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**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF
THE PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE**

DATE:	May 13, 1999
LOCATION:	Oval Office
TIME:	5:30 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.
FROM:	Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

I. PURPOSE

To receive General Powell's two-year progress report on the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and take a photo.

II. BACKGROUND

In February 1997, you asked General Powell to Chair the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia. General Powell is prepared to release the two-year progress report on the Summit. The report will focus on the efforts to deliver on the five goals of the Summit for young people. In addition to receiving the report, the event would present an opportunity to focus attention on the Administration's key initiatives, especially AmeriCorps, and the education and health initiatives for children.

Late April marked the second anniversary of the Presidents' Summit. At several points -- six months after the Summit, one year after the Summit, and now two years after the Summit -- General Powell has reported on the progress of his crusade for children. The events, accompanied by published reports, highlight especially outstanding public, private, and independent sector efforts to provide the conditions of success for children.

General Powell has been asked to give a lunch speech at the National Press Club to discuss the two-year progress report. Before making that speech, he would like to formally present the report to you.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

General Colin Powell
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IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

YOU welcome General Powell.

General Powell presents the report to **YOU**.

Photo is taken.

VI. REMARKS

None.



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Commitment: Commits to engage 26,000 more Americans in voluntary environmental service, offering conservation education to half a million school children, through a 25 percent increase in the Forest Service Volunteer Program and a 40 percent increase in the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Earth Team. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will also expand its efforts to distribute excess food to Americans in need, with special emphasis on engaging young people in food recovery and gleaning.

Progress: In the two years since the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, USDA increased by 26,711 the number of Americans, many of whom are youth, engaged in service to improve the environment through volunteer programs sponsored by the USDA Forest Service and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. More than 120,000 Americans each year volunteer through those agencies. In addition, through the USDA Food Recovery and Gleaning Initiative, the Department helped facilitate a 61.6 million pound increase in the amount of excess food recovered, gleaned, and distributed to Americans in need by nonprofit groups and youth service organizations. This provides additional food to literally millions of low-income children. As part of that initiative, USDA created a new grant program to help school districts donate excess food and involve students in food recovery-related community service.

Forecast: Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman recently created a new Community Food Security Initiative to help states and communities obtain the tools they need to reduce hunger and food insecurity, improve nutrition, increase hunger-related volunteerism, and enable low-income families to transition from poverty to self-sufficiency. The Initiative will focus on catalyzing new partnerships on the local, state, and federal levels to help communities reduce hunger and food insecurity, which currently afflicts millions of American children. The Department will also focus on helping communities utilize a new federal program that provides expanded resources to give snacks to children engaged in after-school activities. Furthermore, the Department will continue its ongoing efforts to involve more American youth in voluntary activities through its environmental volunteer programs and the National 4-H Program.

Commitment Showcase: The USDA Food Recovery and Gleaning Initiative has been highly successful in engaging tens of thousands of Americans of all backgrounds in voluntary service to fight hunger. Over 20,000 Americans have asked for and received a copy of the USDA handbook, a Citizens' Guide to Food Recovery, which helps connect them to local efforts. Any interested individual or organization may receive a copy of the guide by calling 1-800-GLEAN-IT. Furthermore, a USDA grant to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness spurred new anti-hunger volunteer activities by students at dozens of college campuses across America.

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Commitment: Commits to double the number of partner schools and volunteers participating in its service initiatives over three years. Commerce's major service initiative involves its partnerships with Washington, DC area public schools, colleges, and universities. The partnerships primarily focus on tutoring and mentoring, but includes wiring schools to the Internet.

Progress: Currently, over 6,600 Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) schools and more than 9,300 teachers (in every state and in 80 other countries around the world) are participating in the program, and GLOBE continues to grow rapidly. In March 1999, GLOBE hosted a symposium for teachers called "Using GLOBE Data for Student Research" during the National Science Teachers' Association annual meeting at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Department has participated at the National Society of Black Engineers annual conference and job fair. It also administers a post-secondary internship program in partnership with the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; American Indian Science and Engineering Society; Minority Access Incorporated; Oak Ridge Associated Universities; and the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

Forecast: On Earth Day in April 1999, GLOBE will hold a World Wide Web chat that focuses on the results of student research using data acquired by GLOBE students at their schools throughout the world. The National Weather Service (NWS) and Jackson State University (JSU) will partner to increase minority participation in meteorology and related fields. Over the next ten years, NWS and JSU will pursue a three-part strategy that will include: a pre-college initiative; an academic enrichment initiative; and a career placement initiative. The goal of the partnership is the development of a JSU Meteorology Program.

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Commitment: Commits to mobilize children and youth of active duty personnel to volunteer 1.5 million hours of service annually in on-base and off-base community-service projects. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) committed to 100 alliances between Department of Defense (DoD) youth programs and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. OSD committed to increase the enrollment number at JROTC Career Academies across the country.

Progress: OSD authorized and encouraged all defense agencies and the services to participate in Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 2, 1999. This event opened the door for thousands of children to experience a day of work with service members around the nation and to make the connection between academic success and success in life. The DoD has raised the visibility and value of volunteerism through a series of internal news stories highlighting flexible work schedules for its civilian employees and heightening awareness of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for military members. As part of National Volunteer Service Month, the department is also releasing a Defense Billboard Series poster on the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. This poster series will reach every military unit worldwide. Corps members of the National Guard Challenge program performed over 300,000 hours of community service alone this year in support of these activities.

Forecast: DoD continues to stress the importance of volunteerism and enhance community-service participation. The Senior Working Group on Service, a board of officers and civilian employees from all the service components, chaired by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, continues to address issues and opportunities raised by its members. DoD schools continue to require volunteer participation from its graduating seniors.

Commitment Showcase: Jim Garamone, the Armed Forces Information Services writer who wrote a Department of Defense news story about the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, was impressed that military service members could be nominated for serving in the community. His son's Boy Scout leader, who had worked with the troop for three years, is a soldier. Mr. Garamone nominated his son's Scout leader for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. "I posted the story on the regional Boy Scout Web site—and now lots of military people working with Scouts are being recognized," says Garamone.

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Commitment: Commits to expand opportunities for active duty, reserve, and retired military personnel to volunteer time as mentors and tutors in schools in their local communities; and will also expand opportunities for young people to give back to their local communities and contribute to the common good through a service-learning module in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

Progress: The Department of the Army has made significant progress in three areas. First, the U.S. Army Child and Youth Services developed the Promise Passport youth community-service program. Promise Passport encourages agency partnerships that aid in developing an infrastructure to promote community service. The program also facilitates youth community-service opportunities and recognizes youth and adults for their participation. All program materials, operations manual, recognition coins, certificates and passports have been distributed to U.S. Army installations worldwide and staff members have been trained in the program. Also, 13,786 Army youth, ages 6-18, have volunteered 102,917 hours, and 27 Army installations are now registered as affiliate members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Finally, a JROTC service-learning module has been placed in the program and 850 instructors have received training through Quest International. Approximately 70,000 cadets have participated in community service while 5,000 have participated in service learning.

Forecast: U.S. Army Child and Youth Services will focus on creating a culture of community service. The Promise Passport will continue to be a focal point of programming and training, and the community service contributions of youth will be honored through the Promise Passport recognition programs. The community service will be integrated with workforce preparation and youth leadership initiatives. Army youth will participate in national community-service initiatives including National Youth Service Day and Global Youth Service Day. The Army will increase to the number of Army installations with affiliate memberships in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The IROTC program service-learning module will continue to be

integrated throughout the curriculum and instructor training; JROTC unit evaluations will give credit for participation in the service-learning module; and participation by JROTC cadets is projected to grow by 20 percent.

Commitment Showcase: In Fort Wainwright, AL, teens accepted USA Weekend challenge to Make a Difference. They partnered with a local Women in Crisis (W.I.C.) agency and created a flyer to inform the community about domestic abuse, and the work of W.I.C. Army teens also collected food, clothing, toys and furniture for the agency. USA Weekend and Newman's Own presented the Fort Wainwright teens with a check for \$2,000, in recognition of the teens' community service. During the Lessons in Patriotism module, Byrd High School Junior ROTC cadets visit patients at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Shreveport, LA. Patient John Goudeaux said, "It means someone loves and cares about me—you don't get too many people who come by and visit when you're sick." His wife Dorothy added, "It helps the cadets appreciate what the veterans have done for the country—it's wonderful for them to learn this." Cadet Chris Waller said, "My teacher said a lot of times people say that we've earned our freedom, but we really didn't earn it—the people like the veterans who fought in wars earned it for us."

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Commitment: Commits to increase its current involvement in programs and initiatives by at least ten percent, in terms of both the number of children served and the number of bases involved. The Air Force commits to increase its outreach by approximately 100,000 children over three years.

Progress: From a baseline of 658 students reached by STARBASE in FY '96, the Department of the Air Force increased to a total 969 students reached in FY '97, 47 percent more; then increased to a total 1,358 students reached in FY '98, 106 percent over FY '96; and in FY '99, increased to a total of 1,134 students reached, 72 percent, for a total of 3,461 students, 226 percent a increase over the FY '96 baseline. This is a total increase of 2,803 students beyond FY '96 at this point in FY '99. During the remainder of FY '99, the Air Force forecasts reaching 850 additional students for a total of 1,326 (202 percent for FY '99) raising the expected student participants to 4,311 (355 percent overall). Eight employees and 500+ adult volunteers participated this year.

Forecast: Air Force Reserve Command will launch its third STARBASE at Barksdale AFB, LA, and will begin formal operations in May 1999. New school systems supported include Caddo and Bossier Parishes. In Shreveport, LA, new partnerships are beginning with Louisiana State University in Shreveport, the Daedalians, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and One Hundred Men of Shreveport, Inc.

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Commitment: Commits to increase its efforts in tutoring and mentoring, focusing on literacy and anti-drug education. The Navy and Marine Corps, combined, will establish partnerships reaching more than 700,000 youth over three years. The Navy has targeted 400,000 youth to provide volunteer services in five promise areas. The Navy commits to reach 200,000 youth with drug partnerships. The Marine Corps commits to focus on literacy and anti-drug programs by tutoring and mentoring, reaching 100,000 youth.

Progress: Together the Navy and the Marine Corps have reached more than 600,000 youth. Approximately 383,000 young people were reached through four flagship sponsors: Personal Excellence Partnerships; Health, Safety, and Fitness; Environmental Stewardship; and Project Good Neighbor. Approximately 140,000 youth were reached through Campaign Drug Free, and 85,000 youth were reached through the Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) program. The Marine Corps has reached over 72,000 youth through United States Marine Corps Adopt-a-School programs and the Young Marines. The Marine Corps will provide logistical support to Young Marines, who planned a training session for all commanding officers in coordination with the National Interagency Counter-Drug Institute (NICI) in April 1999.

Forecast: The Navy will expand its participation in Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Campaign Drug Free plans to increase its program advertising and its budget. The program is managed by reservists, who will continue to expand and involve more active duty personnel. The Navy Personnel Command plans to establish new partnerships with at least three additional schools in Western Tennessee and present more Red Ribbon Week assemblies in October 1999. The Drug Education for Youth program will expand to eight new programs in Yuma, AZ; Miramar, Monterey, and Pt. Magu, CA; Washington, DC; Parris Island, SC; Millington, TN; and Oceana, VA. For Adopt-a-Schools, the Marine Corps will work with local education authorities for next year's Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

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Commitment: Commits to expand its information on servicing the nation to include information on community and national service opportunities that arose out of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future to the nearly 5,000 men turning 18 years old every day.

Progress: Annually, Selective Service provides each of its approximately 2,000,000 registrants with toll-free numbers and Web site links to obtain information on America's Promise, as well as service opportunities in the U.S. Armed Forces. Since the Summit, the Agency has installed young men and women as volunteer board members—about 4 percent of all new appointments.

Forecast: Selective Service is contacting its staff and thousands of volunteer board members to solicit their adoption of local schools. Additionally, the Agency plans to expand its partnerships with other Federal organizations and other groups which deal with America's youth or have messages which would be important to young people. The agency is continually modifying its World Wide Web site to better disseminate to young people information about its programs and those of others which are relevant to them.

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Commitment: Commits to increase its Summer Reading Partner program by increasing the number of volunteer tutors from 300,000 to 450,000 and increasing the number of children reading over the summer from one million to 1.5 million. With the concurrence of the Congress, the Department of Education plans to launch 500 new after-school programs through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Five hundred more programs will result from the efforts of the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (PFIE).

Progress: Volunteers make the difference in the Department of Education. More than 4,900 family and school, community, employer, and religious organizations joined the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (PFIE) to support and encourage family involvement in schools. They share information via Web site, newsletter, and conferences. Steering groups have met in New York City, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore, MD; and Atlanta, GA to share best practices, express concerns, and shape solutions. The commitment to establish 500 21st Century Learning Centers was surpassed by 65 percent with the present total of 850 centers. READ*WRITE*NOW, formerly Summer Reading Partners, distributed over one million training packets for literacy volunteers and organizations. The America Reads Federal Work-Study Program provided trained tutors and community-service volunteers as a key part of work-study programs with more than 1,100 colleges and universities joining. These grants supported the work of 20,000 tutors and organizations providing instruction to children in need.

Forecast: PFIE will expand its focus on network building to Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; San Francisco and Los Angeles, CA; and all regions. Products, such as the Teacher Prep Involving Parents in Schools, Recipes for Success, and Preparing Teachers to Involve Fathers in Children's Learning, and satellite teleconferences will deliver expertise and examples. The Reading Excellence Program, proposed to grow to \$286 million, could support reading improvement for an additional 550,000 children. Changes in the Higher Education Act will expand America Reads to all 3,300 colleges that administer Federal Work-Study. The President's proposed \$600 million budget for 21st Century Learning Centers could triple available sites.

Commitment Showcase: Partnership efforts in New York City, Philadelphia, and Atlanta have brought together networks emphasizing best practice models for literacy, after-school programs, family involvement, and mentoring. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reported significant increases in reading for fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-graders. Students watched less television and read more pages daily for school and homework. Advances were recorded in African-American, Hispanic, and white populations.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Commitment: Committed to four separate programs within the Department of Energy (DOE). These projects are: to conduct book drives at DOE sites to benefit local schools, with a goal of donating 2,000 books over three years; expand the Chicago Science Explorers Program (CSEP) to introduce more students, particularly minorities, to science as a career possibility; increase the number of adopt-a-schools in the next four years; and create a pool of employees versed in math and technology to speak at elementary, junior, and senior high schools around the country.

Progress: Under the sponsorship of the Energy Council on Community Service (ECCS), during 1998, the DOE collected over 3,000 books, including many math and science books, as well as novels at its facilities across the nation. At present, the focus of the Energy Council on Community Service is on involving high school students in the Waste-management Education and Research Consortium (WERC) environmental design contest. The DOE has developed a large number of formal and informal relationships with public schools throughout the country where it has a presence. These relationships have provided the schools with various forms of significant assistance, to include the donation of surplus desktop computers and participation in programs such Everybody Wins, a reading mentorship program. The ECCS has developed a questionnaire to be used to solicit interest in the Speakers' Bureau and to obtain information about potential speakers. In addition, a questionnaire has been designed to be used by schools requesting Department of Energy speakers.

Forecast: The DOE Headquarters facilities in both Washington, DC and Germantown, MD will conduct another book drive to obtain additional books which can be donated to schools within the Washington, DC community for the benefit of youth. Woodrow Wilson High School, in Washington, DC, is the first school outside of the Southwestern area to enter the WERC contest. The efforts of the ECCS during the next year will be to expand both the numbers of students and schools that participate in this type of activity. In an effort to further formalize the DOE's adopt-a-school arrangements, the ECCS has developed a model agreement that will be provided to managers across the DOE complex. The DOE, through the ECCS, will continue to recruit additional personnel to be members of the Speakers Bureau and will establish a database to differentiate the pool into speakers and possible judges for school science fairs. The DOE will then advertise the existence of its Speakers Bureau and fulfill speaking engagements from schools throughout the country.

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Commitment: Commits to coordinate with NIKE to establish a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Girl Power! initiative and NIKE's P.L.A.Y.CORPS. This partnership promised to expand the P.L.A.Y.CORPS program to reach young girls and to work with HHS to develop a training guide for college students coaching girls in inner-city recreation leagues. These college students will become mentors to the girls they coach. Additionally, HHS promised \$1 million in new grants to prevent teen pregnancy.

Progress: The Girl Power! campaign has teamed up with 276 organizations and 59 national endorsers to promote the Girl Power! message of positive development, health and well-being of girls aged 9-14, as well as the prevention of teen pregnancy and the use of harmful substances. In 1998, as part of the HHS commitment to America's Promise, the first of the Girl Neighborhood Power! grants, totaling \$1 million, were awarded to four communities (Memphis, TN; Rapid City, SD; Madison, WI; and York, PA) and one national organization (Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, Inc.). In the current 1998-1999 school year, the number of HHS employees participating in Everybody Wins! totals 69. In 1997, HHS kicked off participation in the Everybody Wins! mentoring program with 57 employees participating at Bowen Elementary in Washington, DC, two participating at Walker Jones in Washington, DC, and eight participating at Highland View in Silver Spring, MD.

Forecast: In 1999, the Girl Power! campaign plans to introduce a Community Action Kit that will provide resources for local Girl Power! programs, as well as offer activity guides for girls that are being created in collaboration with the Girl Scouts of America. In addition, more Girl Neighborhood Power! grants are expected to be awarded this year. HHS also plans to expand the participation in the Everybody Wins! mentoring program. Secretary Donna Shalala is leading this commitment by personally participating in the program. She has read with a student at Bowen Elementary and plans to continue mentoring this student periodically throughout the school year. In addition, she will actively encourage HHS staff to participate in this program.

Commitment Showcase: In January 1997, Secretary Shalala announced, as part of the National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, that a special emphasis will be placed on an abstinence education initiative through the Girl Power! campaign. This effort has yielded or helped to yield positive results: in April 1998, HHS announced that the teen birth rate fell an estimated three percent in 1997, continuing a six-year downward trend. In addition, the teen birth rate for women ages 15-19 declined substantially nationwide from 1991 to 1997. In December 1998, HHS released a first-time report showing the rate of second births for teens was down by 21 percent between 1991 and 1996.

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Commitment: Commits to the expansion of its Neighborhood Networks program to create 500 computer centers in assisted or insured housing over three years, more than doubling its current program. The United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is also committing its resources to a partnership with the NCAA to support education camps in four empowerment zone/enterprise communities next year. Twenty-five communities will be supported in the next three years.

Progress: HUD has opened more than 470 Neighborhood Network computer centers servicing residents at 500 properties nationwide. HUD has partnered with local businesses, nonprofits, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, civic organizations, foundations, hospitals, community clinics, and federal and state government agencies nationwide to fulfill its commitment. Over 70 HUD employees at 51 HUD Field Offices volunteer their time and expertise to work with the Neighborhood Network partners in their community. HUD has also partnered with the NCAA to support educational activities nationwide. HUD awarded the NCAA a \$250,000 Drug Elimination Grant to support such activities, and it is estimated that an additional 16,000 youth nationwide have participated in these programs as a result of HUD's involvement. The United Way, YMCA, and Boys & Girls Clubs have also partnered with HUD to make this initiative a success. HUD and the NCAA have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop programs at over 40 colleges and universities nationwide.

Forecast: Neighborhood Networks are currently in the planning stages at 680 properties nationwide. HUD will also continue to work with the NCAA to expand the number of colleges and universities that participate in the partnership. Additionally, HUD is working to develop similar partnerships with professional sports organizations, such as the National Hockey League, National Football League, and the PGA's First Tee Foundation to provide opportunities to youth. HUD and the Oglala Lakota Tribe will sponsor "Shared Visions: The Pine Ridge Building Summit," a gathering of 1,500 participants and volunteers, including American Indians from other tribes, to rebuild 50 homes for Oglala Lakota families to purchase on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Commitment Showcase: A new "electronic village" will include a computer terminal in every apartment at the 884-unit Edgewood Terrace Apartments, a HUD-assisted and insured housing community in the Northeast sector of the nation's capital. Microsoft Corporation donated \$100,000 to support computer training for the Edgewood Terrace residents at their Neighborhood Networks center, the Gateway @ Edgewood Terrace. This past June, the center's first 31 welfare-to-work graduates were honored for their training achievements and their entry into the area's business community. Besides Microsoft, the nonprofit Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC) that owns Edgewood Terrace 1 is also working in partnership with the Resident Association of Edgewood Terrace, Bell Atlantic, The Catholic University of America, George Washington University, ConsServe, the College Board Education and Workshop Center, and the Montgomery County Workforce Board.

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Commitment: Commits \$1-2 million per year to expand youth service opportunities to restore trails and facilities in the national parks. It will also launch two Internet-based initiatives dealing with the national Junior Ranger program and National Park Service Volunteer Opportunity System.

Progress: Public Land Corps (PLC) Youth Program employed 834 young Americans including six disabled youth at 89 park units in a variety of projects including rebuilding trails and preserving historic structures. One thousand Scouts participated in six "Linking the Girls to the Land" projects in cooperation with the Girl Scouts of America. Youth Conservation Corps employed 652 students at 64 locations. Projects included landscaping, exotic weed control, and campsite construction. The National Park Service Volunteer Opportunity System's Web site, (www.nps.gov/volunteer/opportunity.htm), is now fully functional, as is the Junior Ranger's Web site, (www.nps.gov/arch/junior.htm).

Forecast: The Department will continue to partner with the Student Conservation Association and other partnering associations to provide funding for PLC projects. The Department will also launch a Junior Ranger page on the Internet to link the 187 programs currently available at the park units. In cooperation with Eastern National, National Parks will benefit from one million hours of volunteer service from the Boy Scouts of America.

Commitment Showcase: In 1998, 97,000 volunteers worked 3,876,000 hours. The estimated value to the National Park Service is \$56 million. The Volunteer Opportunity Web Page (www.nps.gov/volunteer/jobs) has had over 48,000 hits to date.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Commitment: Commits to many initiatives, including the donation of \$8.6 million to 52 new Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) sites across the country to support one-on-one mentoring; joining the Departments of the Navy and Army to expand their Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) programs from three to 30 sites; creating Youth Network, a public-private partnership to offer young people a chance to serve in programs in their communities; convening a public-private mentoring alliance to support mentoring programs across the country; and launching the "Get Involved America" (GIA) partnership to reduce youth violence. Will strive to help American Indian communities enhance or create the Volunteers for Tribal Youth (VTY) program.

Progress: In 1998, the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program was held at 60 sites, an increase of 32 sites over the 1997 total of 28, serving approximately 2,400 youth. (The Department originally committed to expanding from three to 30 sites.) More than \$14 million in Justice Department grants are being distributed to 73 Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) sites. The Department is funding an evaluation of the program and recently released the JUMP: 1998 Report to Congress, at a White House event on mentoring. The National Youth Network has continued to grow, with new members and a new Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) publication series written by and for youth about how they can get involved in various crime-prevention activities. Through OJJDP, the Department has joined with the Department of Education and MTV to support Fight for Your Rights: Take a Stand Against Violence — a year-long campaign to engage young people in solutions to violence, including mentoring. (Harvard's School of Public Health Communication has contributed to the development of the mentoring component of the campaign). Federal funding is enabling the production and dissemination through the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse of one million CD-ROMS with music and an interactive tutorial on conflict resolution. In conjunction with the efforts of the Public/Private Mentoring Alliance (Alliance), the Department provided funding to Save the Children to develop a database of qualified mentoring organizations that can accommodate volunteers. This database is linked to the 1-800-55-YOUTH number noted on the PSAs of America's Promise/Save the Children and the Harvard School of Public Health Mentoring Media Working Group. The toll-free number will link potential volunteers, who call regarding mentoring, to opportunities in their area. The Department is also supporting an Ad Council public service advertising campaign which encourages young people to get involved, and adults to invest in youth programs like mentoring. The Department also funds more than 90 mentoring programs a year through OJJDP's Formula Grants program to the states.

Forecast: In 1999, the Department will expand its commitment from 60 to 65 DEFY programs serving approximately 2,600 youth. Also, the Department will hold regional training seminars and will renew its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Navy. The 1999 program will include several new cities including Phoenix and Tucson, AZ; San Francisco and Salinas, CA; New Haven and Norwalk, CT; St. Paul, MN; Charlotte, NC; Bronx County, NY, and Pittsburgh, PA. In 1999, through the OJJDP, the JUMP program will provide more than 7,500 young people in 37 states with one-on-one mentoring to help keep them in school and away from drugs and crime. The VTY national partners will work with tribal communities to identify opportunities for volunteers, including elders, to serve as mentors, tutors and positive adult role-models for Indian youth. To that end, materials will be distributed throughout Indian country that will encourage individuals and local organizations to get involved with youth in their community. Furthermore, this program intends to provide tribal communities with the financial resources, equipment, technical assistance, training, and networking assistance necessary to create and sustain community-based volunteer programs.

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Commitment: Commits to expand community outreach efforts and increase employee participation by increasing school partnerships that provide tutoring and mentoring, implementing reading programs in schools under the America Reads initiative, and offering a DC Summer Initiative.

Progress: The Department of Labor (DOL) expanded its highly successful DC Summer Initiative four-week summer enrichment program for 50 elementary and middle-school students to six weeks. DOL partnered with the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. to provide one-on-one tutoring in math and reading. Ten students from its middle-school partner made the honor roll. DOL increased the number of participating students from 40 to 70 students in the national office in the second annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Three of its regional cities participated in this event, hosting students from local schools in their area. Approximately 140 students were in DOL buildings on February 2, 1999, shadowing employees for the entire day. DOL's Atlanta regional office developed the "Promise Shop" for juniors and seniors to help prepare them for post-secondary education plans. Currently there are 30 students from Henry Grady High School participating in this program. America Reads and Read Across America conducted a children's book drive to donate books to its adopted school students. Reading is also emphasized as part of the DC Summer Initiative.

Forecast: DOL will conduct the six-week DC Summer Initiative again this summer for 50 students. In addition, DOL will continue to include its adopted schools in its educational and cultural events held at the Department. DOL will also continue to donate surplus computer equipment, software and other office supplies. DOL will increase participation in its adopted school partnerships in its regional cities.

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Commitment: Commits to provide the five basic promises as part of its Community Connections national campaign, which is a long-term effort to bridge Job Corps with new national and local partners. The Job Corps commitment will center around new pledges to mentor at least 1,100 children, create new linkages with regional and national employers to help provide additional marketable skills to Job Corps students, and also to ensure that at least 34,000 Job Corps students participate in community service projects in 1999. Job Corps also promises to expand existing programs that will provide safe places by encouraging local youth to participate in planned after-school activities at Job Corps Centers, and continue to provide, and when possible increase, meals and health care support at Job Corps facilities.

Progress: Since its commitment to America's Promise in January of 1999, Job Corps has laid the groundwork for fulfilling its promise to provide all five basic promises, as part of its Community Connections Initiative. Job Corps has announced its commitment to the 68,000 students and 15,000 staff who make up the Job Corps program, and have initiated several activities to fulfill that commitment. Job Corps is providing resource information and guidelines to assist Job Corps staff in working with Communities of Promise to set up local mentoring programs for Job Corps students. Job Corps is coordinating with three national employers to arrange training and employment opportunities for students. Also, it participated in National Groundhog Job Shadow Day in 1999 with thousands of Job Corps students and staff and participated in other local community-service activities around the country. Job Corps continues to provide meals and health-care services to all of its students. The commitment is being fulfilled at 118 Job Corps centers and in its surrounding communities across the country.

Forecast: During the remainder of the year, Job Corps plans to develop linkages with the Communities of Promise wherever its centers are located and attempt to establish Communities of Promise in areas where they currently do not exist. Job Corps will reach out to communities by sending a letter of introduction from Job Corps' National Director to all America's Promise partners. Job Corps will develop agreements with at least seven additional national or regional employers. This year, again, Job Corps will participate in National Youth Service Day, Make A Difference Day, and local community-service activities around the U.S. Job Corps will enhance health care and meal provision at Job Corps centers.

Commitment Showcase: On February 2, 1999, 3,700 Job Corps students and 670 Job Corps staff participated in National Groundhog Job Shadow Day activities around the country. Perhaps the most visible shadow was Damian Thomas, a student from Potomac Job Corps Center in Washington, DC, who made his national television debut with *TODAY Show* personality Willard Scott as part of his job shadowing experience at NBC's Washington studios. During his on-air segment, Willard asked Damian about his Job Corps training, his career goals, and his experiences as a shadow. *TODAY* is seen by more than 11 million viewers daily. Damian spent the rest of the day shadowing Willard Scott's producer and other NBC staff. Damian is an 18-year-old from Portsmouth, VA, enrolled in the Transportation Communications International Union Advanced Training Program at Potomac Job Corps Center. Damian plans to work in the railroad industry when he completes his Job Corps training this spring.



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Commitment: Commits to triple the number of employees in its initiative so that approximately 600,000 companies have mentoring initiatives, bringing students and teachers into the workplace over four years. To increase participation, it has collaborated with dozens of national organizations and businesses who are giving students a window into the world of work.

Progress: The School-to-Work Program (STW) office is employing two strategies to reach the goal of involving 600,000 companies in mentoring initiatives for students and teachers. The first strategy is designed to spark the interest of businesses through Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Job Shadow Day 1999 involved more than 30,000 businesses. Each business matched employees with young people for the day. STW has encouraged long-term relationships between the workplace mentors and the students. The second strategy is a "systems-building" approach and is designed to be long-term in nature. STW offices in all 50 states work with local school systems and businesses to encourage participation. Although data quantifying the participation rates for businesses in 1998 is currently being collected, based on 1997 numbers, STW estimates that between 200,000 and 250,000 businesses engaged in these activities (this estimate includes 1999 Job Shadow Day figures.)

Forecast: STW expects 1999 data to reflect the growing trend of business and community participation in schools. Thus, the number of business participants involved in STW activities should jump significantly. In addition, STW hopes to engage 50,000+ businesses in coordination with its partners for Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2000.

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Commitment: Commits through the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program to reach one million students over three years to educate them about careers in transportation.

Progress: The Department of Transportation's Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program has reached 600,000 students. With the help of over 100,000 Department of Transportation employees nationwide, a wide range of educational programs are provided to adopted schools. Support also comes from the Morgan Education Roundtable, which is comprised of 545 education, business and transportation organizations committed to educating one million students about careers in transportation and the skills needed for those careers. Through the support of the Roundtable, partners dedicate their energies toward providing speakers for career fairs/days, job shadowing days, and summer employment and internship opportunities. This commitment leverages the Department's resources, drawing on the service commitments of its employees, and encouraging others in the transportation community to participate.

Forecast: The Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program will build permanent partnerships with state and local schools, trade associations, and transportation businesses to provide young people with real-life work experience so that they will gain marketable skills needed for the 21st century.

Commitment Showcase: On February 2, 1999, DOT employees participated in the second National Groundhog Job Shadow Day. The Department set an ambitious goal to build on the success of last year's Groundhog Job Shadow Day. After a lot of hard work and coordination with the DOT staff across the country, the Department's goal, which was 1,000 participants, was exceeded by about 600 percent and reached approximately 6,000 students. For one high school student, who plans to become a commercial airline pilot, it gave her the opportunity to see her dream job up close. This senior was a shadow at the Boeing Corporation and learned more about the structures of the plane and equipment used by pilots. "The (shadowing) experience made me appreciate more of the workmanship that goes into airplanes. Now I can look at a wing and see the different layers and structures to produce a safe piece of equipment" she said.

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Commitment: Commits to teach an additional 35,000 elementary and middle school students to avoid gangs and violence with the assistance of the "Gang Resistance Education and Training" (GREAT) program and 2,000 law enforcement volunteers. Also commits to assist 400,000 more taxpayers over three years through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and increase the number of students in the GREAT program by ten percent each year. Commits to reach more Americans through the Savings Bond Program by increasing volunteers by ten percent.

Progress: In 1998, 39,240 VITA volunteers assisted 1,852,048 taxpayers at 6,083 sites across the nation. Also during 1998, VITA's companion effort, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (TCE), assisted 1,679,400 taxpayers with the help of 32,425 volunteers at 10,554 sites nationwide. In FY 1998, 364,248 students received anti-gang, anti-drug training from law enforcement officers as part of the GREAT program. This represents a 16 percent increase over FY 1997, thus meeting its commitment. Overall, 3,826 officers from 1,266 communities in all 50 states have been trained. In 1998 the Savings Bond National Volunteer Committee, which recruits CEOs and government and industry leaders to help market Savings Bonds in specific geographic areas and special markets, had 53 Chairs in 25 geographic areas and 28 special markets.

Forecast: Though the IRS was not able to commit additional resources to the VITA program this year, it remains committed to expanding the number of taxpayers served, and hopes to reach 1.9 million in 1999. It plans to achieve efficiency gains by moving from paper to electronic filing and by consolidating existing sites. In FY 1999, Congress increased its appropriation for GREAT to \$16 million from \$13 million to support a national expansion of the program. Plans are being developed to create formal partnerships with the Police Athletic League and the Boy Scouts of America.

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Commitment: Commits to give the federal agencies the personnel tools needed to support federal employee participation in community service.

Progress: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) prepared a Presidential memorandum for agency heads on Strengthening our Commitment to Service which President Clinton signed on April 22, 1998. OPM provided guidance to agencies on personnel tools they could use to increase federal employee participation in community service. On October 22, 1998, OPM sent a report to the President summarizing the actions of 57 agencies to strengthen the Government's commitment to volunteer service.

Forecast: OPM will increase its employees' awareness about volunteer opportunities in the local community through a newly created Employee Services Center located in the Office of Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunities. Additionally, the agency will ensure that employees are aware of the many family-friendly programs available, such as flexible work schedules and telecommuting, that allow them increased personal time to serve their communities. OPM continues to partner with the American Red Cross by sponsoring regular blood drives on site, and partners with schools to provide opportunities for students to explore the world of work.

Commitment Showcase: In the report summarizing Federal agencies' actions to strengthen volunteer service, agencies reported significant use of flexible scheduling to provide time to serve. Many agencies reported that they sponsor community-service programs, (e.g., partnerships with schools or "adoption" of needy families), or use formal recognition and awards programs to acknowledge and encourage community-service activities. This report to the President is posted on OPM's internet Web site at www.opm.gov.

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Commitment: Commits to a 50 percent increase in the number of student and youth volunteers in its facilities. This commitment will bring the number of volunteers to 15,000.

Progress: The original commitment has been attained and surpassed with the support of local program managers across the country with community organizations, i.e., United Way, American Red Cross, local school districts, Salvation Army and state and local Veteran Service Organizations. Every state has at least one Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center, and although not every facility has met its goal, the overall VA Healthcare System has reached its goal. Currently there are 17,091 students who are regularly scheduled volunteers within the VA Medical Centers across the nation. Each medical center has an office that coordinates the volunteer efforts and the staffing varies from facility to facility. Approximately 390 employees within the Department of Veterans Affairs participated in the recruitment and training of the student volunteers.

Forecast: The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to continue its work with existing organizations.

Commitment Showcase: Each year there is an outstanding student volunteer selected. The selection process is currently taking place, and the students will be selected in the spring of 1999.

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Commitment: Commits to triple, over three years, the number of classrooms in the United States that participate in the World Wise Schools (WWS) program, which facilitates correspondence exchanges between thousands of Peace Corps Volunteers currently serving overseas and students in communities across the United States. In addition, the WWS program includes classroom presentations by returned Peace Corps Volunteers about cross-cultural understanding.

Progress: Commemorating the 38th anniversary of the Peace Corps, more than 10,000 current and returned Peace Corps volunteers took part in a global education initiative and went back to school to speak about their overseas experiences as part of Peace Corps Day '99. In just one day, Peace Corps' WWS reached thousands of teachers and principals, and hundreds of thousands of students. The Peace Corps also launched a Web site for young people as part of this year's Peace Corps Day '99 celebration. Called Kid's World, the site is designed for children in middle school, but will also have features for children in elementary school. Kid's World contains content, colors, graphics, games, and language designed to educate and entertain children about world geography and the cultures of other countries. It also allows children of all ages to send electronic postcards, read folk tales from around the world, download coloring pages, and test their geography savvy with an interactive flash game. In addition, the children's section reinforces the importance of service, and how young people can make a difference in the lives of other people through service and volunteerism. Kid's World can be found at www.peacecorps.gov.

Forecast: The Peace Corps will increase the number of WWS participants through mass mailings, asking each WWS educator to invite a colleague to join, WWS presentations at conferences, promoting the awareness of the Peace Corps' Kid's World Web site, and encouraging Peace Corps volunteers to recruit a WWS teacher with whom they can communicate during their two years of service overseas. The Peace Corps will encourage teachers and principals who participated in Peace Corps Day '99 to become active members of the Peace Corps' WWS program. Building on the success of Peace Corps Day '99, the Peace Corps will develop plans for Peace Corps Day 2000, reaching more teachers and students as part of this national event.

Commitment Showcase: The main event of Peace Corps Day took place at the new Peace Corps building with seventh-grade students from Southern Middle School in Lusby, MD. Their teacher, Crystal Gibson, signed up for Peace Corps' global education program, WWS, in August 1998 and was paired with Peace Corps Volunteer Mary Frances Muzzi, who teaches English in Russia. Over the past six months, the students have written to each other and learned about each others' lives, countries, and cultures. Ms. Gibson's recent month-long unit on Russia has come to life for her students as the Peace Corps Volunteer and her students in Russia have helped to put a face on a place. In March 1999, both sets of the students met for the first time face-to-face via a live video conference. The room was turned into a global village, with five separate villages, markets, and school rooms from around the world. Students from all over the DC metropolitan area took a tour of Peace Corps' global village and learned about challenges facing many countries, including environmental problems, access to education for girls, and preventative health care.

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Commitment: Commits over three years to work with the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA), CityKids Foundation, and the Department of Defense to provide more than 200,000 young people in more than 100 cities with skills that will teach them to become community leaders, and challenge them to build local community coalitions and projects to tackle drug abuse and violence in communities. The National Youth Academy will combine CADCA's network of community coalitions and CADCA's training capacity with peer leadership training methodologies of various national organizations.

Progress: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is pursuing its commitment to youth leadership development through several avenues. In 1998, it awarded \$8.7 million through the Drug-Free Communities Program to 92 communities in 46 states to support a wide range of youth-oriented programs. ONDCP has pulled together over 40 national civic and service groups who have pledged 100 million volunteer hours to youth drug prevention efforts, such as mentoring, tutoring, and sponsoring activities during non-school hours. ONDCP supports comprehensive school-based programs by advocating for strengthening the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, which helps school districts and sites implement scientifically proven prevention programs. The new Middle School Drug Coordinators program provides drug-prevention experts to schools to work with parents and communities. Working with other federal agencies and a host of community organizations, ONDCP is implementing a parent and mentor program for drug prevention. The \$2 billion National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign is in its third phase and is surpassing its goal of reaching 90 percent of its teen target audience at least four times per week with anti-drug messages. ONDCP has also sponsored the first National Coalition Against Drugs Week to encourage coaches to talk to players and students about drug abuse. Approximately 100,000 Coaches' Playbook Against Drugs have been distributed.

Forecast: In FY 1999, ONDCP plans to award \$18.5 million to more than 200 community anti-drug coalitions around the country. In addition, working through the media campaign and other federal agencies, it will provide citizens with information they can use to get involved with or start community coalitions in their own communities. ONDCP is seeking funding to continue the highly successful National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, and fully implement all components of this comprehensive campaign: advertisements, initiatives with the entertainment industry, partnerships with major youth-serving organizations, an Internet component, public education, and media outreach. ONDCP will also provide additional support to parents and mentors through interactive parent trainings and teleconferences.

Commitment Showcase: The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign is encouraging families across America to discuss the dangers of using illicit drugs. Corporate matching is exceeding 100 percent, and includes the airing on network TV of ads for America's Promise. Major television networks are beginning to build their popular series episodes around drug-abuse themes (30 network episodes have already aired with substance-abuse themes). The Campaign's Web site for parents and teens has received more than three million Internet hits. Advertisements are being produced in eleven languages, with a major outreach component to minority media.

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Commitment: Commits to offer high school seniors new service opportunities through its Spring Break program.

Progress: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered with 43 organizations to fulfill its commitment to America's Promise in 1998. Approximately 500 students and 11 FEMA employees participated in FEMA's Project Impact Spring Break program in Spring 1998. Spring Break programs took place in Oakland, CA; Deerfield Beach and St. Petersburg, FL; Wilmington, NC; Tucker and Randolph Counties, WV; and Pascagoula, MS.

Forecast: Project Impact will continue to encourage expansion of the Spring Break initiative to new Project Impact communities, while encouraging opportunities for private sector partners. Since Spring 1998, the number of Project Impact communities has grown from seven to 118 communities, at least two communities in each state in the nation and the District of Columbia.

Information on Spring Break 1999 and a guide to implement a Spring Break program has been mailed to the existing Project Impact communities. Each community will decide for itself what its program will be. As the number of communities and private sector partners expands, the Spring Break initiative grows. In the year 2000, Spring Break information will be sent to volunteer organizations nationwide.

Commitment Showcase: The communities take personal ownership of the Spring Break initiative and make the project more successful. Each community is unique and only that community knows what would be best for its needs. In the Deerfield Lighthouse Point Observer in April 1998, Wilibee Wright expressed the effect of being a beneficiary of a Spring Break project: "I'm very happy and proud because I know somebody cares about me," she said as she dabbed at her eyes. "I lost my husband three years ago and it's been pretty lonely since then. I fixed the place up as much as I could. But seeing all these kids out here to help and provide more safety for me, it makes me feel good."

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Commitment: Commits to partner with colleges and universities, schools, and other local organizations in seven states and the District of Columbia to significantly increase parent and volunteer (including Sallie Mae employees) support of school and youth activities.

Progress: Through Sallie Mae's mentoring programs and its numerous school partnerships, more than 1500 employees—40 percent of the employee base—and hundreds of organizations have helped Sallie Mae support school and youth activities. Sallie Mae concentrates its involvement with schools and community organizations throughout the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area, and around satellite office locations in Texas, Kansas, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Due to the creation of the Sallie Mae Trust for Education, its Volunteer Advocacy Council and its interactive volunteer Web site, Sallie Mae has witnessed a 25 percent increase in employee volunteer support over the past 12 months.

Forecast: The Sallie Mae Volunteer Advisory Council, has created a three-year plan to develop new strategies to encourage employee participation and then provide training opportunities for employees who seek volunteer leadership roles. In addition, Sallie Mae will continue to actively support organizations dedicated to the personal and educational development of today's youth. Sallie Mae is expanding its involvement with inner-city youth in order to connect college-bound juniors and seniors with resources to exercise their right to higher education.

Commitment Showcase: With the implementation of the Volunteer Advisory Council and the Community Relations intranet site, Sallie Mae is better able to acknowledge its employees' success stories, and highlight and inform its entire corporate community of ongoing outreach initiatives.

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Commitment: The Fannie Mae Foundation commits to engage 50,000 young people as volunteers to reduce homelessness in the Washington metro area over the next four years. The goals of this commitment, Housin' 2000, are to engage youth as volunteers in service to the homeless; increase their understanding of homelessness and their compassion toward homeless people; and instill in the young people a sense of belonging to a youth-driven movement to help the homeless. The Foundation has committed \$5 million in resources to fulfill these goals.

Progress: Housin' 2000 engaged over 35,000 young people in community volunteer efforts, such as the Help the Homeless Walkathon and national service day projects. Program staff worked to create educational projects for youth groups, school assemblies on homelessness, food and clothing drives, and hands-on volunteer opportunities. The Fannie Mae Foundation distributed over \$4 million of the \$5 million in committed resources.

Forecast: The Fannie Mae Foundation will continue to involve youth in volunteer efforts to aid the homeless in the Washington metro area. Housin' 2000 will partner with more than 150 local homeless service agencies to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for area youth.

Commitment Showcase: As a result of Housin' 2000 outreach efforts, the number of youth participants in the Fannie Mae Foundation's Help the Homeless Walkathon jumped from 4,000 youth walkers in 1998 to 20,000 youth participants in 1999. These young people raised more than \$2 million for local agencies that serve homeless men, women, and children.

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Commitment: Commits to expand significantly its Education Means Business program by working in partnership with Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), and Small Businesses of the Year from each state in the country. Through participation in hundreds of school events, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will introduce students to the exciting possibilities of small business ownership. More than 12,500 volunteers will assist in the effort. SBA commits to serve as a link for America's youth to the world of entrepreneurship by providing training and business opportunities through the Office of Entrepreneurial Development's Education Means Business program. This program provides local high school and college students across the country with the basic tools necessary to start and grow a current or future business. Through hundreds of school events and local business forums, SBA district and branch, Veterans and Native American Affairs offices, SCORE chapters, SBDCs, Business Information Centers (BICs), and Women's Business Centers will continue their support to young aspiring entrepreneurs. More than 15,000 volunteers will assist in the effort.

Progress: More than 45,000 high school and college students received training, counseling, technical assistance and mentoring through SBA regional and district offices and SBA resource partners. Representatives from SBA resource partners, including SCORE, Women's Business Centers, SBDCs and BICs, visited more than 2,000 high schools and provided hands-on entrepreneurial and workforce development training. In addition, students participated in protégé programs with local business leaders.

Forecast: The U.S. Small Business Administration will focus on the development of young entrepreneurs and will plan to link students to its One Stop Capital Shops, its Small Business Development Centers, SCORE Centers, and Women Business Centers. SBA will provide further outreach to students in underserved and rural communities, Native Americans, veterans, and disabled persons to provide ongoing training opportunities for youth through collaborative efforts between federal, state, and local government programs. In addition, SBA will continue its partnerships with the local business community to assist in monitoring potential young entrepreneurs, as well as assist in preparation for financial planning and credit worthiness.

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Commitment: Commits to provide its staff and those in communities served by the Social Security Administration (SSA) with information about new service opportunities and will also hold Back-To-School drives for clothes, school supplies, and books, as well as business attire for needy men and women for interviews and first jobs.

Progress: SSA nationwide has donated 4,009 surplus computers and 521 printers to public schools while increasing its educational partnerships to 193. A national internal book drive was conducted among 1,300 SSA field offices to benefit children in grades K-3. Appropriate reading materials are now placed in each SSA field office for children to enjoy. A publicity poster was designed to inform visiting children about the joys of reading books and encouraged them to visit SSA's Web site at www.SSA.gov/kids. Numerous "Back-To-School" supply drives were conducted to support educational partnerships to benefit youth.

Forecast: SSA will: continue to donate excess surplus computers and peripheral equipment to public schools and educational organizations; target donations at 10,000 computers; target partnerships for 1999 at 225; develop community partnerships with national and local organizations that provide services to individuals seeking employment; implement a national awareness campaign to benefit community-based clients; and conduct a "business attire" clothing drive for needy men and women.

Commitment Showcase: With the rapid approach of the new millennium and the need to educate and fully equip children for the year 2000, SSA is proudest of the success of its "Computers for Kids" commitment. This program was fully implemented within all of SSA's ten regions across the country. Surplus computers have been donated not just to public schools but also to other sites such as: homework centers in low-income housing complexes, community centers for youth, and literacy programs for children in grades K-3. SSA's donation of 60 computers to Stanton Elementary School in Washington, DC, initiated many community volunteer partnerships. Stanton was not wired and ready for computers but volunteers have provided assistance by wiring the school for computers, installing connections for the Internet, serving as tutors to teach the children how to operate computers, and donating software packages to assist the students in reading and mathematics.

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Draft: April 13, 1999

When: Monday, May 17, 1999
10:00 AM

Where: The White House
The Rose Garden (weather permitting)

Event: The theme is America's children and youth. President Clinton and General Powell would mark the second anniversary of the 1997 Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia. General Powell, charged in Philadelphia with managing the efforts towards fulfilling the promises made at the summit, would present President Clinton with the *America's Promise Report to the Nation 1999* book containing progress reports on the commitments and a personalized little red wagon, the symbol of America's Promise.

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Following The White House event, General Powell (and the 100 guests, if appropriate) would go to the National Press Club.

12:00 AM	Press Club VIP reception
12:30 PM	Press Club luncheon
1:00 PM	General Powell makes remarks and presents Report to the Nation 1999 to Press Club audience

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Dear Mr. President:

It has been almost two years since you asked me to lead America's Promise, the successor organization to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. As we approach the second anniversary of America's Promise, I would like to report back to you, President Bush, and the nation, on the remarkable progress that has been made since we convened in Philadelphia in April 1997 to determine how we could make a fundamental difference in the lives of young people of this country. Since then, hundreds of thousands of youngsters have been positively touched.

My staff has discussed with your office a proposal that would enable you to join me as I make our second Report to the Nation. It is my hope that you and President Bush will be able to participate in an interactive but scripted event, which we would host here in Washington at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an America's Promise partner. The format for the event is still being developed, but your availability and participation would be important. The date of this event will be May 17th, and I would very much appreciate your joining me. Our staffs can work out the details. My Chief of Staff, Colonel Bill Smullen, can be reached at (703) 535-3852.

Mr. President, all sectors of society, all manner of business and association leadership, a powerful list of federal agencies and departments, and hundreds of not-for-profit entities have joined this national movement to enable our youngsters to lead productive, successful lives as adults. I sense a spirit of commitment as I meet and speak with people across America. It has been a truly rewarding effort.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Wofford:

The Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Subcommittee) is charged with ensuring the effective, efficient and economical operation of the Corporation for National Service (Corporation). The Subcommittee is also responsible for ensuring that the activities of the Corporation are consistent with all applicable law.

Last July, you will recall, the Subcommittee conducted hearings concerning the accounting and management failings of the Corporation, a federal entity with an annual budget of over \$400 million. Among the Subcommittee's chief concerns at the time was an apparent lack of accountability that left the door open to waste of funds on non-essential or improper expenditures.

The Subcommittee has recently become aware of activities that indicate such wasteful expenditures of taxpayer money continue. During the first week of June, hundreds of members of an AmeriCorps-subsidized group called City Year held a "Rally of Idealism" in Cleveland in preparation for a visit by President Clinton. Rally participants wore matching t-shirts and jackets.

In his speech the following day at John Carroll University, the President mentioned that 600 City Year members had written to invite him to speak to the group. In the midst of his talk, the President also said, "I guess the next message I'd want you to help me send back to Washington today is that AmeriCorps works and it should be extended by Congress into the 21st century..." Finally, the President stated that "every young AmeriCorps volunteer...typically will generate 12 more volunteers helping on whatever the service is."

Pursuant to the Subcommittee's authority and responsibility under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, please provide information responding to the following inquiries:

1. Are AmeriCorps funds being used to pay for City Year members' t-shirts and jackets? If so, what is the annual cost to AmeriCorps? If information pertinent to this request is contained in City Year's grant applications to AmeriCorps, please submit copies of that portion of the grant applications to the Subcommittee.
2. Was the letter-writing campaign or attendance at the rally and the President's speech counted toward City Year members' AmeriCorps service time? If so, do you believe that this is appropriate?
3. Is there any basis for the President's remark concerning the generation of 12 additional volunteers for each AmeriCorps participant? Did the Corporation provide him with this figure? Has there been any internal research or communication within the Corporation on this subject? If so, please submit it to the Subcommittee.

Your cooperation in providing the Subcommittee with two copies of your written response no later than the close of business, July 2, 1998 would be greatly appreciated. We trust you will agree that the issues raised here require prompt attention if we are to ensure that the Corporation's funds are not being spent in a frivolous manner. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Warren at 202-225-7101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Hoekstra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" and last name "Hoekstra" clearly distinguishable.

PETE HOEKSTRA
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations

Gomperts, John

From: Alan.Khazei@city-year.org
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Cc: Carolyn_Casey@city-year.org; Michael_Brown@city-year.org; PJ_Blankenhorn@city-year.org
Subject: Pres. Cyzygy and Americorps

John --

I know you've had discussions with Carolyn on this and I wanted to add my two cents.

I think that in light of Littleton Colorado, Cyzygy presents a tremendous opportunity for President Clinton and Americorps. I've seen in the past week no less than 4 "town meetings" broadcast live on national TV with young people and media muckety mucks in response to Littleton. The Pres. himself called for a White House conference on Youth Violence.

The fundamental issue for Littleton is that this country needs to invest in its youth! It needs a Youth Policy. It needs something that gives young people a sense of purpose, pride, values and an appreciation for others.

As you know, we already have that Youth Policy and President Clinton developed it:
It is called AMERICORPS!!!!

Americorps has been absent from all of these discussions -- at least in terms of the national media.

So, here's the idea:

The President does a "Town Meeting" at Cyzygy with the 1000 Americorps members there. He does it in conjunction with a media big shot, live on national television -- that big shot could be Judy Woodruff from CNN, or Tom Brokaw from MSNBC. The fundamental difference of this Town Meeting from the other ones is that the Young People he's talking to are leaders. They have answered the call of service. They have tremendous ideas about what to do about violence in our society and about how to reach our nation's youth.

In addition to the City Year Americorps members, we could have other Americorps members from other programs fly in and be represented. All you would need is a couple from a bunch of programs to highlight Americorps breadth, depth and diversity.

Another Big Idea:

At this event, President Clinton should announce that he is asking the Congress, not only to approve his request to grow Americorps to 100,000 full time members, but in addition:

That he is asking the Congress for an additional \$200 million annually for a new program that would provide matching grants of \$20,000 each for 10,000 high schools to establish a community service director position at their high school.

Any high school would be eligible as long as they came up with the matching \$20,000 from their local school budget, from the city or state, or even from private companies that want to adopt a high school.

At any average of 1000 kids per high school, this would facilitate 10,000,000 high school students having a community service opportunity.

These high school Americorps community service directors, could partner with Americorps programs around the country to make this community service option real.

We are already doing this in Philly and San Antonio, among other places.

This idea would give the President a chance to highlight Americorps, and do something very concrete in response to Littleton. I also think that the Congress would be hard pressed to refuse this small amount of funding, especially if it was done on a matching basis.

Anyway, I just think that Cyzygy provides the President and Americorps with an incredible opportunity.

This is an audience that will be powerful and help move the dialogue in this nation forward.

What can we do to make this happen?

I await your guidance and suggestions.

Thanks!
alan

Anne M -

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2. OK/Kansas response.

Want A+?

TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling

FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary

Ann Lewis
Counselor to the President

Karen Tramontano
Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff

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REQUEST: For the President to attend an event to receive the two-year report on the Presidents' Summit on America's Future from General Colin Powell at the White House.

PURPOSE: In February 1997 the President asked General Powell to Chair the Presidents' Summit on America's Future in Philadelphia. Powell is prepared to release the two-year progress report on the Summit. The report will focus entirely on the efforts to deliver on the five goals of the Summit for young people. In addition to receiving the report, the event would present an opportunity to focus attention on the Administration's key initiatives, especially AmeriCorps, and the education and health initiatives for children.

BACKGROUND: Late April marks the second anniversary of the Presidents' Summit. At several points - six months after the Summit, one year after the Summit, and soon two years after the Summit, General Powell has reported on the progress of his crusade for children. The events, accompanied by published reports, highlight especially outstanding public, private and independent sector efforts to provide the conditions of success for children.

General Powell has been asked to give a lunch speech at the National Press Club to discuss the two-year progress report. Before making that speech, he would like to formally present the Report to the President at the White House.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President announced the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in a White House ceremony with President Bush in February 1997. At that ceremony, he asked General Powell to Chair the Summit. The

President then spent two days at the Summit in Philadelphia in April 1997. Since then, the President has often made reference to the Presidents' Summit and/or to America's Promise and General Powell in discussing Administration initiatives for children. Last June, the president announced the creation of the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, a special leadership cadre of AmeriCorps members who will specifically pursue the five goals of the Summit. The first class of nearly 500 AmeriCorps Promise Fellows recently started their service and completed an intense training.

DATE & TIME: May 17, 1999
a.m. if possible

LOCATION: White House South Lawn
Rain Site: East Room (White House Volunteers done at another location)

DURATION: 45 minutes - 1 hour

PARTICIPANTS: General Powell, Harris Wofford, White House Volunteers

OUTLINE OF EVENT: First, the President would take photos with the President's Service Award Winners that were previously scheduled at the 100,000 AmeriCorps Celebration

General Powell would then formally present the Report to the Nation to the President. After the presentation of the report, Powell and the President would make remarks on stage with 20 Americorps Promise Fellows on either side.

REMARKS: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes, national media

RECOMMENDED BY: Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Karen Tramontano, Ann Lewis, Bruce Reed

CONTACT PERSON: Anne McGuire
Special Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs