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Note for Maguire, Meg

From: Waxler, Eric
Date: Mon, Jan 23, 1995 12:39 PM
Subject: USDA
To: Maguire, Meg

FYI: I just talked with our state Corporation rep. in South Dakota, John Pohlman. While doing site visits in the state, he stopped by the USDA project in Huron. He said that the Members were making maps and entering data into the computer. According to him, most of the work that they are doing had previously been done by USDA staff, before being downsized. To his knowledge, the Members had yet to do outreach into the community. Apparently, one Member has transferred to the Sioux YMCA program, funded through the state set aside (of course, they didn't bother to tell me).

I continue to play phone tag with Mike O'Connor, but I will keep you posted when I finally talk with him.

Joel
We need to
make sure all AC
Members doing mapping
& data collec. understand
& convey enthusiasm
for the value of their
work. Many people
here do not understand
why this work is imp't.
Let's discuss -
Meg

August 16, 1996

TO: Joel Berg

FROM: Hank

Two Items

1. About 3 weeks ago, I faxed over a copy of the material from Paul Simon. Have you been able to figure anything out? We will have to respond, so let me know.
2. It seems the East St. Louis project (94ADFDC047XX17B - at least in our system) was awarded 13FT and 1PT slots. But they are trying to enroll 14 PT. It won't work that way - so can you get someone to check up?

Thanks

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I know you are in the midst of a last-ditch effort to make the USDA team work, so I thought I'd let you know that 5 out of my 6 are still holding out, not because they don't have other alternatives, but because they really believe that what they were working on made a difference -- to the people with whom they were working and to their own perspectives and careers. All are deeply appreciative of your efforts.

Let me join them in wishing you a Holiday season filled with good news as well as good cheer. If that doesn't work out, we will all go heavy on the cheer and spend the first days of the New Year plotting for next year...

I'm in DC at 202-986-9633 all next week. Please call if I can do anything useful.

Allan

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Economic Development Through Heritage Conservation

September 5, 1995

Mr. Joel Berg
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Dear Joel:

This first USDA/AmeriCorps year in Louisiana has been very successful. USDA/AmeriCorps members achieved community service objectives and improved the quality of life for many residents of rural Louisiana.

On August 4, 1995, Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor Melinda Schwegmann addressed Louisiana's first class of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) AmeriCorps graduates at the Forestry Center in the Alexander State Forest near Woodworth, Louisiana. The Forestry Center was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the early 1930's. Graduates were presented with engraved plaques and a yearbook compiled by USDA/AmeriCorps members. A copy of the yearbook and video footage of the graduation and news reports are enclosed.

I am proud of the accomplishments of our first class of USDA/AmeriCorps members, and I am looking forward to another year of *Getting Things Done for America* with USDA/AmeriCorps members in Louisiana!

Sincerely,



Donald W. Gohmert
State Conservationist

Enclosures

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Ft. Worth, TX
Paula C. Jones, AmeriCorps Program Manager, NRCS, Washington, DC

October 30, 1996

Joel Berg
Department of Agriculture
AmeriCorps Program Director
14th and Independence Avenue SW
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Washington DC, 20250

Dear Joel,

Thank you for keeping AmeriCorps alive this past year. Hopefully, after the election, Congress will recognize the necessity of maintaining rural AmeriCorps projects like the Mt Adams Center and support the Secretary Glickman's reprogramming request!

Enclosed is a copy of the Northwest Service Academy's progress report from April 1- September 30, 1996. We hope that you spend a few minutes examining our community service objectives on pages 22-33, 46-53 and 83-85. You will rapidly realize the quality and quantity of projects that NWSA AmeriCorps Members accomplished at each Center over the past six months is outstanding!

Because of the spectrum of environmental, educational and community projects accomplished, it rapidly became apparant that we could not aggregate them in the parent document. They range from endangered species surveys for the Forest Service to "naturescaping" urban schools, from testing rural well water to lighting surveys at Universities, from mobilizing Earth Day volunteers to remodeling low income housing for Habitat for Huminity.

Yet, as you will see, they all reflect NWSA's three "R's" of service (Restoring NW Watersheds, Reinforcing NW Schools and Rebuilding NW Communities) while strengthening team morale by providing AmeriCorps Members with a broad range of service opportunities.

We are proud that NWSA's AmeriCorps Members have truly succeeded in "Getting things done" for our communities. Thank you again for your continued leadership and support over the past year. I think we have all aged significantly thanks to the challenges of a government shutdown and the setbacks in AmeriCorps funding at the Department level. This year we should have a reason to celebrate!

Sincerely,



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TO: Joel Berg
FROM: Dee DiFiore
SUBJECT: Clustering

Q. Arizona - Will all members actually report to work in Holbrook every morning?

A. That is my understanding.

Q. Kansas - Farlington is not on my map. In what county is it located?

A. Crawford County

Q. Maryland - Who are supervising the DC and Maryland Programs? Is there a project to be renewed on the Eastern Shore?

A. Have not identified supervisors to date. Will inform as soon as we know. No project on Eastern Shore.

Q. Michigan - Lake Leelanau is not on my map. What county is it in?

A. Leelanau County.

Q. New Mexico - Alberquecue cluster only has three members, who will be many hours away from the 4-corners.

A. Members will cluster with Forest Service & RECD members.

Q. Oregon - my map doesn't list Butte Falls --where is it?

A. Approximately 50-55 miles east of Grants Pass.

Q. South Carolina - Why do all clusters only have five members?

A. Why not?

Q. For the following states, I list distances of operating sites from their cluster meeting locations. How can we be assured that members will meet regularly?

A. Because they are all democrats & they promised.

- A. Okay - lets cancel these sites.
- Q. Tennessee - Waverly is 79 miles from Jackson.
- A. I don't believe they had any problems during the past year. This is not new.
- Q. Utah - Why does Price cluster have only three members?
- A. Cluster with other agencies.
- Q. Vermont - As I can personally attest from having driven the ride, Williston is at least an hour and a half ride from Randolph.
- A. This is same cluster site as past year. I suggest we contact members to verify if they did in fact have cluster meetings and if it was a problem.
- Q. Virginia - Manassass is 92 miles (2 hour drive) and Keysville is 71 miles from Richmond.
- A. Your right, Manassas is too far, suggest we cancel site. I believe 71 miles is reasonable.
- Q. West Virginia - Morgantown is 93 miles and Moorefield is over 120 miles from Buckhannon.
- A. So what? Morgantown is the cluster site. Moorefield is a little over 50 miles and Buckhannon is a little under 50 miles.

From: Joel Berg
To: SIESNET.OSEC(MPHIPPS)
Date: 1/8/97 9:07am
Subject: Memo to the Field on Ending AmeriCorps -Reply -Reply

** Proprietary **

Please do give Greg and Charlie a copy of the memo. The file with the memo is attached.

I am obviously anxious to resolve issues about the future of both myself and the program as soon as possible. Assuming the program is not saved this week, I will have considerably less work to do almost immediately. (Of course, I will still have enormous energy, enthusiasm, and desire to perform useful work that will help both the Administration and the nation.)

I would also be more than glad to meet with Greg, Charlie, and/or yourself about this at the earliest possible opportunity. There are many additional points I would like to make orally.

The bottom line is that --- while the Secretary and the Cage continue to necessarily focus on civil rights and farm trade and reorganization and Farm Bill implementation and food safety and Forest Service issues, etc. --- there is a great need for a self-starting nucleus at the Departmental level to guarantee that the Department does everything possible to ensure the success of the food recovery, welfare reform, and food security initiatives. I would very much like to have a leadership role in that effort.

From: Katherine Gibney
To: jberg
Date: 11/13/96 2:51pm
Subject: hacu

i just received labels from hacu for our recruitment materials. despite major reservations due to our situation with congress, i went ahead at your request and sent out info to the naslugc schools for which we had labels. do you want me to send out the same recruitment info to hacu organizations. my reservations continue, as you can see.

Deane
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mc

SC USDA, FSA

Carrie White

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From: Joel Berg
To: TAMONTREE, LTRIVERS, SVERBLE, SIESNET.OSEC.KMONROE...
Date: 1/8/97 5:59pm
Subject: Press Strategy Related to Food Recovery PSA to Run on Fox

** Proprietary **

Since Laura is so busy with the civil rights forums, she asked me to help with the press work related to the food recovery PSA scheduled to run on the Fox Network during the "Party of Five" broadcast on January 15th.

Attached is a rough draft of the press release. I will run it by the OGC to see if there is any problem at all with praising a corporate effort. I don't think there will be any legal problem, but we should definitely get their sign-off.

I will also work with Hannah in Congressional Relations to coordinate with the Fox publicists on this matter. They very likely will put out their own release.

Assuming it is ok with OGC, we should coordinate our pitches with Fox, focusing not only on our regular lists, but TV and entertainment reporters as well. Katherine Gibney should be able to help me with pitch calls.

We may want to also consider pitching the Secretary to Entertainment Tonight or Access Hollywood to talk about the PSA. Certainly, if he is available, we might want to try to get the Secretary on Fox Morning News in DC to talk about it.

Also, I would need your feedback as to which other USDA officials would be suitable to try to get on satellite tours with local news shows of Fox affiliates nationally.

From: Joel Berg
To: GFRAZIER
Date: 1/28/97 10:22am
Subject: The Future After AmeriCorps

**** Proprietary ****

Lynne has made the edits you requested on the AmeriCorps memo and has re-submitted it to the Cage for signature. Once the memo is signed and distributed, most of my AmeriCorps duties will be concluded within a few days. I will then follow-up on Departmental involvement in the Presidential Service Summit and work on a few temporary assignments for OC.

I would appreciate it if you could advise me how I should follow-up on my proposals for long-term initiatives in which I might be involved next.

Common Ground

The RECD AmeriCorps Newsletter

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AmeriCorps Members Attend Training Session in Memphis

By: Laura Duncan

The USDA AmeriCorps team spent the week of March 19 - March 24 in a special training session in Memphis, Tennessee. The session brought together AmeriCorps members throughout the country.

Members received training in various aspects of community development. Sunday evening, members attended a reception, where they had their first opportunity

to meet with members from other states. Actual training began Monday morning.

The first day of training was conducted by various USDA personnel. Sessions dealt with various aspects of USDA and the AmeriCorps program. Members learned about the dynamics and economy of rural areas, got an introduction to using the Internet, were taught how to write press releases, and discussed how to represent AmeriCorps in a positive way.



**AmeriCorps Members with
Joel Berg in Memphis**

The rest of the week the staff of the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, a nonprofit organization based in Nebraska, conducted an intensive training program in community development called "Helping Small Towns Survive." These sessions included an overview of Please see MEMPHIS, P2

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community development; a session on development of effective communication; training in working with community groups and non-profit organizations; an introduction to conducting community assessments; guidance in conflict management and identifying and developing leaders in the community; and direction in creating strategic plans for community growth. Sessions involved a great deal of interaction among members and team problem-solving.

The week was a hectic, involved one. We began sessions at 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. and finished at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. The program was quite demanding and required a great deal of work, but AmeriCorps members were rewarded for their efforts. We had the opportunity to become acquainted with AmeriCorps members in other states and establish a network of resources. We found that in other states AmeriCorps members had had difficulties similar to ours, and we were able to learn from their approaches and solutions to problems. We learned about group dynamics through our interaction with each other. We got to know (or to know better) AmeriCorps program leaders across the country including Dave Gibson, Jim Coyle, and Joel Berg. It was a great learning experience.

The Power of the Pen

By: John Mills

The Memphis training gathering for USDA AmeriCorps members has been in the history books (of our personal memoirs at least) for over a month now. I must admit that I haven't thought much about the sometimes boring, but very informative, event since I dragged myself off an airplane in Lexington, Kentucky. But, I recently received correspondence from two AmeriCorps members that reminded me of the unique and beneficial experience that it was.



John Mills with Chris Brady

Chris Brady, an AmeriCorps member in Ontario, Oregon, sent me a letter with some very helpful information on getting connected to the Internet and two 800 numbers for E-mail service after our conversation on the subject in Memphis. It was a real surprise to hear from him. He made mention

of the boost the Memphis gathering gave to his morale. It was just a simple reminder, but it did a lot for my spirits. To read about the people in his work, the obstacles he was encountering, and how he was confident that they would be overcome was inspiring to me.

Another AmeriCorps member from Blackville, S.C., Jacqueline Porter, sent me literature pertaining to community development corporations and the different approaches they take in their given communities. This gave me a new way to look at the community development subjects we discussed in Memphis and reinforced some of the material in my memory.

It is these thoughtful follow-ups from the acquaintances I made in Memphis that made it a valuable experience. By sharing their stories and letting me know that they are still out there struggling and committed, they have given me courage to do more and keep a positive outlook.

Participant profile: Lara May

By: Laura Duncan

Lara May has a long commute from her home in West Liberty, Kentucky to her office at Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg. She worked part-time during her last three years of school, so adjusting to her AmeriCorps service duties Please See LARA, P3

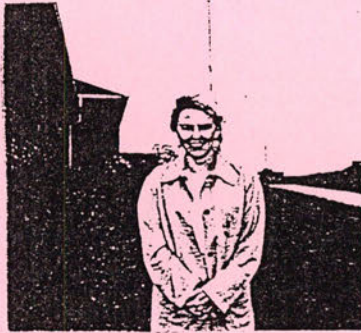
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was not difficult for her. The hardest part she says is the commute.

Lara attended UK where she received a BA in Sociology last August before becoming an AmeriCorps member. As an AmeriCorps member, Lara has been able to start making "a difference in Appalachia and rural communities." She especially appreciates her opportunities to learn about "implementing community development strategies," to network with AmeriCorps members across the state and the nation, and to participate in the teamwork essential to affect change. AmeriCorps has also helped Lara discover resources that she may be able to use in her career, and though her experiences with AmeriCorps, Lara has found a career focus as well--she wants to work with community development.

However, Lara, an active member of Foothills Artists, Inc., and the Morgan County Governance Project, has other interests outside of community development. She likes to write, though only for herself. One day she would like to share her writing, possibly even write a fictional book about Appalachia. She likes to be outdoors as well, enjoying activities such as walking, gardening or playing tennis. She does needlepoint, plays the piano, is taking an art class, and plans to take a photography class. She has a wide range of interests which include an obsession with

helicopters, which she would one day like to learn to fly.



Lara May

Lara is very close to her family: Her family is small, but tight-knit. Lara is especially close to her two older brothers, her two nephews, and her grandmother, who is teaching Lara the secrets of gardening. Lara shares a particular closeness with her mother Sallie, who has been a tremendous influence in her life.

Lara has a real sense of whimsy (her secret fantasy is to become a mermaid for a week) but since graduating from college she has begun to view the world differently, more realistically. "The real world," she says, "is very different from the college world, obviously, and being in the real world makes you wake up and take a look around you and realize that you've got to stay on your toes, that you can't just float along like you did in college. The real world won't be over in four years; it's FOREVER!"

Site Profile: Kentucky River Area Development Program Summary

The Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD) is a quasi-governmental regional planning agency serving the citizens of Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe Counties. Elected officials and citizens from each county make up the region-wide KRADD Board of Directors. KRADD has been serving the region for over 25 years.

There are 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs) for the state of Kentucky. The Area Development District concept originated in Kentucky in 1961 with the establishment of what were called Area Development Councils and became a basis for the Area Development authorization in a number of federal acts, including the Appalachian Regional Development Act and the Public Works and Economic Development Act, of 1965.

The Program Development Office was established in the Kentucky Governor's Office in 1961 to provide the state role in working with the state established Development Areas. Today this role is served by the Department of Local Government in the Governor's office.

The local-state-federal
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partnership was fully realized in the federal acts, which then made federal designation and funds available for the final establishment of the fifteen Area Development Districts, or ADDs, in 1967. By executive order of the Governor, all state agencies were directed to work consistently with the fifteen areas in local area approaches to programs.

The Kentucky River Area Development District was incorporated in this final system of Districts in 1968 and funded as an Economic Development District under 301B of Title III of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and under Section 301 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. In 1972, the Kentucky General Assembly provided state statutory authorization for the fifteen ADDs with enactment of Kentucky Revised Statute 147A.050.

Kentucky ADDs have three distinctions, along with their long tenure, which distinguish them from similar area organizations, since utilized in most other states--the fifteen Kentucky ADDs provide a system of complete coverage to all 120 counties; Kentucky ADDs provide systematic linkage between area leadership and the Governor's Office and other state and federal agencies and private organizations; and Kentucky ADDs treat more than economic development by

dealing with all categorical program areas in Strategic Area Development Programs, basic to continuing program development to meet each area's development objectives.

Each ADD provides a communication link between local cities, local counties, the state, and the federal government. Kentucky ADDs assist local governments and communities in the areas of accounting, budgeting, personnel, and other financial or technical services. The ADDs assist local communities in obtaining state and federal funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Community Development Block Grant 9CDBG) and other state and federal resources. The ADDs of Kentucky have become centers of vast information and data that could be crucial to progress. Kentucky ADDs continuously look for processes to help communities manage an overwhelming array of information, to help people work together more effectively, to apply technology and to serve the changing needs of Kentuckians.

AmeriCorps Updates

From South Carolina

Recently, Jacqueline Porter sent me some materials regarding her work in Blackville, South Carolina. Jacqueline has been addressing the housing issue in Blackville.

She has been working with South Carolina State University to deal with such issues as homelessness, low-income rental assistance, and the housing needs of the elderly.

Ms. Porter was also recently recognized by House Representative, Wilber L. Cave for her concern about available services for HIV positive citizens in her area. In a letter to her, Representative Cave commended Ms. Porter on her work in the Blackville community and recognized her unique opportunity as an AmeriCorps volunteer to "link resources and people."

KCEOC Update: Life Skill Classes

By: Mona Powell

When I was first approached by the Knox County EZ/EC committee to develop a series of life skill classes for residents of Knox County, I was apprehensive about the project. I did not think that low-income families would respond well to the classes. Nothing could have been farther for the truth! In my original Site Objective I felt that we would have a great response if we reached 15 to 20 families. As of June 1, 1995, I have conducted classes for 45 families and have two sets of classes which have not begun.

As an AmeriCorps member, it is extremely gratifying to see that I have Please See CLASSES, p5

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made a difference in my community. The people in my classes are very economically disadvantaged. Most are on welfare and other forms of public assistance. These people are extremely interested in how they can break the vicious cycle of welfare. They ask questions about how to finance an education, how to seek better employment, how to manage the little money that they do get, and how to protect their children from falling in the welfare trap.

It is sad to think that some people feel that my students do not care enough to "do something" about their situation. It is not that they do not care; they have never been taught the skills necessary to pull themselves up to a better way of life. Some of my students have grown up on the welfare rolls and thought that the only way for people in this area to survive was on welfare.

Many of my students have been laid off when businesses have closed or moved out of the area. When we are growing up, we do not imagine that we will work for a company for 15 years and then have to start all over again. There is a shock and numbness that goes with this traumatic experience that can not be explained to someone that has not experienced the situation.

There is a spirit among my students that is extremely rewarding for me. One of the students in the GED class that I visit with has recently

obtained her GED and is applying to Eastern Kentucky University for the fall term. This lady has two small sons and is a single parent. After class last week she said that had she not taken my classes she did not think that she would have had the courage to take her GED test and apply for college. She believes that she can now make a difference in her lifestyle that will also influence her sons to work hard to do their best. This is just one example of how AmeriCorps members can make a difference in communities! How lucky we are to have the opportunity to do so!

Doing More

By: Paula Bailey



Paula Bailey with Matt Hall and Michele Humfleet

I was born in Norton, Virginia in Park Avenue Hospital where my father worked. My family lived there for five years. When I was five, we moved to Dryden, Virginia close to my paternal grandparents. I have always

lived in Virginia, and have lived in Dryden for seventeen years. My parents are still married after 26 years, they have disagreements of course by they still love each other. My mom and I have a wonderful relationship. We are more like friends most of the time. My dad is pretty quiet and likes to have his way. My brother is just like dad. We all get along and have a very healthy family relationship. I don't think that any one person has had much influence over me. I think that my whole family has made the biggest impact on me. We have a rather large family so I have had the opportunity to watch and learn from my cousins' trials and errors.

My favorite hobby is oil painting. I find it very relaxing and enjoyable, and I am actually pretty good at it. I always thought it would be fun to paint, so my last semester of college I took a course in basic oil painting. I have been painting ever since. I also play the piano a little. I try to be completely honest with people without hurting their feelings. I really try to be considerate of other people because that is how I would like to be treated. I also try to focus on positive things in my life, and not to dwell upon failure or disappointments. I have a few close personal friends, but I usually don't open up very often. My philosophy of life is that you can only do what is possible. Every person has limits of Please See MORE, p6

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achievement, but they must be tested in order to know that you have done all that can be done. "What will be will be," one person can only do so much alone. United any people (AmeriCorps) can make a difference.

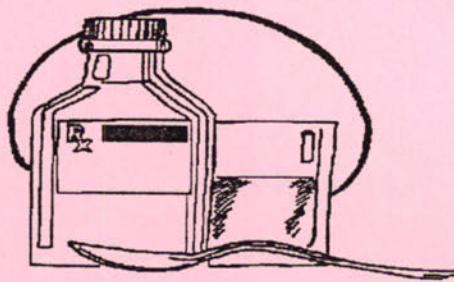
I attended a church school for two years, then I went to Dryden Elementary School and High School until I was in the 11th grade. Five schools in our area combined to create Lee High School where I graduated in 1990. I went to college at Clinch Valley College in Wise, Virginia. The college is a branch of the University of Virginia. I graduated with a major in Chemistry in May of 1994. I have applied to pharmacy school, and still have not heard whether or not I will be accepted. If I do not get into pharmacy school, I will either work toward getting a Master's in Chemistry or enter the Sonography/ Ultrasound program.

No matter which path I choose to follow, AmeriCorps will help me by providing me with a way to help pay for my education. I think that everyone's personal fantasy would be to have complete financial security and a career which you enjoy. This fantasy is somewhat realistic. I am trying to get realistic goals so that I will not be disappointed later.

Being out in the work-force has made me realize just how important a good quality education is to

everyone. Most of the jobs available in this part of Virginia require a specialized college degree or some type of experience. I didn't think it would be this hard to find a good job. I realize now more than ever that I will return to college to improve my education.

I have worked in a video store which proved to be the easiest job I have ever had. I worked at a grocery store while I went to college. Some people were very nice, but others were very hateful. I realized that I needed a job where I would be making a difference, or where what I did really mattered. [My service with AmeriCorps] has given me a feeling of importance.



The educational award was also a big incentive. Furthermore, this job promised the meaningful work that I had hoped for. Anyone can check out groceries, I want to do more.

Working with a team and being able to really help people is a truly rewarding experience for me. I like to be able to go back and say, "I told this person about our program, helped her fill out an

application, and took part in having the home repaired." Being able to know that you have made a difference in people's lives makes you feel good about yourself. No one experience has been more important to me than another. All of the projects I have worked with have had an impact on me. Working with each low income family makes me realize how lucky I am to have the opportunity to go on and further my education.

Usually I stay very busy. My duties include all angles of the application process. I also do some outreach so people will know about our program. I am also involved in the writing of the repair specification, the loan approval process, inspections on the work being completed, and the loan closing process. I never realized that the need for better housing in Lee County was so great. Many people do not have indoor baths, or plumbing. I have also learned how important it is to make sure that the repairs on the homes are done correctly. I have also learned how to work with the others in my office, as a team working toward a common goal.

I realize now more than ever that people in our community need help, and need to be educated about the help that is available. I have also come to realize that a quality education and experience in the real world are both essential to a successful career later in life.

Get Yourself Connected: User Friendly

By: Laura Duncan

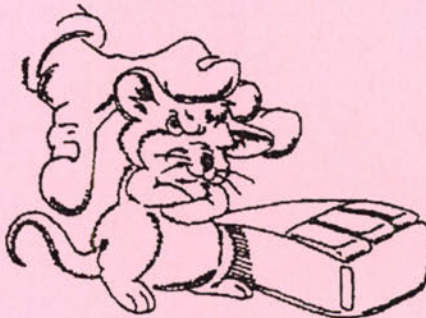


*Note: While this article is not specifically about the Internet, I think you might find its contents useful in any area of computer usage.

It's a simple fact: computers make your life easier. I never would have believed how much a computer would simplify my life before I started using one. In fact, I used to be afraid of computers. I thought they were too complex. I thought that I would have to learn incomprehensible, complicated terminology. I managed to complete my Bachelor's degree without touching a computer. I finished my Master's degree, also without taking one computer course. I had, however, in graduate school learned the very basics of using Microsoft Word, my first word processing program, on a

MacIntosh computer. By running tutorials and experimentation, I managed to learn just enough to be able to word process my papers in graduate school instead of typing. I was then, and am now, one of the world's worst typists. I use the hunt and peck method. I type very slowly and make numerous errors, but I discovered something while using the Mac--you can make as many mistakes as you want because editing on a computer is simple.

After graduate school, I never used a Mac again. I never used a computer at all again until I became a faculty member at Southeast Community College. There, I did the impossible; I taught myself WordPerfect 5.0 on a dinosaur IBM PC. Unlike with the Mac I used in graduate school, this old PC required the user to learn and manipulate Function Keys instead of the relatively simplicity of a mouse.



My knowledge of computers is not extensive, but I consider myself proficient. My greatest strength as a computer user is my willingness to learn. I am no longer intimidated by

computers. In fact, I couldn't live without my personal computer. I also think I have some aptitude for computers. After all, I am almost completely self-taught, except for an occasional question I may have asked my colleagues. On the whole, I learned by trial and error. I am still learning.

My advise to the potential computer student is this: if you can afford it, buy your own computer. There are two reasons I suggest this. First of all, you can learn at your leisure and without distractions. Secondly, you can choose a computer to suit you personal needs. If you can't afford to buy a computer, make time to learn to use one at the office or at a local college. Next, identify programs that will be useful to you. At the very least, learn to use a good word processing program. Run tutorials, if they are available, to introduce you to the computer you are using and its applications.

Don't be afraid to use resources--people resources and manuals, books or magazines about computer usage. If you have a friend who is computer proficient, ask questions when you don't understand something. If you don't have someone who can assist you, consult written materials for answers.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes. We learn from our mistakes, and often with the computer, making a mistake leads to knowledge of a new
Please See FRIENDLY, p7

FRIENDLY (cont.)

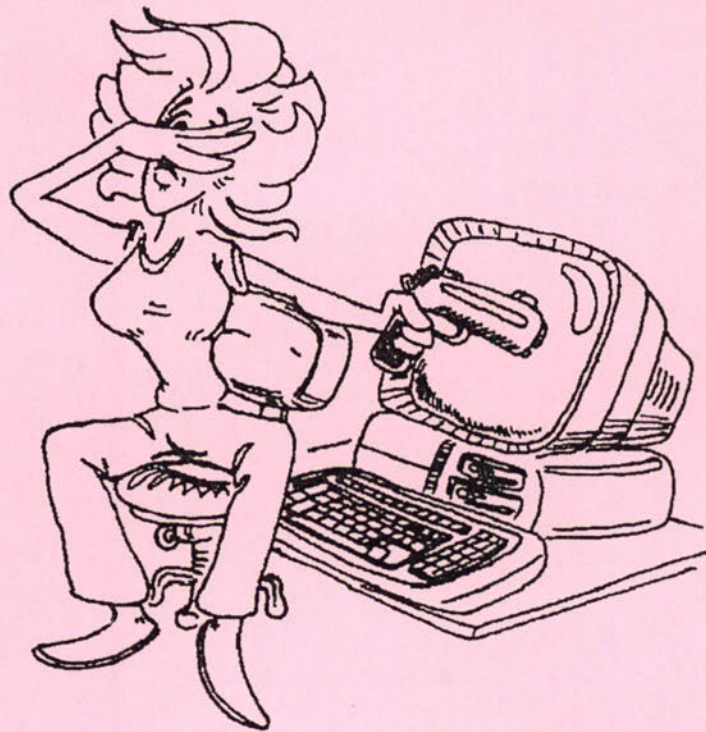
or better way to do things.

Don't give up. At first, learning a new program, or even basic knowledge about a computer, can be frustrating but stick with it and your efforts will be rewarded.

Don't be intimidated.

In most cases, there is very little you can do to harm a computer or its programs. Usually beginners do not have the skills required to destroy a program or any part of it. It is very difficult to alter a computer or its function by accident. You usually have to know what you are doing to accomplish this, and even if you do change a setting, it usually is simple to reset it.

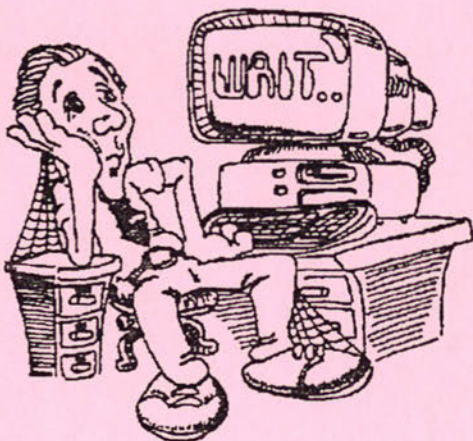
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Happy Birthday

Matthew Hall

April 28



In an effort to determine the impact of not going forward with the USDA AmeriCorps Projects, two sample polls were taken. The first sample, shown as Table One shows economic data. The second sample, shown as Table Two, shows projects that will be either canceled or seriously delayed.

Table One is approximately 15% of the USDA projects located throughout the country.

The sample was an effort to get some idea of the funds invested in the USDA AmeriCorps Projects by other Federal agencies, State agencies or local communities. As you can see, substantial funds have been invested in the USDA AmeriCorps projects.

Table Two represents approximately 10% of the USDA AmeriCorps Projects.

**USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS
IN PROGRESS
TABLE 1**

ST	PROJECT TITLE	% of PROJECT COMPLETED	NON-AMERICORPS FEDERAL FUNDS COMMITTED	STATE FUNDS COMMITTED	NON-GOVERNMENT FUNDS COMMITTED	POTENTIAL JOBS CREATED	POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT
AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	20		\$ 2,200,000	\$ 150,000		\$75,000,000
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN RELOCATION	20	\$ 900,000	1,250,000	200,0	50	200,000 +
HI	TREE PLANTING						
ID	HOME*A*SYST	30	118,000	20,000	5,000	10	10,000,000
KS	CHENEY LAKE RESTORATION	50	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	KANOPLIS/WILTON LAKE	60	90,000		20,000	8	3,000,000
KS	TUTTLE/MILFORD LAKES	65	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	PERRY/CLINTON LAKES	60	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	EL DORADO LAKE		90,000		20,000	8	5,000,000
KS	GREAT PLAIN NATURE CTR		120,000		50,000	10	*
KS	BIG CREEK STREAM RESTOR*T	70	100,000		15,000	7	
KS	SHAWNEE CO STREAM RESTORATION	60	160,000		25,000	20	
KY	ONEIDA AREA IMPROVEMENT				2,000		
LA	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	57		\$ 996,984			\$50M

MI	FARM*A*SYST			249,000			
ME	COASTAL WATER QUALITY & CLAM INDUSTRY	60	100,000	50,000	40,000	150	4,000,000 yr
ME	SHELLFISH WATER QUALITY EDUCATION COORDINATORS	50	150,000	80,000	60,000	100	3,000,000 yr
ME	FORESTRY/ENVIRONMENTAL WATER QUALITY COORD.	35	40,000	60,000	20,000	15	5,000,000 yr
ME	CRANBERRY WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	75	25,000	50,000	50,000	200	50,000,000 yr
ME	CASCO BAY/SEBAGO LAKE WATERSHED COORD.	40	100,000	20,000	25,000	10	2,000,000 yr
ME	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CIRCUIT RIDER	10	140,000	10,000	20,000		
ME	MACD EDUCATION COORDINATOR	60	20,000	20,000	20,000		
ME	ST. CROIX WATERSHED COORDINATOR	70	20,000	10,000	15,000	5	200,000 yr
ME	FISH RIVER LAKES WATERSHED COORDINATOR	50	25,000	50,000	100,000	5	200,000 yr
ME	TRAIL COORDINATOR	40	50,000	20,000	40,000	75	5,000,000 yr
ME	DARMANISCOTTA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR	40	20,000	20,000	50,000	40	4,000,000 yr
ME	CAMP ROAD WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	50	20,000	10,000	20,000	2	20,000 yr
ME	MEDUNEKEAG RIVER WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	30	20,000	20,000	20,000	10	100,000 yr
ME	CHINA LAKE WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	40	20,000	10,000	20,000	5	50,000 yr

NH	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	25	20,000	10,000	35,000	10	25M
NH	WATERSHED PROJECT	15	60,000	20,000	65,000	5	15M
NH	NH COOKS	10	100,000	200,000	400,000	40	3.5 M
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION , T. OF EDEN, NY (25,000 AC)	10	1,000		3,000		500,000
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION, ERIE & NIAGARA (200,000 AC)	75	5,000	25,000	15,000	1	2,000,000
NY	STREAM MAPPING IN GIS	90		1,000	10,000	.25	400,000
NY	NIAGARA FRONTIER WETLANDS INITIATIVE LAND USE	10		20,000	5,000		1,000,000
NY	STATE REGULATED WETLAND BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS	25		5,000	1,000		500,000
NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS ABANDONED GAS WELL LOCATIONS	30	2,000		10,000	3	5,000,000
NY	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DRY HYDRANT PROJECT	10			50,000	1	5,000,000
NY	COUNTY AG DISTRICT MAP UPDATE	10			5,000		100,000
NY	URBAN FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT	10	250		750	1	80,000
NY	BUFFALO CREEK CORRIDOR PROTECTION PROJECT	10			25,000	1	2,000,000
NY	HABITAT OF HUMANITY PROJECT MAP	75			250		50,000

NY	OLD GROWTH FOREST MAPPING & PRESERVATION	20			250		1,500,000
NY	BARN OWL NEST SITES	20			250		2,000,000
NY	INTERNATIONAL MARSH MONITORING LPROJECT	75	20,000	20,000	20,000	2	800,000
NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS DATA TRANSFER & TNG	25	5,000		35,000	1	10,000,000
NY	TOWN OF EDEN, GIS TNG & OPEN SPACE STUDY	50			7,500	.5	1,000,000
NY	TOWN OF WALES GIS TNG & DATA DISTRIBUTION	50			12,000	25	400,000
NY	LAKE ERIE/LAKE ST. CLAIRE NAT. WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT	90	24,000(USGS)		2,000		1,000,000
NY	FEMA FLOOD MAP DATA DISTRIBUTION	15	200		200		600,000
NY	BUFFALO RIVER TAX PARCELS	50			4,000		200,00
NY	TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND TAX PARCELS	20			7,000		75,000
NY	AMHERST FARMLAND PROTECTION PROJECT MAPS	25		900,000	900,000	1	2,500,000
NY	CAZENOVIA CREEK UNREGULATED DISCHARGE MAPPING	75	500		1,000		75,000
NY	BUFFALO CREEK PROJECT MAINTENANCE MAPPING	75	250		30,000	1	60,000
NY	UNITED WAY FOOD BANKS & PANTRIES PROJECT	65			2,000		200,000

NY	ELECTION WARDS & DISTRICTS MAPPING PROJECT	15			2,500		50,000
NY	INTEGRATING INFORMATION & ACTION	25	1,000		5,000	1	
NY	F&WS ATLANTIC SALMON REINTROD & DATA MAPPING	50	35,000 (USFW)		2,000	5	10,000,000
OK	WINDBREAK RESTORATION	10	165,000	30,000	30,000	10	100,000
OK	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	20	55,000	10,000	25,000		
SC	NATURE TRAIL CONSTRUCT'N	25		75,000	75,000	2	1,000,000
SC	ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTERS	30		50,000	125,000	5	2,000,000
SC	PUBLIC SAFETY-911	25		10,000	400,000	10	5,000,000
SC	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	30	100,000	200,000	500,000	15	10,000,000
VT	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	50			34,000		560,000
WV	HOUSING IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND	30		310,000			
WV	BARBOUR COMMUNITY NET				24,745		

* IMPACTS ON 85,000 STUDENTS

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TABLE 2**

ST	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT SERIOUSLY DELAYED	PROJECT CANCELED
AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Installation of dry fire hydrants in rural areas	X	
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN PROJECT	Moving families out of the floodplain	X	
GA	WORKING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS	Work in the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, & tutoring		X
GA	HOUSING IMPROVMENT	Assist with home repairs and area clean-ups		X
GA	FOOD BUYING CLUBS	Establishing food buying clubs in a 6 county area		X
HI	MOLOKAI-LANAI REFORESTATION	Plant trees in critical watersheds to reduce non-point pollution		X
ID	HOME*A*SYST	Wellhead/environmental protection project		X
IL	STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	Installing willow posts		X
IL	CITY REVITALIZAT ION	Paint & repair downtown buildings		X
IL	DAY CARE CENTER IMPROVEMENT	Remodeling local day care center		X
IL	CEMETARY CLEAN-UP	Remove debris, trees, and brush from cemetary		X
KS	CHENEY LAKE RESTORATION	Flood restoration work		X
KS	KANOPLIS/WILTON LAKE	Flood restoration work		X
KS	TUTTLE/MILFORD LAKES	Flood restoration work		
	PERRY/CLINTON LAKES	Flood restoration work		X

KS	EL DORADO LAKE	Flood restoration work		X
KS	SHAWNEE CO STREAM RESTORATION	Flood restoration work		X
KY	OPERATION PRIDE	Coordination between neighborhoods to organize, clean-up, etc		X
KY	FRONTIER HOUSING	Pre-home ownership counseling program		X
KY	SERVICE CONNECTION	Emergency repairs for low income families at little or no cost		X
KY	ONEIDA AREA IMPROVEMENT	Improve area around the 2 springs where families get fresh drinking water		X
KY	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	Construction of an Outdoor Environmental Classroom		X
KY	E-911	Development of an emergency 911 system	X	
KY	DANIEL BOONE DEV COUNCIL	Counseling program for people to move into homes being built	X	
LA	DRY FIRE HYDRANTS PROGRAM	Installation of dry fire hydrants in rural areas	X	
LA	TOWN OF CULLEN	Community wide beautification project		X
LA	PROJECT CELEBRATION	Youth projects and a battered women's shelter	X	
LA	ST. MARY COMMUNITY ACTION	Working with very low and low income families to make homes available	X	
LA	ST. LANDRY ECON. INDUCEMENT DISTRICT	Match low income community members with sources of homes		X
LA	SOUTHERN MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION	Working with numerous environmental issues & a community based Adult Readiness Center	X	
MI	FARM*A*SYST	Water quality improvement program		X
TX	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	Clean-up and improve downtown area		X
TX	TEXAS RURAL LEADERSHIP TNG PROGRAM	Train local people in leaderships skills		X

VA	DEVELOPMENT OF DAY CARE CTR	Design & implement a quality daycare and after school center		X
VT	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Design fire protection plans for local rural communities	X	
WA	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	Coordinate and oversee the construction of a 14 unit low income senior housing development	X	
WA	HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT	Coordinate activities of housing development based on assessment	X	
WV	WAGE COMPARABILITY/JOBS DEVELOPMENT ENTREPRENEURIAL ENVIRONMENT STUDY	Gather information relevant to the development of McDowell County		X



UNITED
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OF AGRICULTURE

November 3, 1996

TO: AmeriCorps State Project Director

FROM: Dee *Dee*

SUBJECT: AmeriCorps Objectives for FY 97

Attached is an objective list for FY 97. These are the objectives that I have in my database for FY 97. Please review these objectives to ensure that they are correct. If there are any targets that are blank, please fill them in. When you are finished, please fax them back to me at (202) 720-4614. (NOTE: Site numbers have changed for 97, Y will be N and X will be D in FY 97.)

Now do NOT misconstrue this memo either. I do NOT know anything more than I knew last week. I know nothing. I am merely trying to stay ahead of the train, so if we ever do get approval to move forward with next year's program, I will be ready.

Thanks for your help.



UNITED
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November 25, 1996

To: Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

From: Joel Berg, Director of National Service, USDA **JB**

Subject: **Urgent Need to Reach Closure on the USDA AmeriCorps Program**

Ironically --- despite the fact that President Clinton specifically praised our AmeriCorps "Summer of Gleaning" program in this Saturday's radio address and that over one dozen Republicans in the Senate have recently offered support for continuing USDA AmeriCorps projects --- there is still an urgent need to immediately decide whether USDA AmeriCorps projects will continue or end.

As you will recall, on February 13, 1996, Shirley Sagawa sent a memorandum to all Federal agency AmeriCorps coordinators indicating that the Corporation's Board of Directors had ratified a new policy in which "Agencies may establish Education Award Only programs." Thus, our projects --- which would receive education awards only from CNS--- have been expecting approval since February.

Up to 1,000 people around the country --- who are either expecting to complete their second year of the program or are hoping to start their first year of the program --- are still waiting to determine how to proceed with their lives as negotiations continue. The hundreds of communities which were expecting to host projects are also in limbo, unable to determine whether the important community projects planned will still be accomplished.

Tables 1 and 2 (attached) summarize the probable impact of program cancellation upon select USDA AmeriCorps projects. Over \$10 million in non-Federal matching funds have already been set aside for these projects. Furthermore, if allowed to continue, the projects noted in the tables would produce an estimated \$336 million dollars in economic benefits.

Given that AmeriCorps Members must finish their 1,700-hour term of service before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, we are rapidly nearing a date beyond which it would be practically impossible to run a full program. Secretary Glickman has asked me to provide him with a decision memo on this matter. (A draft of that memo is attached.)

I would very much like to meet with you at your earliest possible convenience to discuss both how we proceed this year and how we can help CNS develop a long-term strategy to continue to serve rural America.

CC: Terry Russell, Shirley Sagawa, Steve Waldman, Diana Algra, Gene Sofer, Hank Oltman

DRAFT

DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY/DEPUTY SECRETARY

THROUGH: David Carlin
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs

FROM: Joel Berg
Director of National Service

Subject: **Final Attempt to Save the USDA AmeriCorps Program**

ISSUE:

Despite the fact the USDA AmeriCorps program has been supported by the President, nearly all the Democrats in the Senate, and the offices of over one dozen Republicans in the Senate, the program continues to be on hold due to opposition from Senator Bond.

The issue is whether the Secretary will cancel the USDA AmeriCorps program planned for the 1996-1997 program year or whether the Secretary will take a series of final actions aimed at securing a compromise agreement with Senator Bond that would allow the program to continue for a one year period of transition.

BACKGROUND:

The USDA AmeriCorps Program is NOT Currently Operating

A third year of the USDA AmeriCorps program was scheduled to have started on October 1, but all the projects have been placed on hold pending continued negotiation with key Congressional leaders with oversight over AmeriCorps.

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The Forest Service AmeriCorps program has been shut-down even longer --- for a year and a half -- because the Interior Appropriations Subcommittees rejected your reprogramming request last year.

If we do have success in solving the overall USDA AmeriCorps issue, we will still need to get reprogramming approved from the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee in order to continue to Forest Service portion of the program.

Why a Decision Must Be Made Immediately

Given that AmeriCorps Members must finish their full term of service --- which normally lasts ten calendar months --- before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, we are rapidly nearing a date beyond which it would be practically impossible to run a full program.

Prospective AmeriCorps Members -- and communities expecting their service --- have been patiently waiting for a final determination in this matter for months.

Both the potential program participants and the communities need to know whether they will have an AmeriCorps program this year or whether they immediately need to make alternative plans.

Other Options Suggested by Congressional Staff Are Not Legal or Possible

Some congressional staff have suggested that all USDA projects could continue immediately by applying directly to the Corporation for National Service (CNS) or state commissions on national service. In the future, it *will be* very possible that AmeriCorps projects previously sponsored by USDA could be funded directly by CNS and/or by governor-appointed state commissions of national and community service. However, CNS and state commission funds have already been committed for this year and application deadlines have already passed for this year. Thus, this option can help start new projects *next* year, but has no practical way to help projects *planned for this* year.

Other congressional staff have suggested that USDA fund the entire program --- including educational awards --- itself, without signing a cooperative agreement with the Corporation for National Service (CNS). However, the USDA Office of General Counsel has ruled that USDA can *not* legally fund an AmeriCorps program without a cooperative agreement with the CNS and that USDA can *not* fund educational awards.

Ironically, the staff of certain conservative Senators such as Phil Gramm and Larry Craig have suggested that the Secretary essentially ignore the legal opinion of our general counsel (or that he direct them to develop a more favorable opinion) --- and that the Secretary run the program without Bond's approval and without an agreement with CNS. I responded to these staffers by stating that I believed it would be exceedingly unlikely for the Secretary to ignore the advice of his counsel.

Therefore, there is no legal, financial, or logistical way to continue the projects now on hold without some support from both USDA and CNS for at least one year of transition.

Thus, if compromise is not reached extremely soon, all the USDA AmeriCorps projects planned for this year will need to be canceled.

Senator Bond's Most Recent Position

Senator Leahy recently wrote another letter to Senator Bond (attached) supporting the USDA AmeriCorps program, requesting some clarification on how USDA might be able to proceed. In a letter of response to Leahy (attached), Bond still had reservations about USDA spending funds on AmeriCorps:

"After reviewing your proposal to allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to use its own appropriated funds to support AmeriCorps projects, I fear that this approach is contrary to the objectives we have pursued to reform AmeriCorps to generate support for funding of AmeriCorps."

However, Bond's letter to Leahy did seem to keep the door open for some future compromise:

"I understand your objective and agree the USDA AmeriCorps programs are beneficial and serve the community well. Be assured that when Congress convenes in January, I will work with Members to ascertain new ways of funding these programs."

Senator Grassley --- with whom Harris Wofford reached an agreement to reform certain aspects of AmeriCorps in exchange for Grassley's support of the overall AmeriCorps --- has also opposed USDA spending the Department's own funds on AmeriCorps. (See attached letter).

Republican Support for the USDA AmeriCorps Program

While Speaker Gingrich continues to oppose the overall AmeriCorps program, the three most relevant committee chairs in the House support USDA spending its own funds on AmeriCorps.

Congressman Jerry Lewis, Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, Hud, and Independent Agencies, and Joe Skeen, Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, have no objections to USDA spending the Department's own funds on AmeriCorps.

Congressman William Goodling, Chair of the House Economic Opportunities Committee --- the authorizing committee over AmeriCorps, also holds this favorable position, writing: "It is my understanding that this agreement (Wofford's agreement with Grassley) in no way limits the Department of Agriculture from unilaterally funding AmeriCorps programs." (See attached letter).

A number of Republicans in Congress --- many of whom have previously opposed the overall AmeriCorps program --have contacted USDA by phone or by mail asking us to find ways to continue AmeriCorps projects in their state or district: Senators Phil Graham, Kay Bailey Hutchinson, John McCain, Pete Dominici, Dirk Kempthorne, Larry Craig, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Spencer Abraham, Jim Jeffords, Olympia Snowe, Bill Cohen, Mark Hatfield, Arlen Specter, Mitch McConnell and Congressman Doug Berueter and Jack Quinn.

Unfortunately, while a number of these supportive Republican offices have written and/or called the offices of Bond and Grassley, none of them have, to date, agreed to play a forceful leadership role in trying to save the program.

On the Democratic side, Senator Leahy has been the strongest supporter of the program, having spoken with and written to Bond about this matter numerous times. Reportedly, Bond has not been particularly receptive to these discussions. Other Democratic offices that have been active in supporting USDA AmeriCorps are: Senators Paul Wellstone, Paul Sarbanes, Jeff Bingaman, Chuck Robb, Tom Daschle, Patty Murray, Bob Graham, Ron Wyden, Diane Feinstein, and Carl Levin and Congresspeople John Murtha, Frank Mascara, Frank Pallone, Earl Blumenauer, Elizabeth Furse, John Baldacci, John Dingell, Mike McNulty, Jack Reed, James Clyburn, Pete Peterson, Tony Hall, Pat Danner, Frank Tejeda, Norm Dicks, Richard Durbin, Steny Hoyer, and Colin Peterson.

All told, we have spoken with over 170 Congressional offices about this matter. Various letters of support and inquiry are attached.

Yet with no Republican Senator taking a lead role, I believe that, without the direct intervention of the Secretary, no progress on this matter will be reached at the staff level.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Make A Concerted, Final Attempt to Save Program

The Secretary would request Congress to allow USDA to continue funding and supporting AmeriCorps projects for one year only --- as the projects were allowed to transition into a new arrangement, starting next year, which they would receive funding directly from the CNS and/or from state commissions of national service.

Advantages of this option: It seems to be the only remaining way to find any possible compromise to save the USDA AmeriCorps projects. Even if these efforts fail, we can tell Congressional and other supporters that we made every effort possible to save the program.

Disadvantages of this option: There is a slight chance that such actions might anger Senator Bond if he believes we were attempting to get other members of Congress to "gang up on him."

If the Secretary does choose this option, the Secretary could take some or all of the following actions:

- 1) **Call Congressman Jerry Lewis, who, as Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, Hud, and Independent Committees, is Bond's counterpart in the House.** USDA has had successful AmeriCorps projects in Lewis' district sponsored by both the Forest Service and NRCS, and Lewis has no personal objections to USDA continuing to fund AmeriCorps. The Secretary would request Congressman Lewis to contact Senator Bond.
- 2) **Call Congressman Joe Skeen, Chair of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, and Senator Thad Cochran, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee.** USDA has sponsored successful AmeriCorps projects throughout Cochran's home state of Mississippi; Skeen's staff has lobbied USDA to continue to support a successful project in Mr. Skeen's district. Both Bond and Grassley have couched their opposition to the USDA AmeriCorps program on the statement --- either implicit or explicit --- that the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees oppose USDA spending on AmeriCorps. If the Secretary could convince Skeen and/or Cochran to communicate with Bond and Grassley that such a belief is not accurate, this could give Bond and Grassley enough "cover" to allow us to continue funding projects.
- 3) **Call Republican Senators Olympia Snowe, Arlen Specter, William Cohen, and/or Kay Bailey Hutchinson, all of whom have supported USDA AmeriCorps projects in their states.** The Secretary would ask them to contact Bond.
- 4) **Call Senator Barbara Mikulski, who is ranking Democrat on the Senate appropriations Committee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies.** Senator Leahy's staff believes that Mikulski is the only Democrat in a position to influence Bond. In the past, Mikulski has not been extremely supportive of Federal agency AmeriCorps programs, but her staff has recently learned of the success of USDA projects in rural Maryland. In addition, many Democratic offices have already contacted her office asking for her help in this matter. The Secretary would ask her to contact Bond.
- 5) **Re-contact Senator Bond.** I would suggest first seeding Bond a copy of the "Citizens Guide to Food Recovery," with a cover note that thanks him for his help on the Emerson Bill, points out that the guide is dedicated to Emerson, and asks for his help on a compromise on AmeriCorps. I would suggest that the Secretary call him a few days after the guide and the note are delivered.

6) Work with the Office of Harris Wofford to determine whether the President, the Vice-President, the Head of OMB, or the White House Chief of Staff would be willing to call Bond about this matter. Given the fact that the President highlighted the USDA AmeriCorps program in his recent radio address, this may be an available option.

Option 2: Cancel the program planned for this year.

Advantages of this option: It would end the uncertainty about the program endured for months by past and prospective AmeriCorps Members, project managers, and staff.

Disadvantages of this option: It would end an extremely successful program and foreclose most future projects related to food recovery, rural development, and environmental protection. Some in Congress might react to such an action by blaming USDA for ending successful projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend option one, in which the Secretary would immediately take concrete steps to attempt to save the program.

DECISION BY THE SECRETARY (DEPUTY SECRETARY):

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Discuss with me _____

Date _____

Reviewed by _____



FAX MEMO

Rural Development
Stevens Point, WI 54481

TO: Jeff Kiely
FROM: David Gibson
SUBJECT: Revised 1997 AmeriCorps Application
DATE: 10 October, 1996

Sorry I missed your call yesterday. I had finished checking over the first half of your application. I completed it this morning.

A first question; did you receive attachment E of the application packet? This attachment covered activities from which AmeriCorps Members are prohibited from engaging. Specifically, the statute cites prohibitions such as **'assisting individual businesses, developing promotional materials, coordinating and attending meetings, developing plans, writing feasibility analysis, or doing studies.'** Many of the activities you propose contain these very words in the narrative description. Obviously they would not be allowed.

In general, your proposal is made up of 'process' activities in support of some excellent rural development initiatives. The focus of AmeriCorps activities is 'direct service'. This precludes a Member from spending his or her time organizing, coordinating, or facilitating activities except as a very small part of an effort which would result in tangible and direct services to local citizens.

Regardless of the allowability issue, objective one in your application contains eight work objectives, each with measurable components. Combining them into a single objective results in an outcome which is too broad in scope. The second and third objectives are sufficiently discrete to allow accurate measurement.

If we spend some time working on your application together, I am sure we can find some common ground upon which to build a program. However, at the present time our program is in suspension, pending Congressional approval. I would suggest that we wait until we hear whether there will be a program or not before we proceed.

In the meantime, you may want to contact your State AmeriCorps Commission and investigate the possibility of having VISTA Volunteers. The VISTA program allows its participants to engage in the types of activities you propose. Please give me a call if you have any questions. If and when John Thomas informs you the program can go forward, let's get back together and review the work.

David Gibson

cc: Victor Vasquez
Joel Berg

As part of pre-Farm Aid activities, Deputy Secretary Rominger on October 11 toured a Pelzer, SC dairy farm that features rotational grazing and announced a policy directive expressing USDA's commitment to sustainable development, including sustainable agriculture, forestry, and rural communities.

II. USDA WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Internet Access For Schools: Secretaries Glickman, Kantor, and Riley recently filed with the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board of Universal Service a plan to insure that all schools and libraries in the country will have access to the internet. The plan calls for a special E-rate, or education rate, which will provide a framework for ensuring that access is both available and affordable. The President and Vice President had announced on October 10 that this plan was being proposed.

National School Lunch Week: In an October 15 press release, Secretary Glickman hailed National School Lunch Week (October 14-18) as the culmination of an extraordinary year of change and success for the National School Lunch Program and the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children. Events have included Team Nutrition school fairs, leadership forums, and the presentation of Team Nutrition training grants. USDA officials have represented the Department at many of these events. Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Ellen Haas attended events the week of October 14 in Cleveland, OH, Boston, MA, and Arlington, VA. The Department received good media attention from these events.

Welfare Reform Update: USDA has developed guidance memoranda to states that explains the procedure for verifying 40 quarters of covered work for legal immigrants applying for food stamp benefits and provides guidance on state requests of waivers for time limits for able-bodied adults (ages 18-50). The memorandum is in the clearance process.

Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Ellen Haas recently participated in a session on the technical aspects of the welfare reform law during a nationwide satellite teleconference produced by the National Association of Counties.

National Service/AmeriCorps Update: USDA Director of National Service Joel Berg and Gene Sofer from the Corporation for National Service recently met with House Veterans Affairs and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee staff and Department of Housing and Urban Development officials to discuss funding issues. The staff expressed their support for the USDA AmeriCorps program in continued negotiations with the Senate.

Empowerment Zone Update: Secretary Glickman visited the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone on October 15. (*see Key Department News: Secretary Glickman Visits Iowa, Minnesota, Texas*)

Facsimile Cover Sheet

To: Joel Berg
Director of National Service
Company: USDA
Phone: (202) 720-6350
Fax: (202) 720-4614

From: John Thomas Jr.
Company: Rural Development
Phone: (505) 761-4960
Fax: (505)-761-4976

Date: October 1, 1996

**Pages including this
cover page:**

Comments: Joel it is my understanding that a number of the residents of Lama wrote to both Congressman Joe Skeen, and Congressman Bill Richardson regarding the work that was done by the AmeriCorps members for the Community of Lama after this community was devastated by the Hondo forest fire. Congressman Bill Richardson told me that he had received several letters from residents from the community of Lama who wished to thank him for the AmeriCorps program. We did not receive copies of those letters. Congressman Joe Skeen did not contact me personnel regarding the AmeriCorps program however it is my understanding that he voted in favor of the program after the Hondo fire, and receipt of the letters of appreciation from the Lama residents.

One of the residents contacted Hillary Clinton regarding our AmeriCorps work at Lama and received a response from the First Lady.

Sept. 11, 1996
Attention: Joel Berg
USDA AmeriCorps

Dear Joel,

This note is a follow-up to our surge of faxes and calls back on the 29th of August! I hope we managed to squeak by again!

I have a identified organizations in New Mexico that could utilize AmeriCorps services. I have been actively promoting AmeriCorps efforts and possible future sites. Here are agencies that would like to receive AmeriCorps background information and how to apply. If agency missions conflict please refer to the appropriate agency (EPA, Interior etc.)

Best Regards


Hal Marchand

Att: Joe Lobato (this is a state agency)
New Mexico Clean and Beautiful
P.O.B. 1149
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149
505 827 1452

Att: Sandra Massengill
NM Parks and Recreation Div.
NM Dept of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources
Villagra Bldg.
408 Galisteo St., P.O. Box 1147
Santa Fe, NM 87503
505 827 7465 (send info to Youth Conservation Corps at same)

**AARP has a non lobbying environmental restoration arm in Dallas and in New Mexico that could use some help. We are currently working with RSVP and AARP at (CAF) to jointly produce a neighborhood environmental watch seminar that is similar to one that was a very successful joint effort by RSVP, University of Texas El Paso AmeriCorps, EPA, and the Texas Department of Natural Resources. See attached advertisement.

This kind of program is important to western areas where rural-urban growth and interface contaminate ground and surface water supplies. USDA AmeriCorps could take a leadership role here. It would make more conservative groups happier too! There is plenty of room to discuss USDA grants/loans with rural groups, but urban/rural interface areas such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell, and Carlsbad can save federal, state, and local governments billions of dollars by taking proactive preventive measures to insure that downstream communities get clean(er) water. This has larger impact on forest, recreation, fish, game, and other habitats.

ANTI-HUNGER

<u>STATE</u>	<u>% OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETE</u>
CA	87%
DC	16%
VT	73%
WI	56%

ARBORETUM 21% COMPLETE

FSA

<u>STATE</u>	<u>% OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETE</u>
ILLINOIS	33%
KANSAS	61%
MAINE	25%
SOUTH CAROLINA	71%
WASHINGTON	100%

NRCS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>% OF OBJECTIVES</u> <u>COMPLETE</u>
ARIZONA	100%
ARKANSAS	11%
CO	50%
FLORIDA	80%
GEORGIA	12%
HAWAII	31%
IDAHO	100%
ILLINOIS	36%
IOWA	8%
KANSAS	76%
LOUISIANA	56%
MARYLAND	30%
MAINE	49%
MASSACHUSETTS	20%
MICHIGAN	9%
MINNESOTA	43%
MISSISSIPPI	72%
MISSOURI	66%
NEBRASKA	43%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	20%
NEW JERSEY	60%
NEW MEXICO	0%
NEW YORK	50%
NORTH CAROLINA	40%
NORTH DAKOTA	92%
OHIO	37%
OKLAHOMA	77%
OREGON	30%
SOUTH CAROLINA	12%
SOUTH DAKOTA	68%
TENNESSEE	54%
TEXAS	50%
UTAH	50%
VERMONT	20%
VIRGINIA	51%
WASHINGTON	62%
WEST VIRGINIA	83%

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

<u>STATE</u>	<u>% OF OBJECTIVES</u> <u>COMPLETE</u>
ALASKA	ALL LESS THAN 50% COMPLETE
ARIZONA	56%
ARKANSAS	41%
CALIFORNIA	27%
FLORIDA	87%
GEORGIA	37%
ILLINOIS	100%
KENTUCKY	64%
LOUISIANA	60%
MISSISSIPPI	25%
NEW MEXICO	44%
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OREGON	66%
PA	38%
SOUTH CAROLINA	28%
TEXAS	30%
VIRGINIA	66%
WEST VIRGINIA	39%

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June 3, 1996

Mr. Joel Berg
U. S. Department of Agriculture
14th & Independence, S. W.
Room 538-A
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Joel:

Possibly, you will not get this thank-you letter before we see each other in San Francisco this coming weekend for the Corporation for National Service board meeting. Nevertheless I still had to write and thank you for giving me a ride to the airport when we were in North Carolina for the February meeting.

Your extending yourself to do that saved me lots of headaches. I regret my delay in writing to you, but I still want you to know that it was very helpful. Many thanks!

Best regards,



RCK:pr

Subject: Clinton's Information Visit to Galveston Bay Texas

To: Joel Berg

The purpose of President Clinton's visit is to sign a document adopting the Texas Coastal Management Plan.

The following list of proposed items are planned for the President's visit:

View or participate with AmeriCorps on wetlands planting. This will take place at the San Jacinto State Park. This is a very scenic park overlooking Upper Galveston Bay. I have done some planting here about 3 years ago. This is one of the sites scheduled for restoration by AmeriCorps this next year (1996-97.)

We will see Texas involvement with wetland restoration and participation with AmeriCorps

Tour the Houston Ship Channel, and discuss the beneficial uses of dredge material and the ship channel expansion project. We will also see by boat, the Galveston Bay AmeriCorps planting site. We will be able to see the marsh that was planted by AmeriCorps 94-95. There will be discussion on the cooperation from the Port of Houston, Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Corps of Engineers, General Land Office, etc., in the restoration of this marsh. The boat will be large enough to accommodate 150 people.

This trip has been discussed with the campaign committee staff and they assured me that it will not be a political event.

Edward Seidensticker

Eddie Seidensticker

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Mike, FYI, DEB

9-23-96

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TO: Rural Development/AmeriCorps State Program Managers
FROM: Jim Coyle & David Gibson, National Coordinators
Rural Development/AmeriCorps
SUBJECT: FY97 Rural Development/AmeriCorps Status

This is to inform you about where we are at the moment with next (FY97) year's program.

USDA/AMERICORPS FY97 APPROVAL

As of the date at the top of this memo, the proposed FY97 USDA/AmeriCorps program, including the Rural Development/AmeriCorps program, has **NOT** been approved for next year (FY97). We have also not been told that we will not have a program next year. The USDA continues to seek approval from the Corporation for National Service (CNS) to participate in AmeriCorps in FY97, but this approval has not yet been forthcoming. We will of course let you know as soon as we know anything definite.

FY97 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS - Signature Dates

Should appropriate approvals be given for Rural Development to operate an AmeriCorps program in FY97, Participation Agreements will **NOT** have to be signed by September 30, 1996. This is a change from the previous two years when Participation Agreements had to be signed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

*Joel -
did someone
confirm this
with
O&C?*

This year, the new last day/target date for signatures is October 25, the day that the entire AmeriCorps program will be initiated nationwide. Therefore, until we tell you otherwise, Participation Agreements for FY97 will have to be signed by October 25, not September 30.

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INTERNAL SITE REVIEW & APPROVAL

Because of the current uncertainty regarding the future of the program, announcement of approved RD/AmeriCorps site placements for FY97 is not being made for the time being. You will be notified which sites have been approved to select Members when we have received all the requisite approvals necessary to undertake a FY97 program.

In the meantime, sites should continue to actively recruit, being sure to inform prospective Members about the great amount of uncertainty with the FY97 USDA/AmeriCorps program, and that there may very well be no program at all. No commitments, either formal or implied, should be entered into at any time with any interviewee until you are notified that the Rural

Development/AmeriCorps program has been approved for FY97, and the approved placement sites in your State have been identified.

We apologize for any inconveniences that these uncertainties may be causing. Further information will be forthcoming.

BEST PRACTICES

Within the last month, all AmeriCorps Members received requests for "Best Practice" reports on their activities. Please encourage your Members to share their experiences by returning the forms. The information will be posted on USDA's internet site to be accessible by community development practitioners worldwide. Please send these reports to Dave Gibson as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

Thank you again for your support of the RD/AmeriCorps program. If you have any questions on this or any other aspect of AmeriCorps, please call either either of the RD/AmeriCorps National Coordinators: Jim Coyle at either (202) 720-9434 or -9435 (fax: 202-401-7311), or David Gibson at (715) 345-7676 (fax: 715-345-7669).

From: Joel Berg
To: MPHIPPS
Date: 8/7/96 2:45pm
Subject: Secretary's Phone Call to Wofford

As we discussed earlier, Harris Wofford has tried to call the Secretary twice and tried to meet with him yesterday. I understand they are now scheduled to meet on August 20. It would be very helpful if the Secretary could give Wofford a phone call at 606-5000, ext. 240, before then.

Some suggested point to stress:

- 1) The Secretary is extremely supportive of not only the Summer of Gleaning projects but all of our year-long AmeriCorps rural development, environmental, and anti-hunger projects.
- 2) He would very much like to discuss with Wofford on August 20 how both of them can work with Congress to preserve our program. However, they should agree to that both USDA and Corporation for National Service (CNS) --- namely myself, Dave Carlin, Cheryl Macias and CNS head of congressional affairs Gene Sofer -- should be empowered immediately take every step we can at the staff level to obtain Congressional approval for USDA to continue supporting AmeriCorps.
- {The Secretary should be aware that the entire USDA AmeriCorps program -- and not just the Forest Service portion of the program --- is at risk. Unless we take significant actions soon, we would not be able to run even gleaning projects anymore. A document is attached which explains why}.
- 3) The Secretary is extremely thankful for CNS support of the Summer of Gleaning. CNS policy makers and staff responded quickly and effectively to all our needs. Already, this project has recovered more than 1 million pounds of food, feeding hundreds of thousands of people. The Secretary should invite Wofford to join him in participating in a "National Week of Food Recovery" event (at a site now being determined, some day between August 19-23) and should request that Wofford urge other, non-USDA,,AmeriCorps projects to engage in food recovery efforts.

IN MY VIEW, THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO AGREE UPON IS THAT IT IS CRITICAL TO SAVE THE USDA AMERICOPRS PROGRAM AND THAT, EVEN BEFORE THEY CAN PERSONALLY MEET, THEIR STAFFS SHOULD MAKE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS POSSIBLE IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE HILL ON THIS MATTER.

CC: DCARLIN,CMACIAS

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Recognition and
Appreciation Picnic

*Please join us for a picnic luncheon to
recognize the contributions of the
1995-1996 USDA AmeriCorps Teams in Illinois.*

*The event will be held at:
Lincoln's New Salem State Historical Site
about 20 miles northwest of Springfield
on September 13th 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

*Please RSVP by September 7, 1996 to:
Paige Mitchell at (630) 505-7808*

MEMORANDUM FOR

USDA AMERICORPS PROGRAM MANAGERS: Jim Coyle
Guanda Vinny-Finch
Dave Gibson
Donna Hines
Paula Cole-Jones
Charles Simms

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FROM: RON DE MUNBRUN

SUBJECT: Member Enrollment and Other Forms: Administrative Information

In reviewing our first quarter's progress reports we found several instances where members were listed but no forms were on file in this office. When we contacted the individual site supervisors many of them said they had sent the forms to the program manager (you). Everyone needs to understand that Dee and I must have these forms as soon as possible. It does not do any good for the forms to be sitting on your desk. We need them so we can process them and get them to the Corporation. The Corporation is having a problem with the fact that we are sending them forms for members five, six, even seven months after they began the program. What is especially troublesome to them is the fact that their regulations require that the Corporation receive the forms within 30 days from the time that a member is enrolled. Please help us get all these forms to the Corporation by giving us the forms as soon as you receive them.

Another issue we have to address is relates to decisions concerning a member's status. Please remember that the USDA Director of National Service (currently Joel Berg) is the only person authorized to approve a pro-rated education award. Also, please be certain that you are familiar with the Corporation's regulations when advising sites as to the status of a member. We have one case where a member left a USDA AmeriCorps program to take a better paying job. This meant we had to release the member for cause. When the better paying job did not pan out, the member asked to be re-enrolled in the AmeriCorps program. The site supervisor says he asked the agency program manager if this was alright and the program manager said the member could be re-enrolled. This is NOT correct. According to the Corporation's regulations, this year a member released for cause is barred from future AmeriCorps service. We will have to try and get a waiver, but if we can't, the member will have to be removed from the program and will not be eligible for an education award. I, Dee and Joel will be more than happy to address any questions you have concerning the proper way to handle the different situations that arise in our program but you have to ask us first.

Also please be aware that the Corporation decided it would not revise the End-Of-Term-Of-Service form for this year. We are to use the same green form as we used last year. I will be sending a supply to each state contact with the third quarter report and if you want some I have a supply in my office.

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USDA AMERICORPS CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT PLAN
Anti-Hunger (AH), Public Lands and Environment (PL&E),
and Rural Development (RD) Projects

AmeriCorps is the program that will carry out President Clinton's National and Community Service Act. The purpose of this contact plan is to inform key Committee members interested in USDA activities and other congressional members that have projects in their communities of the Department of Agriculture's implementation of AmeriCorps.

<u>Task</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Whom</u>
1. Provide key Senate and House Committees and specific members with AmeriCorps package.	July	Haynes Strong
2. Conduct congressional briefings upon request.	July	Berg

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<u>Congressional Committees:</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Staffer</u>
1. Senate AG Nutrition & Forestry	71 Leahy	(Preston/Arsenault)
2. Senate AG Cons & Forestry	72 Daschle	(Washburn/McBrien)
3. Senate En. & NR Subcmte on PL, NP&F	73 Bumpers	(D. Brooks/O'Toole)
4. Senate Interior Apprns	74 Byrd	(Masica and Cooper)
5. Senate Apprns/Ag, RD	75 Bumpers	(Geagley/Pasits)
6. House Comm. on Agriculture	140 de la Garza	(Buell/Mitchell)
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10. House Interior Apprns	145 Yates	(Johnson & Wainman)
11. House NR/Sub. on NP, F, & PL	146 Vento	(Bradley/Christen.)



<u>State</u>	<u>Senators</u>	<u>Member/District</u>	<u>Program</u>
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Arkansas	3 Bumpers 4 Pryor	6 Lambert/D1 7 Thornton/D2 8 Hutchinson/D3 9 Dickey/D4	RD RD RD RD
California	5 Feinstein 6 Boxer	10 Hamburg/D1 11 Herger/D2 12 Fazio/D3 13 Doolittle/D4 14 Woolsey/D6 15 Lehman/D19 16 Thomas/D21 17 McKeon/D25 18 Lewis, J./D40 19 Kim/D41 20 Brown/D42 21 McCandless	PL&E/RD PL&E/RD PL&E/RD P&L/RD AH/PL&E/RD RD RD AH/RD AH/RD AH/RD AH/RD RD
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Georgia	9 Coverdell 10 Nunn	25 Linder/D4 26 Lewis/D5	PL&E PL&E
Illinois	11 Moseley-Braun 12 Simon	27 Costello/D12 28 Rush/D1 29 Reynolds/D2 30 Lipinski/D3 31 Gutierrez 32 Rostenkowski/D5 33 Hyde/D6 34 Collins/D7 35 Crane/D8 36 Yates/D9 37 Porter/D10 38 Sangmeister/D11 39 Fawell/D13	PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E PL&E
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Maine	19 Cohen 20 Mitchell	53 Andrews/D1 54 Snowe/D2	RD RD
Massachusetts	21 Kennedy 22 Kerry	55 Kennedy/D8 56 Moakley/D9	PL&E PL&E
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Oregon	49 Hatfield	110 Smith/D2	PL&E
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		114 Kopetski/D5	RD
South Carolina	51 Hollings	115 Spence/D2	RD
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South Dakota	53 Pressler	118 Johnson	RD
	54 Daschle		
Tennessee	55 Mathews	119 Quillen/D1	RD
	56 Sasser	120 Cooper/D4	RD
		121 Gordon/D6	RD
		122 Sundquist/D7	RD
		123 Tanner/D8	RD
Texas	57 Gramm	124 Andrews/D25	PL&E/RD
	58 Hutchinson	125 Brooks/D9	PL&E/RD
		126 DeLay/D22	PL&E/RD
		127 Laughlin/D14	PL&E/RD
Utah	59 Bennett	128 Orton/D3	RD
	60 Hatch		
Vermont	61 Leahy	129 Sanders	AH/RD/PL&E
	62 Jeffords		

Virginia	63 Robb	130 Scott/D3	RD
	64 Warner	131 Payne/D5	RD
		132 Boucher/D9	RD
Washington	65 Gorton	133 Dicks/D6	PL&E/RD
	66 Murray	134 Swift/D2	PL&E/RD
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	68 Rockefeller	139 Wise/D2	RD
Wisconsin	69 Kohl	140 Barrett/D5	AH/RD
	70 Feingold		

From: Tom Hebert (THEBERT)
To: OFFICE31.OPAWP 1.JBERG
Date: Thursday, April 27, 1995 3:09 pm
Subject: Former Americorps member is apparently being sought by
authorities

in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing.

We have been informed that a former Americorps member under NRCS supervision fits the description of a person being sought in connection with the bombing. This person was dismissed on April 15 after not having reported to work for a few (or several) weeks. Had been a problem throughout his tenure -- reprimanded more than once in writing.

Joel -- I've asked Paul Johnson to contact you to discuss this.

CC: GFRAZIER, AKENNEDY, CRAWLS, KSCHNOOR

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*From: Tom Hebert (THEBERT)
To: OFFICE31.SIESNET:SIESNET:OPAWP_1:OPAWP_1(JBERG)
Date: Thursday, April 27, 1995 3:20 pm
Subject: Former Americorps member is apparently be -Reply

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I am afraid not. It is not certain that this is the same person being sought out -- but I guess our people are fairly certain that the descriptions pretty much match. I am going on travel in about 20 minutes. That is why I've asked Paul to talk to you about this. He can work with you to get you the info you need.

abilities. And I really think that's what we ought to be supporting.

The reason I worked so hard for the national service program that you see all these young people in is because I believe that we ought to be helping young people to find ways to earn money for education and contribute to the strength of their communities at the same time. (Applause.)

I ran for President because I was worried, as we come to the close of this great century, that we wouldn't be able to guarantee the American Dream for all people moving into the 21st century, and we wouldn't be able to make sure America was the strongest country in the world; and I believe those are the two jobs the President has to do. And I believe the way we should do that is what I have called the New Covenant. We should create more opportunity; we should insist on more responsibility from all of us; and we should work to build our communities at the grass-roots level, where the real strength of America is. (Applause.)

Now, there's been a lot of debate in our country now in two separate elections -- in 1992 and 1994 -- about what the role of government is and whether government is bad or good inherently. My answer to you is that we need a different kind of government for the 21st century, and that your national government has three major jobs.

One is, we should expand opportunity while shrinking the federal bureaucracy and the burden it imposes. (Applause.) Two, we should recognize that the government can't support everybody, but it should work to empower people to make the most of their own lives. (Applause.) And three, we should work to enhance the security Americans feel not only in terms of what goes on beyond our borders, but here at home as well. More opportunity, more empowerment, more security -- that is what we should be about in the national government. (Applause.)

(Now, if you look at what this national service project does -- they're working in the San Bernardino forest; people who are helping to clean up the forest, maintain it, strengthen it, keep it there for our children and our grandchildren, make sure it's an important resource.) Last year there were 89 young people in this program in South Texas who immunized 102,000 infants to help them live. (Applause.) And all of them earned money on their education -- 16 of these young people work at Berkeley, helping 750 of their classmates to tutor

middle-school students. These are the kinds of things that are going on all over America, and I think it emphasizes what I'm saying. For a small amount of federal money we have increased opportunity with no bureaucracy. This is all done at the grass-roots level. (Applause.)

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May 28, 1995

Dear Friends Of The Bill:

You'll be pleased, or horrified, to hear that Penguin Books will be publishing The Bill in paperback in January 1996.

If, in the course of reading the hardcover, you found anything you thought was inaccurate, misleading, unfair or incomplete, here's your chance to do something about it. I have an opportunity to make one last batch of corrections when the paperback edition is produced.

I also will be writing a short epilogue catching up on events since the passage of the national service and student loan bills. Please let me know if there is anything in particular you think I should include in that.

If you have any comments, please give them to me in writing by no later than July 1.

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,



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Dear Steve:

A few points for you to consider as you make revisions for the paperback version:

1) There were a few minor errors in the footnote on Clinton's visit to City Year. As you have correctly guessed, my first reaction to the book was the time-honored Washington tradition of immediately seeking any minor reference at all to me. So I caught a few errors that matter to no one but myself, but here goes: A) I was a paid staffer on the Clinton Campaign at the time of the visit, not a "volunteer;" my title was Senior Writer in the Issues Department. B) Although this is --- even by my standards --- a very niggling point, the two-page paper I had written for P.P.I. on City year was considered a policy briefing and was not a newsletter article. C) This was surely a typo but I will point out the obvious for the record: Southern, not Northern New Hampshire, is in the Boston media market.

2) You may want to include in your narrative the story of how Sallie Mae threatened to sink the entire Clinton economic plan. At the critical meeting between Hough, McPhearson, From, and Galston --- in which Robert Gordon (the younger), Adam Sohn, and myself sat-in --- Hough stated that all the banks Sallie Mae worked with would likely oppose many other Clinton economic initiatives if the Administration was not cooperative on direct lending. While careful to couch his defense of Sallie Mae's loan practices in patronizing platitudes such as how they helped his "favorite waitress" at his "favorite restaurant" pay for college, Hough's real implication was obvious. Gordon, Sohn, and myself all discussed Hough's comments immediately after the meeting, and it was our clear impression that he was threatening to get the banks to defeat the entire Clinton economic agenda if Clinton did not cave-in on direct lending. This meeting provided important foreshadowing on the future opposition the Administration would face on many fronts from powerful business interests.

3) You may want to report in the epilogue on the first half a year's worth of accomplishments by AmeriCorps projects now operating. Enclosed is some updated information about the USDA program. Please contact me if you would like to visit any of our sites.

4) I know this might really be a second book, but you might want to address the recent criticisms of Gingrich, Grassley, etc. and determine whether they have any basis in reality whatsoever. I believe that you can prove very easily that their claims that AmeriCorps reduces other volunteer activities, hurts military recruiting, duplicates the work of private charities, etc. are pure hogwash.

Of course, my suggestions are extremely biased, but you asked....

Thank you again for your commitment to telling an important story.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

I just wanted to drop you a long-belated note to thank you for the wonderful job you did preparing the "Turning Points" document. I presented a copy to all our agency AmeriCorps coordinators, and urged them to share it widely with their field staff.

Your contribution to our program will be long-lasting.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of our first quarter report documenting the accomplishments of our projects "getting things done" across the country while promoting community, opportunity, and responsibility.

Thanks again for your help and I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

Joel Berg
Director of National Service