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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eli Segal
FROM: David Henkel
DATE: June 3, 1993
RE: Brookline High Commencement Speech

Here are a few items Jon gathered today during his trip to Brookline High School that you may incorporate into your speech:

- 1) Marie McNamara coordinates and teaches Community Service Leadership Seminar 2 hours every other week for the whole school year. There are 21 Juniors and Seniors in this unique program, it is the only known sort of its kind in the country. She teaches her students how to become community leaders and start their own service programs. This is the 2nd year of the courses existence. Here is a sampling of the programs her students have started:
 - a. Since these students are too young to take part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, they have started their own similar program.
 - b. 2 female students started Children With AIDS, where they visit local children with the disease and they play games with them or just talk with them.
 - c. The Shattuck Shelter is a local homeless shelter where 30 students go to once a week to serve meals.
 - d. 8 volunteers go to the West End House Boys and Girls Club in Allston and tutor the young children. Quad Conquest is the student who started this program and it motivated him and his classmates to give back to their community. As he said, "We see what the youth of today can do when they organize and realize they can make a significant impact in our communities."
- 2) Of the 1600 students in the high school, over 400 engage in volunteer work.
- 3) Robert Coles, author and psychologist, gave the commencement speech there a few years ago and said, "Being smart is not enough, goodness and citizenship are the qualities that enrich our lives."
- 4) Barry Shuman, teacher at Brookline, said that they are starting a culture of service within Brookline High.
- 5) There are between 65 - 70 different nationalities in the Brookline student body, and 1/3 whose primary language is not English. They had their first awareness day this

Spring to celebrate their diversity. The celebration was sparked by an unnecessary search of a male African-American student this year.

- 6) This is the 150th anniversary of Brookline High.
- 7) Our very own Ethan Zindler is a proud 1988 graduate of Brookline's School Within A School.
- 8) Eli is from Wayland, and his two children are graduates of Wayland High. His wife Phyllis and son Jon will be in the audience.

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TO: Eli Segal
FROM: David Henkel
RE: VISTA Summer Associates
DATE: July 9, 1993

As you are familiar, I have begun working for Diana London, Acting Director of VISTA, on the VISTA Summer Associates, and I wanted to give you a brief update on this program and what I am working on. I will give you a more detailed briefing on the program in the coming days, this is just the first of weekly memos to update you on our progress.

VISTA Summer Associates is much like SOS in that there are 700+ young Americans being touted as the President's initial national service participants. These young people are focusing on projects similar to SOS (housing, health, literacy, and at risk children) in 33 sites spanning 22 states. The Associates (participants) are joining current full year VISTA volunteers for 2 months this summer. The program started in June, most projects will be holding closing ceremonies mid-August.

I have been working with David O'Brien, Clinton/Gore Massachusetts Field Director & appointed to VISTA by Judy Harrington, in securing site visits by appropriate members of Congress, Governors, mayors, and Cabinet Secretaries. Sen. Simon visited our Chicago site on June 26th. Senators Campbell, Graham, Chaffee, Murray, Kennedy, Kerry and Dodd have all shown interests in making site visits. From the House side, several members have shown great interest, and we are in the process of scheduling their visits.

I would like to set up a meeting with you, Rick, Phil, Diana, Jennifer Eplett-Reilly, Don Gips, Diana London, David O'Brien and myself in order to discuss how our programs can benefit each other at this stage. It should take place during the third week of July. I will talk to Karen to see if this is possible for you.

cc: Rick Allen
Jack Lew
Gary Kowalczyk
Diana London