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 IR- 202-863-4250, OR FAX 202-863-1782
 IR-YOUR MEMBERSHIP ID CODE IS AA-JZ30-OC
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Milwaukee, Tuesday, Sept. 24th
AmeriCorps

SEC. GLICKMAN VISIT

~~9:00 AM~~ ~~WHEELS DOWN - MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT~~

9:30 AM ARRIVE: GUEST HOUSE SHELTER - 1216 N. 13th ST.
414-345-3250 *Holl / Gardiner*

THIS WILL BE THE PRESS SITE.

- VIEW GARDEN ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESS SHELTER.
- REPRESENTATIVE OF ESHAC - PARTNER WITH MCSC ON A FARMER'S MARKET, WILL OUTLINE ITS INVOLVEMENT WITH MCSC ANTI-HUNGER PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE: Create urban gardens in the Milwaukee Public Housing Authority's and City of Milwaukee's vacant lots. The gardens will improve the standard of living and provide fresh vegetables and fruit to all residents including physically challenged and the elderly. Remove urban blight through aggressive clean-out, greening, and refurbishing physical structures and creating gardens will be the primary result. Provide work sponsors (City and Public Housing Authority) with 'consumer' satisfaction survey

OBJECTIVE: Continue to support neighborhood based farmers markets. By working with the Rainbow Farmers Cooperative to provide affordable fresh produce in targeted neighborhoods where emergency food programs are located. AmeriCorps members will assist with marketing and promoting the markets in these targeted neighborhoods. In addition, corpsmembers will organize and provide 12 on-site market demonstrations of nutritious foods and the proper preparation and storage of market produce. To continue to make the markets viable, AmeriCorps members will need to improve the physical set-up that is often damaged during winter and improve signage of the markets. The AmeriCorps crews will also establish two community gardens near the markets. Provide at least three informational flyers to at least six markets about proper preparation and storage of the market items. The intended result is the increase in the number of market customers by 50% from the beginning to the end of the season.

10:15 A.M.

~~10:00 AM~~ DEPART FCL FOR HOPE HOUSE, 1501 S. 2ND ST.

10:30 AM ARRIVE: HOPE HOUSE, 1501 S. 2ND ST.
CONTACT: SHERRI KAY - 414-645-2122
HOMELESS SHELTER WITH URBAN GARDEN AND SUPER PANTRY

OBJECTIVE: Renovate and create a "super pantry" for Hope House. Hope House is a shelter for homeless individuals and families located in a HUD designated Enterprise Community. One of the main features of the renovation is the creation of a very large food pantry to service shelter clients. An AmeriCorps crew will be responsible for portions of the construction of the pantry. The project must pass City of Milwaukee Building codes. The creation of this facility will increase the benefits from 600 to 3500 people who will be able to use the shelter each month.

11:00 AM END MCSC TOUR

INVITATIONS TO JOIN US:

MAYOR JOHN O. NORQUIST, 414-286-2200
COMMISSIONER OF DEPT. CITY DEVELOPMENT
MICHAEL MORGAN, 414-286-5800
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, JIM ROWEN, 414-286-2200
CDBG ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BRADY,
414-286-3842
ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY LIAISON
UNA VAN DUVAL, 414-286-5903
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOPE HOUSE
SHERRI KAY 414-645-2122
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GUEST HOUSE
HOLLY GARDNIER 345-3240
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HUNGER TASK FORCE
PAT RUDY-BASSE, 414-962-3111
DIRECTOR FARM CITY LINK
WILL ALLEN. 414-
CHAIRMAN MILW. COUNTY UW-EXTENSION
PAUL BRIGGS, 414-475-2070
DIRECTOR OF SHOOTS AND ROOTS
414-475-2535
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE REP
MICHAEL MUPHY, 414-297-1118
OFFICE OF SEN. KOHL
KEN SNYDER, 414-297-4451
OFFICE OF SEN FEINGOLD,
CECILA ROBERTSON, 414-276-7282
OFFICE OF REP. BARRETT
ANNE DELEO, 414-297-1331
OFFICE OF REP. KLEZCHA
CATHY HEIN, 414-297-

Tool

414 - 111 - 2731

Suggested Invitees

Secretary Glickman's Visit to Pittsburgh

June 13

GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (HOST ORGANIZATION), 3200 WALNUT ST.,
McKEESPORT, PA 15132; P.O. Box 127, McKEESPORT, PA 15134; TEL. 412.672.4949; FAX
412.672.4740:

- Joyce Rothermel, Executive Director
- Miriam Manion, Associate Director
Oversees the entire operation
- Gail Robbins, Operations Manager
Handles operations--the movement of the food--at the food bank
- Tom Nist, President of the Board of Directors
Serves as CEO of the Board
- Dan Wilson, Community Coordinator
Farmstand and community garden organizer for the food bank
- Mike Gable, Farm Manager
Manages GPCFB's Longview Farm in Worthington, PA, which
produces fruits and vegetables distributed to recipient
organizations
- David Janusek, Food Source Developer
Maintains contact with donors, recruits new donors for the
Three Rivers Table program and general warehouse

DONOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Ray Huber, representative of Giant Eagle Markets and Member of
GPCFB Board
- Maggie Dugan, representative of OK Grocery Co. (parent company
and wholesale supplier of Giant Eagle Markets); Dugan oversees
the Giant Eagle reclamation project at the GPCFB
- Daniel Friedrich, representative of H.J. Heinz Company and
member of GPCFB Board
- Russ Foster, Bureau of Federal Programs, Chief Sponsor of the
Summer Food Service Program
- Dan Seymour, Director of School Food Services, Pittsburgh
- Rocco Puglies, Pennsylvania Food Processors Association,
Harrisburg, PA

- Guy Volpe, Wholesale Produce Industry of Pittsburgh
- Elaine Bellin, Paragon Food Service, Pittsburgh (wholesale produce distributor - very involved in food bank activities)

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Tom Murphy, Mayor of Pittsburgh
- Greg Fajt, Representative, Pennsylvania State House of Representatives and member of GPCFB board of directors
- Larry Dunn, Commissioner, Government of Allegheny County
- David Giglotti, Director, Allegheny County Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (promote feeding programs and donations)
- Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director, Allegheny County Health Department (very supportive of the food bank and its programs)
- Mim Seidel, Public Health Nutrition Administrator, Allegheny County Health Department
- Barry Shutt, Director, Bureau of Government Donated Food, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, PA

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- William Kelleher, Director of Lutheran Services Society of Allegheny County (lead agency for TEFAP and involved in many feeding projects in southwestern PA)
- Karen Feinstein, The Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Centre City Tower, 650 Smithfield, St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Tel. 412.232.6242; Fax 412.232.6240

(major source of funding for various feeding projects, e.g., Food to Grow)

- Kathleen Dougherty, Pennsylvania Coalition on Food and Nutrition, Harrisburg, PA
- Judy Dodd, past president of the American Dietetics Association, nutrition educator for Giant Eagle, prominent local independent nutrition activist

RECIPIENT AGENCIES

- Ms. Reynolds, General Manager, East End Food Coop

[3 or 4 other recipient organizations will also be named]

MAY-28-1996 15:50

GREAT PGH FOOD BANK

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Greater Pittsburgh Community
Food Bank
P.O. Box 127
McKeesport, PA 15134-0127
Phone: (412) 672-4949
FAX: (412) 672-4740

GREATER PITTSBURGH

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TO *USDA*

ATTENTION *Walt Haake*

FROM *David Kolins*

DATE & TIME *May 28 - 2:50 PM*

FAX NUMBER *(609) 559-5147*

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The two lists that are attached are a list of agencies that perhaps would participate in the forum. Those with confirmations beside their names are agencies that our Agency Rel. Manager has contacted and they would definitely be interested.

The second page are the names of the contacts from the Restaurant Association & Marriott.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
Potential Members Agency Representative
USDA Forum, June 13, 1996 10AM

Pat Harris *(confirmed)*
Rainbow Kitchen
144 East Eighth Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120
464-1892

Sr. Peg O'Neill
The Intersection
115 Seventh Street
McKeesport, PA 15132
678-6948

Bob Wilde *(confirmed)*
Northside Common Ministries
1601 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
321-1606

Trudy Brubaker
West Allegheny Ministerial Association
8042 Steubenville Pike
Oakdale, PA 15071
221-0231 *LM*

Margie Schaefer
Riverview U P Church
3505 Perryville Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214
486-2370 (home) *70*

Cindy Gilch
North Hills Community Outreach
1075 Ferguson Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15101
487-6316

Eleanor Anthony
Deprived Poor Americans
6801 Kelly Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
441-7677 *LM*

Nellie Short
Willow Way Baptist Church
c/o P.O. Box 20
Homestead, PA 15120
271-3686

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P.O. Box 127 • McKeesport, PA 15134
Phone 412/672-4949 • FAX 412/672-4740

Mary Margaret Tieher
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Restaurant Association
One Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 281-6388

Ted Woessett
Food Service Director
Marriott Services
4350 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
(412) 374-4799

(File) site visits

Joel Berg



February 21, 1995

AmeriCorps National Service

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Mr. Randy Scurry
AmeriCorps Project Director
San Bernadino National Forest
US Forest Service
34701 Mill Creek Rd.
Mentone, CA 92359

Dear Randy:

This letter is a follow-up to my visit to the AmeriCorps program in the San Bernadino National Forest on December 22, 1995. I regretted not having the opportunity to meet with you, but your staff was very helpful.

Before I begin, let me again express my continuing sadness at the death of Cesar Ocampo. He was the kind of man the world needs: he loved the land and his work, and he was an admirable teacher and leader. His loss must be very difficult for all of you. Please know that I share your grief and have written a letter to his family with a small contribution to the trust fund established for his daughters.

Observations/Recommendations

For all that I observed and heard, AmeriCorps is getting a great deal done -- and done well. The projects I saw at the Lytle Creek Station, and others I heard about from Sue and Ann, were very impressive. Sue gave me some of the photographs of the soil conservation training project. They have been helpful in interpreting your program to people here at the Corporation.

I was also impressed by the quality of the team supervisors and was pleased to hear that they think highly of the AmeriCorps Members. Janna Lassen's work with Cesar's team to construct the environmental interpretation landscape was a model of collaboration.

My visit was brief and I did not review all of your management systems, but one issue that did come to my attention is that an AC Member is serving in an administrative capacity as an assistant to the Administrative Officer. As you know, AmeriCorps Members must perform direct service. I recommend that her responsibilities be redefined so that she is performing primarily direct service. I have also passed on this recommendation to Lou Woltering and Joel Berg.

1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20525
Telephone 202-606-5000

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National Senior Service Corps

Sue Zahn spoke of the continuing difficulties with transportation and the need to secure more vans from GSA. It is difficult for us to do much about this problem here but we will try. I encourage you to press your case hard with the regional GSA office and keep Joel abreast of any difficulties -- or successes -- you have.

I would appreciate any pictures you could send of the completed interpretation landscape and of the addition to the ranger station at Lytle Creek. Coupled with my photos I will then have "during" and "after" shots. For those of us confined to our offices most of the day, these testimonial photos serve as a refreshing reminder that AmeriCorps really is making a difference to America!

Please give my thanks and regards to your fine staff and AmeriCorps Members for the outstanding work they do every day.

Sincerely yours,



Meg Maguire
Senior Program Officer

cc. Joel Berg, USDA
Lou Woltering, USFS

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File

August 31, 1994

To: Paula, Dee
From: Joel
Subject: Clarification of Remaining Sites

Site
List

Thanks for the list you provided this morning. Looks great>
I still need a few clarifications:

1) The number of SCS members in a few states differs from my last list. Please total your number of Members in Environmental vs. Rural Development Team, your total number of members in each state, and the total number of members in each region. This is critical information so we can ensure that we do not offer more positions than we have educational vouchers allocated the USDA.

2) I understand from the chart that MN, ND, and TN sites are still being finalized. Please provide this information as soon as possible.
FS

3) The Kansas and Missouri Environmental Team Members seem to be allotted individually to counties, which would be too diffuse even for the Rural Development Team. Can you please clarify sites for these Environmental teams?

4) Arkansas -- Based on geography, I would suggest realigning the which sites are in which clusters so that The Jonesboro cluster includes Jonesboro, Batesville, and Marion and so that the DeWitt cluster includes Helena, Holly Grove, N. Little Rock, and Monticello. Would this affect the community service objectives?

5) California -- The Northern Counties in the far right column -- Ventura through Placer -- should be realigned on the map next to the Petaluma cluster. The number of Members per site should also be clarified and perhaps the Southern California clusters should be merged.

6) Illinois -- Since Champaign is so far from the counties in which the service will be performed, please specify the daily meeting sites.

7) Louisiana - The East Baton Rouge site is at least 100 miles away from the Alexandria cluster center. Can the Members all make weekly meetings?

8) Maine -- Please clarify what is meant by "Some work in Canada." I believe that would be illegal.

9) The Sanduskie site is about 90 miles from the Ann Arbor cluster site. Can the Members all make weekly meetings? The Lake Leelanau site is about 200 miles from the Ann Arbor site and thus should be eliminated in favor of a closer site to Ann Arbor.

10) South Dakota - Since the Mitchell site only has three members and no listed AmeriCorps crew leader, I would suggest combining it with either the Brookings or Huron sites.

11) Vermont -- Since both sites have fewer than five Members, they should be combined and meet in a central location such as Montpelier.

12) Virginia - The Tappahanock site is over 100 miles away from the cluster site in Keysville. Can the Members all make weekly meetings?

13) Washington State - Have you resolved the RD or EN issue for Washington State?

14) West Virginia - The Martinsburg site is about 120 miles away -- at a least 2 1/2 drive each way through mountainous areas --- from the Morgantown cluster site. I would suggest eliminating the Martinsburg site and creating one closer to Morgantown.

Thanks for your help.

FHA
August 25, 1994 *Site lists*

To: Dee

From: Joel *JB*

Per our discussion, we need still need clarified locations for each of your Rural Development and flood relief sites. I understand that you have provided us much of this information in the past, but ASCS and FmHA -- as well as myself and the Corporation -- require this updated and complete list in order to make certain key decisions. Thus, we would all greatly appreciate it if we could have this information by COB tomorrow.

To make it easier for SCS (don't laugh too hard), you can give us each site in either list or map form. The maps can either be for each state or for each region, as long as the map is large enough for us to be able to determine individual counties. Too make it even easier, you can write-in sites by hand.

The information should include:

- 1) For Environmental Team projects, we need the location of the daily meeting place, the counties in which Members will be working, and the sites at which Rural Development Team Members will serve as Crew Leaders (If you produce maps, please place both the Environmental Team and the Rural Development Team on each state map.)
- 2) For Rural Development Team projects, we need the central town in each cluster where the Members will meet and the actual towns in which each individual Member will be based -- as well as the number of Members based in each of those towns. If the specific towns cannot be named at this time, please at least specify the base county for each member.

Thank you again for your help.

YA'LL INVITED

WHAT: A Bar-B-Q and volleyball in Arlington Virginia.

WHEN: Sat. July 20th at 2:00 P.M. until ?

WHO: Joe Taggart -- A.K.A. Blue Blocker, Diamond Joe, Country Boy, Beltway Joe, Minneapolis Law Enforcement's most wanted, and Kansas Tornado (because disaster always follows me).

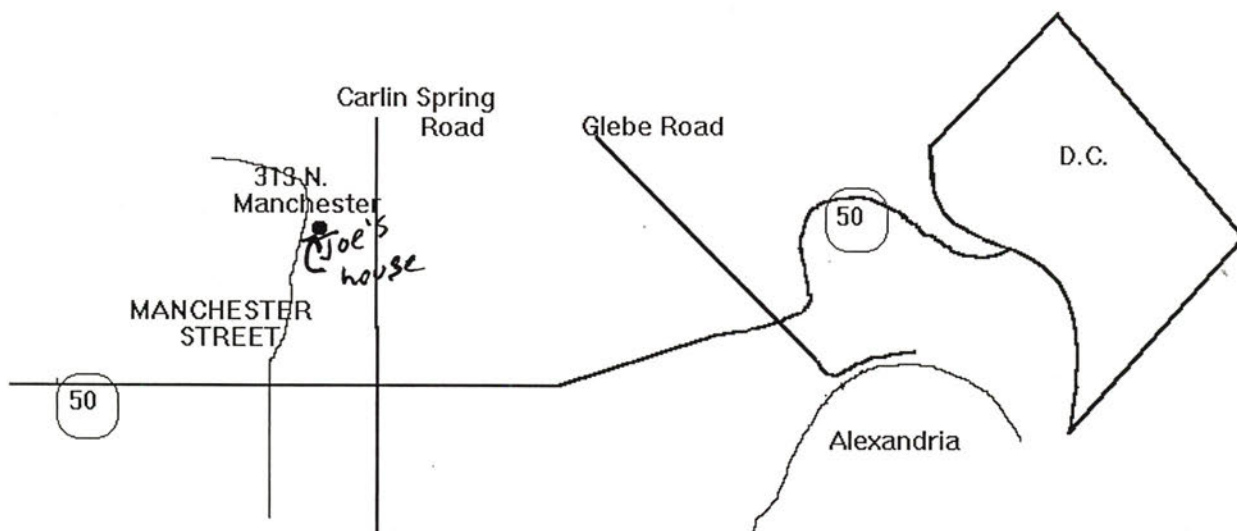
WHERE: See attached map.

ANYTHING ELSE: Bring a side dish of some sort or a vegetarian dish if you don't eat meat, because that is what I am cooking. Why meat? **"Because the West wasn't won on salad!"** (Brought to you by the Kansas Meat Council)
Bring something to drink also, Beer or Pop (that's Soda to you east coast types) I will have some but you may not like it and it may run out.

P.S. You may bring your spouse or significant other, as well as children if you have any that is.....

Joe Taggart
313 N. Manchester
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 243-0394

B-BQ + Volleyball
2:00 PM
Sat. July 20th



From D.C. Take 50,
For 8 miles to Manchester.
Manchester is First traffic
light after Carlin Spring Rd.
Turn right (North) onto Manchester.
My house is near the end of the block.



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March 4, 1996

To: Joel Berg, Director of National Service, USDA

From: Alan Hecceg, Michigan USDA/AmeriCorps Program Director

Subject: March 12-15 Visit

Attached is a draft itinerary for your review. The AmeriCorps members are eagerly anticipating your visit! As you can see we have you scheduled to visit a large portion of southern lower Michigan. We have arranged it so that you should have a chance to meet each AmeriCorps member and visit approximately four field sites. Please let us know if there is something you would like to do that we have not included.

You mentioned that you may need some time, perhaps on Thursday, March 14, to attend to other business in the Lansing area. Please let us know if this is still the case and what we can do to assist you. A government vehicle will be reserved for your use.

A list of the hotels around the Detroit Metro Airport is included for your information. We would be happy to make arrangements for you, just let us know. We made reservations for you at the Clubhouse Inn in Lansing for Wednesday and Thursday. NRCS personnel regularly use this hotel for their overnight accommodations.

We listed Kalamazoo as a departure site for your air travel. It is also possible to leave from Grand Rapids or South Bend, Indiana. We will adjust the itinerary to fit your preference. Please contact Christina Coulon at (517)337-6701, ext. 1218 or e-mail ccoulon@mi600g.mi.nrcs.usda.gov as soon as possible to discuss the arrangements as I will be out of state for the rest of the week.

We are proud of the things USDA/AmeriCorps is getting done in Michigan. We look forward to sharing our successes with you!

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Itinerary for Joel Berg's Michigan USDA/AmeriCorps Visit

Congressional
District

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Activity/Who</u>	
Tuesday, March 12, p.m.	Detroit	Arrive, overnight near airport	
Wednesday, March 13			
8:00 a.m.	Detroit	AmeriCorps member (George Kenny) meet Joel and take to field site (Monroe)	
9:00 a.m.	Monroe	Overview of Michigan program (Christina Coulon)	Dingel
1:00 p.m.	Monroe <i>Petersburg</i>	Demonstration well closure, press and legislator present (Ann Arbor cluster members) (tentative)	
4:00 p.m.	Adrian	Visit MSU Extension field site (Dana Gron and Christina Coulon)	Smith
6:30 p.m.	East Lansing	Overnight at Clubhouse Inn	Chrysler
Thursday, March 14			
8:00 a.m.	East Lansing	Depart for cluster meeting in Mt. Pleasant	
9:00 a.m.	Mt. Pleasant	Grayling cluster meeting, Karry Trickey and Sergio Perez, cluster leaders	Camp
3:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant	Depart for East Lansing	
4:00 p.m.	East Lansing	Arrive in East Lansing	
6:00 p.m.	East Lansing	Meet with Al Herceg and Carole Jett, State Conservationist at Clubhouse Inn (Dinner meeting?) Overnight at Clubhouse	
Friday, March 15			
7:30 a.m.	East Lansing	Depart for South Haven	
10:00 a.m.	South Haven <i>Saunder</i>	Accompany USDA/AmeriCorps member (Lisa Crozier and Karry Trickey) on Farmstead Assessment	Upton
1:00 p.m.	Fremont <i>Muskegon</i>	Farm Visit/Groundwater Stewardship Committee Meeting (Karry Trickey and Bill Bartlett)	Hoekstra

Return from 11:10

① sub-Cabinet, Gleaning, other
Briefing, Michigan Tape

② Michigan Report Release



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March 21, 1996

SUBJECT: Visit to Kentucky

TO: Jim Gilliam
General Counsel

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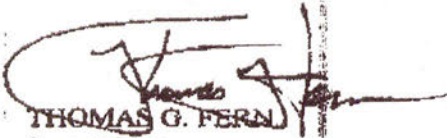
In reference to your upcoming visit to Lexington, I have organized the following events. I have arranged a dinner on April 9, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. with Bill Milliken, State Conservationist - NRCS and a representative for Hoppy Henton, State Executive Director - FSA.

On the morning of April 10th, I would like to depart Lexington at approximately 8:30 a.m. and travel to Mt. Vernon, KY. There, we have arranged an event at Ashlee's House, a homeless shelter located in Rockcastle County. The two story shelter was purchased with Emergency Shelter Grant Funds through Kentucky Housing Corporation. The second floor contains a newly renovated apartment and two apartments that are currently being renovated to provide housing to homeless transient families for up to three months. One of our Americorps members, Robby Phillips has been very instrumental in the renovation of this shelter. We have arranged for a tour of the facility as well as the opportunity to speak with a family currently living in the shelter. Those invited include: local officials, representative from Kentucky Housing Corporation, social service representatives, State Representatives as well as other Americorps members. We have also notified the local press and are hoping to schedule an interview. We feel this is a very notable project and will be a great success.

After visiting the Americorps site, we will travel to Frankfort to meet with Gene Royalty, Executive Director. Billy Ray Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture will be out of town on this date. However, I have contacted Jerry Johnson, Cabinet Liaison and Kevin Goldsmith, Legislative Liaison in the Governor's office for meetings. They are in the process of arranging an appointment with the Governor, however, they are unsure of his availability due to legislature in session. If he is unavailable, we will be scheduled to meet with another high ranking official. I feel this will take most of the afternoon and will provide quality time to converse with those mentioned above.

I look forward to seeing you in April. If further information is needed, please advise.

Please advise if you need assistance with your travel arrangements.


THOMAS G. FERN
State Director

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TO: Natalie Hutchinson/Kim Burke

RE: Homeless Success Stories

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PRESERVATION

The photographs attached are of the Ashlee Carter Homeless Shelter in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County Kentucky that was purchased with KRC's S.S.G. funds in 1993-94.

The Ashlee Carter Homeless Shelter in Rockcastle Co. is unique by the support and contributions from a low income community that has a median family income of \$21,000. No individual or family that enters the facility is turned away. They leave with emergency assistance whether it is food from the well stocked food pantry housed at the shelter; assistance from REAP (Rockcastle County Emergency Assistance Program) funds that are donated through fund raising on a local level; FEMA, American Red Cross, or family services leveraged from Daniel Boone (non-profit owner) Homeless funds, Housing Programs, and in the near future, general housing through Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc.'s CHDO Status at KRC. Four rental units that are a recently built will house the four low income families who were relocated. However, four additional units (with the funded CHDO set aside funding) will be constructed in the near future. Homeless families at the shelter that are temporarily housed in the upstairs apartments, will be given priority at the new rental units at town hall.

These services at the Ashlee Carter Shelter (now known as Ashlee's House) would not be possible without the supervision, interest and hard work of LUED Nelson, the full-time voluntary Manager of the Shelter, Chairman of American Red Cross Chapter and REAP Coordinator. LUED is practically a one woman army in her war against homelessness in Rockcastle County.

Part of the upstairs section of "Ashlee's House" has been converted into one large 2 bedroom apartment that will house families for up to three months. This time allows our staff and the manager to work with families to transition them into permanent housing. The major rehab was completed, including improvements with \$9500 rehab/conversion funds and over \$16,000 in volunteer labor. Two additional units will be renovated with funding for materials (labor is free) from FEMA/REAP that has been approved this year.

Any project of this type that works so well can be attributed to goals of the community. The Ashlee Carter Homeless Shelter was inspired by the daughter of Betty J. Carter, the Coordinator of our Rockcastle County Office. Ashlee was a young child of three when Betty was first employed by Daniel Boone. Ashlee, she was as beautiful, as bouncy and so soft hearted, was very aware of the problems of the poor in the county. She

TALKING POINTS ON USDA AMERICORPS PROGRAM

*** USDA is sponsoring 1,350 AmeriCorps Members who are serving in 45 states in projects fighting hunger, improving the environment, and re-building rural communities.** The USDA portion of AmeriCorps is a relatively small, yet important, portion of the larger overall program; the overall program now enrolls 25,000 AmeriCorps Members serving in every state of the nation. The USDA portion of the program is highly unusual because the vast majority of AmeriCorps projects are not funded or managed by Federal agencies --- most are funded through state commissions appointed by each state's governor and are managed by non-profit organizations and local government organizations.

*** USDA AmeriCorps projects are "getting things done" providing vital and mainstream community service to rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout America.** For instance, USDA projects are building trails and fighting fire on National Forests, improving city parks, aiding rural fire departments, bringing running water to poor rural families, and teaching children how to improve their nutrition.

*** USDA AmeriCorps projects provide taxpayers with double the "bang for the buck."** USDA is simply utilizing funds that would already be spent by the Department. AmeriCorps Members are bringing communities together, promoting personal responsibility, and helping earn their own way through college --- at the same time they are helping meet the Department's multiple missions of protecting natural resources, improving nutrition, and boosting rural development. The service projects are extremely cost effective; for instance, in Forest Service projects, taxpayers get at least \$1.50's worth of work back for each \$1.00 spent on AmeriCorps.

*** USDA AmeriCorps projects are strengthening communities.** Usually working in partnership with community-based organizations, USDA AmeriCorps Members are meeting the most pressing needs in each of hundreds of locales in which they are operating. The service projects are not designed or implemented in Washington --- all the projects are locally proposed and locally administered. Consequently, virtually all of the USDA AmeriCorps projects have received broad-based bi-partisan support from local community leaders.

* **Many USDA projects are in rural and suburban areas that often receive less aid from the Federal government.** These areas also often lack significant non-profit sector support networks. USDA has a field structure that is uniquely suited to run programs in traditionally under-served areas.

* **The USDA program enables AmeriCorps Members to perform tasks requiring technical expertise.** For instance, under direct and sustained supervision from experts in the field, USDA AmeriCorps Members are inspecting flood-damaged dams, implementing strategic plans to create local jobs, designing and implementing entire recycling programs for counties, helping farmers diversify their crops, bolstering the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community initiative, designing timber bridges, and decreasing ground water pollution. If AmeriCorps Members are to "get things done" that require more than simple physical labor and that result in long-lasting improvements in communities, then Members need the kind of advanced technical training and supervision that can be best provided by Federal agencies such as USDA.

* **AmeriCorps forges common bonds of unity among all Americans.** By bringing together Americans of all races, classes, genders, religions, and physical abilities to work side-by-side, AmeriCorps strengthens the cords that bind us together as a people. AmeriCorps is reinvigorating the country because it creates a new civic compact in which any citizen can be tied to the nation by the simple virtue of making a difference in the lives of others.

* **AmeriCorps expands educational and economic opportunity.** Participants in the program receive a small living stipend and an educational award worth \$4,725 that can be used to pay for college, graduate school, job training, or to pay back existing student loans. There is NO economic needs test to participate in this program --- the only requirement to participate is a desire to serve the country. Thus, this program greatly boosts students from the middle class, who were previously told that their families "make too much money" to qualify for existing Federal aid programs. Yet the program also helps poor families for whom current aid programs are clearly insufficient.

* **AmeriCorps promotes personal responsibility.** All AmeriCorps projects require extremely hard work in exchange for educational benefits, while helping AmeriCorps Members build a life-long commitment to community service. AmeriCorps gives all Americans a new way of giving something back to the country. It reminds us that, along with rights we enjoy as citizens, we all have certain obligations to protect those rights and to aid our own communities.

**JAMES S. GILLILAND'S ITINERARY
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1996**

Tuesday, April 9 - Washington, DC to Lexington, KY

1:00 p.m. Car to National Airport

National Airport - Delta Airlines - Flight # 2206

LV: National @ 1:55 p.m.

AR: Cincinnati @ 3:23 p.m.

**Connecting Flight from Cincinnati, OH to Lexington, KY -
Delta Express Flight # 3104**

LV: Cincinnati @ 4:30 p.m.

AR: Lexington @ 5:15 p.m.

Pickup by Thomas Fern at airport

Hotel - Tuesday & Wednesday

Radisson Hotel - (606) 231-9000
Lexington, KY

7:00 p.m. Dinner at the Fifth Quarter Restaurant with Thomas G. Fern, State Director, RECDs; Bill Milliken, State Conservationist, NRCS; representative for Hoppy Henton, Executive Director, FSA; and Craig Cornwell, OGC (Plans to be designated by Mr. Fern)

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Depart Lexington RECD State Office for Mt. Vernon, KY, with Tom Fern, RECD; Lou Elliott, RECD AmeriCorps Coordinator; Rusty Chevront, Field Representative for Senator Wendell Ford; and Craig Cornwell, OGC

9:30 a.m. Arrive at Daniel Boone Development Council Office for event and tour of Ashlee's House, a homeless shelter located in Rockcastle County. Those invited include: local officials, representative from Kentucky Housing Corporation, social service representatives, State Representatives and other Americorps members. The local press has been notified and there may be an interview.

10:30 a.m. Convene at Kastle Inn Restaurant to address local officials and others

11:30 a.m. Depart Mt. Vernon and travel to Frankfort, KY

Wednesday Schedule Continues

- 1:30 p.m. Meet with Gene Royalty, Executive Director of Markets
(Representing Commissioner of Agriculture, Billy Ray Smith)
- 3:00 p.m. Meet with Kevin Goldsmith, Legislative Liaison and
Constituent Services Staff (also representative of the
Commissioner of Agriculture)
- 3:30 p.m. Meet with Kentucky Governor Paul Patton
- 4:30 p.m. Return to Lexington, KY
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with friends

Thursday & Friday

Personal Time and Travel

(File) Site Visits



November 30, 1994

AmeriCorps National Service

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Mr. Joel Berg
Director, National Service Programs
USDA
Room 538 A
14th and Independence Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Joel:

As you know, site visits are an important component in monitoring and evaluating AmeriCorps programs. I am writing to schedule site visits to three USDA projects in Los Angeles on December 21-23, 1994. I would like to visit the Anti-Hunger project, the San Bernadino National Forest, and a rural development project close to LA.

The purpose of the visit is to educate myself, and in turn, the Corporation, about your programs, their sponsors, missions, goals and activities. Since I have only one extended day (up to 10 hours) to complete each visit, we will have to schedule the time carefully.

While on site I would like to meet with the following people:

Project staff: Discuss the goals and objectives; record keeping, supervision, and other aspects of program administration; staff training and technical assistance; and evaluation.

AmeriCorps Members: Learn first hand about their experiences in the program and their issues of concern and to answer questions they have about the program. So that they will feel free to speak candidly, I would like to talk with several Members without local project staff or program managers present.

Community partners: Discuss the stake or investment of community partners and local officials in the outcome of the AmeriCorps program.

Members at work: Accompany several Members as they go about their duties -- i.e. outreach, nutrition counselling, trail maintenance, etc. so that I can better understand the nature of the service they deliver.

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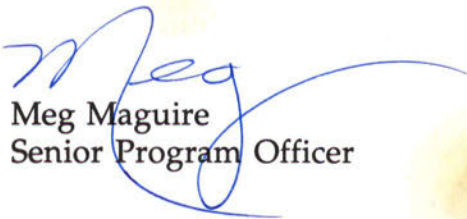
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At the end of the day we should reserve at least half an hour to discuss any outstanding issues the site directors may have.

On your recommendation, I will be glad to work directly with the site directors to arrange the details of the schedule for these days. Please confirm this time as soon as possible so I can complete plans for this trip.

Thanks for your help in arranging my visit. I am eagerly looking forward to getting out to the field to learn first hand what AmeriCorps means at the local level.

Sincerely yours,



Meg Maguire
Senior Program Officer

Joel Berg Tour
NWSA Metro Center
December 16, 1994

8:00 AM	Joel Berg Arrival PDX	Jon Stewart pick-up
9:15-12:30	NWSA Forum Visit at Mt. Hood Community College (put in lunch orders with Jay?)	
9:30	Summit Reflection Slide Show	
10:00-10:30	Keynote Address to Center Members Special Presentation	Joel Berg
10:45	Team Representatives meet with Mr. Berg, Russ Youmans, Mary Carroll (facilitated by Joe Parvankin and Jon Stewart in the Fireside Room)	
	Team 1 Steven Glickman	
	Team 2 Amy Neal (Governance Council Representative)	
	Team 2 Orion Protonentis (to discuss Tyee Fire Rehabilitation)	
	Team 3 Kristi Mergenthaler	
	Team 4 Mark Anderson	
	Team 5 Dana Hyland	
	Team 6 Chris Martin	
11:30	Lunch	
12:15 PM	Depart for Bradley Angel House with Kristi Mergenthaler, Chris Martin	
1:00-1:40	Bradley Angel House, Women's Shelter Project Meet with Team 2 and Brooks Nelson, Project Sponsor	
2:00-2:30	Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Gary Myers, project sponsor and Kristi Mergenthaler	
3:00-3:30	Visit Floyd Light Middle School Project Jay Trowbridge, Metro Service Project Coordinator and Chris Martin	
4:00	Arrive at Columbia Gorge Ranger District Meet with Dick Hardman, District Ranger and Jim Rice a Project Sponsor from the Clackamas Ranger District	
4:45	Depart for Edgefield Manor	Jon Stewart transports

Joel Berg's Visit

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USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS IN OREGON

Title: Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE)

Contacts: David Povey - 346-3812, Mark Fancy & Scott Craig - 346-3889, FAX - 346-2040
Main Base: Eugene

Address: Department of Planning; Public Policy and Management; 119 Hendricks Hall;
University of Oregon; Eugene OR 97403

Members' locations: Nehalem, Tillamook, Silverton, Philomath, Sweet Home, Florence,
Blue River, Oakridge, Bandon, Powers, Wasco Co, Hermiston, La Grande and Skamania
Co, WA.

Description Brief: Train college level students to become resource staff assistants
to rural communities in resource-sensitive watersheds; and to help rural
residents develop and implement community service activities that improve
economic and environmental conditions in their region.

Title: Southwest Rural Development Team

Contact: Amy Wilson - 476-5906, FAX - 995-9574

Main Base: Grants Pass

Address: SW Oregon Resource Conservation & Development; 576 N.E. E St; Grants Pass
OR 97526-2326

Members' locations: Northern Douglas Co, Southern Douglas Co, Coos Co, Curry Co and
Jackson Co.

Description Brief: Facilitate project planning and development for grass roots rural
development groups addressing timber and watershed issues.

Title: Rural Resource & Community Development (RECD) Service Outreach

Contact: Bud Fischer - 326-2735 (old), 414-3360 (new), Maricelle Carlberg (Asst.),
FAX - 414-3397

Main base: Portland

Address: Rural Resource & Community Development Services; 101 SW Main, Suite 1410;
Portland OR 97204-2333

Members' locations: Cave Junction, Oakridge, Coos Co, Douglas Co, Baker Co, Union
Co, Malheur Co and Umatilla Co.

Description Brief: Two members are performing outreach activities to assist rural
areas in planning and implementing community and economic development. Six
members are performing outreach activities associated with RECD as well as
economic development.

Title: Rogue River N.F. Public Lands & Environment (PL&E) Team

Contact: Mindy Martin - 899-1812, FAX - 858-3586, Drinda Lombardi - 326-3816

Main Base: Jacksonville

Address: Rogue River N.F.; 6941 Upper Applegate Rd, Jacksonville OR 97530

Members' locations: On-site.

Description brief: Enhancing environment and recreational opportunities