies, and finding out what's really in those big black holes in outer space.

Isn't it interesting -- when you think about all this modern, exciting stuff; the most sweeping discoveries the world has ever known -- don't you think it's interesting that the biggest problems we have in this country, and throughout this world, relate not to some modern problem -- although there are modern problems, like sophisticated weapons -- but they're rooted in the oldest, most primitive problem of human societies: We're still afraid of people who are different from us, who look different from us, who act different from us, who have different views about how to worship God or live their lives.

That's why AmeriCorps is so important. For all the things I've been involved in all these years as President, all the things I've worked to do, I really believe -- looking toward the future -- if every young person has a chance to be a good citizen -- and we don't give up on anybody, we'll always give them a chance to come back, here. We had a lot of comeback kids here today, talking -- and if America can remain committed to building one America across all the lines that divide us, recognizing that our differences make life more exciting, but what's important is our common humanity -- if those two things can prevail, more than any modern discovery, you'll be proud of the America your children and grandchildren have.

That's why AmeriCorps matters, and why I'm so grateful to you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Now, I want to ask the newest class of AmeriCorps volunteers to stand up and repeat the oath after me. Raise your right hand.

"I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter and healthier. I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere. I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond. I am an AmeriCorps member. And I will get things done."

Congratulations. (Applause.)

Now, I would like to ask you, in advance, to give a warm round of applause to the Howard University Choir. They've waited through this whole thing to sing "America The Beautiful" with us. Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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AmeriCorps: Five Years of Getting Things Done for America

Since 1994, some 150,000 men and women have answered AmeriCorps' call to service and have devoted a year to help change lives, rebuild communities and strengthen America. Together they have served millions of people in more than 4,000 communities.

- **Getting Things Done to Strengthen Communities:** Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have tutored and mentored more than 4 million children; served in after-school programs for more than 1 million at-risk youth; established or expanded more than 40,000 neighborhood safety patrols; helped build more than 11,000 homes; and helped communities rebuild after natural disasters in more than 30 states.
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Wednesday, October 20, 1999

**Schedule of the President
For
Wednesday, October 20, 1999**

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Mostly cloudy with rain showers, becoming partly cloudy late. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 43°F. High 60°F.

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Wednesday, October 20, 1999

**Schedule of the President
for
Wednesday, October 20, 1999
*Final Schedule***

9:30	am-	HOLD
10:30	am	
10:30	am-	MEETING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
10:45	am	
10:45	am-	MEETING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
11:05	am	
11:15	am-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11:30	am	
11:30	am-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill, Joe Lockhart
11:40	am	
11:40	am-	TAPE ISRAELI HISTORY DOCUMENTARY INTERVIEW ROOSEVELT ROOM Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill, Joe Lockhart
12:00	pm	
12:00	pm-	BRIEFING OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Mary Beth Cahill
12:10	pm	
12:10	pm-	VA/HUD BILL SIGNING OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Mary Beth Cahill Event Coordinator: George Caudill POOL PRESS
12:25	pm	

- **The President** makes remarks, signs bill, greets guests, and departs.

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12:30 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
1:30 pm **OVAL OFFICE**

OPTION BETWEEN:

12:30 pm- **DROP-BY AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**
1:30 pm **HOSTED BY THE FIRST LADY**
STATE DINING ROOM

1:30 pm- **BRIEFING**
1:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

1:45 pm- **MEET AND GREET**
1:55 pm **DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 35 guests in attendance.

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2:00 pm-
3:00 pm

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

SOUTH LAWN TENT

Remarks: Lowell Weiss

Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be 1000 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Andre Crisp, General Colin Powell, Coretta Scott King, Governor Michael Leavitt, Sargent Shriver, Eli Segal, and Harris Wofford.
- The First Lady makes remarks.
- AmeriCorps videotaped ads are played.
- Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and introduces General Colin Powell.
- General Colin Powell makes brief remarks and presents "Getting Things Done" awards.
- Governor Michael Leavitt makes brief remarks and presents "Leadership" awards.
- Sargent Shriver makes brief remarks and presents "Community Strengthening" awards.
- Coretta Scott King makes brief remarks and presents "Common Ground" awards.
- **The President** administers pledge to new NCCC AmeriCorps volunteers.
- **The President** thanks guests for attending and acknowledges Howard University Choir.
- Singing of *America the Beautiful* by Howard University Choir.
- **The President** and The First Lady depart.

3:00 pm-
5:15 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

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5:15 pm-
5:30 pm **BRIEFING**
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

5:30 pm-
6:45 pm **OUTREACH MEETING**
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill
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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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PRESIDENT CLINTON:
CELEBRATING A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE
October 20, 1999

"AmeriCorps members are living up to the highest obligations of citizenship – creating opportunity, taking responsibility, fostering community. In state after state, community after community, AmeriCorps members have proven that they are one of the smartest and best investments America can make."

President Bill Clinton
October 20, 1999

Today, at the White House, President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted over 1,000 AmeriCorps members and supporters to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the national service program. The President recognized 21 AmeriCorps award winners for their extraordinary commitment to service, and announced an initiative to engage AmeriCorps alumni in continuing service to their communities. While highlighting the bipartisan support for AmeriCorps, the President called on Congress to pass a budget that honors the values of the American people and makes education our number-one priority.

Keeping Community Service Strong. In 1993, President Clinton outlined a vision for a national service program that would allow young people to serve their country while earning funds for a college education. The result of that vision is AmeriCorps, which brings together people of different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds to solve community problems and improve the lives of Americans across the country. Since the program's inception 5 years ago, over 150,000 AmeriCorps members have served nearly 33 million people in over 4,000 communities, providing much-needed assistance from tutoring and mentoring to disaster relief and environmental work. Today, President Clinton signed into law the VA/HUD/Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill, which includes \$438.5 million for AmeriCorps, funding that will support nearly 50,000 AmeriCorps members in community service projects nationwide. The President praised the bipartisan support that the AmeriCorps program has received, and pledged to continue his efforts to expand the program to 100,000 new members each year.

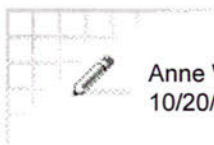
Recognizing Outstanding Service. At today's ceremony, the first-annual All-AmeriCorps awards were presented to 21 AmeriCorps members who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. The awards were presented by Gen. Colin Powell, Gov. Michael Leavitt of Utah, Sargent Shriver, and Coretta Scott King.

Engaging AmeriCorps Alumni in Service. In taking the AmeriCorps pledge, each AmeriCorps member promises: "I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond." Today, President Clinton renewed the call to service to over 150,000 former AmeriCorps members by announcing an initiative that will provide them with continued service opportunities in their own communities. The initiative involves a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations, including the American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the United Way.

Calling for a Budget That Reflects Our Priorities and Values. President Clinton called on Congress to pass a budget that makes education the nation's number-one priority, including measures to:

- * hire additional highly trained teachers to reduce class size in the early grades;
- * invest in accountability to help turn around failing schools;
- * fund after-school and mentoring programs, and

- * build or modernize 6,000 schools nationwide.



Anne W. Bovaird
10/20/99 12:46:16 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Thurgood Marshall Jr/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: REMINDER FOR THE PRESIDENT: AMERICORPS

Please remember that Harris Wofford asked you to mention to the President that General Powell may thank the President for his (and Jack Lew's) efforts to get \$7.5 million in funding for America's Promise through the budget for the Corporation for National Service. Senator Bond rejected this request, but the President's efforts were appreciated and Harris feels that it would have been a boost for the Corporation in many ways.

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Goodie -

In tomorrow,

Has John reminded you to
remind the President that he &
Jack Lew. & Co. did seek funds via
the Corporation, for General Powell
& Americas Promise (\$7.5 million).

Senator Bond said No.

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Harris

7. At the national-level, the HIDTA Coordination Committee makes recommendations on policy, program, and funding to Director McCaffrey. The Committee is made up of representatives from ONDCP and the Departments of Justice, Treasury, and Health and Human Services. Director McCaffrey oversees the development and implementation of the HIDTA Program.

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October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 12:35 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
LOCATION: State Dining Room

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird

I. PURPOSE

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the AmeriCorps program and to thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. The occasion of the fifth anniversary will kick off the All* AmeriCorps Award, new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994. This lunch is an opportunity for **YOU** to thank the nonprofit, corporate and foundation partners of AmeriCorps who have contributed to the success of the program over the last five years.

During this lunch, Eli Segal and Deborah Jospin will present **YOU** with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. This presentation is intended to be a surprise to **YOU**. The President will refer to the award in his remarks at the celebration.

Following the luncheon, **YOU** will participate with the President in the AmeriCorps Fifth Anniversary celebration and the presentation of the first annual All* AmeriCorps Awards. **YOU** will unveil two new television advertisements by GSD&M which were commissioned by the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. **YOU** will also announce the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee's new web site, which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!. Other participants in the afternoon program include: Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member; General Colin Powell; Governor Mike Leavitt; Sargent Shriver; and Coretta Scott King.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

Eli Segal, President and CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership

Deborah Jospin, Director of AmeriCorps, Corporation for National Service

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press.

Please note that several reporters have been invited to attend the lunch as guests.

V. REMARKS

To be provided by speechwriting.

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See attachment from Social Office.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- AmeriCorps Accomplishments
- Sequence of Events
- List of Accepted Guests

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- **Part of American Tradition of Service:** AmeriCorps is part of a long history of service in America, extending from President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps to President Bush's Points of Light Foundation. In recent months, leading Republicans including Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Rep. John Kasich, Elizabeth Dole and others have voiced their support for AmeriCorps. Speaking to the National Governors Association, Powell called AmeriCorps "a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in their future."
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Anne Bovaird
Cabinet Affairs

October 19, 1999

AMERICORPS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, October 20, 1999
TIME: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: South Lawn Pavilion

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Shirley Sagawa
Anne Bovaird

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the accomplishments of the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have served their country over the past five years and to congratulate the winners of the first annual All*AmeriCorps Awards. You will also issue a renewed "call to service" to the AmeriCorps alumni and announce steps to expand and strengthen the continuing service of former AmeriCorps members.

II. BACKGROUND

This fall

~~On September 12, 1999,~~ AmeriCorps celebrated its fifth anniversary having deployed nearly 150,000 citizens in service to more than 4,000 communities across the nation. At this event, **YOU** will kick off a new annual award that honors the efforts and accomplishments of the men and women who have served as AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps alumni who are being honored with the All*AmeriCorps Award represent the thousands of AmeriCorps members who have devoted their energy and idealism to improve our communities and our nation since 1994. This first year, the All*AmeriCorps Awards will honor outstanding AmeriCorps alumni from the past five years and will launch a tradition of awards for the classes to come.

The 1999 All*AmeriCorps Awards will be given to a total of twenty-one winners in four different categories: Getting Things Done, Community Strengthening, Leadership and Common Ground. A panel of distinguished Americans chose the award winners from hundreds of finalists in a national competition.

YOU will issue a renewed "call to service" to former AmeriCorps members and seek to expand and strengthen the continuing service for these AmeriCorps alumni. **YOU** will announce the following specific actions: **YOU** will write to all former AmeriCorps

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members about their obligation and opportunities for continuing service to their community and their country; **YOU** will direct the Corporation for National Service to connect former AmeriCorps members to community service opportunities; and **YOU** will announce a strategic alliance between the Corporation for National Service and leading non-profit organizations to engage former AmeriCorps members in significant volunteer roles.

thank the private sector supporters of AmeriCorps.

Prior to the awards presentation, the First Lady will host a lunch in the State Dining Room to ~~honor the winners of the All* AmeriCorps Awards~~. Eli Segal and Debra Jospin will present the First Lady with the Dan Dutko Award for Extraordinary Commitment to National Service on behalf of the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

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Andre Crisp, AmeriCorps Member
General Colin L. Powell
Governor Mike Leavitt
Sargent Shriver
Coretta Scott King
150 NCCC AmeriCorps Members

Harris Wofford > on stage, not speaking
Eli Segal

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. REMARKS

See remarks from Speechwriting

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See attachment from the Social Office

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- Remarks from Speechwriting
- AmeriCorps Alumni Continuing Service Initiative
- Winners of All* AmeriCorps Awards List
- List of Meet and Greet Participants
- List of Accepted Guests

Should we add what the
First Lady is doing -
ie unveiling ads by
GSDM (Roy Spence's org.)
(for the AmeriCorps Anniv. Comm.)
which will be shown at
the event and
~~will~~ announce the
Committee's new
website, created by
Yahoo! pro bono.

During the event, the First Lady will unveil² new advertisements
by _____, Roy Spence's organization, created for the
AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee. She will also announce the anniversary
committee's new web site which was set up free of charge by Yahoo!.