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TO: Stephanie Streett,
Assistant to the President

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.,
Assistant to the President

Karen Tramontano,
Assistant to the President

REQUEST: For the President to participate in the AmeriCorps 5th Anniversary
and to bestow the first All*AmeriCorps Awards.

PURPOSE/
BACKGROUND

This fall, AmeriCorps will celebrate its fifth anniversary. The Corporation for National Service is planning a full weekend of service and celebration with events in Washington, D.C. and all across the country. Included in the anniversary celebration will be a new award honoring those who have served in AmeriCorps. The anniversary celebrations and service events are all scheduled for October 22, 1999, the traditional program launch date for the national service network and the day before Make A Difference Day, the first national day of service for the program year.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION:

The President swore in the first class of AmeriCorps members on September 12, 1994 in the Oval Office and has participated in their annual opening ceremonies and national days of service every year since the launch.

DATE/TIME: On or near Friday, October 22

DURATION: One and a half hours

LOCATION: The South Lawn, preceded by a reception in the Residence.

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Harris Wofford, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Alums, Members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, major donors, and nonprofit, corporate, government, and faith leaders who are partners of AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

OUTLINE OF
EVENT:

The All*AmeriCorps Anniversary is a nationwide celebration that includes national service projects across the country and a new

award to honor the accomplishments of those who have served through AmeriCorps. The first All* AmeriCorps Awards will be bestowed during the South Lawn celebration on outstanding AmeriCorps members from each of the previous years. At the celebration, the President will recognize and honor AmeriCorps members who, through their outstanding service, got things done, strengthened their communities, developed leaders, and built common ground.

REMARKS
REQUIRED:

Yes. The event provides a platform for making the case for the expansion of AmeriCorps and for a statement on the Administration's policy initiatives that support national, community and youth service.

OTHER
PRINCIPALS:

First Lady, Vice President, Mrs. Gore

MEDIA
COVERAGE

Yes

PROPOSED
ATTENDANCE:

Approximately 1,000

RECOMMENDED
BY:

Harris Wofford

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