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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

Knowing that you're a big fan of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, I thought you might like to see this week's issue of Newsweek International (you won't find it on the newsstands). We've done a long profile of the maestro, an interview with him, and a guest column by Carlos Fuentes. And Garcia Marquez gave us exclusive rights to run an excerpt from his new book.

I'm also sending, through the capable hands of Mary-Ellen Glynn, a copy of my new book, due to be published in July. I remember talking to you about the article on which it is based - which I wrote for The Economist, way back in October 1991 - and thought you might like to see how the thesis eventually turned out. Hope you enjoy both the book and the copy of Newsweek International.

Yours, Eric,

Michael

Michael J. Elliott
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My wife & I were thrilled to be invited to the state dinner
for President Scalfaro. Many thanks.

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*Through
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cc VP*

Date : September 16, 1996

For : Betty Currie

Subject : Technology briefing requested by the President

Here's my latest "installment" on the technology data that the President has expressed an interest in.

Thanks again for your help.

If there is a need to reach me you may do so at the numbers above or via pager at 800-SKY-PAGE Pin# 2291309.



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Date : September 16, 1996

For : President Clinton

Subject : Update on U.S. technology competitiveness

Based on your request earlier this year to keep you personally informed about global technology trends, on the pages that follow you'll find some key charts that are the result of the worldwide data collection effort that Heidi Albrecht Battaglia and I have performed to date in 1996. You'll notice that we have expanded our efforts beyond our own global data acquisition network and now are acquiring data from other sources.

From our research, it is clear that software development is proceeding across all time zones of the world 24 hours a day and 7 days week. The dynamics of software "trade" in terms of the flow of work, movement of products, and mobility of professionals is now truly global. Furthermore, it appears that industrial age measures of production and performance.. GNP and GDP... are decreasing in relevance in the information age. It seems reasonable to speculate that better predictors of a nation's or region's growth and potential can be found by looking at their information processing capacity and capability. In fact, perhaps newer measures such as an "IT GNP" or an "IT GDP" are needed for the "technomic" period we are entering. In this context, here are some of the basic findings summarized from the accompanying charts using what I call "new-age" measures:

⇒ COMPUTING POWER TODAY

- ⇒ The U.S. ranks 1 in terms of computers per capita today.
- ⇒ The U.S. currently holds about 48% of the world's computing power.
- ⇒ U.S. positioning in computer power will change over the next 5 years.

⇒ TELECOMMUNICATIONS & CONNECTIVITY

- ⇒ The U.S. ranks 3rd today in Internet connectivity as measured by the number of hosts per 1000 people, with Finland 1st and Iceland 2nd.
- ⇒ Surprisingly, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, and Denmark have more phone lines per 1000 people than does the U.S.
- ⇒ The U.S. ranks 17th in terms of being low-cost in long distance communication.
- ⇒ Of the 48 countries studied, the U.S. ranks 6th in terms of business' perception of the alignment telecommunication policy with their needs.

⇒ EDUCATION

- ⇒ The U.S. ranks 35th out of 46 countries surveyed in business perception of the adequacy of its science education infrastructure.
- ⇒ The U.S. ranks 33rd out of 46 countries surveyed in business perception of the degree to which education meets the nations competitive needs.

Metrics Worldwide: Global Technology Trends



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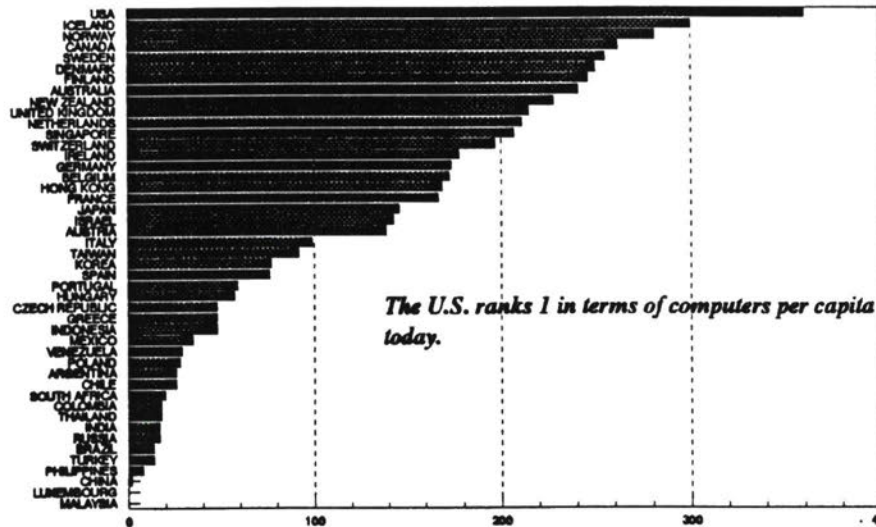
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Computing

Computers per 1000 residents



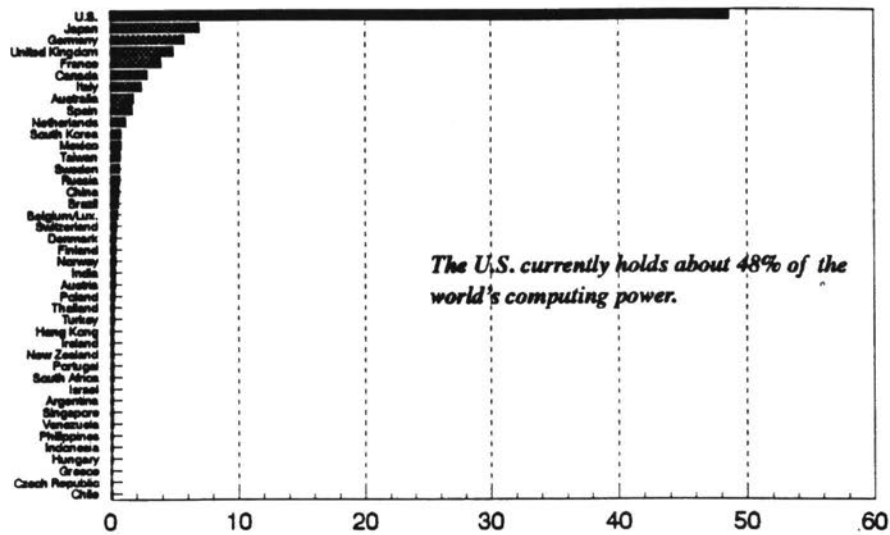
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Computing

Percent of World Computing Power

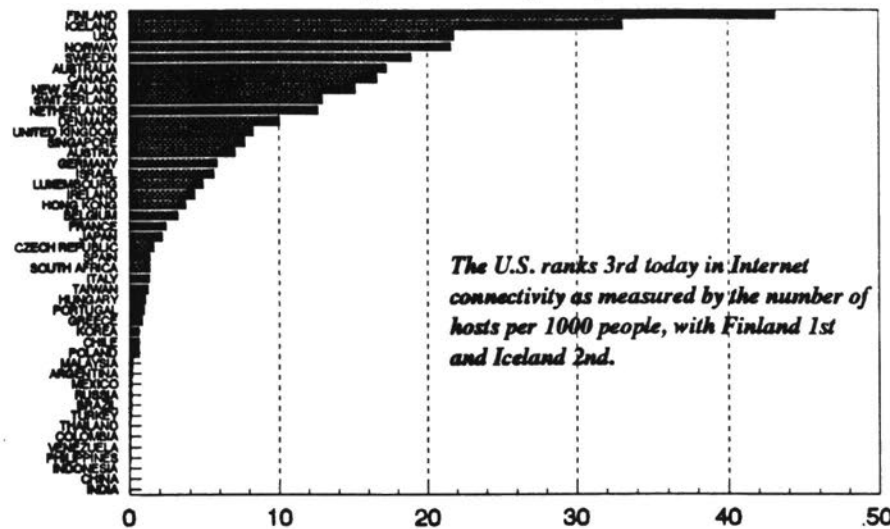


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Internet Connectivity

Hosts per 1000 people

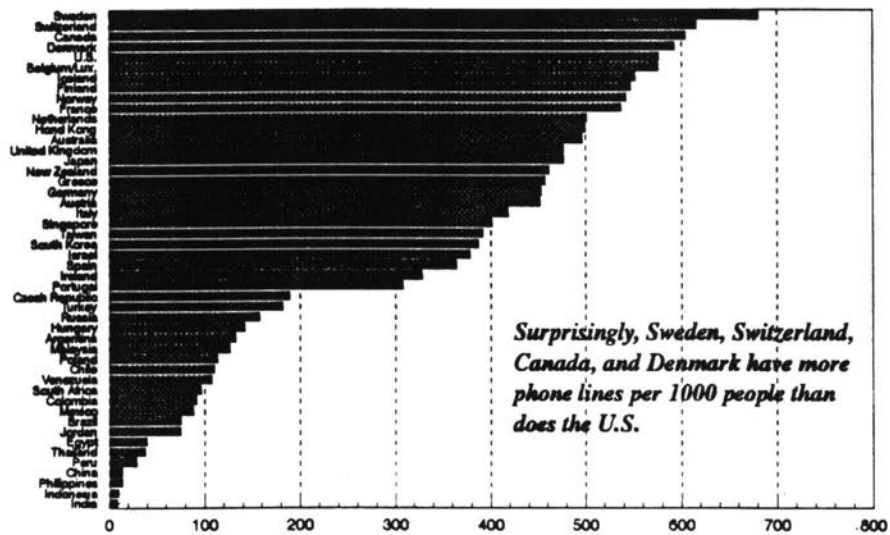


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Telecommunications

Number of lines in use per 1000 residents

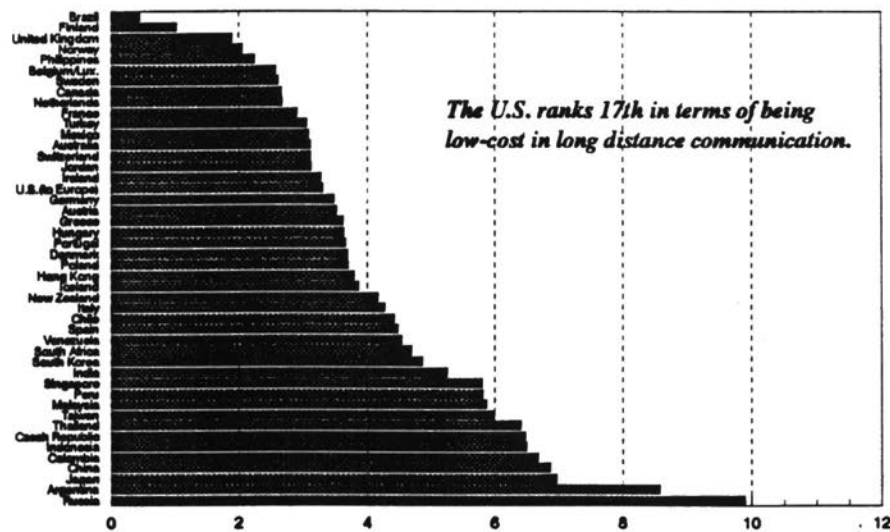


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Telecommunications

Cost of 3 minute long distance call (US\$)

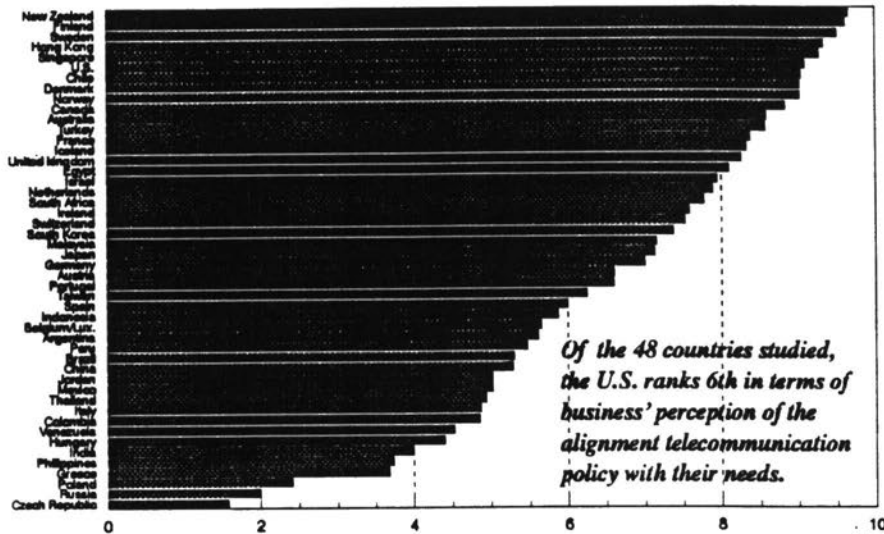


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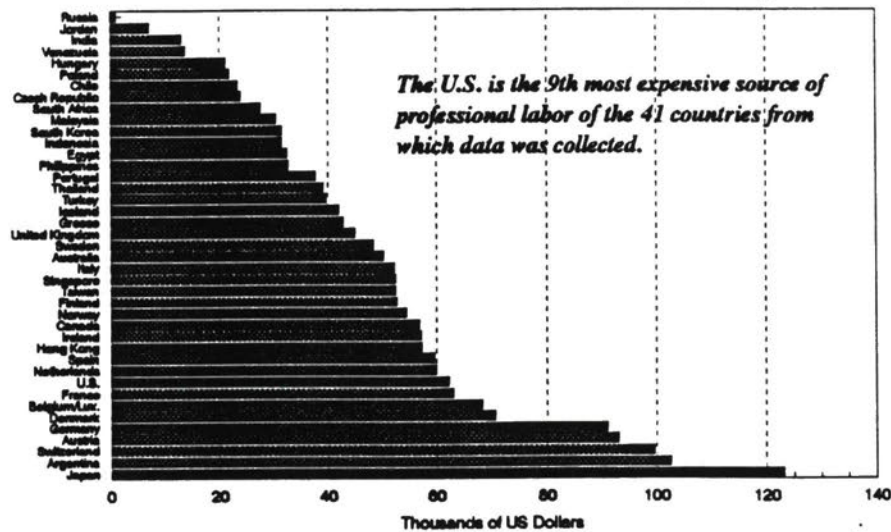
Alignment of policy with commerce (perceived)



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Human Resources

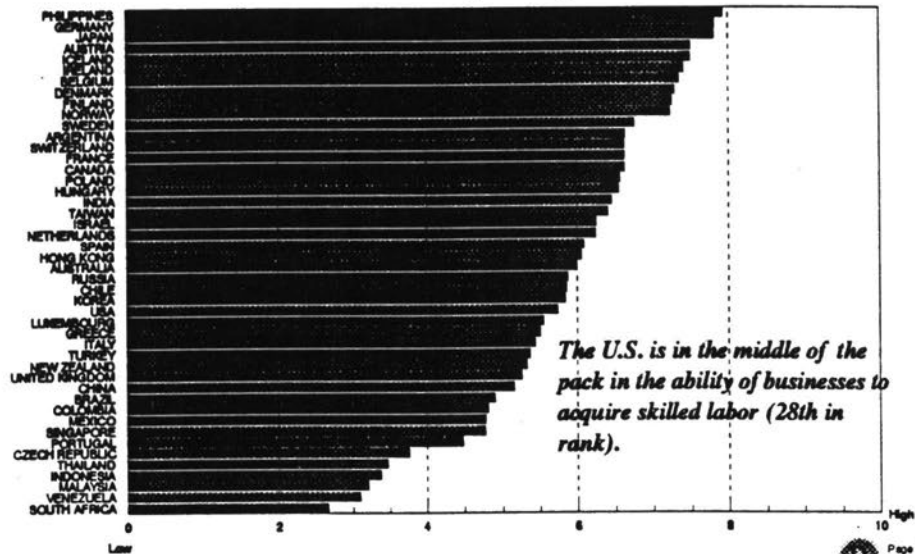
Professional labor cost (US\$ per year)



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Human Resources

Perceived ease of acquiring skilled labor



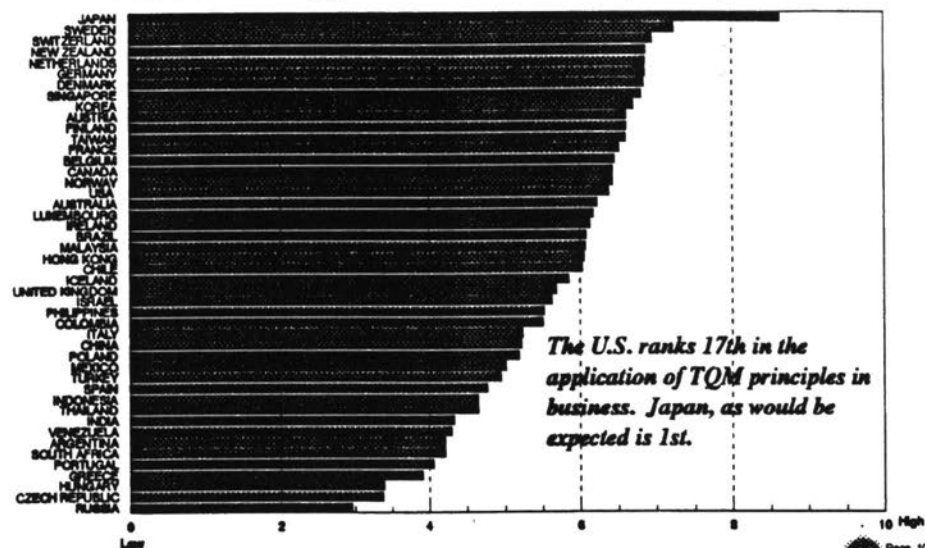
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Perceived application of TQM principles



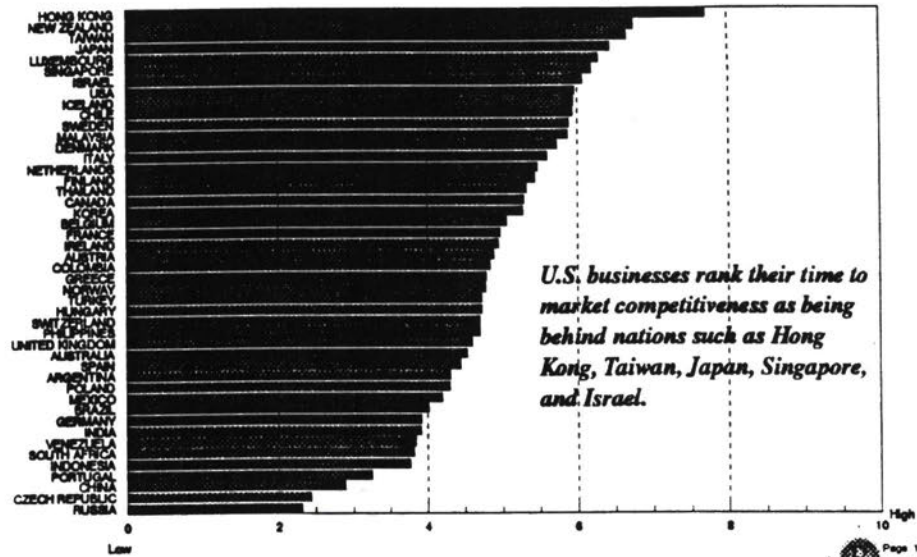
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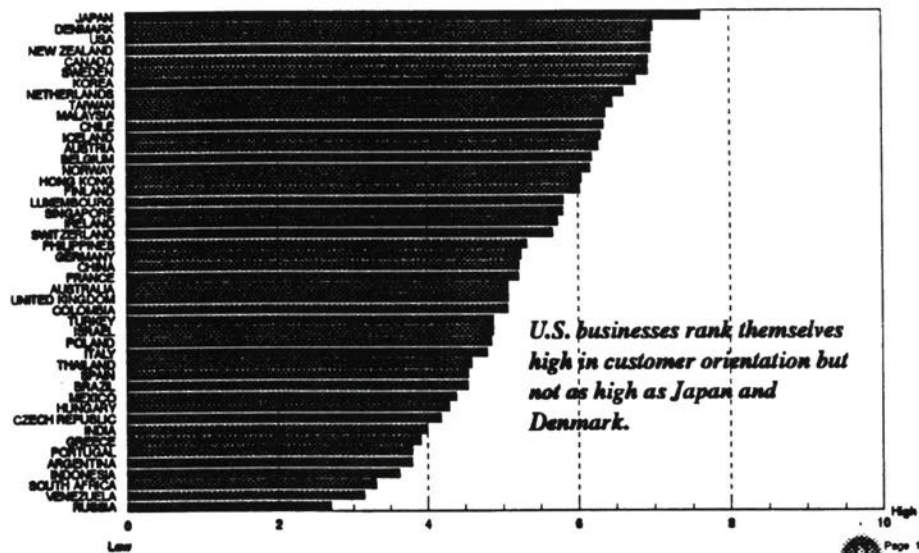
Perceived time-to-market competitiveness



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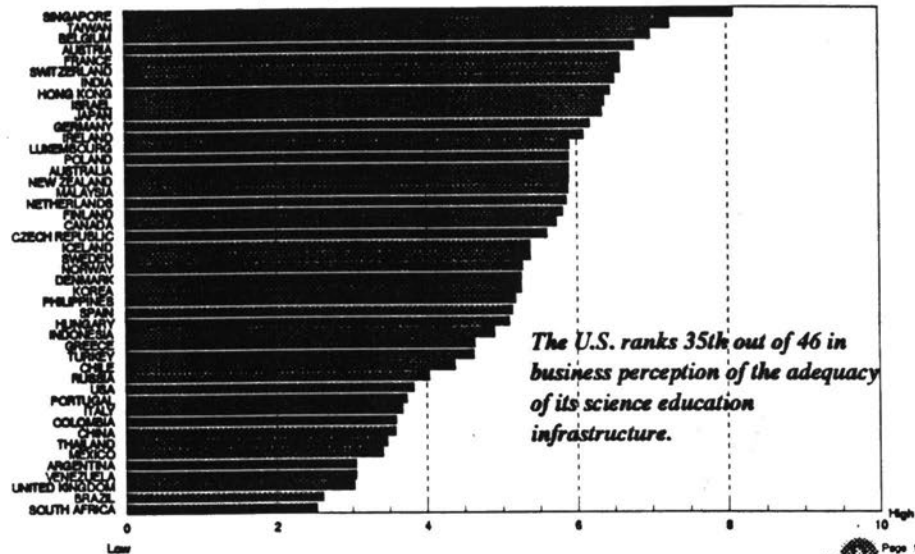
Perceived level of customer orientation/satisfaction



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Education

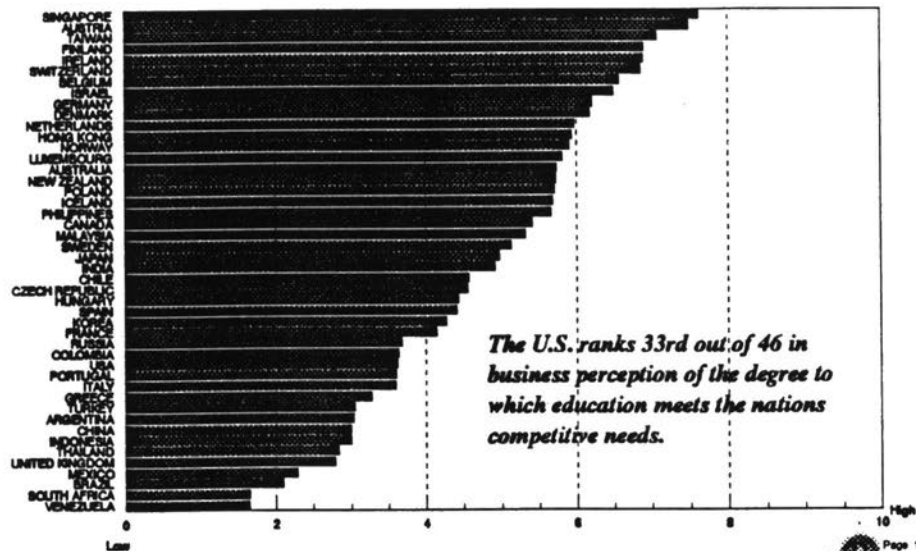
Perceived adequacy of science education in schools



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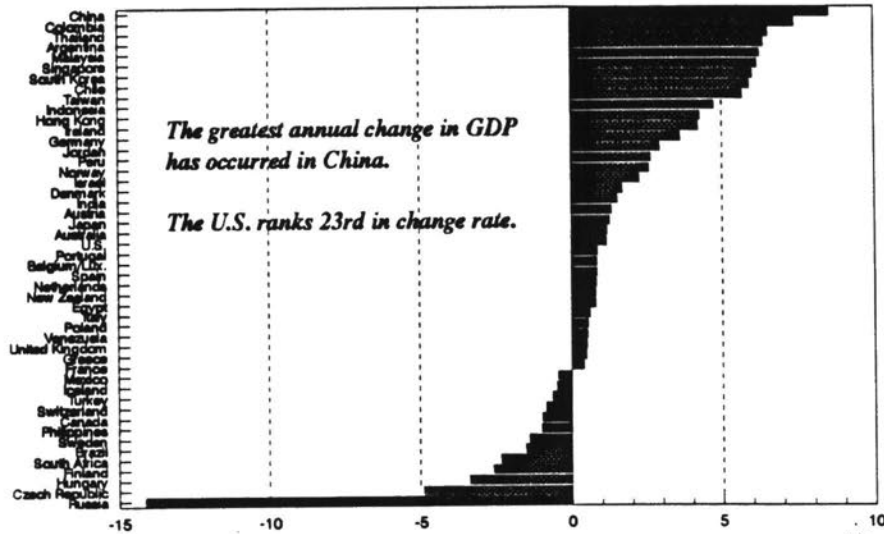
Education

Perceived degree to which education meets competitive needs



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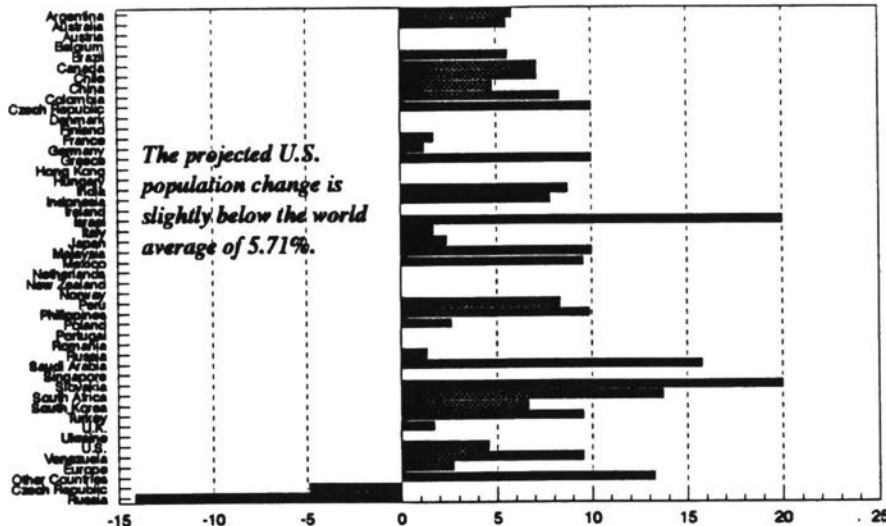
Annual Change in GDP



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Population Change

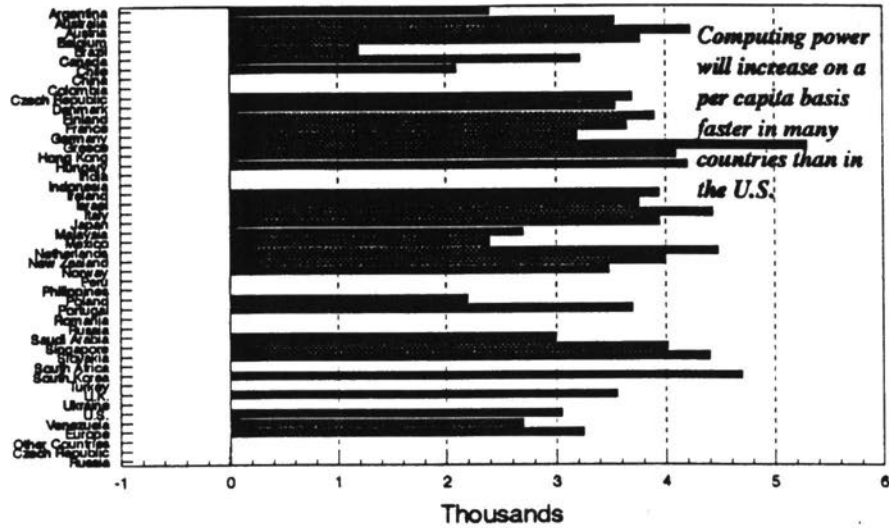
Percent change projected 1995-2000



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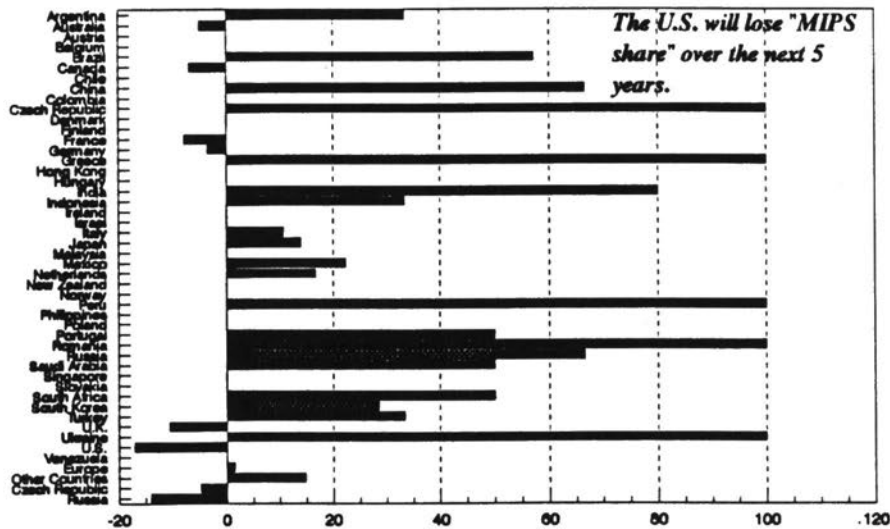
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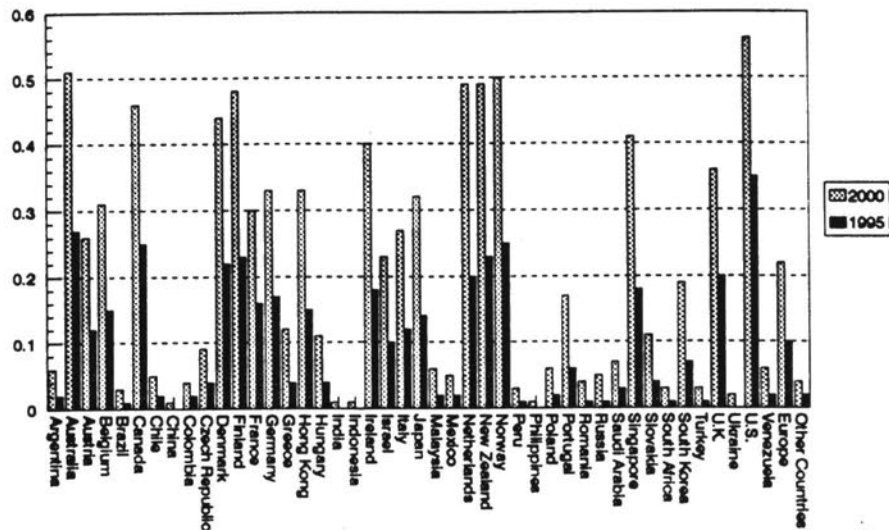
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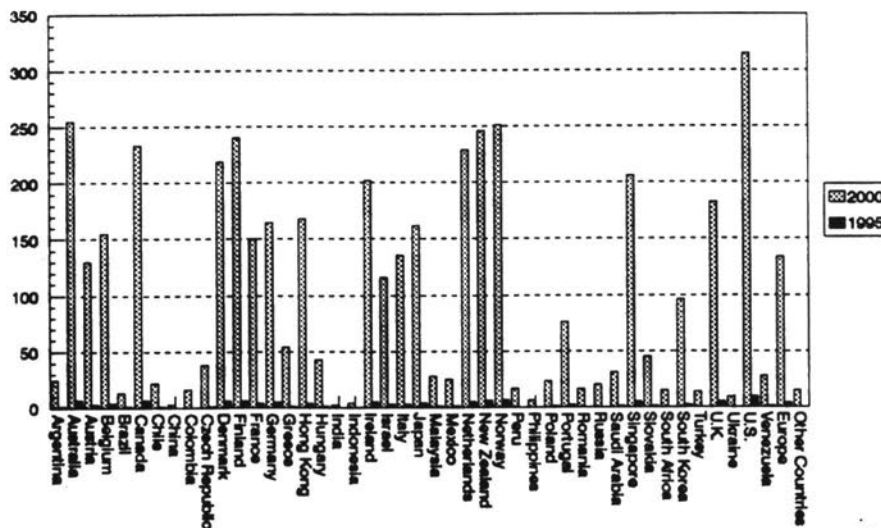
Predicted number of computers per person



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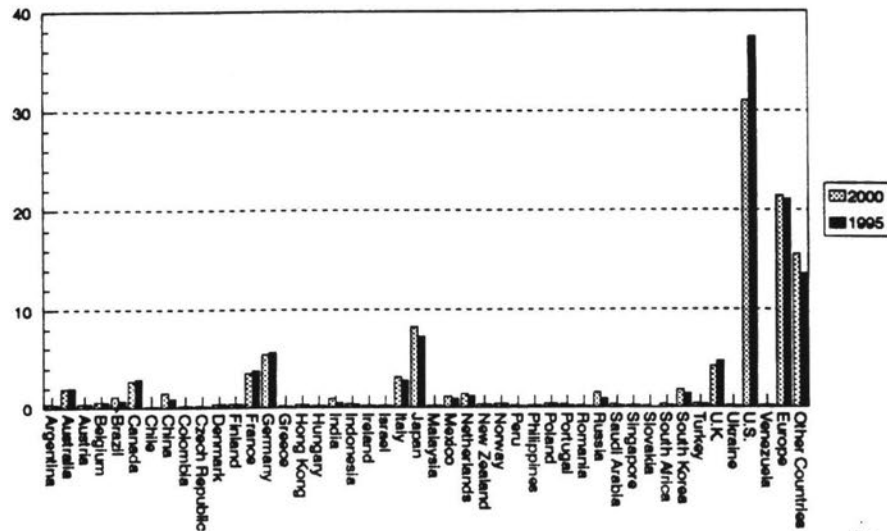
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Predicted percentage of world MIPS



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Phone: (513)-731-4015

August 26, 1996

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of The United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

My name is Walt Smith, owner of The Male Man clothing store, a small boutique in Hillcrest Shopping Center in Cincinnati. This location happens to be right across from Swifton Commons Mall, (the oldest shopping center in the Cincinnati area, and Donald Trump's first project).

Swifton Commons is about to be sold to the highest bidder. This property sits right in the middle of the Black community. It is time that we as a people own something. We as a people own nothing. I feel that we should unite and purchase this property to build the National Ethnic Cultural Center.

The National Ethnic Cultural Center would be the largest and most magnificent Black owned establishment in the nation (please refer to the portfolio enclosed). It would mean so much to our people. Such a monument would instill pride in our youth, create jobs and provide resurgence to a dying shopping center. I plan to finance this project by appealing to athletes, entertainers, private investors and any government funding programs that may be available.

I envision this cultural center as a national tourist attraction drawing conventions and visitors from all parts of the country. And Mr. President, for this project, I ask for your support. I am extending to you an invitation to visit Cincinnati to tour the proposed site. I am certain that people across the nation will see the value of such an effort.

Thank you, Mr. President. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (513)-731-4015 or Ms. Paulette Frison at (513)-345-5209.

Sincerely,

Walt Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1996

The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased that you have now joined me in supporting legislation to prohibit domestic violence offenders from obtaining firearms. No one who has committed an act of domestic violence against a spouse or child should be able to possess a firearm.

As you know, Senator Lautenberg and Representative Torricelli have introduced legislation that would achieve this objective. The Senate passed the Lautenberg bill for the second time last week by an overwhelming and bipartisan vote of 97-2. It is now time for the House to act on the Torricelli bill and join the Senate in supporting this bipartisan effort.

There were 88,500 incidents of domestic violence where a firearm was present in 1994. I signed the Brady Law in 1993 and to date it has prevented over 60,000 felons, fugitives and others from buying handguns. My 1994 Crime Bill included the historic Violence Against Women Act, which made it a crime for stalkers and harassers under restraining orders to carry a gun. That provision is beginning to take hold -- in Kentucky alone, over 300 stalkers and harassers were prohibited from buying firearms in one year. The legislation that you now support will build upon these important provisions.

I welcome your support and determination to complete this job. Protecting innocent women and children from deadly domestic violence is too important to let anything stand in the way. Bringing this bill to a vote in the House is an important step. But we must see it through to the end. Send it to me for my signature without further delay before Congress adjourns so that keeping guns out of the hands of all domestic violence offenders becomes the law of the land.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1996

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached is a Lake/Nash memo seeking your approval of a list of 17 proposed members for a 17-member Special Advisory Committee on religious freedom abroad. The Committee is appointed by the Secretary of State. Secretary Christopher has approved the establishment of the Committee.

The Committee will provide to the Administration information on religious persecution and intolerance, resolution of religious conflict and the role religious groups play in resolving/mediating conflict.

The list of proposed members includes representatives of the most populous religious groups in the U.S., as well as religious figures and academicians representing groups that have suffered religious persecution. The list includes six women, three African Americans and one Hispanic.

Alexis has approved the candidates. State would like to start calling the candidates tomorrow if you have no objection. If you have reservations or comments about anyone, please note them on the list.

Todd Stern *[Signature]*
Phil Caplan *[Signature]*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1996

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
BOB NASH

SUBJECT: Proposed State Department Special Advisory
Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad

For some time, religious groups have urged that the Administration appoint a committee of eminent persons to promote and monitor religious freedom and reconciliation around the world. After extensive consultations within and outside the Administration, the Secretary of State has now approved the establishment of a 17-member Special Advisory Committee on religious freedom abroad. The Committee will provide to the Administration information on religious persecution and intolerance, resolution of religious conflict and the role of religion (and religious groups) in resolving and/or mediating conflict. The Committee will also provide guidance on policy in this area and will produce a final report.

Proposed membership in the Committee is attached. We intend to begin contacting prospective members over the next several days. Candidates are U.S. citizens with credentials in the field of religious liberty and reconciliation abroad; highly respected within their academic, professional or religious institutions; and committed to promoting religious tolerance and religious freedoms enshrined in international human rights law.

Presidential Personnel notes that the Committee includes representatives of the most populous religious groups in the United States, as well religious figures and academicians representing other religions that have suffered significant religious persecution worldwide.

Although most proposed members reside on the East coast, there are also members from Illinois, California, New Mexico and Texas.

We note that two proposed members, Rabbi Irving Greenberg and Deborah Lipstadt, also sit on the Holocaust Memorial Council. However, we believe that their backgrounds in the area of

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

religious tolerance and their standing in the Jewish community warrant their membership on this new Committee as well.

The Office of Public Liaison concurs on the attached list of members, many of whom were proposed by their office.

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Members

PROPOSED MEMBERS

1. **Al-Marayati, Dr. Laila** - Dr. Al-Marayati is President of the Muslim Women's League (MWL), a Los Angeles-based organization dedicated to the dissemination of accurate information about Islam and Muslims, particularly regarding women. In September 1995, Dr. Al-Marayati was appointed to the US Delegation to the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women, where she addressed major issues of concern to Muslim women around the world. The MWL has addresses a wide range of human rights issues, including the atrocities afflicting Muslims in Bosnia. The MWL co-founded the Women's Coalition against Ethnic Cleansing, comprised of over 20 women's religious and civic groups working to assist rape victims and refugees fleeing Bosnia. Dr. Al-Marayati is a Board certified obstetrician-gynecologist. She has been outspoken against the practice of female genital mutilation around the world.
2. **Argue, Dr. Don** - Dr. Argue has served since April 1995 as president of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). The NAE is an organization comprised of approximately 42,500 congregations, the work of which touches over 27 million people. He is a career educator, having served as President of North Central College in Minneapolis for over fifteen years, nearly quadrupling the institution's enrollment during his tenure. Dr. Argue was also formerly the Dean of Students and campus pastor at Evangel College in Missouri. Dr. Argue obtained his doctorate at the University of the Pacific in California, and has subsequently done substantial post-graduate study throughout the United States, Canada, and England.
3. **Campbell, Joan Brown** - Ms. Campbell is currently the General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCC) in the USA. Ms. Campbell is a native Ohioan who has served as the Executive Director of the United States Office of the World Council of Churches and the Associate Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council. She is a leader in interfaith activism on issues of social welfare, Christian unity, women's rights and racism. Campbell was a part of the U.S. delegation to the Stockholm Peace Conference and is a member of the Board of Theology in Global Context. She sits on the Board of Trustees of the Fund for Education in South Africa and is the religious coordinator for South Africa Free Elections (SAFE).
4. **Eck, Diana L.** - Dr. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University where she is also

Chair of the Committee on the Study of Religion in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Faculty of Divinity.

Dr. Eck has studied religious diversity in the US and its meaning for American pluralism, and has worked closely with several churches, including her own United Methodist Church and the World Council on Churches, on issues concerning inter-religious dialogue and relations. She is currently a member of the international presidium of the World Conference on Religion and Peace. She has written and lectured extensively on issues related to Christianity, Hinduism, Women and Religion, and also on Buddhism, Sikhism and Islam.

5. **Ellis, Wilma** - Ms. Ellis serves as a Member of the Continental Board of Counselors of the Baha'is of the Americas, a body that consults with and provides advice to the elected governing bodies of the Baha'i faith in North, Central and South America. From 1986 until 1996, she served as Chief Administrative Officer for several agencies of the Baha'i International Community (BIC), including the United Nations Office, Office of the Environment, Office for the Advancement of Women, the Baha'i United Nations Office in Geneva, and regional representations in Rome, Nairobi, Santiago, Addis Ababa, Vienna, and Bangkok. This year, as an Edmund S. Muskie Archives Public Affairs series Lecturer, Dr. Ellis spoke to the issue of the "Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Establishing a Global Civil Society" at the Transnationalism and the United Nations Lecture series, at Bates College. In past years, she has worked with the Coalition of 100 Black Women and the Children's Defense Fund.

6. **Greenberg, Rabbi Irving** - Rabbi "Yitz' Greenberg is President and Co-Founder of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York, an organization dedicated to facilitating intra-Jewish dialogue, reduce religious polarization and seek unifying solutions to problems that divide communities. He has also conducted intra-religious dialogue to promote respect of human rights for victims of religious persecution. Rabbi Greenberg is an ordained Orthodox Rabbi, a Harvard Ph.D. and scholar. Previously he served as rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center, Professor at Yeshiva University, and founder and Chair of the Department of Jewish Studies at City College.

7. **James, Bishop Frederick Calhoun** - A graduate of the Howard University School of Religion and Union Theological Seminary, Bishop James is the Bishop of the Second Episcopal District (MD, VA, NC, DC) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the Consultant-Director of Social Action of the AME Church. As Presiding Bishop of the AME Church in Southern Africa, Bishop James oversaw the building of publishing houses, schools and churches. During his tenure as Bishop of Oklahoma and

Arkansas, he continued to build housing projects and strengthen schools within his Episcopal District. And in 1994, President Clinton called on Bishop James to serve as a member of the Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of South African President Nelson Mandela.

8. **Kishkovsky, The Very Reverend Leonid** - Born in Poland, the Very Reverend Kishkovsky and his family fled the Nazi occupation and settled in Southern California where he later attended the University of Southern California. He was ordained an Orthodox priest and was a parish priest before becoming Secretary of the Department of External Affairs of the Orthodox Church in America. He has served as President of the National Council of Churches and OCA Assistant to the Chancellor. Kishkovsky participated in the US/USSR Church Leaders' prayer vigil during the Reagan-Gorbachev Geneva summit and the National Council of Churches' Presidential Panel on Future Mission and Resources. He is a prominent member of the Orthodox church and has represented the OCA on a number of state occasions including the installation of Pope John Paul II and the Sofia Consultation of Orthodox Member Churches.

9. **Lipstadt, Deborah** - Professor Lipstadt is Associate Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. She is author of *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* and *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*. She is a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and an active member of the Jewish community. He has served on the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal's Young Women's Leadership Cabinet, the UJA Faculty Cabinet, and the Board of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles. She is a regular presence on national television and radio with appearance on CNN, Sixty Minutes, Today Show and Good Morning America.

10. **Little, David** - Dr. Little is a leading scholar in the US on topics of religious liberty, ethics, and human rights. Currently, Dr. Little serves as Senior Scholar in religion, ethics, and human rights at the US Institute of Peace (USIP) and directs the Institute's Working Group on Religion, Ideology, and Peace. Dr. Little is presently conducting a five year study on religion, nationalism, and intolerance and has written numerous books and articles on human rights, religious freedom, moral philosophy, moral theology, history of ethics and sociology of religion. He has taught at several colleges and universities including the Divinity Schools at Harvard and Yale.

11. **McCarrick, Most Reverend Theodore E.** - The Most Reverend McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, has been an outspoken advocate for human rights and the needs of migrants throughout

the world. He is chairman of the US Bishops Committee for Aid in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, a member of the Board of Directors of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, and was chosen for the Ellis Island Hall of Fame. Archbishop McCarrick has also been a member of the Helsinki Accords Commission and the Pontifical Commission for Migration and Tourism.

12. **Mohammed, Imam Deen** -- Wallace Mohammed is an important leader in the orthodox Muslim community in the United States. He is the son of Elijah Mohammed. He is Imam in the society of Muslim Americans. He has been a long-time participant in a variety of interfaith dialogues and a committed human rights advocate. The Imam was a participant in the 1993 Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service. He has authored several publications on Islam and peace and hosts a syndicated television show and weekly radio series. He is a member of the Supreme Council of Mosques and an International President of the World Conference of Religion and Peace.

13. **Ramirez, CSB, DD, Most Reverend Ricardo** - The Most Reverend Ramirez, serves as Bishop of Las Cruces, New Mexico, since 1982. Previously, he served in his native Texas, Mexico, and Canada. He is Chairman of the National Council of Catholic Bishop's (NCCB) Campaign for Human Development, Administrative Secretary of the Committee for the Study of the History of the Church in Latin America (CEHILA), consultant for the NCCB Committee on Hispanic Affairs, member of the NCCB Committee for African American Catholics and member of the US Catholic Conference's (USCC) International Policy Committee.

14. **Rubin, Barnett** - Dr. Rubin is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has extensive knowledge and has published widely on issues of conflict resolution among ethnic, religious, and nationalistic groups. At Columbia University, Dr. Rubin served as Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of the Center for the Study of Central Asia, and Director of the Project on Political Order and Conflict in the Former Soviet Union. In past years, he served as a Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and as an assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University. Dr. Rubin's International, Human Rights Watch, the Carter Center, the Soros Foundation, and the International League for Human Rights. His work abroad has included human rights missions to Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Iran.

15. **Shea, Nina** - Ms. Shea is director of the Freedom House Puebla Program on Religious Freedom, located in Washington, D.C.. In 1986, Ms. Shea co-founded and directed The Puebla Institute, a human rights group dedicated to promoting international religious freedom. Ms. Shea, a lawyer, has monitored

religious persecution and human rights in China and Vietnam since 1989, has frequently testified before Congress on these issues and has led numerous human rights fact-finding missions around the world. In 1993, Ms. Shea was appointed by the Clinton Administration to serve as a US delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

16. **Sperling, Elliot** - Dr. Sperling is a scholar of Buddhist studies, with a focus on Tibet, China, and Mongolia. He has received numerous awards for his scholarship including as recipient of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundations Fellowship and the Fulbright Lectureship for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars/USIA. Dr. Sperling formerly taught Himalayan and Tibetan Studies at Harvard and is currently an Associate Professor of Tibetan Studies at Indiana University. He is a member of the Working Group on Religion at the United States Institute of Peace and serves on the Board of directors of the Tibet Society. Dr. Sperling has testified before the US Congress and other public bodies on several occasions, and has published extensively on related topics. He has also served as Consultant to Human Rights Watch/Asia and Amnesty International.

17. **Triantifilou, Reverend Nicholas** - A native of Massachusetts, the Reverend Triantifilou has resided in Texas since 1965. His current position is that of Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. He is an active and visible member of the Greek Orthodox church, having hosted an annual five-week television series and a weekly, interdenominational radio show for ten years. Triantifilou sits on the Texas Conference of Churches Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is Director of the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund of the Diocese. He is on the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary and is a past member of the Houston Metropolitan Ministries and Protective Services Board of Directors.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 8-17

TO: Lem
Rahn
Jack R.

FROM: Staff Secretary

Leg. Branch signing
statement. Please
note ^{5th} paragraph
on drug testing.
OK with you?
J. R.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have today signed into law H.R. 3754, the "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997."

The Act provides fiscal year 1997 appropriations for the Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, the Architect of the Capitol, the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Library of Congress.

I am especially pleased to sign into law a provision that will allow blind and visually impaired persons to get earlier access to books and other reading matter. As a result of an agreement between the publishing industry and advocates for people with disabilities, books can now be converted into alternative formats such as Braille as soon as they appear in print. Prior to this change, the Library of Congress and other organizations that sought to provide these materials had to obtain permission from copyright holders on a case by case basis, leading to lengthy delays in access to all types of reading material. This law will help us reach our goal of full inclusion of people with disabilities.

I am also pleased with the provision that encourages the Senate to transfer excess or surplus computers and other educationally useful equipment to public schools at the lowest possible cost. This complements our initiative to encourage Federal agencies to do the same to help integrate technology into school curriculums, and ensure that all students have the skills they will need to succeed in the information-intensive 21st century.

I am disappointed, however, that the Congress has passed up yet another opportunity to establish a drug testing policy for those who work in the legislative branch. The Congress should follow the example of the White House and the other

executive branch agencies and establish a comprehensive testing program for illegal drug use.

I urge the Congress to complete action on the remaining regular FY 1997 appropriations bills and to send them to me in an acceptable form.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

September 16, 1996.

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WASHINGTON

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September 16, 1996

Memorandum for the President

From : Mike McCurry
Press Secretary

Subject : Editorial Boards

*Let's discuss
with night news
Morm and Bob
Portland, Huning
Baker*

Following consultations with Penn, Sosnik, Baer, Lewis and Lockhart, I would like to recommend that we begin scheduling sessions for you with national editorial boards. We suggest that you speak with the Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today and the Los Angeles Times.

Regional editorial boards in targeted states would be covered primarily by the Vice President with some assistance from Cabinet members and state surrogates in smaller markets. The purpose of the regional editorial boards would be to solidify your already strong potential for editorial endorsements.

There are three primary reasons why we are recommending that you not do regional editorial boards as you did in 1992:

1. Unlike 1992, editorial boards know you and your policies. Over the course of the last year and a half, we have made a concerted effort to provide editorial boards with Cabinet members for interviews as well as faxed and mailed material on key policy positions. As you know, many of your policy announcements have received favorable editorial support.

2. You continue to receive excellent local media coverage during your visits - in many areas, you totally dominate the market. The editorial board meetings would do little to increase coverage and could even run the risk of stepping on the positive coverage you are receiving.

3. Editorial board sessions will take away approximately two hours from your already heavily scheduled campaign trips.

Please let me know if you have concerns with the above. If not, we will begin scheduling the national editorial board sessions. We will also keep you apprised of progress on regional editorial boards.

cc : Don Baer
Doug Sosnik