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UNITED STATES SENATOR • IDAHO

LARRY E. CRAIG

96 FEB 16



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The President

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SUBJECT:

Canadian Lumber

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 15, 1996

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The President
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Dear Mr. President:

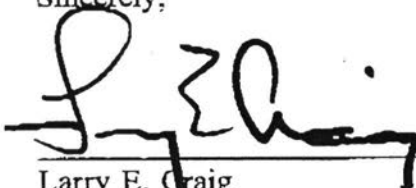
Today is the final deadline for a negotiated settlement with Canada over Canadian exports of subsidized lumber to the United States. If a satisfactory agreement is not reached today, we urge you in the strongest possible terms to support Ambassador Kantor's recommendation that the United States impose a temporary duty on imported Canadian lumber.

The U.S. lumber industry and its employees are desperate. The U.S. lumber market has been collapsing, led downward by subsidized Canadian lumber imports. Lumber prices have declined by 37 percent from January 1994 levels. After Canada reignited this issue by unilaterally invalidating a 1986 agreement, subsidized imports have risen from around 27 percent of the U.S. market in 1991 to 36 percent in the third quarter of 1995. This increased Canadian import penetration has contributed substantially to the loss of an estimated 29,000 U.S. lumber-mill jobs and thousands of others in related industries.

We commend Ambassador Kantor, Ambassador Shapiro, and others in the Office of the United States Trade Representative for their hard work and determined efforts to resolve this crisis. They have been extraordinarily patient with the Canadians, who seem determined to continue this unfair trade practice at any cost. However, in a bipartisan meeting with more than twenty members of the House and Senate on December 19, 1995, Ambassador Kantor promised that he was prepared to exercise U.S. trade laws -- including imposition of a temporary duty on Canadian lumber -- if the Canadians fail to meet the final negotiated deadline.

Across the United States, American workers are expressing deep feelings of economic insecurity, which they attribute in large part to unfair foreign competition caused by unbalanced U.S. trade agreements favoring foreign workers. The Administration, in supporting any recommendations Ambassador Kantor may make for temporary duties on Canadian lumber, will help restore the confidence of American workers in the fairness and responsiveness of U.S. trade policies.

Sincerely,



Larry E. Craig
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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE NAVY
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February 14, 1996
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MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY HERNREICH

Subj: PARTICIPATION BY PRESIDENT CLINTON IN MAY
23RD FLEET WEEK AWARD CEREMONY

I would appreciate your passing the attached
memorandum to President Clinton.

Best regards.

Steven S. Honigman

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February 14, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Subj: PARTICIPATION IN MAY 23RD FLEET WEEK AWARD
CEREMONY

I would like to add my voice to that of Zachary Fisher, Mayor Giuliani, Senator Moynihan and many others in recommending that you accept Mr. Fisher's invitation to receive the 1996 Intrepid Freedom Award during Fleet Week in New York City on May 23rd. As you know, Fleet Week is a high-visibility celebration of our Navy and New York City's rich history as a Navy town. The attached letters from Mr. Fisher, Mayor Giuliani and the Intrepid Museum Foundation provide additional details concerning the dinner at which the award would be presented to you.

I also plan to lend a hand to promote the success of Fleet Week. A few days after the award ceremony, I will serve as a judge in the Best Chow of the Fleet Contest. Happily, there is no appellate review since we eat the evidence.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Honigman", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven S. Honigman

Attachments



ZACHARY FISHER

December 7, 1995

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Intrepid Museum Foundation, it is my pleasure to formally invite you to receive the **1996 INTREPID FREEDOM AWARD** at the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum on the occasion of Fleet Week '96. The Award recognizes world leaders for their contributions to the preservation of freedom and democracy, the values at the heart of our nation. We will present the Award at the Fleet Week Gala, hosted on the evening of May 23, 1996.

As you know, Fleet Week is the annual celebration hosted by the Intrepid Museum Foundation and the City of New York to honor the men and women of all branches of the United States armed forces. Vessels of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, as well as Allied nations from around the world, visit New York join in the week's celebrations. We have received tentative commitments for participation from Ireland, an nation you recently visited, as well as Russia, Canada, Italy, France, and Israel.

Fleet Week begins with the majestic Parade of Ships. The participating vessels, led by the aircraft carrier USS *John F. Kennedy*, sail into New York Harbor amidst patriotic displays and fireworks in front of millions of viewers. The 10,000 men and women of the visiting Fleet are offered liberty in New York, and the Foundation hosts them for special crew parties at the Museum, professional baseball games, Broadway shows, athletic competitions and many other events. Fleet Week receives over four hours of national and local television media coverage, as well as hundreds of articles.

The highlight of the week is the Fleet Week Gala, hosted on board the aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, the centerpiece of the Intrepid Museum. The dinner is a formal event for 1,500 guests, and at this event we hope to present the Intrepid Freedom Award to you. This Award is presented in honor of your leadership in forging peace throughout the world, from Ireland to Bosnia to the Middle East. Prior recipients include Presidents Bush and Reagan, Prime

Ministers Rabin and Thatcher, and President Yeltsin. All these distinguished guests have received their Awards aboard *Intrepid*, including Prime Minister Rabin, who made his last public appearance in the United States to accept this award at the Museum on October 24.

The Gala is a grand affair held in *Intrepid's* Hangar Deck, hosted among great fanfare of military bands and honor guards, patriotic entertainment and all the honors associated with a Presidential dinner. You will have the opportunity to meet with the government and corporate leaders in attendance (a list of our Leadership Committee is attached). Our past events have also enjoyed the participation of notable media figures such as Walter Cronkite, Peter Jennings and Charlie Rose.

It would be a great honor to host you and Mrs. Clinton for this most special event. There is no one more appropriate than you, our nation's leader and Commander in Chief, to lead the Fleet Week celebration and receive this distinguished award aboard the historic *Intrepid*.

My office will contact your staff directly regarding this invitation, and I am of course available for any immediate questions or concerns they may have.

It would be a great pleasure to see you again, and I hope you will be able to join in Fleet Week. I look forward to your response.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Clinton', written in a cursive style.

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500



ZACHARY FISHER

February 13, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It seems like only yesterday when you stood together with David Rockefeller and me at the Madison Hotel and announced the opening of the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research. We have made a great deal of progress since that day, and I would welcome the opportunity to let you know how the center is doing.

On a more immediate note, it is my honor to invite you to join me as our special guest at the 1996 Fleet Week Gala, a formal dinner to be hosted at the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum on the evening of May 23, 1996.

The Gala is the highlight event of Fleet Week '96, New York's grandest celebration in honor of the men and women of the United States armed forces. We have invited The President to receive the Intrepid Freedom Award at the dinner, in recognition of his courageous defense of peace and freedom throughout the world. We are awaiting a response from his office and we are hopeful that he will be able to join this wonderful event.

Fleet Week is an annual celebration hosted by the Intrepid Museum. This year 10,000 men and women from the United States armed forces and the nations of England, Egypt, Canada and Mexico will join us for the week's festivities.

I hope you will be able to join us. My staff will follow up this invitation directly with your office, and I am available for any immediate questions. Thank you for your consideration, and Elizabeth and I hope to see you in May.

Most sincerely,

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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February 13, 1996

Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

Fleet Week is an annual celebration hosted by the Intrepid Museum Foundation and the City of New York to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Vessels of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, as well as Allied nations from around the world, visit New York and join in the week's celebration. The Fleet Week Gala is the highlight of this wonderful time.

On behalf of the people of New York City, I am pleased to invite you and Mrs. Clinton to attend the 1996 Fleet Week Gala aboard the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* on the evening of May 23, 1996.

The Intrepid Freedom Award, which recognizes world leaders for their contributions to the preservation of freedom and democracy, is traditionally presented at the Gala. The Intrepid Museum Foundation has chosen to present you with this award in honor of your leadership in forging peace throughout the world, from Ireland to Bosnia to the Middle East.

It would be an honor for New York City to host you and Mrs. Clinton for this special event. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rudy Giuliani".

Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor



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February 13, 1996

Dear Steve,

It was great speaking with you today. I appreciate your support for Fleet Week '96 and our efforts to encourage President Clinton to participate in the Fleet Week Gala. This will be a wonderful affair, and I would like to update you on the status of our invitation to The President.

We have invited President Clinton to receive the 1996 Intrepid Freedom Award at the Gala, to be hosted aboard *Intrepid* on May 23. The Award is presented in recognition of President Clinton's leadership in promoting peace and democracy throughout the world, from Bosnia to Haiti to the Middle East. The President is at the forefront of such efforts, supporting basic human rights and liberties. This award has previously been presented to Presidents Reagan and Bush, Prime Ministers Rabin and Thatcher, and President Yeltsin.

Secretary Perry has accepted our invitation to attend the event and present the Award to The President, and General Shalikashvili and many military, government and corporate leaders will attend the event. We have also extended an invitation to the First Lady, requesting the honor of her attendance at the Gala. As you know, the First Lady was involved in the announcement of the opening of the Fisher Center on Alzheimer's Disease, a major research effort of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher in partnership with Mr. David Rockefeller.

I hope that this information is helpful, and that we might convince The President to attend the Gala. Fleet Week is one of our nation's greatest celebrations in honor of the brave young men and women of our armed forces, and I can think of no one more appropriate to lead in this honor than the Commander in Chief.

Thank you again for your tremendous help. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM BRYAN WHITE
Senior Vice President

The Honorable Steven S. Honigman
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February 13, 1996

Todd Stern
Assistant To the President
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Dear Todd,

I am enclosing letters of recommendation in support of the nomination of Mr. Charles L. Kades, now of Heath, MA, for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and/or any other appropriate award for which he may be considered.

I do so in full recognition of the esteem required of recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and other awards issued from that high office. It is my sincere belief that Mr. Kades' outstanding accomplishments in the drafting of the Japanese Constitution and his overall participation in the events of the Japanese occupation during the immediate post-war years warrant the highest recognition possible. You will note from the enclosed letters that many very scholarly and influential people from both Japan and the United States are in agreement.

As a key participant of the Government Section of the General Headquarter of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP), Mr. Kades was instrumental in instilling the highest ideals of democracy into the drafting of the Japanese Constitution, and reforming that country's political system from a government ruled by a monarch and aristocracy to a government ruled by its people. In doing so, he demonstrated a personal courage, insight and knowledge that made him - along with Major General Courtney Whitney and General Douglas MacArthur himself - one of the three most influential people involved in setting the future course of Japan. Unfortunately, Mr. Kades' accomplishments have been largely overlooked by journalists and writers, although in recent years he has been largely sought out in both Japan and the United States for his comments and insights on the impact of the Constitution, in particular its section that allows Japan to have no standing army other than a minimal self-defense force.

My own knowledge of Mr. Kades stems from the efforts of a scholarly project to establish a documentary history on the Constitution of Japan being conducted by Donald L. Robinson, professor of government and American studies at Smith College in Northampton, MA, and Raymond A. Moore, professor of history and

Asian studies at Amherst (MA) College. Their aim is to publish the collection in time for the 50th anniversary of the Constitution on May 3, 1997. Mr. Robinson states that the story they are unfolding tells of "one of the great triumphs of 20th Century statesmanship," which helped "to set that nation solidly on course to become one of the world's model democracies." Within this larger panorama of achievement and triumph lies the story of Mr. Charles Kades.

Before becoming a part of SCAP, Mr. Kades had served as assistant attorney counsel to the Federal Public Works Administration (1933-37) and assistant general counsel for the United States Treasury (1937-1942). In 1942, he entered active duty as a first lieutenant and was assigned to the War Department's Civil Affairs Division. After serving in France during the war, he eventually came to the Japanese occupation force in the rank of colonel. During the first three years of Japanese occupation, he participated in the writing of the Government Section's comprehensive report, "Political Reorientation of Japan." In that document, he went against a tide of skepticism and the intractability of the old order in Japan, and waxed prophetic on the prospects of democracy in that country. Despite a Washington policy that was initially ambivalent, superficial or short-sighted, Kades recognized and promoted the idea of a peacefully inclined and responsible Japanese government, and the elimination of that country's existing political system. As the "brainy New Dealer" of the Government Section, Mr. Kades primary responsibilities entailed eliminating the authority and influence of active exponents of militant nationalism and aggression in Japan. He played a leading role in the revision of the existing Meiji Constitution. His influence became most pervasive when he was concerned with removing obstacles to the development of democracy in Japan and eliminating feudal and totalitarian practices that tended to prevent government by the people. These efforts included championing the cause to eliminate ultranationalists from influential political and economic positions, which resulted in the purging of over 210,000 people. He also endorsed the immediate and total decentralization of Japan's national police system. Both actions contributed significantly to the successful implementation of democratic principles in Japan.

Kades was associated with the reform period of the Japanese occupation, and his objectives were embodied in the Potsdam Declaration and Washington policy papers to stamp out leftover feudal tendencies and promote democracy. With great courage and foresight, he sympathized with the plight of the Japanese underdog against the aristocracy, family monopolies and bureaucracy, and demonstrated great initiative and drive in implementing policies that spoke for the common citizen. His influence was most persuasive in seeing that the Japanese constitution limited the monarchy, renounced war and abolished the feudal system. But his insight and influence was perhaps most influential and constructive in the way he recognized the importance of relating these new democratic principles to the

actual political, social and economic conditions of Japanese society.

A remarkable and brilliant man, Mr. Kades was also popular among his peers of lawyers, professors, federal officials, press agents, writers and secretaries. He often welcomed and embraced ideas and enjoyed debate with abounding, gregarious pleasantness. At the same time, he exhibited confidence and determination in executing Washington's directives to bring democracy to Japan. Loyalty, devotion to duty, a sharp mind and level head made him the ideal person at the right time, and he demonstrated a remarkable tenacity in disavowing any obstacles that hindered his objectives. But the story of Charles Kades is not only within his specific contributions to United States foreign policy as a participant in the occupation of Japan in postwar years. It is also in its aftermath, in the way his foresight and expertise helped bring constitutional democracy to Asia, and brought an everlasting impact upon world peace. To this day, his efforts have gone largely unrecognized, although they are coming and more and more to light through such projects as that of Professors Robinson and Moore. I believe upon further review, you will find Mr. Kades to be a most deserving recipient of your recognition. An award from the office of the President would also be a fitting event for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Constitution. I hope you will give Mr. Kades your full and positive consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Olver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John W. Olver
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

ATTACHMENTS

1. A draft sketch of the life of Charles Kades by Professor Donald Robinson of Smith College.
2. A sketch of the documentary project of the Japanese Constitution being devised by Professor Robinson and Professor Ray Moore of Amherst College.
3. Letters of support for the nomination of Charles Kades for the Presidential Medal of Freedom from following persons:

Shoichi Koseki, Author and Professor of Law at Dokkyo University, and Winner of Yoshino Sakuzo Prize for book on the framing of the Japanese Constitution.

Rinjiro Sodei, Professor of Politics and History, Hosei University, Japan

Justin Williams Sr., Author, Historian, Educational Administrator

John M. Maki, American Scholar specializing in Japanese Constitutional Affairs

Beate Gordon, Retired Director of Performing Arts, Films and Lectures of the Asia Society and International Performing Arts

Louis S. Auchinloss, former law partner of Charles Kades

Richard B. Finn, Author and Professor Emeritus of The American University

Peter K. Frost, William K. Harris Professor of International Studies at Williams College

Eiji Takemae, Professor of Law and Political Science at Tokyo Keizai University

Eleanor M. Hadley, former member of Government Section in charge of writing Japanese Constitution

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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February 9, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF/OF STAFF

FROM:

RAHM EMANUEL *RE*

SUBJECT:

WEEKLY REPORT

WELFARE:

In addition to the meeting the other night, we met with Senate staff members to plot strategy and begin to draft legislation. This morning I also met with Congressman Levin to go over our priorities and objectives. The good news is that we all agree on what changes need to be made in the legislation. The bad news is we disagree about what tactics we should use.

I have also asked HHS to develop executive actions we can take in the area of welfare. They are preparing a memo for you outlining their ideas. The one initiative that sounds the most promising is requiring teens to stay in school as a condition of receiving benefits. This was part of the President's proposal, it enables the President to talk about responsibility and work, and it upgrades our welfare reform credentials. I will forward you a copy of this memo next week.

Robert Pear is preparing a story on the differences, if any, between the state welfare reforms we inspired and a dressed up, block grant world. This article can be both helpful and harmful. It could highlight that we are already making progress on welfare reform and do not need legislation or it could downplay the difference between the two positions.

IMMIGRATION:

✓ We received great coverage on the front page of the L.A. Times for our immigration initiative. Congressman Berman called to note how much better we are doing in this area. We also discussed upcoming legislation in the House.

✓ Relating to that matter, a number of us met to discuss legislative strategy regarding immigration legislation. We will prepare a memo for the President outlining the timing, problems, and opportunities.

✓ We are also preparing a Presidential statement for the signing of the Executive Order. We have already received good coverage in the New York Times and San Diego Union. The Post is working on a story as well.

✓ Harold and I are meeting with INS staff to review their naturalization numbers and goals. ~~We want to make sure their targets are not too low and how they could achieve greater~~

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success in this area.

Immigration legislation will be up in the House by mid-March and in the Senate Judiciary committee by mid-February. Because of the demise of the Republican's budget strategy, the word I am hearing is that the Republicans will try to move to the right of the President on a number of issues including: immigration, crime, and welfare. They need this to give their members something to run on in '96, and I think we're going to face a very politically challenging four months. However, because of our success to date on these issues we have an advantage -- The President has an affirmative record. We do not need to engage the Republicans in a fight because we have a record and our positions have been laid out. We are, however, going to have to be even more disciplined about how we debate

CRIME:

The national guidelines for school uniforms are complete. The roll-out schedule is for a big speech in California and the radio address at the Long Beach school where the uniform policy is working to reduce crime.

On Monday, I am convening a meeting of Justice and HUD officials to review the "one strike, you're out guidelines." I think we should deliver these in Bridgeport Connecticut, where we have had tremendous success going after gangs. The U.S. Attorney in Connecticut has done an excellent job using the Rico laws to break up gang activity. The city also has one of the strongest neighborhood watch groups in the country.

Al Hunt wrote a great story about how this Administration has stood with the law enforcement community in Thursday's Wall Street Journal. I am also working with WSJ reporter Hilary Stout on a longer story on how the President's crime bill is making inroads at the local level. I am arranging a visit for the reporter to go to Louisville.

The national Domestic Hotline will be ready for announcement the week of the 19th. Don and I talked about a radio address to announce its beginning.

General McCaffrey continues to receive favorable coverage and receptions at his Hill visits. Next weekend we will run the General through a model hearing. I do think it is important that the President meet with the General one last time before his hearing. It would be a not-too-subtle reminder that he is part of the President's team.

Because of our success to date, the Republicans are trying out a new strategy to use decisions by Clinton appointed judges against us. In particular, Sen. Hatch has attacked Judge Baer in New York for a recent decision where he through out evidence. Hatch has attempted to use Baer as a poster child of Clinton judges being soft on crime. In response, I have asked Mary Jo White, our U.S. Attorney in New York, who brought the case against the defendants, to write an op-ed criticizing the Baer decision. The Justice Department has filed a motion to reconsider in the case, to set up for victory in an appeal.

C. Rasco
VP

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'What is machismo? I guess it's when a man takes responsibility for his children, has a job, earns his way.'

BENJAMIN, 18.

Mike Diaz, 16, holds his son, Mike Jr., who has Down's syndrome.



Boys to Men

By JOHN L. MITCHELL
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Jesse Madrigal, 17, can't recall the last time he saw his father—he only remembers the first time he fully realized his dad was no longer around. Madrigal was 5, and crossing the street to get some ice cream when a car hit him.

"All I know is that my father wasn't there for me," he said.

The thought still hurts. It's something Madrigal reminds himself about whenever he looks into the eyes of his own 6-month-old son.

"My father may not have been there for me, but I'm going to be there for my son," he vows.

The words are repeated over and over again by the dozen boys who participate in Con Los Padres, a novel Eastside crash course for teenagers in fatherhood.

While most teenage parenting programs focus on helping young mothers, Con Los Padres, started last fall by a family services organization, targets the boys. It not only encourages them to take responsibility for their children, but reminds them of the mounting political movement to penalize fathers who ignore child support obligations.

Funded through a \$100,000 grant from the state Office of Criminal Justice Planning, the program gives up to 45 teenage fathers assistance in getting a job and enrolling in school and provides mentoring from older men. As part of the program, the fathers are paid \$50 a month—money earmarked for the mother to support their child.

The program requires the fathers to register with the district attorney's Bureau of Family Support Operations,

Novel Program Tries to Teach Teenagers the Responsibilities of Fatherhood

acknowledging their legal responsibility to the child and mother. Its sponsors—Bienvenidos Family Services, the district attorney's office, Rio Hondo Community College and the Montebello Unified School District—cast a wide net.

Madrigal, who had dropped out of school and had stopped going to see his son, signed up after his girlfriend heard about the program and demanded that he join.

"The program has hooked me back into school and now I feel like I'm giving something," he said. "I never experienced talking to different people before like that."

Posters on the walls of the Bienvenidos Family Center give a hint of what's in store for teenagers who cross the threshold into parenthood.

"A baby costs \$474 a month to support. How much money do you have in your pockets?" asks one.

Organizers believe that nurturing young fathers can help break the cycle of emotional deprivation that stunts educational growth and perpetuates the specter of children having children.

"Teen dads want to be a part of their child's life . . . but often don't have the tools to do it," said Carol Mentell, a coordinator of the district attorney's family support bureau.

Young fathers are often asked to

contrast their expectations for their newborn babies with their own parents' hopes and dreams for them. Bobby Verdugo, Con Los Padres senior teenage parent counselor and mentor, probes with introspective questions.

"What does it mean when you give your word, or *palabra*? What is *machismo*?" he asks the fathers.

"What is *machismo*?" responded Benjamin, 18. "I guess it's when a man takes responsibility for his children, has a job, earns his way."

Often the sessions involve talking about events that are painful.

Martin, 18, talked about how his girlfriend's parents were trying to poison his relationship with her.

"I get into fights with her dad. The baby wants to be with me—she laughs, she is happy when I'm around—but he doesn't want me there," he said.

At 16, Mike Diaz recalled going from the overwhelming joy of seeing the birth of his son, Mike Jr., to the horror half an hour later of learning that the baby suffered from Down's syndrome.

"I was upset, disappointed, I was sad," he said. "I was confused because I didn't know what it was when they explained it. I had always thought I would have a normal baby. Like it wasn't going to be hard. He would do normal stuff. My girlfriend and I talked about [putting him up for] adoption. Finally, we just said let's give it a try. I'm glad we did."

Diaz, a junior at Montebello High School, often shows up to the group counseling sessions at the center with his son. He changes his diaper, feeds him, constantly watches over him.

"I have to be there for him," he said. "I expect to stay with my son, no matter what happens."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1996

Kitty --

Following up on my earlier note about Cabinet Reports, I have marked up a recent one to illustrate how I would cut it. I think the rule of thumb should be that we're telling the President things he needs to know, or is likely to have some particular interest in. There is a lot of material in this report that doesn't meet those criteria.

On the other hand, a lot of the material does meet those criteria. If all of my suggested cuts were made, I'm sure this memo would still be in the 14-15 page range -- which I would take to be the upper limit of what we should be sending him. I think we should be aiming for something in the 10-page range and going over that only when we need to.

Anyhow, I thought this markup might be helpful in showing you concretely what I mean. Let me know if you want to talk about this further. Thanks.


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January 26, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*
SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
January 21-27

Budget Amplification Activities: This week, members of the Cabinet conducted budget amplification messages with regional media in 39 cities. Attached are several press clips reflecting the past few weeks' efforts of the Cabinet and sub-Cabinet to amplify your budget message.

FEMA Weekly Update: Due to flooding, you declared major disasters in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia this week. Pennsylvania and West Virginia are now receiving both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. New York is receiving only Individual Assistance at this point, but may receive Public Assistance early next week. Your meeting with the Pennsylvania delegation had a very positive impact. Secretary Cisneros will visit Pennsylvania Saturday, and Deputy Secretary Rominger will visit the State Tuesday. FEMA will have senior level presence in the State each day next week including Deputy Director Ryland, Monday. James Lee Witt will visit New York Monday, and West Virginia Tuesday. You are likely to declare major disasters in Ohio and Virginia for Individual Assistance due to flooding shortly.

FEMA has taken 10,000 calls thus far for flood victims seeking help, and has already set a record for response time with checks already in the mail by late Wednesday for some victims.

Additionally, you declared major disasters this week for limited snow removal in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. James Lee Witt chaired a Washington, D.C. metro area conference to discuss snow response and coordination. A report is due shortly.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Secretary's Activities Next Week:** On January 29, 1996, Secretary Rubin will attend the meeting of Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin. On January 30, he will meet with Sens. Cochran and Shelby regarding the debt limit and will meet with the House "Blue Dog Coalition" regarding the debt limit on January 31. On February 1, Secretary Rubin will meet with Chairman Greenspan.
- **FOMC Meets Next Week:** The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will meet on January 30 and 31.
- **Imports of Sporting Weapons from Russia:** The U.S. may resume importing sporting weapons from Russia. All weapons from Russia had been prohibited to stem the flow of inexpensive weapons contributing to street crime into the country. Russian officials have complained that they have been unfairly singled out and the U.S. is exploring ways to admit sporting weapons, but to exclude those that are likely to contribute to crime. ATF is working with other agencies to develop a plan that would accomplish those objectives.
- **Pastors for Peace will Transport Computers to Cuba:** Pastors for Peace has announced plans to defy the Cuba embargo on January 31 by moving 200 personal computers from San Diego into Mexico and to fly the computers to Cuba from Mexico. The computers are to be used for humanitarian purposes, the creation of an on-line medical data base. Those involved in the actual export from the US will likely be clerics and senior citizens.
- **NADBank:** The Finance Committee met on January 24 to discuss candidates for Director of the NADBank Los Angeles office. The list of candidates will be reduced to three or four candidates who will be invited to Washington over the next week to meet with Finance Committee members. Treasury expects to make recommendations by early next month.
- **FY 1997 Treasury Postal Appropriations:** The House Treasury Postal Appropriations Subcommittee is in the process of scheduling its FY 1997 hearings on the Treasury budget. Hearings will begin the first week in March and run through the end of the month. Senate hearings will follow in April. This year, the Subcommittee is going to attempt to produce thematic hearings on topics such as law enforcement, financial crimes and information systems, such as TSM.
- **Savings Association Insurance Fund:** House Republicans are considering including the Administration's SAIF recapitalization proposal in a continuing resolution or debt-limit bill. Budget savings from the proposal could help offset the costs of a \$125-per-child tax credit. Such an offset could face a 60-vote point of order in the Senate.

- **Superfund:** Superfund reform bills are working their way through both houses of Congress. The major differences between these bills and the reauthorization bill proposed by the Administration last year are that they would: restructure liability to shift clean-up costs from the private sector to the public sector; relax clean-up standards; and reduce the scope of claims for natural resource damages. Primarily for these reasons, the Administration has reacted negatively to the Congressional proposals. The Treasury Department has, however, indicated willingness to work with Congress to come up with a proposal that would improve on the current system. The taxes dedicated to the Superfund—excise taxes on chemical and petroleum feedstocks and the corporate environmental income tax expired January 1st. The Superfund trust fund has a sufficient balance to continue clean-up operations for more than a year as long as funds are appropriated by Congress in the future.
- **Kemp Commission Hearings:** The Senate Finance Committee has scheduled a hearing on the findings of the Kemp Commission for January 31. The Administration has not been asked to testify. It is the Treasury Department's understanding that the only witnesses will be members of the Kemp Commission.
- **Terrorism Sanctions:** The Office of Foreign Assets Control has published a final regulation that will implement the President's January 1995 Executive Order prohibiting transactions with terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process. The regulation will block all property of the foreign persons or organizations named in the Executive Order (Specially Designated Terrorists), when the property is either located in the U.S. or in the control of a U.S. person.
- **Payment of Employment Taxes on Deferred Pay:** The IRS has published a proposed regulation that will require companies who give executives certain types of "nonqualified" deferred compensation to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes when the compensation is earned, as opposed to when it is paid out, which could be years later. However, in cases where the future value of a retirement plan cannot be easily determined, the regulation allows companies to wait until the plan's value is ascertainable. The regulation implements a provision of the Social Security Amendments of 1983. This regulation was described on the front page of the January 24 *Wall Street Journal*.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Women-Owned Business Study to be Released Next Week:** On Monday, January 29, the Census Bureau will release the results of its Women-Owned Business study during an event at the White House.

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

Advance Retail Sales	January 30
Quarterly Financial Report - Retail, 3rd Quarter for 1995	January 31
Housing Vacancies	February 1
International Trade	February 2.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **BLS Will Release the Following Economic Statistics that were delayed due to the Federal Government Shutdown:**

Producer Price Index	January 31 (postponed from 1/11)
Consumer Price Index	February 1 (postponed from 1/12).
Employment Cost Index	February 13 (postponed from 1/30)
Major Collective Bargaining Settlements in Private Industry	February 16 (postponed from 1/30).

Other postponed releases will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

- **America's Job Bank Usage Increases:** There has been a significant increase in the usage of America's Job Bank (AJB). America's Job Bank on the Internet provides job information to employers and the unemployed beyond the employment service's local offices. In the past week alone, AJB usage has increase 19.3 percent to approximately 168,000 "hits" per week. Point Communications, an independent reviewer of Internet services, named America's Job Bank to its Hall of Fame. Magellan, an online directory of Internet sites produced by the McKinley Group, gave AJB its highest rating -- four stars and PC Magazine included America's Job Bank in its list of the top 100 web sites.

- **\$4 Million in One-Stop Funding Awarded:** On January 26, Secretary Reich awarded \$4 million in One-Stop planning and development grants to the following 23 states and territories: Alabama; Arkansas; Delaware; Georgia; Hawaii; Maine; Mississippi; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New York; North Dakota; Oklahoma; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Wyoming. The District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will also receive grants.

- **Garment Enforcement Activities in New York:** Four more investigations involving garment contractors in the New York City area have been successfully concluded. Fines totaling more than \$50,000 have been paid to more than 150 workers.

- **Fair Labor Standards Act Enforcement:** DOL's Employment Standards Administration continues to enforce payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in back wages and unpaid overtime pay. Two recent large awards include: The Caribbean Security Guard Strike Force back-wage findings now total \$849,827 to 1321 employees and Selma University in Selma,

AL, paid \$428,000 to 74 employees for missed payrolls during nine months in 1995.

- **G.I. Bill for America's Workers:** House and Senate conference negotiations on H.R. 1617 and S. 143 have begun. These two bills contain many elements of your G.I. Bill for America's Workers.
- **Contracts Covering Petroleum Industry Workers Expire Next Week:** On January 31, 340 contracts covering 40,000 petroleum industry workers expire. The workers are represented by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union. On January 19, the union rejected a settlement offer advanced by Amoco on behalf of other major producers. Other major producers involved in the talks include Sun Oil, Chevron, Mobil, Shell, Texaco, and Ashland. Negotiations are continuing.
- **FedEx Update:** Negotiations between the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) and FedEx are continuing. The National Mediation Board is assisting in the talks. The 30-day "status quo" period under the Railway Labor Act expired on November 25. The ALPA urged pilots to refuse overtime work and "work to rule." FedEx, in turn, unilaterally increased certain wage payments and imposed work rule changes.
- **NYC Office Building Workers Break Off Negotiations with Employers:** On January 20, after more than 13 hours of talks, negotiations broke off between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the employer group representing about 1,000 New York City office buildings. The strike by some 30,000 cleaners, porters, and elevator operators continues. The stoppage began on January 4, after the union's bargaining committee rejected a "final" offer from the Realty Advisory Board, the industry group. No new talks are scheduled.
- **AFL-CIO Positions Announced by Sweeney:** On January 24, AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney announced the following: Arthur Coia, president of the Laborers' International Union of North America, will chair the executive council's organizing committee. Gerald McEntee, president of AFSCME, will head up the political action committee. Doug Dority, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers, will chair the public affairs committee. And Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, will chair the education committee.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Tank Barge Grounding and Oil Spill in Rhode Island:** On January 19, the tank barge North Cape aground off the Rhode Island coast. Approximately 820,000 gallons of heating fuel spilled into Block Island Sound. This is the largest oil spill in the state's history and significantly impacts the coastal ecosystem in the area of the spill. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Kramek, Secretary Pena, and Administrator Browner went to Rhode

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Island to assess the damage and recovery efforts. The barge is no longer leaking oil and most of the remaining oil has been removed. Coast Guard overflights indicate concentrations of oil have dissipated. There are no heavy concentrations of oil offshore. The Governor of RI and the state's Congressional delegation is satisfied with the Coast Guard's response to the spill. The barge owner continues to pay for the removal of the oil and salvage of the barge. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Coast Guard are investigating the cause of the fire that resulted in the spill.

- **Emergency Relief Funds for Flood Damage Awarded:** On January 21, Secretary Pena awarded \$1 million in Emergency Relief funds to Pennsylvania to help repair highway damage caused by the recent flooding. Secretary Pena, FEMA Director Witt, Federal Highway Administrator Slater and other Federal officials toured the flood-impacted areas in Pennsylvania and awarded an additional \$5 million to the state during a meeting with Governor Ridge. On January 22, DOT awarded \$5 million to New York in Emergency Relief funds for flood damage. The agency continues to monitor the effects of winter weather flooding in New Jersey, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia as well as New York and Pennsylvania.

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- **Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel (CA/THT):** On January 23, the Federal Highway Administrator Slater sent a letter (which was not released to the press) to the MA Secretary of Transportation outlining the agency's concern with the state's most recent financial plan for the CA/THT project. On January 24, Secretary Pena received a letter from House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Wolf (R-VA), which raised many concerns about the CA/THT project and which called for a freeze on all funding for the project. On January 24, FHWA released the January 23 letter to Boston reporters; stories about that letter and the state's reaction appeared in Boston papers on January 25.

- **Report on Air Traffic Control System Released:** On January 19, the FAA released a report by an independent panel of experts that addressed on-going efforts to resolve equipment and power concerns at America's 21 air route traffic control centers. The report characterized the systems as "sound." On January 23, the NTSB released its report on the system stating it is "very safe" and "should not be unduly alarmed by recent press accounts of specific" equipment malfunctions at air route ATC centers (ARTCC). The board adds that the computers are aging, but for now they are working perfectly.

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- **U.S. - Japan Air Cargo Talks:** A third round of air cargo talks with Japan is scheduled to take place February 5-7 in Tokyo.

- **"Save the Planet -- Ride Mass Transit" Campaign Kickoff:** On January 31, Secretary Pena will join artist Peter Max to kickoff a campaign to raise public awareness of the benefits of mass transit. 31,000 Max-designed posters will appear in cities throughout the U.S.

- **DOT Travel Questioned:** The House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Wolf (R-VA) will probably hold a press event at the end of next week to criticize the DOT's travel for FY1995. The committee is basing its comments on material provided by the DOT Inspector General and will focus on DOT officials who, in the committee's judgment, traveled excessively. DOT is reviewing travel records to prepare its response.
- **Initial Decision of Chrysler Noncompliance With Vehicle Safety Standard:** In a press release on January 23, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced its initial decision that more than 91,000 Model Year 1995 Chrysler Cirrus and Dodge Stratus passenger cars manufactured before May 15, 1995, do not meet its safety standard for seat belt anchorage strength. If there is a final decision of noncompliance by the NHTSA Administrator, then an order to recall the vehicles may be made.
- **Safety Recall of Cosco Child Seats:** On January 24, the NHTSA announced a safety recall of 15,370 Dreamride Ultra infant seats manufactured by Cosco, Inc., of Columbus, OH because they do not meet the standard for crash safety.
- **\$6.5 Million in Transit Grants to Philadelphia:** Federal Transit Administrator Linton and Rep. Foglietta (D-PA) announced the award of federal funds for three transit-related projects in the City of Philadelphia. The first grant of \$54,000 is a Livable Communities Initiative grant for a planning study of the North Philadelphia Transportation Center. The second announcement is an intent to award \$3 million in capital funds that will enable the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to implement the results of this planning study and rehabilitate the North Philadelphia station of the Broad Street subway. The third grant of \$3.5 million to Philadelphia will provide funds for the Erie Avenue Intermodal Terminal Improvements Project. *This kind of thing should be stockpiled & provided when he travels to Philly.*

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Administrator Inspects Flood Damage in Several States:** On January 22, SBA Administrator Lader joined FEMA Director Witt, Transportation Secretary Pena, and Highway Administrator Slater in a tour of the flood damage in Pennsylvania. On January 23, he travelled with this group to Maryland to survey flood damage in that state. *Flood Section*
- **Rhode Island Declared Disaster:** Administrator Lader approved a disaster declaration for the state of Rhode Island due to the oil spill from the grounded barge North Star that has devastated the beaches and waterfronts of that state.
- **SBA Disaster Program to Expire:** Funding for the SBA Disaster Program is expected to expire at the end of February or early March. Staff from Congressional, Financial and Disaster offices met with CJS appropriation subcommittee staff to discuss this issue. Since the start of FY96, SBA has approved 12,728 new disaster loans for \$365.0 million which resulted in \$403.1 million in obligated funds after cancellations, increases, and decreases.

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So what.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Meeting with Teamsters President to Discuss NAFTA Trucking Provisions:** On January 22, Ambassador Kantor met with Ron Carey, General President of the Teamsters Union, regarding the delayed implementation of the NAFTA trucking provisions. Among the topics discussed were summary of the recent Chapter 20 consultations; recent border inspection statistics, border/narcotics issues, and various safety issues including methods to track driver records, training, and performance.
- **WTO Dispute Settlement Proceedings Against Japan:** USTR laid the groundwork for initiating WTO dispute settlement proceedings against Japan for its non-compliance with the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs). Japan's failure to fully protect U.S.-origin sound recordings produced between 1946 and 1971 is inconsistent with Japan's obligations under the TRIPs agreement to provide retroactive protection against piracy of these recordings. It is expected that formal consultation process under WTO procedures in early February.
- **U.S.-Canada Negotiations on Softwood Lumber Dispute:** On January 25-26, Ambassador Shapiro is leading negotiations with Canada and British Columbia in an effort to resolve the longstanding softwood lumber dispute with Canada by the target date of January 31.
- **Negotiations on Export-Import Financing of Ilyushin Project:** Ambassador Shapiro is leading the negotiating team on market access with Russia in connection with the proposed Ex-Im financing of the Ilyushin project. These negotiations are being coordinated with the Office of the Vice President in advance of next week's meeting between the Vice President and Russian Prime Minister Chernomyrdin. USTR also has a negotiating team meeting with its Japanese counterparts today in an effort to address our serious concerns about non-implementation of the insurance agreement with Japan.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Supreme Court Denies Certiorari In California Voting Rights Case:** On January 22, 1996, the Supreme Court denied California's petition for certiorari in *Wilson v. Voting Rights Coalition*. The Ninth Circuit previously rejected California's Tenth Amendment challenge to the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"). The court held that the NVRA is a constitutional exercise of Congress's broad power to regulate elections for federal office. The court further concluded that "Congress may conscript state agencies to carry out voter registration for the election of Representatives and Senators." Rejecting California's claim that the NVRA unconstitutionally imposed an "unfunded mandate," the court concluded that California's duty to carry out federal election regulations "is by its terms intended to be borne by the states without compensation."

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- **Oral Argument In U.S. v. Colorado Supreme Court:** On January 26, 1996, arguments were heard in *United States v. Colorado Supreme Court, et al.*, a supremacy clause challenge to Colorado's Rules of Professional Conduct. The U.S. brought suit against the Colorado Supreme Court and its Disciplinary Counsel, seeking to declare invalid and enjoin the operation of two provisions of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct. The provisions at issue require attorneys to disclose exculpatory evidence in grand jury proceedings and to seek and obtain judicial approval before issuing a grand jury or trial subpoena to a lawyer. The government alleges that these requirements are invalid under the Supremacy Clause as applied to federal prosecutors. The district court dismissed the complaint for lack of Article III standing.
- **INS Ends 1995 With New Records in Alien Removals:** During calendar year 1995, INS deported more than 41,911 aliens and excluded more than 9,446 aliens from the United States, bringing total removals for the year to 51,357 -- a 14% increase over the 1994 total. Some 31,525, or more than 61%, of the removals were criminal aliens.
- **Community Policing Grants to be Announced:** On January 25, DOJ awarded more than \$90 million to 821 jurisdictions to help them hire or redeploy 2,255 new police officers. This announcement brings the total number of police officers funded under President Clinton's "100,000 cops initiative" to more than 33,000.
- **Immigration Bill Next Legislative Item for Senate Judiciary Committee:** Senator Simpson's immigration bill, S. 1394, is the next legislative item on the Senate Judiciary Committee calendar. An Executive Judiciary Committee meeting is not expected until after the Senate returns from its recess on February 20.
- **New Drug Czar:** The *New York Times* is working on a story on General McCaffrey and his perception in the Drug Policy community.
- **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grants Announced.** On February 1, Attorney General Reno is tentatively scheduled to announce the final FY 1995 awards under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. Approximately \$85 million will be awarded to 45 states to partially reimburse them for expenses incurred for the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens.
- **Iraq Claims Registry Announced:** To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Gulf War, Attorney General Reno announced the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission's establishment of a Registry of outstanding claims against Iraq on January 18, 1996. The Registry will provide a complete and accurate list of outstanding claims against Iraq arising out of the Gulf War and related events.
- **Minnesota AG Requests DOJ Intervention in MEPA Interpretation:** DOJ is examining an issue raised by MN AG Hubert H. Humphrey, III that Attorney General Reno resolve a dispute between the State of Minnesota and the Department of Health and Human Services

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(HHS) regarding an interpretation of the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994 (MEPA). Recent negotiations between MN and HHS have failed to resolve HHS's assertion that MN is not in compliance with MEPA and that Federal funds would be terminated under Title VI. During the coming week, the Civil Rights Division hopes to meet with HHS and the Office of Legal Counsel to discuss the matter.

● **Government will Refrain from filing Civil Forfeiture Actions Against Tribes Involved in New Mexico Gaming:** In *Pueblo of Santa Ana v. Kelly*, the parties signed a stipulation setting aside a hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction. The Tribes will withdraw their mandamus and injunctive relief motions. In exchange, the government agreed to refrain from filing civil forfeiture actions during the pendency of the action. The Tribes have also agreed not to block highways, and to voluntarily close down their operations if the judge ultimately finds that the gaming is unlawful.

- **Solicitor General To Defend Constitutionality of Statute Concerning Indecent Cable Programming:** On or before January 29, DOJ will file a brief on the merits in the Supreme Court in *Denver Area Educational, Inc. v. FCC*. The government is defending the constitutionality of Section 10 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, which deals with indecent programming on cable television. The provision's constitutionality was upheld by the D.C. Circuit sitting *en banc*.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **CDC Report on Tobacco Use Released:** On January 25, the CDC released a new report summarizing data on tobacco use in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This is the first compilation of state-based data on the prevalence of tobacco use, the health impact and costs associated with tobacco use, tobacco control laws, and tobacco use prevention and control programs. According to the CDC report, tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, causing more than 400,000 deaths each year at an annual cost of more than \$50 billion.
- **New Hampshire Medicaid Waiver:** The *Granite State Partnership for Access and Affordability in Health Care*, a statewide section 1115 demonstration proposal, would expand the cutoff for Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and children from 170 - 185% of the Federal poverty level, and extend Medicaid coverage to the uninsured up to 155% of the Federal poverty level. The plan would also eliminate categorical and asset requirements, create a public insurance product to provide health care coverage to low income workers, and provide a broader array of community services for the frail elderly and disabled. The State submitted a revised proposal June 20, 1995 and met with the Administrator on June 26 to discuss various options for health reform. Based on these discussions, the State has submitted a new concept paper for reform of its health care system. An issues letter was sent to the State by HCFA on October 20. HCFA is currently awaiting the State's response.

- **IL Medicaid Demonstration:** HCFA is working with the State of Illinois on the final terms and conditions of Illinois' section 1115 Medicaid demonstration project, entitled "Illinois MediPlan Plus." The statewide health care reform demonstration has goals of increasing access and quality of health care and limiting rising costs through the increased use of Medicaid managed care. Depending on the outcome of the State's review of the terms and conditions, HCFA could approve the demonstration in February.
- **Record IRS Collections for Delinquent Child Support:** In the next few weeks, HHS will report that a record of over \$828 million in delinquent child support was collected from Federal income tax refunds for tax year 1994. The amount was nearly 18% higher than the previous year. Over 1.1 million families benefitted from this critical support. As the report becomes available, HHS will work closely with the White House.
- **Approval of PA Medicaid State Plan Amendment:** HCFA staff met with the State of Pennsylvania on January 26 to discuss possible settlement of a plan amendment which provides for the reimbursement of nursing facilities. Although HCFA had disallowed a related previous amendment, modifications recently made by the State have improved its chances for approval. Discussions will continue on the previously disapproved waiver.
- **Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments to be Withheld from AL:** Early next week HCFA will withhold approximately \$18 million in DSH funds from the State of Alabama because of inappropriate managed care arrangements. HCFA has determined that the managed care arrangement exists only on paper and serves only as a dummy corporation to use impermissible donations to move DSH money from non-public to public hospitals in excess of limits imposed by the statute. HCFA is trying to work with the State to identify a way in which the State can legitimately operate this program within federal guidelines without a loss in federal financial participation.
- **Large Volume of Questionable State Medicaid Claims:** HCFA's routine reviews of fourth quarter FY 1995 expenditure reports have identified \$1.59 billion (\$888 million Federal share) in questionable claims for Federal matching funds from 13 states. HHS assumes most were filed because the states anticipated new legislation that would use FY 1995 as the base year and hold states harmless for previously disallowed claims. Virtually all of the \$1.59 billion represents claims from 9 states: HI, IL, MA, MI, NH, NC, OH, TN, and DC. The balance was submitted by AK, MN, NE and WI following standard practice, HCFA will defer payment of these claims until the states in question submit documentation adequate to support the expenditures.
- **New Surgery Guide Encourages Consumers to Evaluate Options:** A new brochure to be released in the next week by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research will encourage consumers to learn more about the risks and benefits of elective surgery and to help them make more informed decisions in consultation with their doctors. One in 10 Americans has surgery every year, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

- **New Member of President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports:** On February 8, Secretary Shalala will swear in former Buffalo Bill's quarterback, Jim Kelly, as the newest member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.
- **Milk Hormone:** This week, the media reported on a purported "new study" that concludes that milk from dairy cows injected with a hormone known as recombinant Bovine Somatotropin (RBST), used to stimulate milk production, contains increased levels of an insulin-like growth factor that causes an increased risk of breast and colon cancers in humans. FDA and other prominent health organizations consider the study, which is actually a compilation of previously released information, to be inaccurate and FDA stands by its earlier statements that the drug is safe and poses no significant health risk.
- **OIG Issues Draft Report on Improper Medicare Payments:** On January 23, the Office of the Inspector General issued a draft audit report identifying \$21.1 million in potential improper billings and subsequent payments for nonphysician outpatient services rendered within the diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment window for the period of January 1992 through December 1993. As a result of prior OIG reviews on this subject, HCFA has recovered over \$100 million in improper payments. The OIG has a joint project underway with the Department of Justice to recover overpayments, assess penalties and interest, ensure refunds of coinsurance overpayments to beneficiaries, and take measures to help ensure hospitals have the necessary systems in place to curtail this situation. Coordination with DOJ is expected to result in recoveries in excess of \$200 million, which includes the amount identified in this draft report.
- **Los Alamos Computers to Help Hunt for Medicare Fraud:** This week, HHS signed an agreement with Los Alamos National Laboratory to allow the use the laboratory's supercomputers to help identify perpetrators of Medicare fraud. Under a 2-year, \$6 million contract with the HCFA, Los Alamos will use modern computer techniques to analyze Medicare transactions. Los Alamos also will recommend improvements that should reduce fraud and payment mistakes.
- **Press Inquiries:** The *New York Times* is preparing a story about the "political pressures of policymaking in an election year." Elaine Sciolino interviewed Secretary Shalala for the piece, in addition to Secretaries Reich and Riley. These three Cabinet members have been working closely with the White House Press Office and the public affairs staff at HUD and Labor to ensure that they articulate a consistent message.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **SSA Attempts to Improve Access to 800 Number:** SSA has been implementing plans for the past year to significantly improve public access to its 800 Number for 1996. These plans include offering advanced automated service options to the public, and training and equipping

up to 3,000 additional employees to answer calls. As part of the automated services, AT&T was to have significantly increased its network capacity for SSA by January 2, 1996. On January 2 the capacity of the network AT&T provided SSA was not equal to the demand, and many of SSA's callers could not get through. Commissioner Chater has requested a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of AT&T to discuss AT&T's inability to meet its commitments.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **VA Governor Approves Controversial Lending Policy:** This past week, under the leadership of Governor George Allen, the Board of Directors of the VA Housing Development Authority (VHDA) voted to exclude all unmarried couples (straight, as well as gay and lesbian) from seeking FHA-insured loans for homeownership. The Board essentially limited the state's FHA borrowers to the stricter definition of "families" rather than to the broader term "households." A Democratic appointee to the Board has asked HUD to determine whether this new policy violates the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which prohibits discrimination based on marital status. If so, VA may be barred from participating in the FHA loan program. VHDA asserts that the policy complies with all fair lending laws.
- **Secretary Tours Flood-Ravaged Pennsylvania:** On January 27, Secretary Cisneros will tour flood-damaged areas in Pennsylvania with Rep. Paul Kanjorski and FEMA officials. Pending OMB approval, HUD may announce nearly \$1 million in disaster relief funds for Shickshinny Borough and Hanover Township in the Wilkes-Barre area. *Flood Section*
- **HUD Launches Blueprint II:** Secretary Cisneros unveiled his plans to "finish what we started" and fundamentally change the way the federal government relates to communities in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Mayors on January 26. In short, HUD will give communities more power in administering federal programs, change the whole dynamic of public and assisted housing, ensure the opportunity of homeownership for all Americans who want it, and transform HUD into a "right-side-up, community-first" Cabinet agency. *Just Henry praise*
- **HUD Foreclosure on Property:** On January 22, HUD notified the owner of Lake Grove Villages, the site of the January 18 fire that killed 4, that HUD had begun foreclosure proceedings on the eight-building apartment complex. The owners have been in financial default for several years and had a long history of building code violations. It was only coincidental that the foreclosure notice came after the fire. Local HUD officials have already identified and met with another private management firm to discuss the possible transfer of ownership of the development.
- **HUD May Take Control of Housing Authority of New Orleans Next Week:** HUD may assume control of the troubled Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) as early as January 29. Secretary Cisneros met with Mayor Morial on January 26. HUD is prepared to declare HANO and the City in breach of its contract with HUD to resolve management

deficiencies at the housing authority. HUD is currently working with the Mayor on a new agreement which will give him an opportunity to play a role in the federal efforts to stabilize the housing authority. HUD intends to assume management of HANO with the full cooperation of Mayor Morial. The declaration of breach includes a dissolution of the current Board members of the housing authority and installation of a management team composed of HUD staff and outside experts. HUD briefed the New Orleans Congressional delegation in late December on this matter and will give them proper prior notification.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

• **Governors Conference on Drugs:** Acting Director Garcia will travel to Puerto Rico to meet with the Governor and discuss the upcoming joint ONDCP-Governor Conference on Drugs scheduled for March 21-22. This conference will prepare an agenda for consideration by the National Governor's Association meeting in Puerto Rico in July, focusing on how states can best increase their impact against drug abuse.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

• **VA's Health Care System:** The VA anticipates heavy media interest following Wednesday evening's airing of the "NBC Nightly News" segment on VA's health care system. The segment was part of NBC's "Fleecing of America" series. Dr. Kenneth Kizer, VA's Under Secretary for Health, discussed medical eligibility reform and his plans for reorganizing VA's health care system.

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• **National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans:** VA will announce that actor Barry Corbin, a Marine Corps veteran, will serve as Chairman of VA's National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Mr. Corbin will visit hospitalized veterans across the country. This annual observance began in 1974 and is held at VA's medical facilities and state veterans' homes during the week of Valentines Day, February 11-17, 1996.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

• **C&O Canal Tour:** This weekend, Secretary Babbitt will tour the C&O Canal by helicopter to view the damage from the recent floods. The *Washington Post* and CBS News has also indicated an interest in doing a story on the C&O Canal. The CR sets aside \$2 million for the clean-up.

• **Reintroduction of Wolves in Yellowstone:** This week, thirty additional wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho's national forests. The reintroductions continue to generate press but the Department is trying to keep the events

low key to emphasize that the reintroduction of wolves should not be viewed as an unusual event. USDA's Forest Service is cooperating with the Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service in the transportation and release of wolves into the areas. Yesterday's Denver Post had an article about the wolves reintroduction entitled "Wolf Project '96 a howling success".

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Farm Bill Update:** On January 23, Secretary Glickman called a meeting with a bi-partisan group of House and Senate Members to discuss lack of consensus on farm bill legislation. By law, the Secretary must implement the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1949, which will be both expensive and difficult to administer, unless Congress passes a farm bill. House and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairmen Roberts and Lugar, Reps. de la Garza and Stenholm, and Sens. Dole and Daschle attended the meeting. Chairman Roberts today said that he intends to mark up the Freedom to Farm Act on January 30. The Secretary is optimistic that by working with House Committee Democrats, we can work to ensure that the legislation includes provisions closer to the Administration's positions.
- **Dairy Program Reform Bill Announced:** On January 25, Rep. Gunderson announced a bill to reform the dairy program. He indicated that the bill has bipartisan support and he hopes to get it attached to the farm bill when the full House Agriculture Committee marks up next week. *in less say what on how point.*
- **Upcoming Trip to Asia:** On January 25-February 3, Secretary Glickman will travel to India, China, and Korea to discuss trade issues with various government officials. In India, among other things, he will meet with senior officers of the Ministry of Agriculture for the signing of a memorandum of understanding on agricultural exchanges and tour Punjab Agricultural University and several small farms. The Secretary will tour a typical market place or open a market promotion event in China. He will also host a lunch for importers of U.S. agriculture and food commodities. While in Korea, Secretary Glickman will meet with bulk commodity trade representatives. The traveling party includes only five people who will be using commercial airlines.
- **Forest Plan:** A strategy team is being organized in the Pacific Northwest to implement the economic objectives of your Forest Plan by allowing states a greater role in the Jobs-in-the-Woods program. Final team selection is expected by the end of January. Representatives involved in the process will hold status visits with White House and federal agency officials during the week of February 19-23. Secretary Glickman is planning a trip to the Pacific Northwest for the end of February.
- **Travel Inquiry:** GSA informed USDA that the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee is conducting an inquiry into Executive Branch travel. The Committee has

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requested copies of all senior federal travel reports and other information related to compliance with your February 1993 Executive Order regarding use of government aircraft.

- **Salvage Timber Story:** *The Washington Post* is working on a story analyzing how well salvage timber portions of the rescissions bill are working, including controversy over Section 318 timber sales. "Working on a story" isn't news

- **Government Overturned In Rescissions Act Timber Case:** District Court Judge Hogan (Oregon) rejected the government's interpretation of the 1995 Rescissions Act, potentially forcing the Forest Service to release 57 timber sales totalling 230.56 million board feet, and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management to release two timber sales in Oregon and Washington, totalling 10 million board feet. While the Rescissions Act allows the sales to be withheld if an endangered or threatened bird is "known to be nesting" in the timber sale unit, Judge Hogan rejected the government's approach of using a scientific protocol that infers nesting in a timber sale unit if a bird was observed flying into a nearby stand. Judge Hogan held these sales could only be withheld under the Rescissions Act if the agencies had direct observation or evidence of current nesting within the boundaries of the timber sale. The January 19 decision in *NFRC v. Glickman* is the fifth time Judge Hogan has rejected the government's interpretation of Section 2001(k) of the Rescissions Act, and two of his previous decisions are on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Department of Justice is also planning to appeal this decision. Judge Hogan has granted a 60 day stay during which the government need not release any timber sales.

- **Demonstration Expected During Rocky Timber Sale Logging:** Logging activities are expected to begin next week on the Rocky Timber Sale on the Olympic National Forest (Washington) and Forest Service personnel anticipate a number of controversial demonstrations by environmental groups over the Rescissions Act (Section 318 timber sale). The agency is operating under the law and has explored alternatives and made modifications to the sale. Representative Dicks was interested in seeing a federal buyout of this sale, but efforts to buyout the sale were not successful. The Umpqua National Forest (Oregon) was the site of a demonstration last week by 200 people concerned about the Rescissions Act.

- **Rainbow Family To Gather In Southern Region:** The communal group Rainbow Family is planning a regional gathering in Florida sometime in mid-February to test the constitutionality of the non-commercial group use regulation, which became effective on September 29, 1995. It is likely the group will not obtain a permit as required under those regulations. If the group does not find a suitable site in Florida, it may move to Georgia. The regional gathering has taken place on the Ocala National Forest in recent years. Forest Service officials are working closely with other federal officials in Florida and Georgia.

- **Colombia Requires Fumigation of U.S. Fruits and Vegetables:** After oriental fruit fly detections in California and Florida, Colombia is now fumigating all fruits and vegetables from the United States with methyl bromide. Colombia's action represents the latest in a

series of trade-restrictive moves by countries in the region in response to Fruit fly detections. Ecuador has required fumigation for California produce since December 1995, and Argentina has banned all California produce since October 1995. On January 24, Secretary Glickman discussed the issue with Colombia's Ambassador to the United States. He called Colombian authorities and, we understand, was able to work out a solution that will enable U.S. fruits from the Pacific Northwest to be imported.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Press Conference on Openness:** On February 1, Secretary O'Leary will conduct a press conference on openness issues. The press conference will focus on the Department's initiatives since 1993. The Department will review its successes in exposing past Government-sponsored radiation experiments, nuclear weapons tests, and the quantity of weapons grade materials that had been held in secret. Secretary O'Leary will put forth new initiatives such as changing the presumption of whether documents should be classified, complying with your Executive Order on declassification, and quantifying past foreign acquisitions and transfers of plutonium. The Department will also review the Departments of Energy and Defense's inventory of plutonium and discuss what that material has been used for.
- **New York Times Travel Story:** The *New York Times* is planning to write a negative story on Secretary O'Leary's travel in Sunday's edition.
- **Hearing on Department Travel Cancelled:** The House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Commerce Committee cancelled the hearing scheduled for January 25. They stated that the Department of Energy has not been cooperative in providing them with the documents with effective oversight. Secretary O'Leary does not believe this to be the case. The Department of Energy has provided the Committee with over 20,000 pages of documents on the trips that they have sought information on. The hearing has not been rescheduled yet.
- **\$10 Million Grant to Metropolitan Denver Region:** This week, the Department authorized \$10 million in funding for the National Conversion Pilot Project. This project utilizes displaced workers from the Rocky Flats Site, a former nuclear weapons production facility, to manufacture waste containers from recycled scrap metals used in the weapons production process. STOKP...
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- **News Story on Nuclear Weapons Containers:** ABC News may broadcast a story on the evening news next week on the production of Transportation Safe Nuclear Weapons Containers. During the previous administration, the Department spent \$23.5 million on a program to develop and produce accident-safe containers for Air Force nuclear weapons, in spite of the fact that the Air Force did not want to use them. An additional \$5 million was authorized for this program in 1993.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **VA, HUD Appropriations Hearing:** On January 25, Administrator Browner testified before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies (Bond R-MO) on the Agency's FY 1996 appropriations. The Chairman pointed out that EPA would have been better off being funded under the conference report than under the series of Continuing Resolutions. The Administrator made the point that both GOP proposals are unacceptable because of the severe impacts on public health and environmental protection and that your budget proposal will balance the budget in seven years while protecting public health and the environment.
- **Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization:** On January 31, both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the House Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment will hold hearings on reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Assistant Administrator for Water Bob Perciasepe will testify at both hearings. The T & I hearing is on H.R. 2747, Chairman Shuster's (R- PA) bill to reauthorize the State Revolving Fund of the Safe Drinking Water Act. His bill set off a jurisdictional dispute with the Commerce Committee over the SRF portion of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Commerce hearing will cover the breadth of reauthorization issues.
- **Project XL:** The EPA has selected IBM to demonstrate its "excellence and leadership" in environmental protection through Project XL. As a Project XL participant, IBM proposes to achieve better environmental results at less cost by biologically treating its wastes on site rather than shipping them off site for incineration. Proposals continue to come in for Project XL with almost 30 proposals received so far. In addition, EPA has received the first four proposals for Community XL and expects to select the pilots for this initiative within the next few weeks.
- **Brownfield Pilot Grant Recipients Announced:** On January 25, the EPA announced the next round of communities selected to receive Brownfield Pilot grants. The EPA funded a total of 29 pilots in 1995 and hopes to fund an additional 10 later this year. These pilots awarded communities up to \$200,000 over a two year period for the cities and to aid them in bringing economic and environmental renewal to communities in which brownfields are located. The communities chosen were: Emmerlyville, CA, Portland, OR, Houston, TX, the Rhode Island Dep't of Environmental Management, Lawrence, MA, Stockton, CA, New York, NY, Tacoma, WA, Phoenixville, PA and Worcester, MA. Administrator Browner was interviewed by *Wall Street Journal* on new uses for abandoned industrial property. The interview focused on the Clinton Administration's Brownfield Economic Redevelopment Initiative which returns contaminated, abandoned commercial properties back to productive use.

- **Everglades Restoration:** EPA has been working with OMB, CEQ and other Federal agencies to draft Everglades restoration objectives and funding mechanisms in response to the Vice President's January 11 memorandum. This action will provide the Administration with a blueprint for the full restoration of South Florida's Everglades. Restoration proposals have emerged for inclusion on the CR that would provide some measure of funding to the Everglades. The EPA believes these proposals would not provide an adequate commitment to the Everglades, while the Administration's plan will provide the necessary tools to protect this important resource.
- **New Hampshire Wildlife Federation:** On January 25, Administrator Browner travelled to New Hampshire to address the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation's "Educational Workshop and Presidential Candidate Forum on the Federal Government Role in Protecting our Environment." The Vice President will address this forum on Saturday.
- **Speech at Iowa Citizen Action Network:** On Saturday, Administrator Browner will be the keynote speaker at the Citizen Action Network's Leadership Training Conference and Delegates Assembly in Des Moines. Her speech will focus on the State of the Union message and emphasize the need for continued bipartisan commitment to protect public health and the environment. The Administrator will be interviewed by an environmental reporter from the *Des Moines Register*.
- **Waste Isolation Pilot Plant:** The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) is the nation's only proposed repository for the radioactive waste from nuclear weapons production. If the WIPP is approved as a disposal site, it would become the only high level radioactive disposal facility in the country. The site, located 2,100 feet below the ground in the southeast corner of New Mexico is operated by the Department of Energy. By law, EPA is responsible for ensuring that WIPP is developed in a way that protects public health and the environment from harmful levels of radiation exposure. Next week, EPA plans to issue final regulations establishing the compliance criteria for determining whether WIPP is safe to begin receiving radioactive waste.
- **ABC News Interview:** On Tuesday, Administrator Browner was interviewed by ABC News regarding the effect of Republican budget cuts on public health and the environment. The story is expected to air tomorrow or early next week.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Texas Ed-Flex Approval:** On January 29, the Department will announce that Texas has been chosen the fifth of six States to participate in the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Program established by Goals 2000. As an Ed-Flex State, Texas will have authority to grant waivers of the requirements of federal education programs.

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- **White House Participation in Education Conferences:** Secretary Riley will join the President at the February 7th annual meeting of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The Department has also requested that the First Lady deliver the keynote address at the 78th annual meeting of the American Council on Education, to be held February 18-20 in San Diego. The First Lady is considering this proposal.
- **Chicago Speech:** Secretary Riley will speak at the February 22 meeting of the Illinois Education Association in Chicago.
- **State of American Education Address:** Secretary Riley will deliver the annual State of American Education address February 28 in St. Louis.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- **Bosnia Implementation:** Despite President Izetbegovic's assurances to Secretary Christopher, the Bosnians continue to drag their feet on the POW release mandated by the Dayton agreement. Embassy Sarajevo reports that incoming Prime Minister Muratovic pledged the government will agree to a prisoner release January 27. Meanwhile, John Shattuck has been in Bosnia to work on both the prisoner release and war crime issues. As a measure of his success, the Foreign Republic of Yugoslavia announced that the Tribunal would be allowed to open an office in Belgrade. He was also granted access to Srebrenica, where he inspected several suspected war crimes sites.
- **Russia:** Secretary Christopher will meet for the first time with new Russian foreign Minister Primakov in Helsinki February 10-11 and in Moscow in March.
- **Middle East Peace Process:** The U.S. continues to make progress in our efforts to broaden the Middle East Peace Process. Earlier this week in Washington, Tunisia and Israel agreed to establish Interest Sections in their respective capitals by April. Secretary Christopher met with the Israeli and Syrian negotiating teams now meeting at the Wye Plantation under our auspices. The U.S. has a real opportunity to move ahead on the Syrian-Israeli track, and Secretary Christopher will return to the region next month.
- **Chirac Visit:** French President Chirac will visit Washington and Chicago January 31 and February 2. During the February 1 State Visit, Secretary Christopher and President Chirac will discuss France's role in NATO and NATO expansion, the Middle East, and various bilateral issues. Chirac will speak to a business group in Chicago February 2.
- **Bosnia:** Secretary Christopher is making a round of calls to key committee chairmen and ranking Democrats to consult on obtaining \$200 million for reconstruction in FY 96 from DoD funds. On Wednesday, January 24, Appropriations Chairman Livingston told Ambassador Gallucci he supports U.S. humanitarian assistance for Bosnia but remains very

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leery of any other financial commitments, particularly for reconstruction. Secretary Christopher will continue discussions with Livingston to reach some agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- **Haiti:** U.S. troop strength in Haiti is 2,131. Secretary Perry has approved the U.S. Atlantic Command plan to withdraw the security force from Haiti by Friday, March 15, and approximately 300 support personnel by Monday, April 15. Engineering deployments will continue as scheduled.
- **Cuba:** There are approximately 330 Cuban migrants remaining in Guantanamo. Approximately 516 migrants were paroled from the camps this week. The last migrants will depart on Wednesday, January 31. The Joint Task Force overseeing the Cuban migrant camps deactivated on Thursday, January 18. Security forces will begin to redeploy on Tuesday, February 6. Engineering and logistics forces will remain until the camps are disassembled and equipment retrograded (estimated early March). The Naval Base Commander is overseeing the remaining migrants.
- **Military Quality of Life:** Following up on your initiative to improve military quality of life, DoD is implementing approved adjustments to allocate some of the \$1.5 billion funding wedge that had been set aside to address quality of life deficiencies. Secretary Perry will be issuing a budget decision that will allocate about \$400 million to increase the basic allowance for quarters to reduce the out-of-pocket cost of housing for military personnel who live off-post. The budget decision will add about \$200 million in FY97 to increase the repair, maintenance, and construction of barracks. It also provides \$20 million in FY 1997 for initiatives to privatize housing, while retaining an additional \$840 million in FY 1998-2001 in a Family Housing Improvement Fund for future distribution.
- **Ready Reserve Force:** Secretary Perry is preparing a budget decision to increase the National Defense Sealift Fund (NDSF) by \$90 million in FY97 to finance the acquisition and refurbishment of additional roll-on/roll-off ships for the Ready Reserve Force. The directive also directs the Navy to prepare a legislative proposal for submission with the President's Budget to rescind a prohibition on the use of the NDSF to purchase foreign-built ships, a provision of the FY96 authorization bill that effectively suspends the program to achieve a fleet of 36 RRF Ro/Ros, as recommended in the Mobility Requirements Study Bottom-Up Review Update.
- **DoD Support for Flooded Areas:** DoD personnel continued to support emergency efforts in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. On Monday, Pennsylvania had 410 National Guard personnel on state active duty performing flood-related missions; and West Virginia called 1,688 National Guard personnel. In addition, about 500 Army Reserve personnel from an engineer battalion and a transportation company support in West Virginia.

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UNITED NATIONS

- **Security Council Presidency:** The U.S. takes over the Presidency of the Security Council from the UK on February 1. Ambassador Albright's duty's will require her to stay close to New York through her one month term. The Ambassador does plan to attend the inauguration of President-elect Preval of Haiti on February 7. During the month, the Council is expected to review and renew peacekeeping operations in Haiti and Angola.
- **Western Sahara:** The Council is expected to renew the mandate for the peacekeeping operation in the Western Sahara by January 31.
- **Iraq:** The Secretary-General is assembling a team for negotiations with Iraq on the possibility that UN economic sanctions will be eased to permit the sale of Iraqi oil to finance the purchase of food and other humanitarian supplies. United Nations officials have encouraged the Secretary General to discuss this issue with Iraq, but have also made it clear that any deal must be consistent with the Security Council resolution.
- **Other Peacekeeping Mandates:** The Council is also expected this week to review UN peacekeeping mandates in Liberia and Lebanon. Next week, Ambassador Albright will host a lunch with Leslie Stahl and the women PermReps to the United Nations. She will also meet with Gloria Steinem separately. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss the advancement of women in the United Nations.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **Administrator Johnson Resigns:** Administrator Rodger Johnson announced his resignation effective March 1, 1996. Administrator Johnson met with press to make his public announcement. He will hold a town hall meeting with GSA employees next week.
- **Progress in Upgrading Security of Federal Facilities:** In accordance with your June 28, 1995 Memorandum regarding upgrading security at Federal facilities, GSA announced continued progress in implementing recommendations identified in the Department of Justice

report entitled "Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities." Specifically, GSA has identified security requirements for "higher risk" level IV facilities and is reviewing remaining level I-III locations under its change and control through the Building Security Committee process.

- **Draft Regulations Prohibiting Sale of Tobacco in Vending Machines to be Published:** GSA has drafted, and OMB has approved, regulations to be published in the Federal register that prohibit the sale of tobacco products in vending machines and the distribution of free samples of tobacco products in Government-owned and leased space under the custody and control of GSA. GSA has given notice of the requirements to client agencies, tenants, vendors, agency heads and to the State Licensing Agencies and the Department of Education in regards to the Randolph-Sheppard Act. GSA intends to have tobacco-product vending machines removed from Government property prior to February 17, 1996, which is the expiration date for the 90-day reporting requirement.

OFFICE OF PERSONAL AND MANAGEMENT

- **State of the Union Amplification:** Director Jim King issued an op-ed piece to 20 newspapers following-up on your State of the Union announcement that the federal workforce is at its lowest number in 30 years. OPM provided additional statistics, and pointed out that, by three years of tough management, the President had kept his promise of a smaller, more efficient government. The piece went to a White House list of key papers in key states.
- **Hatch Act Reform Hearing:** OPM officials will be asked to testify at a Senate Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on a possible revision to the Hatch Act reforms of 1993 that would amend the ban on political recommendations for civil service personnel actions.

cc: The Vice President
Leon Panetta
Evelyn Lieberman
George Stephanopoulos
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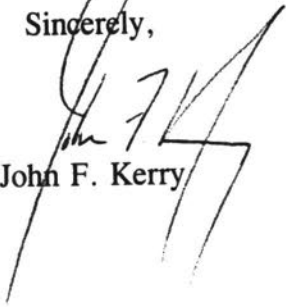
Dear Mr. President:

Emily Hewitt, who is seeking the Administrator's position at the General Services Administration, is a dear friend with an extraordinary public service record in Massachusetts and in Washington, and it is without hesitation that I give her my highest recommendation.

I know that you and Mrs. Clinton are well acquainted with Emily, both personally and professionally and that you know her specific qualifications and the broad range of talents and experience she would bring to the position. I need not reiterate her record of success, but suffice it to say that her extraordinary legal experience, and her commitment to community service in my state make her a unique woman who understands not only the importance of service but of citizenship.

Mr. President, Emily Hewitt is one of few Americans so qualified to serve, one of few for whom the opportunity to serve is so profoundly felt, and one of few for whom the value of service is so deeply held. I respectfully offer my strongest support for her nomination, and extend to both you and Mrs. Clinton my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1996

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Elizabeth Drye, Chief of Staff, DPC

TO: Phil Caplan, Deputy Staff Secretary

RE: Presidential Memo to Four Cabinet Secretaries Re.
Follow-up for White House Conference on HIV/AIDS

Carol Rasco would like the President to send a memo to Secretaries Shalala, Brown, Perry, and O'Leary regarding follow-up to the White House Conference on HIV/AIDS. The memo would reiterate the President's request that Patsy Fleming convene a working group to develop an interdepartmental HIV/AIDS research plan, and would remind the Secretaries that the President has set a deadline of April 15th for the group's product. The proposed text is attached.

Please contact me (6-5573) or Patsy Fleming (632-1090) if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

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President has ever done -- it's
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DRAFT POTUS MEMO TO CABINET HEADS RE INTERDEPARTMENTAL AIDS RESEARCH PLAN

SHALALA, BROWN, PERRY, O'LEARY

As you know, in my speech at the December 6th White House Conference on HIV/AIDS, I asked Patricia Fleming, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, to convene a working group to develop an interdepartmental plan and budget for HIV/AIDS research.

It is my understanding that this group, chaired by Dr. William Paul, Director of the NIH Office of AIDS Research, is now at work. I want to thank you for your Department's active participation in this effort and to convey to you how critical I see this plan to be in moving us toward the goal of finding a cure and vaccine for HIV.

I look forward to seeing the outcome of this process by April 15th.

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President Clinton

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February 12, 1996

Captain JoCephas Rozier, USMC
TF: ARRC (U.S. Nic)
Op Joint Endeavor
APO AE 09780

Dear Captain Rozier:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtful letter about our mission in the former Yugoslavia. I was truly moved by the images you described.

With our leadership and the commitment of our allies, and with the help of so many brave men and women like you, the people of Bosnia can have the chance to decide their future in peace. It remains one of my Administration's highest priorities to work with our allies to help repair the damage that this conflict has done to the Balkans and to Europe.

My thoughts, and those of the American people, are with you and the other servicemen and women who are part of our crucial mission.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

SAMPLE CAPT J. ROZIER
TF: ARRC (U.S. NAVY)
OF JOINT ENDEAVOR
APO AE 09780

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SIR,

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BEING BRIEFED
ON BUT I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS IMAGE. ON
CHRISTMAS DAY, AS WE DROVE OUR CONVOY THROUGH
A SMALL TOWN, LOADED FOR THE WORSE, ARMED
AND READY, LITTLE KIDS WAVED AND SMILED AT US.
PEOPLE WALKED LOISUGGLY TO AND FRO. FAMILIES
ATTENDED CHURCH. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HUNG EVERY-
WHERE IN A RAINBOW COLORS. IT THEN HIT ME.
THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST, IF NOT ONLY,
CHRISTMAS THESE PEOPLE HAVE OPENLY CELEBRATED
IN NEARLY THREE YEARS... AND ALL BECAUSE WE
ARE HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS OPERATION
WILL ULTIMATELY WORK OR HOW LONG IT WILL LAST
BUT FOR NOW... WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

SEMPER FIDELIS

IOCEPHAS ROZIER

CAPT, USMC



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

2/1/96

Bill, On behalf of 5,000 Teachers...

We're proud of you!

DIANE M. PRICE

PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



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Great
speech!

Go Hillary!

~~TO CTS/HQ~~ please

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② to CTS/HQ

(Headquarters)

✓
Jim Dorskind

Please coordinate
the reply.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 2-14

TO:

Everlyn
Stephanie
Ann

FROM: Staff Secretary

NSC is asking that
Potus videotape an
~~at~~ end of Ramadan
message. OK with
you guys? If so, obviously
need a scheduling time. No
point in this going to him long
before the taping. *TRH*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

February 14, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT:

Proposed Statement on Id al-Fitr

Id al-Fitr, "the feast of the fast-breaking," is one of the most important holiday of the Islamic calendar. This year it starts on February 20. It is a three-day celebration that begins at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, during which Muslims fast from dawn until dusk. Ramadan and Id al-Fitr are times of reflection on the past year and rededication to righteousness.

Because of the importance of this holiday to the Islamic world, we recommend that you videotape a message to the Muslim communities in the United States and around the world as you did last year. The proposed message text stresses traditional themes of duty to family and community while also emphasizing the commonality of traditional American and Islamic values.

Attachment

Tab A Text for Id al-Fitr message

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF ID AL-FITR
THE WHITE HOUSE**

On behalf of all Americans, I want to extend my personal greetings to the entire Muslim community, in the United States and around the world, as it celebrates the Id al-Fitr.

This week marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. It is a time for rejoicing and celebration, but it is also a time for reflection and rededication.

On this occasion, let us rekindle our commitment to the cause of peace between all of the peoples of the earth. If we are constant in this labor, we can build a better future -- one of cooperation, understanding, and compassion -- for ourselves and for our children.

Let us also remember the values of family, community, and responsibility for those who are less fortunate -- values that lie at the heart of Ramadan. These principles of personal commitment to faith and to society are truly universal values.

So as the new moon ushers in this holy celebration, let me say to all who follow the faith of Islam here in the United States and around the world the traditional greeting: “As-Salaamu alaykum” (AHSS sah-LAY-moo ah-LAY-kum), May peace be with you, and may God grant you health and prosperity now and in the years ahead.

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Response
Please!

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February 7, 1996

Ms. Betty Currie
Personal Secretary to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Currie:

Thank you for your courtesy on the phone today. Per our conversation I am forwarding you my request for a personal appearance by President Clinton. A letter to President Clinton is attached, detailing information regarding our "Bone Marrow Registration Drive" as part of the One Lap of America car race.

I certainly hope that President Clinton is able to assist us with our enormous undertaking. We hope he will be able to "visit" us during the One Lap. If this cannot be arranged, perhaps President Clinton could call us on our satellite car phone at Watkins Glen prior to the start of the race - to wish us, and the rest of the One Lappers, good luck. We could get the call wired into the track public address system.

Possibilities for President Clinton to "visit" might include:

- 1) A phone call or visit at the start of the race, Sunday, June 9th - Watkins Glen, New York - time approximately 5 PM (late afternoon).
- 2) A visit on Monday, June 10th while we travel from Indianapolis north to Lafayette (Subaru U.S. Assembly Plant). This would most likely be late afternoon to early evening.
- 3) A visit while we travel through Arkansas late Wednesday night June 12th into June 13th (arrival at Memphis).
- 4) A visit as we approach or leave Summit Point, West Virginia early Friday morning June 14th...

I hope you can assist us in arranging some sort of "appearance" and or phone call from the President.

Sincerely,

Bob Kleinman



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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FEB 13 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

It has been a difficult decision but I am writing to inform you of my resignation as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services effective April 15, 1996.

Service in this Administration, on your -- and the American people's -- behalf, has been the highlight of my professional career. Our efforts to provide comprehensive health insurance to all Americans, to reform our welfare system, to protect and strengthen the integrity of the Medicare trust funds and the health security of all our elderly, to ensure age appropriate immunizations for our Nation's children, as well as continue to reduce the size of government, are representative of the battles we must continue to fight.

After three years, I believe now is the right time for me to take a step back from the intensity which characterizes public service these days and to take stock of options for the future. I have been honored by the opportunity, presented each day at HHS, to fight to improve the lives of all Americans; I will take with me some wonderful memories and a continued deep commitment to public service and your reelection this fall.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to have served in your Administration.

2-14-96

Sincerely,

Walter D. Broadnax
Walter D. Broadnax

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The White House,
Attn: Staff Secretary Todd Stern
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

I would like to obtain a copy of President Clinton's State of the Union Message that he delivered to the Congress of the U.S. earlier this month.

If this is available as a government printed document for which there is a charge I would appreciate information on what agency to contact to effect such a purchase.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

S. L. Devin
S.L. Devin

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2/14/96
To: Mary Lou Maddox
From: Carol Cleveland
Per our conversation.

Todd -
How are we handling these requests?

Check w/ DORR ind.

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Care?

Feb 6, 1996

Charges of Abuse in China Stir Adoptive Parents

■ **Children:** The reports pit Americans concerned with human rights in China against those desperate for babies.

By JOHN BOUDREAU
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Joy filled Barbara Langstaff's heart the January day Chinese adoption officials faxed her a photo of the baby girl she and her husband would adopt.

"It was something to hold on to," she says. "I was high for about an hour."

"Then I got a message on the Internet. It said something had been posted that China was closed to adoptions because of the brouhaha. My heart just fell."

The Internet rumor that China had ended foreign adoptions turned out to be false. Eric and Barbara Langstaff were in China last week to get their new daughter.

The "brouhaha" is all too real, pitting Americans concerned with human rights in China against Americans desperate to adopt Chinese babies.

The adoptive parents mobilized after a report by the New York-based Human Rights Watch that says thousands of orphans in China's 67 state-operated orphanages die every year from

intentional neglect and starvation. In a survey that includes hundreds of medical case studies from a Shanghai orphanage from 1986 to 1992, the group describes rooms where children slowly die of malnutrition, dehydration and neglect, echoing allegations made earlier in a 38-minute British film, "The Dying Rooms."

The study, released in early January, hit like a bomb in the close-knit community of adoptive parents and prospective parents of children from China. Messages of concern and anger flashed across the Internet, where many such parents turn for advice and solace.

"I thought, 'My God, not at this point,'" says Richard Smith, a Monterey rare book dealer who is awaiting a child. "You never know when a country will take offense."

Even though Chinese adoption officials did not react to the report, fear of delays, coupled with the passion to adopt abandoned Chinese infant girls, set off a writing crusade as Americans faxed letters of support to the Chinese government. There were so many faxes that Chinese officials asked the writers to stop, saying the outpouring was clogging fax machines

and, ironically, delaying adoptions.

Bitterness about the Human Rights Watch charges, though, hasn't eased. Some parents and adoption officials say the agency's report is limited in scope and possibly outdated. The group, however, says its critics are naive.

"I wish the adoption agencies and parents groups hadn't cranked up such a big campaign for the Chinese," says Holly Burkhalter, Washington director of Human Rights Watch. "I have been stunned that the anger and outrage seems to be directed at us, not the perpetrators of the abuse. They are unwittingly taking the heat off China. It's fine to support international adoptions. But international adoptions have nothing to do with the gross human rights [violations] we revealed."

China says its orphanages are overflowing with 100,000 abandoned children, though Western experts speculate the number is much higher. Because most Chinese families are allowed only one child under the government's population policies and the culture highly values boys, some parents abandon infant girls and handicapped children.

The communist government welcomes adoptions from the United States, even as tensions between the two nations escalate.

Still, many people who have adopted Chinese children, or hope to do so, worry that China could take punitive action if the issue arises again during the United Nations Human Rights Commission's March meeting in Geneva.

The number of adopted Chinese children in the United States is growing. Between 1990 and 1994, 1,409 visas were issued for adopted Chinese babies. Last year, more than 2,000 Chinese children were adopted by Americans, says Andrea Stawitcke, executive director of Bay Area Adoptive Services. As many as 5,000 children could find homes in America this year, she says.

Chinese adoptions are becoming popular because they are relatively efficient and quick—the entire process can be completed in less than a year. Officials accept single adults and older parents. In fact, applicants must be at least 35. Costs, say adoption officials, are about \$15,000, including fees and transportation.

For Smith, 49, China represents his only chance to adopt. The single man has spent four months filling out paperwork.

"When the first report came out, I was panicked," he says. "We're talking about a social welfare system in a country of 1 billion people. It's not an issue of political rights."

"I have found just the opposite of what is described in the report," says Janice Neilson, executive director of World Assn. for Children and Parents, a Seattle-based adoption agency that helps arrange for adoptions in China. She has traveled extensively in China and other developing countries. "We know a child in an institution is at risk in this country and other countries. We don't have to look far to find institutional abuse. For us to point blame at another country is hypocritical."

The report lacked the context that conditions are harsh for everyone in a developing country, says Amy Klatzkin, an editor at Stanford University Press. She edits the newsletter for the Bay Area chapter of Families With Children From China. She and her husband lived in China during the 1980s and adopted a Chinese girl.

"Even if it's all true, I don't think it's a state policy to exterminate children," Klatzkin says. "It [the report] involved a wholesale condemnation of the country and demonizing of a people."

Kay Johnson, professor of politics and Asian studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., and specialist on women, family and village life in China, calls the Human Rights Watch report "sensationalistic."

She says more than half the children who arrived at a large orphanage in central China that she observed suffered from congenital disabilities, sometimes terminal or life threatening.

Johnson blames the conditions for orphans on a government policy that does not permit Chinese families who already have children to adopt.

Burkhalter says she understands the emotional strain the report caused. Indeed, she herself adopted a girl from China in November. But Burkhalter says Americans, in their desire to bond with their children's culture and defend the Chinese government, are selling out orphans left behind. Her group hopes to pressure China to allow more domestic adoptions and international inspections of its orphanages.

"It's hard to say what's going on," says Lynn Ferrante, a Bay Area software engineer. She and her husband hope to adopt a girl from China in March and expect to receive a photograph any day now.

"If any of the stories are true—letting children starve to death—it's so horrendous. Maybe that should be brought to light. I just have such mixed feelings. I just keep my fingers crossed," Smith says. "There are a lot of things to do. I can always go out and buy another teddy bear."

ERA: The Birth of Computers

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long, 10 feet high and 3 feet deep, it took up the greater part of a floor of Penn's Moore College of Engineering. It had 17,468 vacuum tubes, 70,000 resistors and 6,000 switches. It weighed 30 tons, but like a good defensive lineman, it was heavy and quick. The machine could perform 14 10-digit multiplications per second. Those trajectories that took 40 hours to do by hand could now be done in 30 seconds.

The Computer Age had been born.

"Actually, my title working for the ballistics project was 'computer.' The idea was that I not only did arithmetic but also made the deci-

effective at his job."

"Yes, I have a little laptop," said Antonelli, who married inventor Mauchly. He died in 1980 and she has since remarried and lives outside Philadelphia. "I'm amazed at what it does. I sometimes wonder why we couldn't have had it 40 years ago, though."

The reason may be the old story that inventors are not the best businessmen. Mauchly and Eckert continued their efforts at tweaking their offspring and started their own company, which eventually created the UNIVAC computer that became a staple for Remington Rand, which bought out Mauchly and Eckert in 1950. At the same

transistors instead of vacuum tubes, which made machines smaller and more dependable. And, two decades after ENIAC, there was FORTRAN.

"The people at IBM invented this common computer language, called FORTRAN," Goldstine said. "So then instead of each university and each lab speaking its own language, it was suddenly possible for everyone to speak one tongue. That's how software got going in a big way."

And so came Macintosh and Microsoft, Windows and the Web. Their progenitors have mixed feelings about it all.



Cleaning Up the Air Inside Your Car

By RALPH VARTABEDIAN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The air can be repulsively dirty when you take a jog in the local park and even inside

for classes teaching that they are sin-
ner. Desecrating graves is a crime, and
then, with white Americans help
finance Nation of Islam schools which
teach that whites are the spawn of a
mad scientist's experiment? Will black
parents pay for white children to learn
at schools espousing white
supremacy?

Everyone has something to lose if
we succumb to the concept of forcing
taxpayers to finance private education
over which we, as citizens, have no
control. Doing so would be incompat-
ible with the very purpose of public
education, which is to promote our
common interests as members of the
American community and so preserve
our commonwealth.

My mother spent her life teaching in
public schools—inner-city public
schools—even though her credentials
and qualifications could have earned
her better money and softer conditions
in private academies. She believed
that underprivileged children were
most in need of a public school atmo-
sphere, most in need of the main-
stream cultural influence that such
atmosphere fostered, most in need of
inculcation into the societal fabric that
publicly financed education should
provide.

A voucher system spits in the eye of
all of that. Some special interest
groups, such as religious conserva-
tives, applaud a voucher system
because the rest of us would pay for
their children's indoctrination into
their particular religious beliefs.
Would they be as willing to pay for
other children to attend academies
preaching atheism? Even if they were,
would it be in the rest of our interests
to pay for either?

It would not.

Any way you look at it, a voucher
system remains a sure route toward a
greater balkanization of America, a
hastening of our retreat to our private
ethnic, religious and subcultural
corners.

This is no defense of the public
school status quo. The public school
system needs nationwide, institutional
overhaul. We are currently teaching
19th century curricula to 21st century
kids using 18th century methods. The
innovations of our best schools need to

Feinstein Anti-Gang Bill Unveiled

■ **Crime:** Senator's 10-point plan would enlist federal aid in the form of tougher laws, stronger enforcement and stiffer penalties.

By JEAN MERL
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Acknowledging that state and local
officials are taking a drubbing in
their long war on gangs, Sen.
Dianne Feinstein (D-California)
announced efforts Monday to bring tough
new federal help to the fray.

Flanked by about 20 area officials at a
Los Angeles City Hall news conference,
Feinstein unveiled a 10-point proposal,
calling for tougher laws, stronger enforce-
ment and stiffer penalties.

Feinstein said her bill, to be introduced
once Congress reconvenes Feb. 26, would
treat young street gangs as the "traveling
syndicate" they have become, frequently
crossing state lines to engage in the types of
activities once associated mainly with
Mafia-type crime organizations.

It was no accident that the Bay Area-
based Feinstein chose to publicize her pro-
posed "Federal Gang Violence Act" in Los

Angeles County, which, by Sheriff Sher-
man Block's accounting Monday, is home to
11,042 street gangs. They accounted for 790
homicides last year, added Block, who was
on hand to lend support to the senator's
proposal.

Yet Feinstein was quick to note that the
"explosion" in gang violence is "not just an
L.A. problem, not just an inner-city prob-
lem." She said 82% of all U.S. towns—
including the nation's 175 largest cities—
have reported the presence of gangs within
their city limits.

Monday's news conference also threw
the spotlight on Mayor Richard Riordan,
who has begun to come under criticism for
the slow start of the countywide anti-gang
"working group" he convened in
September.

Shortly after a 3-year-old girl died in a
hail of gang gunfire when her family's car
took a wrong turn down a dead-end alley,
Riordan summoned a host of the area's top

political and criminal justice leaders to join
him in an aggressive attack on violent
street gangs.

"You cannot fight crime with words. We
need action," Riordan told the crowded
news conference that followed the group's
initial two-hour meeting. But the promised
countywide "gang czar" has yet to be
appointed. Seeing little evidence of follow-
through, the City Council recently formed
its own ad hoc committee to seek ways to
combat the gang problem.

Riordan acknowledged the group has
made a slow start, but he claimed progress
in several areas while awaiting White
House respond to the group's preliminary
application for \$5 million in federal anti-
crime funds. He cited the county Probation
Department's efforts to update criminal
records to help out mete out appropriate
sentences to repeat offenders, and several
subcommittees have been working on sev-
eral fronts, Riordan added.

Feinstein's bill was praised by officials at
Monday's news conference for its efforts to
carve a broader federal role in a battle that

ever pressed to air his views on the pro-
posed ballot measure, which would end
preferences for historically disadvantaged
groups in education, hiring and contracting
practices throughout California. Backed by
Gov. Pete Wilson and other of Riordan's
fellow Republican officials, the initiative is
a key battleground in the rapidly escalat-
ing, nationwide fight over affirmative
action.

Riordan insists that his refusal to take a
stand is a valid position for the mayor of Los

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Angeles, one that he would only consider
ending if the measure qualifies for the bal-
lot. His silence stems from his desire to be
"a leader of all the people in this city," he
says, and from his determination not to add
to the city's racial, economic and ideological
divisions by choosing sides on this one. That
is essentially the same reason he offered for
staying neutral on the last emotionally
charged state ballot measure, the anti-
illegal immigration Proposition 187 in 1994.

That argument only aggravates the
already strained relations between the
mayor and much of the city's African
American political leadership.

And it has heightened the tensions
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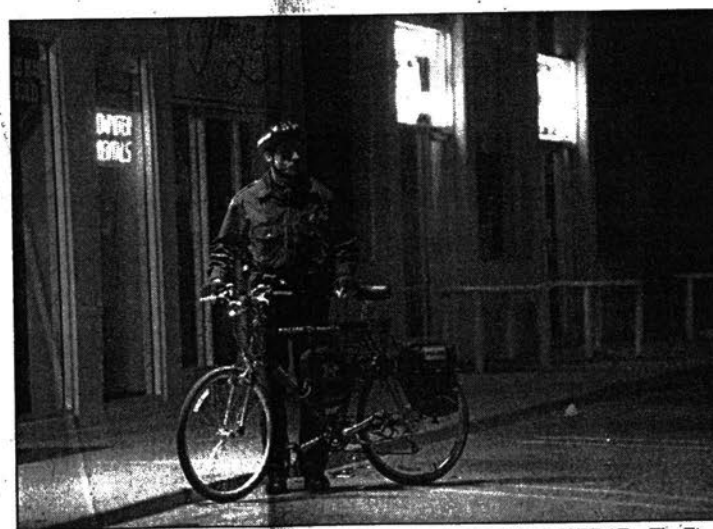
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CALIFORNIA ALBUM

Police on Roll With 'Stealth' Bicycles

By PHIL GARLINGTON
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SEBASTOPOL, Calif.—As a
crime-fighting tool the
electric bicycle may not
rank with DNA sampling, but
police officials here say their
new battery-powered "stealth"



MARK ARONOFF / For The Times

Bob Smith says bicycle can get him past traffic at 20 mph.

off-duty hours, Smith said the

are drawbacks to police on
bikes pedaled with muscle

Possible Clue Found in Probe of Train Derailment

■ **Accident:** A control lever had been moved in a way
that could cripple the freight train's brakes, sources
say, although the crash could have shifted it.

By ERIC MALNIC
and TOM GORMAN
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

Federal investigators probing
the wreckage of the fatal Feb. 1
freight train derailment in the
Cajon Pass have discovered that a
control lever on one of the
wrecked cars had been moved
into a position that could have
crippled some of the train's
brakes, sources said Monday.

Whether the lever had been

the possibility of sabotage, the
FBI has joined the investigation.

The angle cock is part of the
complex system, invented by
George Westinghouse, that has
been the primary means of brak-
ing freight and passenger trains
for almost 125 years.

Understanding the significance
of the lever's position—and why
the FBI is so interested—requires
a brief course in air-brake
technology:

The Westinghouse brake sys-

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Times

Comment ON CALIFORNIA

Agency Went, but His Job Stayed

By Gebe Martinez

WASHINGTON
Even before taking his oath of office as a presidential appointee in 1994, California businessman Gus Owen knew his days were numbered. Or so he thought.

After all, the Orange County Republican businessman was being named to the Interstate Commerce Commission, just as Congress was preparing to shut it down. Sixteen months later, the commission is gone, but Owen is still in town.

He is now one of three former commissioners who transferred to the new Surface Transportation Board, a spinoff of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Same office, same building, same pay. And to a greater extent than he'd like, he's enforcing the same regulations.

"I felt the [shutdown] agreed with my philosophy," Owen said of the commission that had become the epitome of excessive government regula-

California Offers Deal on Electric Cars

■ **Pollution:** Air quality panel seeks to scrap mandatory quotas in favor of voluntary production by top auto makers. Environmentalists say the board is caving in to industry pressure.

By MARLA CONE
TIMES ENVIRONMENTAL WRITER

The Wilson administration on Thursday disclosed the details of a proposed deal to replace the state mandate that 20,000 electric cars be sold in California starting next year with voluntary contracts that let auto companies decide how many cars to produce.

The terms prompted vehement protests from environmental groups complaining that the state's smog agency caved in to pressure from the auto industry. But Air Resources Board Chairman John Dunlap defended the compromise, saying it would better achieve the goal of putting high-quality electric cars on California's roads.

Under the deal, the air board next month would repeal its requirement that 2% of the cars offered for sale here by major auto

makers, beginning with 1998 models, be exhaust-free vehicles. Instead, General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Nissan, Toyota, Honda and Mazda would sign confidential agreements that do not guarantee a quota of electric cars to be marketed.

The companies would be required to regularly report how many electric cars they have the capacity to produce, the size of their investment and features of the specific models. But the deal "does not obligate the manufacturer to produce, deliver or sell a specified number," according to documents released Thursday. Instead, customer demand will determine how many cars are offered for sale, the state report said.

Companies would only be required to provide the data "to the extent available," and all the information provided to state air officials would remain closed to the public.

The voluntary arrangement would

become mandatory in 2003, when 10% of California cars offered for sale by the seven companies would have to be exhaust-free. The air board will decide March 28 whether to adopt the program, which was negotiated by Dunlap and the board's staff with the blessing of Gov. Pete Wilson.

When the air board signaled its intent in December to abandon the electric car mandate, environmental groups were critical of the voluntary partnership concept. And after seeing the details Thursday they lambasted it as being far too lax.

"This is a dim shadow of what could have been and what should have been, and it certainly will delay you or I sitting behind the wheel of an electric car for several decades," said Veronica Kun of the Natural Resources Defense Council, which favored the imposition of sales quotas.

After months of closed-door negotiation with the state, auto executives endorsed the voluntary agreements Thursday, calling them a good-faith effort to prove the industry is serious about electric cars. The original mandate for specified numbers of

cars was unrealistic and financially risky, auto makers insisted.

"What these agreements represent in the whole is probably the best chance of making electric vehicles available," said Eric Ridenour, Chrysler's director of environmental and energy planning. "It gets the real vehicles out on the street." Dunlap agreed, saying that a mandatory approach was destined for failure because it would force auto makers to manufacture large numbers of cars that might not sell because the batteries are not advanced enough to meet most consumers' needs.

Selling an inferior product, he said, could poison the market for electric cars, so rather than dictate numbers, the state prefers to get the companies to voluntarily make a commitment to gear up for production and aggressively market them.

"We believe that we are going to have much more control over the successful launch of the zero-emission vehicle program than the way the rule was previously

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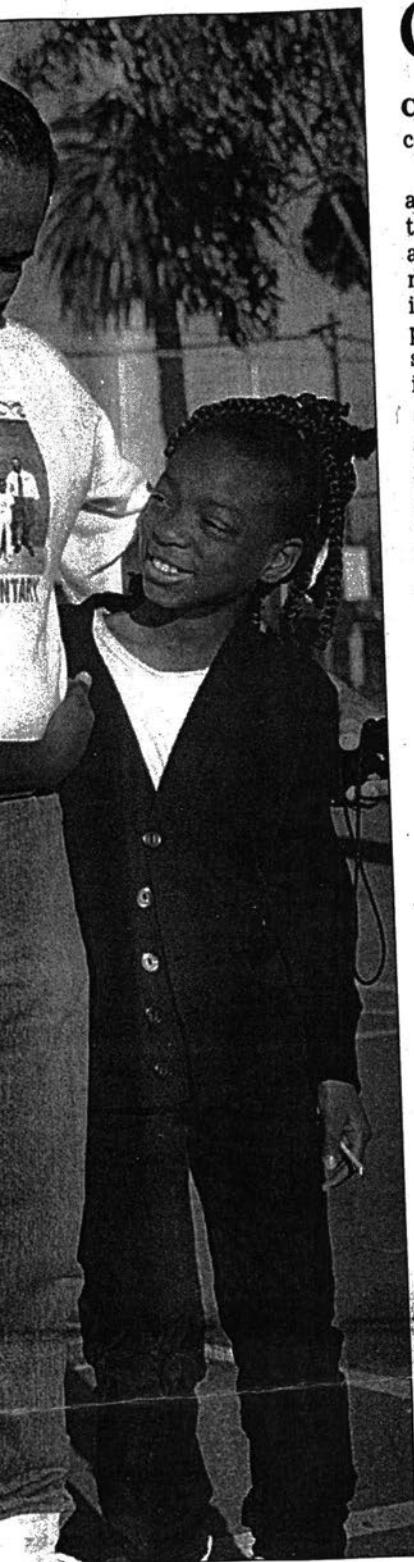


Schools Test Eased Bilingual Rule

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for herself and the school: "The
Fine That Could."

...the gray hairs," said one dis-
cussant, who asked not to be named.

...the fact is that in many ways,
...could be a page torn directly from



BOB GRIESER / Los Angeles Times

...teachers returned to the classrooms.

...signed to ensure that curriculum deci-
sions are not made solely by district
administrators, a major sticking point.

...lthough the talk Thursday was of rec-
onciliation, it was clear that the teach-
ers' union, a chapter of the California
...and a more formi-

...reached out beyond its cyclone fences into
the surrounding low-income
neighborhood.

The effort started with the 1992 opening
of an on-campus family service center,
which Clinton mentioned in her remarks,

...Charter school status can-
ago—after passage of state law allowing
100 California schools to operate free from
most government mandates. It requires
parent involvement in all decision-making
committees.

CARS: State Offers Deal

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constructed," Dunlap said.

Still, Dunlap conceded, "there are some areas where we are vulnerable. We're talking about a partnership approach here and we're also talking about reliance on the market to some extent. But we're not talking about mortgaging the success of this program. . . . There is nobody who wants to see the [electric car] more successfully introduced than me."

The seven auto companies have told the air board staff in private talks that they plan to collectively produce up to 15,000 electric cars in the 1998 model year, but only if they perceive that adequate consumer demand exists.

General Motors has already announced it will sell its two-seat, sporty EV 1 in Los Angeles and Arizona showrooms at the end of this year, and Ford is expected to begin selling some electric pickup trucks in 1997.

"We're committed to making a business out of electric vehicles. . . . We will offer them a full seven years ahead of the [2003] mandate," said William Noack of General Motors.

Auto executives said their commitment to a capacity of 15,000 in the 1998 model year is not a promise they make lightly because it means they already have had to invest millions of dollars in gearing up plants to manufacture specific models.

"The big money is already committed," Ridenour said. "And absolutely we will [produce them] if the demand's there. And if the market's not there, why do we want to push them on people who don't want them?"

The only enforceable commitment to volumes of cars requires the companies to collectively produce 3,750 demonstration cars between 1998 and 2000 equipped with highly advanced batteries that can run for more than 200 miles on a single charge.

Jamie Phillips, research director for the Planning and Conservation League, said

the air board is putting "blind faith" in "car companies who have never earned our trust. They've never made a cleaner car voluntarily."

Janet Hathaway, a Natural Resources Defense Council attorney, blasted the state for keeping the specifics secret. "The public has a right and a need to know what the auto companies are doing to meet their air quality obligations," she said.

Dunlap vowed that air pollution in California would not be allowed to increase if electric vehicle sales prove disappointing compared with the mandate. The difference, he said, would be offset by a provision that requires the auto makers to sell cars in other states starting in 2001 that are 70% cleaner than ones sold there today.

Dunlap said that as people move into California with those vehicles, car emissions here will decline. The companies face \$100,000 fines if they miss the deadline for those cars.

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Currently, just 60 pupils are enrolled in bilingual Spanish classes at two elementary schools, while the district's remaining 4,100 students with limited English skills already are taught all subjects in English.

Nevertheless, Westminster was required by the state to employ 90 teachers who have bilingual certification, or are training to obtain it, because the district has more than 50 students who speak a language other than English. Westminster complied with the state mandate by paying teachers to take language classes in Vietnamese and Spanish, languages spoken by nearly half the K-8 district's 9,000 students.

That put some district teachers in the position of being forced to take the language classes or face the threat of transfer or dismissal.

Westminster is the first school district in the state to test a July 1995 state policy that allows schools to use any combination of

members and the district's two bilingual teachers, who would be forced under the new program to teach in English instead of Spanish.

Opponents contend the program is an expensive alternative that will almost certainly hurt the academic progress of limited-English students. They also argue that the district has a poor track record in providing meaningful education to bilingual students, making it dubious that a new program would succeed.

Bilingual aides, foes argue, will essentially be thrust into the role of teacher without the proper training needed to be effective.

"The person doing the communicating will be doing the teaching," said Marina Williams, a Westminster bilingual teacher who opposes the plan. "The assistant's ability to translate will become the key" and could act as "a buffer" between student and teacher, hurting the child's academic progress.

Williams also said the Westminster school board, which approved the plan on a 3-2 vote in December, "turned a deaf ear"

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Who's Losing Russia?

FRANKFURT

The lights are going out all over Russia. Because believers in democracy — not a majority, but a plurality backed by a free press — are split into sullen factions, they may deliver Russia back to Communist or some other form of tyranny.

The enemy of reform is its hero of yesteryear. Because Boris Yeltsin and his Kremlin clique fear personal punishment from left or right should they lose power, they are making it impossible for the center to hold.

Yeltsin maintains the pretense of reform but has given it a bad name. His need to hold protective office prevents real reformers from presenting a single candidate against the Communists and fascists.

Western governments foolishly abet this division of the democrats by trying to boost Yeltsin's chances of clinging to power. Publicly, we support the \$9 billion loan to Russia by the I.M.F., to be construed as a vote of confidence in Yeltsin — though many Russians believe the money will be diverted to armaments and add to inflation.

Privately, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany passed along to Washington a Kremlin request that statements calling for NATO expansion to Poland be downplayed through June, to save Yeltsin embarrassment after he announces next week.

Such overt and covert propping up of the sclerotic regime is foolish. Just as Western governments' taking sides in Russia's election would backfire, aiding the Reds and browns, we should not intervene by encouraging Yeltsin to hang on, thereby dividing the democrats.

But individual Westerners — from investors to pundits — should not hesitate to urge Russian reformers to cut the squabbling and get their act together.

The name of the presidential game is to get into the two-man runoff. One finalist is likely to be the Communist Gennadi Zyuganov. The other could be Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the nationalist wild man; Gen. Aleksandr Lebed, nationalist but not wild, still popular though his party failed in parliamentary elections; Yeltsin, or Grigory Yavlinsky, the only reformer to win a base in Parliament.

Many of the other reformers are sore at Yavlinsky because he rejected unity last year. His strategy was to dissociate himself from the way that Yeltsin's economic aides — Yegor Gaidar, Boris Fyodorov and the privatizer Anatoly Chubais, fired last

week — botched the transition to a market economy. Yavlinsky could truthfully say "I told you so," and avoid the Yeltsin taint. By going it alone, he survived politically, while voters rejected the others.

Now they're in deep sulk because Yavlinsky is the only reformers' game in town. Gaidar is muttering about supporting Yeltsin's Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, who's not even in the race, and Chubais dreamily wishes Yavlinsky would abandon hope and support Yeltsin because "otherwise the Communists will win and Grisha [Yavlinsky] will be in prison along with me."

That dog-in-the-manger attitude is

Yeltsin won't let go.

understandable but unrealistic. The parliamentary election centered on economics; the presidential will decide between freedom and tyranny.

In the runoff, Yeltsin is sure he could beat Zhirinovskiy, which explains why he is surreptitiously helping his campaign now; But Yeltsin would likely lose to the Communist Zyuganov. Yeltsin might not even make it to the runoff; even if he did, and dramatically changed his mind on Chechnya and won in an upset, his election would spell doom for free-market democracy.

That leaves Yavlinsky. Yes, he's a long shot, but so is everybody else. If democratic reformers quietly united, that would push him into the high teens, within striking distance of the 25 percent or so needed for the runoff, and a sure bet if Yeltsin steps aside or falls ill again. There is talk in Moscow of a reformers' coalition with Lebed, who is anti-Communist and anti-Yeltsin, and might find attractive the Defense Ministry and later a reconstituted vice presidency.

The Communist vote, mainly pensioners and former apparatchiks, is solid but far from a majority; if the runoff posed a plain choice between Communist past and democratic future, the democrat could surprise.

But nothing is possible without reformist unity. That might persuade Boris Yeltsin — the man now "losing Russia" — to once again play the patriot and stop splitting the movement he betrayed.



Luba Lukova

a Child

and his cohort — and of the village guardians who failed them. James and his 10-year-old partner were not headed for trouble, they were well into it. Yet, no adult intervened.

These boys come from a neighborhood poor in spirit and resources. If we can't help rebuild their community, using schools as a foundation, we'll all end up running furiously down those stairs hoping, praying, that we can catch yet one more child dropped by their families and by the institutions that presumably serve them. It will almost always be too late.

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ON THE WORLD

Why Nations
Could Fear
the Internet

By Michael Clough

NEW YORK

The first shots in what could prove to be the most significant battle of the new global era are being fired: Who controls the emerging international information highway? The struggle pits government officials intent on preserving national authority against "netizens" of an emerging cyber/civil society that refuses to recognize international boundaries. One of the first major battlegrounds is almost certain to be China.

Earlier this month, the Chinese State Council authorized the Xinhua News Agency, the government's mouthpiece, to supervise the activities of all foreign news agencies selling economic information in China. Shortly thereafter, one senior Chinese official warned that outside information services would be more tightly regulated to protect Chinese secrets, privacy and property rights. It was also reported that the State Council was restricting the number of Internet providers and ordering existing providers to stop processing new-user registrations.

Beijing's actions should not be surprising. Despite dramatic economic reforms that have enlarged its playing field for Chinese entrepreneurs and international investors, China is the world's most stubborn defender of state control over civil society—at a time when the Internet is fast becoming global civil society's chief weapon.

Global civil society consists of two sectors: the private economic, which is dominated by large and increasingly stateless corporations and worldwide investors, and the independent, which is composed of non-governmental organizations, political movements and transnational ethnic groups. In the old world order, both sectors were heavily dependent on the whims and will of national governments.

During the last decade, global civil society has grown exponentially. Two developments—the end of the Cold War and a general crisis of confidence in national governments around the world—created an opportunity for both the corporate and independent sectors to expand. But neither would have grown as rapidly without the communications revolution. For example, the international investment funds and global corporate management and production structures that now exist would have been inconceivable without the advent of computers, faxes and high-speed data transmission. These same technologies enabled human rights activists, women groups and other independent groups to form alliances across national borders.

Both the private and independent sectors have quickly found ways to use the Internet to advance their global interests—and some national governments are beginning to feel threatened by their success. For China, the immediate causes of concern are twofold. The first, and probably foremost, fear in the minds of senior Chinese Communist Party members is that the Internet will weaken their political authority at home and help their opponents attract international support. They are not being paranoid about this. Many experts believe that the fax machine was integral to successful efforts to mobilize international opposition to Beijing following the Tian An Men massacre in 1989. The Internet, which didn't arrive in China until 1994, is a much more effective means of communication.

Predictably, human rights groups have begun to use the Internet to campaign for more freedom in China.

- The Human Rights Web (www.traveller.com/hrweb) organized e-mail to free dissident Harry Wu from Chinese detention and to protest the imprisonment of democratic activist Wei Jingsheng.

- The Swedish branch of Save the Children recently created a Web page (childhouse.uio.no) to encourage protests against conditions in Chinese orphanages.

- The Free Tibet Home Page (www.manymedia.com/tibet) provides support for Tibet's struggle for independence from China.

Chinese students and other emigres have established an impressive presence on the Web outside China, including a volunteer-run news electronic service, the China News Digest, that now has its own Web page (www.cnd.org) and more than 35,000 e-mail subscribers. As Chinese access to the Internet grows, the ability of individuals and groups in China to read alternative news sources and develop connections with counterparts overseas will inevitably expand. As Beijing well understands, in the new global era, information and connections (power) grow out of the barrel of a modem.

The Chinese government is anxious

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about the private sector's use of the information highway for different reasons. In today's world, where capital can move from one locale to another in a key stroke, daily events can affect national economic prospects. Bad news can ravage a currency or dry up financing for a major development project. Censoring such news is a means to exert national control over the economy.

The problem China's rulers face, however, is that the country's economic future largely depends upon its ability to attract foreign capital and compete in global markets, both of which will require a rapid upgrade of its national information infrastructure. But, once that infrastructure is in place, it will be difficult to prevent civil society from making use of it. Moreover, if the government were to attempt to impede the spread of computers and telecommunications, it would create tremendous resentment in a population eager to enter the computer age.

The challenge, then, for Chinese officials is to find ways to move into cyberspace without losing their ability to control society. Their strategy, so far, is to develop their own Internet service provider—a sort of nationalized America Online. Toward this end, the China Internet Corp., based in Hong Kong, was established last fall. Billed as a “no-sex, no-sectition” provider, it would act as a gatekeeper to outside information and enable the government (represented by Xinhua) to capture a hefty share of the profits that would be made by providing online services to China's potentially enormous market. By monopolizing control over Internet service in China, the bureaucrats in Beijing would also acquire a valuable bargaining chip in their dealings with other major international news and Internet providers. They could ask outside services to restrict their news about China in return for access to the Chinese market.

But can China really control its slice of cyberspace? Most analysts doubt it. The government lacks the technical know-how or manpower necessary to defeat determined cyberdemocrats. Moreover, in China, as in other parts of the world, control over economic development is devolving into the hands of local and provincial leaders—and they are likely to resist attempts by Beijing to cut them out of the potentially lucrative Internet game.

While China's efforts to control the information highway are heavy-handed, other governments

are moving in similar directions. Speaking at the launch of a Malaysian online service, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad warned that unlimited access to the Internet could have a negative impact on society unless people were a “moral fortress” to withstand undesirable information. Efforts by the German government and the U.S. Congress to keep pornography off the Internet are much more targeted, but the basic clash of principles—freedom of information versus state authority—are the same.

If governments augment their efforts to regulate the Internet, the “netizens” of the independent sector are likely to respond by launching a series of cyber insurrections. The practice of “spamming,” punishing users who violate the norms of cybersociety by swamping their Internet service provider with e-mail, is just one example of how electronic guerrilla war could be waged.

The outcome of this struggle may ultimately depend on which side is able to gain the support of the private sector. While the corporate community is intellectually hostile to government, many businesses will come under pressure to align themselves with governments. For example, most of the emerging information giants, including AT&T, Microsoft and Oracle, have signed commercial agreements with China. Over time, it is likely that Beijing and other governments with an interest in filtering cyberspace will make such agreements contingent on a company's willingness to help curb the independent sector. In addition, some transnational companies such as Shell Oil, now a major target of Internet activists because of its failure to prevent the execution of Nigerian writer and activist Ken Daro-Wiya, have their own reasons to want to limit cyberactivism.

Still, the private sector, especially the growing international financial community, has a major stake in ensuring the free flow of information. Many analysts believe that the peso crisis, which cost global investors billions of dollars, was partly caused by the Mexican government's manipulation of information about the state of the Mexican economy. Over the long run, moreover, as China's decision to focus on financial news indicates, the private sector is likely to be as much of a target as the independent sector.

In short, despite their differences, both sectors of civil society have a shared interest in preserving the freedom of cyberspace.

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■ **Technology:** Clinton signs far-reaching bill. Disputed provisions are quickly challenged in court.

By PAUL RICHTER
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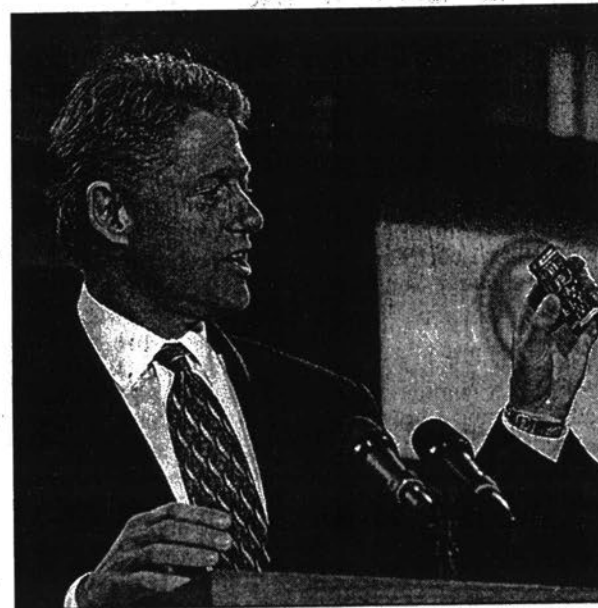
WASHINGTON

President Clinton on Wednesday signed into law a bill expected to revolutionize the nation's communications industry, but demonstrations and a lawsuit served notice that its new curbs on online computer speech will be hotly disputed.

In a ceremony at the Library of Congress, Clinton declared that "our laws will catch up with our future" as the measure overhauls industry rules that have prevailed for 62 years.

The law—one of the most far-reaching enacted in Clinton's term—removes monopoly protections so that telephone companies, cable and other concerns can compete in one another's markets.

The bill's bipartisan advocates have contended that by hastening competition it will spur economic growth. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) pronounced the



Associated Press

Abortion rights groups oppose law's curb on speech.

measure "a jobs bill and a knowledge bill."

Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), the chief Senate sponsor of the measure, predicted that the signing would set off an explosion of new devices and new investment that would be "like the gun going off in the Oklahoma land rush."

Critics have contended that the bill's deregulation could raise phone and cable TV rates—and not just in the short term. And some experts have argued that

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■ **Autos:** Ally of seat on the board to buy more stock

By DONALD W. NAU
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The struggle for abruptly Thursday Kerkorian agreed five years in return for board.

The compromise of Chrysler's terms, as Street community profitability—rebuffed

But Chrysler also agreed its own stock, extended program that has already Grand Hotel & Casino investment in the company

The agreement also

back-to-the-future fashion, Southern California is reinventing itself with ambitious infrastructure projects. Rebounding from the worst economic downturn since the Depression, the region is planning to dramatically expand its global gateways—its international ports and airports—to secure its future as one of the world's great trade and transshipment centers. But there are serious obstacles ahead that could frustrate the region's promise of becoming an American Singapore or Hong Kong.

Public spending to nurture growth in long-hallowed Southern California addition. More than a century ago, settlers paid a king's ransom to bring the railroad here. Later, water and power projects supplied additional underpinnings for growth and industrialization. More recently, because of the challenges of the global marketplace, investment priorities have

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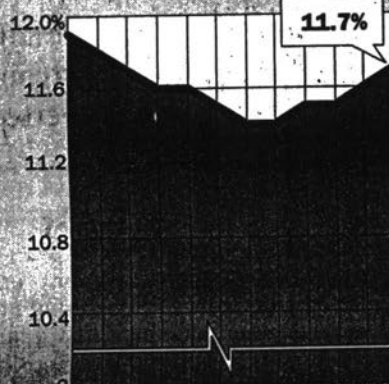
investment in the company to \$2.8 billion. The agreement also settled a messy legal dispute over Please see **CHRYSLER, B**

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Germany and France, two of Europe's biggest economies, are facing slowdowns that add to the mounting doubts about Europe's proposed monetary union. The monetary plan calls for strict fiscal criteria for any nation adopting the common currency, including reducing the size of budget deficits to less than 3% of gross domestic product. The present slowdown makes it highly unlikely that France can reach that goal by the 1999 deadline, and even Germany is in question.

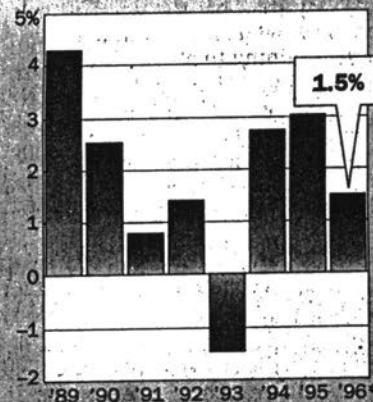
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Unemployment rate



Gross domestic product

Percent change from previous year:



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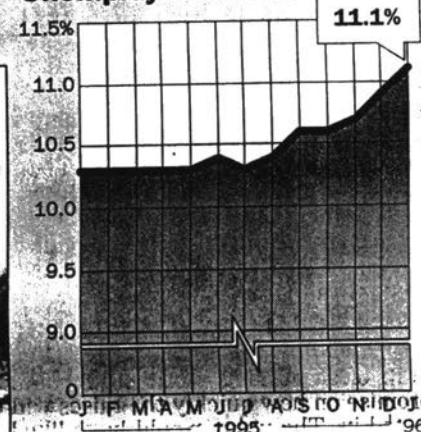


Unemployed workers protest in December in Marseille, France, over the government's plans to cut social services. The banner says "Unemployed."

Reuters

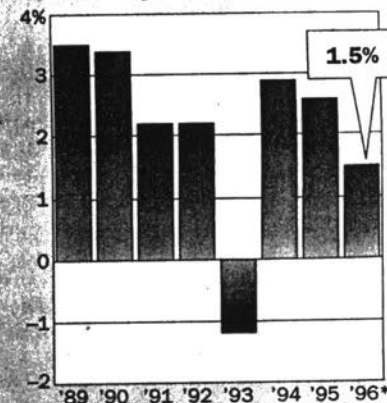
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Sturm und Drang

**Slowing Economies
Dampen Europeans'
Mood—and Hopes
for Monetary Union**

By TYLER MARSHALL
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DAVOS, Switzerland

Although seen more as a brief pause in growth than the onset of recession, an unexpected slowdown in Western Europe's bellwether economies has become the stuff of front-page headlines, heated debate and dire projections.

In Germany, the government announced Thursday that the ranks of unemployed had soared past 4 million, the most since World War II. In France, the government announced tax breaks and the central bank slashed interest rates to a 25-year low in a bid to generate jobs.

The economic woes have dented public confidence as national leaders attempt to rally support for sweeping changes they see as essential to reviving the region's economic vitality and keeping it a major player in global affairs in the 21st century.

"The mood is gloomy," said Antonio Borges, dean of the Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires in Paris.

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To an outsider, the relatively mild nature of the current slowdown and the widely held belief that renewed growth could begin possibly as early as midyear hardly seem to justify such a drastic reaction.

For example, Germany has lowered its 1996 growth estimates from a 2.5% rise in gross domestic product (made last summer) to 1.5% in an official prognosis issued last week. But even the most alarming scenario, offered by the Berlin-based German Economic Institute, still calls for 1% growth for the year, with an upturn starting during the second half.

"No one is predicting recession, and everyone expects a revival by the third quarter at the latest," said Eckhardt Wohlers, an economist at the HWWA Institute for Economic Research in Hamburg. "The real question is about the strength of the recovery."

The picture is similar elsewhere.

In France, growth projections for the year are also down, but Borges and others call the slackening

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temporary. In Britain, figures released Tuesday show an unexpected drop in industrial output for December, but projections remain strong for the second half of the year. And in Sweden, Stockholm investment banker Sten Westenberg called the slowdown "more a hiccup than a real recession."

Those predicting a quick rebound contend that many of the conditions that triggered the slowdown have already vanished. In Germany, the drop in economic activity has been blamed on a combination of tax increases, persistently high interest rates, hefty industrial wage settlements and a strong mark, which collectively undermined consumer demand in key areas for much of 1995.

But the Bundesbank has already cut interest rates twice since August, the government recently announced a reduction in a unification tax surcharge, and major industrial trade unions—admitting for the first time a linkage between high pay settlements and unemployment—are now offering to give up wage increases in

return for more jobs. The mark has also softened in recent months.

As Germany, Europe's economic locomotive, begins to pick up steam, it will pull others with it, the reasoning goes.

But it is not the intensity of the current decline that has given it such impact. It is the timing.

It comes as both the public and industry wallow in a new wave of European pessimism—a mood fueled by a future that seems long on uncertainties and problems and short on solutions.

"Industrial confidence continued to slide in almost all member states in December," concluded an EU business and consumer study published last month. "This was also true for consumer confidence."

Stunning developments since the study was published—such as the Daimler-Benz announcement of a \$4-billion loss for 1995, the possible closure of Dutch aircraft maker Fokker and major layoffs at the Grundig electronics group—have only added to the gloom.

For European governments, even a modest economic slowdown in the current mood brings unexpected complications as they grapple to find new direction. For example, the downturn virtually precludes any immediate progress in cutting

unemployment in a region where it remains stubbornly high. At more than 10%—twice the American rate—it simmers as the single most pressing political issue in European Union member states.

The slowdown also exacerbates plans to trim elements of Western Europe's burdensome welfare states and meddling, overregulating bureaucracy—factors that have become growing barriers to global competitiveness. (According to one statistic, a worker in Hong Kong pockets 91% of his gross wage, while in Belgium he ends up with less than a third.)

Even before the initial signs of the current slowdown surfaced, Paris experienced a convulsion of strikes and protests in December when Prime Minister Alain Juppe tried to launch a tightening of state assistance programs. Any additional attempts to cut government spending in the current, less-favorable climate would be political suicide, analysts believe.

Speaking here last week at the World Economic Forum meeting, which drew about 2,000 global business and political leaders for a week of meetings and seminars, Deutsche Bank management board member Ulrich Cartellieri said subsidies and overregulation cost the 15 EU states the equivalent of 5% of GNP, or about \$100

billion annually.

"The result of this is nearly 20 million jobless," he said. "Europe hasn't yet decided if it wants to get competitive so it can keep its present living standard, or whether it will sink into decline."

More important for the region's longer-term stability, the slowdown adds to mounting doubts about the EU's ability to launch its most ambitious project ever—a European monetary union—by January 1999, as called for in the Maastricht Treaty.

At German insistence, a monetary union imposes stringent fiscal criteria on any nation adopting the single European currency, called the Euro, including reducing the size of budget deficits to less than 3% of gross domestic product.

The fiscal implications of the slowdown now make it highly unlikely that France can bring its deficit to less than 3% in time. Even Germany has become a question mark. That could conceivably leave Luxembourg and the Irish Republic as the only two viable candidates.

Although Americans tend to view monetary union as half pipe dream, half gimmick, for many European policymakers it is nothing less than the glue needed to hold the European Union together. For them, failure equals disaster.

ports. They are efficient and inexpensive because runways and infrastructure already exist. March and Point Mugu, for example, could be placed in service within two to three years. They enjoy good freeway and rail access. Because they are generally located away from densely populated areas, their environmental impact can be minimized.

The time to cash in on the airport peace dividend is now. With longer-range aircraft being built, Las Vegas and Phoenix airports are vying with LAX as West Coast hubs. San Francisco International Airport, already expanding, is challenging LAX's global supremacy. Today, San Francisco surpasses Los Angeles in global air-cargo value.

One-third of Southern California's job growth for the next 25 years—in trade, transportation, export services and tourism—depends upon building a superior 21st-century international port, rail and airport system. Finding ways to expedite this expansion should be the region's top development priority.

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instead of bringing competition among many firms, the bill might instead allow industry dominance by a small number of huge firms, keeping prices relatively high.

Reaction was also divided on the law's groundbreaking provision to outlaw transmission of indecent

limiting the free speech of adults," said Lori Fena, executive director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco. The group joined the American Civil Liberties Union, Human Rights Watch, the National Writers Union and the Critical Path AIDS project in filing a suit in federal court in Philadelphia.

Some 1st Amendment experts have predicted that the courts will strike down the restrictions as overly broad because they would limit the speech of all Internet users in their effort to protect children.

The law bans displays in places that are accessible to minors—meaning much of the Internet—

acknowledged in a session with reporters that enforcement of rulings governing the Internet are a "new challenge for everybody in law enforcement," adding that "I don't have all the answers at this point."

In a related court action, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and several other organizations are asking the court to overturn provisions of the law that would block online dissemination of information related to abortion. Abortion rights activists have contended that the prohibitions here too are overly broad. And some legal experts have agreed with them.

Another hotly contested provision of the law calls for all televi-

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were to meet with some suburban families in Arlington, Va., today (Fri) to gather their views on how children's television watching might best be controlled by parents.

Even as Clinton signed the bill, seven lawmakers joined a media watchdog group in calling on network executives to clear the airwaves of adult content during the evening 8 to 9 p.m. time slot.

The Media Research Center, a conservative group that has called attention to sex and other adult subjects in daytime programming, blasted TV executives for airing shows that use vulgar language and

APPLE: Merger Denied

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earlier this week.

Industry analysts said Apple could still form an alliance with Sun or another computer maker. Even if it does not, Amelio is clearly moving to refocus attention on its business operations.

Amelio, who steered National Semiconductor back to financial health before joining Apple, said in the press release Thursday, "I want to emphasize my strong belief, despite the obvious disappointment of our performance in the first and

Apple's stock down from a high of about \$50 in the last year to near \$28. The stock slid further Thursday, losing 37.5 cents to \$27.875 on Nasdaq.

In its statement, Apple said it expects to take charges in the current quarter related to previously announced moves to reduce its inventory. It said further restructuring charges may be necessary.

Analysts said Amelio is likely to sell assets and might close plants or take other steps to resolve the problems of the company.

By the end of their meeting, Attenborough had convinced Turner to put up a third of the \$4.5-million budget for the six-hour show, which used time-lapse photography to film plants.

Turner has a reputation for committing to worthy programs, but in this instance he was also making a savvy economic decision. "Trials of Life"—the Attenborough-BBC special Turner co-produced—made more than \$100 million in video sales through Time Life Video and continues to play on TBS with stellar ratings—even though it is 7 years old.

Turner is just one of a range of entertainment executives who are realizing the value of natural history programming because of—among other things—the ease with which it crosses cultural and linguistic barriers.

"Natural history and wildlife adventure can travel from country to country and have the same value in each territory—not a lot of programming can do that," said Pat Mitchell, president of Original Production at Turner. "There is also the shelf life and library value. If you make a really strong program about a place, it can be seen

see more movies" (60% of respondents), local news (56%) and comedy (53%). The fourth most-wanted program—ahead of sports, variety or police shows—was informational programming such as natural history (48%).

Part of the programming's appeal for broadcasters is the dependable ratings that nature shows provide compared with other genres of documentary. Even network TV interest has been rekindled. NBC brought National Geographic specials back to prime-time TV this year, and ABC produces natural history in a joint venture with producer Dennis Kane.

Meanwhile, PBS, home of the "Nature" series, reports that ratings are up 30% this year. But natural history has found its real home in the niches of cable TV. TBS, which runs the National Geographic "Explorer" specials, has seen the audience for that slot grow 47% in 1995.

Naturally, the competition for natural history programming has heightened. On one side are the long-standing producers such as National Geographic

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AT&T, MCI Talking About Sharing Costs of Networks, Sources Say

■ **Telecom:** An alliance would make it easier for them to compete in local markets.

From Times Wire Services

Long-distance telephone rivals AT&T Corp. and MCI Communications Corp. are talking about sharing the costs of providing local telephone service, sources close to the companies said Monday.

Word of the negotiations comes just days after President Clinton signed a telecommunications reform bill that frees long-distance and local telephone companies to compete in each other's markets.

"AT&T has been in negotiations with MCI Metro for months now," said a source who did not want to be named.

Executives at AT&T and MCI, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Wall Street Journal in a report published Monday that the companies expect to reach an agreement to share in the cost of building local phone networks in some U.S. markets or swap the use of facilities they already own to bypass the networks of regional Bells and other local carriers.

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MCI in Network Talks

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The MCI Metro unit is spending \$2 billion to build local circuits to reach customers in 24 cities. To lease capacity to AT&T would help MCI get returns sooner on its investment.

So far AT&T has no facilities to reach local customers directly, but it is willing to pay others who do. The Basking Ridge, N.J.-based giant also owns switches and other equipment that could be part of a venture, another source said.

Washington-based MCI has been a fierce competitor of AT&T in the long-distance business, becoming its chief rival in the United States, and such talks would mark a change in relations between the two. However, sources said cooperation at the network level would not hinder competition in brands and marketing.

Neither company would comment—at least not specifically.

The negotiations first reported in the Journal were confirmed by MCI spokesman Robert Stewart, who told Associated Press that the story is "essentially correct."

George Dellinger, an analyst with HSBC Washington, said AT&T and MCI together have about 80% of the long-distance market but less than 1% of the local market.

"I really think the battle is not between AT&T and MCI. It is AT&T and MCI against the 300 or so smaller long-distance competitors who will be joined by the seven Bell companies," he said.

Also on Monday, Ameritech Corp. launched its long-distance cellular service, which will be

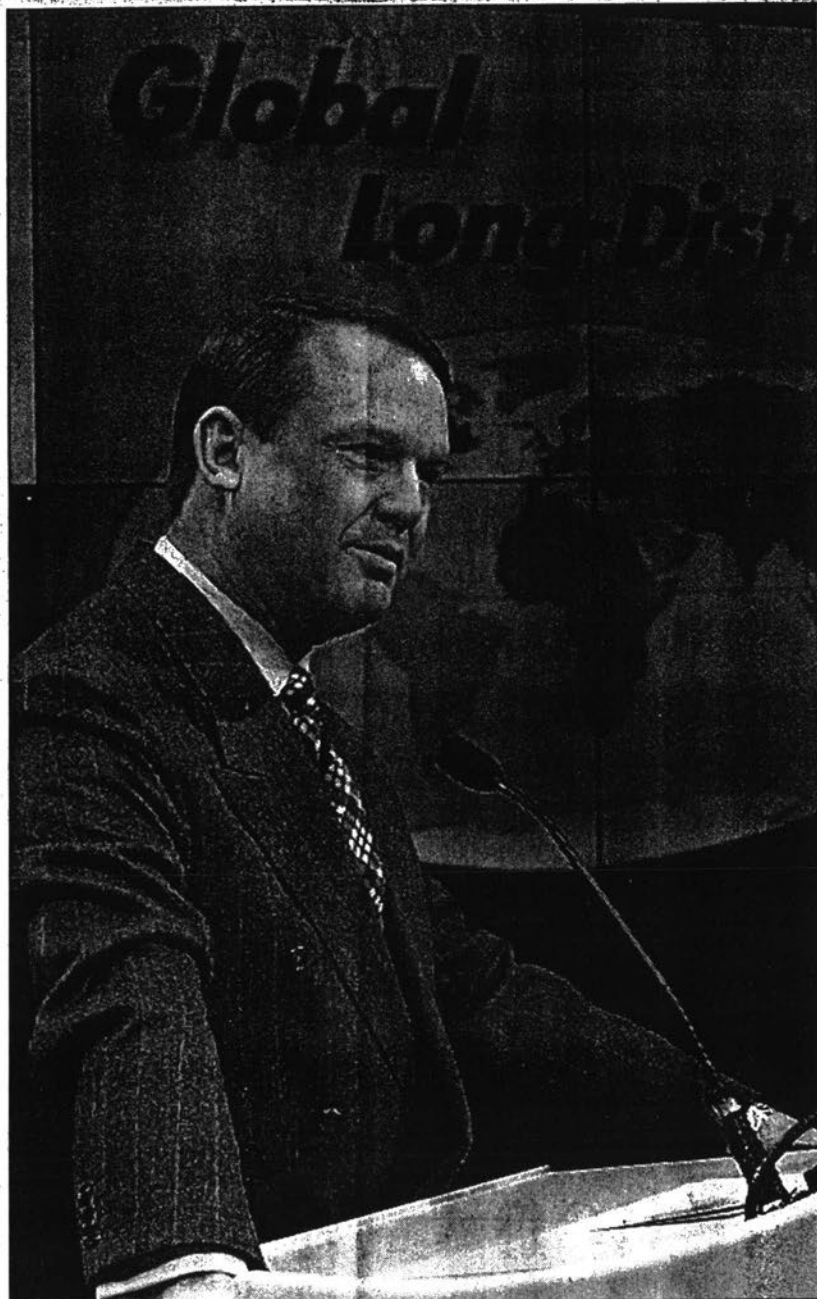
available to its 2 million cellular customers. The Chicago-based Bell said the service will be available in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, with service in Ohio and Missouri to follow.

The alliance between AT&T and MCI would not be their first. Both lobbied for passage of the telecommunications bill and both are participants in the transoceanic cable networks, which are owned by many communications partners in the United States and elsewhere. In addition, MCI recently signed an agreement with AT&T Wireless Service to resell capacity from AT&T's vast wireless system.

A network such as the one envisioned in the AT&T-MCI talks could cost as much as \$5 billion just to get started and as much as \$20 billion to become competitive.

But the alliance could end up costing each company less than building local networks alone. The benefit could be a system of transmission lines and switching centers that might start to compete with the Bells, which now control more than 95% of the traffic in their local markets. Word of the talks was well-received on Wall Street. AT&T stock rose \$1 to close at \$67.50 on the New York Stock Exchange, and MCI was up \$1.625 at \$30.50 on Nasdaq.

The talks stem directly from the telecommunications reform legislation that became law last week. Among its provisions are ones that allow long-distance phone companies into the regional Bells' \$90-billion local calling market, and others that allow the Bells into long distance.



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Ameritech President Richard Notebaert announces plans in Chicago for his company to enter the long-distance cellular market.

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Dear Mr. President:

First let me thank you for your continued support of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Your strong stand is needed to see this treaty to a successful completion. I want you to know that I support you whole-heartedly in this endeavor.

I hope you don't mind my taking this opportunity to write to you. The door opened and I decided to walk through.

I am of Choctaw descent...I've never lived on a reservation, nor have I experienced many of the things the Native Peoples of this country have experienced. Poverty, prejudice, and hopelessness are just some of the things that are an everyday reality for far too many of these people.

I have recently become part of a *Circle* through the Internet...a gathering of like minds who are concerned with the condition of Native Americans, share information, and encourage action for change. I have asked a friend from that *Circle* to write to you also as she speaks from her heart and has more knowledge of the issues facing Native Peoples today. I have included her letter with mine. I am not a flaming intellectual, I am not politically savvy, and I am not an expert on Native American issues...I am just a woman who, since she can remember, has been proud of her Native American heritage. I'm much older now and have the chance to learn more and do more for for the First Peoples of this country.

There are many issues facing Native Americans today...these issues concern ALL First Peoples whether the issue involves one tribe or all nations. Quite honestly, I don't know where to begin...I sat down and read over information that I have received and the list of issues goes on and on and on. I will try to keep this short and sweet.

Probably the last thing you want to hear about are budget cuts. However, this is an issue that greatly affects Native Americans. In fact, the cuts involving Native Americans will literally kill many of them. Education, employment, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Indian Health Service among others, will be greatly affected. I ask that you not allow this to happen. Please, support tribal self-determination and self-governance programs and all other programs that help Native Nations better themselves and the lives of their

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people.

This issue of land and land rights is important to Native Americans.

~ Newt Gingrich wants to declare the Elk Hills as *non-essential* to Government interests and sell the land to the highest bidder. However, this is land that could be returned to it's people.

~ The Sovereign Diné Nation of the Southwestern United States have been meeting with the Hanson Corporation and Peabody Coal Company executives regarding the mining of coal from their sacred, ancestral land. The goal of these meetings have been to improve the living conditions of the families of the Sovereign Diné Nations and to relieve the suffering that continues to exist. Some of the immediate needs of the people are: permanent clean drinking water (they have to drive 30-60 miles to carry water back to their homes); equal access to utilities (they have no electricity); road improvements, and long term preservation of Diné land and culture. Although some progress has been made, there are still no permanent water resources, roads remain treacherous, there is no communications system in place in case of emergencies, and traditional medicine plants have not been replaced. The hardships these people face are similar to those faced by other Native Peoples across this country.

~ There is also a recurrent theme of relocation of Native Peoples...On the Wounded Knee reservation, Native People already relocated because their land was turned into a bombing range, could be relocated again to make room for a National Park. A National Park they do not support or endorse.

~ Oil and mineral rights are given to the government and/or sold to companies for their own profit while the Native Peoples that inhabit that same land where the oil and minerals are found are relocated to get them out of the way of *progress*. These Native Peoples do not profit in anyway. If anything, they lose much.

~ Treaties made to the Native Nations of this country have been ruled "temporary and precarious" by the Supreme Court. Webster's defines "treaty" as, "...a formal alliance between two or more nations, relating to peace, alliance, trade, etc." It says nothing about it being temporary or precarious...nor do I believe that the treaties themselves include those words.

Mr. President, the past and present treatment of Native Americans is the great shame of this country. It seems that all too often the *solution* is to ignore us and maybe we'll go

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away...we'll just accept our lot and change accordingly to *make it* in this country and live as other's feel we should live...a different form of assimilation than was practiced at the turn of the century. However, it's assimilation nonetheless.

I'm reminded of something Chief Red Cloud of the Oglala Sioux Nation once said, "They made us many promises, more than I can remember, but they never kept but one; they promised to take our land, and they took it."

Please don't let this be the continued legacy of this country. You have my continued prayers for the most difficult job of running this nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Williamson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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Mr. President ~

Here is the letter I from my friend in the *Circle*. She e-mailed it to me on Sunday, February 11, 1996...

Subj: Freedom for All Nations
Date: 96-02-11 04:28:02 EST
From: cherokee@wolffenet.com
To: NIMom@aol.com

Honorable, President Bill Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

I was asked tonight, to write something to you, from my heart, which would then be, hand delivered to you. I was overwhelmed by this request and do not feel I am the best person to speak to you, but I shall try, from my heart to find the words.

I am but a humble Tsalagi (Cherokee) woman who has long loved the People of this Nation...not only of my First Nations (which is all of our Native American Tribes)...or of the United States of America...but all those who are struggling to live in harmony on Mother Earth. We, of the Honorable Talagi Nation have long struggled to teach those who come hungry...to our doors...to learn of freedom and honor, that until ALL men are free...None are...regardless of the color of their skin...or national origin.

I stand then....before you...of a simple People...of an Honorable Nation of the Tsalagi who walked a thousand miles in Honor...along a place you might never have known...called the Trail of Tears...and I stand before you, to try and struggle to find the words in my heart...of those voices silenced...when we died for our homelands. For you see, Mr. President, we did not merely die for our own Nation..for for future generations. We believe, that all things affect even those yet unborn for seven generations from this time.

I stand...with heart tears....not for myself...nor, for my People..but for ALL Mankind..all Nations...from a desolate place called Tiamanmen Square...to Sand Creek...to Wounded Knee...to places where Dreams were silenced...massacred...before they were lived. I am not a wise woman...I cannot speak as



wisely as my elders...I am so fearful..so fearful...that I cannot find the words in my heart to speak the truth of it all that you might hear clearly.

Mr. President...Long ago...one of my People said this thing: "Treat all men alike...give them all the same law..Give them all an even chance to live...and grow. You might as well expect the rivers to run backward as that any man who is born a free man should be contented even when penned up and denied liberty to go where he pleases. We ask only an even chance...to live as other men live. We ask to be recognized as men. Let me be a free man...free to travel...free to stop...free to work...free to choose my own teachers...free to follow the religion of my Fathers...free to think and talk..and act...for myself.

This man's name was Chief Joseph of the Honorable Nez Perce Nation. I stood, not so long ago, at his grave...in a lonely, desolate place...and the winds blew..and my heart broke..For I stood at the grave of one of the greatest Leaders of First Nations, My People, who had died in the cold...alone...in exile from his heartland...falling into the fire...without ever sacrificing his beliefs...He was not allowed even to be buried in the land he loved.

I think...he did not limit his beliefs to only We...of First Nations...I think he meant all of Mother..our Earth...I believe he knew, what I have always believed in my heart...That ALL Nations...regardless of skin color..political belief...religious affiliation...have the same color heart...red....

Recently, Mr President, I spoke online on my computer, with a Chinese Patriot who told me..."I saw a woman beat to death in the mud...I walked miles to see my Journalist Father who was held captive in a Concentration camp for speaking his heart's truths. I stood with my students in Tiananmen Square and saw the Martyrs there....I ask you, WHY?WHY do the innocent have to die?" Mr. President, I had no answer...until I looked into my heart...and tried very, very hard to remember the words of the Leaders of my First Nations....

I stood...at that desolate grave..and I cried and spoke to this Chinese Patriot with my heart...that which I had learned...that ALL men are created Equal....all men are supposed to be alike. I watched on that lonely hill, the Eagle soar above me....and I heard, in my heart, the drums of all my First Nations People...the Cheyenne...the Sioux...the Commanche...the Mohawk...the Cherokee...the Creek...the Seminole...the Hopi...the Pueblo...the Apache..thousands...thousands...beyond our borders..beyond our Nations..Dreamers, Mr. President...Dreamers....

And so...I stand before you...not worthy to speak these words...but speak for the silenced Dreamers of the world...who sacrificed their hearts..their lives...that Peace should come for ALL..all...and I struggle with the words and ask you to hear my heart.

One morning...in a desolate place you may not have ever heard of...Sand



Creek...hundreds of men, women and children were slaughtered in their sleep...again...at another place...Wounded Knee...Dreamers died...and from the borders of countries I have never seen...it continues...the slaughter of the Dreamers and though you and I might not know their language...nor their beliefs...we surely, must understand their hearts...for all hearts beat as one...one....

I stand then...before you...and ask you to hear the hearts of the Dreamers of this World...who Believe in ONE World...One People...Who Dare to Believe the Dream of a World of Peace...without borders...without fear to practice the religion of their choice...without fear to speak to the treachers of their hearts...without having to die for speaking their heart words.

These People, Mr. President, laid down their hearts...their lives...their honor...their Dreams...so that the Dream might go on...They stood in honor...from Tiamanmen Square...Sand Creek...Wounded Knee...thousands of unknown places....They shed the tears of those lost Dreamers who struggle in their Journey to find their way home...and there is no home...no home for them to find.

The time has come for ALL Nations to stand as ONE...for ONE purpose...to Dare to Believe in the Goodness of all...ALL men...We must, as a Nation founded in Honor...stand with them...and Believe also...that Dream. We have always fought for Freedom for ALL...stood up...and said...NO MORE...NO MORE...to tyranny...evil...darkness. I say to you, the light is going from the dawn of this nation...is going...We must find it again...light the darkness and dare to Believe in the Goodness of all.

I am nothing...merely a woman...but I stand and plant my Staff Deeply...and refuse to cut myself free in battle, as was our way in the old days of Honor when we faced our Enemy. Stand too...Mr. President, with First Nations and hear us with your heart as we sing our songs of heart and bravery and honor around our fires. We want to go home again...we so desperately want to go home...but only if ALL can also go home can we find our way.

I ask you to dedicate our Nation in Honor...to light the fires in the hearts of those who come to us...beg us to help them to find their way home to freedom. We, the People of all First Nations have always died for our Beliefs...proven our Honor...that ALL men and women should be free to believe their Dreams. Restore our dignity...our Pride...our Honor...our Dreams and Fight that all Men should be allowed to believe again.

Once...many winds ago...I asked my Grandmother about the fish returning back to their homes...only to die...I did not understand this thing, to come home to die...I asked her, "What shall happen if the fish lose their way, or forget their way home?" She looked softly into my heart and taught me, "Then...man shall cease to be." I say to you, Mr. President, if we do not all find our way home...then we shall ALL cease to be...cease to be.

When we stumble on our Journey...we reach up, to grasp the hand of the person who would help us...without looking at the color of his/her skin...I say to you that we can not



then have freedom in this Nation for ourselves..for until ALL men are free this Nation shall never know freedom.

For four hundred years my People have endured...endured...and we have never been a powerful political force...never been influential in the world arena...but we have survived...for we have loved one another and believed that we were all as one...Brothers..Sisters..Dreamers...and we have held hands tightly...

I ask you to hear the words unspoken, of those who Dreamed that all Men should be free...whose screams were silenced before spoken...of all Nations...who died in concentration camps...in the mud of China...in the snows of South Dakota...in the Creeks of Oklahoma...on the Trail of Tears in Georgia...Hear them Mr. President...for they shall not be silenced...and they say to you this thing:

Every soil...of every Nation...every hillside...river...mountain...is sacred...and has been paid for in the blood of Dreamers. Do not, I beg you, let them have died without cause. Let their Dreams of a world with all People holding hands tightly, continue to be dreamed...to be someday...truth.

Let the voices of countless dreamers in the winds which blow across my Mother..Earth...ring across every valley...every mountain...every river where the blood of countless patriots has flown be heard. Let us always remember...honor them...and never...never...forget.

I stand..proudly..as a woman of First Nations...to die, if necessary for this Dream. I will not cut the strap binding me on this battlefield and I ask you to stand in Honor also...and do the same...I ask you, do not...do not...forget ALL the People...who believed...who still dare to Believe..the Dream...and I ask you to hear the silent voices carried across the winds...."Dare to Believe the Dream."

"No person among us desires any other reward for performing a brave and worthwhile action but the consciousness of having served his nation."...Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea) of the Honorable Mohawk Nation.

"He who is present at a wrongdoing and lifts not a hand to prevent it, is as guilty as the wrongdoers." Estamaza, the Honorable Omaha Nation.

"Peace comes within the souls of men when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the universe and ALL within...and they realize that it is within each of us." Black Elk, Honorable Oglala Sioux Nation.

"We, who are clay blended by the Master Potter, come from the kiln of Creator in many hues. How can people say one skin is colored, when each has its own coloration? What should it matter that one bowl is dark and the other pale, if each is of good design and



serves its purpose well?" Polingaysia Qoyawayma, Honorable Hopi Nation

"Look and listen for the welfare of the WHOLE people and view not only the present...but also the coming generation, even those whose faces are yet beneath the surface of the earth....the unborn of the future Nations." Consitution of the Five Nations.

"Everything the Power of the World does is done in a Circle. The sky is round and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball and so are the stars. The wind....in its greatest power...whirls. Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs if the same religion as ours..The life of man is a circle....and so it is in everything where power moves." Black Elk of the Honorable Oglala Sioux Nation.

"A Nation is not conquered....until the hearts of its women are on the ground. Then...it is done, no matter how brave its warriors nor how stong its weapons." The Honorable Cheyenne Nation.

"I wonder...Grandmother, will People ever truly understand what Honor means?" "I think, that sooner or later...their hearts have to answer this question...and perhaps..they shall heart the winds...." "What do the winds say of this thing, Grandmother?" "They say...Believe your heart's Dream....Believe your heart's Dream." "I hear them...I hope everyone does." "So do I...so do I." A small Cherokee child and her Grandmother on a desolate Oklahoma hillside speaking of honor.

Thank you for hearing my heart, Mr. President...

Brooke Craig

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FEBRUARY 13, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

1996 PRESIDENTIAL
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New Hampshire

Vice President Gore's trip to NH received great press coverage on his visit to Plymouth and Manchester. His comments won headlines such as "Gore dresses down tobacco industry" and "Gore bashes 'right-wing extremists'". During the town meeting at Plymouth State College he was asked about education, veterans, the economy, he touted the President's accomplishments, and lamented the Republicans' abandonment of the traditional New Hampshire retail politicking.

There are obviously a lot of stories about the outcome of the Iowa caucuses and speculation about the surge of Buchanan, plummeting of Forbes, expectations of Dole, and questions about Alexander. Although Gramm has insisted his campaign will continue, the Austin American-Statesman reports that a top Gramm aide said last night he will pull out of the race and endorse Dole by the end of the week. Gramm campaign chairman Charlie Black, however, said there has been "no discussion" about an endorsement. Gramm canceled campaign stops in New Hampshire today and tomorrow morning to return to Washington to evaluate his campaign. "I think people need to look at where they are; they owe that to their supporters," Gramm explained. **Gramm's NH campaign manager said, "Tonight, Senator Gramm has to decide what to do. Tomorrow, we're making an announcement."**

Buchanan, taking a cue from our '92 primary schedule and in an attempt to show Big Mo, will hold rallies every night until next Tuesday's primary night.

Warren Rudman, a Dole supporter, predicted last night that Dole will win the NH primary.

Forbes returns to the State for the first time since he made the comment that the greatest challenge he faced was when he left home to attend prep school. It will be interesting to see what tone he takes since there has been the barrage of attacks on him for his negative ads. According to the Concord Monitor, it is estimated that voters in NH will have seen more Forbes ads than they saw from all the 1992 candidates put together.

Dole starting running a new 30-second ad last night with the tag line: "Steve Forbes: Is he ready for the toughest job in the world?". Alexander's camp began running an ad with a very large buy (\$100K in Boston, and \$40K on WMUR) yesterday which tries to recapture the supposed "outsider" image for Forbes' grasp. He's also starting to get a little flack about claiming to be the positive candidate when in fact his ads haven't been so squeaky clean. This latest ad in fact says "...better prepared than Forbes. Fresher ideas than Dole...".

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There was a poll conducted by National Scholastic Surveys of 806 New Hampshire Generation Xers of the Republican primary candidates last week which showed Dole winning their support with 23%, Forbes with 18%, Buchanan and Alexander were tied at 8% each, 5% going to Gramm, and 39% were undecided. The conclusion was drawn that Dole was relating really well to these younger, first time voters.

Colorado

Early voting in Colorado's Presidential primary begins today. Eight GOP candidates are on the Republican ballot, and you face Lyndon LaRouche on the Democratic side. Local pundits are advising voters to wait until the March 5 primary is closer before casting ballots to determine which candidates drop out of the race.

Polls

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL (KY)

Their poll, conducted 2/1-2/6 (after your trip to Louisville) among 801 KY adults, found your job approval statistically equal to your job disapproval (48% approve/49% disapprove). This represents a severe drop from September's job approval rating, when you enjoyed a nine-point margin of approval (51% approve/42% disapprove). The poll also found a plurality of Kentuckians blame Republicans over the Administration in the budget deadlock (46% GOP, 31% Clinton, 14% both) and 44 percent believe you are more concerned about what is best for citizens (versus 37% for the GOP).

MASON-DIXON - Michigan

A Mason-Dixon poll of 803 registered voters conducted February 1-5 reports that you lead Bob Dole by a 50%-38% margin, lead Steve Forbes by a 47%-33% margin and lead Phil Gramm by a 50%-30% margin. In a three-way with Dole and Perot, you lead with 49%, followed by Dole with 32% and Perot with 13%. You have a 42% positive/58% negative job rating while your re-elect percentage is 39%, 32% would consider another candidate and 29% would vote to replace you. By a 48%-38% margin, voters said Governor John Engler (R) should accept the vice presidential nod if offered. Thirty-seven percent said Engler as the vice presidential candidate would make them more likely to vote Republican while 22% said it would make them less likely.

In a GOP primary heat, Dole leads with 31%, followed by Forbes with 19%, Buchanan with 10%, Alexander with 6%, Gramm with 5% and Lugar with 3%. Twenty-six percent were undecided.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL

California

An LA Times article over the weekend reported that gun sales have dropped 31% in the State.

Republicans in New York are beginning to target Assembly Democrats they consider vulnerable in the upcoming elections -- Republicans currently control the State Senate. The Conservative Party, who currently support eight upstate conservative Democrats, could be helpful to the Republican's efforts if they choose to support Republicans in those districts instead.

Governor Pataki was handed his first major legislative defeat yesterday when the State Legislature voted to override his veto of the bill to let the state mediate contract disputes for New York City police and firefighters. The override is also a defeat for Giuliani who strongly opposed the legislation.

North Carolina

Both challengers to Jesse Helms boast contributions from celebrities. Harrison Ford, Paul Newman, Disney Chairman Michael Eisner and Universal Studios head Lew Wasserman have contributed to former Glaxo, Inc. Chairman Charlie Sanders. Charlotte Hornets owner George Shinn and Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), meanwhile, have contributed to 1990 Democratic Senate nominee Harvey Gantt.

Washington

Attached for your review are clips regarding Mrs. Gore's trip to Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Gore was extremely well received in this Republican-leaning area of the state.

Wisconsin

Rep. Steve Gunderson (D-WI) and his companion have written a book about the family values crusade from their perspective as gay men. Gunderson says the book "tells of the combination of increasing prejudice and intolerance we [see] in America generally, and in the Republican Party specifically." The book, titled "Of House and Home," will be released this summer.

Inside Politics, February 13, 1996

After his fifth place finish in Iowa, Sen. Gramm will re-evaluate the direction of his campaign and could drop out as early as tomorrow. He has cut short his New Hampshire stumps that were scheduled for the next few days and a Gramm campaign advisor acknowledged that dropping out of the race is "on the table." Gramm said this afternoon that he will make his decision tonight and announce Wednesday whether or not he will remain in the race. Following his announcement, Gramm will either go on to New Hampshire or to Hawaii.

Jack Kemp appeared on the show today and gave his read on the Iowa caucuses. He said he still sees a four-man race: Dole, Buchanan, Alexander and Forbes. Kemp said that Iowa is a much more socially conservative state allowing Buchanan such a strong finish. He feels that NH voters want to know each candidate's message and view of America, and to stay away from the negative campaigning of Iowa. Kemp suggests that the candidates follow Reagan's "11th Commandment," thou shalt not bash fellow Republicans.

Steve Forbes' consulting team, the same team used by Jesse Helms, was criticized for producing such harsh attack ads against Dole. These ads were cited as the main reason for Forbes' dramatic drop in polls last week. He cancelled his NH trip today to retune his highly negative campaign.

Finally, the four main contenders were analyzed following their Iowa performance:

- * **Alexander** continues to promote himself as the outsider, and talks about the generation gap between himself and Dole, and says he is a chief executive, not chief legislator like Bob Dole.
- * **Buchanan** says he is the only true conservative who can beat you, and calls on Perot voters and independents to join his campaign.
- * **Dole** responds to Alexander's criticism by saying his generation is not finished. His aides say they are "wearing blinders," that they can't be distracted by his finish in Iowa. Aides hope to wrap up the nomination by winning NH by a comfortable margin.
- * **Forbes** is meeting with his advisers today to reorganize his campaign, realizing that his negative campaign turned off Iowans.

Louisville Courier-Journal Feb. 13, 1996

Clinton losing favor in state; nor do GOP lawmakers shine

By AL CROSS
Political Writer

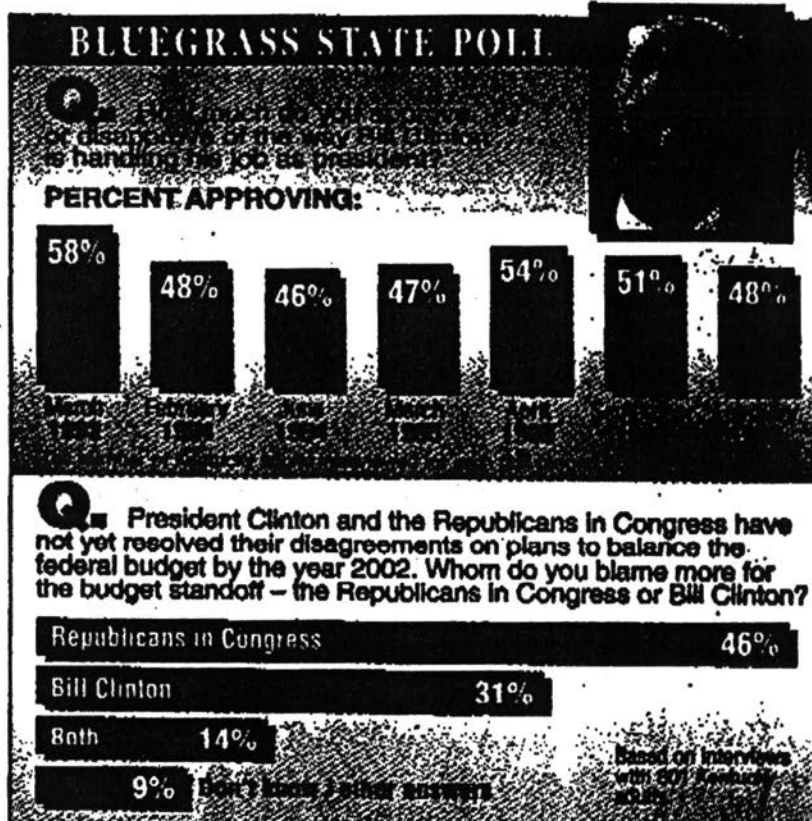
Kentuckians' opinion of President Clinton has taken a turn for the worse, but they still give Republicans in Congress more blame for the deadlock over the federal budget, according to latest Bluegrass State Poll.

The survey, conducted by The Courier-Journal from Feb. 1 to 6, found people were about evenly divided over Clinton's job performance — in contrast to the clearly favorable rating he received last September in the poll's last measurement of him.

The figures do not necessarily suggest Clinton is the underdog in Kentucky going into this year's election. Republicans have yet to choose their candidate, there may be a third-party or independent candidate, and the poll included many people who won't vote.

Also, when asked in the poll whether Clinton or congressional Republicans were "more concerned about doing what is best for you and your family," the largest number — 44 percent — said the president. Only 37 percent said the Republicans, while 11 percent said

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Clinton losing favor in state

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neither. The rest gave other answers.

Clinton's 48 percent approval rating in Kentucky is about the same percentage he received in two national New York Times/CBS News polls in December and January. The national survey also gave Clinton higher marks than the Republican Congress for trying to break the impasse over balancing the federal budget.

The Kentucky results cannot be very encouraging to a president who carried the state in 1992, visited Louisville shortly before the latest polling began, and has indicated that he considers the state a bellwether in the election.

While 48 percent approved of Clinton in the poll, 49 percent disapproved. The disapproval rating rose 7 percentage points from last fall, and was the highest it has been since mid-1994, when Republicans took both Western Kentucky congressional seats for the first time.

Clinton's job rating dipped significantly in Western Kentucky and among voters who describe themselves as independents regardless of how they are registered to vote. A majority of self-described independents now disapprove of his performance.

The poll found evidence that opinion about the president has hardened, perhaps reflecting the federal budget standoff.

More people expressed strong feelings about him one way or the other than they did last fall, and fewer said they had no opinion. Democrats' opinion of Clinton didn't change, but his favorable rating among registered Republicans dropped from 36 percent to 18 percent.

Clinton's numbers might have dropped even more if not for his visit

How the poll was conducted

The BLUEGRASS STATE POLL®, directed by Mark Schneider, research manager of The Courier-Journal, is based on interviews with 801 Kentuckians 18 years of age or older.

Trained and supervised interviewers, calling from Louisville, contacted households with telephone numbers randomly selected by a computer. One adult in each household then was randomly selected, eliminating interviewers' choices in selecting people to be interviewed.

The results have been weighted to properly balance the sample by age, sex and region of the state.

Percentages based on the full poll sample are subject to a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points above or below what was reported. Percentages based on sub-samples are subject to a higher potential margin of error.

In addition to these sampling errors, the practical difficulties of conducting any survey can also influence the results.

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to Louisville a week before the poll began and television advertising in Kentucky by the Democratic Party, promoting his solutions to the budget standoff.

His 61 percent approval rating in Jefferson County was the highest of any major geographic area measured in the poll.

The Democratic ads ran on Louisville and Lexington TV stations. Clinton's slippage in the Bluegrass, the north-central region and Eastern Kentucky, the areas served by those stations, was less than elsewhere.

His biggest slippage was in Northern Kentucky, where 59 percent disapproved. Democrats ran pro-Clinton ads on the Cincinnati stations that serve Northern Kentucky, but stopped those at the end of January, just before polling began.

The ads did not run after Jan. 24 in Western Kentucky, where Clinton's rating last fall was clearly favorable but this month was about even. The region has the largest bloc of registered Democrats in the state, but they

have a conservative bent, and Clinton's drop there may have the most political significance.

Clinton's point man in Kentucky, Democratic National Committeeman Terry McBrayer, was at a loss to explain the Western Kentucky results. He said Clinton would still run ahead of any of the Republican candidates in the region and might even attend the annual Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County on Aug. 3.

McBrayer said he wasn't surprised at the other results because national polls have shown that Americans "are all fed up with what's going on in Congress, and they're blaming everybody. We've got problems, but they've got more problems than we have."

The latest Bluegrass poll, based on interviews with 801 Kentucky adults, found that Clinton's rating slipped among the major age groups.

The poll showed the usual gender gap, which shows women more favorable to Democrats and men more favorable to Republicans. It showed that Clinton no longer had a clear advantage among women in his job rating, but women clearly blamed Republicans for the budget stalemate.

Women and people aged 35 to 49 also said Clinton cares more than congressional Republicans about them and their families.

The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. In theory, that means that in 19 out of 20 cases the poll results would differ by no more than 3.5 percentage points from the results that would have been obtained by questioning all Kentucky adults with telephones.

The Bluegrass State Poll asked the following:

How much do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president — do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way he is handling his job as president?

President Clinton and the Republicans in Congress have not yet resolved their disagreements on plans to balance the federal budget by the year 2002. Whom do you blame more for the budget standoff — the Republicans in Congress or Bill Clinton?

Who do you think is more concerned about doing what is best for you and your family — the Republicans in Congress or Bill Clinton?

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Democrats enjoy the

Turnout was estimated at 50,000, nearly double that of four years ago. President Clinton won every delegate.

By **THOMAS R. O'DONNELL**
OF THE REGISTER'S AMEN BUREAU

Nobody was paying attention to Craig Kelison and his band of Democrats Monday night.

And that was fine with him.

"Four years ago, we were in the center of attention," said Kelison, Democratic chairman of Des Moines' 71st precinct on the city's west side. "It's kind of nice to get together like this."

The Democrats held a harmonious meeting in the vocal music room at Merrill Middle School, 5301 Grand Ave. In the larger gymnasium across the hall, more than 200 Republicans were wrestling over delegate counts and resolutions.

Though there was no contest for the presidential nomination at the Democrats' caucuses, dozens showed

up anyway, many of them encouraged by President Clinton's weekend appearance in the state.

Weekend Visit

Clinton "just came off such a tremendously successful weekend here," said Peter Willmert, the Iowa Democratic Party's communications director. "He really excited people."

Ken Mikesell was one of the more than 100 party faithful that came out to Merrill. "I was encouraged by the president's recent appearance here," he said.

That also seemed to be the case in Des Moines' Precinct 45, at the Polk County Senior Citizens Center at 1914 Carpenter Ave. About 30 Democrats, mostly Drake University students, attended the caucus held five blocks from where Clinton spoke on Sunday.

Donald Caslavka, 58, was decked out in a bright white Clinton-Gore T-shirt for his caucus at West Des Moines Valley High School. He was sure Clinton is a shoo-in for re-election.

"If things stay as they are today, I

think he'll have an excellent chance," said Caslavka, a dedicated caucus-goer.

First Caucus

Others in West Des Moines were attending their first caucus. LaVon Hameister and Margaret Hanna came early to find their precinct site. Hanna, 67, also was a strong Clinton backer.

"I think he's done 60 years' work in four years and he doesn't get any credit for it," she said.

Lauri Swegle, 43, and her son, Ryan Dowie, were first-timers at the West Des Moines caucuses — and Swegle found herself recording the proceedings as precinct secretary.

"I do feel this is a very critical year for Democrats — we have to defeat the Republicans. God forbid we get a Republican Congress and presidency," she said. "The Republicans are about making money and the Democrats are about caring for people."

Only a dozen Democrats gathered at North Polk High School in Alleman to hash out a platform and re-

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ir low-key gatherings

“Folks may sit around and drink coffee and eat pumpkin bars for the rest of the night.”

— Peter Willmert
of the Iowa Democratic Party

affirm their dedication to Clinton, but “that’s more than people thought would come,” said Aaron Heley Lehman, 27, who lives west of Alleman.

It was Lehman’s first caucus, and he enjoyed the experience — especially meeting with neighbors to discuss the issues.

Clinton’s lack of opposition didn’t keep Willmert from trying to inject some excitement into the night. “It’s no mystery who’s going to win,” Willmert said, but “it’ll be interesting to see by what percentage.”

In the end, the results were no big surprise: Clinton won every delegate in the state. Turnout was projected at 50,000, nearly double that of four

years ago, when Sen. Tom Harkin’s favorite son campaign depressed attendance. A contested race eight years ago drew 120,000 Democrats to the caucus, Iowa Democratic Chairman Mike Peterson said.

“This was a terrific organizational feat,” Peterson said at a party at Des Moines’ Hotel Savery. “All of us were dedicated to driving as many Democrats out as possible . . . This is better than we even thought.”

Some Routine Business

The Democrats who showed up Monday night conducted mostly routine business: Electing precinct chairs, discussing platform issues, then breaking into preference groups for president. Or one big preference group.

After that, caucus-goers were left to their own devices. “Folks may sit around and drink coffee and eat pumpkin bars for the rest of the night,” Willmert said.

They also were watching the Republicans.

Liz Buck, chairwoman of the 70th precinct caucus in the Merrill band

room, said she thinks Clinton can beat whomever the Republicans nominate — especially the way they’re following the great Democratic tradition of beating up on each other.

“It’s great that the other side is fighting for once,” she said.

Ila Plasencia, a precinct chairwoman in West Des Moines, agreed.

“I think they would all be easy to beat, except for Lamar Alexander. He’s not to the far right — he is more in the mainstream,” Plasencia said.

Dole as Opponent

On Des Moines’ north side, caucus-goer Carl McPherson said Bob Dole would be toughest for Democrats to defeat in Iowa because he’s nearly a native son.

“There’s so much money being spent that the Republican caucus has become a ridiculous circus,” he said.

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Gore dresses down tobacco industry

■ Says Clinton administration will crack down on efforts to convince young people to start smoking.

By KEVIN LANDRIGAN
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PLYMOUTH — Vice President Al Gore ripped into the tobacco industry Monday, vowing the Clinton administration will succeed in cracking down on attempts to get youths to start smoking.

Gore's impassioned assault was a noticeable ad lib during a day of campaigning that otherwise stuck to the pro-President Clinton script.

In remarks at Plymouth State College, Gore said he decided to become more active in the anti-smoking movement because his sister died of lung cancer. He is convinced the industry is trying harder with every new campaign to hook the young, he said.

"Why would they make this nice clothing in children's sizes and then give it away. It's a real mystery, isn't it?" Gore said. "They have a real problem — 400,000 customers die every year from their product. They have to bring in that many new customers to replace those who have died."

Gore said it's no accident that the tobacco industry is the largest donor to the Republican National Committee, proof that they don't appreciate Clinton's call to ban billboard advertising and other appeals to the young.

"This is the target audience, and I use that term advisedly," Gore said, pointing to several rows of junior high school children seated behind the stage.

The vice president had the first primary state all to himself Monday. The major Republican candidates were campaigning for support in Iowa, home of the first caucus.

His visit included a trip to the American Legion Post in Manchester and an impromptu stop at a diner in Tilton.

Clinton returns to New Hampshire this Saturday as the featured speaker of the Democratic Party's annual "100-Club" fund-raiser at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Nashua.

"I'm getting the feeling increasingly as I come here that once again in 1996, New Hampshire is going to be Clinton-Gore country," Gore said.

New Hampshire voted Democratic in the 1992 election for the first time since the late Lyndon Johnson's landslide victory in 1964.

In other remarks, Gore warned Republican presidential candidates that any attacks on first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton about White-water and related matters would backfire with the voters.

GOP operatives are focusing on this, Gore claimed, because they can't point to any other Clinton weaknesses on handling of the economy, the crime rate or foreign policy.

Gore claimed the Republican Party nationally has been taken over by the "extremist wing" of Pat Robertson and Jesse Helms, causing many Republicans and even more independent voters to take a second look at the Clinton record in office.

On campaign finance reform, Gore said he was optimistic the Congress would adopt a bipartisan bill this year that would set voluntary spending limits and restrict the influence of so-called soft or unlimited amounts of money to political parties and donations from political action committees.

But Gore said he was skeptical of one proposal from Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., to amend the Constitution to restrict how much of their own wealth candidates can spend on a campaign.

Gore said the rise of superwealthy, magazine publisher Steve Forbes shows what ready cash can do for a candidate, but Gore said he would think "long and hard" about supporting any restriction on the First Amendment right of free speech.

Gore bashes 'right-wing extremists'

He touts Clinton's accomplishments

By BEN SCHMITT
Monitor staff

While Republican candidates were in Iowa yesterday counting caucus votes, Vice President Al Gore was in New Hampshire telling voters the GOP's policies have been tried and failed.

Gore told a crowd of 800 students and residents in Plymouth that the Republican Party is losing ground because of its shift to the far right.

"The moderate version of the Republican Party in 1995, and now, has gone so far in the right-wing extremist agenda that many Republicans, I know it's true in New Hampshire, have said, 'Wait a minute. This is not the party of Abraham Lincoln or Theodore Roosevelt. This is the party of Pat Robertson and Jesse Helms.'"



KEN WILLIAMS / Monitor staff

Gore takes a seat, flanked by Republicans, at the Tilt'n Diner.

Gore said, "They are toeing the line for the right-wing extremists and some of the things they are trying to do in this Congress are really disgraceful."

During the town meeting at Plymouth State College's Silver Cultural Center, Gore fielded questions from students of all ages who wanted to know about

the future of education, health care, and what at Whitewater would have on President Clinton's chances of being re-elected.

Gore first took on Whitewater and said it was spawned jealously.

"They look at the record success President Clinton compiled, and the Republican candidates can't really talk about economic policy because they messed up the economy when they had control of it, and President Clinton is moving in the right direction," Gore said. "I can't really talk about social problems because the crime rate went way up under their control, now it's coming down under President Clinton, and they can't really talk about foreign policy, peace all over the world are giving president credit for bringing peace in area after area around the world."

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campaign operatives go back and investigate the First Lady's law practice 10 or 15 years ago. I believe they ought to cut that out and the Republican candidates ought to tell the operatives to cut that out."

When it comes to education, Gore said Clinton is the real "education president." He said the president is now proposing a \$10,000 tax deduction to defray the expenses of a college education and technical schools.

"What have the Republicans proposed? They have proposed slashing cuts in student loans and the virtual elimination of this new direct loan program," he said. "And the net result of those things would be to increase the cost of a student loan by \$3,100 per family."

Earlier, Gore thanked New Hampshire for making Clinton the "Comeback Kid" in 1992.

"Four years ago, what kind of shape was the New Hampshire economy in? It was terrible," he said. "We have stopped that decline and turned things around. This (general) election is likely to be a close, hard-fought election. But you can make the difference

between a continuation of progress in the right direction, a determination to face our problems, or a right-wing extremist agenda that we've tried before and hasn't worked."

Gore said Clinton is responsible for less crime, more jobs, better access to education and a cleaner environment.

"It's a critical choice at a critical time," Gore said. "We can't afford to let these young people down by acquiescing in the decision to go back to the old approach that failed in the past."

"You in New Hampshire gave us an opportunity four years ago. And I am getting the feeling from the response all over the state that once again in 1996, New Hampshire is going to be Clinton/Gore country."

Before his harsh words against the Republican Party, Gore stopped on Route 3 in Tilton for a bite to eat at the Tilt'n Diner. He found himself sandwiched between two Republicans - a couple from Meredith to one side and Bob Murray, a member of presidential candidate Steve Forbes's advance

team, on the other.

Murray, who is from Kansas City, was busy plotting out Forbes's next trip to New Hampshire before the primary.

"We just stopped by for lunch, and he just happened to sit by us," Murray said. "We just talked about the fact that I work for Steve Forbes."

Murray said there was no mention of the flat tax.

Although they are Republicans, Virginia and Ralph Anthony said they found Gore very personable.

"I felt very comfortable talking to him," Virginia Anthony said. "But I think the man was starving."

Gore scarfed down a turkey club and a root beer in about 10 minutes.

The Anthonys said when they moved New Hampshire from Florida, they were warned about such encounters.

"My daughter lives in Concord and she told me if I lived in New Hampshire, I was bound to see at least one candidate," Virginia Anthony said. "She was right."

Alexander pitches personal responsibility

By ERIKA L. MANTZ
Democrat Staff Writer

PORTSMOUTH - Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander campaigns with a simple message:



Americans need to expect less from Washington and more from themselves.

And while he admits the message is an "inconvenient" one,

Alexander remains adamant in his belief that decreasing the role of government and increasing personal responsibility will be the niche that sets him apart from longtime Washington senators also seeking to lead the nation into the 21st century.

"We must take responsibility for the future of our country," he said in announcing his candidacy last February, "by taking responsibility for our own neighborhoods, schools, our families and ourselves. Nobody else will do it for us. Washington can't do it - that's a joke. The politicians

Lamar Alexander at a glance

PERSONAL: Age 55. Born in Maryville, Tenn. Married to Leslie "Honey" Buhler Alexander. They live in Nashville with their four children; Andrew, 25; Leslie, 23; Kathryn, 21; and William 16.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1982 and from New York University in 1985 with a law degree.

CAREER: Legislative aide to Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., from 1987-88; assistant in the White House Office of Congressional Relations, 1969-70; private law practice, 1971-76; governor of Tennessee, 1979-87; president of the University of Tennessee, 1988-91; secretary of education, 1991-93

ISSUES: Touts himself as a Washington outsider, and advocates removing the federal government from most decisions, including education and welfare, and sending them back to the state and local levels.

QUOTE: "Often, when I am in Washington, I am asked why I would want to come here as president if I simply want to send everything back home. My answer is that I am not seeking the job of president of Washington, D.C. I want to be president of the whole country."



can't do it - won't happen. Only we the people can take responsibility for our future."

It is this message, one he be-

lieves will result in a "rising, shining America," that Alexander

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Former Tenn. governor very persistent

By ERIKA L. MANTZ
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PORTSMOUTH - Republican presidential candidate Lamar Alexander can never be called anything but persistent.

Even if the former Tennessee governor doesn't get elected, he will long be remembered for the trademark red and black checked flannel shirts, worn even in the summer, donned in an effort to fit in with the regular folk.

And, who could forget the miles of walking Alexander has done, crisscrossing first Tennessee in his successful gubernatorial bid in 1978 and now the Granite State in an attempt to make his name more of a household word. It is important, he has said, to bring the campaign to the people and not force them to

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at-
tend dinners and forums.

Alexander is a many-faceted man, known for both his lively and entertaining piano playing along the campaign trail as well as his quiet and reserved moments often spent reading things like a biography of Abraham Lincoln while traveling to and from stumping spots.

He is at times quiet and reserved, but just as often animated and inquisitive, eager to meet the people he hopes one day to represent and almost groveling in his quest to win votes.

The 55-year-old father of four speaks with pride when talking about his childhood in a small town in the hills of Tennessee, of always having a library card and music lessons, and of a community that looked out for its own.

"... I am absolutely committed to moving responsibility out of Washington, D.C., and giving us the freedom to make decisions for our ourselves, because deep down in my heart I believe that we know what to do, and because I am determined to help renew the American spirit the old-fashioned way, neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block and family by family," Alexander said in announcing his candidacy.

Alexander was born in Maryville, Tenn., to a lower middle class family with strong values and beliefs. He was always taught to aim for the top and has never once looked back.

He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1962 Phi Beta Kappa and then with a law degree from New York University in 1965.

Alexander then spent several

years in Washington, first as a legislative assistant to Sen. Howard Baker Jr. and then as an assistant in the White House congressional liaison office, before returning to Tennessee and putting his law degree to work.

There were seven years in private practice before Alexander was back in politics, spending two oft-praised terms as governor in his home state. He then went on to become president of the University of Tennessee for three years before returning to Washington.

Alexander served as secretary of education in the Bush administration, leaving when Clinton took office. Currently, he is a lawyer affiliated with Baker, Donaldson, Bearman & Caldwell, a Tennessee-based firm where he is not a partner but represents a limited number of clients. That job will end Jan 31, when he begins to campaign full time.

Alexander and his wife, Honey, have four children: Andrew, 25; Leslee, 22; Kathryn, 20; and William, 18.

It is his time spent as governor, however, that Alexander focuses on most often.

He regularly touts his success in luring the General Motors Corp.'s Saturn plant and a Nissan automotive plant to Tennessee during his tenure and continues to promote changes in education, citing his introduction of the Better Schools Program, which included merit pay for public school teachers based on performance.

After his eight-year stint as governor, Alexander made a surprise move. Instead of moving onward and

upward in political circles, he packed his bags, and those of his family, and traveled more than 9,000 miles to live in Australia for six months.

Alexander, who wrote a book about their experience *Down Under*, said he decided to do it after realizing his years as governor had made him an outsider in his own family.

In "Six Months Off: An American Family's Australian Adventure," Alexander said he prided himself on trying to be home for supper every night but realized he had not succeeded in spending quality time with his family when he asked one of his children if their chairs at the dinner table were actually angled away from him or if he was just imagining things.

"I guess they are, Dad," Leslee told him. "It's because you're always daydreaming, spaced out. You're always tuning in after everything's over."

And for a man who believes the solution to most of the world's ills is parental and community involvement, Alexander knew he had to do something drastic, like take a six-month break from life.

When the Alexander family returned to the United States, Lamar and Honey became two of the founding owners of Corporate Child Care, a company that provides child care services for corporations and now employs more than 1,200 people.

The tall, thin man would not sit still for long, however.

In 1988 when he became president of the University of Tennessee, Alexander not only established the university's first full-year scholarship

program but appointed the first African-American and first female vice presidents.

As Bush's secretary of education from 1991 to 1993, Alexander proposed a G.I. Bill for Kids, a school choice program allowing parents to send their children to the school of their choice.

The bill never became law, but years later, Alexander still has not forgotten the program and now talks about it on the campaign trail.

It is just one of the many things he says sets him apart from his fellow Republican candidates.

During the summer of 1994, Alexander drove 8,800 miles across the United States in eight weeks, staying with families in 38 states.

He wrote a book about the people he met along the way, "We Know What to Do," and says they confirm his belief that "we know exactly what to do and thousands are already doing it."

His drive, he said, gave him a chance to hear from people about what they want to see happen with government.

"Their stories illustrate how to replace the current failed systems," he said, "and they demonstrate that it takes a bigger heart to say 'I will help you' than 'I will lobby the government to help you.'"

In addition to "We Know What to Do" and "Six Months Off," Alexander has written three other books.

He is also a talented country and classical pianist who has played on the Grand Ole Opry and Billy Graham Crusade. Alexander is known to play a tune or two whenever a piano is available on the campaign trail.

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Alexander says Americans must do more for themselves

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der has taken to the campaign trail.

The phrase, which stems from a 1988 National Geographic cover story heralding a "Rising, Shining Tennessee" under Alexander, champions the idea of accepting less money and direction from Washington and moving the responsibility home.

Unlike his fellow candidates, however, Alexander does not have the same recognition necessary to secure him a spot on the ballot. He has used several unusual techniques to get the word out, but nothing has bumped him up considerably in the polls where he is running with Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan, but trailing behind Bob Dole and Steve Forbes.

Using a technique that catapulted him into the governor's seat in 1976, Alexander has walked more than 100 miles across the Great Smoky Mountains in an effort to bring his campaign directly to the people. He was also the first president to go on live, and his trademark red and black checkered flannel shirt brought a lot of attention, both good and bad.

When he is campaigning, Alexander also makes a point of telling voters he stands alone in calling for less government.

It is this philosophy that Alexander louts as separating him from his running mates, longtime Sens. Bob Dole and Phil Gramm. When asked about Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire magazine owner surprising many with his second-place ranking in many polls, Alexander is quick to disregard him, saying his "flat-tax plan is his answer to everything," and that it's "a truly nutty idea in the Jerry Brown tradition."

Alexander also stresses he is the

only Washington outsider, spending less than a total of five years in the Capital City.

"They've (the senators) been in Washington too long," he has said. They talk Washington. They think Washington."

He claims to fame as a Washington outsider has been challenged, however, by a resume that appears to be at odds with that label.

Alexander worked in the congressional relations office for the Nixon White House, was an aide and protégé of former Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and spent two years as President George Bush's secretary of education.

When pressed, however, Alexander laughs it off, saying he was there "long enough to be vaccinated, but not long enough to be infected. My feet are pretty firmly planted on the ground outside Washington."

In fact, Alexander points out that during his time as secretary of education, he pushed an agenda he continues today: abolish the Department of Education and create a G.I. Bill for kids allowing parents to decide where to send their children to school.

"I've been looking at this issue for more than 15 years," he has said, "and I am convinced that the people in a position to know what is best for education are those closest to the child."

Alexander said the fact he spent so little of his life in Washington is what will make him the best president to represent the people and lead them into the next century.

He cites his past as an author, businessman and university president as the much needed "real life" experience to be president.

"I want to encourage personal responsibility," he said. "The president has to call on the country to make its own decisions. The president needs to be a little bit of a preacher."

Although Alexander may want the American people to be the ones who actually make the decisions, he does have some very strong opinions.

His goal of decreasing the amount of government involvement in people's lives runs deep.

Alexander said he is committed to not raising taxes at all while in office. He does not, however, advocate further flat tax plan.

"The Forbes plan would land a crushing blow to New Hampshire homeowners by eliminating the home mortgage interest deduction and reducing real estate values by up to 25 percent," he has said. It would also eliminate the deduction for local property taxes.

"As a common-sense conservative," Alexander said, "I have a tax-cutting agenda."

His plan calls for the elimination of many deductions, but not the home mortgage interest or local property tax deduction. Alexander said he would also cut taxes on income, capital gains and inheritance.

Taxes would actually be lower under his plan, he said, because he would repeal the tax hikes instituted in 1980 and 1982.

Alexander also believes strongly in balancing the national budget and is known for his balancing of the Tennessee state budget for eight years.

Alexander, who also had a reputation of creating a welcoming climate to business while governor of Tennessee, said he believes a cut in the capital gains tax would be one step in

creating new jobs and improving the economy.

"The Clinton Democrats have quietly made it easier for union leaders and harder for small businesses trying to grow new jobs," he said. "First, the Hatch Act was amended to give government employee unions enormous new power like teachers unions. Second, they are working hard to make it illegal to hire replacements for workers who strike illegally. Third, they want to repeal section 148 of the Taft-Hartley Act, which allows states to pass right-to-work laws."

Free trade also means more jobs and economic growth, Alexander said. A supporter of both the NAFTA and GATT trade agreements, Alexander said he would pursue more free trade agreements to gain access to foreign markets.

Alexander also has a proposal to overhaul the federal job training programs. It calls for taking the nearly \$24 billion and converting it into vouchers, allowing companies to provide the training.

"The responsibility - and opportunity - to train the next generation of workers and retrain older employees will be in the hands of the companies that actually create tomorrow's jobs," he said. "This is the way to build an American work force that will outproduce and outcompete every other country in the world."

Alexander's push to return decisions to the states also extends to welfare and the Medicaid program.

"Let's end welfare as a federal program and send responsibility for it back to the states, communities and private agencies," Alexander said.

But although Alexander wants to

remove federal control of the program, he said he supports moves some states have already made, like requiring welfare recipients to get a job, go to school or do community service; limiting the amount of time a person can be in the system; and docking checks if children don't go to school.

In addition, Alexander said there should be no added benefits for children born to unmarried mothers on welfare, jail time for deadbeat dads and no payment to anyone who commits a crime while on welfare.

Alexander also believes the best way to reform Medicaid is a welfare "swap."

"The first step is to give the states complete responsibility for welfare in exchange for the federal government picking up a comparable portion of state Medicaid expenditures," he said. "The second step is to delegate responsibility for administering the program back to states without the mandates from Washington."

Alexander's policy on crime continues his thinking that the federal government should not have a hand in policy making.

"Aside from a handful of federal responsibilities, most criminal justice issues are a local matter," he has said. "If the Congress wants to do more about crime, it should lift the federal tax burden on the states and let them raise money for law enforcement and prisons."

He also does not believe in gun control at the federal level because, "I have never thought gun control equaled crime control. If we are really interested in controlling crimes involving guns, we should have stricter penalties against those who commit the crimes."

Alexander is also against legalizing drugs.

His goal of less government carries into education as well.

Alexander wants to abolish the Department of Education. Along with that goes a G.I. Bill for kids, giving parents the choice of where to send their children to school, whether it be public or private.

The Gosh 2000 program, he said, goes in the opposite direction of moving decisions about education back to the states and parents.

Alexander said he believes programs, and the money that goes with them, should either be eliminated or sent back to states and communities. He does, however, believe that federal grants and loans for college students should continue, but be administered by the Treasury Department.

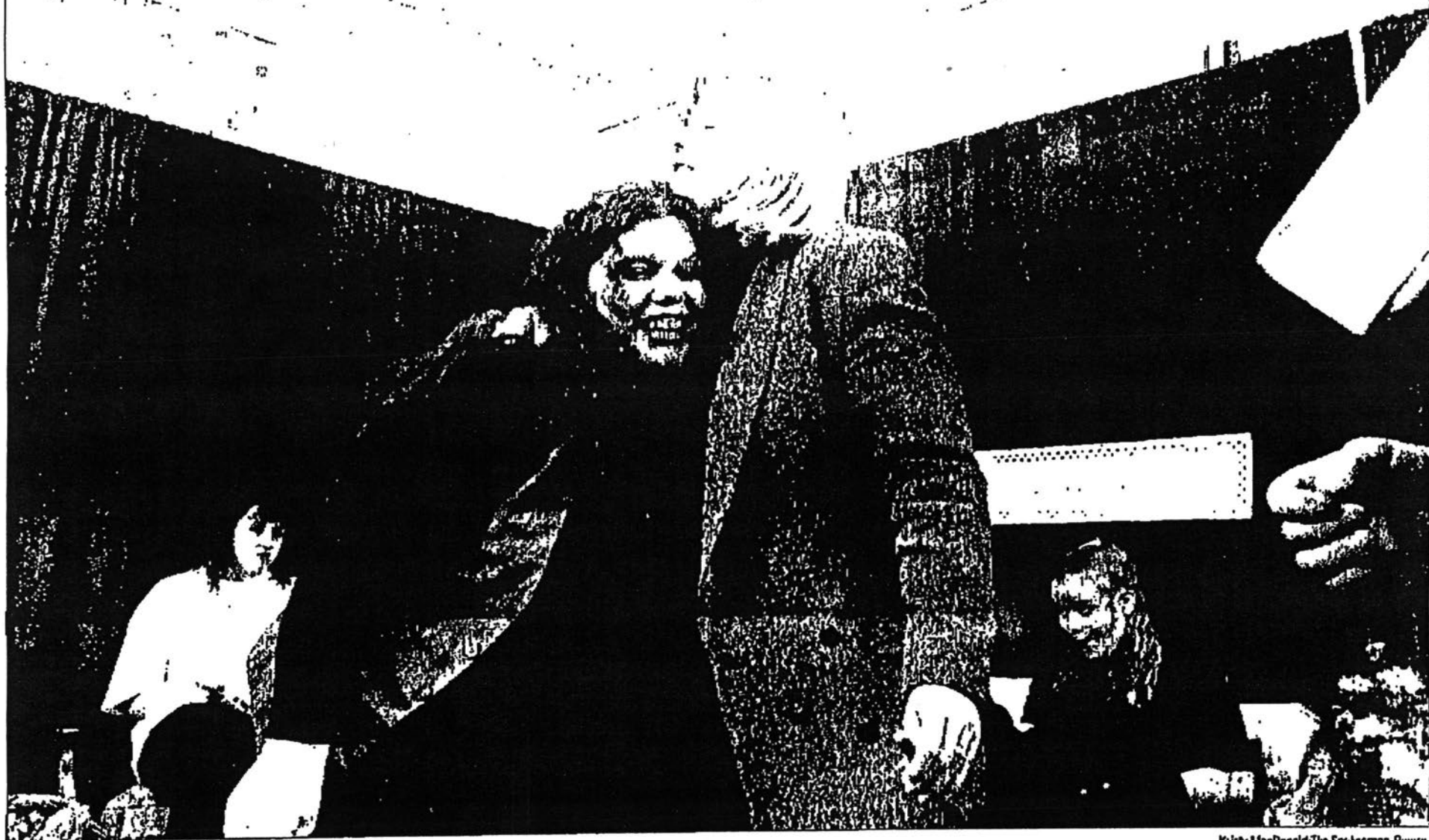
Those grants and loans, however, should be based on need, according to Alexander, not race.

"We need to condemn racial discrimination and preference," he said. "As education secretary, I said college scholarships based on race alone are not OK. We no longer need an affirmative action program. That doesn't mean racism has disappeared, but we need to eliminate this as an issue. It puts a stigma on the race."

"The promise of American life has always meant to me the equal opportunity for every person to get as far as their abilities and aspirations can carry them, without anyone blocking their way on account of race, religion, gender or disability," he said. "Trying to figure out what the government owes us and who to blame for what goes wrong and more time accepting personal responsibility for the consequences of our own actions," Alexander said.

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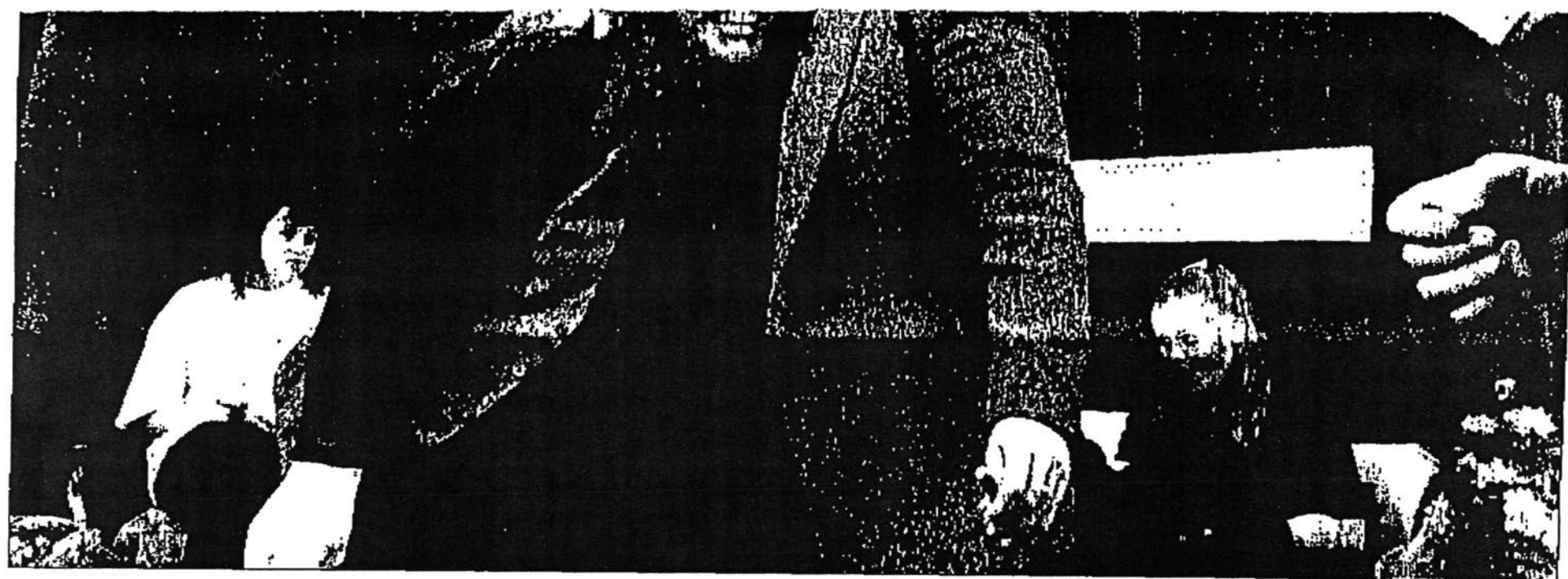
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Nation's second lady bashes Republicans, boosts V-chip, brightens day for Democratic supporters

By Jim Lynch
Staff writer

The 1996 presidential campaign sprang to life in Spokane on Monday in the shape of Tipper Gore's festive smile.

About 200 giddy Democrats crammed into a Ridpath Hotel ballroom to welcome the nation's second lady, the wife of Vice President Al Gore.

As she stepped on stage, Secret Service agents studied the throng and rock music filled the room, giving the rally the raucous feel of a victory party.

Gore expressed White House sympathy to flood victims, noting they were in the

of her brief speech was campaign talk.

"We are counting on you here in Washington state to produce a victory for us," she told people wearing Clinton-Gore buttons.

"The right-wing Republican Congress has a vision that cuts everything right out from beneath people whether they deserve it or not," she warned.

Her biggest laugh came when she characterized the GOP health-care stance as backward. "I thought we were going to (the year) 2000, not 1850."

She also tried to pry the family values platform from the Republicans. "It's time to not just talk about family values, but truly value them."

stop Monday was at Volunteers of America on Second Avenue.

"She's walking in from this direction," a Gore staffer explained to a line of social services activists waiting in the building's basement. "She'll shake Monica's hand first."

Gore came in smiling and shook Monica's hand first, then took a seat beside children and parents involved in Breakthrough for Families, a federal program that provides families with an advocate to find services and counseling.

Rebekah Durham, 15, told Gore she was destined for a life of drug dealing and prison until a Breakthrough worker saved her.

person," she said. "If it wasn't for him I'd probably be in juvie for a long time. I live like an angel compared to my past."

Gore smiled. "This holistic wrap-around approach is what's needed," she said.

In an interview, Gore said her greatest accomplishment as second lady has been as the president's mental health adviser. "I've helped raise the level of awareness of mental health as an illness."

Well-known for her criticism of indecent rock and rap lyrics, Gore now supports the so-called "V-chip" plan. The new technology would help parents program televisions so that they can dictate what shows their children can see.

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Gore: Scandal purely 'political'

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"I've been waiting forever for something like this to happen," she said, calling it a way to empower parents.

Gore stiffened at the mention of the Whitewater scandal.

"It's all so blatantly political," she said, then swiped at Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., the leader of the congressional probe. "What else could he be doing for the state of New York?"

As her campaign speech ended, and the applause subsided, Gore's entourage piped Sheryl Crow's hit song into the room. "I like a good beer buzz early in the morning..." Crow crooned.

Gore left the stage shaking hands,

smiling, winking her movie-star blue eyes, as a dour Secret Service agent followed inches behind her. Then she headed for another campaign stop in Phoenix.

Shirley Valentine was delighted with Gore's performance. "I was just glad to shake her hand and see her," she said. "It was a thrill."

But Steve Hall, a Gonzaga University freshman, looked disappointed. "It was very, very brief," he said of the speech. "We want to hear some more details on what their ideas are."

SPOKANE

Tipper Gore visits counseling center on Western states tour

Tipper Gore visited a counseling center that provides support for children and families, and did a little campaigning for the Clinton administration yesterday.

The wife of Vice President Al Gore was on a tour of five Western states to promote programs to strengthen families.

Tipper Gore visited Breakthrough for Families, a family counseling service, and a Head Start classroom, meeting with several teen-age girls and families who have been helped by the programs.

Such programs left her hopeful, but "there are not enough of them," she said.

After the visit, she hosted a rally for the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

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February 12, 199

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458-D South Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90212

Dear Page:

Thanks for your letter of February 3 and for your kind words about my speech at Salem High School. It was clearly one of the highlights of our trip.

Thanks, too, for keeping me updated on the Assistant Secretary for Economic Security position.

Hillary sends her best, and we hope to see you and Barbara before too long.

Sincerely,

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February 3, 1996

Dear Bill,

Your Salem H.S. speech was terrific. You are reminding us of why we elected you President and pointing the way toward a future of American achievement through the efforts of all citizens.

Your insight into the conflict between anxiety and opportunity struck home to me. The economic security post at the Pentagon originated with your administration. It is too important a post to lie fallow. Each week, the Pentagon spokesman tells me that "there will be a decision this week." But since the beginning of the year I have been trapped in the flypaper of the appointments process. I am not yet part of the administration, but I cannot accept projects because there may be a future conflict. So each week I grind my teeth down a little further and eat into my savings a little more.

 The good news is that the part of California I know about is swinging to our side. Even some friends I had thought of as knee-jerk Republicans are talking about backing you in November. The press is beginning to notice that the Los Angeles economy is turning the corner. Housing prices are only about 80% of what they were in 1990, and that makes Angelenos feel poor. But hiring is on an upswing and house prices may follow before Fall.

You and Hillary both look great on TV. I hope to see you in person before too long.

Best regards,

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ELI J. SEGAL

2315 Bancroft Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

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February 9, 1996

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby resign as Assistant to the President.

I am confident that your national service initiative, AmeriCorps, will be part of your enduring legacy. It has been the highest honor of my life to help you transform your vision of service into reality.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National Service, I will continue to be engaged with AmeriCorps. Our AmeriCorps members will "get things done," reawaken a sense of citizenship and convert a skeptical public to the notion that a non-bureaucratic government can partner well with locally driven efforts to improve our neighborhoods.

Should you deem it useful, I would welcome the opportunity to serve you and our country again.

Sincerely,

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No ☐

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PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIONAL SERVICE



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2/9/96

Dear Todd.

I enclose the original of the
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thanks for your help.

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reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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Feb 9, 96

President Bill Clinton
President of The U.S.A.
1600 Penn Ave. The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Attn: Betty Currie:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter sent to Secy. Reich on Oct. 6, 95; Since that date I have sent eight additional copies, plus called his office eight times; - Still no respond. This is a U.S. Dept. of Labor matter.

I encourage someone to locate this young man and let him know he is still on the Tax Payer's pay roll. There is no reason for this delay. I want this matter given to Secy. Reich direct and he can get the case moving.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Melvin H. Shaver Jr.

201 Robinson Dr.

Goldboro N.C. 27530

U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Bld.
Third and Constitution Ave N.W.
Washington D.C. 20210

Ref. Oct. 6, 1995
Thetford Property Mgmt.
761a Falls of The Neuse Rd.
Suite 290 P.O. Box 97188
Raleigh N.C. 27624
(919) 846-8944

Mr. Robert B. Reich;

I did contact your office on the outlined complaint, however I was ask to submit the matter in writing. I became employed by the above firm Jun 5, 1995. During my interview I clearly outlined I was a U.S. Army Retiree (21 yrs) and a disable vet.

As weeks and months went by I began to learn the operation, As I was hired as a Maintenance Tech. My job was to maintain and up keep 60 Apartments, This included all minor and major repairs done on the buildings. The property site was Jefferson Court Apartments 1100 N. Jefferson St. Goldsboro N.C. 27520 (919) ~~725~~ 7505.

Several times I have had to call the above Corp. office for advise or order supplies. There has been times I could not reach Mrs. Sally Edwards, MY Regional Director, she is next in my chain after the property Manager. There was some matters come up at the property that I needed resolved. I could not reach Mrs. Edwards; so I contacted The Thetford President, Charlotte. Charlotte was very understanding and assured me she would have the matter looked into.

On Aug. 24, 95, The above firm had a company party in Raleigh and all employees were invited, I did not go as I stayed on the property and performed needed work.

The last few weeks Mrs. Sally Edwards has really let me know about why I was "not" at the party.

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To me I thought it was a persons option if they wanted to party or not. But it seems this company has a policy; you either attend their parties or be terminated.

Oct 5, 95 at 9-A.M. Mrs. Sallet Edwards drove up to the work stop on Jefferson Court Apartments; 1100 N. Jefferson St. Goldsboro N.C. 27530. I went out to the car and met her; I could tell she was up.

Set. She never spoke; she said come to the office I need to talk to you. I ask her why? and she could talk to me there. She ask me for the keys; I still was confused; but I gave her two rings of master keys.

She drove onto the office and I walked up to the office. One in the property office; The property manager was also present. The reason for my termination was. No-1 I failed to go to the that ford property party Aug. 24, 95. No-2 I called The President of the company (Charlotte) and this was going over Mrs. Sallet Edwards head, who is Regional Director. What ever I said or done, Mrs. Edwards had already made up her mind to get rid of me. Never once have I been written up or even chewed out by this firm. My work attendance is perfect; With a goal to do my best. I do not feel I should lose my job because I failed to attend a party; and that Mrs. Edwards could not be reached on a matter; so I called the next in charge.

Yes; I feel this matter should be reviewed and I be reinstated with the job.

Sincerely;

Melvin H. Shaver Jr.

201 Robinson Dr.

Goldsboro N.C. 27530

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(919) 751-2947

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Lynda Dixon
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respond.
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February 12, 1996

Dr. and Mrs. Carl L. Williams
Suite C
3401 South 79th
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903

Dear Jacqueline and Carl:

Thanks for your letter of January 29 and for your kind words of encouragement. We've made significant progress on many important fronts here, and I'm confident the months ahead hold even greater promise.

It means so much to Hillary and to me to know of the continued support of our many friends back home. Thanks.

Sincerely,





Carl L. Williams, M.D., P.A.

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29 January 1996

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Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

We are very proud of you both. We feel that for the first time in a long time the White House is honorable and has you, Sir, who is a thoroughbred. You are doing your best for our country and we are behind you completely. Your State of the Union message was fantastic. It showed you for the caring and compassionate man that you are.

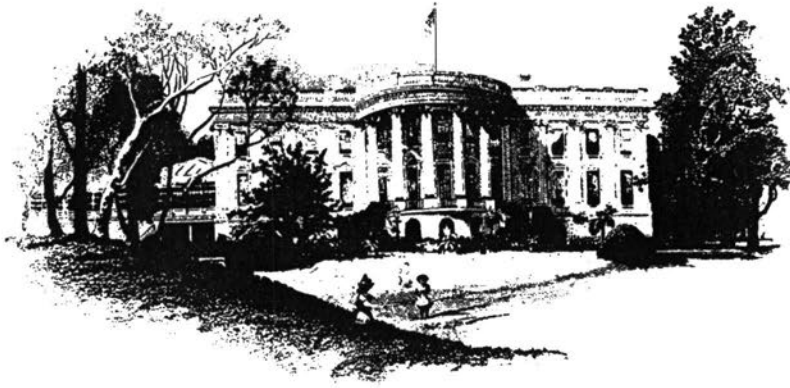
Mrs. Clinton is honorable, brave and very patient to put up with the garbage that comes her way that is totally politically motivated, in our opinion.

We are a single provider physician; we understand what this country faces in the health care problems that you face.

You make us very proud that you are from Arkansas and that we are Democrats.

Carl L. Williams, M.D.
Carl L. Williams, M.D.

Jacqueline
Jacqueline Williams, M.A., R.R.A.



THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE

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Date: February 8, 1996

To: LYNDA DIXON

From: Maureen Lewis

Fax Number: (501) 375 0512

Number of Pages Including Cover: 2

Comments: Lynda-

Nancy asked that I get your input
on this → does the President need to
respond? Please let me know what you
advise. MANY THANKS!

maureen



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ADDRESS TO THE 104th CONGRESS



SECOND SESSION

*To Carl and Jacqueline Williams
with appreciation*

Bill Clinton

President William J. Clinton

JANUARY 23, 1996 • WASHINGTON, D.C.

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was Nat'l CFC
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to do on the 21st
of our time
What do you think?
BC*

February 9, 1996

President Bill Clinton
The White House
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear President Clinton:

You might recall that we met at the Business Leadership Forum reception at the White House on September 11, 1995. During our photo opportunity, I asked if you would be interested in being the keynote speaker at the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner on March 21, 1996 in Los Angeles. You indicated that you would be "delighted" to do so. We are expecting over one thousand (1000) business leaders from across the state of California to attend.

Following our discussion, I met with Chairman Fowler and conveyed our discussion to him. He then sent a memo to Doug Sosnick asking him to give strong consideration to the request for your appearance. However, I have been informed that you will not be able to attend the dinner.

Mr. President, in my correspondence to Chairman Fowler, I indicated that the Chamber is willing to change the date in order to accommodate your schedule. I would appreciate it very much if you would give consideration to a different date to keynote the dinner.

At this point and since the dinner is scheduled for March 21, 1996, we are in a bind, and would appreciate it very much if you would have someone call me at (310) 515-6715 to discuss other options including Vice President Gore.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Gene Hale
Gene Hale
Chairman
GH/ser

- **Currency Redesign:** The United States Information Service (USIS), the State Department, the Federal Reserve and Treasury continue worldwide distribution of printed materials on currency redesign in 20 different languages, as well as training guides and videos in 8 different languages. The training seminars for banks and other large cash handling businesses are heavily booked in the U.S., and plans have been made by the Russian Central Bank to conduct training throughout Russia.
- **District of Columbia:** Last week, the House passed the FY 96 District of Columbia Appropriations Bill at the previously agreed upon budget level of \$4.994 billion. The bill has been sent to the Senate for consideration. Also last week, the District's Audited Financial Statements were released. Statements revealed several weaknesses in the District's data processing and information systems and noted violations of Environmental Protection Agency regulations and some federal grant requirements. Mayor Barry did not release the District's four-year financial plan on the due date of February 1 and announced that he will not release the plan until February 15th. The Authority ordered the District's Chief Financial Officer to submit the draft plan that he recommended to the Mayor, and the Authority intends to produce a plan of its own.
- **Community Development Financial Institutions Fund:** The application deadline for the CDFI Fund was January 29. The Fund received 262 applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program -- representing more than \$300 million in funding requests. The Fund received 50 applications from banks and thrifts for assistance under the Bank Enterprise Award Program.
- **Chinese Arms and Ammunition:** The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued a favorable decision in the B-West Imports case upholding both the President's authority to impose an import ban on Chinese arms and ammunition under the Arms Export Control Act and upholding Treasury's authority to implement the ban.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Oil Spill Recovery Efforts:** On February 14, Senator Chafee's Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a field hearing on the oil spill and the recovery efforts. At that hearing, a Commerce representative will deliver a \$1 million grant award to the state of Rhode Island, which was announced on February 4. Two weeks ago, EDA issued a \$600,000 grant to a Rhode Island revolving loan fund for recovery assistance.
- **Bay Area Address:** Secretary Brown departed for Northern California this evening, where Secretary Brown will address over 200 business executives from the Bay Area and announce two new Commerce Department-led initiatives that will help more California companies successfully enter lucrative export markets: the Oakland Trade Office, and the creation of TradePort, a DoC-funded Web site which will prove to be a cost-effective method to bring