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MEMORANDUM FOR TODD STERN/PHIL CAPLAN

FROM:

TIM SAUNDERS *TS*

SUBJECT:

White House Staff Commissions

Shall we prepare commissions for the following White House staffers. They all appear on White Management's staff list of 1/24/97.

Lanny Davis

Special Counsel to the President

Adam Goldberg

Special Associate Counsel

William Marshall

Associate Counsel to the President

Karen Popp

Associate Counsel to the President

Also, **Peter Erichsen**, Associate Counsel to the President (detaillee), has been serving at the White House for approximately one year. He has now filled the one year requirement for issuance of a commission to a detailee. We will prepare one for him with your approval.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1997

MR. PRESIDENT:

Please see attached memo from Sylva Mathews and Andrew Mayock. Appropriate follow-up to your Friday request.

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Mr President -

Appropriate Follow up
to your Friday request
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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES

FROM: Sylvia Mathews and Andrew Mayock
SUBJECT: Education, Welfare, Children's Health Care Coverage, and D.C.

This memo summarizes main issues and lists actions items from the February 14 meeting we convened on education, welfare, children's health care coverage, and D.C. As noted in the prior memo on these issues, the President inquired about our policy, legislative and political approach in these areas. As a general process, it was decided that in each of the areas a memo for the President will be produced which will be followed by strategy sessions with the President.

EDUCATION

During the education discussion, it was noted that the President found the February 14 briefing on education to be very helpful, and that it would be constructive to hold similar briefings.

- We will hold a substantive meeting with the President, First Lady, Tucker, and education policy people from the White House and Education Department during the first week in March (due to the travel schedules of Tucker, the President and the First Lady).
- In preparation for that meeting, Bruce will do a written briefing, and you will host a pre-meeting with White House staff. Among other issues, this meeting will specifically address the difference between standards and testing.

WELFARE

Regarding welfare, we discussed the following action items: 1) using statistics to better frame the problem in the states; 2) devising a state-by-state effort to explore resources and solutions; 3) choosing a process person and team within the WH to coordinate pulling the pieces together; and 4) designating point persons to organize business and non-profit support for our plan.

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As part of our preparation for the New York events, Bruce provided a memo for the President which answered his statistical questions.

- Bruce and Gene will be working with CEA and/or Treasury on producing the state-by-state information.

John

During the week of February 17, you will meet with Eli on organizing the business outreach effort. Soon after this meeting, Eli will meet with the President to discuss business outreach.

On the non-profit and religious front, we spoke with Maria about designating a point person in OPL, and she is considering people in her shop.

There will be a welfare meeting with the President next week, and you will hold a preparation meeting prior to the meeting.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

During the meeting, we discussed the President's desire to ensure that more children have health care, his interest in Tenn Care, and framing the children's health care problem for the President.

- By February 20, Chris will produce a memo for the President on children's health care which discusses our current proposal, statistically defines the problem, and examines the pros and cons of Tenn Care.
- Gene and Bruce are going to work with the Departments to prepare policy options for further developing our strategy to reduce the number of uninsured children by 2000.

D.C.

During the D.C. discussion, it was noted that there are many, seemingly loose pieces to our comprehensive D.C. plan, including our budget proposal, economic development proposal, and various outreach efforts (e.g. First Lady events and agency volunteer programs).

- By February 20, OMB - in conjunction with NEC, Legislative Affairs, Treasury and other affected parties - will produce a memo for the President which describes the status of our D.C. plan, including NEC, OMB and Treasury resolution on the economic development proposal.
- We will provide you with a memo to guide a pre-meeting sponsored by you in preparation for meeting with the President.

cc: John Podesta
Vicki Radd