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July 29, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TODD STERN

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We have received the following recent information items:

- **Higgins note on Synar.** Kitty talked to David Kessler yesterday, who is serving as Mike's physician. Mike began radiation and chemotherapy treatment at NIH yesterday and will be home within the week. His condition is serious but treatable. Your call made an enormous difference in lifting his spirits.

- **Rivlin memo on security of federal facilities.** Progress is being made to implement recommendations of the DOJ Report on this subject. GSA has primary responsibility for security and ensuring agency compliance with standards established by DOJ. GSA has taken interim measures to heighten security at federal facilities at an FY 95 cost of $20.7 million, expanding its contract guard force by almost 800 positions. GSA will report to OMB in October on future funding needed to complete implementation of the enhanced security measures. OMB is preparing an Executive Order to establish a permanent Interagency Security Committee to address government-wide security concerns.

- **Cisneros note on homeownership.** Upbeat report. Second quarter data show a half-point increase in homeownership rate (about a half million homes) -- biggest one-quarter rate increase since before 1980. The public-private National Partners in Homeownership, comprising 56 nationwide organizations and led by Henry, has a goal of 8 million new homeowners from the start of 1995 through 2000, which would bring the national rate to an all-time high of 67.5%, compared to 64.2% at year-end 1994. With a strong economy, low mortgage rates and low inflation, 2.4 million new homeowners have been added in the past two and a half years.

- **James Lee Witt thank you.** James Lee is very grateful that you took the time to make the video supporting the National Flood Insurance Program. He showed the video to 500 people at the National Flood Insurance Conference in St. Louis at the

Mike
Synar

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS Kitty

SUBJECT Mike Synar

I spoke with David Kessler today. He's serving as Mike Synar's physician. David reported that your call to Mike made an enormous difference in raising his spirits. Mike is now at NIH and begins radiation and chemotherapy today. David hopes Mike will be home within the week, after six rounds of treatment. He characterizes Mike's condition as serious but treatable and would be happy to provide more information if that would be helpful.

cc: Leon Panetta
Harold Ickes
Jack Quinn

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end of May. NFI Administrator Elaine McReynolds said it was the most successful conference ever. James Lee credits FEMA's success to knowledge of his people that they have "support and sincere encouragement" from you.

Mack note on privatization of U.S. Enrichment Corporation. Strongly urges that Vice President be included in any final decision on privatization inasmuch as this decision is directly related to both the Gore-Chernomyrdin commission and our reinventing government efforts.

Phoenix Gazette poll. From Doug. Your job rating is up for second quarter in a row: 30% say "excellent" or "good;" 35% say "fair;" 32% have unfavorable opinion -- lowest level since fall 1994. Statewide poll in July of 707 adults.

Waco poll by CNN/USA TODAY. From Rahm. 57% think the FBI deserves at least a moderate amount of blame, versus 33% in 1993; 87% assign such blame to Koresh; 34% to you. 50% think actions of federal agents were responsible, 43% think irresponsible.

Letter on leatherback turtles forwarded by Erskine. Environmental Prof. James Spotila of Drexel University writes to inform you that the law creating a permanent park for these turtles and saving them from extinction was signed in Costa Rica July 18. He says passage of the law is a direct result of your support. Spotila sends a second letter about another endangered sea turtle off of Texas and Louisiana and argues that helping them would be good 1996 politics. I have forwarded these letters to Katie.

Jim Dorskind

Please coordinate the reply.

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Todd Stern

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General Counsel

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ERSKINE,

THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS. HIS SUPPORT FOR SAVING LEATHERBACK TURTLES TIPPED THE BALANCE IN COSTA RICA (AND HE'S EVEN GETTING SOME CREDIT FOR IT!).

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Honorable William J. Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

It is my very great pleasure to inform you that the law creating Las Baulas de Guanacaste as a permanent Park for the leatherback turtles on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica was signed by President Jose Maria Figueres and Natural Resources Minister Rene Castro in a ceremony on Tuesday, July 18 during a workshop in San Jose to establish a national program for management of marine resources in Costa Rica. This guarantees the survival of the third most important nesting area for leatherbacks in the world and is a direct result of your interest in the plight of this magnificent animal.

I personally thanked both President Figueres and Minister Castro after the ceremony on your behalf for their bold and decisive action in finalizing the Park. They expressed a sincere desire to have you visit the beach this December or January to see the Park and commune with the turtles. In connection with this visit President Figueres plans to convene a meeting of the Presidents of all of the Central American countries in San Jose to sign a cooperative agreement on the preservation and management of marine resources in the region. He will be officially inviting you to address this meeting and to visit the new Park with the other Presidents. The meeting and the visit of the Presidents to see the mother turtles lay their eggs on the beach under the moonlight will be a symbol of the commitment of all of participating nations to sustainable development and preservation of the environment for our grandchildren.

Enclosed are copies of news articles on the signing of the law, photos of the event, and a copy of the newest Earthwatch magazine which highlights your efforts for the Park on Page 7. I look forward to walking the beach with you in Costa Rica this winter. Thank you again for all of your help in this effort. We have saved a species from almost certain extinction and that is a lasting achievement indeed.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Spotila
Betz Chair Professor
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Parque Nacional Marino Las Baulas

Las tortugas tienen su parque

● Creadas las Areas Marinas de Uso Múltiple

MAURICIO HERRERA
Redactor de La Nación

Las tortugas baulas ya podrán desovar en Playa Grande de Guanacaste sin temer el saqueo ni la amenaza del turismo sin control.

Desde ayer, estos quelonios, de 1,50 metros de longitud y entre 500 y 700 kilogramos de peso, son los principales beneficiados del Parque Nacional Marino Las Baulas, la única área protegida del mundo dedicada exclusivamente a la defensa de las tortugas.

El presidente José María Figueres y el ministro de Recursos Naturales, René Castro, firmaron el decreto de creación del parque, el cual tendrá una extensión de 400 hectáreas. El acto se realizó durante la inauguración del taller "Por el rescate del océano, la costa y sus recursos", en el Teatro Melico Salazar.

Hasta ahora, Las Baulas, adonde arriban, entre octubre y marzo, por lo menos 900 tortugas, tenía la categoría de Refugio de Vida Silvestre, pero ahora gozará de total protección.

Según Castro, el Poder Ejecutivo cuenta con los recursos suficientes para garantizar el mantenimiento del lugar, pues hay un presupuesto de ¢2.000 millones para todas las áreas protegidas, cifra que surge de fondos del presupuesto y del incremento en el precio de ingreso en los parques.

De acuerdo con el doctor James Spotila, profesor de ciencias ambientales de la Universidad de Drexel (Filadelfia), esta acción hará que paulatinamente se incremente la llegada de los quelonios a esta playa, la tercera en importancia en el mundo.

Las tortugas baulas son consideradas las más grandes del mundo.

El nuevo parque nacional tiene 400 hectáreas de extensión y recibe en cada temporada de desove, entre octubre y marzo, a unas 900 tortugas.
Abarca principalmente a las playas Grande y Langosta, vecinas de la población de Tamarindo.

ACCION EN EL MAR

En la misma actividad, el mandatario también rubricó el decreto que crea el Sistema de Areas Marinas de Uso Múltiple (AMUM).

Esta nueva categoría abarca sitios costeros que ya son áreas silvestres protegidas y su zona de influencia, hasta un máximo de 12 millas marítimas.

El objetivo fundamental es dar un manejo apropiado y propiciar la investigación científica en los sistemas marino-costeros para recuperar aquellos alterados por la acción del hombre o por condiciones naturales, con el fin de aumentar su productividad, la biodiversidad marina y la calidad ambiental.

Algunos de los puntos beneficiados con esta normativa son el golfo de Papagayo, el Parque Nacional Marino Ballena, el Parque Nacional Corcovado, la Isla del Caño, las islas del golfo de Nicoya, Isla del Coco, Tortuguero y Cahuita.

Con las AMUM se identificarán las necesidades de cada una de los sitios y se procurará la integración de los esfuerzos con Nicaragua y Panamá, para propiciar una explotación racional de la pesca artesanal, industrial y deportiva, el aprovechamiento turístico y la conservación de la biodiversidad.

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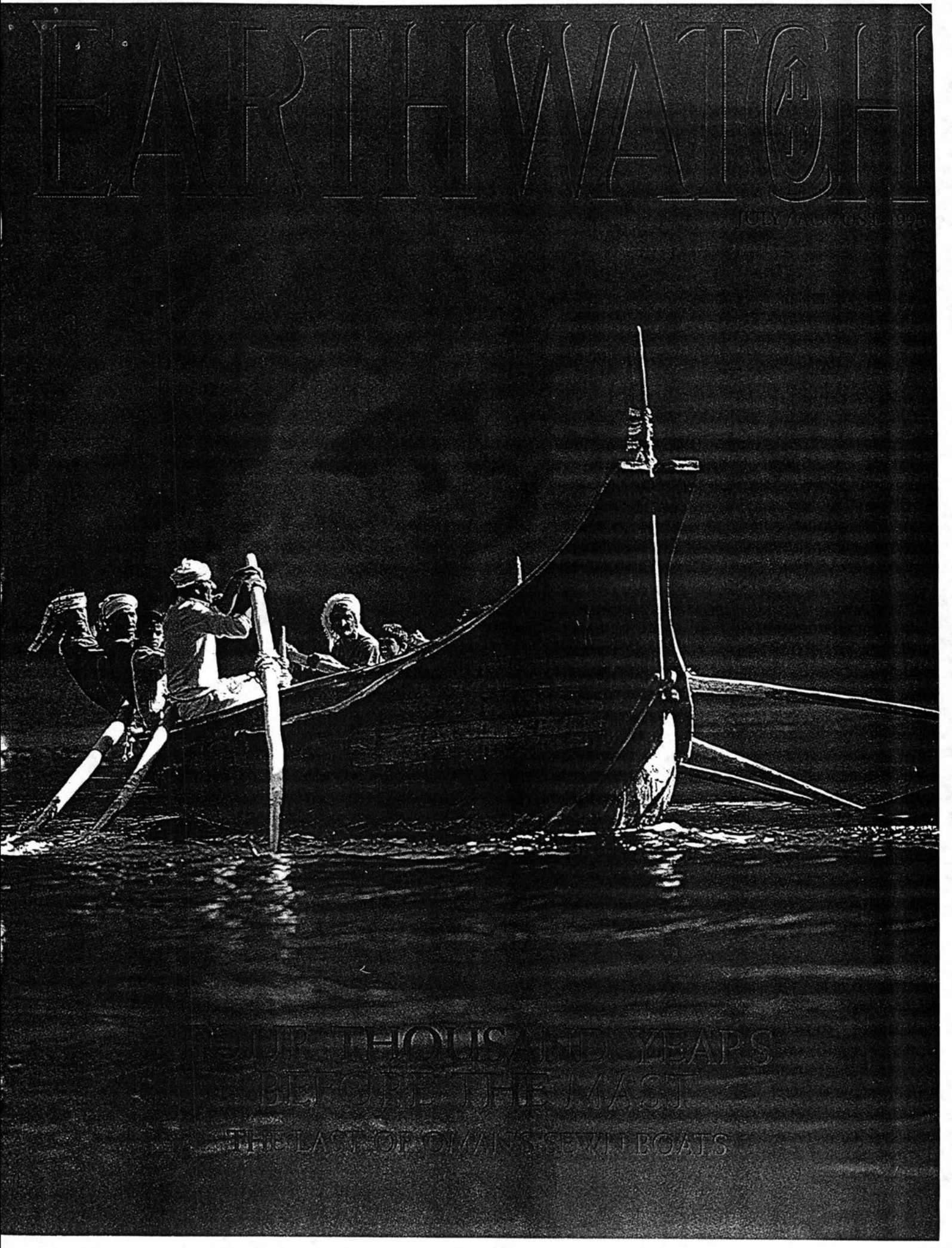

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Dear Mr. President:

Now that the third most important nesting area for leatherbacks has been saved by the new Park in Costa Rica it may be time to focus on the important role that sea turtles can play in the 96 election. I know it seems far fetched that sea turtles can be a central element in your successful reelection, but they can be central to the outcome in at least two states, Texas and Louisiana, and can mobilize the environmental and mainstream vote nationwide by symbolizing the commitment of the Clinton-Gore administration to the preservation of the environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

The importance of sea turtles in the states of Louisiana and Texas is due to the conflict between shrimp fishermen and the federal government over the use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDS) to prevent the drowning of sea turtles. Shrimp fishermen are incensed over TEDS while environmentalists, biologists, and many others are incensed that the Kemp's Ridley turtle is on the verge of extinction and close to 100 of the 590 adult females left in the Gulf are being killed by shrimpers each year. Past and current actions by the National Marine Fisheries Service have been well meaning but counterproductive. They are not serving the interests of your administration because they are alienating both fishermen and environmentalists. This problem fuels the antigovernment, antiregulation rhetoric of the far right and poisons your chances in these states and beyond. Fishermen see the federal government interfering with their livelihood while environmentally conscious voters see ineffective action which causes them to sit on the sidelines and to not bother to vote. There is a positive solution to this dilemma and I outline it in the accompanying paper entitled "Sea Turtles, TEDS, and Shrimpers: A Practical Solution to an Environmental and Political Problem". I am convinced that someone such as myself can bring these people together to find a workable solution to this problem and that we could then educate the fishermen to accept and use the solution. This would save the turtles, save the shrimpers and help to win the election of 96!

The importance of sea turtles to the overall 96 election campaign lies in their central importance as a symbol of a clean and healthy environment. Almost everyone loves sea turtles. They are large, friendly, inoffensive animals that have the mystery and appeal of dinosaurs without the inherent danger. They nest on the beaches from Florida to North Carolina in the summer, produce very cute hatchlings, and don't eat anyone. Thus, they have a high cuddle factor. They are the Pandas of the ocean and can be the symbol of the enlightened environmental policy of the Clinton-Gore Administration. They can solidify the environmental vote. I know that the economy is central to the election, however, if the environmental vote stays home in 96 the result will be another 94.

Those that support the Newt Republicans' attack on our environmental laws are a lost cause already. Saving the environment can be a central theme to mobilize a significant portion of the electorate to vote Clinton-Gore in 96. This can be done by solving the TED -Turtle crisis, by visiting the new Park in Costa Rica, in whose formation you played such a central role, and by addressing the International Sea Turtle Symposium of 500 scientists and conservationists that will be held in February at Hilton Head. A visit by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to the White House to thank you for helping to save sea turtles from extinction might also be very photogenic if combined with an award to **Earthwatch** and some sea turtle scientists for their efforts to study and save the environment. Finally, don't forget that you have also saved the desert tortoise from extinction via the recent completion of its recovery plan, and the compromise over development and tortoise habitat in Las Vegas. The tortoise may be slow, but it has a very important following in California.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Spotila
Betz Chair Professor
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Sea Turtles, TEDS, and Shrimpers: A Practical Solution to an Environmental and Political Problem

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Summary

The Environmental Problem

Sea turtles are endangered. The Kemp's Ridley is almost extinct and is being killed by shrimp trawls.

The Economic Problem

Shrimp fishermen are being out competed by foreign fishermen. U.S. shrimpers must use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDS) that add cost and reduce catch. Foreign competition does not use TEDS and produces lower cost shrimp.

The Political Problem

Both the shrimpers and environmentalists are upset with the federal government for neither saving the turtles nor the shrimp fishery. The command and control approach of the past has forced a technology on the shrimpers (TEDS) which they feel is not workable. This translates into a serious problem for the Clinton-Gore administration in the states of Louisiana and Texas, and perhaps beyond, for the election of 96.

The Practical Solution

A Presidential Committee or Commission to include non governmental scientists and members of all stakeholder groups to find a shrimper friendly solution acceptable to all by June 1996. Technology training to be provided to fishermen by a non governmental organization such as a university based laboratory.

Background

All 7 species of sea turtles are endangered or threatened. The most endangered is the Kemp's Ridley turtle, *Lepidochelys kempi*, which is limited to about 590 reproductive females that nest at one beach in Mexico, Rancho Nuevo. Unfortunately, these turtles have a bad habit of getting caught in shrimp trawls and drowning. Thus, last year many Kemp's Ridleys and Loggerheads, *Caretta caretta*, washed up dead on the Texas coast and this has happened again this year. At this time there are lawsuits and counter law suits in federal courts asking for shrimping to be stopped in these waters and for government regulations to be overturned. Despite years of effort the federal government has been unable to formulate and carry out a viable policy for preservation of endangered sea turtles and enhancement of the shrimp fishery in the U.S. This has been due primarily to an over reliance on a command and control approach to the problem and a failure by both the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the State Department to carry out effective programs. The former has imposed specific regulations on shrimpers which have not been accepted as effective by the people being regulated, and the latter has failed to execute provisions of a federal law that would provide relief for the shrimpers vs their foreign competition.

This is not only an environmental and economic problem, but a potentially critical political problem as well in the states of Louisiana and Texas which are critical to the outcome of the 96 election. The importance of sea turtles in these states is due to the conflict between shrimp fishermen and the federal government over the use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDS) to prevent the drowning of sea turtles. Shrimp fishermen are incensed over TEDS while environmentalists, biologists, and many others are incensed that the Kemp's Ridley turtle is on the verge of extinction and that close to 100 adult females are being killed by shrimpers in the Gulf each year. Past and current actions by NMFS have been well meaning but counterproductive. They are not serving the interests of the Clinton-Gore administration because they are alienating both fishermen and environmentalists. This problem fuels the anti-government, anti-regulation rhetoric of the far right and poisons the political atmosphere in these states and beyond. Fishermen see the federal government interfering with their livelihood while environmentally conscious voters see ineffective action which causes them to sit on the sidelines and to not bother to vote.

There is a very good way to prevent the drowning of sea turtles in shrimp trawls. That is to use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDS) on the trawls so that the turtles can swim out of the trawl before becoming caught. This approach was developed and tested by NMFS and it works reasonably well for both turtles and shrimpers. The latter benefit because the by catch is reduced. (By catch is the unwanted "trash fish" that makes up the majority of a shrimp trawl catch). However, the very word TEDS makes shrimpers in Louisiana and Texas see red. They object to having the government impose this regulation on them. The central problem is that the solution that works was developed by NMFS and imposed on the fishermen. No one asked the fishermen what the solution should be. They may even have a better idea.

Another problem with the TED story is that there is a federal law, called Public Law 109, which states that the U.S. will only import shrimp from foreign nations that use TEDS in their shrimp fisheries. However, while this has been applied to countries around the Caribbean, it has not been applied to the many other nations that sell shrimp to the U.S., including Thailand, India, China, Spain, etc. The State Department has even recently turned down proposals for conferences to educate the fishermen and government officials in the Indian Ocean area and Mexico about sea turtles and TEDS. Not only has the lack of enforcement of this law led to a competitive disadvantage for U.S. shrimpers vs their foreign competition, but the unwillingness to support these conferences has thrown insult on top of injury for both sea turtle advocates and shrimpers.

Perhaps the State Department is more concerned with free trade than the extinction of sea turtles, however, leveling the playing field by getting other nations to accept and use TEDS would be a big step forward in winning the hearts and minds of the fishermen in Louisiana and Texas and preventing the extinction of the Kemp's Ridley turtle. If the shrimpers saw that the federal government was making an effort to apply Public Law 109 and was trying to get other nations to use TEDS, they might be more willing to use them themselves. If environmentalists saw that the federal government was taking a proactive approach to this problem they might be more convinced that the Clinton-Gore administration was really environmentally friendly and be encouraged to vote in the next election.

At this time it appears that the ruckus over sea turtles and TEDS has

alienated both fishermen and environmentalists in Texas, Louisiana, and around the country. The Clinton-Gore administration is being maligned by both sides in this controversy. Yet, this does not have to continue to be the case. There is a practical solution to this problem.

Practical Solution

First, we should make the assumption that all parties are acting in good faith. Shrimpers want to catch shrimp, make money and feed their families. Environmentalists want to save sea turtles and eat shrimp. The former do not, in general, want to kill turtles, and in the past have cooperated with non-federal biologists to save sea turtles. Shrimpers used to keep exhausted sea turtles on deck to recover after pulling them out of their trawls. Now they don't because they don't want to be fined $10,000 for having a turtle on their deck. Environmentalists, in general, are not wild eyed radicals who want to put shrimpers out of business. There should be a middle ground. There are several ways to prevent the drowning of sea turtles in shrimp trawls. For example, shrimpers could use TEDS, they could avoid trawling in waters where there are many turtles, they could trawl for shorter periods of time, or they could design their own solution that will work in their particular situation. It would be far better to set the goal of saving the turtles, of not killing them, and then let the shrimpers come up with an acceptable approach to reaching that goal. The shrimpers know best how to catch shrimp while not killing turtles. Let them design the solution. Right now they see the feds as the bad guys coming to shut them down. There is a better way.

The better way could be implemented by having a meeting between the President or Vice President, the area Congressmen, shrimpers, and sea turtle advocates. Then a Presidential Committee or Commission should be set up to find a solution to this problem. It should be composed of sea turtle biologists, fisheries biologists, sea turtle advocates, shrimpers, members of other stake holder groups as appropriate, and representatives of elected officials. This committee should have non government biologists on it because the shrimpers will not trust the work of federal biologists. A suggested list of members is attached. The Committee should be charged with finding a solution acceptable to the stakeholders and the government that can be implemented before June, 1996.

Once a solution is devised, a non governmental entity should be engaged to transfer the appropriate technology to the shrimpers so that the solution can be implemented during 1996. For example, a sea turtle course could be offered to the shrimpers that included some sea turtle ecology and physiology, TED technology if still appropriate, other pertinent components of the solution, etc. If offered on the boats, or at least in the ports, by university based biologists using graduate students as instructors, this training would be much more acceptable than if forced on the shrimpers by people in federal uniforms. I am convinced that the right person could put together a team that could accomplish this goal within a year.

Proposed Committee Members

Chairman

Vice-President Albert Gore or his designee

Scientists

Dr. Edward Theriot
Vice President for Systematics
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Theriot is a native of Louisiana and a long time fisherman. He is an expert in the biology and systematics of diatoms and has extensive field experience around the world. He understands the world of the scientist and the fisherman and will be a good facilitator for the committee.

Dr. James R. Spotila
Betz Chair Professor
of Environmental Science
Drexel University
Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Spotila is an expert in sea turtles and fishery biology. He has many

years of experience in these fields and recently helped to establish a National Park for sea turtles in Costa Rica. For several years he worked with fishing organizations to improve walleye fishing in eastern Lake Erie.

Dr. John Musick
Chairman
Fisheries Department
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Gloucester Pt, VA

Dr. Musick is an internationally known fisheries scientist who has worked with both the fishery and sea turtles in the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean for many years. He is also President of the International Sea Turtle Symposium for 1996.

Dr. Jack Rudloe, President
Gulf Specimen Inc.
Panacea, Florida

Dr. Rudloe is a commercial supplier of marine specimens for biological laboratories around the country. He is also an author of several books on the oceans, including one on sea turtles, and articles in *Audubon*, *National Geographic*, and *Natural History*. He has worked with commercial fishermen for many years.

J. Whitfield Gibbons
Research Ecologist
Savannah River Ecology Laboratory
University of Georgia
Aiken, SC

Dr. Gibbons is an internationally known ecologist and turtle expert. He is the author of several books and an effective facilitator in finding practical solutions to environmental problems. He has studied the effects of environmental perturbations on fish, amphibians, and reptiles at the Savannah River Plant and other sites for over 30 years.

Representatives from the Shrimp Fishermen's Associations in Texas and Louisiana

Three members

Representatives from Environmental Organizations

Three Members

Representatives from Congressional, State and Local Government Offices

Six Members

Presidential Representatives

Four Members

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which have helped defense firms. No specifics on the Lockheed/Martin matter.

(E) **Ron Brown memo on Denver trade conference.** Secretary Brown says the July Western Hemisphere Trade and Commerce Forum --attended by ministers of 34 countries and over 1200 businesses -- was a great success, advancing the objective of hemispheric free trade by 2005 and delivering the message that international trade and commerce is bringing real benefits to the American people. Ron notes that the U.S. will have to work hard to maintain leadership in hemispheric integration, since Brazil is attempting to lead in the creation of a Latin super-regional market. Ron also discusses the continuing resistance to integration by organized labor, as well as the encouraging work of commercial integration going on in such areas as telecom and transportation, and harmonizing regulatory regimes and legal systems.

(F) **Luntz memo on how to communicate about Medicare.** From Doug. This is the one that refers to seniors as "pack oriented" and "susceptible to following one very dominant person's lead."

(G) **Article on Hank Scheinkopf.** From Harold. Favorable piece entitled "New York Warrior Fires First Shot For Clinton" ran in the New York Observer.

(H) **Selected clips.** From Doug.

(I) **Jonathan Prince note.** Forwards letter from his parents -- his father was an Air Force doctor in Vietnam in 1962-63 -- written last Saturday from Nha Trang City.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT GORE
LEON PANETTA
HAROLD ICKES
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FROM: DOUGLAS B. SOSNIK

SUBJECT: LUNTZ MEMO

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a memo Frank Luntz sent to the Republican Caucus advising them on how to communicate with voters on Medicare.

News From the

MEDICARE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

A Project of the House Republican Conference

June 8, 1995

Dear Republican Colleague:

During the Memorial Day recess Frank Luntz attended several town hall meetings and focus groups on Medicare. The attached memo summarizes the key findings from these meetings.

The Frank Luntz memo underscores that we must continue to stress our four basic themes:

1. Medicare is going bankrupt
2. Republicans are committed to saving Medicare
3. We will spend more money -- an additional $1600 per person
4. We are listening and want ideas from constituents.

We hope this information is helpful and please give any us a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Miller Jim McCrery Jim Greenwood

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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties
From: Frank Luntz
Re: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Communicating Medicare
Date: June 7, 1995

"We have a problem with the national attitude. There is a feeling that, if I can get it, why not take it. You see it in Medicare every day."

"We are the patriots of America. We're the ones who hang our flags out on Memorial Day. Why should we be the ones who are asked to sacrifice yet again?"

With the help of the ***United Seniors Association***, we have conducted more than a half dozen focus groups and three town hall meetings with pre-retirees and current Medicare recipients during the Memorial Day recess and over the past few weeks. This memo summarizes our key findings. We hope it will assist you in future communication efforts.

AT THE BEGINNING

1. You MUST communicate to your supporters as well as the overall senior community. Keep in mind that seniors are very "pack-oriented" and are very susceptible to following one very dominant person's lead. You must ensure that balance exists at each town meeting, and be careful to keep individual anecdotes or isolated incidents from dominating (and driving) the process.

2. Distribute the Summary of the Trustees' Report to everyone over age 50. If you can't get a hold of enough copies of the actual summary, xerox the key passages and disribute them to your constituents *as they arrive* for your meetings, or place them on their seats before they arrive. Nothing is more credible and powerful than the report itself, and informing your constituents of the Trustees' findings *(reading to them word-for-word the most egregious conclusions)* must be at the core of your communication strategy.

3. You absolutely must tell people at the outset that the Trustees include high-level Clinton Administration officials -- list who they are by name. Your audience will recognize many of the names, and that will give credibility to your defense that your efforts to strengthen Medicare are non-partisan. Remind your constituents that these Trustees warned in last year's report that Medicare was headed for bankruptcy. We cannot wait any longer to begin the rescue of the system.

4. Personalize YOUR interest in Medicare. This must take place at the very beginning of your presentation. Reassure your seniors that this issue affects you personally, and not just in theory (otherwise you may come across as an accountant rather than a human being). Talk about your parents, relatives or life-long friends currently on Medicare. For those of you in your late 50s or early 60s, you can talk about your own countdown to the day you yourself will qualify.

5. Your Number One Priority is to save Medicare. "Saving, preserving and strengthening" Medicare needs to be repeated as the central theme at the beginning, during the session and at the close. Let your seniors know that you personally will not allow a program for 37 million people to go bankrupt by ignoring its current problems.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION TIPS

There are certain communication *rules* that apply to Medicare that don't apply to other issues. Words are especially important, and setting the right tone at the outset is critical.

1. You MUST appear bi-partisan. The responses in our recent Town Halls say it all:

   - *"We sent you all to Washington to work for us, not play sides! We want the best for all people, Democrats and Republicans. You need to work together for the good of all the country."*

   - *"The unity of both parties is essential. A new broom sweeps cleaner."*

   Partisanship also affects whether or not people trust the Medicare numbers you offer. Right now, the Trustees' Report is the most credible source because it lacks partisan identification (CBO credibility is questionable because of the word "Congressional" -- and no one knows what the initials mean by themselves). Be careful not to come across too harshly against the Dems, but it is acceptable to ask rhetorically for President Clinton's help.

2. **Don't talk about "improving" Medicare – you are strengthening it.** We cannot afford to raise expectations, but that's exactly what you will do if you tell seniors you're going to "improve" Medicare. When seniors hear the words *improve* and *Medicare* in the same sentence, they immediately think of lower deductibles, free prescription drugs, subsidized hearing aids and eye glasses, cheaper in-home care, and reductions in everything else they now have to pay for. ***The quickest path to defeat is to overpromise seniors.***

3. **The newspaper is still very important to seniors.** Seniors diligently read the newspaper, and they often clip articles about fraud and abuse involving Medicare. This is one issue where print media is as important as television or radio – if not more so. Consequently, clip several local newspaper articles about Medicare waste and/or fraud and bring them to your town hall meetings to distribute to attendees. The word will spread rapidly.

4. **Seniors read their mail and scrutinize their hospital and doctor bills.** Everyone has a story to tell, though none as poignant as this one:

> *"I went in for eye surgery and they charged me for an autopsy. I complained and they came back and said, 'I'm sorry Mrs. Colby but that should have been for an EKG.' I told them I didn't have one of those either."*

We were bombarded with anecdotes of over-billing, double-billing and false-billing. Ask your constituents to write your office with their accounts of abuse and also devote the first fifteen minutes of your meeting to "fraudtoids." Beginning this way helps pave the way for the following arguments about the need for change, while also letting you know at the outset who's with you and who's against you.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

The public in general, and the older population in particular, is moving in our direction, but it has been and will continue to be a slow, deliberate process. Seniors are distrustful of Washington, know their own strength as a political constituency, and simply do not believe their elected officials will turn their back on a such a strong voting block.

Knowledge

1. No one believes Medicare will actually go bankrupt. A growing number of seniors are familiar with the current Medicare debate, but they still enter the room skeptical. They have great difficulty trusting the government's numbers when they feel they've been lied to in the past (and proposed changes in how COLAs are calculated are making it worse).

2. Seniors will not even consider changes in Medicare until they're convinced the system's going broke. Before talking about new options the need for reform must be clarified. *Between now and the July 4th recess, you need to concentrate on educating the public on the problems with Medicare rather than talking about your solutions.* We will be hit hard in September if we have not laid the groundwork for our ultimate proposals. ✓

3. Explain what bankruptcy really means, and why dipping into general revenues to sustain Medicare is not an option.

4. The difference between Medicare and Medicaid is still not widely known. As a recent front page *Washington Times* headline can attest, few people distinguish between Medicare and Medicaid. It is therefore not surprising that even when quoting written articles, seniors also don't know the difference between the two. Make sure you explain the difference early in your presentation. Seniors particularly hate the idea that legal and illegal aliens are receiving ✓ government benefits in general, and Medicare or Medicaid in particular.

5. Remind audiences about changes in retirement patterns over the past thirty years. Seniors know their life expectancy is significantly longer now than it was in the 1960s. They recognize they will be spending more years in retirement, and are therefore taking more out of the system. This begins to build the case for Medicare transformation.

Cost/Financing

> *"I know I live in a never-never land. I don't care about the medical charges because I'm not paying for them."*

> *"The hospital tells me, 'Why are you worried about costs. You don't pay for it. Medicare does.' It's that attitude that causes prices to go up."*

This is at the crux of our argument. If we can't prove that Medicare is going bankrupt, we'll never be able to sell our solutions. Plan on spending no less than 30 minutes – and up to an hour – discussing the numbers alone. You cannot move on until your audience fully understands the financial ramifications.

1. Seniors realize that they're getting a great deal. Understandably, they're reluctant to give it up. It is therefore necessary to explain that while they may like what they have *now*, it won't be there *in the future* unless real changes are made. This is why so much effort must be devoted to the simple task of explaining that Medicare is going broke. ✓

2. Seniors use specific figures to make their points. So should we. When discussing waste and over-billing, a surprising number of seniors point to $10 aspirins, $150 eye exams, and can remember the cost of their hospital bill to the penny. They have the ability to remember the cost of a single drug and a particular procedure because they *personalize* rather than *globalize* their medical care. We must do the same. Informing Medicare recipients that the average couple will take out over $100,000 more from Medicare than they have contributed to the system personalizes Medicare's impending bankruptcy (use exact numbers) in the same manner as a $10 aspirin personalizes its abuses. ✓

3. The potential need for increasing premiums by 300% is the "Killer Stat." No one knows this, but the information is believed. After seniors are presented with the financial information on Medicare, they will inevitably ask for the consequences. Showing them the chart about what happens to Medicare if it goes bankrupt immediately disrupts the complacent atmosphere. The possibility that Medicare premiums will increase by 300% is simply not acceptable to seniors -- and they will do anything to prevent this from happening. (Note: The other options, such as increasing taxes on working class families, produce virtually no reaction.)

4. Even if YOU keep Medicare and the budget separate, your constituents may not. Be prepared. As more than one participant volunteered, "*Republicans say they're going to balance the budget in seven years, but they also tell us that Medicare is going broke in seven years. Is this just a coincidence?*" We are strengthening Medicare because we are committed to its survival. We are balancing the budget for our children and the next generation of Americans. We will succeed on both counts because we must succeed on both counts.

Waste, Fraud & Abuse

The same people who believe eliminating foreign aid will balance the budget also believe that eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse will solve the Medicare problem. For seniors, the government may be the enemy, but the real emotional venom is reserved for doctors and hospitals. What a paradox -- the very people who help keep them alive are the very people they hate the most. Everyone has a story or complaint:

- *"The doctors -- they all want a piece of the pie. Just yesterday, the doctor charged me $150 just to look at my nose."*

- *"The medical profession is milking Medicare -- the doctors, drug suppliers and others in the medical industry. They're making too much money. They all don't need to drive a Mercedes or BMW. Some should be driving Chevys."*

1. Separate waste (defensive medicine) from fraud (deliberate defrauding) from abuse (double billing, mis-billing). When seniors complain about "waste, fraud and abuse," they actually mean three very distinct problems with the current Medicare system. To seniors:

   Waste involves the unnecessary and costly tests and procedures that recipients have to undergo because the doctors and hospitals are practicing defensive medicine. Seniors have only limited sympathy for doctors and hospitals in this situation. *"Why don't we go after the medical community to decrease their fees, or at least stop recommending so many tests."*

   Fraud is the deliberate attempt by doctors and hospitals to milk Medicare for every dime. Seniors want these people prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. *"Some of these doctors keep having their patients come back and come back and come back, and it's positively unnecessary."*

   Abuse is the non-deliberate billing mistakes that Medicare recipients believe take place all the time. Well over half of all seniors have personal experience with Medicare abuse -- and they all want to talk about it. *"Why can't the government train personnel to pull medical records like the income tax and check to see if doctors or hospitals overcharge? Maybe doctors and hospitals would be more careful if they thought they would be checked."*

   Understand that the combination of "waste, fraud and abuse" has produced a virulent anti-physician mentality in the eyes of seniors.

2. Waste, fraud, and abuse cuts two ways. We must be careful not to suggest to seniors that Medicare will be fine if we eliminate all the waste, fraud and abuse in the system. Seniors are willing to accept the need for reform because of the many problems they see with the system, but they will not understand why they have to pay more for what they have now even after all the waste, fraud and abuse is eliminated.

OTHER FINDINGS

1. "Choice" is not a high priority with seniors. Medicare recipients are less concerned with choice of plans than they are with stability and maintaining their current doctor-patient relationship. This is especially true with older seniors. They must be told again and again that they will be able to maintain their current Medicare situation if they so choose.

2. Don't raise the Social Security issue. Seniors with good memories recall when Congress told them Social Security was going broke. They remember that Congress made changes to the system, and they don't expect to have to revisit it anytime soon. Any mention of future problems with Social Security only angers seniors and makes them less willing to discuss changing the Medicare system.

AT THE END

1. Let your constituents know that other seniors' groups exist. Show your seniors that AARP is not the only seniors' representative on Capitol Hill or nationwide. Bring information about the *United Seniors Association* and other groups who are doing good work on behalf of the elderly, and encourage people to investigate alternative points of view. The more we educate seniors to AARP alternatives, the more successful we will be.

2. Remind your audience that Republicans want to "*INCREASE* spending but at a slower rate." This language works. Remind your constituents that only in Washington is an increase from $4,800 to $6,400 (a 33% increase) per recipient defined as a cut.

3. Republicans must be seen as the party of hope; the party that took on the problems of Medicare head-on. It is the Democrats who are using "scare tactics" by allowing a program to go broke, to be riddled with waste and fraud, to become overly bureaucratized without offering a solution or even acknowledging a problem -- all just to score political points. Republicans *will* find a solution. For our efforts to be successful, *we have to make the status quo a worse option than change.*

4. You must solicit citizen input. *"Government seems to be trying and is willing to listen to us old guys."* said one town hall participant. Public opinion and input must be a key component of the process. Allowing seniors -- and not just Washington insiders -- to work on creating a strengthened Medicare system will help these seniors accept changes to the system.

5. You must have the last word in this debate.

> *"I have gone from a negative opinion to a more positive one. I think you will make progress on this matter."*

This is what we need to hear. For too many seniors, it will be the last word that ultimately sways them. We need it to be ours. Don't end your town meetings, interviews, or public communication efforts on a down note. Do not assume that just because AHA or AARP hasn't targeted your district or that only two people came up and talked to you about Medicare last week, that you are out of the woods. This issue is *live* and will remain so right up until Election Day.

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which have helped defense firms. No specifics on the Lockheed/Martin matter.

(E) **Ron Brown memo on Denver trade conference.** Secretary Brown says the July Western Hemisphere Trade and Commerce Forum --attended by ministers of 34 countries and over 1200 businesses -- was a great success, advancing the objective of hemispheric free trade by 2005 and delivering the message that international trade and commerce is bringing real benefits to the American people. Ron notes that the U.S. will have to work hard to maintain leadership in hemispheric integration, since Brazil is attempting to lead in the creation of a Latin super-regional market. Ron also discusses the continuing resistance to integration by organized labor, as well as the encouraging work of commercial integration going on in such areas as telecom and transportation, and harmonizing regulatory regimes and legal systems.

(F) **Luntz memo on how to communicate about Medicare.** From Doug. This is the one that refers to seniors as "pack oriented" and "susceptible to following one very dominant person's lead."

(G) **Article on Hank Scheinkopf.** From Harold. Favorable piece entitled "New York Warrior Fires First Shot For Clinton" ran in the New York Observer.

(H) **Selected clips.** From Doug.

(I) **Jonathan Prince note.** Forwards letter from his parents -- his father was an Air Force doctor in Vietnam in 1962-63 -- written last Saturday from Nha Trang City.

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Note to: Todd Stern

From: Kitty Higgins K.H.

Please forward to the President.

cc: Steve Silverman

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20230

JUL 18 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Kitty Higgins
Secretary to the Cabinet

FROM: William W. Ginsberg
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Memo for the President from Secretary Brown about the Denver Forum

Please find the attached reporting memo to the President from Secretary Brown describing the events in the Hemispheric Trade and Commerce Forum held in Denver July 1 and 2.

Attachment

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

JUL 18 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: **RONALD H. BROWN**
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: **HEMISPHERIC TRADE AND COMMERCE FORUM**

As you know, last week Ambassador Kantor and I co-hosted the Western Hemisphere Trade and Commerce Forum in Denver. Joining us in Denver were Secretary Reich, Secretary Pena and, of course, Governor Romer and his first-class team. The entire event was a great success which both advanced the objective of achieving free trade in this hemisphere by 2005 and clearly delivered the message that our international trade and commercial successes are bringing real benefits to the American people. While I will rely on Ambassador Kantor to brief you on the ministerial, I would like to offer my perspective on the Forum and other events that took place in Denver.

The Forum itself attracted over 1200 business and other private sector leaders from throughout the hemisphere, including 400 from the United States, to a one and a half day long discussion of the key issues that had to be resolved in order to achieve the promise of integration within the decade ahead. It was attended by ministers and sub-cabinet delegations representing virtually all of the 34 countries participating in the integration process and each country also sent private sector delegations. The Forum itself was as historic as the process of which it was part, representing perhaps the first time in the history of international trade that a complex multilateral negotiation began with consultations with the private sector. The event produced a series of detailed and innovative recommendations concerning the integration process and, as significantly, produced unanimous agreement that the forum should continue on an on-going basis, linked to trade ministerials. The Colombian government has offered to host the next forum at the time of the Cartagena trade ministerial next March and the Brazilian government has offered to host both the ministerial and the forum in Belo Horizante in 1997. This commitment to continue to build on the work you began in Miami is one of the most encouraging outcomes of all of our discussions last week in Denver.

At the same time as last week's ministerial and forum, we also conducted a number of other important trade-related events, including: the first full-meetings of the U.S.-Argentine and U.S.-Brazilian Business Development Councils; a seminar on our Big Emerging Markets initiative, which was attended by almost 500 people and sets the stage for our major Big Emerging Markets Conference to take place in Washington in late July; and a series of important bilateral meetings. Also taking place in Denver at the time of the Forum was a meeting of the hemisphere's leading labor officials and a meeting of environmental NGOs.

The support throughout these meetings for your leadership in Miami and for advancing the process of integration through the Denver events was widespread from American and foreign public and private sector representatives alike. It was also clear that those in attendance were very supportive of our international commercial diplomacy, citing our focus on using shared interests as the primary motivator to achieve solutions to the challenges confronting us as a particularly effective approach worthy of the world's economic leader.

That said, it was also clear that the United States will have to work very hard to maintain our leadership in the process of hemispheric integration--a goal which should be high among our international priorities given the promise of the 800 million person pan-American marketplace. If we falter in our efforts to win fast-track legislative authority for Chilean accession to the NAFTA and to conclude accession negotiations, if we do not actively lead the process of integration itself--from free trade agreements to building the infrastructure of integration, from standards harmonization to managing the creation of a workforce of an integrated marketplace--then others are ready to step in or turn to available alternative linkages. In particular, both public and private statements by senior Brazilian officials in Denver strongly conveyed the point that Brazil sees its role as leading the creation of a Latin super-regional market and managing the U.S. role in this entire process by pursuing ties between the EU and Mercosur and Mercosur and other Latin nations. Our task will be made more delicate by the fact that the heavy-handed U.S. regional behavior of the past has left many bruises and that we must not attempt to dominate every aspect of this process. We must lead by building coalitions and sometimes, by letting others take the process where we want to go, offering support and advice. Ambassador Kantor and his superb team at USTR have already begun this process with their effective work in Miami and Denver, but it is clear to me that with each new phase of this effort new challenges will arise and the Administration as a whole will have to work together to manage our bilateral and multilateral relationships throughout the region, accentuating positive ties wherever they exist even as tensions inevitably emerge elsewhere.

This process will be made more difficult, as conversations in Denver clearly indicated, by the continuing resistance to integration by important constituencies such as labor. The scars of NAFTA have clearly not healed among this group even though, in their speeches in Denver, all acknowledged that integration was inevitable and Latin labor leaders saw opening the U.S. market as a key to meeting their workers' demands for a higher standard of living. This suggests future tensions among leaders of the hemispheric labor movement as they vie among one another for jobs. At the same time, all agree they want a seat at the table to ensure their interests are represented in the final negotiated agreement--and participating foreign government officials remained as resistant to this idea as ever. In my judgement, this issue will dog us throughout the process of the next decade but we must be very careful not to let it forestall progress or we could lose any initiative we might have to Latins who are somewhat less politically pressed by this point. A parallel process and continuing sensitivity to these issues will be very important. With this in mind, we had a workforce panel during our forum that was arranged by Secretary Reich's team and he was an important participant in the Denver program. But, this was only a small beginning and it in itself sparked a heated discussion about whether or not it was appropriate to address these issues in the context of opening markets.

Despite these challenges, Denver's forum demonstrated that the work of integration goes far beyond traditional trade agreements and is proceeding with the leadership of the private sector. What we call commercial integration--all those issues from deals themselves to building telecom and transportation infrastructures, harmonized regulatory regimes, compatible legal systems and other linkages that often do not require legislative action but bind together the individual markets of the Americas--was the topic of our discussions. Business leaders met in working groups seeking to develop recommendations for governments as they proceed with FTAA negotiations and the other steps on the road to a single market. Universally, they rejected the model of Europe's forty plus year process of integration in favor of a market-driven approach in which the private sector does not sit on its hands waiting for the final language of a treaty to be worked out. The satellites are going up now, the air corridors are proliferating, and the standards discussions are beginning. The recommendations developed in Denver in each of seven sectoral categories including telecom, transportation, health care, energy, agribusiness, environmental technologies and tourism were conceived to support this process. Similarly, recommendations in each of the functional workshops we held, such as those focusing on intellectual property, labor, regulatory, standards, legal and other issues, offer specific steps needed to achieving our goal as viewed through the eyes of some of the region's leading experts.

Secretary Pena joined Ambassador Kantor, Secretary Reich and I in playing a central role in the week's activities, not only in his capacity as Transportation Secretary in which he has shown such leadership in bringing together his counterparts to discuss this key area of regional infrastructure, but also as an enthusiastically received native son of Colorado. Governor Romer of Colorado and Mayor Wellington Webb of Denver were also instrumental in achieving the success of the event.

Preliminary recommendations were presented to the gathered ministers on Sunday morning, July 2 and draft write-ups of the recommendations were also circulated to all participants at that time. A final report of all recommendations will be circulated to the hemisphere's business leaders, trade, commerce and foreign ministers by August 1.

The work you began in Miami was advanced significantly last week. The participants and the observing press were virtually universal in their enthusiasm for the initiative and their high estimation of its significance. We have already begun to work with the government of Colombia to provide assistance as they develop the next forum for next March and will continue to actively follow your lead on this issue. I am convinced that it will be one of this Administration's proudest and most enduring legacies.

cc: Leon Panetta
Ambassador Michael Kantor
Secretary Robert Reich
Secretary Federico Pena

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July 28, 1995

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

I tried
He said no

TO: Former Governor George Nigh (D-OK)
W: 405-341-6927
H: 405-751-7708 (Wife: Donna)

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Doug Sosnik and Linda Moore, Political Affairs

PURPOSE: To encourage him to run for the U.S. Senate in 1996.

BACKGROUND: Senator Jim Inhofe (R), who was elected last year to serve the remaining two years of Senator David Boren's (D) term, will seek a full six-year term next year. Governor Nigh's name has been floated for a few months now and he has been considering the race. The DSCC believes that with his high name recognition and popularity, he would begin the race at least even with Inhofe. He is far and away the best candidate the Democrats could field.

It will be tough to convince Nigh to run. He does not want to move to Washington and enjoys his current job as president of the University of Central Oklahoma very much. He is also advancing in age.

If Nigh does not run, Rep. Bill Brewster (D) and Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage (D) have also been mentioned. It is unlikely that either one of them will ultimately decide to run. If Brewster runs, the Democrats will almost certainly lose his House seat.

Governor Nigh served from 1979-1987. He won every county in the state when he ran for re-election in 1982.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: You may wish to express your confidence that he would make an excellent U.S. Senator. You could note that America could use a few more governors in the U.S. Senate, people who understand the

problems people face at the state level and who are capable of tackling them with innovative solutions.

He would make an extremely formidable candidate against the right-wing Inhofe.

If Nigh decides to run, this race will be a top priority for the Party and he can count on the DNC and the DSCC to pull out all of the stops to help him win.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: July 28, 1995

ACTION: _____

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Let discuss
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27 July 1995

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

CC: LEON PANETTA

FROM: Harold Ickes

SUBJECT: Draft of DNC proposed letter to be signed by Chairman Don Fowler regarding Congressman Armey's April letter to 80 or so CEOs which will be sent to about 5,000 potential donors

Attached is a draft of a letter to be signed by Don Fowler on DNC stationary to approximately 5,000 prospective donors based on Congressmen Armey's letter of April to about 80 CEOs.

As you can see, it has been "edited" by several on the White House staff.

I have some questions as to whether this is what you had in mind. I also have some questions about some of the language in the draft.

Let's discuss at your convenience.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Various public interest (Jack Quinn) & Public Policy Advocacy (Bruce Lindsey)

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a very disturbing letter for you to read.

It's correspondence from House Republican Leader Dick Armey, printed on official congressional letterhead, to the CEOs of 82 of our nation's leading corporations.

In this letter, Armey totally disregarded the ethics rules of the House of Representatives by using the clout of his office to encourage these corporations to end any support they may be offering to ~~liberal~~ organizations -- and instead financially support only conservative groups which further the Republican Party agenda.

You may become even more concerned when I tell you that this letter is only a small part of a larger campaign that the Republicans are ~~passing~~ pressing to intimidate anyone who contributes to Democratic or moderate civic causes.

Now that the Republicans hold the majority in Congress, they're using their new-found power to strangle the resources of many of the Democratic Party's most dedicated and loyal allies -- progressive public interest organizations.

public interest organizations,

Not only are they trying to strongarm corporate executives to end their funding of these ~~progressive organizations~~, they're also cutting federal grants and contracts to these groups, which they view as a threat to their ~~conservative~~ radical agenda.

Republicans'

The ~~Republican~~'s long list of "enemies" is ~~very~~ diverse. It includes organizations such as Planned Parenthood, Amnesty International, Defenders of Wildlife, National Organization for Women, Sierra Club, ACLU, Greenpeace, and AIDS support organizations such as American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The Republicans are going so far in their witch-hunt ~~as to~~ and even target organizations not traditionally viewed as liberal, politically-oriented groups. Such "extremist" organizations include the American Heart Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Lung Association, the Nature Conservancy, the American Cancer Society -- and even Trout Unlimited.

A more thorough copy of their enemies list of these targeted groups is included. You may want to check the list to see if you are a member of any of these organizations.

I need your help to stop this ~~"Defund the Left"~~ campaign.

First, sign the enclosed petition to Nancy L. Johnson, chair of the House Ethics Committee. This petition demands that the committee investigate and hold hearings concerning this clear abuse of office by Dick Armey.

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to destroy the public interest community.

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Second, please return your signed petition with a membership contribution to the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

We may be able to convince the Ethics Committee to hold a hearing on Armey's actions, and he may be penalized, but there is only one sure way to stop the Republicans...

... we must take back the Congress, and keep the White House in Democratic hands.

That's why your membership in the DNC is so important.

As a member of the DNC, you will be offering your financial and moral support to our very best Democratic Congressional and Senatorial candidates. In addition, you will also be offering your support to the President -- to support his initiatives on Capitol Hill, and his campaign to win re-election.

It is very important that we stop the Republican's "~~Defund the Left~~" campaign.

The organizations targeted by the Republicans do very worthy work ... protecting the environment ... searching for cures to terrible diseases ... fighting for individuals' rights ... offering help to those in need.

These organizations make America a better place to live ... and we can not do without them. That's why I hope you will respond to this appeal for help.

As shocking as these Republican hardball tactics are, we shouldn't be surprised.

Ever since their victory last November, Newt Gingrich and other Republican leaders have been shaking down lobbyists in Washington.

Targeting these progressive organizations for extinction is only a slight variation on these strongarm Republican tactics.

Please sign your petition to the House Ethics Committee, and return it right away with your membership contribution to the DNC.

With your help, we can stand up to these McCarthy Era tactics.

Sincerely,

Donald Fowler
National Chair

P.S. We are encouraging the Ethics Committee to act quickly, and judiciously. That's why it is very important that we have your signed petition as soon as possible.

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REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP ENEMY LIST

Are you a member of any of these organizations?

The following organizations are some of those that have been targeted by the Republicans as part of their "Defund the Left" campaign. They are seeking to cut much of the funding, both public and private, of these organizations.

African-American Institute
American Cancer Society
American Civil Liberties Union
American Farmland Trust
American Foundation for AIDS Research
American Heart Association
American Jewish Congress
American Lung Association
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
American Foundation for AIDS Research
Amnesty International
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Audubon Society
Carter Center
Center for Auto Safety
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Children's Defense Fund
Conservation Fund
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Defense Fund
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace
Humane Society of the United States
League of Women Voters
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Organization for Women
National Parks and Conservation Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Wildlife Federation
Nature Conservancy
Oxfam America
Planned Parenthood
Sierra Club
Trout Unlimited
Urban League
Wilderness Society
World Wildlife Fund

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REPLY TO: DONALD FOWLER, NATIONAL CHAIR
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

YES! We must stop the Republican Party's "Defund the Left" campaign. I have signed my petition to the House of Representative's Ethics Committee, demanding an investigation of Majority Leader Dick Armey's strongarm tactics, and I am returning it with a generous membership contribution to the DNC. Please use my contribution to support Democratic Congressional and Senatorial candidates, and to aid in our campaign to retain the White House in 1996. Enclosed, please find my check in the amount of:

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Standard Disclaimer

PETITION TO:
Nancy L. Johnson (R-Connecticut)
Chair of the House of Representatives Ethics Committee

House Majority Leader Dick Armey's recent use of the power of his office to strongarm corporate executives into withdrawing their support for progressive non-profit organizations, and to financially support conservative organizations, is an abuse of his position as a member, and leader, of Congress.

These actions should be investigated by your committee, public hearings should be held, and Armey should be censured for his actions.

I urge you to act promptly, and judiciously.

Respectfully,

Mr. John Doe
123 Any Street
Smithville, NY 12345

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(This will be the actual lett. on Armey's Cong. letterhead)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

CONGRESSMAN DICK ARMEY
26TH DISTRICT, TEXAS
MAJORITY LEADER

April 12, 1995

Dear Mr. CEO:

As you are undoubtedly aware, corporations give millions of dollars to charity every year. Most of this money supports traditional, service-providing charities like the Boy Scouts, Red Cross and Salvation Army. Increasingly, however, many companies are using their philanthropic budgets to support public policy advocacy groups.

One might expect corporate contributions to favor advocacy on behalf of free market policies. But the evidence, gathered in the enclosed eighth edition of Capital Research Center's annual study, Patterns of Corporate Philanthropy, suggests the opposite: big business is firmly behind the welfare state.

Corporations gave liberal advocacy groups $3.42 for each dollar that went to conservatives in 1992, the most recent year for which records were available. In fact, they gave the top five liberal grant recipients over $1 million more than they gave to all 87 right-of-center groups listed. Author Stu Nolan argues that among the most entrenched special interests, liberal groups like the Brookings Institution received six dollars for every dollar given to conservative groups like the American Enterprise Institute.

Unfortunately, Patterns of Corporate Philanthropy, which includes a preface by Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr. places _____ among companies that support expansion of the welfare state.

Voters have demanded an end to big government's high taxes, heavy-handed regulation, and welfare-driven cultural decay. With your help, we can reinforce the work ethic and rebuild a prosperous America.

Sincerely,

Dick Armey

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CLIENT: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
PACKAGE: ARMEY PROSPECT

Armey Response letter

CARRIER: 6 X 9 WHITE, STANDARD WINDOW

TEASER:

ARE YOU INCLUDED ON THE ~~LIST OF~~ REPUBLICAN ENEMIES?

teaser on outer envelope

BACKFLAP:

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
430 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

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TO POTUS

Hang on, Dems, tide will change

By MARIO M. CUOMO

A LOT OF people believe the radical right movement is becoming a tidal wave that next year will sweep away the President and what's left of the Democrats' dignity.

As a careful observer, and one who was himself capsized in 1994, I see signs of a change in the weather that should encourage Democrats to stay in their boats.

The conservative tide had been building for years. In 1992 old-fashioned Republicans, modern Evangelicals and a new strain of radical Republicans were brought together by Clinton's victory, then solidified in his first year as President. On Election Day 1994, moderates stayed home and so did the disillusioned poor and a lot of liberals.

But this new right came out in force, resoundingly. Its success gave America an extremely aggressive new Republican Congress, which has done two things that have particular political significance:

First, they have dominated the political scene, arguing that President Clinton is irrelevant, arrogating to themselves the power to lead, but also thereby imposing upon themselves more of the responsibility for what is happening.

Second, they have used their dominance in a way that makes them appear to be going too far to the right, too fast and too ferociously. The cuts in Medicare are a good example. So is environmental deregulation that threatens people's confidence in the air they breathe, the water they drink and the food they eat. People want as little government as they can get away with, but they insist that their health be protected, their water be kept pure and their meat safe.

Responsible Democrats can weather the Republican storm, and improve their chances in 1996.

There is another more difficult-to-calculate factor. The Republicans appear to have brought a new harshness that troubles a lot of people. However justified or unjustified by the realities, the appearance is that they are callous toward children, toward the sick and otherwise vulnerable, while being overly solicitous of big money interests, lobbyists and defense.

So, if the Democrats act responsibly, I think there is a good chance you will see the pendulum swing back a bit from the right toward the middle. They should emphasize deficit reduction without savaging Medicare. How? By forgetting the tax cuts or diminishing them.

And they should insist on more investments in education, parks and health care. How? By reducing defense to what the Pentagon has asked for instead of giving them more, as the Republicans want to do.

Of course nothing is more certain than the uncertainty of politics. What if Powell or Jackson or Perot or Weicker run? What if there is a recession or another Oklahoma City? My mother used to say that between now and then a "Pope will be born," which was to suggest that anything can happen.

But if whatever happens doesn't change things as they now look, then I think things will be better for the Democrats in 1996 than they were in 1994.

Cuomo served as governor of New York from 1983 through 1994.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: **KITTY HIGGINS**

SUBJECT: **Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports**
July 24 -- July 30, 1995

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices:** Treasury's Office of the General Counsel is reviewing options concerning ATF's interpretation of legislation banning the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices. This review was prompted by a Justice Department determination not to defend lawsuits challenging ATF's interpretation.

- **Drug Interdiction Hearing:** On August 1, Customs has been invited to present testimony before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on its role in drug interdiction, particularly with respect to its impact on the Coast Guard.

- **Treasury Nominations:** On July 21, the nominations of Howard Schloss as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Larry Summers as for Deputy Secretary were favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Finance. We expect the Senate to vote on their nominations shortly.

- **Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF):** The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government reported out H.R. 2020, the FY 1996 Treasury/Postal appropriations package. The Subcommittee deleted the ESF amendment language adopted by the full House last week. Sen. D'Amato continues to plan to offer an ESF limiting amendment on the floor of the Senate within the next week. The D'Amato amendment, as currently drafted, would limit Administration use of the ESF to instruments of duration of six months or less and would cap outstanding transactions to any one country at $1 billion.

- **Currency Transactions and Tribal Casinos**: FinCEN has submitted for publication a proposed regulation that would amend the definition of a casino for the purposes of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) to include tribal casinos, thus subjecting these casinos to BSA cash reporting requirements. This reflects Congress's intention to treat tribal casinos and state-licensed casinos equally. Currently, tribal casinos use the same currency reporting system used by businesses that are not subject to the BSA.

- **Information Transactions with Cuba:** Treasury has published a final rule removing prohibitions and existing restrictions on broadcasted information to Cuba. The existing regulation covers the importation or exportation of intangible forms of information, such as broadcasts, and exempts tangible forms of information (books, films, etc.). The section of the current regulations which provides that *specific* licenses may be issued for the provision of telecommunications services between the U.S. and Cuba, is revised to *generally* license such services. The final rule reserves the right of the President to specifically license payments to Cuba that result from telecommunications services. The final rule implements amendments made to the Trading with the Enemy Act.

- **NAFTA Chile Accession:** This week, Treasury's Offices of International Affairs and the General Counsel participated in the financial services portion of NAFTA accession talks with Chile in Mexico City.

- **FY 1996 Budget Appropriations:** The House passed the FY 1996 Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriation. Treasury received $10.5 billion of the $11.3 billion requested. On July 25, the Senate Treasury/Postal Subcommittee marked up the House bill with very few changes. Although the lower Senate allocation forced additional cuts to IRS, the Senate did restore funding to BPD and FMS that were lost in the House and also restored funding to the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **$53 Million in Disaster Assistance To Be Announced:** On Thursday, August 3, Secretary Brown will announce DOC grants of $53 million in disaster assistance to three regions of the country experiencing resource disasters. The package includes $25 million to New England for boat buyback programs; $15 million to the Gulf area to aid fishermen, primarily shrimpers, who have faced gear problems in the wake of flooding; and $13 million to the Northwest for continuing habitat restoration programs, which employ fishermen.

- **Secretarial Activities Next Week:** On Tuesday, August 2, Secretary Brown will do the Sperling Breakfast and will testify before the Senate Commerce Committee regarding proposals concerning the Department. He will also testify before the House International Relations Committee next week. On Wednesday, August 3, he will attend the Congressional Black Caucus weekly meeting to discuss DOC's budget.

- **Commerce will Release the Following Economic Indicators:**

Personal Income and Outlays for June 1995	July 31
Value of New Construction Put in Place for June 1995	August 1
New One-Family Houses Sold and for Sale for June 1995	August 2
Composite Indexes of Leading, Coincident and Lagging Indicators for June 1995	August 2
Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders for June 1995	August 3
Housing Completions for June 1995	August 4
Wholesale Trade for June 1995	August 8

- **Commerce will Issue the Following Reports:**
  "Census Bureau Study Focuses on Residents of Poverty Areas" July 31
  1995 Population Profile of the Nation August 1.

- **Suspension Agreement on Honey from China.** This week, DOC's Import Administration initialed a proposed agreement to suspend the investigation, which if finalized would mark the first anti-dumping (AD) suspension agreement with China. Parties had until July 21 to submit comments on the proposed agreement. A final suspension agreement or final determination must be signed by August 2.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **$4 Million Grant Awarded to Missouri:** On Friday, July, 28, Secretary Reich announced a $4,775,153 flood relief grant for the state of Missouri. This grant will provide 318 workers with temporary disaster relief and clean-up jobs to repair damage from the recent floods throughout the state.

- **OSHA Worker Protection Report to be Released:** On Tuesday, August 2, DOL's Occupational safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will be releasing a report entitled *"Cumulative Effect of Recent Congressional Action on Worker Protection."* Secretary Reich will hold a press conference on the Hill with Rep. Gephardt to discuss the findings of the report and the impact of the Republican budget on OSHA.

- **Base Closing Satellite Tour:** On Tuesday, August 1, Secretary Reich will hold a satellite press tour with communities who are affected by base closings to discuss DOL assistance programs for affected workers. The cities will include Philadelphia, Charleston, San Antonio, and key sites in California.

- **Private Sector Participation in Summer Jobs Program Survey:** On Wednesday, August 2, Secretary Reich will do a satellite press tour to announce the preliminary results of a survey conducted by Westat regarding private sector participation in the summer jobs program.

- **Release of Occupational Fatalities Report:** On Thursday, August 3, DOL's Bureau of Labor Statistics will release its annual Occupational Fatalities Report. Secretary Reich will announce these statistics during an event at a factory worksite with dangerous work equipment as a backdrop. This event is timely because of the drastic cuts to OSHA and other worker protection programs that are proposed in the Republican budget.

- **Numbers Day:** The unemployment figures for the month of July will be released on Friday, August 4.

- **Family and Medical Leave Act Anniversary:** Friday, August 4 is the second anniversary of the signing of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). On August 4, the Family Medical Leave Commission, a bipartisan commission chaired by Senator Christopher Dodd, will conduct the third and final hearing to assess the impact of family and temporary medical leave policies. Secretary Reich will make opening remarks at the hearing and release state-by-state data and

FMLA compliance statistics. You are expected to celebrate the second anniversary with a radio address at the Children's Inn at NIH.

- **FY 1996 DOL Appropriations Update:** The Labor/HHS Committee bill cuts DOL's total discretionary spending to $8.4 billion, $2.7 billion (24%) below the FY 1995 appropriated level. The mark is $3.5 Billion (30%) below your FY 1996 request. The Summer Jobs Program is eliminated. Dislocated Worker Assistance is reduced by $850 million, which is $446 million (34%) below the FY 1995 appropriated level and $1.1 billion below your requested level. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was cut by 15.5%. The employment and training budget is $2.5 billion (35%) below FY 1995.

- **UAW, Steelworkers, Machinists Proposed Union Merger:** The presidents and executive boards of the Auto Workers, Steelworkers, and Machinists have agreed to merge the three organizations into an industrial union with nearly 2 million members. The merger is expected to be finalized before the year 2001. UAW president Stephen Yokich, Steelworkers president George Becker, and Machinists president George Kourpias are all expected to retire from union office before the merger is concluded.

- **Metro-North Dispute:** New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority has requested that you create a second emergency board to investigate and report on the dispute between Metro-North and several rail unions. You will announce the creation of the board in a press release on Monday, July 31. The request preceded, by a few hours, the July 20 announcement that Metro-North had reached tentative agreements with four shopcraft unions. Subsequently, on July 24, a number of unions challenged the standing of the emergency board request because the commuter railroad had not invoked the law when the first cooling-off period expired on June 22, 1995. Harold Ickes and Kitty Higgins are continuing to monitor the situation. NMB member Ernest DuBester is meeting with the parties to resolve the dispute.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **U.S. - U.K. Aviation Talks:** Aviation negotiations were held in London the week of July 17. The U.S. side tabled proposals on Heathrow/Gatwick access, and pricing, charter, and cargo liberalizations. The British reiterated their interest in increasing access to Fly America traffic. The second round of plenary talks will begin in Washington August 7.

- **Midwest Air Traffic Control Computer Failures:** The Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center experienced two Display Channel Complex (DCC) outages on July 23 and July 24 in which radar data was slow in updating on radar displays. On July 25, the primary computer system was recertified. During the outage, the backup system worked as planned. The Center is now operating at a normal arrival rate in O'Hare. This story was widely reported by the media as an example of the aging 1970s vintage equipment used by DOT's Air Traffic Control system.

- **Los Angeles International Airport Rate Proceeding:** DOT determined that the City's failure to use historic costs for the valuation of the airfield land in calculating the landing fees was unreasonable. Los Angeles has been ordered by DOT to make refunds to the complaining airlines amounting to about 25% of the amount by which the landing fees were increased in 1993.

The City has petitioned for judicial review and will post a bond for the amount of the refunds due the airline complainants. DOT has stayed the refund requirement pending review.

- **New Jersey EIS:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the effects of the Expanded East Coast Plan for air traffic over the State of New Jersey will be released July 28. FAA plans to submit the FEIS to the EPA on that date and notice to the public will be made through the *Federal Register*. The impact of aircraft noise over New Jersey and New York has been extremely controversial over the last several years.

- **New York/NewJersey Passenger Facility Charge:** On July 31, the FAA will announce its decision regarding the New York/New Jersey Port Authority requests for passenger facility charges. These requests have drawn considerable political and Congressional interests.

- **Northwest Arkansas Airport Groundbreaking:** The Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority will conduct formal groundbreaking at the site of the new airport on August 10 in Fayetteville.

- **Travel to Iowa and Ohio:** During the week of August 7, Secretary Pena travels to Des Moines, Iowa and Cleveland, Ohio for budget amplification events.

- **Normalization of Relations With Vietnam:** The FAA's Office of Civil Aviation Security has commenced plans to provide training in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in September in order to allow the start-up of U.S. charter operations into Vietnam.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **First Lady Visits SBA Project Site:** On Thursday, July 27, the First Lady visited Mi Casa, an SBA Women's Demonstration Project in Denver, Colorado.

- **REGO II:** On Friday, July 22, SBA sent out a voluntary assignment notice to all SBA staff as a result of REGO II. Employees in Regional Offices, Posts of Duty, Headquarters and District and Branch offices which are over ceiling may apply by August 11 or else they will be directly reassigned to another office. This announcement effects approximately 85 individuals. This plan is consistent with the plan approved by the White House.

- **Defense Money Used for Small Business Loans:** The Department of Defense and the SBA signed an MOU creating the DELTA Program which will allow for $30 million of DoD money to be used for small business loans. The $30 million will bring $1 billion in loans to approximately 2,500 small businesses. Target locations are Long Island, South Carolina, Florida, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and California. The MOU was signed July 27; an official signing ceremony will take place in the future.

- **Congressional Testimony:** On July 27, the Commerce, Justice State Appropriations bill passed the House. It provided $590 million for SBA and essentially funded SBA at the level requested in the President's REGO II proposal. Reps. Jan Meyers and John LaFalce successfully offered an amendment to restore funding for the Office of Advocacy.

- **Administrator's Schedule:** Administrator Lader will be in New Hamphire on August 4 for the graduation of the Minority Enterprise Business class of the Tuck Business School at Dartmouth. A number of other events and interviews with local print and electronic media are also planned.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Waco Hearings:** The Attorney General will testify at House Waco Hearings on Monday, July 31, 1995.

- **Argument Scheduled in *United States v. Nye County*, Case Involving County Supremacy Issues In Nevada District Court:** On Friday, July 28, 1995, the court heard arguments on the government's motion for summary judgment. DOJ sought declaratory relief affirming that the federal government has the authority to manage federal lands in Nye County.

- **Senate Judiciary Committee To Hold Hearings on Ruby Ridge:** On September 6, 1995, the Terrorism, Technology and Government Information Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Specter, or the Senate Judiciary Committee, has scheduled a hearing to review the actions of federal agencies involved in a raid in Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

- **DOJ Announces Second Round of Police Redeployment Awards:** On July 26, 1995, DOJ announced that 84 jurisdictions with populations of 150,000+ will receive over $43 million to redeploy approximately 3,450 police officers to street patrols. This latest round of awards brings the total number of officers funded by the President's "100,000 COPS" to 23,907 additional officers. The next round of awards will be in mid-August.

- **House Votes to Eliminate Funding for COPS Program:** On July 18, 1995, the House rejected an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill that would have preserved funding for the "100,000 COPS" initiative. Instead, the House provided $1.9 billion--the amount requested by the Administration--for a "public safety" formula grant program authorized by H.R. 667, the Republican Crime Bill. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Mollohan was defeated by a vote of 184 to 232.

- **Ninth Circuit Upholds Constitutionality of Motor Voter Law:** On July 24, 1995, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) against California's Tenth Amendment challenge in *Voting Rights Coalition v. Wilson*. The court held that the NVRA is a constitutional exercise of Congress's powers to regulate elections for federal office. However, the court noted the Act may raise substantial questions of federal power to displace state authority over elections for state and local office and directed the district court to resolve such future disputes.

- **Mississippi May Maintain Dual Voter Registration Systems:** On July 24, 1995 the court in *United States v. State of Mississippi* and *Young v. Fordice,* (S.D. Miss.) granted Mississippi's motion for summary judgment on whether it needed to preclear its dual registration system. These actions involved the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The court held that Mississippi was not required by federal law to allow NVRA registrants to vote in state elections.

- **Affirmative Action Consent Decree Amended To Reflect Change:** On July 19, 1995, the parties in *United States v. City of Chicago* (N.D. Ill.), a case filed in 1973 alleging that the city's fire department engaged in discriminatory hiring and promotional practices with respect to blacks and Hispanics, filed an Amended Consent Decree. Under the prior decree, the city increased representation in its fire fighter ranks of blacks from 4 to 26 percent and Hispanics from 0.3 to 8.6 percent. The new decree eliminates a number of obsolete provisions while retaining special recruitment programs directed at black and Hispanic applicants.

- **Federal Inmate Population Continues To Rise:** The Bureau of Prisons is currently operating at 126 percent of its total institution rated capacity. In 1993 he BOP facility population was 86,238; in 1994 it was 93,477; and in 1995 it is 99,679.

- **Report Released on INS Review of New Jersey Detention Facility:** A review of the facility was called in response to complaints of substandard facilities and allegations of abuse of detainees by Esmor Corp. employees. The INS had lost confidence in Esmor's ability to operate the detention facility effectively and is prepared to let the contract expire at the end of its one year term in August.

- **Upcoming Speeches:** On Wednesday, August 2, the Attorney general will address the Fraternal Order of Police. On August 3, 1995, she will address the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference at the Capitol Hilton and on Monday, August 7, 1995, she will address the American Correctional Association.

U.S. Trade Representative

- **Week in Review:** On July 27, Ambassador Kantor travelled to California and participated in several events. He spoke at San Francisco's Commonwealth Club on the importance of trade and the need for reciprocity between trading partners in the post-Cold War era. He conducted radio and newspaper interviews in San Jose and visited Hewlett Packard's Santa Clara Campus, where he addressed a trade forum sponsored by Hewlett Packard and the California Council for International Trade.

Department of Health and Human Services

- **HHS To Approve Vermont's Medicaid Demonstration:** HHS expects to announce its approval of Vermont's statewide Medicaid demonstration within the next few days. The Department is consulting with the White House on the details of a possible announcement in conjunction with the President's appearance at the National Governor's Association conference in Vermont on Monday, July 31.

- **HHS May Approve Texas Welfare/Immunization Proposal:** The Texas welfare reform proposal--*Promoting Child Health in Texas*--requires that children aged five and under in the AFDC program be immunized. Terms and conditions for the demonstration currently are undergoing final review by HHS.

- **Medicare's 1996 United States Per Capita Costs (USPCC) Rates to be Released:** During the Next week, HHS will release the *preliminary* 1996 Medicare USPCC rates, which are 10.1 percent higher than the 1995 rates. USPCC is one of the factors used to determine Medicare payments to risk-based managed care plans for 1996. While industry reaction is expected to be highly favorable, HHS believes the statutory formula for determining actual payments of Medicare managed care plans needs to be reformed.

- **Ryan White Continuing Grants for HIV Care and Research:** Next week, the Health Resources and Services Administration will announce the release of $23.4 million in Ryan White awards to 17 community organizations.

- **Travel to Iowa, Wisconsin & Missouri:** On July 28, Secretary Shalala travelled to Des Moines, Iowa. She spoke to the Iowa chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, meet with the editorial board of the *Des Moines Register*, and attended a reception sponsored by the State party. She will also participate in a press conference in Madison, Wisconsin with Mayor Paul Soglin to announce a Head Start project with the Allied Drive Neighborhood Association. On July 30, she will speak at an event commemorating Medicare's 30th anniversary in Independence, Missouri with Rep. Richard Gephardt and other Members of Congress.

- **Medicare Fraud:** HHS Inspector General June Gibbs Brown will testify before the Senate Finance Committee on Monday, July 31, 1995 on fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

- **HMO's and Medicare:** HCFA Administrator Bruce Vladeck and Inspector General Brown will testify before the Senate Special Committee on Aging, on August 3, 1995. The subject of the hearing is HCFA's oversight of Health Maintenance Organizations and was prompted by a GAO report entitled, "Increased HMO Oversight Would Improve Quality and Access to Care."

- **Changes in Over-The-Counter (OTC) Asthma Medicine:** On July 27, FDA will publish a proposed and a final rule in the Federal register affecting the availability of oral over the counter (OTC) bronchodilator drug products. The effect of the proposal and final rule will be the elimination of all OTC oral bronchodilator drug products; OTC bronchodilator drug products containing epinephrine (inhaler) are not affected by these rules. This may draw media attention because of the recent death of model Kristen Taylor and her use of an OTC asthma product.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **SSA's 60th Anniversary Commemoration:** (Social Security will officially celebrate its 60th anniversary on August 14, 1995.) Under the banner, "For the times that count, count on Social Security," Commissioner Chater will hold a press conference on Friday, August 11 to unveil a series of television and radio public service announcements focusing on Social Security and how it benefits all generations, not just retirees.

- **Hart Case:** The Social Security Appeals Council will conduct a complete review of the ALJ decision in the case of Judith Hart. Judith was conceived three months after the death of her father, Edward Hart, by artificial insemination. Mr. Hart, a victim of cancer, and his wife

Nancy had agreed to conceive a child following his death. The initial claim for survivors benefits for Judith was denied by the Social Security Administration. On appeal, an SSA ALJ awarded survivors benefits to Judith. After careful consideration, the Appeals Council has decided to conduct a complete review of the case. Media attention related to the case is expected.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Presidential Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Illness:** On August 14, Secretary Brown participates in the first meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Illness. The Secretary will brief committee members on the VA's efforts to provide health care services and compensation to Persian Gulf veterans and on the VA's research program that is searching for answers to undiagnosed illnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Conference in Mexico City**: Secretary Cisneros participated in the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Commission's Conference in Mexico City on July 27 to discuss ways in which the U.S. and Mexico can work together to help create a secondary mortgage market in Mexico.

- **Innovative Housing Finance Partnership with Massachusetts:** HUD, in partnership with the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MFHA), has taken the final steps toward renovating and selling over 1,600 units of HUD-owned apartments in Boston to resident-owned entities. Today FHA Commissioner Nic Retsinas joined Mass. Governor Weld and the Executive Director of the MFHA in a signing ceremony that commits nearly $300 million in HUD assistance for property renovation, rental subsidies, and operating expenses to preserve Boston's supply of affordable housing.

- **Announcing $70 Million FHA Mortgage Insurance for Children's Hospital and Helping Cash-Poor Older Americans Stay in their Homes:** On Monday, July 31, Commissioner Retsinas will announce FHA's commitment to insure a $70 million hospital mortgage to expand facilities and services at St. Charles Hospital and Rehabilitation Center on Long Island. St. Charles is an acute care hospital and rehabilitation center for handicapped children, serving over 400 children daily. While in NYC, he will also participate in an event to celebrate the success of FHA's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program which allows cash-poor elderly homeowners convert their home equity into disposable income. HECM is a demonstration program that expires this year. Retsinas will announce HUD's issuance of a new rule than will make it easier and faster for lenders to originate reverse mortgages.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Hill Testimony:** On Tuesday, August 1, Director Brown will testify before the Coast Guard Appropriations Subcommittee about interdiction issues.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **1996 Appropriations:** The House bill provides $26.7 billion for the Department, of which $20.6 billion is discretionary. You had requested a total of $30.4 billion. Among other things, the Committee bill eliminates funding for GOALS 2000, AmeriCorps, and School-to-Work and reduces funding for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program and for Title I aid for disadvantaged students.

- **National Governors' Association (NGA):** The Deputy Secretary will attend the NGA conference which begins on July 30 in Burlington, VT.

- **Back to School Events:** On September 12, Secretary Riley will deliver a speech at the National Press Club to highlight family involvement in education and the importance of families going "back to school." During the week of September 11, Cabinet members and celebrities will participate in back-to-school activities to encourage parent and community involvement in education. Secretary Riley also has "back-to-school" events scheduled in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Missouri during the weeks of August 20 and August 27.

- **Illinois Members:** Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Norma Cantu met on July 27 with several members of the Illinois delegation who have raised concerns about the Department's investigations relating to the University of Illinois mascot, Chief Illiniwek.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- ***Conoco Inc., et al. v. United States* Settlement:** On Monday, July 31, Secretary Babbitt will announce the settlement of the Conoco-Alaska-Florida agreements. He plans to issue a joint press release with Governors Chiles and Knowles. Under this settlement, the federal government and nine oil companies have agreed to settle litigation over claims that the government blocked development of the companies' Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases in Bristol Bay, Alaska, and offshore Southwest Florida. The settlements, together with two previous settlements with individual companies, result in the relinquishment to the U.S. of the leases in these two areas. In return, the companies will receive payment from the U.S. to recover, in part, their investment in those leases. The settlement ends prospects for developing existing OCS leases in these environmentally sensitive areas important for fishing and recreation uses. In addition, three companies have settled similar claims over leases offshore North Carolina, although the companies retain their lease interests. However, litigation continues with the seven remaining companies over the North Carolina OCS leases.

- **Interior Appropriations Senate Subcommittee Markup:** On July 16, the Senate Interior and related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee marked up the 1996 appropriations bill. The Senate bill is about $900 million below your FY 1996 Budget request. The most troublesome funding action taken by the Subcommittee was the mark for the Bureau of Indian Affairs which totals $1.48 billion, compared to $1.91 in the budget (a reduction of 23 percent) and $1.68 billion in the House bill. In addition, the Subcommittee bill divests the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs -- the highest placed representative for Indians in the Federal Government -- of

the responsibility for Trust programs; this fragments responsibility for DOI's Trust relationship to Indian Tribes and will impair efforts to improve management of Trust programs.

- **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Hearing:** Next week, Secretary Babbitt will testify before both the House Resources Committee on August 1 and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on August 2 regarding the proposal to open up the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

- **Congressional Hearings:** On Tuesday, the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands will hold a hearing Tuesday on the BLM Land Transfer Bill (H.R. 2032) which will transfer lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the state in which the lands are located. DOI is strongly opposed to this bill and would recommend a veto if the legislation is passed.

- **Grazing Update:** DOI's new grazing regulations are scheduled to take effect on August 21. The Subcommittee did not place a rider in the Interior Appropriations Bill which would prohibit the regulations from going into effect. There is still a possibility that this could happen at the full committee markup.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **House Appropriations Action:** This week, the House began debate on the VA, HUD & Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. The Full Committee recommended a funding level of $4.88 billion, which represents a 34% cut from your budget request and a 33% cut from the current funding level. The recommended cuts include $1.5 billion from water infrastructure, $435 million from Operating programs, and $428 million from Superfund. The bill also contains 17 legislative "riders" that would curtail or, in some cases, eliminate EPA's ability to set public health and environmental standards and enforce environmental laws by prohibiting funding of many clean air and all wetlands programs.

- **Final Rules Regulating Hazardous Air Pollutants for Petroleum Refining and Aerospace Industries and Marine Loading Operations:** Administrator Browner signed three final rules promulgating emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) from the petroleum refining industry, the aerospace manufacturing industry, and marine loading operations. Petroleum refineries will decrease their air toxins and organic air pollutant discharges by about 60% per year. The cost to the refinery industry will be approximately $95 million/year.

- **Open-Market Trading Proposed Rule:** Administrator Browner signed the proposed "open-market trading rule," which creates a voluntary program for the trading of smog-causing pollutants across industrial facilities. Highlighted as a key component under your Reinventing Environmental Regulation Initiative, EPA's proposed open market trading program provides States and industry with an innovative compliance option for meeting their Clean Air Act requirements for ground-level (smog) in the most cost-effective manner.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **GAO Begins Inquiry Into Proposed Food Safety Legislation Costs:** The General Accounting Office (GAO) has begun an audit to study the distribution of costs among producers, processors, and consumers that will result from implementation of the proposed rule on pathogen reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) systems. GAO staff met on July 21 with USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service officials to discuss the audit. The potential cost for small plants is a concern of the audit.

- **Asian Trade Trip Scheduled:** During August 6-18, Secretary Glickman travels to Asia for a six-country tour. He will visit Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and South Korea. The Secretary will meet with government officials in each country to discuss agricultural trade issues. Existing agricultural markets in Asia account for about one-third of total U.S. exports.

- **USDA Cooperating On Global Food Security Analysis:** USDA is cooperating with the Agency for International Development and the CIA to develop projections of future global food aid needs for the 1996-2005 period. Preliminary estimates are expected by July 28; country-specific data should be available in August.

- **Drop in Food Stamp Participation:** Food stamp participation was 26.47 million in May, down 1 million from May 1994, representing the lowest food stamp participation in over two years. This is the 10th consecutive month of fewer food stamp recipients than in the same month a year earlier. The reduction in participants has resulted in a cumulative saving of $400 million since last August.

- **Ethanol Report Released:** On July 28, the USDA Economic Research Service released a report which demonstrates the energy efficiency of ethanol production. Secretary Glickman will discuss the report during his travel to the Midwest next week.

- **Pacific Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative/Forest Plan:** The Forest Service recently awarded $980,000 to the California Trade and Commerce Agency (CTCA) as part of the Old Growth Diversification Fund established in 1994 with $1.2 million under the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative. The funds are available for low-interest loans to businesses within the range of the northern spotted owl. Loans can be used to purchase buildings, equipment, or land, or to provide a line of credit for businesses that add value to natural resource products, diversify local economies, and create or retain jobs. Thus far, CTCA has loaned $380,000, creating 16 jobs and retaining 21 jobs.

- **Water 2000 Plan Launched In Southern Illinois:** USDA Rural Utilities Service Administrator recently launched the Water 2000 Action Plan by showcasing Southwater, the first drinking water project funded under the Plan. The event was a community meeting in the Union Church of Villa Ridge, Ill. a low-income community in the northern delta area of the Mississippi River. This meeting was followed by a tour of local households with no or poor drinking water supplies.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **$6 Billion Contract for Savannah River:** On July 26, Secretary O'Leary announced that the Savannah River site is seeking proposals for a new contractor team to manage defense and environmental activities. The contract is worth approximately $6 billion over 5 years. The solicitation requires contractors to show that they are best in-class in several areas including nuclear operations, nuclear stabilization, waste management, and environmental restoration.

- **Implementation of Strategic Alignment Initiative:** On August 3, Secretary O'Leary will announce the details of plans to downsize and reorganize DOE. She will detail how the DOE will reduce its headquarters and field workforce, close offices, reduce the cost of contractors, improve response to emergencies, and sell off surplus assets. The Strategic Alignment is an element of the $14.1 billion savings package the Department announced last December.

- **Parker Amendment Passes House:** The Parker Amendment, H.R. 1977, passed the House by a vote of 244-181. This amendment would bar the use of funds for DOE to plan, propose, issue or prescribe any new or amended energy efficiency standard under the Department's Codes and Standards program and makes a reduction of $12.8 million to DOE's energy conservation account.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- **Partnership for Peace:** On August 6-28, NATO's Allied Command, Atlantic, is holding Exercise Cooperative Nugget 95. Forces from 14 Partnership for Peace nations will take part in military exercises in Fort Polk, LA.

- **Conference on Women:** On August 7, Gertrude Mongella, Secretary-General, and Patricia Licuanan, Chairperson of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, will hold a briefing at the Washington Foreign Press Center on the upcoming Fourth World Conference on Women that will be held in Beijing. On August 9, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, Director and the Deputy Chair of the US Delegation to the Beijing Conference, will brief on the issues and goals of the conference.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- **Intelligence Community Offsite:** The senior leadership of the Intelligence Community convened at Camp Peary last week to chart the course of US intelligence. The objective of this off-site was to assist Director Deutch in formulating a coherent vision for the future of intelligence. Director Deutch's charge to the participants was to establish a framework for sizing and justifying the core intelligence capabilities needed to support our customers. His intent is to offer a preview of this vision in a speech before the end of the summer.

UNITED NATIONS

- **Fourth Global Conference on the Status of Women:** On August 2, Ambassador Albright will testify before the House Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights concerning U.S. participation in the Fourth Global Conference on the Status of Women, to be held in Beijing between September 1 and 15. Subcommittee Chairman Chris Smith (R-NJ) will try to focus a portion of the hearing on China's population policy. The Ambassador will also speak at a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Center for National Policy concerning U.S. objectives at the Fourth Global Conference on Women.

- **Congress and Iraq:** On August 3, Ambassador Albright will testify before the Senate Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Pacific Affairs concerning U.S. policy toward Iraq, with particular attention to United Nations sanctions imposed against that country.

- **Haiti:** On Monday, July 31, the mandate of the UN Mission in Haiti (NMIH) will be up for renewal in the Council. The Council's draft resolution has met with early support. The UN expects the Council to extend the Mission for six months with little debate.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- **Former Yugoslavia:** U.S. support for the deployment of the UK/Netherlands elements of the UN Reaction Force is expected to be completed on or about Monday, August 7. In the wake of Boutros-Boutros Ghali's decision to delegate his authority to launch airstrikes to UNPROFOR Commander Janvier, the Defense Department is watching to see what happens on the ground. The Military Committee will provide a report on Monday or Tuesday on expanding the threat of massive force beyond the Gorazde area. This week, Secretary Perry has had a number of sessions on Bosnia with Senators and Representatives of both parties. The general state of knowledge is discouraging and the results of the briefings have been mixed.

- **Haiti:** The elections issue continues to worsen as the opposition political parties maintain that the elections were not free and fair, and Aristide and the Provisional Election Council (CEP) refuse to accede to their demands for restructuring the CEP and the impending make-up elections (which might be held as early as August 6). The problem is that the head of the CEP has performed dismally and most of the logistical problems which plagued the elections are directly due to his incompetence. DoD officials accompanied Strobe Talbott and Sandy Berger to Haiti on Thursday, July 27 to press home the Administrations's desires to see changes made to the CEP and resolution of problems with the elections.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- **Bosnia:** This week, Secretary Christopher worked to nail down NAC approval of airstrikes to defend Gorazde and to get Boutros-Ghali to give up the dual key. On the ground, Gorazde is quiet, but the Bosnian Serbs are predictably pressing their advantage elsewhere. The fighting in Bihac, with forces representing five sides -- the Bosnian Government, Bosnian Serbs, Croatian

Serbs, Croatians, and Muslim rebels, risks spreading into a wider conflict between Croatia and Serbia. We still have significant diplomatic work to do if we hope to hold the Contact Group coalition together: the British have indicated that if bombing starts, their forces should be pulled out immediately.

- **Kashmir Kidnapping:** The U.S. Embassy and the Indian Government are maintaining contact with the Al-Faran Islamic militant group, which is holding an American, Donald Hutchings, and four European hostages. An Indian official held the first face-to-face meeting with an Al-Faran representative July 26. The U.S. and the Indians continue to press for the hostages' sage return.

- **Sudan:** Former President Carter, in a visit to the region that ended yesterday, persuaded the various parties to the Sudanese civil war to agree to another two month ceasefire extension, contingent on progress in talks to end the conflict. Our embassies in Khartoum, Nairobi, and Kampala assisted President Carter in his effort.

- **Middle East Peace Process** Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have been unable to meet their July 25 deadline for agreement on the next phase in implementing the Declaration of Principles. While both sides remain committed to reaching an agreement, the July 24 suicide bus bombing in Tel Aviv underscores the threat to the peace process.

- **Turkey Democratization Package:** Our close attention to Turkey is paying off. On July 23, Turkey's Grand National Assembly approved, by the overwhelming majority of 360 to 32, 16 constitutional amendments to enhance democracy and broaden political participation.

- **Secretarial Events:** On Friday, July 28, Secretary Christopher gave a major Asia policy speech at the National Press Club, laying out U.S. strategy for engagement nd leadership in the region and signaling publicly key points on our policy towards China and Japan. On Saturday, Secretary Christopher leaves for Brunei to participate in the ASEAN Regional Forum. Secretary Christopher's stops elsewhere in the trip will highlight our security and commercial relationship with Malaysia, the progress towards reconciliation and democratization in Cambodia, and the opening of a new chapter in the history of our relationship with Vietnam.

- **Congress:** While the 29 votes against the Dole bill fell short of the third we will need to sustain a veto, we are within striking distance. The progress we made on the dual key issue may attract a few votes, and a number of Senators will be reluctant next time to vote against the President to override a veto on a foreign policy issue. It is still not clear, however, whether or not Gingrich will try to take up the Dole Bill before the August recess. If Gingrich does bring up the bill and can avoid any procedural pitfalls, it will pass overwhelmingly, setting the stage for a veto showdown. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have been unable to meet their July 25 deadline for agreement on the next phase in implementing the Declaration of Principles. While both sides remain committed to reaching an agreement, the July 24 suicide bus bombing in Tel Aviv underscores the threat to the peace process.

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Inquiry sought in Tulane case

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By BRUCE ALPERT
Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — The nomination of state Supreme Court Justice James Dennis to a federal appeals court hit another snag this week after The Times-Picayune reported that Dennis voted on a case involving the Tulane scholarship controversy even though his son received one of the tuition waivers.

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JAMES DENNIS

Several senators, including the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, have put a "hold" on Dennis' nomination, according to committee aides.

The members want the Judiciary Committee to look into Dennis' vote as a Supreme Court justice to deny a request by The Times-Picayune to review a lower court decision in the newspaper's suit seeking access to five New Orleans legislators' Tulane

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Nomination: Inquiry sought for Tulane case

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University scholarship nomination forms.

The records, obtained later through a second lawsuit, showed that Dennis' son, Stephen, received Tulane tuition waivers for three years in the late 1980s.

"The senators want the committee to determine if his decision not to recuse himself from the case constituted a conflict of interest," said an aide to the Judiciary Committee's Republican majority. Dennis has denied any conflict of interest.

The Judiciary Committee is being asked to take another look at President Clinton's nomination of Dennis to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals one week after it approved the nomination and sent it to the floor for a vote by the Senate.

By putting a hold on the nomination, the senators, who were not identified except for Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, are preventing a vote from taking place.

Under informal Senate rules, members with concerns about legislation, or a nominee, can ask to be notified when the Senate is about to take up the matter. Unless their concerns have been resolved, members can ask that the matter be put off indefinitely.

In most cases, especially in cases of a presidential nomination and where the senators asking for the hold are part of the majority party, those requests are honored.

Dennis' nomination has been opposed by Mississippi's two Republican senators, Trent Lott and Thad Cochran, who say that Dennis is soft on crime and that the appointment to the 5th Circuit Court should go a resident of their state.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals hears federal cases in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi.

But Sens. John Breaux and J. Bennett Johnston, both Louisiana Democrats, have fought for Dennis, arguing that the seat traditionally has gone to a Louisiana resident and denying that Dennis is soft on crime. Bette Phelan, spokeswoman for Breaux, expressed hope Wednesday that the committee will allow Dennis to offer his reasons for saying that his decision in the Tulane case did not constitute a conflict.

The Times-Picayune has been reporting about a state law that allows legislators to dole out free tuition to Tulane University to whomever they please. Based on information obtained under the second suit, the paper reported Sunday that legislators have awarded tuition waivers to the children of a wide array of public officials — from lawmakers and parish council members to sheriffs and judges.

Dennis in March 1995 voted in the majority of a 6-1 decision to deny The Times-Picayune's request that the Supreme Court review an appeals court ruling in the newspaper's suit against New Orleans legislators.

In a written statement to the newspaper, Dennis said the case did not pose a conflict of interest because the appeals court already had upheld The Times-Picayune's primary contention that the nominating forms are a public record. Dennis said further review of the "collateral issues" raised by The Times-Picayune's request for review was not warranted.

While the appeals court upheld the newspaper's position that the forms are public records, it also had ruled that legislators are not required to get their scholarship nomination forms from Tulane if they do not have the forms in their possession. This issue was important to the newspaper because numerous legislators had declined to identify their recipients, no longer held the forms themselves and had declined to get the forms from Tulane.

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BY MORTIMER B. ZUCKERMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WAKE UP, MR. GREENSPAN

Ouch! The squeeze is back. In May 101,000 jobs disappeared. The workweek for most Americans is falling while the number of people filing claims for unemployment is rising. Don't blame it on the business cycle: The current slump is the handiwork of the Federal Reserve Board, an institution that is signally failing the nation. The Fed raised short-term interest rates seven times in roughly a year, doubling their levels and whacking key rate-sensitive industries such as housing and autos. Boom, the robust expansion of '94 has turned into the stagnation of mid-'95.

Why, you may ask, did the Fed do this? It surely was not responding to inflation. Unit labor costs, the basic fuel of inflation, grew by less than 1 percent last year (and actually fell by 2.3 percent in manufacturing). Inflation at the retail level has been running at 3 percent or less for three years, the best performance in three decades—and the experts, including Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, believe even that is overstated by as much as a full percentage point because of statistical flaws.

The Federal Reserve needs to remove its blinders and cut interest rates now—and cut them substantially.

No, what the Fed had in mind was an attack on inflationary *expectations*—the notion that, if left unchecked, the economic buoyancy of late 1993 would surge into '94 and lead to rapidly increasing prices rather than to rapidly increasing jobs. Overlooked or simply ignored were several mitigating factors—that major corporations were still laying off tens of thousands of employees, that real wages for most Americans were declining, that a true world economy had radically altered the ways and means of production.

Now, what was supposed to be a "soft landing" to slower growth is fast turning into something else. Real retail sales, the most important factor in our economy, dropped at an annual rate of 1.9 percent in the first two months of the second quarter. (Inventories, already piling up at the retail level, are starting to back up at the wholesale level, too.) Consumer confidence plunged a dramatic 9 percentage points in the past month, foreshadowing reduced demand, more cuts in output, further job losses and reductions in consumer spending—the nasty cycle so familiar when the economy contracts.

The latest Fed failure underlines its mismanagement of the monetary side of the economy over the past five years. In the last decade of the 20th century, too little, too late seems to be engraved in its institutional seal. In 1989, it sowed the seeds for the recession of 1990-91, then slowed the recovery by not easing up quickly enough. Is the Fed flying blind? You have to wonder. Its view is that the sustainable level of annual economic growth is 2.5 percent. But the notion that any growth rate above this level would cause an increase in the rate of inflation through shortages of labor, materials and manufacturing capacity is nonsense. The Fed underestimates the actual rise in manufacturing capacity put in place and overestimates the dangers of wage inflation given the historic shift in the balance of bargaining power between management and labor, the large number of people working part time or on temporary jobs and the continued corporate restructuring. Beyond that, economic globalization has provided the United States with additional capacity and cheap labor to expand production without price increases.

We can have growth higher than 2.5 percent and an unemployment rate lower than 6 percent and still not have an inflationary surge. In the 1960s, after all, we had an unemployment rate of 4.8 percent with an average inflation of only 2.3 percent. The Fed should review its performance in the '60s and '80s. Five years into the expansion of the '60s, when growth seemed to stall, the Fed moved rapidly and cut interest rates by 2 full points, extending the expansion to a record nine years. The 1980s expansion turned into the second longest in postwar history, again because the Federal Reserve cut rates when it first spotted signs of economic weakness in 1984 and 1986.

We risk a cumulative unraveling of economic activity. The Fed needs to rethink its assumptions about sustainable growth: The downside risks to the economy deserve more concern than do the upside risks of inflation. It cannot wait to see the whites of a recession's eyes—as it shows every sign of doing. By then, it will be too late. Greenspan & Co. must make amends at their next meeting by cutting interest rates—and cutting them substantially. ■

Jim Dorskind

Please coordinate the reply.

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July 26, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
THE WHITE HOUSE
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please do not fall for the tobacco industry's very successful -- and often used -- ploy to avoid regulation -- the promise that they will abide by a voluntary agreement, in lieu of regulation.

I have watched the tobacco industry abrogate its own code of ethics at every turn over the past 15 years. What reason do we have to believe that they are more trustworthy now than they were previously?

All the best.

Sincerely yours,

Chuck Koop

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July 26, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: The Need to Permit FDA to Act to Protect Children from Tobacco

Dear Mr. President:

We understand from published reports that your review of the Food and Drug Administration's proposals to protect children from tobacco is leading towards an option for a "voluntary" agreement with the tobacco industry. This option would be in place of the more meaningful and comprehensive solution which would result from permitting the FDA to complete its investigation leading to a declaration that nicotine containing tobacco products are drugs and under the authority of the FDA. The FDA can then issue a proposed solution that can focus on the real problem--children's use of tobacco. The solution can provide a meaningful, comprehensive program focused entirely on the need to make it more difficult for children to acquire tobacco and for tobacco companies to market their products to children.

It is ironic that on the same day the Washington Post reports you are leaning towards a "Trust the Industry" solution, Congressman Henry Waxman released the contents of thousands of pages of Philip Morris documents that demonstrated that Philip Morris has repeatedly tested the effects of nicotine on our nation's young people and has deceived the American public about what it knew about the role of nicotine in its products. With an unparalleled history of lies and deceptions, this is the one industry in the US which has proven that it is untrustworthy.

We urge you to permit the FDA to assert its jurisdiction over tobacco and propose the first ever federal program with a realistic opportunity to reduce tobacco use among children. The tobacco industry is pushing for you to accept voluntary action or a compromise along the lines of what Philip Morris proposed last month. The voluntary compromise proposed by the tobacco industry is a fraudulent smoke screen designed to prevent meaningful action and meaningful progress. History and the tobacco industry's own prior actions demonstrate why we must not miss the historic opportunity presented by FDA's investigation. Every major tobacco initiative in the past has been undermined and effective action short circuited by tobacco industry promises and political compromises that fail to bring about real change.

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Children are the key to reducing the future death toll from tobacco. Ninety percent of all smokers begin as children. David Kessler said it best: tobacco is first and foremost a "pediatric disease". Despite the reduction in tobacco use over the last decade among adults, smoking rates among teenagers have not declined and may even be rising slightly. The magnitude of this tragedy cannot be overstated. Every day approximately 3000 children - too young to purchase tobacco products legally - light up for the first time and new data from the Centers on Disease Control show that an alarming percentage of those children become addicted long before they reach the legal age. Children are what FDA's proposed action is all about.

1. The FDA should be allowed to Assert Jurisdiction and Propose a Public Solution. It Should Not Be Prevented From Completing Its Investigation and Acting By A Short Term Political Compromise. FDA's assertion of jurisdiction over Tobacco Products BY ITSELF represents a Major Step forward.

All too often political compromise reached through confidential, non-public negotiations has cut off public debate of important tobacco related issues and led to action which has undermined meaningful change.

In the past public health advocates have accepted change that the tobacco industry already knew would have little impact. In 1964 the FTC proposed strong health warnings and Congress cut a deal with the tobacco industry to replace the FTC's proposal with a weak meaningless health warning. It happened again in 1969 when Congress also caved in to a tobacco industry demand. Since 1964, every time Congress considered legislation to better protect children, the tobacco industry has come forth with a new voluntary program to discourage tobacco use among children, each of which was wholly ineffective.

The very announcement by FDA that tobacco is a drug, an addictive drug, will have a direct impact on how Americans perceive tobacco products. Equally as important, FDA assertion of jurisdiction will for the first time provide a mechanism to make changes and adjustments in how to reduce tobacco use among children without having to engage in a multi-year political battle in Congress to make the most insignificant changes.

The FDA protects consumers from injury from all other consumable products by overseeing how they are manufactured, distributed, labeled, and marketed. It is time that we subject tobacco to these same requirements.

2. For tobacco policy changes to have a significant impact on tobacco use, particularly among children, the changes must be comprehensive and substantial. Anything less is a mistake and would demonstrate that we have not learned from past mistakes.

The history of tobacco policy change in the United States is littered with public relations gestures, good intentions and few meaningful actions that actually reduced tobacco use among children.

To be effective, tobacco control efforts to protect children must be comprehensive and mandatory. Thus, restrictions on the access of children to tobacco products, no matter how good, are unlikely to bring about a long term major reduction unless these restrictions are accompanied by other actions, like the elimination of the advertising and marketing tools the tobacco industry uses to create demand among children or the attractive packaging used by the industry to create positive associations of their products among impressionable adolescents.

If the tobacco industry is sincere in its assertions that it does not want children to use tobacco products, and that it does want consumers to be fully informed, none of the specific proposals should be beyond what they are willing to accept.

3. The tobacco industry's sincerity should be measured by its actions not its rhetoric.

For more than 30 years the tobacco industry has proclaimed that its products do not cause disease or drug dependence, that it does not want children to smoke, that it does not market to children, and that it supports efforts to reduce the access of children to tobacco. Having issued these grandiose public relations statements, it has then proceeded to do just the opposite.

While the industry says it does not want children to smoke, it markets heavily to kids. Philip Morris says it doesn't want children to smoke, but no cigarette is smoked by more children than Marlboro and no company spends more money marketing its products in a manner than is consistently effective with children. R.J Reynolds' Old Joe Camel Cartoon advertising campaign is another perfect example. The increasing use of youth oriented giveaways, like t-shirts, and the sponsorship of youth oriented activities, like rock concerts, where tobacco products and tobacco related gear are given away are more accurate measures of the industry's intent than its public pronouncements.

Philip Morris promotes its youth access campaign as a solution, but at the same time has opposed every meaningful youth access bill introduced at the federal, state, and local level. The tobacco industry's actions whenever meaningful youth access laws are discussed are also inconsistent with its professed position. The industry has regularly opposed those actions which have been shown to reduce the ability of underage children to obtain tobacco products illegally, including proposals to require picture i.d.'s for young people wishing to purchase tobacco products as is often required for the purchase of alcohol, the licensing of tobacco retailers, the authorization of effective monitoring mechanisms, the requirement that all tobacco products be sold face to face as is required for alcohol sales, etc. Instead of effective measures to restrict the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors that focus on the seller, the tobacco industry often proposes ineffective voluntary programs and then urges that children who are found to possess tobacco products be turned into criminals, a policy that will only lead to the law being ignored and even worse, will breed disrespect for law.

Finally, the tobacco industry frequently points to its educational campaigns focused on tobacco use by youth. Once again, close examination of these programs reveals that they are little more than

clever public relations gimmicks designed to fend off legislative action, not to discourage youth tobacco use. While these programs routinely tell teenagers not to smoke because they are not yet mature enough to make the decision whether to smoke, they never tell kids not to smoke because it is addictive and causes death and disease.

4. **Recent events present a unique opportunity for progress in the effort to reduce tobacco use, particularly among children, an opportunity that needs to be carefully assessed and maximized.**

Tobacco industry documents, as described in detail on the floor of Congress by Congressman Henry Waxman on July 25, 1995 and in the July 17, 1995 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association and as laid out in the media and in Congressional hearings last year have for the first time disclosed the extent to which the tobacco industry has lied to the American public about what it knew about the health effects and addictive nature of its products. These disclosures present a special opportunity and has generated broad support for government action to reduce tobacco use among children, support that cuts across demographic and geographic lines;

FDA's investigation, combined with disclosures from other sources, has revealed the tobacco industry's intentional manipulation and control of nicotine for its pharmacologic impact on consumers;

FDA under Dr. Kessler has provided both moral and substantive leadership of an unprecedented nature. FDA's investigation has already contributed new important information on the two subjects that have the potential for changing how teenagers perceive tobacco - addiction and tobacco industry exploitation of the addictive nature of nicotine and the tobacco industry's callous targeting of young people.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TODD STERN

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We have received the following recent political information items:

(A) **Roll Call article on increasing doubts about GOP field.** From Doug. Charlie Cook argues that second tier candidates, failing to gain ground on Dole, are turning up their attacks on him in an effort to break through: "the tame race...has begun to turn bitter."

(B) **CNN Poll and Yepsen (Des Moines) interview.** In the July 26 Hotline, from Doug. Overall approve/disapprove -- 46-44; race relations approve/disapprove -- 57-27. Head-to-heads: Clinton 50%, Dole 44%; Clinton 37%, Dole 30%, Powell 27%; Clinton 43%, Dole 40%, Jackson 11%; Clinton 72%, Jackson 19%. Yepsen: It's Dole's race to lose; President is strong with rank and file Dems in Iowa; no evidence Jackson is gearing up.

(C) **"United We Stand" bulletin and NRA fundraising letter.** From Doug. The Perot piece advertises the "Political Event of the Century" -- UWSA's national conference in Dallas August 11-13 on the theme "Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century." The NRA letter is a shrill call for funds from Wayne LaPierre, which begins: "On May 20...I promised to clean President Clinton's clock in the 1996 election. Will you help me make good on that promise?"

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JULY 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK

SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST

Attached are two faxes of interest.

The first is a bulletin from "United We Stand" on their August conference.

The second is the NRA's latest fundraising letter.

cc: Leon Panetta
Harold Ickes
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1995 UWSA National Conference

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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9:00 a.m. **Registration & Sign-In**

11:00 a.m. **Ross Perot** *Welcome to "Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century"*

David Boren, University of Oklahoma President and former Senator
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Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), Senate Budget Committee Member
The Importance of a Strong Stable Dollar

Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA)
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Meredith Bagby, Harvard Student and Author of *The First Annual Report of the USA*
Our Future, Our Children's Future

Representative John Kasich (R-OH), House Budget Committee Chairman
Balancing the Federal Budget

Deborah Steelman, Chair of 1991 Advisory Council on Social Security & Medicare
Medicare Reform

Pete Peterson, Author of *Facing Up*
Social Security Reform

House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX)
Simplifying the Federal Tax System

Representative Gerald Solomon (R-NY), House Rules Committee Chairman
The Trade Deficit & It's Implications for America's Future

"What I like about the UWSA Conference is that you're going to make this a constructive gathering. I think that's what the American people crave...

"I think the focus on what answers the speakers have, how they're going to end politics as usual, how they're going to tackle the entitlement question, and reform the system that's a positive approach.

– University of Oklahoma President and former Senator David Boren

EVENING SESSION

Ross Perot, *Introduction: Vision of Leadership for the 21st Century*

The Democratic Party's Plans for the 21st Century:

- Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT), General Chairman of the Democratic National Committee
- Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD)
- House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO)

The Republican Party's Plans for the 21st Century:

- Haley Barbour, Republican National Committee Chairman
- Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott (R-MS)
- Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA)

Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

All times listed are in Central Daylight Time. This schedule is subject to change.

10:15 a.m. **Ross Perot** *Introduction to the day's program*

MORNING SESSION

Bernadine Healy, former Director of the National Institute of Health
Health Care Reform

Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
Creating Jobs in the USA

Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson
Welfare & Medicaid Reforms

"This Conference can be a big plus in the effort to focus Americans on the great issues facing us and the differences between the two parties' views about the principles and policies that best serve the nation as we enter the 21st century."

Haley Barbour, RNC Chair

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Reverend Jesse Jackson

Representative Bill Archer (R-TX), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman
Reforming the Federal Tax System

Representative Bob Inglis (R-SC)
Term Limits

Professor Barbara Jordan, Chair of the Commission on Immigration Reform and former Member of Congress from Texas
Immigration Reform

Rep. Linda Smith (R-WA) & Rep. Sam Brownback (R-KS)
Campaign Finance Reform & Lobbying Reform

1996 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

These confirmed speakers will be scheduled to address the Conference throughout the day and into the evening session.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS)

Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX)

Pat Buchanan

California Governor Pete Wilson

Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN)

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander

Representative Bob Dornan (R-CA)

Alan Keyes

Maurice Taylor

"That so many prominent politicians are willing to travel to Dallas for the event is a vivid demonstration of how much influence Perot and his supporters still wield in American politics."

– Richard L. Berke
The New York Times

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Ross Perot
Challenge to the Owners of 21st Century America

Conference Workshops
Workshops run concurrently – choose three to attend. Potential workshop topics listed on page 4

5:00 p.m. Conference is scheduled to adjourn

21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH YOU

The 1995 UWSA National Conference, "Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century" provides a special opportunity for **AN IN-DEPTH EDUCATION ON ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU – THE AMERICAN VOTER.**

Only the members of United We Stand America could bring this group of speakers together for a non-partisan, high-level discussion of government reform and economic reform.

Your hard work brought these issues to the forefront of American politics in 1992, when you changed the political landscape forever. Never before has either political party seriously discussed balancing the federal budget and reducing the national debt. On August 11-13, more than 30 of the nation's most visible policy experts and political candidates are coming to Dallas to discuss with you how we can address these problems as we prepare our country for the 21st century.

I URGE YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT.

Leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and other policy experts, will be speaking about the problems we must solve such as balancing the budget, creating jobs, Medicare, Social Security, new tax plans, the tax burden on future generations, campaign finance reform, and much more.

The leaders of the Democrat and Republican parties will define each political party's plans for the 21st century.

The program is designed so that the Presidential candidates can discuss the issues on a higher level, without focusing on each other.

All of these issues are connected like the pieces of a puzzle. We'll talk about the issues and the political system in the Conference workshops. We will consider how various issues impact each other in order to produce effective solutions.

Our job base is the heart of this process – only if you have a growing job base with every citizen working in a good-paying job, can you generate the tax base to balance the budget and pay the debt.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE IS TO PROVIDE YOU – THE OWNERS OF THIS COUNTRY – WITH THE FACTS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AS YOU VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES FOR THE 1996 ELECTIONS.

You need to know what the problems are, what options are available to solve them and what sacrifices will be necessary to see the solutions through. It's going to take strong leadership to lead us into the 21st century, starting with you – the American people.

SPECIAL NOTE: Don't miss Ross Perot on CNN's Larry King Live on August 3 *and* on August 9!

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

UWSA INFORMATION CENTER: (800) 925-1300

HOTEL:

Conference Headquarters and first choice in hotel is:

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Ask to reserve your room(s) for the special UWSA rate of $59 plus 13% tax per night.

Other hotels offering special rates to UWSA Conference attendees are:

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LE MERIDIEN HOTEL (800) 225-5843

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Ask to reserve your room(s) for the special UWSA rate of $59 plus 13% tax per night.

If you have any difficulty securing a hotel room for the Conference, call UWSA at (800) 925-1300 and we will assist you.

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Mention Star File # S-2285-AB for 5% discounts on airfare.

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Mention CV#9673 or "UWSA Conference" for rates as low as $18.99 per day.

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Mention UWSA Conference and from either Dallas airport (DFW or Love Field), receive a $2 discount off regular $11 fee to any downtown hotel.

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Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century

Dallas Convention Center • Dallas, Texas • August 11-13, 1995

Please Print

Name _____ UWSA Member # _____
First Last

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Eve Phone (____) _____

Fax Number _____ Internet Address _____

Add'l attendee _____ Member? Y / N # _____

Add'l attendee _____ Member? Y / N # _____

List additional attendees and their UWSA member numbers (if applicable) on a separate page.

❑ YES! I will attend the 1995 UWSA National Conference. Please check the appropriate type of registration for you.

Registration:	❑ UWSA Member	$100	x no. of attendees	_____
	❑ Non-Member	$135	x no. of attendees	_____
**** Purchase of a $20 UWSA membership will save $15 on Non-Member Conference Registration fees.*				
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(Valid student ID required)	❑ Non-Member	$30	x no. of attendees	_____
	❑ Children under 12 admitted free		x no. of attendees	_____
Daily Rates:	❑ UWSA Member	$40/day	x no. of attendees	_____
Day(s) you plan to attend:	❑ Non-Member	$60/day	x no. of attendees	_____
_____	❑ Student UWSA Members	$5/day	x no. of attendees	_____
_____	❑ Student Non-Members	$15/day	x no. of attendees	_____

Please turn to the reverse side of this form to complete your CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PREFERENCES for Sunday's sessions

A. $ _____

❑ YES! I would like to be a sponsor for the Conference. Enclosed is my contribution for $ _____ to help pay the cost for this historic event. Please list me as a sponsor in the printed program.
Contributions and membership fees are not tax deductible.

B. $ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ _____
Lines A & B

FORM OF PAYMENT:

❑ Enclosed is my check/money order made payable to: UWSA National Conference

❑ Please charge the total to my credit card. ❑ Visa ❑ Mastercard ❑ Discover ❑ American Express

Card # _____ Exp. ____

Signature _____

Call today and register by credit card:

(800) 925-1300

Or fax this form with credit card information to:

(214) 450-8823

Or mail completed form to:

UWSA
Attn: Conference Registration
P.O. Box 6
Dallas, TX 75221

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Q. What time will the Conference begin on Friday and end on Sunday?

A. Registration for the Conference will begin at 9 a.m. CDT on Friday at the Dallas Convention Center. The program will begin at 11 a.m. CDT. If you are attending only Saturday's or Sunday's program, registration for those days will also begin at 9 a.m. CDT. Sunday's session is expected to end at approximately 5 p.m. CDT. For a daily agenda of speakers, please turn to pages 2-4.

Q. How do I sign up for the Conference Workshop sessions?

A. The Conference workshop sessions will be filled on a first come, first-serve basis and there is no advanced enrollment to attend them. There will be three times on Sunday during which a number of workshops will run concurrently. You may attend three workshops of your choice. The form below allows us to schedule the workshop topics that you are most interested to attend. This information will be very important as we plan which topics will run concurrently and how much space is needed to accommodate everyone who is interested in the topics offered.

Q. How many people will attend the Conference?

A. This type of event has never been done before so there is no history to help us estimate an attendance figure. We are making plans to accommodate thousands of attendees. There can never be "too many" concerned Americans who would like to see this event in person and participate in Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century.

Q. What transportation is available to get from the airports to the hotel, and the hotel to and from the Conference?

A. The Dallas area has two major airports: DFW and Love Field. From either you can take SuperShuttle and receive a $2 discount off the regular $11 fee to any downtown hotel, if you identify yourself as part of the UWSA Conference. From any of our host hotels in downtown Dallas, we will provide complimentary bus service to and from the Dallas Convention Center at designated times before and after each daily session. Hertz Corporation has also offered discounts on rental cars for the UWSA Conference. See page 4 for details.

Conference Workshop Preference

Please complete this form and return it to UWSA Conference Registration even if you have already registered for the Conference. Just list your name, UWSA member number and address on the reverse side of this form.

The Sunday Workshops are designed for members to participate in probing solutions and exchanging ideas on topics of reform and effective citizen action. Each attendee will have the opportunity to participate in three of these in-depth discussion topics on a first come, first-serve basis.

Please indicate six topics you would most like to see offered in the Conference workshops. Please note that there is also a space for you to indicate a topic of interest that is not on the list. Should there be sufficient interest in an additional topic, we will attempt to accommodate the need.

Please complete the form & mail to:

UWSA – Conference Registration
P.O. Box 6
Dallas, TX 75221

You may also turn this form in when you sign in at the Conference on Friday, August 11.

PLEASE NOTE: the form below does not serve as enrollment in any Conference workshops; it merely helps us design space for the workshops to accommodate all interested persons.

❑ YES! I plan to attend Sunday's Conference Workshop Sessions. *(Workshops will be filled on a first come, first-serve basis.)*

TOPICS FOR CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

A. Campaign Finance Reform
B. Lobbying Reform
C. Plans for Balancing the Federal Budget
D. Social Security Reform
E. Welfare and Medicaid Reform
F. Medicare Reform
G. Health Care Reform
H. Term Limits
I. Revitalizing American Education
J. Immigration Reform
K. Foreign Trade and Jobs
L. Alternatives to the Federal Income Tax
M. Initiative and Referendum at State and National Levels
O. New Political Force: Party vs. Other Options
P. How to Organize and Lead a Volunteer Organization
Q. Fundraising for Citizen Action

Please indicate the letter for six workshop topics that you would most like to see offered: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Additional topic(s) not on the list: _____

❑ I would like to make the following contribution to help defray the costs of this Conference: ❑ $500 ❑ $100 ❑ $50 ❑ Other

Contributions and membership fees are not tax deductible. Make check payable to UWSA National Conference or provide credit card information on reverse side.

Please return to: UWSA – Conference Registration, P.O. Box 6, Dallas, Texas 75221

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Dear NRA Member:

On May 20th, at the NRA's Annual Convention, I promised to clean President Clinton's clock in the 1996 election.

Will you help me make good on that promise?

Clinton has declared law-abiding gun owners like you and me public enemy #1. Clinton has marched America two more steps down the road to total gun bans and confiscation of our Constitutional rights.

Clinton has rallied the anti-gun media against us. Clinton thinks anti-government talk is "un-American." And Clinton has condemned Americans like you who criticize the government for stamping out our freedoms.

Clinton has even tried to make you feel ashamed for being a member of the NRA. Clinton has tried to damage your pride by claiming the NRA is anti-law enforcement. Clinton is using every trick in the book to weaken our resolve in calling for investigations of the Federal agents who overstep their powers.

I will not let this stand.

I will not let Clinton and the media confuse NRA patriots with grade-A terrorists. I will not sit idly by while the media, or Clinton's government, or anyone else tries to disgrace the members of our great association by blurring the distinction between heroism and terrorism.

I will not let the NRA's enemies use this attack on our rights and our character to cloud the real issue, which is investigating reports of abuse by government agents.

Immediately after the Oklahoma City tragedy, it became clear to me how urgent it is that you and I make our stand.

Under the cover of the bombing investigation, Bill Clinton, CBS, ABC, NBC, *Time*, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and other anti-gun media giants are launching attacks on you and me, our guns, our freedoms and our reputations as law-abiding Americans.

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In the past few weeks you and I have been called "dangerous," "un-American" and "stupid." They said because the NRA was leading the charge against some government agents who abuse their power, that we were somehow to blame.

Somehow, they traced it all back to the Second Amendment. They don't blame the Oklahoma City tragedy on the actions of a crazed madman, they place the blame on the Second Amendment and Americans owning too many guns.

After we were insulted and attacked, Bill Clinton attempted to drive a wedge between us and throw the NRA and other groups concerned about civil rights off the trail of investigating Waco, Ruby Ridge and government abuse of your Constitutional rights.

But when we make impassioned cries about abuses by some Federal police, the media piled on and we are suddenly indicted, tried and found guilty-by-association with America's most despicable criminals.

Make no mistake, the NRA has a solid record when it comes to law-enforcement. In fact, America's law-abiding police officers and Federal agents have no stronger ally.

Over 150,000 law enforcement and public safety officers are NRA members. We are proud of that. We are proud of the fact that NRA members were among the first fire and rescue crews on the scene in Oklahoma. And let us not forget that one of the NRA members killed in the blast was a law enforcement officer.

It should come as no surprise to you that the NRA has a loyal following among front line officers. For years, the NRA has had a program where we provide a $25,000 insurance payment to the family of officers who fall in the line of duty. We also have a scholarship fund for the sons and daughters of fallen officers.

But that's not the most important thing NRA does for law enforcement.

The most important thing we do is raise money to fight for laws that make sure police officers do not die in the line of duty.

We fight for harsh, mandatory sentencing for violent criminals. We fight for stiffer bail and pre-trial detention regulations. We fight to make prisons a place no criminal would ever want to return to.

NRA members' attitudes toward violent criminals can best be summed up by the actions of an NRA Life Member who, while wearing his NRA hat, planted an American flag next to the bombed out building. He told everyone around him that "I just feel like they (the bombers) need to see the picture, they need to know who they're messing with, here."

That's the kind of NRA member I'm proud to be associated with.

But all of this is overlooked. Bill Clinton's hysterical outrageous statements go

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unchallenged. And the press is too anti-gun (or too lazy) to investigate the evidence of alleged abuse by some government agents.

Just what evidence am I talking about?

On January 10, 1994, the NRA, the American Civil Liberties Union and several other organizations dedicated to the protection of civil liberties, presented President Clinton with a document outlining numerous incidents where Federal agents are alleged to have overstepped their powers and denied citizens their Constitutional rights under the Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendment:

Nothing happened. So, in January, 1995, we went to the Department of Justice and made a public demand that these incidents be investigated. Still, nothing happened.

I sincerely doubt that the Clinton Administration has the courage to act without being called before Congress.

That's because Bill Clinton stubbornly clings to his belief that the American people don't have the right to call into question the actions of some Federal agents.

And if we lose our power and our rights to demand Congress question these actions, who will be left to watch? Who will be left to watch the watchers?

You certainly can't count on the media. They refuse to mention that NRA members fought and won the battle to stop abuses by government agents before.

In 1979, and again in 1980, at the urging of the NRA, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings on reports of widespread abuses by BATF agents. The committee found that:

> "These practices, amply documented before this Subcommittee, leave little doubt that the Bureau has disregarded the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States. It has trampled upon the Second Amendment by chilling exercise of the right to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens. It has offended the Fourth Amendment by unreasonably searching and seizing private property. It has ignored the Fifth Amendment by taking private property without just compensation and by entrapping honest citizens without regard for the due process of law."

Those are the exact words of the report published by the United States Senate Judiciary Committee.

When Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States, he put an end to the abuses.

Only since the beginning of the decade did the reports of these abuses and the names of the victims begin appearing again...

... Janice Hart pulled into her driveway after grocery shopping with her daughters and found her house being ransacked by BATF agents who had kicked in the door. BATF agents interrogated her before reading her her rights. When they finally asked her if she was Janice Harrell she, of course, said "no." The obviously poorly-trained BATF agents then accused her of selling firearms and cocaine, then arrested her. Thank God for her hometown police who finally realized BATF HAD THE WRONG PERSON.

...Louis Katona a successful businessman, civic leader, family man and part-time police officer had his home raided by BATF agents. BATF did more than confiscate his legal gun collection. During the raid, an agent shoved his wife Kimberly into a concrete wall. She said she felt something tear, but it was more than the fabric of her rights. She was pregnant, she

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began bleeding and soon lost what was going to be their second child. The judge later threw out the case asking BATF "Where's the beef?"

Thousands of small time FFL holders, many selling one or two guns a year, have been harassed and threatened into abandoning their licenses. BATF inspectors have demanded they provide diagrams of the insides of their houses, descriptions of their home security systems and names of their landlords -- in some cases calling the landlord to persuade him to pressure his tenant into resigning his license. The rationale for their actions (and the Brady Act which authorized some of their demands) was that it was too much work for the agency to watch over persons who didn't sell enough guns.

This is not carrying out a law enforcement agenda, this is carrying out the political agenda of the Clinton Administration to run honest FFL holders out of business.

Don't believe for a minute that if small FFL's are closed down, the next step won't be larger gun dealers. This is the slippery slope toward national gun bans.

... Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge. A 14-year old boy was shot in the back and killed. A mother, holding her baby, was shot by a sniper in the head and killed. BATF was guilty of entrapment and Weaver was acquitted of the major charges, BUT HIS WIFE AND SON ARE DEAD AND THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE RAID WAS PROMOTED.

... And of course, Waco. That story can best be summed up by the jury foreman in the trial of four surviving Davidians. She said that the Federal government was absolutely out of control and how the wrong people were on trial. The people who should be on trial should be the ones who planned and executed the raid.

It's no wonder that a Time/CNN poll found that 52% of Americans think the Federal government has become so powerful that it poses a threat to the rights and freedoms of its citizens.

<u>That's a message Bill Clinton doesn't understand</u>.

Think about it: Over half of your countrymen think that the Federal government has become so powerful that it poses a threat to the rights and freedoms of its citizens.

Americans are finally beginning to see that law-abiding American gun owners are not the only ones to be harassed and intimidated.

They're seeing that our freedoms were lost when Clinton signed two gun control bills into law. They're seeing that freedoms will be lost if Brady II and all its banning, rationing, taxing and expanded powers for Federal agents become law.

But this is not just about our gun freedoms.

It's about Clinton's plans for a Federal multi-agency super police force called the "Directorate of Central Law Enforcement."

It's about H.R. 97, a bill that would allow Clinton's government to establish a 2,500-member "Rapid Deployment Strike Force" that could be deployed to enforce Federal, state and local anti-gun laws.

It's about saddling the states with unfunded federal mandates, paperwork and red tape regulations that deny private property rights and civil rights.

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It's about that California farmer whose tractor was seized and who faced a year in jail plus a $200,000 fine for allegedly running over an "endangered" kangaroo rat while plowing his own land.

It's about Federal agencies like HUD threatening to prosecute citizens for exercising their First Amendment right by opposing criminal halfway houses in their neighborhoods.

It's about making sure that no other government agency adopts the IRS policy that a citizen is guilty until he or she goes to court to prove their innocence.

In the end, it's about creeping cancers... Cancers feeding on freedoms that will slip from our grasp, starting with the Second Amendment.

There is no choice.

We must take action and we must take it today. And if you support me, there are three things I need you to do.

First, sign the enclosed postcards and drop them in the mail today.

The first postcard is addressed to Senator Orrin Hatch, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This card urges Senator Hatch to use his power to open investigations on the numerous incidents of abuse by government agents identified by the NRA and the ACLU.

When organizations like the NRA and the ACLU -- organizations that represent a broad range of the political spectrum -- are involved in this, you know that we at least deserve the right to be heard in a public forum.

These are the same incidents of abuse Clinton's government has covered up for two years. Furthermore, many of these abuses were reported to us by law enforcement personnel who won't come forward without the protection of a Congressional hearing.

So, our case for opening this hearing is strong.

And just like in 1979 and 1980, unless NRA members speak out, no one else will. That's why it's important that you send this postcard to Senator Hatch and urge him to open hearings and resolve this issue, once and for all, in an open public forum for all Americans to see, on national T.V.

The second postcard is addressed to Congressman Bill McCollum, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice.

This card thanks Congressman McCollum and urges that his Subcommittee and the United States House of Representatives follow through on his promise to open up full public hearings into allegations of abuse by government agents.

So far, only internal investigations have been held by the FBI and the BATF. Some agents were fired, some were reprimanded, but no criminal proceedings were filed.

The strangest thing of all is that Larry Potts, the agent in charge of the siege on Randy Weaver's home was recently promoted to the number two post in the FBI.

He's being promoted despite the fact that a federal task force found that agents on the scene under his command "demonstrated inadequate performance, inappropriate judgment, neglect of duty and failure to effect proper managerial oversight."

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Why would the agent in charge be promoted? Especially when the federal task force found that criminal proceedings were merited? And just what else is going on here that we don't know about?

The questions raised by Waco, Ruby Ridge and other charges of abuse deserve to be answered.

The American people need to know why the government fired and censured agents.

We need to know if the Federal government is training agents to respect citizens' Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights.

We need to know what else is being hidden from us.

That's why I need you to help me put it to rest by sending your postcard to Congressman McCollum. This is the most important thing you can do to save your guns. He's the point man on this issue. And if anybody can focus public attention on this matter, he can.

The third postcard is addressed to President Clinton.

Bill Clinton and the national media claim my defense of the Constitution is out of line, that I am morally responsible for what happened in Oklahoma City, and that I no longer speak for American gun owners.

Bill Clinton wants desperately for the NRA to stop mailing to you and stop asking for your help to call for investigations of these abuses.

I want to put this issue to rest, once and for all.

This card lets you cast your vote for who you support: me, or Bill Clinton.

If you vote with Bill Clinton, you're telling him to stick with business as usual.

If you vote with me, this postcard tells Bill Clinton that I speak for you... That it's time to lead the charge in calling for investigations of abuse by the handful of Federal agents guilty of abuse... That it's time to stop covering up... It's time to start punishing criminals and time to stop banning the guns you own.

... That as long as he refuses to support public hearings, and continues to push gun bans, he's rewriting the Constitution from "We the People" to "We the government."

Then, after you send all three postcards, I need you to return the enclosed POSTCARD VERIFICATION #241253 to me as soon as you can.

Your POSTCARD VERIFICATION lets me know that you sent your postcards to Senator Hatch, Congressman McCollum and Bill Clinton.

By returning your POSTCARD VERIFICATION to me, you'll give me the statistical ammo I need to prove that the press attacks after the Oklahoma City tragedy didn't change the mind of NRA members.

With your POSTCARD VERIFICATION #241253 in hand, I can give both our allies and enemies in Congress concrete proof that NRA members want these investigations to be given top priority, and don't want their guns to be banned.

It's a chance for you to say you're pro law enforcement, pro Second Amendment, anti criminal and against government abuse of citizen rights.

It also gives me the proof I need to go to the media and say that Bill Clinton is wrong and that American gun owners are behind me...

... And make sure that Bill Clinton and the White House bureaucrats aren't lying about what

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Just as important, your POSTCARD VERIFICATION will give me a powerful weapon to silence the media's attacks on law-abiding American gun owners.

So before I go on, before I step into the breech to defend our Constitutional rights, I want to know whether or not YOU support me.

Your POSTCARD VERIFICATION will help me prove that we're strong, we're united and that we're ready to press ahead with our agenda.

Again, it's very important that you return your POSTCARD VERIFICATION to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope today.

And when you return your POSTCARD VERIFICATION, there's a third, very important thing I need you to do.

I see from our membership records that your membership expired and that you've yet to renew your NRA membership.

For all the reasons I stated above, I need you to renew your NRA membership more than ever before.

I know you realize the crisis of the last few months has put a strain on the NRA. We've had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to hold our ground.

Because, after all is said and done, this fight is about saving your guns and your Constitutional freedoms.

One of the things I always hear from reporters is that when members don't renew their NRA memberships, that's a rejection of the NRA's attempt to defend our Constitution and rein in a government grown too powerful.

Just return your $35 membership dues with your POSTCARD VERIFICATION in the enclosed postage-paid envelope today. If $35 is more than you can afford right now, I certainly understand. Then I hope you'll at least consider sending the first of two $17.50 installment payments with your POSTCARD VERIFICATION.

Now remember, some days I receive over 70 press calls a day, I'm a little behind on the mail. So if you've already renewed your membership, please accept my thanks. I knew you'd come through for me.

If that's the case, then I hope you'll consider making a special contribution of $15, $20, $25 or more to help the NRA win the battle ahead.

Your renewal payment or special contribution will help the NRA:

- Take our message to T.V. and radio. A message that disputes the national media's campaign that we somehow caused this mess. And more important, a message that tells Congress to press ahead to save your guns, protect your rights and investigate abuse by government agents.
- Expose the lies being told by the anti-gun media.
- And, keep our fellow members united, well informed on the issues and organized for the battle ahead.

So whether you renew your NRA membership, or just make a special contribution, it's important you do it today.

By mailing your postcards and returning your POSTCARD VERIFICATION, you'll be telling Clinton and the anti-gun media to stop attacking law-abiding gun owners and aim their hate at the people who do the bombing and killing in this country.

Then, and only then will our homes, our families and our Constitutional rights be safe.

American made, American proud, our 125th Anniversary Hat and Belt Buckle are symbols of all we stand for as NRA members. When you wear them, you'll be showing your special commitment to our Constitutional freedoms and the rock solid values upon which the NRA was built.

As a special thank you for your contribution of $25 or more, I'll send you a copy of my best selling book, *Guns, Crime, and Freedom*.

My book, as you know, gives you all the facts on the gun banners, Waco, the Randy Weaver case, and the "assault weapon" debate. In fact, it gives you everything you need to know to defend our Second Amendment freedoms.

Of course, if you give $25 or more, and you want our 125th Anniversary Hat or Belt Buckle instead, that's fine, too. Just tell me the thank you gift you'd like me to send by checking the appropriate box on your POSTCARD VERIFICATION.

And, for a gift of $50 or more, I'll send you the hat, the belt buckle and my book.

Whatever you can send to help, though, it's important you do it today and give NRA the resources it needs to fight these media outrages and save your guns and your freedoms.

Remember, media anti-gun fanatics don't play fair. They use a cynical manipulation of T.V. magazines and newspapers.

They call us the worst possible names including redneck, zealot, nuts, extremists, just to name a few. Yet when we use tough language, we are criticized by everyone. THAT is a double standard.

If Congress and the media want all Americans to come together, you included, they must heed our warnings and take a long, hard look at the growing resentment and fear the average citizen feels about loss of rights and loss of freedom.

I want to personally thank you for your friendship and support during a time that has been very difficult for me and all American gun owners.

Sincerely,

Wayne LaPierre
Executive Vice President

P.S. With your commitment, I will defend your Constitutional rights with my voice, my reputation and every ounce of energy I have. Together we will make Bill Clinton know that when his government takes away liberty and freedom from anyone, OUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD.

I urge you to take a few moments today, while you're thinking about it, to mail your postcards to Senator Hatch, Congressman McCollum and President Clinton.

Then, return your POSTCARD VERIFICATION to me with your renewal payment and/or special contribution to help me tell the truth to the American people. Remember: Our Constitution begins with "We the People." It's time our elected leaders hear from you.

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Instructions:

1. Please sign and date all three postcards.
2. Stamp the postcards addressed to Senator Hatch, Congressman McCollum and President Clinton and drop them in the mail.
3. On your postcard to President Clinton, please be sure to cast your vote of support for either Wayne LaPierre or Bill Clinton by checking the appropriate box.
4. Return the enclosed POSTCARD VERIFICATION in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Thank You.

Dear Senator Hatch:

On January 10, 1994, the NRA and the ACLU submitted to President Clinton a report of numerous cases of abuse by government agents. No action has been taken by the Justice Department. Since then, the abuses have increased.

The Judiciary Committee held similar investigations in 1979, after which, the abuses stopped. I urge you to launch similar investigations today.

Please let my Senators know that I've written to you.

Sincerely,

_____ Date

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Dear President Clinton:

Wayne LaPierre is for Congressional investigations of specific abuses by government agents and protecting my right as a law-abiding citizen to own a gun.

You oppose Congressional investigations of abuse by government agents and you support more restrictions on the rights of law-abiding citizens to own guns.

I support:

☐ Wayne LaPierre

☐ You

Sincerely,

_____ Date

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Dear Congressman McCollum:

I support your decision to hold investigations on Waco, Ruby Ridge and the numerous other cases of alleged abuse by Federal agents first reported to the Clinton Administration by the NRA and the ACLU in January, 1994.

The American people need to be free from fear of their own government. Civil rights abuses should not be tolerated from any segment of our society, including a small segment of federal police officers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Kathleen A. McGinty
Chair

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July 28, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KATHLEEN MCGINTY

CC: LEON PANETTA

RE: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

REGULATORY REFORM

Moderate and liberal Democrats have been meeting this week to assemble a new regulatory reform proposal. With this strategic move they hope to force Dole into giving concessions on S. 343 in order to either keep the bill alive, or shift the blame to him for killing the bill if he does not accept their proposal. Presumably, in return for support from liberal Democrats for the revised proposal, the moderate Democrats will refuse to allow forward progress on the Dole bill unless Dole accepts their changes.

Democratic Senators were supposed to meet today and decide if they could finally agree on a package. The Administration must now consider how we can be helpful and provide political cover for moderates who have voted for us to date.

TIMBER SALVAGE

CEQ and OMB prepared your directive to the forest management agencies instructing them to implement the timber salvage provisions of the rescissions bill in accord with existing environmental laws. CEQ and OMB will assist the forest management agencies in preparing an MOA to govern implementation of that directive.

Environmental groups took aim at the signing of the rescission bill with a Lafayette Park demonstration featuring 21 chainsaws and 48 boxes of 450,000 postcards expressing concern for forests. CEQ, and OMB drafted and disseminated talking points on the bill plus to our friends and press in the Pacific Northwest.

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT BUDGET WORKING GROUP

As part of Erskine Bowles budget process, CEQ and EPA co-chair a working group to coordinate the budget messages of all the executive agencies on environment and public health and safety.

TAKINGS

Opponents of the Washington State "takings" law turned in 230,000 petition signatures, more than twice the record for a Washington referendum drive and far more than the 91,000 signatures required for a citizen referendum to make the ballot. It is virtually certain that the referendum will be on the November ballot. The public vote will focus national attention on a GOP Contract issue in a crucial state whose voters are likely to reject the measure. In a stinging editorial this week, the more conservative of Seattle's two daily newspapers called the law a "stink bomb that could bankrupt local governments and effectively wipe out zoning and land-use laws that make communities attractive places to live." CEQ staffers will meet with the referendum campaign manager next week.

Governor Kitzhaber held a public ceremony to veto two bills that contained "takings" compensation provisions. One would have required state and local governments to compensate landowners when new rules lowered their property value by 10 percent. Another would have prevented logging rules that "take" more than 10 percent of timberlands' value. The Oregonian reported that the vetos are "part of Kitzhaber's increasingly visible defense of the state's land-use system, a stance his aides say is popular with voters worried about the congestion and sprawl caused by rapid population growth." I think we should consider capitalizing on this issue in Washington State in an effort to get well again our base in the region that is angered by the rescissions bill.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, are announcing proposed new consultation procedures under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed regulations are intended to streamline consultation for activities like mining, grazing and harvesting of timber on federal lands.

A report on incentives to protect endangered species on private lands, resulting from a dialogue sponsored by Keystone with representatives from business, state and federal agencies, Congressional staff and public interest organizations, was issued today. CEQ sponsored a briefing for White House, EOP and agency representatives earlier this week and representatives from the Keystone dialogue will be testifying at next week's Senate hearing on reauthorization of ESA. The report endorses many of the Administration's current initiatives and proposals for legislative change for ESA, as well as highlighting some additional incentive ideas such as estate tax reforms.

WARD VALLEY RADIOACTIVE WASTE SITE

Federal and California state negotiators met this week for the third time, attempting to conclude an agreement to transfer federal land to the state for use as a low level radioactive waste site. The talks are difficult, though moving forward. California is opposing most strongly those items that Senator Boxer and the site opponents have given the highest priority. We are working to reach agreement with the state in the next week or so. The land transfer itself is on schedule to be completed by the end of August.

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WASHINGTON

July 28, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK

RE: WEEKLY REPORT

1996 Presidential News

Recent Polling. The most recent CNN/USA Today poll, conducted July 20-23, shows you would defeat Bob Dole 50%-44% if the election were held today. This poll shows you prevail in all regions of the country except the South. In the East, you would win 55%-37%. For the first time, you also win in a three-way matchup with Dole and Colin Powell, and Dole and Jesse Jackson.

Lamar Alexander. Lamar Alexander has recruited Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist to be chairman of the Alexander for President Committee in Tennessee. Former Senator Howard Baker and former Governor Winfield Dunn will be honorary co-chairmen.

Recent Polling: Louisiana. A Southern Media and Opinion Research poll released this week reports that you have a 47% positive/49% negative job performance ratio in the state. You lead Bob Dole by a 44%-42% margin and lead Phil Gramm by a 46%-32% margin.

New Hampshire. On the eve of a weekend of events in the Granite State, Gramm told reporters that "I'll be moving there. ... I am going to win New Hampshire."

Lamar Alexander continued his walk across New Hampshire this week. In an interview with WMUR, he maintained that he was still in the first tier, saying that "Dole and Gramm and I are far ahead." He said that "we're in the midst of a generational change in our leadership. '96 is going to settle whether we go forward or back. Bob Dole's from our past." Alexander also blasted Dole for "trying too hard to 'cut deals' with Democrats that would not sufficiently curb spending or give people an incentive to work."

Iowa. Gingrich travelled to Des Moines and Waterloo to raise money for Reps. Greg Ganske (R) and Jim Nussle (R). Gingrich said that "I don't think I am going to run, but I don't have to make a decision until December 15th, and I'm not going to."'

Buchanan/Gramm. The race for second continued this week. Buchanan said "we're rivals for number two, there's no doubt about that. Gramm's spokesperson said, meanwhile, that "there is no serious person ... who believes Pat Buchanan can win this race. It's obvious by

Jesse Jackson. At the Indiana Black Expo in Indianapolis, Jesse Jackson referred several times to his run for President. He said that it was too early to make a final determination.

1995 Races

Baltimore Mayoral Race. The Baltimore Fraternal Order of Police threw their weight behind City Council President Mary Pat Clarke this week. Clarke chalked up this small victory in part because of her strong stance on dealing with drug dealers. Mayor Schmoke's campaign says that they never anticipated the FOP would back them and noted that the FOP does not represent the majority of the Baltimore's 25,000 union workers.

Mississippi Gubernatorial Race. Governor Kirk Fordice came under fire from challenger Dick Molpus and others this week for turning a blind eye to trouble that has been brewing at the state penitentiary at Parchman. Mississippi State Auditor Steve Patterson reported last January that Parchman had numerous problems including overcrowding, poor management, illicit drug trafficking and gang activity. A riot broke out Monday at the prison and 29 prisoners were injured.

In a move to strengthen his campaign, Dick Molpus named Don Kilgore as his new campaign manager. The former campaign manager, John Jaimeson, will return to Washington but remain active with the campaign as a consultant.

1996 Races

San Francisco Mayor. Tax experts allege California Assembly Speaker Emeritus Willie Brown took $193,000 in "aggressive" and "questionable tax deductions" on losses from two investments. Brown deducted $173,400 in business losses from his involvement with radio station KDIA and also claimed $19,500 in investment losses from the sale of two cars. The deductions "...help explain why Brown was able to report relatively low income on his tax returns despite high legal fees and a flashy lifestyle". Brown received $388,000 in compensation from his law firm and from his job as Assembly Speaker, but his taxable earnings were reported as less than $147,000.

Also, Republican businessman Ben Hom -- "a political thorn" in Mayor Frank Jordan's side for two years -- officially declared his candidacy for Mayor last week. Hom is the only Republican in the field of six declared candidates. If no candidate wins a majority in the November 7th general election, the top two vote-getters compete in a run-off one month later.

Massachusetts. Governor Bill Weld (R) is being talked about as a possible challenger to Senator John Kerry in 1996. Speculation is that if Governor Pete Wilson's presidential campaign folds, Weld would be free to run against Kerry. Republicans in the state are concerned that they are not able to find other viable candidates to run in 1996.

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Illinois Senate Race. David Wilhelm dropped out of the Illinois Senate race this week, citing the time the campaign would take away from his family. Rep. Dick Durbin (D) is the likely benefactor and many believe that Democrats who supported Wilhelm will likely back the congressman over state Treasurer Pat Quinn. Wilhelm left open the possibility of endorsing a candidate.

Archconservative millionaire and former state Rep. Al Salvi (R) has formed an exploratory committee for a Senate bid. Ronald Gibbs (D), who served as the D.C. lobbyist for the late Mayor Harold Washington, has also formed an exploratory committee.

Other Political News

Florida. The upcoming Republican "Presidency III" convention and straw poll will take ~~place in~~ Orlando on November 17 and 18. While no GOP delegates will actually be selected, this will likely put Florida in the national spotlight by drawing at least nine of the GOP Presidential candidates into the state much earlier than usual. The Florida Democratic Convention will take ~~place two weeks~~ after the poll.

Pennsylvania. Recent publicity of the Pennsylvania Democratic party shows that they are, "low on luck, power, [and] cash." A recent article in the Philadelphia Inquirer said, "the organization is weak. So is the message." With only one state-wide elected Democrat, Catherine Baker Knoll, they have little clout as the minority party. This has, however, not stopped state chair, Mark Singel, from developing a plan to retire the party's debt and to help invigorate the infrastructure. Bobby Casey, son of the former governor, is running for auditor general and Catherine Baker Knoll's daughter, Mina Baker Knoll, is running next year to succeed her mother as state treasurer.

California. Governor Pete Wilson and California legislative leaders announced an agreement on the state's $56 billion budget this week. The budget reportedly is "one that gives more money to schools and cuts welfare benefits." The agreement must now obtain the 2/3 majority vote needed from the State Assembly, which may be difficult to achieve because of the near even split of 40 Republican and 39 Democrats. A group of 24 Democratic Assembly Members have already cast doubt on passage by publicly challenging the proposed cuts in welfare benefits. The vote is scheduled for Saturday, July 29.

Also, the Reverend Jesse Jackson announced the start of a recall campaign to remove Governor Wilson from office. Jackson and members of the Rainbow Coalition in California said that by August 28, the anniversary of the Reverend Martin Luther King's march on Washington, a petition effort will be under way. Governor Wilson's campaign chief scoffed at the threatened recall effort, calling it "another exercise at self-promotion on the part of Jesse Jackson". Approximately 600,000 signatures would be necessary to get a recall on the ballot.

Finally, Democratic strategist Duane Garrett died this week of an apparent suicide. He was a close friend of the Vice President and served as national chair of his 1988 Presidential campaign, an advisor to Senator Dianne Feinstein, national chair for Walter Mondale's White House bid in 1984, and Bruce Babbitt's campaign chair in 1988. He also ran for DNC Chair in 1989, losing to Ron Brown.

Colorado. The field in the Democratic Primary for the seat of retiring Senator Hank Brown (R) may soon change. University of Colorado Law School Dean Gene Nichol (D) confirmed last week that he is considering entering the race, and Denver City Councilmember Ramona Martinez (D) also confirmed that "she is unofficially very close to making an announcement". Martinez claims that Governor Roy Romer (D) -- who has been pegged as a possible candidate -- has emphatically reiterated that he is not interested in running. Romer's assurances were "crucial" to Martinez because she does not want to face him in the primary, but said he neither "encouraged nor discouraged" her bid. Other expected candidates in the Democratic field are State Senator Paul Weissmann and Denver attorney Tom Strickland.

Kentucky. Ex-Representative and one-term Congressman Tom Barlow (D), announced on 7/26 that he intends to challenge Senator Mitch McConnell (R) in the 1996 Senatorial campaign. Barlow has not officially announced his candidacy, however he has begun to attack Senator McConnell as being "anti-farm, anti-business and anti-people".

Montana. Lieutenant Governor and announced Republican Senatorial candidate Dennis Rehberg said this week that Senator Bob Dole has "committed to help his campaign" with some money and a possible campaign visit to Montana. Rehberg is seeking to unseat Democratic Senator Max Baucus, who is expected to seek reelection in 1996.

Also, a recent state poll, commissioned by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, released July 27, shows your approval numbers in Montana to have climbed. The poll shows your approval rating in Montana at 41%, up from 30% in a December poll; 45% disapprove of your performance, down significantly from a 61% disapproval rating expressed six months ago; 20% said they would vote to reelect you, 39% would consider another candidate, and 31% would vote to replace you; 10% remained undecided. Speaker Newt Gingrich did not fare as well, with the poll showing that 42% of Montanans disapprove of the Speaker's performance, while 26% approve; 32% were undecided. The poll has a margin of error of 6%.

Utah. The FEC is deciding whether to take action against Senator Bob Bennett (R) after FEC auditors "concluded the senator's 1992 campaign was partially funded with illegal corporate contributions." Bennett claims the money was legitimate payment to him for consulting work after he left as president of the Franklin Quest Company. FEC auditors and attorneys, however, said they are "not convinced Bennett actually performed work for big payments."

Rep. Mike Parker. Further severing his ties with the Democratic Party, Rep. Parker revealed on Tuesday that he has reimbursed more than $17,000 to the DNC and DCCC for all contributions made since he first ran for Congress in 1988.

Ohio State Day. Plans are in the works to bring in 300 of your supporters from Ohio on September 14 for a day at the White House. The day will include briefings from Cabinet Secretaries and other Party and Administration officials, a White House tour, and a lunch at the Mayflower. The day will conclude with a White House reception in the evening.

cc: The Vice President
Leon Panetta
Harold Ickes
Jack Quinn
George Stephanopoulos
Melanne Verveer

Clinton, Democrats Vow To Protect Medicare From GOP

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Invoking memories of their parents and political ancestors, President Clinton and Democratic leaders marked the 30th anniversary of Medicare by vowing not to let Republicans disturb the popular but troubled program.

Surrounded by senior Democrats who helped pass Medicare in 1965 and facing scores of senior citizens who rely on it, Clinton cautioned against breaking down "the one thing we have done right completely, which is to keep faith with our elderly people."

"I got the message of the 1994 election, and I'm not going to let the government mess with your Medicare," said the president, who charged that GOP plans to save $270 billion from Medicare over seven years would wind up costing the average elderly couple $5,600.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich accused the president of playing the demagogue.

"He knows better. He knows his numbers are false. He knows his analysis is false. I think trying to scare senior citizens as a re-election technique is, frankly, a very despicable strategy," said Gingrich.

He challenged Clinton to "tell the country before this week is out what you would do to save Medicare."

Other GOP leaders said they are trying to ensure that Medicare survives to its 37th birthday in 2002, when the program's trustees say the hospital fund will go broke. Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., sent Clinton a letter asking him to send copies of the trustees' report to all 37 million Medicare beneficiaries.

The Democrats' event yesterday was part of a weeklong effort to convince the public that GOP budget proposals would harm one of the government's most popular programs.

Most of the 15 lawmakers still in Congress who voted for Medicare in July, 1965 attended the birthday party thrown by National Council of Senior Citizens, a labor-backed group that helped rally support behind the original bill.

Clinton acknowledged Medicare needs shoring up, but charged the Republicans' real aim in targeting Medicare for $270 billion in savings is to pay for a $245 billion tax cut.

The president said the same groups that fought Medicare "tooth and nail 30 years ago" helped sink his health plan last year by rousing fears among the elderly that it would tamper with their own coverage.

House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt said 93 percent of Republicans voted against Medicare in 1965, pushing for a voluntary program instead.

Back then, half the elderly had no health insurance, Gephardt said, but today 97 percent are covered by Medicare and 2 percent have other coverage.

"For Democrats, Medicare is a sacred commitment, a contract," said the Missouri Democrat. "I'm afraid for Republicans Medicare is a congressional candy jar, a piggy bank that they can smash to pay for tax cuts."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the Democrats' original "warriors," as Gephardt called them, said, "Keep your tax-cutting, greedy hands off our Medicare."

And Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose father sponsored the first national health insurance bill back in the 1940s, said, "Don't let them tell you they're not going to cut Medicare, because they are."

The GOP leaders brought several sympathetic seniors to their own news conference in the Capitol.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Medicare is headed for bankruptcy "and all the Democrats can say is, 'Let them eat birthday cake.'"

"Nobody wants to mess with Medicare. The question is whether we'll have the courage to save it," said Rep. Thomas Bliley Jr., R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, the Ways and Means chairman, promised, "Republicans will have in 50 days a specific plan to save Medicare from bankruptcy."

Clinton credited Medicare with helping his late mother, who died of breast cancer last year, live long enough to see her son become president, and helping his stepfather live "10 good years" after a heart attack.

And Vice President Al Gore, whose father helped push Medicare through the Senate, said insurance was never a worry when his mother suffered a heart attack and stroke a few weeks ago.

Clinton has proposed $124 billion of Medicare savings and $96 billion in tax cuts over 10 years in his own plan to balance the budget. He has offered no specifics, except to say the savings would come from providers, not beneficiaries.

Gephardt and Health Secretary Donna Shalala will attend a ceremony marking the actual anniversary of Medicare on Sunday at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., where Johnson signed the legislation.

98-Year-Old Confronts Bass Medicare Task Force

NASHUA (AP) — When Congress moves to cut the federal health care program, Dorothy Osborne wants them to remember her face.

The sole senior citizen who testified before a Medicare task force drew repeated applause by asking U.S. Rep. Charles Bass, R-N.H., to think of her when striving to improve the system.

"I'm a senior citizen. I have no position. I have no title," said Osborne, a resident of the Pleasant View Retirement Community in Concord. "In me you see the person you're all working for. I'll be 98 on my next birthday."

The 16-member Medicare Preservation Task Force met for two hours with 11 New Hampshire health-care experts at Nashua High School on Monday.

The task force is comprised of doctors, nurses, health insurance executives and analysts and representatives of senior citizens groups and was put together to brainstorm ways to streamline the Medicare system.

"Whatever is done to overhaul (the system), it must be done delicately," warned Dr. John Sherwin, a Manchester orthopedic surgeon testifying before the task force.

Sherwin said although there are now four workers paying into the Medicare system for every recipient, that ratio will dwindle to 2 to 1 at the turn of the century.

He recommended the government consider eliminating payments for "care at the margins" and "futile care," acknowledging his proposal carries unresolved ethical issues.

"This will be one of the toughest things to work through. None of us want to play God, yet we have to determine when the end of life is ... This is not an issue I have answers for now," Sherwin said.

Another hot debate will focus on whether Medicare benefits should be offered to wealthy senior citizens who can afford to pay higher premiums, said John Ellis, state director for the Concord Coalition deficit watchdog group.

"Do I, as a taxpayer, have to pay for the medical benefits of Ross Perot?" Ellis asked.

Mike Korbey, director of legislative affairs for the United Seniors Association, countered that wealthy taxpayers contribute more money to the Medicare system than most and deserve at least the same benefits when they get old.

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Clinton aims to prod Gingrich to act

President pushes political reform panel

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Five weeks after shaking hands on a deal in New Hampshire, President Clinton scolded House Speaker Newt Gingrich yesterday for moving too slowly to create a political reform commission. Clinton appointed two Americans as emissaries to prod him into action.

"The speaker and I made a deal and it's time to keep it," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "There's no excuse for further delay."

A spokesman for Gingrich quickly countered that Clinton's address was a "cheap shot" that suggested he was more interested in politics than political reform.

"Working together, rather than trying to take partisan shots, is the only possible way to get campaign finance, lobbying and gift reform," said Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley. "We're beginning to see a pattern of cynical politicking."

The exchange demonstrated the volatile politics associated with any attempt to revamp lobbying and campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of special interests on government.

At the suggestion of a New Hampshire retiree, Clinton and Gingrich made an on-the-spot agreement during a senior citizens' picnic last month to support a nonpartisan commission that would develop recommendations.

Since then, Clinton has offered his ideas for the commission, while Gingrich has said it would be a mistake to move too quickly and create a panel whose structure would only doom it to failure.

Clinton used his radio address to argue that five weeks was long enough.

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> *– President Clinton*

"I must say, I'm very disappointed by what has happened . . . or, more accurately, what hasn't happened," Clinton said. "The speaker announced that he would send me his proposal, but he never has."

Clinton said that to get things moving, he was appointing a former cabinet official and a distinguished author to work with Gingrich and other congressional leaders on establishing the commission.

The two are: John Gardner, a Republican who served as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare from 1965-1968 under President Johnson and later founded the citizens group Common Cause; and Doris Kearns Goodwin, a political scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

Gingrich said last week he has every intention of keeping the commitment he made in New Hampshire, but that he wants to move slowly to avoid the mistakes of past, failed reform efforts.

"We cannot rush to judgment and afford to treat this issue in a cavalier fashion," he said.

Blankley said the Gingrich was still trying to analyze the best format for the commission.

Opelousas native gets nod as South Africa ambassador

By NANCY REGENT
Assistant state editor

Advocate 7-26-95

President Clinton on Tuesday announced his intention to nominate Opelousas native James A. Joseph as ambassador to South Africa.

Joseph, 60, a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, is the second black man to be nominated to the post, the White House confirmed Tuesday.

Joseph must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate before his appointment takes effect. He declined comment until the hearings are over.

Current Ambassador to South Africa Princeton Lyman will hold the post until October, when his tour ends, a White House spokesman said.

Joseph has served four U.S. presidents. He is president and chief executive officer of the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C., which he joined in 1982.

President Clinton appointed Joseph chairman of the board of the Corporation for National Service. He often represents the United States abroad and has served as chairman of U.S. government delegations to Mexico, Micronesia, Canada and a United Nations conference in Kenya.

Joseph first visited South Africa in 1973 and has since been involved in a wide variety of initiatives in support of South Africa. He has met with the new leaders of South Africa, including President Nelson Mandela, whom he first met in 1992.

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Ambassador

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He served under President Carter as undersecretary of the interior from 1977-1981. Under President Reagan he was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Agency for International Development. President Bush appointed Joseph as an incorporating director of the Points of Light Foundation and a member of the Presidential Commission on Historically Black Colleges.

He graduated from J.S. Clark High School in Opelousas in 1952. He is a 1956 graduate of Southern University and later Yale Divinity School. Joseph taught at Yale University and the Claremont Colleges in California, and served as a visiting Fellow at Nuffield College at Oxford University. Joseph also taught at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he was a leader in the local civil rights movement.

"His private and corporate experiences have allowed him to develop a background of negotiating skills. In all of his trips to South Africa, he has gotten to know the movers and shakers. He considers Mandela a friend," said his brother John Joseph, former Opelousas mayor who is now employed by the state Department of Social Services.

"He is familiar with many of the issues concerning South Africa and its relationship to other countries and the relationship of South Africa to the U.S.," John Joseph said.

An ordained minister, James Joseph was also chaplain of the Claremont Colleges and a member of the faculty of the schools' School of Theology.

He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958, and is widowed. He has two children.

Joseph is the author of two books, "The Charitable Impulse" and "Remaking America." The latter book was published this year and focuses on four minority groups and their traditions that Joseph said shape a new vision of the American community.

Joseph is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees, and Southern has named a $1 million endowed chair in his honor.

"James Joseph has been one of Southern University's shining stars," said Pat Fontenot, chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors. "He has been a valuable asset to Southern University.

"He brings a lot to the table to help with a developing country like South Africa and has rubbed shoulders with people in high places, and that will give him an advantage," Fontenot added.

Joseph is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Overseas Development Council and the National Academy of Public Administration.

He serves on the board of directors of the Brookings Institution, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the National Endowment for Democracy, Africare, TransAfrica and the Children's Defense Fund.

Editor's note: Advocate correspondent Bobby Ardoin contributed to this report.

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Speaker defends farm program as necessary for 'food security'

'Every part of the world I know of has tremendous government involvement' in agriculture, he says.

By GEORGE ANTHAN
OF THE REGISTER'S WASHINGTON BUREAU

House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Monday defended federal farm subsidies, saying it would be a mistake to wipe out farm programs in the face of subsidized competition from abroad.

The Republican leader supported farm-state legislators' plans for a new farm bill this year and said agriculture "far more than virtually any other activity which we engage in ... is an unpredictable and uncertain occupation, that has challenges of weather and world markets, vagaries which are different from a lot of industries."

Gingrich discussed agricultural and rural issues during a meeting with Des Moines Register reporters and editors. He said critics of agricultural programs are mainly "urban politicians" whose opposition is based both on left-wing and right-wing ideology.

Gingrich appeared to generally agree with President Clinton on farm policy, even though he criticized the president last year as being "anti-agriculture."

During a visit to The Register in April, Clinton also strongly endorsed continuation of farm income and price support programs "because family farmers are good for society ... but they can't stand the bad years" resulting from market and weather disruptions. Clinton said his chief aim in farm policy changes was to "do no harm."

The House speaker, who emerged from last fall's election as the most charismatic — and perhaps most influential — Republican leader in Washington, called farm programs essential "for our food security" and "for a counterbalance against efforts like the European Common Market to massively subsidize French and German farmers."

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House speaker supports subsidies

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has tremendous government involvement," he added.

If the U.S. "were to unilaterally drop all the programs, that would put American farmers at the risk of having to take on the European Common Market without having any government involvement," he said.

"You clearly would drive down American farm income in a way which would not only be unfair to farmers but make no sense in the long run," Gingrich added.

Gingrich bridled when asked whether his chief adviser on farm policy issues would be Majority Leader Richard Armey of Texas, a leading critic, or Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas, a farm program booster.

Farm program critics also include Democrats Charles Schumer of New York and Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Gingrich said, and Republicans are best represented on the issue by Iowa Reps. Tom Latham, Greg Ganske, Jim Ross Lightfoot, Jim Leach and Jim Nussle, and by Sen. Charles Grassley.

Gingrich also emphasized the clout Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., has on farm issues. "I somehow doubt that in a year in which Dole is the majority leader of the Senate and front runner for (the GOP nomination for) president ... that we are somehow going to do something which is radically disadvantageous to Iowa farming."

At the same time, Gingrich did state that since Armey is "the chief operating officer of the House, one always has to pay a fair amount of attention to him."

Roberts contends Republicans jeopardize their majority status by discounting the farm vote. Almost half the 73 GOP freshmen elected last fall are from farm districts, Roberts said, and the overall rural vote is broad and still based partly on farm issues.

Five-Year Plan

Gingrich said the Republican-controlled House and Senate have approved a five-year budget plan which "does not in any way end (farm) programs. It has a substantial amount of money for all those programs."

A House-Senate budget agreement calls for reductions in farm programs by a total of $8.5 billion over the next five years, with about $1 billion to be cut in 1996. In recent years, farm programs have cost from about $7 billion to $15 billion a year.

If Congress backs an effort by Iowa's Grassley, the farm cuts would total no more than about $6 billion over five years. Clinton has called for $4.2 billion less for agriculture in the 1996-2000 period.

Gingrich also stressed that Republican efforts to balance the federal budget would reduce interest rates by up to two points and save state and local governments, consumers and farmers large amounts of money and result in "an enormous infusion of capital back into society."

He also said that despite some cuts in rural development efforts, emerging electronic networks would revitalize small towns and cities.

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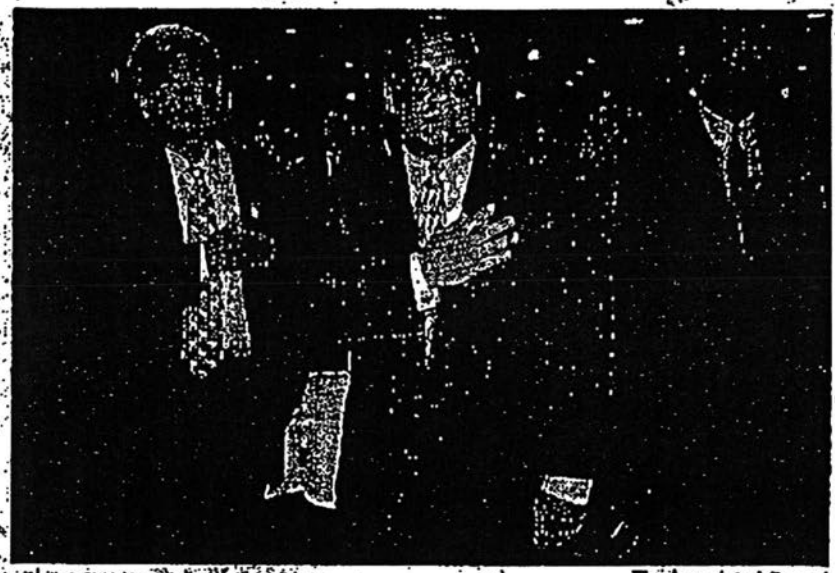

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House Speaker Newt Gingrich, left, and U.S. Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, listen to the national anthem Monday during a fund-raising luncheon for Nussle in Waterloo.

Gingrich draws crowd, drops hints

By Mike Glover
The Associated Press

DES MOINES — House Speaker Newt Gingrich packed in the GOP faithful Monday in Iowa, the leadoff caucus state next year, and dropped a reminder it's not too late for him to make a bid for the presidency.

Gingrich said his turnout, including 1,000 people at a $100-a-plate breakfast, "certainly didn't discourage me" from thinking about a run for the Republican nomination.

He said he's taking it all "with a grain of salt" and spoke of a " Colin Powell effect" involving high interest in people not actually in the race.

But he suggested that the announced candidates

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hadn't exactly energized the electorate.

"If somebody comes along, galvanizes the system and it all works, more power to them," Gingrich said. "If nobody does and people keep saying that's the right direction, that's the right thing to do, then we'll assess it in mid-November."

Monday's visit was the second Gingrich has made to a key early presidential state. Earlier this summer, he traveled to New Hampshire where he had a face-to-face session with President Clinton.

A large contingent of reporters trailed Gingrich across New Hampshire, but only a few showed up at his news conference in Des Moines. A single television camera recorded the event.

That did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of GOP activists who crowded his schedule.

Gingrich's stated reason for being in the state was to raise money for two Republican congressmen, Greg Ganske and Jim Nussle. But the trip had all the feel of a presidential candidate's swing, with an appearance on a popular conservative radio talk show, news conferences at each stop and a tour of an inner-city neighborhood with local Republicans.

On the tour of the Waterloo neighborhood, he met with community activists who questioned him sharply about programs to encourage inner-city lending by banks.

At his session with reporters in Waterloo, Gingrich continued to be questioned about the idea of seeking the GOP presidential nomination.

"I don't think I'm going to run, but I don't have to make a decision until Dec. 15. And I'm not going to," Gingrich said. "If I announced for president tomorrow, you'd all get me down into this niggling kind of narrowest possible questions about personal ambitions and what did so-and-so say yesterday."

He said his current role allows him to focus on broader issues. But he said his reception by Iowans was pleasing.

Gingrich uses Iowa trip to push Medicare plans

GOP leader challenges president

The House speaker wants a commission to come up with alternatives to the current system.

By DAVID YEPSEN
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Monday that senior citizens should not worry about Republican plans to revamp Medicare, and he challenged President Clinton to offer a plan to reform the system.

The Georgia Republican, in Iowa to raise campaign money for Republican U.S. Reps. Greg Ganske and Jim Nussle, also said he'll start thinking about a presidential bid in mid-November.

"Cheap Shot"

During stops in Des Moines and Waterloo, Gingrich said it was a "cheap shot" for Clinton to suggest that he is not serious about campaign finance reform. Gingrich said Congress would get to that reform later.

Medicare is forecast to run out of money in seven years, and Gingrich used his trip to Iowa, a state with one of the highest elderly populations in the country, to blast Clinton on the issue.

Democrats have criticized Republicans for wanting to cut the government-sponsored health care program for seniors. But "there is a clear educational misfunction among liberals," Gingrich said. "We take a Medicare program which this year is at $4,800 per senior citizen. Over the course of a seven-year budget project to get to a balanced budget, we move that program to $6,700. ... Virtually all of you have figured out by now this is a $1,900 increase. ...

"What's the gutting part of this? This is an increase," he said.

Gingrich said the White House

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Gingrich pushes Medicare plans

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plans a celebration this year to mark Medicare's 30th anniversary.

"The president's own trustees reported about 10 weeks ago that Medicare starts to run out of money next year and goes broke in about seven years. We have waited for about 10 weeks for the president to come up with a proposal to save Medicare," he said.

"I want to challenge him and say: It's not enough just to celebrate the last 30 years. You have to help the country to understand what's to happen in the next 30 years. How are we going to save it? What are we going to do to make sure it's still there? And how are we doing to do it in a way that keeps every person in this room from going broke?" Gingrich asked.

Gingrich said he wanted to appoint a commission to study alternatives, such as creation of a "medical savings account" that would enable Americans to set aside pre-tax income for health care. The accounts would make Americans better consumers of medical care because they could keep what they don't spend.

Gingrich also said he liked the idea of vouchers consumers could use to shop for health care, and the idea of allowing workers to remain in their employers' group health plans after they retire.

Republican leaders are jittery about the issue because the party has lost elections to Democrats over senior citizens' benefits.

"In our plan, we keep the current structure for anybody who wants to stay in it," Gingrich stressed. "If you are 85 or 95 years old, your government probably shouldn't harass you. It shouldn't come to you and say we're going to compel you to change, we're going to force you out of a system you are used to."

By demanding a Medicare plan from the president, Gingrich was trying to turn the tables on Clinton, who used his weekly radio address Saturday to demand that Gingrich produce a campaign finance reform plan.

The two men shook hands in New Hampshire on a promise to reform campaign financing, Clinton noted, but nothing's happened since then.

"I think the people of this country want us to move forward with political reform," Clinton said. "We have an obligation to get this done and not walk away. If we're going to restore a spirit of civility to American politics, a handshake has to mean in 1995 what it meant when I was growing up — we have to be as good as our word."

Gingrich called that a cheap shot. "I was about as offended by his comments Saturday as I've ever been. They were totally uncalled for. . . . He attacked me by name on the radio program."

Congress is working on passing a budget before the start of the fiscal year and is trying to help the president on Bosnia, Gingrich said, but Clinton's remarks don't help those efforts.

While Gingrich was holding the door open to a presidential bid, he did not sound like a man preparing to walk through it.

"We will assess all that in mid-November," he said, when he would ask himself, "Is there a big enough desire for another candidate at that point? Is it something I need to do because frankly being speaker of the House is a very big job and at the present time we're having a lot of fun, getting a lot of things done and having a reasonable impact as speaker, so I'm not sure we need to do it.

"If the race is fairly locked up by mid-November, the easy thing is to relax, be speaker of the House and do what we are doing, which is frankly an awful lot of work," he said.

About 1,000 people heard Gingrich speak at a breakfast fund-raiser for Ganske at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel. About 500 attended his luncheon appearance on behalf of Nussle at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo.

THIS STORY *includes reports from Jack Hovelson in The Register's Waterloo Bureau.*

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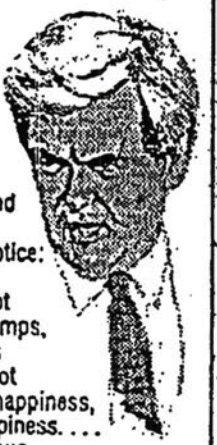

HERE ARE SAMPLES of remarks House Speaker Newt Gingrich made during his visit to Iowa on Monday.

"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Notice: Pursuit of happiness. Not happiness stamps, not happiness entitlement, not guarantee of happiness, not equal happiness. . . . You can't pursue happiness if you don't have the habit of work."

"Yes, we'll give you 26 weeks (of unemployment compensation) if you are unemployed. We're not going to give you 26 weeks for deer hunting and bass fishing."

"Just because I believe every student at every age level should do at least two hours of homework every night, I don't then say we need a federal department of homework checkers."

"We need to say to anybody who brings in a commercial quantity of drugs: You are doing that to get rich by addicting and killing our children. If you do that, we will kill you."

"Every time we say to a poor child 'You don't need to learn English,' we are increasing the likelihood they'll stay poor."

"The slogan of the state of New Hampshire is Live Free or Die. It is not Live Free or Whine. . . . It's very hard to be a passive American. It's not how our society works."

24 districts targeted for court fight

Lawmakers warned: State legislators told to redraw lines by next month.

By Mark Sherman
STAFF WRITER

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Two dozen mostly black state House and Senate districts will be challenged in court if they are not changed next month, a lawyer who helped force a redrawing of Georgia's congressional lines said Tuesday.

A. Lee Parks told state lawmakers that race was the overriding factor in the creation of those state-level districts — and thus would fall under the same U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared the majority-black 11th District unconstitutional.

Gov. Zell Miller included state legislative districts as well as U.S. congressional lines as topics to address when he called the General Assembly to meet in a special Aug. 14 session.

But it has been unclear how extensively state lawmakers are willing to revise their own districts. Redrawing 24 of the 54 mostly black legislative districts would almost certainly lead to a reduction in the number of black members of the Legislature.

Parks' remarks to a preparatory meeting of House members prompted one angry Atlanta legislator to charge that the lawyer was trying to dictate "his interpretation of the Supreme Court decision."

"There's a lot of lawyers and points of view they ought to be listening to," said state Rep. Billy McKinney. "He's trying to hold us hostage."

McKinney's daughter Cynthia represents the 11th Congressional District.

Parks, who argued against Cynthia McKinney's district before the U.S. Supreme Court, also said the 2nd Congressional District in southwest Georgia would fall to a court challenge because he believes race was the overriding factor in its creation as well.

For a second straight day, House and Senate members asked Parks to address lawmakers to give them an idea of potential objections before they adopt new districting plans.

"We are prepared to initiate litigation on the Second [Congressional District] and a number of legislative districts," Parks told the lawmakers.

He identified 17 House and seven Senate districts across the state. Fourteen of those districts are represented by black lawmakers. Three of them are in Atlanta, but the rest are scattered to the south.

U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop, one of three black Democrats in the congressional delegation, is the incumbent in the 2nd District.

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Clinton is still popular in La.

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Poll: He beats Dole, Gramm

By JACK WARDLAW
Capital bureau

BATON ROUGE — It may come as a surprise to those who have written off President Clinton's chances of carrying Louisiana again in November 1996, but a new poll shows him running well against two Republicans, one of whom may well be his opponent.

The survey showed Clinton leading Kansas Sen. Bob Dole 44 percent to 42 percent, with the rest undecided or refusing to say.

The president did even better against Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, leading 46 percent to 32 percent, the rest undecided or refusing to say.

In the 1992 election, Clinton carried the state with 46 percent in a three-way race, beating Republican George Bush's 41 percent and independent Ross Perot's 12 percent. The other votes went to minor candidates.

The poll, conducted by Southern Media and Opinion Research of Baton Rouge for a number of television stations, was based on interviews with 800 self-professed registered voters July 11-17. The margin of error is 3.5 percent.

The survey wasn't all good news for Clinton.

It showed Louisiana voters split down the middle on the president's favorability rating, with roughly equal numbers saying he's doing an excellent to good job or a not-so-good to poor job.

When voters were asked to rate his performance, 3.8 percent said it was excellent; 48.6 good; 26.9 not so good; 22.9 poor; and 3.5 percent didn't know or wouldn't say.

When voters were asked whom they trusted more to handle budget and tax issues, 35.8 percent said the Republican Party, 26 percent said the Democratic Party, and 17.4 percent said President Clinton. The rest were undecided.

In the trial heat against Dole, Clinton ran best in the New Orleans area, leading Dole 51-39. Dole topped Clinton in Acadiana and north Louisiana. But Clinton edged him slightly in the Florida Parishes and River Parishes, 43-42.

Clinton did best with voters 65 and older, leading Dole 48-33. Dole did best with voters in the 55-64 age bracket, leading Clinton 48-40.

Clinton did best with voters with less than a high school education, leading Dole 51-30. Dole did best with voters who attended college but didn't graduate, leading Clinton 49-38.

There was a clearcut gender gap. Female voters favored Clinton 46-37 and male voters favored Dole 48-41.

Black voters favored Clinton 87-4, while white voters favored Dole 57-27.

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Clinton's 1996 Iowa campaign chairman named

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By Ken Sullivan
Gazette senior editor

Mike Tramontina, a former executive director of the Iowa Democratic Party, has been named director of President Clinton's re-election effort in Iowa, a campaign that promises to include one or more presidential visits to the state before precinct caucuses in February.

One Clinton appearance just confirmed will be in October at the Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Des Moines.

Although optimistic about a repeat victory in Iowa for Clinton in 1996, Tramontina promised a steady flow of campaign appearances, not only by the president, but by Vice President Al Gore, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and other prominent Democrats.

A Sioux City native, Tramontina now lives in Des Moines, where he has been associated with an investment firm since leaving the staff of State Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald. He also has served on the staff of former 6th District Rep. Berkeley Bedell. He has taken a leave of absence from the investment firm to direct the Clinton-Gore campaign here.

A permanent Clinton headquarters will be established, but for the present Tramontina will be operating out of the state Democratic headquarters at 431 E. Locust St. in Des Moines.

Because of Sen. Tom Harkin's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1992, Clinton "didn't campaign much" in Iowa "and never put together much of a structure here," Tramontina recalled.

"Now we plan to get the key people announced and committed, and organize a campaign structure."

Clinton included Iowa on his bus caravan campaign tour across the nation in 1992 and wound up outpolling George Bush in Iowa.

"We believe the level of support here is very positive," said Tramontina. "Take a look at the economy, at the low interest rates, the low inflation, the job growth.

"The manufacturing and agriculture economies are both very good. I think Iowans recognize that and in the general election, the president will do very well."

State Democratic Chairman Michael Peterson confirmed Wednesday that Clinton will speak at the party's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Des Moines in October, although no date has been fixed. A vigorous campaign is planned, he explained, "to counteract the regular trashing of the president by the loyal opposition."

In addition, Peterson said there is no indication that any other Democrat is considering challenging the president for the party's nomination.

"At this point," he said, "there's no other candidate besides Bill Clinton organizing in Iowa and we don't expect that to change."

Wilhelm removes hat from U.S. Senate ring

By Thomas Hardy
TRIBUNE POLITICAL WRITER

In an early turnabout in next year's U.S. Senate campaign, David Wilhelm, the former Democratic National Committee chairman, withdrew from the Democratic primary race Thursday.

Wilhelm said the demands of the campaign forced him to spend too much time away from his wife and their 8-month-old son. But Democratic insiders said political factors forced Wilhelm out, arguing that he hadn't met his fund-raising and organizational expectations.

Wilhelm's withdrawal left U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin of Springfield and former state Treasurer Patrick Quinn of Chicago as the only major Democratic contenders for the seat held by retiring second-term Democratic Sen. Paul Simon.

The development was expected to enhance Durbin's chances against the better-known Quinn, enabling the seventh-term congressman to coalesce political and financial support that might otherwise have gone to Wilhelm or remained neutral.

Durbin's prospects for receiving the endorsement of the Democratic State Central Committee on Sept. 7 improved considerably.

"All the signals are pointing toward Dick Durbin as the strongest [Democratic] candidate," state party chairman Gary LaPaille said. Quinn's reputation as a Democratic maverick makes him unpopular with party officials.

In Washington, Durbin predicted no other major candidates would enter the race and said: "I think this will increase my support, and I hope it will unify the Democratic Party in Illinois."

Simon, who has announced his support for Durbin, said: "This makes it much more likely that Dick Durbin will be the nominee."

From his Chicago campaign office, Quinn countered that his candidacy will be helped by Wilhelm's withdrawal. Quinn said he now can focus on what he called the contrast between himself as a Democratic populist and Durbin as a Washington insider.

Wilhelm has been a friend to both men but suggested that he might choose between them.

"I may very well make an endorsement in the near future," he said.

Other Democratic contenders for Simon's seat include public relations executive Ronald Gibbs, a former Capitol Hill lobbyist for Chicago who has formed a campaign exploratory committee; city Treasurer Miriam Santos, who has said she will decide by Labor Day whether to join the race; and Jalil Ahmad, a Glenview man who announced his candidacy last month.

On the Republican side, Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra and state Rep. Al Salvi of Wauconda are headed toward a GOP Senate primary.

David Axelrod, a media consultant for Wilhelm who has formerly advised Quinn, said: "The likelihood is that Durbin is going to coalesce a lot of Wilhelm's support. I'm sure there'll be a lot of [Democratic Party] discussion about presenting a unified front."

In drawing his campaign to an abrupt halt seven weeks after it had begun, Wilhelm, 38, said he "feels great" about the decision to put his son Luke and wife Deegee ahead of his political aspirations.

Wilhelm said the toddler "was my key adviser on this decision" and leaving the race made a "very, very happy birthday present" for his wife on her 29th birthday Thursday.

The Kemper Securities Co. executive had featured his young family when he announced his candidacy. The Wilhelm clan also appeared together at a North Side playlot recently for a news conference denouncing cuts in federal spending as proposed by congressional Republicans.

"It just struck me that here I am going around the state talking about the need to strengthen families and offering ideas for how to go about that, yet there I was not spending the time I need to spend with my own family," Wilhelm said in an interview. "It didn't seem quite right to me."

Former Democratic National Committee head David Wilhelm withdraws from the Senate race.

But some Democrats expressed skepticism that Wilhelm's paternal instincts were the main reason for his withdrawal.

"Sure, that's the angle you want to be played if you're trying to maintain some viability for the future," said Mike Daly, an aide to Durbin.

Daly said campaign finance disclosure reports to be filed next week will show that Durbin has raised about $350,000. Wilhelm said that he had raised "over $150,000" and that in a single day last week he received commitments for $100,000 more.

A senior Democratic Party official suggested that Wilhelm had come to realize that he would fall short of his goals to raise $300,000 by August and $1 million by November.

The Democratic source also said that Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, the new co-chairman of the national party, and Sen. Bob Kerry of Nebraska, chairman of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, were not supportive of Wilhelm's candidacy.

Tribune staff writer Michael Killian contributed to this report from Washington.

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Governor hopefuls face off

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By MARSHA SHULER
Capitol news bureau

With former Gov. Buddy Roemer leading in recent polls, other gubernatorial candidates found ways to take pot-shots about his record and rhetoric as they participated in a statewide television forum Thursday night.

As they answered questions, candidates slipped in remarks about Roemer being responsible for the explosion of gambling in the state, his starting a program that resulted in excessive Medicaid spending and his abandoning a "No new taxes" promise when he was governor.

Roemer didn't react on the air. But later, he said:

"They were hitting on me tonight because of where we are in the polls. They know that. When you're running first, your back gets peppered. I hope we handled that with class."

There were a few other sharp barbs.

Lt. Gov. Melinda Schwegmann pointedly reminded state Treasurer Mary Landrieu that she gave her legislative Tulane scholarship to her campaign manager after Landrieu said politics had nothing to do with any of her awards when she was a lawmaker.

And, U.S. Rep. William Jefferson accused ex-Ku Klux Klan leader and former state Rep. David Duke of "race baiting" as Duke talked about illegitimate births and their relationship to crime.

Otherwise, the 10 candidates who participated tried to promote themselves, their platforms and their records before a statewide television audience, and generally tried to convince voters that they will do what they say if elected governor this fall.

Participating in the forum were Roemer, Landrieu, Schwegmann, Jefferson, Duke, former Gov. Dave Treen, state Sen. Mike Foster, state Rep. Quentin Dastugue, businessman-lawyer Phil Preis and Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee. Roemer, Treen, Dastugue and Duke are Republicans. Landrieu, Schwegmann, Jefferson, Foster, Preis and Lee are Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Cleo Fields had been scheduled to participate

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Governor's race

Excerpts from Thursday night's forum

Quentin Dastugue
State representative, Republican

"Many of these candidates out here sound like Bill Clinton — they make you feel great for 30 seconds on TV, but then there's four years of disappointment and distrust."

David Duke
Former state representative, Republican

"We've got to slow down the birth rate among the criminally prone part of our population, the welfare recipients, the illegitimate welfare children of the state."

Cleo Fields
U.S. representative, Democrat

Rep. Fields did not participate in the forum.

Mike Foster
State senator, Democrat

"I'm beginning to see people lose everything they've got to gambling. And when that happens enough in a community, there has to be a mechanism to allow the community to get rid of it."

William Jefferson
U.S. representative, Democrat

"David Duke is pro-life on everything but children who are born to welfare people. ... I believe what he's really trying to do is to bait this issue about race and it's a shame."

Mary Landrieu
State treasurer, Democrat

"We need to regulate the (gambling) industry, not accommodate the industry — and there is a big difference."

Harry Lee
Jefferson Parish sheriff, Democrat

"I don't have any problem accepting $5,000 (gambling contributions). If anybody else on this panel has a problem with that, that's their problem, not my problem."

Phil Preis
Attorney, Democrat

"The type of change we need in Louisiana is never going to begin with the politicians. It's going to begin with ordinary people like me."

Buddy Roemer
Former governor, Republican

"What we need to do is to cut the greed out of the (Medicaid) program, make sure that no legislator can do business with the state — that's a good beginning."

Melinda Schwegmann
Lieutenant governor, Democrat

"It (the Tulane legislative scholarship scandal) shows me that there is something very wrong with politics in Louisiana. We've got to talk about reform."

David Treen
Former governor, Republican

"We need to reform the Legislature, we need to end the two-chamber Legislature. Cut it by 44 members down to 100 members and save $20 million."

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but he bowed out, citing key congressional votes occurring Thursday night in Washington for which he needed to be present.

It was their first joint statewide television appearance of the 1995 governor's race. The event was sponsored by a consortium of television stations, including WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge.

The candidates were not far apart on most issues.

All but Lee said they would not accept campaign contributions from the gambling industry. Lee said he had no problem with accepting the money. He said his conscience is clear and it won't affect the way he polices the industry. He said it hasn't affected him as sheriff and it won't if he's elected governor.

Of the other candidates refusal to accept gambling dollars, Lee said: "If they are so insecure in their own honesty ... they have a problem."

Foster said he co-authored legislation to ban gambling contributions, but Gov. Edwin Edwards vetoed it.

Most favored local-option elections on gambling. However, Lee and Jefferson said they did not think current licenses should be affected.

Landrieu pledged an immediate special session to enact legislation giving voters the right to end gambling in their communities.

Roemer said he made a mistake by allowing video poker to become law without a vote of the people. He said riverboat gambling did have a local option but no one took advantage of it.

Now, he said he favors giving voters the right to decide whether the activity can stay in their communities.

Preis said the state needs to get away from gambling.

"We need to teach our kids the value of hard work, not hard eights (a popular bet at the craps table)," Preis said.

Dastugue said giving voters a local option is "a matter of trust. ... If we can set up gambling in the state, we can give people the vote to decide if they want to keep it or not."

Treen called gambling a "curse" which must be removed from Louisiana's citizens. "The benefits are not going to outweigh the social costs," he said.

There was a split on the abortion issue with the two women candidates coming squarely down on the pro-choice side.

"I'm pro-choice. I'm not pro-abortion," said Landrieu. "We need the individual, not the government to make the decision."

"We have to leave that decision up to the women, with their families, doctors and the reassurance of their religion," said Schwegmann. "I really don't feel government has the right to interfere in this decision."

Jefferson said he supports the U.S. Supreme Court's stance which limits abortions.

Duke said he was pro-life after also saying, "We need to slow down the illegitimate birth rate among welfare recipients." Duke has previously advocated a birth control method known as Norplant for welfare mothers.

That irked Jefferson.

"David Duke is pro-life on everything but children who are born to welfare people. ... I find that to be an amazing dichotomy. I believe what he's really trying to do is bait this issue about race and it's a shame," Jefferson said.

Anne Thompson protests debate exclusion

Advocate staff report

Delgado Community College Spanish Professor Anne Thompson, a New Orleans Republican and gubernatorial candidate who was not invited to take part in the debate, demonstrated peacefully outside WWL-TV with several of her supporters before the forum began.

Thompson carried a sign that read "Money talks! If I had big money bags, I'd be inside too." She also held a small green money bag, about the size of a bank money bag.

"The candidates here tonight have been selected on the basis of how much money they have, how much money they can spend with the TV station," she charged.

Thompson said it was "blatantly unfair" to exclude herself and several other candidates from the debate.

To be invited to the forum, candidates had to poll at least 1 percent support in a recent survey by pollster Ed Renwick, conducted for the consortium of television stations that sponsored the forum.

Also not included were former state Education Superintendent Tom Clausen, a Democrat from Baton Rouge; the Rev. Cary Kimbrell, a conservative Baptist minister; and Matthew Joseff, a political science student at LSU.

> To be invited to the forum, candidates had to poll at least 1 percent support in a recent survey.

"I'm not considered a serious candidate because I don't have enough money to buy serious air time," Thompson said.

State Sen. Mike Foster, D-Franklin, one of the 10 debaters, told Thompson just before the forum began that "I'm sorry you are being discriminated against."

Foster kissed Thompson and said, "You want me to try to sneak a (Anne Thompson for Governor) sign in there?"

Thompson said the exclusion of herself and others from the debate shows that the governor's office is "for sale."

"A politician doesn't become corrupt once he's in office. He has to sell his soul to get elected," she said.

Several Roemer '95 signs also were seen outside the TV station before the debate. One Roemer supporter dressed in a white suit and white hat carried a sign that read "Huey P. & Earl Long for Roemer."

Fordice accused of ignorin

■ Governor has known of trouble brewing in the prison system, Dick Molpus says.

By Mac Gordon
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Mississippi political leaders Wednesday began laying blame for a State Penitentiary riot earlier this week that injured 29 prisoners.

Gubernatorial challenger Dick Molpus accused Gov. Kirk Fordice of ignoring warnings of impending trouble in the prison system, while state Auditor Steve Patterson said the Department of Corrections had been slow to act on some recommendations he issued earlier this year.

Officials at the agency overseeing Mississippi's 12,645-inmate population said the situation at the state prison at Parchman had calmed following Monday's gang fighting that turned into what was described as the worst rioting in prison history.

"We all hope that the problem we experienced has passed and that we are able to pursue things on a normal workday-basis in an orderly manner," said Department of Corrections spokesman Ken Jones.

About 200 prisoners involved in the daylong fracas on Tuesday were placed in what Jones termed "single-cell lockdown" in Parchman's maximum security unit. They will be allowed out of their cell one hour each day for an indefinite period, he said.

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The Parchman riot "is a dangerous example of what can happen when the governor is not paying attention," said Molpus, the three-term Democratic secretary of state who is challenging Republican Fordice for governor.

Said Molpus: "Last January, the state auditor (Patterson) warned... gang activity was out of control and Parchman had serious management and safety problems. Mix that with overcrowding from foot-dragging on prison construction and you have a recipe for a riot."

Fordice was unavailable for comment. Campaign spokesman John Arledge issued a statement criticizing Molpus for "trying to take political advantage of a riot at Parchman. In 15 years on the public payroll, he has never lifted a finger against crime in the streets of Mississippi."

Arledge credited the departments

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■ Editorial: Lessons to learn, 8A

THE NUMBERS

Mississippi's state prison system had 12,645 inmates as of Wednesday. This includes a record 2,629 in county jails — 1,728 more than approved by a federal court.

Source: Department of Corrections and Ron Welch, a prisoner rights lawyer in Jackson.

of Corrections and Public Safety for quashing the riot.

Patterson issued a report Feb. 2 calling Parchman the "corporate headquarters for crime in Mississippi." He said auditors he sent to check on the prison's financial controls had quickly discovered gang activities and illicit drug trafficking were the most serious problems facing corrections officials.

On Wednesday, Patterson said Parchman officials had formed a drug eradication task force to address the influx of illegal drugs and were considering a drug-testing program for all inmates and employees. He said prison security has become more vigilant about checking visitors to the prison.

However, "what distresses me the most is they continue to talk about studying the problems," he said. "The time for that is over. We need action now and I hope the lessons of Monday night demonstrate that."

Prison overcrowding and stifling heat were key reasons for Monday's uprising, most officials and observers agreed. A 1,440-bed prison expansion at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County, slated to open in August, should help, officials said.

Sen. Willie Simmons, D-Cleveland, vice chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and a former longtime DOC employee, said get-tough measures approved by lawmakers in the past year also contributed to the unrest.

"We took away some recreational opportunities, and the law mandating they serve at least 85 percent of their sentence... sets up a situation where inmates' behavior is just going to be different than in the past," Simmons said.

In August 1994 legislators voted in a special session to take away some inmate privileges, including having TVs and radios in cells.

But Jones said inmates in "working units" at Parchman still have some TV privileges.

"Prison officials feel that the overcrowding we are experiencing and the heat contributed, but the more important and inescapable thing is that we are inheriting a problem that evolves from the streets," said Jones, referring to the growing number of gang members sentenced to the prison system.

Jackson lawyer Ron Welch, who has represented inmates in lawsuits against the state prison system, said the state Parole Board is another culprit for the riot because of its reluctance to release inmates.

"They are the real villains. Parole Board is an oxymoron," Welch said. "Three weeks ago they considered 70 people for parole and let one out."

Attorney General Mike Moore said double-bunking inmates who took part in the riot in the lock-down cells will actually help relieve some of the overcrowding elsewhere at Parchman. "We plan to incarcerate them there for a very long time," he said.

He said the Aug. 10 opening of the Rankin County prison expansion will be another boost. It will move about 600 prisoners from Parchman and take about 1,000 of an estimated 2,500 state prisoners out of county jails.

"I am holding my breath until Aug. 10," Moore said.

OUR VIEWS

Prison riot

Lessons should be learned from it

For years, some have worried that the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman would erupt into rioting.

Back during the Bill Allain administration, a few lone voices in the Legislature decried continued building at the Delta prison site, saying facilities should be decentralized.

Heat a factor?

■ Prison officials say weeks of above 90-degree temperatures in the un-airconditioned prison may have contributed to the violence.

By putting prisons around the state, they argued, instead of concentrating inmates in one location, the likelihood of rioting would be lessened.

Generally speaking, if inmates can be located closer to home, where friends and family can visit and they can keep in touch with their local communities, they are less likely to become unmanageable. That argument finally held sway and prisons were built in other areas during the '80s.

Building continued at Parchman, too, however.

This week, the fears of those who argued against continuing to build bigger units at Parchman were realized. The 18,000-acre prison, housing 6,381 inmates in 24 building complexes, erupted into violence in what has been called the worst rioting in the history of the prison.

About 100 state troopers in riot gear were called in to quell the disturbance, which also required 220 prison guards to control. Twenty inmates were injured in the melee involving more than 200 prisoners.

Authorities say gang affiliations caused the disturbanc which was preceded by a number of lesser fights all day

State Auditor Steve Patterson can say: I told you so.

After releasing results of a four-month probe regardir the Corrections Department in February, Patterson pr dicted problems resulting directly from gang activity.

Patterson found that gangs rule the prison. "It is . Mississippi's corporate headquarters for crime," he said

Patterson's report was dismissed by then-interim Co rections Commissioner Stu Murphy, who said he was a ready taking action to resolve prison problems.

Last fall, there was a scandal involving guards who fals fied job applications, rampant drug abuse among inmate and corruption by prison employees. Some 40 employee were fired, suspended or demoted by Murphy in respons

Even so, Senate Corrections Committee member Willi Simmons of Cleveland, who worked for the Correction Department for 17½ years, predicted trouble, too.

Guards are paid too little, he said: "You're inviting cor ruption if you have people in those positions and you don' even pay them enough to make a living. A lot of our guard have to work second jobs just to make ends meet."

The riot may have started as gang fights. But, there ma be more to it than simple gang rivalries. The public de serves an investigation and corrective action.

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Ken Peterson, Waukon

Housing shortage hits home

Eastern Iowa families frustrated, desperate

By Rita Seymour
Gazette Northeast Iowa Bureau

WAUKON — In the mobile home where Ken and Veronica Peterson live, boxes of clothes and books are stacked in the living room, some nearly as high as the ceiling.

For now, the boxes will stay packed. The home isn't big enough to allow them to unpack.

Crowded as it is for the family of four, it beats living at a campground — which is what the family had to do for two months after moving to northeast Iowa from Idaho.

The Petersons' inability to find suitable, affordable housing is a problem for many in northeast Iowa, city and state leaders say.

State Sen. Larry Murphy, D-Oelwein, said his own city has averaged just one new home a year for the past decade. He said housing problems extend throughout Iowa and that legislators have yet to develop solutions.

"Housing is definitely an issue that will be among our top five priorities when we begin the next session," Murphy said. "The biggest problem is that much of the housing stock is old and needs to be replaced, especially in rural areas."

The Petersons — the family includes Sherrie, 3, and Travis, 18 months — found that to be the case. They said they were shocked at the conditions and the prices of homes within a 20-mile radius of Decorah.

"There's plenty of homes for sale, but most of them are overpriced — way overpriced," said Ken Peterson, who was looking for a home in the $40,000 to $70,000 range. "Most of what we could afford needed major repairs — new roofs and all sorts of things. I wasn't up to that."

Veronica Peterson plays with her son, Travis, 18 months.

Frustrated and desperate, the Petersons — who were living in a 20-foot travel trailer — finally bought a mobile home for $30,000 and placed it in Waukon.

"We were starting to feel a little claustrophobic," recalls Peterson, whose job with the Army Reserve brought his family to Decorah.

Officials from the Iowa Department of Economic Development allow the state has a serious problem with the percentage of older homes that need to be rehabilitated.

In a recent report, it stated 35 percent of homes in Iowa are more than 50 years old — a higher percentage than many other states, said Miriam Ubben, rural development project manager.

So serious is the problem in rural Iowa that nearly 70,000 homes were demolished or destroyed from 1980 to 1990. According to the report, thousands more homes in rural Iowa were destroyed than built during that time.

Ubben said housing solutions must be developed — quickly.

"Many negative factors come into play when a community doesn't have adequate housing," she said. "Schools suffer, it hurts the downtown businesses and it's difficult to create jobs. There needs to be a real push for communities to continuously invest in their housing stock."

OFFICIALS IN many northeast Iowa cities say they're carving out plans to solve their problems.

In Decorah, city officials are working with developer Dave Kelly to build apartments in the next year for senior citizens. They hope that will free up homes for young families like the Petersons.

"We hear about people who want to live here — including many Luther College graduates — but they can't find suitable housing," said Jerry Freund.

■ Turn to 5B: **Housing**

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Housing: Towns search for ways to meet demand

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Decorah city administrator.

Fifty miles south of Decorah, the city of Oelwein has applied for grants for first-time home buyers. The city also plans to introduce a "house incentive" plan in which residents would receive tax breaks for building new homes.

Oelwein City Administrator Steve Kendall explains how the program would work.

"If someone owns a $70,000 home, they might want to build a $100,000 home if they knew they wouldn't see an increase in their taxes. That would help us free up some of the less expensive housing stock," he said.

And to encourage residents to rehabilitate older homes, the city may offer tax reductions for people who remodel at least 25 percent of their home, Kendall said.

Also in the works for Oelwein, Kendall said, is a 12- to 20-unit apartment complex.

ANOTHER GROUP of northeast Iowans is working with Iowa State University officials to develop solutions for housing needs.

Monona resident Jim Burger said Monona, Luana, Farmersburg, McGregor and Marquette — the cities that make up the MFL MarMac School District — want to learn more about state programs that offer financial assistance for communities with housing needs.

"The housing market here is tight," Burger said. "We're also wondering how we might address the housing needs of senior citizens."

And in nearby Marquette, the arrival six months ago of a riverboat casino created 700 jobs, which added to the housing woes. Marquette City Administrator Randy Lenth said he hopes a 50-unit apartment complex under construction will help house new residents.

THAT CITY officials are developing solutions is a good start, but Sen. Murphy and others worry that more changes are needed to help people buy new homes and rehabilitate old ones.

Murphy said the "flattening" wages in Iowa keep many people from buying homes.

"The ability to build new homes is limited because of the price gap between what homes cost and what people earn," Murphy said. "Your city can't build homes if people can't afford to buy them."

The average value of a home in Iowa's metropolitan areas is $45,900 and $38,500 in rural areas, according to the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

The hourly wage for Iowans averages $12.61 an hour — more than the average in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and Wisconsin — according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

But many rural residents in Iowa earn less than the state average, and that's the concern in northeast Iowa.

The average wage for workers in Buchanan, Fayette, Delaware, Clayton and Winneshiek counties, for example, is about $8.75 an hour, according to the Iowa Department of Employment Services.

The average is around $10 an hour in the more urban counties of Linn, Johnson and Black Hawk.

Kelly, the Decorah developer, said many developers will build only in heavy growth areas — Iowa City, western Cedar Rapids or the Des Moines metropolitan area.

"Let me offer you an example," Kelly said. "Everybody talks about the housing shortage in Decorah. Well, we've got newly built, three-bedroom ramblers that we can't even begin to sell. We started out asking $75,000 and now we're down to $69,500.

"The wages around here aren't high enough for people to afford the homes. But the longer they sit, the harder they'll be to sell."

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Families feel pinch of income dip

By Becky Stover
Gazette education writer

Declining income is putting an economic strain on Iowa families, according to a report released today. And while a recent survey ranks Iowa second in the nation in child well-being, five common mortality indicators declined in Iowa from 1992 to 1993.

"We are facing some challenges that aren't going to go away and are only getting worse," said Linn County Department of Human Services Administrator Marc Baty. "We can deal with them now or later."

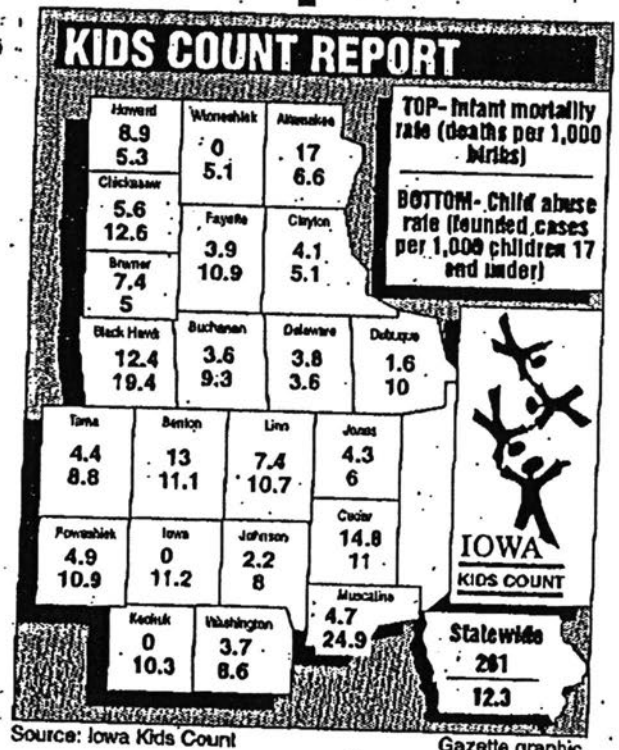
An Iowa Kids Count report indicated the median income for Iowa families with children declined 8 percent between 1969 and 1993.

"In this day it has to bring added burdens and stresses to families," Baty said.

According to the report, from 1969 to 1993, the inflation-adjusted median income for families with children fell from $38,810 to $35,641 and income for single-parent families decreased 34 percent, from $17,860 to $11,779.

The report also showed that from 1992 to 1993, Iowa's high school graduation rates improved, as did the state's infant mortality rate.

However, Iowa recorded 14-year highs in low birth weight rates, births to 16- and 17-year-olds, unmarried teen birth percentages and the child abuse rate.



Source: Iowa Kids Count — Gazette graphic

AT-A-GLANCE

The Kids Count report states that from 1992 to 1993:

- Iowa's graduation rate rose slightly, from 86.2 to 86.6 percent.
- The statewide infant mortality rate declined 14 percent, from 8.0 to 6.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.
- The percentage of infants of low birth weight increased slightly.
- The child death rate (0-14) rose slightly, from 21.3 deaths per 100,000 to 23.6.
- Teen violent deaths increased by 19 percent.
- The birth rate among 16- and 17-year-olds increased by 14 percent.
- The number of births to unmarried teens rose from 8 percent to 8.5 percent.
- The founded cases of child abuse in Iowa jumped 12 percent, from 11.0 to 12.3 cases per 1,000 children age 17 and under.

The child death and teen violent death rates also rose from 1992 to 1993, but are lower than they were in 1980.

From 1980 to 1993, four indicators of child well-being have improved — infant mortality, child deaths, teen violent deaths, high school graduation.

Baty said he suspects there is a correlation between economic difficulties and declines in the well-being of children in Iowa. He said the report gives social service professionals the "uplift to take a much more serious look" at cause-and-effect relationships like that and develop strategies to deal with statewide problems.

Better reporting and investigating may have contributed to the increased number of child abuse cases, Baty said.

Linn County Supervisor Jean Oxley said the county is working to cut down the number of low birth weight babies through strategies put together by a local Healthy People 2000 committee that studied and assessed health needs in the county.

The county also has nurses at the Family Resource Center and the PATCH office, as well as the public health nurses.

"It's a community problem we need to address as a community," Oxley said.

"While some families have been able to respond to the economic changes, others have not," said Charles Bruner, director of the Child and Family Policy Center in Des Moines that coordinates the Iowa Kids Count Initiative. "These changes have affected all members of society, but their impact has been most pronounced on children and is reflected very clearly in child poverty trends in Iowa."

By 1989, children passed the elderly as the poorest age group in Iowa. The 1989 statistics showed that 1 out of every 7 children lives in poverty.

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Union leadership fight looms

New president to plot course for besieged Iowa AFSCME

By PHOEBE WALL HOWARD
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

A leadership struggle in the state's largest public employee union — triggered by the embezzlement conviction of Don McKee — will be settled this weekend.

Three people are vying for the union's $49,000-a-year top job. The new president will set a crucial tone for the state chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Members have said the vote will decide the future of union activism in Iowa and whether the organization will recover from bad publicity and divided ranks.

McKee, 50, had presided over the organization since 1982. In May, a federal jury convicted him of embezzling $43,000 from the union. His sentencing is set for Aug. 9.

Few Running

Members say it's no surprise that so few people are running for the Council 61 presidency, considering the union's morale.

"It's going to be a tough term," said Rick Terrones, a state blue-collar leader and a front-running candidate from Huxley. "Whoever is in charge is going to have to take the brunt of all the bad things that happened in the recent past. A lot of people looked at this as not a good time to run — that the person who runs will get chewed up."

About 250 delegates from around the state, representing rank-and-file members, will choose among Terrones; Jan Corderman of Iowa City, the union's current acting leader; and Bruce Page of Nevada.

The union, with about 11,000 dues-paying members, represents some 27,000 Iowa workers.

W. Roy Johnson, a management professor at Iowa State University who has studied unions, said the state union will have to change its leadership style if it hopes to survive the current social climate.

Johnson said recently that the union's militant stance has hurt it. "That kind of leadership has really brought the union to its knees," he said.

"I think the public, in general, is sort of in a position of being persuaded that unions can still make a contribution today, that they represent the little guy," he said. "They need somebody who can sell that kind of agenda to the public to get more of the public support."

Voting members will consider these key issues: how the union will improve grievance procedures so workers can more quickly resolve conflicts, and how the union will work with management to prevent public jobs from being turned over to private companies.

Corderman, 47, a contract and arbitration negotiator, was elected unanimously by the statewide executive board to take the helm of Council 61. She had worked beside McKee for more than a decade in putting together state wage contracts.

"My emphasis is on building strong, autonomous local unions," she said, citing her experience with a cross section of rank-and-file members. Corderman declined to cite her endorsements and chose instead to say that she has strong support from various groups.

Regents' Support

Terrones, 36, a power plant boiler operator, said he goes into the election with significant support from regents and blue-collar members. Terrones — viewed by some as a McKee protege — touts his skill in working with state officials on efficiency plans that save union jobs.

"What's at stake is the future of AFSCME Council 61, especially over the next two years," he said.

"We have a large division problem within the union organization. We can become divided or we can come together. That's the big issue," Terrones said.

The little-known, dark horse candidate is Page, a 46-year-old design technician. He hasn't been able to do much to get his name known, and he entered the race late, Page said. He's running because he was dissatisfied with the other candidates, he said.

"They like to talk about how long they've been involved in the union," Page said. "It's pretty obvious that over the past 20 years, we haven't done things right. We truly need to look in a new direction. . . . I see us operating more as a business."

The three-day convention at the Des Moines airport Holiday Inn includes speeches, training seminars and other issues-oriented events for the hundreds of members who will attend.

THE REGISTER

AFSCME, COUNCIL 61

THREE PEOPLE are running for state president of the public employees' union.

Jan Corderman

Corderman, 47, of Iowa City, attended Sac City High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Northern Iowa.
Career: 1973 to 1977, Iowa Department of Human Services social worker; since 1975, has held various AFSCME positions, including local president, Council 61 representative and associate director; since May, interim president, Council 61.
Family: Engaged to Alan McDonell; one daughter.

Rick Terrones

Terrones, 36, of Huxley, attended Ballard High School in Huxley and earned a high school equivalency diploma.
Career: 1976-80, U.S. Marine Corps; 1980-81, factory worker; since 1981, employed by Iowa State University. He now works as a power plant boiler operator. Since 1983, has held various AFSCME positions, including union steward, president of local at ISU, chairman of AFSCME Regents Policy Committee, chairman of state blue-collar negotiations committee.
Family: Wife, Susan; one son, two daughters.

Bruce Page

Page, 46, of Nevada, graduated from United Community High School in Jordan.
Career: 1967-71, U.S. Air Force; 1971-73, hospital orderly, tire builder, grain truck driver; 1973-present, Iowa Department of Transportation, maintenance worker, draftsman, planning aide and now design technician; 1992-present, president, DOT District 1 AFSCME Local 2997.
Family: Wife, Jane; three daughters.

COMMENTARY

Daley's Leadership Wilted in Heat Crisis

Mayor Daley couldn't believe it. The numbers had to be wrong.

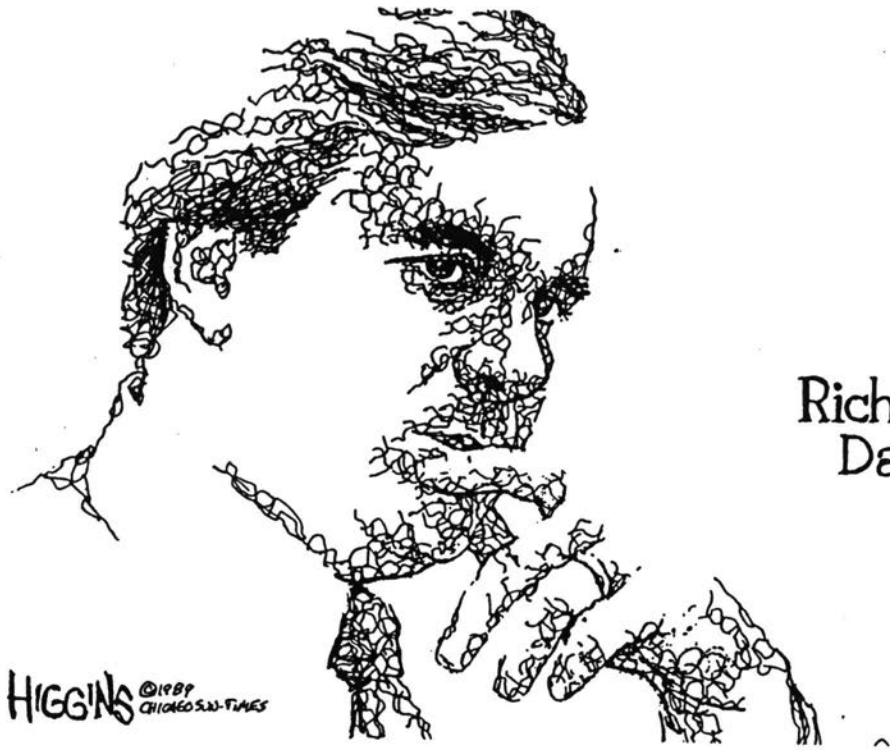
His frustration was understandable. Daley was under attack for his response to the deadly heat wave. Like most of us, he hadn't seen it coming. Nothing like it had ever happened in this town.

Cook County Medical Examiner Edmund Donoghue had reported more than 370 heat-related deaths and accurately predicted that the final count would be more than 400.

Daley's reaction wasn't politically wise. When confronted with this unpleasant reality, he blamed the coroner for the bad news. "Every day people die of natural causes," the mayor said. "You can't put everything as heat-related."

He might as well have said: "Who are you going to believe—me or your own eyes?" Daley was wrong to argue with the man who was counting the bodies. Donoghue knew what he was talking about. The nightly news had aired the unforgettable images of the overcrowded funeral homes and the refrigerated trucks outside the county morgue.

Blaming Daley for the death toll is unfair. But political leaders who take credit for their accomplishments must also accept responsibility for their mistakes. The deadly heat wave showed that Daley's administration is losing touch with the city's neighborhoods.



Richard M. Daley

The mayor's reaction to the crisis wasn't exactly grace under pressure. He attacked Commonwealth Edison for the breakdown of services, though it was his administration that extended Edison's franchise for another half-century.

Human Services Commissioner Daniel Alvarez suggested that the victims were partly responsible for their fate. "We're talking about people who die because they neglect themselves," Alvarez said.

Daley, who is a good administrator and an effective mayor, has been sharply critical of predecessors who faltered in crisis situations. During the blizzard in December of 1978, Daley advised Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to shovel snow in the neighborhoods and to stop and visit with stranded commuters at L stops. If Bilandic had followed Daley's advice, he might have been re-elected. Bilandic lost not because of the breakdown of city services but because his administration denied that there was a crisis.

As a candidate for mayor in 1989, Daley criticized Mayor Eugene Sawyer for his management of city services. "We can't close our eyes to these problems any longer," Daley said. "Being accountable starts at City Hall. Because the responsibility for managing the city lies with the mayor."

Candidate Daley said, "We have plenty of task-force reports and recommendations. But we need the leadership to put them into action."

Daley vowed to take charge of the city's health and human services. "I won't wait until disaster strikes," Daley said.

But health professionals were stunned by the Daley administration's response to the deadly heat wave. In the second day of 100-degree heat, Daley said that the news media shouldn't blow it out of proportion. "It's hot. It's very hot. We all have our little problems," the mayor said. "Yes, we go to extremes in Chicago. And that's why people like Chicago. We go to extremes."

As the death count rose, Daley spoke out urgently and with compassion. He also produced a new heat emergency plan. Political leaders learn by their mistakes.

Steve Neal is the Chicago Sun-Times political columnist.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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Illinois Senate Race. David Wilhelm dropped out of the Illinois Senate race this week, citing the time the campaign would take away from his family. Rep. Dick Durbin (D) is the likely benefactor and many believe that Democrats who supported Wilhelm will likely back the congressman over state Treasurer Pat Quinn. Wilhelm left open the possibility of endorsing a candidate.

Archconservative millionaire and former state Rep. Al Salvi (R) has formed an exploratory committee for a Senate bid. Ronald Gibbs (D), who served as the D.C. lobbyist for the late Mayor Harold Washington, has also formed an exploratory committee.

Other Political News

Florida. The upcoming Republican "Presidency III" convention and straw poll will take place in Orlando on November 17 and 18. While no GOP delegates will actually be selected, this will likely put Florida in the national spotlight by drawing at least nine of the GOP Presidential candidates into the state much earlier than usual. The Florida Democratic Convention will take place two weeks after the poll.

Pennsylvania. Recent publicity of the Pennsylvania Democratic party shows that they are, "low on luck, power, [and] cash." A recent article in the Philadelphia Inquirer said, "the organization is weak. So is the message." With only one state-wide elected Democrat, Catherine Baker Knoll, they have little clout as the minority party. This has, however, not stopped state chair, Mark Singel, from developing a plan to retire the party's debt and to help invigorate the infrastructure. Bobby Casey, son of the former governor, is running for auditor general and Catherine Baker Knoll's daughter, Mina Baker Knoll, is running next year to succeed her mother as state treasurer.

California. Governor Pete Wilson and California legislative leaders announced an agreement on the state's $56 billion budget this week. The budget reportedly is "one that gives more money to schools and cuts welfare benefits." The agreement must now obtain the 2/3 majority vote needed from the State Assembly, which may be difficult to achieve because of the near even split of 40 Republican and 39 Democrats. A group of 24 Democratic Assembly Members have already cast doubt on passage by publicly challenging the proposed cuts in welfare benefits. The vote is scheduled for Saturday, July 29.

Also, the Reverend Jesse Jackson announced the start of a recall campaign to remove Governor Wilson from office. Jackson and members of the Rainbow Coalition in California said that by August 28, the anniversary of the Reverend Martin Luther King's march on Washington, a petition effort will be under way. Governor Wilson's campaign chief scoffed at the threatened recall effort, calling it "another exercise at self-promotion on the part of Jesse Jackson". Approximately 600,000 signatures would be necessary to get a recall on the ballot.

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FROM: Carol Cleveland Carol

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Did you know that...

several types of unique pets have lived in or visited the White House?

There has been quite an interesting collection of animals at the White House through the years. Caroline Kennedy's dog, Pushinka, had traveled in space. This pet, taken experimentally into space, was a gift from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. When General Lafayette visited the White House in 1825, he brought his pet alligator. The alligator stayed in the East Room during his visit. Teddy Roosevelt's children had several interesting pets. Among others, they had a macaw, a bear, as well as a pony which actually rode in a White House elevator. Benjamin Harrison's grandchildren often played with a goat; the same goat that was once chased down Pennsylvania Avenue by President Harrison as the goat was pulling his grandchild away in a baby carriage!

Maintenance

General Services Administration (GSA) staff provides daily cleaning and maintenance of EOP offices. GSA personnel also provide facility-related services such as utilities, electricity, heating, air conditioning, plumbing and elevator service. For service in these areas, telephone GSA at extension 3675.

For furniture repair, carpentry work, painting, office rearrangement and telephone installation requests, a Facilities Request Form (see Tab C) should be submitted through the administrative contact to the White House Administrative Office (Room 1, OEOB, x. 2500).

Materials for the President

All communications to the President's Office should be directed through the Staff Secretary's Office (Ground Floor, West Wing, x.2702), which may submit the materials to other White House offices, executive departments or agencies before forwarding them to the President.

Medical Care and Services

The Medical Unit (Room 107, OEOB, x. 6024) is a small dispensary for treating minor maladies. It is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (After hours or for emergencies, please call x. 4497).

The U.S. Public Health Care Service operates a medical facility in the New Executive Office Building (Room 6101, NEOB, x. 5064) that provides emergency and minor medical services to employees of contracted agencies. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (minor emergency treatment is available until 5:00 p.m).

Notary Public

Notary services are available for White House Office staff from Marsha Dimel (Room 393, OEOB, x. 6830), Stephanie Alonzo (Room 5001, NEOB, x. 3973) or Bess Weaver (Room 466, OEOB, x. 5600).

Did you know that...

two Presidents had offices in the Old Executive Office Building while they were President and seven Presidents had offices in the Old Executive Office Building before they became President?

Herbert Hoover and Richard Nixon occupied offices in the Old Executive Office Building while serving as President. President Hoover moved in Room 274 for a few months following a fire in the Oval Office on Christmas Eve of 1929. President Nixon used Room 180 as a second, more seclusive, office during his term.

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