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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**FROM:** KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*  
**SUBJECT:** STATE OF THE UNION PRIORITIES

The attached list was created by the White House policy councils from the initiatives and priorities laid out by the President in his State of the Union Address. This list should guide your planning as you prepare for meetings this week with the policy councils and next week with the Chief of Staff. Please consider how your Department's programs and policies can further the priorities enumerated by the President.

Please call me with any questions.

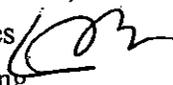
cc: Chiefs of Staff

## **POLICY PRIORITIES FOR MULTI-AGENCY ACTION**

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# MEMO

**To:** Sandy Berger, NSC; Bruce Reed, DPC; Gene Sperling, NEC; Katie McGinty, CEQ; Jack Gibbons, Office of Science & Technology  
**From:** Erskine Bowles   
**Subject:** Cabinet Meeting  
**Date:** February 5, 1997

At the Cabinet meeting Monday, I asked each of the Cabinet Secretaries to review the presentations describing the second term priorities for their departments. These presentations were prepared by their departments in late November of 1996 for Leon Panetta. Having completed this review, I asked them to listen carefully to the President's State of the Union speech in which he will describe what his priorities are for the Administration. Then they could take a fresh look at their department's priorities in light of the President's agenda and see if some reordering might make sense.

I went on to ask them to be prepared to meet next week with their respective Policy Councils to review their plans. Two weeks from now we will meet again in a Cabinet briefing session and each Secretary will be asked to briefly describe how their department will help accomplish the President's agenda. From that discussion, we should be able to define success; in other words, what we plan to do to build the President's legacy.

I would appreciate it if each of you would meet with the various members of your Council next week to discuss their priorities in light of the President's State of the Union address. Having done such, I anticipate an interesting meeting two weeks from now when the Cabinet members tell us the steps they need to take to accomplish the President's mission and build his legacy.

cc: John Podesta  
Sylvia Matthews  
Vicki Radd  
Kitty Higgins

To Elaine Kaya

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**MULTI-AGENCY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES  
SUPPORTING PRIORITIES IN THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS**

Initiative	Lead Agency
<b>I. Science and Technology</b>	
1. University-Government Partnership Review	USDA
2. Federal Laboratories Review II (PDD Follow-up)	OSTP
3. Review of tax/regulatory/legal impacts on private sector innovation climate	DOC
4. State-Federal Technology Partnership (U.S. Innovation Partnership)	DOC
5. Next Generation Internet initiative/HPCC research program/ASCI	DOD
6. Electronic Commerce	DOC
7. GPS/Next generation air traffic management system	DOT
8. Reinventing government through information technology (NPR Access America report)	NPR
9. Civilian industrial research partnerships: PNGV, Construction/Building	DOC
<b>II. Education and Training</b>	
1. Children's Research Initiative	HHS
2. Eighth grade math achievement	ED
3. Science education initiative	DOE
4. Educational Technology	ED
A. Education & training technology R&D	
B. Connecting every classroom	
5. Life-long learning/training	DOL
A. Integrated military/civilian procurement standards for computer-based learning/training	
B. National clearinghouse (database) for information on computer- based training tools (U.S. Jobs database)	

Initiative	Lead Agency
III. Environment	
1. Climate Change	DOE
A. Greenhouse gas emission scenarios	
B. Global change research with special emphasis on the area of impacts	
C. Regional outreach with special emphasis on the area of impacts	
2. Environmental Monitoring and Research Initiative	DOI
A. Report card on the health of the Nation's ecosystems	
B. Reinventing government-data interoperability, interagency cooperation to increase efficiency	
3. Environmental Technology	
A. Pollutants/toxics-remediation and verification	EPA
B. Energy efficiency & renewables	DOE
4. Endocrine Disruptors	EPA
A. Coordinated federal research plan	
B. International science assessment	
IV. Health	
1. Children's research initiative	HHS
2. Wiring hospitals	OVP
3. Food Safety	HHS
4. Human genome research	HHS
V. Global Security and Stability	
1. U.S.-Japan S&T cooperation	DOS
2. U.S.-China sustainability dialogue	OVP
3. Critical infrastructure protection	DOD
4. Emerging infectious diseases	HHS
5. Fissile materials protection, control and accounting (including plutonium disposition)	DOE

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February 12, 1997

**NOTE TO:** SYLVIA MATHEWS

**FROM:** KITTY HIGGINS *KH*

FYI. Let's discuss with policy councils. Do you want me to convene or will you?

cc: Gene Sperling  
Bruce Reed  
John Gibbons  
Katie McGinty  
Jim Steinberg



Kris M Balderston

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To: Kathryn O. Higgins/WHO/EOP, Elizabeth M. Toohey/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: CEQ Mtg Summary

This morn the CEQ agencies met to discuss the next Cabinet meeting. Their deliberations may give you a sense of the Q's that the agencies will be asking in anticipation of the next Cabinet brfg.

1 - Agencies and policy staff were trying to get a sense of whether they should be putting together (1) a matrix/timetable of items that appeared in the SOTU and /or (2) a forum of new initiatives.

2 - How will this be presented at the Cabinet brfg? Verbally or on paper?

3- Is it necessary that the principals meet prior to the Cabinet brfg?

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**GENERAL OUTLINE OF ECONOMIC AND DOMESTIC POLICY  
PROPOSALS IN THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS**

**I. Education**

- A. School Construction
- B. Standards in Math and Reading
- C. Master Teachers
- D. America Reads
  - 1. One Million Tutors
  - 2. College Work Study Pledges
  
- E. Early Learning
  - 1. White House Conference on Early Learning
  - 2. Head Start
  
- F. School Choice
  - 1. Public School Choice
  - 2. Charter Schools
  
- G. Character Education
  - 1. School Uniforms
  - 2. Curfews
  - 3. Truancy Laws Enforced
  - 4. Zero Tolerance for Guns and Drugs in School
  
- H. Lifelong Learning: Skill Grants/GI Bill for America's Workers
- I. Educational Technology
  - 1. Connecting Every Classroom
  
- J. Post-Secondary Education
  - 1. HOPE Scholarships: \$1,500 Tax Credit for Tuition
  - 2. \$10,000 Tuition Tax Deduction
  - 3. Expanded IRA (tax-free college savings if combined with deduction)
  - 4. Largest Pell Grant Increase

**II. Tax Relief**

- A. HOPE Scholarships: \$1,500 Tax Credit for Tuition
- B. \$10,000 Tuition Tax Deduction
- C. Expanded IRA (tax-free college savings if combined with deduction)
- D. Deduction for Children
- E. Capital Gains Reduction for Homeownership

### **III. Technology**

- A. Internet
  - 1. Connecting Every Hospital
    - a. Children's Hospitals
  - 2. Next Generation Internet

### **IV. Family-Friendly Policies**

- A. Family and Medical Leave Act Expansion
- B. Flex Time
- C. Child Support Collection: Felony Proposal
- D. Tobacco and Children: Cigarette Advertising and Marketing

### **V. Health Care**

- A. Extending Health Coverage for Children
- B. Health Care Coverage for Dislocated Workers
- C. Medicare
  - 1. Reform Plan
    - a. Extends Life of Trust Fund to 2007
    - b. Savings of \$138 Billion
  - 2. Respite Care for Alzheimer's Families
  - 3. Annual Mammograms
- D. 48 Hour Hospital Stay for Mastectomies

### **VI. Crime**

- A. 100,000 COPS: Finish the Job
- B. Victims Rights Amendment
- C. Juvenile Crime
  - 1. War on Gangs
  - 2. New Prosecutors
  - 3. Extension of Brady Bill
  - 4. Child Safety Locks on Handguns
  - 5. Schools Open Late, on Weekends, in Summer
- D. War on Drugs
  - 1. Interdiction
  - 2. Safe and Drug Free Schools

### **VII. International Trade and Economic Leadership**

- A. Fast Track Authority
- B. Securing Resources for American Leadership in International Institutions

**VIII. Entitlement Reform: Bipartisan Process**

**IX. Welfare to Work**

- A. Tax Credits and Other Incentives for Business
- B. Incentives for Job Placement Firms
- C. Training, Transportation, and Child Care
- D. CEO Challenge
- E. Restore Basic Health and Disability Benefits to Legal Immigrants

**X. Community Development**

- A. Brownfields
- B. Community Development Financial Institutions
- C. District of Columbia Revitalization Plan
- D. Empowerment Zones

**XI. Environment**

- A. Kalamazoo Initiative: Toxic Waste Clean Up
- B. American Heritage Rivers Initiative
- C. Global Environment/Climate Change
  - 1. Chemical Ban
  - 2. Greenhouse Gases

**XII. President's Summit of Service**