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## Weekly Report: Education

**1. National Test Initiative:** Mike Cohen and Secretary Riley met with Governors on the NGA Executive Committee (Govs. Romer, Leavitt, B. Miller, and Thompson, and Gov. Hunt and Geringer participating by phone) to discuss the national test initiative. Govs. Romer, Hunt and Miller were all very supportive. Gov. Leavitt indicated that he was comfortable with the initiative, wanted a chance to discuss it with his chief state school officer, and barring any problems would be prepared to support the initiative and have Utah participate. Gov. Thompson was noncommittal; his primary concerns centered on who in the state decides if the state will participate. Because that authority in Wisconsin resides with the chief state school officer (a position Gov. Thompson has unsuccessfully fought to eliminate) we suspect Gov. Thompson will not be an active supporter. Gov. Miller and Romer will be exploring the prospects assembling a bipartisan group of governors to express support for this initiative, and of an NGA endorsement at the summer meeting. While additional bipartisan gubernatorial support for the testing initiative is clearly possible, they believe an NGA endorsement may ultimately be more difficult. We will continue to work closely with them to build the broadest possible support among the Governors.

**2. Perkins Vocational Education Reauthorization Proposal:** Early next week, the Department of Education expects to transmit to Congress the Carl D. Perkins Career Preparation Education Act, which would restructure the Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act to strengthen support for school-to-work systems, consolidate numerous voc-ed programs, better integrate voc-ed with broad, standards-based school reform, and provide states with more flexibility.

The Department's legislation would streamline 23 existing Perkins programs into three main programs, including a flexible state grant, Tech-Prep education, and a national program authority that could fund research, evaluation, technical assistance and investments in professional development, curriculum improvement and related activities. For the State grant program, activities that were formerly set-asides or categorical (such as programs for displaced homemakers and criminal offenders) would no longer be required, but would still be allowable. The bill also establishes new accountability provisions and a system of performance goals and indicators.

The Education Department expects the House Education and the Workforce Committee Republicans to adopt much of the Administration proposal in its bill, though there is likely to be some resistance to our efforts to explicitly link the programs in this bill to the School-to-Work Program, because of continuing opposition from the right wing.

**School Districts in which 100 languages are spoken:** You have said on a number of occasions that we have four school districts now where the children's first languages comprise over 100 different languages. We have asked the Education Department to verify this number and to identify the specific school districts. According to the Education Department, which has made independent verification with state and local education agencies, there are in fact now five school districts which enroll large numbers of students who speak languages other than English, and one

with just under 100 languages. These schools districts are: New York City (140 languages); Prince George's County MD (128); Montgomery County MD (119); DC Public Schools (116); Fairfax County VA (over 100). In addition, Chicago enrolls students speaking 96 different languages.

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Further conference action on the Disaster/Bosnia Supplemental is expected on Wednesday, June 4th.

The House Appropriations Committee is expected to get under way next week. Two bills (Treasury/Postal and MilCon) may be marked up next week and action on Interior, Energy and Water, and Foreign Operations may begin the week of June 9th. The Committee will also be developing their 602(b) next week.

## CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

## SENATE

On Monday, June 2nd, the Senate will convene at 12 noon for morning business until 1:00 pm, when they will resume consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act. Amendments are expected, but there will be no votes before 5:00 pm.

[SAP sent, 5/9: President will veto]

The Leadership announced that they hope the Budget Conference Report will be ready for consideration early next week, possibly on Tuesday, June 3rd.

## HOUSE

Monday, June 2nd  
Not in session

Tuesday, June 3rd

The House will convene at 12:30 pm for morning business, and 2:00 pm for legislative business. There will be no recorded votes before 5:00 pm.

Consider the following suspensions:

HJ.Res. 75 - Conferring Status as an Honorary Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope

[No SAP]

H.R. 908 - Commission on Federal Courts of Appeals

[No SAP]

H.R. 79 - Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act

[SAP pending: Administration supports]

H.R. 985 - Slate Creek Addition to the Eagles Nest Wilderness and White River National Forest Boundary Adjustment

[No SAP]

H.R. 1020 - White River National Forest Boundary Adjustment

[No SAP]

H.R. 1019 - Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest Boundary Adjustment

[No SAP]

H.R. 1420 - National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act

[SAP pending: Administration supports]

H.R. 1439 - Facilitate the Sale of Certain Land in Tahoe National Forest

[No SAP]

Wednesday, June 4th and the Balance of the Week

H.R. 1486 - Foreign Policy Reform Act (Subject to a Rule)

[SAP pending: Senior Advisors Veto Threat]

H.Con.Res. 84 - Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget (Subject to a Rule)

H.R. 1122 - Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, as amended (Subject to a Rule)

H.R. 1469 - Conference Report for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Subject to a Rule)

## CONGRESS -- LONG-TERM SCHEDULE

## SENATE

The Senate will likely consider the following measures prior to the July 4th Recess:

o Budget Reconciliation Bills

o Conference Report on the Disaster/Bosnia Supplemental

- o Appropriations Bills
- o Juvenile Justice Legislation (passed the House)
- o Homeowners, private mortgage insurance
- o Rural and zones legislation

#### HOUSE

The House also expects to take up the following items, prior to the July 4th Recess:

- o Budget Reconciliation Bills (The House still aims to vote on the tax bill on June 13th)
- o Conference Report on the Disaster/Bosnia Supplemental
- o 13 Appropriations Bills
- o Defense Authorization Legislation
- o Constitutional amendment to prohibit flag-burning [SAP pending]
- o Legislation regarding China's MFN status (possible)

Last week, Majority Leader Armey distributed a memo that listed the following items that he fully expects to have through the House and the Senate and sent to the White House by the end of the session:

Reconciliation Plan  
Juvenile Crime Bill  
Public Housing Reform  
Community Renewal Legislation  
Working Families Flexibility Act  
Adoption Reforms  
Surface Transportation Bill (ISTEA)  
Modernized Food and Drug Administration  
Financial Services Modernization Act  
Volunteer Protection Act  
Product Liability Reform  
Partial Birth Abortion Ban  
Fast Track Free Trade Status for Latin America  
DC Legislation  
Defense Authorization Bill  
Bankruptcy Reform  
Workplace Programs Consolidation  
Regulatory Reforms  
Religious Liberties legislation  
Superfund Reform  
Campaign Reform

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May 29, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jack Gibbons  
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SUBJECT: Cloning Policy Options

Two upcoming events create the need to develop a position on legislation banning the cloning of human beings. First, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) is about to complete the review you requested of the ethical and legal issues associated with cloning human beings. On Saturday, June 7, at its final public meeting, NBAC is expected to vote in favor of a legislative ban. Second, France has proposed that the Denver Summit communique include a paragraph urging countries to pass domestic legislative bans, and to work together toward a global ban.

We recommend: (1) that you support domestic legislation banning human cloning, and that you announce specific legislation at the top of your June 10th press conference; and (2) that the U.S. support France's proposed cloning paragraph while insisting on critical modifications.

**DISCUSSION**

**NBAC's Findings and Recommendations**

In its draft final report, NBAC unanimously concludes that **"it is morally unacceptable for anyone . . . to attempt to create a child"** using the technology that created Dolly the sheep -- that is, the transfer of the nucleus from an adult somatic (non egg or sperm) cell into an enucleated egg. NBAC bases this conclusion on safety concerns, finding that the technology is "likely to involve substantial risk to the potential child." The report also states that "serious ethical concerns... require a great deal more widespread and careful thought and public deliberation before this technology should be used."

NBAC also concludes, however, that other forms of "human cloning" -- such as the cloning of DNA sequences, cell lines, and tissues (which do not involve the creation of entire human beings) -- are scientifically important and not ethically problematic. Moreover, NBAC finds that animal cloning by somatic cell nuclear transfer is ethically acceptable and promises important benefits. Hence, the Commission cautions that any restrictions on cloning should not

in any way impede these activities.

The Commission notes that current restrictions effectively prohibit federally funded and regulated entities from attempting to clone a human being through somatic cell nuclear transfer. However, fertility clinics and other privately-funded clinical and research establishments face no prohibition on human cloning, and NBAC questions whether some of these organizations will adhere to a voluntary moratorium.

Accordingly, NBAC's draft final report calls for carefully-worded national legislation prohibiting anyone from "attempting to create a child through somatic cell nuclear transfer techniques." The Commission specifies that the legislation should include a sunset provision and that, prior to the sunset date, an oversight body should review and report on the status of somatic cell nuclear transfer technology and the ethical and social issues associated with its use in humans. NBAC also recommends that the U.S. cooperate with other countries to enforce mutually-supported cloning restrictions.

### **National Legislation**

We recommend that you embrace NBAC's proposal to establish a narrowly crafted time-limited legislative moratorium. Legislation is the only way to establish a comprehensive, enforceable prohibition on cloning entire human beings in all publicly and privately funded research and clinical activities. If carefully written, it will not preclude important research.

Reaction to proposed legislation will be mixed. A national and international consensus is emerging that attempting to apply the technology used to clone Dolly to humans is morally wrong. The American Medical Association has conveyed this view to NBAC, and the World Medical Association has issued a similar statement. Given NBAC's recommendation, we expect many in the scientific and ethics communities to accept a legislative moratorium.

But some who agree that cloning a human being using somatic cell nuclear transfer is morally unacceptable will oppose a legislated moratorium. In particular, the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries strongly oppose legislation. These two industries are deeply concerned that a legislative debate will produce broadly drawn language that impairs critical research. Some academic researchers may share this view. Fertility clinics may also oppose legislation, but to date have not signaled a position.

Finally, some in the right-to-life community will argue from the other side that NBAC's proposed approach does not go far enough. This community will push for a comprehensive ban on the creation of embryos -- through any means -- for research purposes (i.e. not for the purposes of creating a child), a restriction you have applied to federally-funded research. This is an issue NBAC declined to review and that we do not recommend revisiting it in this context.

We recommend that you announce your support for legislation and propose specific legislative language on June 10, at your scheduled press conference, three days after NBAC's recommendation will become public. We anticipate that the release of NBAC's report will

prompt Congressional hearings and legislative proposals. By acting quickly you can maintain your leadership on the issue and carefully frame the legislative debate, making clear the value of biotechnology research while prohibiting an unethical use of a specific technology.

Approve \_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_

**Group of Eight Statement on Cloning**

France has proposed a paragraph for inclusion in the G-8 communique embracing national and international bans on "reproductive human cloning." Germany will support the statement; Canada will support it with some modification.

U.S. biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries strongly oppose including any paragraph on cloning in the communique. They fear that it will not be carefully drafted and may inadvertently extend to the cloning of DNA, cells, and tissues as well as entire human beings. Further, industry is concerned a statement on cloning could ultimately provide cover for protectionist efforts to restrict U.S. biotechnology products and activities.

Nevertheless, we recommend that the Administration support the French proposal with critical modifications. Specifically, we suggest that the U.S. insist on changes to: (1) affirm the potential medical and agricultural benefits of cloning technology; (2) limit the prohibition to "the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to create a child;" and (3) propose a time-limited moratorium instead of a ban. USDA and HHS support this position.

Approve \_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_

Attachment

## **France's Proposed Language for G-8 Communique**

*We have taken note with great concern of recent scientific experiments which could open the way to reproductive human cloning. We agree that the prohibition of any form of reproductive human cloning needs both strict domestic legislation and close international cooperation to adapt current international law. We are encouraged by the reflections underway within national ethics committees as well as in various regional and international fora. We are determined to give a strong impetus to their work with a view to arriving as soon as possible at a universal ban on reproductive human cloning.*

## **Our Proposed Substitute Language**

*We have taken note that further development of the technology that enabled the recent cloning of a sheep offers the promise of enormous medical and agricultural benefits. We have also taken note with great concern that this scientific advance could open the way to using this technology (by which we mean somatic cell nuclear transfer technology) to create a child. We agree on the need for appropriate domestic legislation and close international cooperation to prohibit the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer to create a child while countries explore ethical and scientific implications in greater depth. We are encouraged by the reflections already underway within national ethics committees as well as in various regional and international fora. We are determined to give a strong impetus to their work with a view to arriving as soon as possible at a universal moratorium on the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer to create a child.*

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*MORE EVIDENCE THAT THE ECONOMY CONTINUES  
TO GROW STEADY AND STRONG UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON  
May 30, 1997*

*TODAY'S REVISED GDP DATA SHOW THAT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY CONTINUES TO ENJOY ROBUST GROWTH AND MODERATE INFLATION. IN THE FIRST QUARTER, THE ECONOMY GREW BY 5.8 PERCENT AT AN ANNUAL RATE -- THE FASTEST IN A DECADE. REAL INCOMES ARE RISING. AND INFLATION REMAINS MODERATE.*

- *Growth was 5.8 percent on an annualized basis.* Investment in business equipment rose 13.4 percent, and exports rose 11.2 percent.
- *Private-sector growth continues to be stronger than either of the previous two Administrations.* In the first quarter, the private sector grew by 7.1 percent at an annual rate. Under Clinton, the private sector has grown by 3.5 percent per year, compared to 3.0 percent under Reagan and 1.3 percent under Bush.
- *Inflation remains low.* Inflation as measured by the GDP price index was 2.2 percent in the first quarter. Consumer price inflation -- 2.8 percent per year -- is the lowest for any administration since John F. Kennedy was President.
- *First investment-led expansion in three decades.* Under President Clinton, business investment has increased at a 10.5 percent annual rate -- stronger than any Administration since JFK.
- *Once again the Administrations forecasts seem conservative.* In this year's budget, we projected growth for 1997 to be 2.2 percent -- and even if there is no growth for the rest of the year, we have already exceeded that.

*WE HAVE 12.1 MILLION NEW JOBS. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS THE LOWEST IN 24 YEARS. THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE STRONG GROWTH, RAPID INVESTMENT, AND LOW INFLATION.*

**EXPERTS AGREE THAT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS STRONG:**

• *Fortune, 6/9/97:* "Business is booming, inflation is falling, jobs are plentiful, and American industry is way out in front. The U.S. economy is stronger than it's ever been before."

• *Allen Sinai, one of America's top economic forecasters, 4/30/97:* "Job growth is good. Real income is rising. Sentiment is high. Unemployment is the lowest in years. Times are good for American consumers."

• *Mickey Levy, chief economist, NationsBank, 2/1/97:* "It's really the best of all worlds. Growth at a healthy pace, but with the economy not overheating and continued very favorable news on inflation."

- *Paul Volcker, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, 8/3/96: "It's been a remarkable period of steady growth, low inflation and low unemployment."*

# PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ECONOMIC REPORT CARD:

MAY 30, 1997

*Clinton Administration*

*Best Since*

*Related Facts*

	<i>Clinton Administration</i>	<i>Best Since</i>	<i>Related Facts</i>
✓ <b>Unemployment and Inflation</b>	Combined rate: 8.7 percent	Lowest average since Johnson	Unemployment fell from 7.5 percent in 1992 to 4.9 percent in April 1997 -- the lowest in 24 years -- and has remained under 6 percent for 32 months.
✓ <b>Inflation</b>	2.8 percent per year	Lowest average since Kennedy	Underlying inflation -- excluding volatile food and energy components -- was lowest since the Kennedy Administration.
✓ <b>Employment</b>	12.1 million new jobs	Only Administration to exceed 11 million	93 percent of the net new jobs were in the private sector. Over two-thirds of recent employment growth has been in industry/occupation groups paying above-median wages.
✓ <b>Construction Jobs</b>	1.1 million new jobs	Fastest growth since Truman	Real construction output has grown 5.7 percent per year -- the fastest rate since the Kennedy Administration.
✓ <b>Consumer Sentiment</b>	Increased 14 percent from January 1993 to April 1997	Highest average since Eisenhower	University of Michigan sentiment index reached its highest level in 30 years. Conference Board measure reached its highest level in 28 years.
✓ <b>Deficit Reduction</b>	From 4.7 percent of GDP in 1992 to 1.4 in 1996. Expected to be under 1 percent in 1997	Largest fall since Truman	Deficit narrowed for four years in a row under one President for the first time since before the Civil War.
✓ <b>Business Investment</b>	Grew 10.5 percent per year	Fastest growth since Kennedy	Business investment averaged 7.7 percent of GDP -- the highest share for any Administration since World War II.
✓ <b>Homeownership</b>	Rose from 63.7 to 65.4 percent of households	Largest increase on record	Reached its highest level in 15 years.
✓ <b>Stock Market</b>	The Dow Jones rose from 3242 on 1/20/93 to 6844 on 1/20/97	Fastest growth since World War II	The real growth rate was higher than for any Administration since World War II.
✓ <b>Poverty Rate</b>	Declined from 15.1 in 1993 to 13.8 in 1995	Largest drop since Johnson	Real income for the bottom 20 percent of households has grown 6.8 percent between 1993 and 1995 -- after declining by 7.7 percent between 1979 and 1993.
✓ <b>Median Family Income</b>	Up \$1,600 between 1993 and 1995	Fastest growth since Johnson	Real net worth per household grew 3.2 percent per year after falling over the previous 4 years.

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MEMORANDUM TO MIKE MCCURRY, ANN LEWIS & DON BAER  
FROM STUART SCHEAR  
SUBJECT WEEKEND TV: FINAL REPORT

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FRIDAY MAY 30

WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW

Topic POTUS in Europe  
Guest John Harris, Washington Post

Topic Gephardt on the issues  
Guest Gloria Borger, US News & World

Topic Joe Camel & the FTC  
Guest Steve Roberts, Daily News

Topic Hong Kong & Trade Issues  
Guest Wendy Koch, Hearst Papers

Roundtable Paula Jones vs. Bill Clinton

Comment Gwen Ifill is guest host.

SATURDAY MAY 31

EVANS & NOVAK (CNN)

Topic Politics  
Guest Jack Keep

INSIDE POLITICS WEEKEND (CNN)

Topic Jones v. Clinton  
Guest Joseph Camaratta & Susan Estrich

SUNDAY JUNE 1

CAPITAL JOURNAL (C-SPAN) @ 9:30 AM

Topic POTUS in Europe, NATO, etc.  
Guest David Johnson, National Security Council

FOX NEWS SUNDAY (FOX)

Topic NATO, China, Clinton's Foreign Policy etc.  
Guest Sandy Berger, National Security Adviser  
Guest Henry Kissinger, Kissinger Associates

Topic Jones vs. Clinton & other investigations  
Guest Jack Quinn & Michael Chertoff

Topic McVeigh Trial  
Guest Gov. Frank Keating, Oklahoma

Roundtable Brit Hume, Mara Liasson, Juan Williams

FACE THE NATION (CBS)

Topic Jones vs. Clinton  
Guest Gil Davis or Joseph Cammarata, Jones' Atty.

Guest Anita Hill  
Topic Sexual harassment

Comment **FACE does not air until 11:30 PM in DC**

MEET (NBC)

Topic Jones vs. Clinton  
Guest Gil Davis & Joseph Cammarata, Jones' Atty.  
Guest Bob Bennett

Roundtable Stuart Taylor, Nina Totenberg  
James Carville or EJ Dionne

THIS WEEK (ABC)

Topic Jones vs. Clinton  
Guest Bob Bennett  
Guest Joseph Cammarata & Gil Davis  
Comment Ken Duberstein & Leon Panetta

Topic            McVeigh Trial  
Guest            Gerry Spence & Weldon Kennedy  
  
Roundtable       Cokie, Sam, Will & Clarence Page

LATE EDITION (CNN)

Topic            McVeigh Trial  
Guest            Gretta Van Susteren & Joe DiGenova  
                  Gerry Spence or Ron Kuby

Topic            Jones v. Clinton  
Guest            Bob Bennett

Roundtable       Margaret Carlson, Tony Blankley and Steve Roberts  
  Comment        Jeanne Meserve is guest host.

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CREATOR: Ann F. Lewis ( CN=Ann F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAY-1997 17:16:54.00

SUBJECT: Race and Policy

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sylvia M. Mathews ( CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I suggest looking at historical/cultural ideas for possible policy/action items. Sylvia mentioned the Slavery Museum. I also have been saving a wire service story about bipartisan legislation to preserve the Underground Railway, sponsored by Carol Mosely-Braun and Mike DeWine in the Senate, Rob Portman and Lou Stokes in the House. (Plus Gingrich.)

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CREATOR: Barry White ( CN=Barry White/OU=OMB/O=EOP [ OMB ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAY-1997 13:48:08.00

SUBJECT: DOL report on Today's WTW large meeting on the Hill

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TO: Gene B. Sperling ( CN=Gene B. Sperling/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

My staff's pick up from Kamela, who works for Palast.

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message  
cc: Joseph M. Wire/OMB/EOP  
Subject: Today's WTW meeting on the Hill

I just spoke with Bill Kamela about the meeting. He told me:

\* Gary Fisher. Works for Ballenger and Fawell on the House Education committee. He's been around a long time; is a mover and shaker on the ED committee. However, his influence over WTW policy probably is not strong. Fisher advocates formula over competitive grants because he believes the latter preclude the money going through the workforce development system. He did not [cannot!] substantiate this assertion.

The following is based on Kamela's gut feelings (he attended both meetings this morning on the Hill).

\* Responsible Federal agency. House Republicans will give DOL the money.

\* City-State split. While they discussed an 80-20 split, Bill's best guess is that R's will endorse 70% formula grants to cities; 30% competitive grants to States. R's are uncomfortable with the Secretary doling out the competitive grants. Instead, they probably will give this authority to Governors.

\* Performance bonuses. R's aren't too enamored with this aspect of WTW. If there is a performance pot, it probably would be permissible in the 30% competitive grants.

\* Timing. Bill thinks W&M will have a draft on Monday or Tuesday. The subcommittee will mark up on Friday, June 6th. Full committee markup will occur the following week. Archer wants to move a bill quickly to preclude groups from organizing opposition and taking pot shots.

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Barry White/OMB/EOP  
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Dear Law Enforcement Colleague:

As you are no doubt aware, earlier today, the Supreme Court ruled that part of the Brady Handgun Control Act is unconstitutional. Although we are disappointed in the Court's decision, we must all abide by it.

We wanted to make certain that all of you understand that the Supreme Court's decision did not "strike down the Brady Act," "declare it unconstitutional" or any one of a number of broad based and inaccurate statements that you may hear. Rather the Court simply stated that the Federal government cannot require that state, county, and local officials conduct the checks provided for under the law until November 1998, at which time the permanent federal Brady check system (Instacheck) will become effective.

We know that the vast majority of concerned and effective law enforcement officers in this country support and conduct background checks under the Brady Act, not because they are required but because -- plain and simple -- it is good law enforcement. Therefore, this decision ought to have little impact on law enforcement. Those who wish to purchase a handgun from a licensed federal firearms dealer (FFL) must still complete a background check form under the Brady Act, and the FFL must forward that form to the chief law enforcement officer (CLEO). As before, if, after five days, the CLEO has not advised the FFL not to transfer the handgun, the FFL may sell the handgun to the purchaser.

The sole change occasioned by the Supreme Court decision is that the CLEO is no longer required by federal law to run the Brady background check. We expect and hope that the vast majority of law enforcement agencies in America will continue to run these checks voluntarily because they are saving lives, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and generally in the best interest of law enforcement. We urge you to continue the background checks called for by the Brady Act within your jurisdiction.

Since the Brady Act went into effect, over 186,000 felons, fugitives, and other prohibited purchasers have been denied handguns. It would seriously undermine our efforts to reduce violent crime if these and other prohibited individuals were able to purchase handguns because law enforcement officers stopped doing Brady background checks.

We recognize that some CLEOs may still use the Court's decision as an excuse not to conduct Brady background checks. That would be unfortunate. It's just common sense that we all keep doing whatever we can to keep dangerous criminals -- such as murderers, rapists and stalkers -- from obtaining handguns. The safety of all Americans is better assured when Brady background checks are conducted.

Our request is simple: please join us in continuing to enforce the Brady Act.

Sincerely,

Janet Reno & Robert Rubin

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## DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am deeply disappointed in today's Supreme Court decision to rule part of the Brady Law unconstitutional. The Brady Law has served as a key law enforcement tool -- keeping guns out of the hands of over 186,000 felons, fugitives, and stalkers. The Brady Law has made a difference. It has helped us drive down the crime rate and save lives.

Today's ruling should not mean an end to Brady background checks. Twenty-eight states -- ten more than when the Brady Law first passed -- now conduct background checks as a matter of state law and will continue to do so.

We expect that the majority of law enforcement agencies in the remaining states will continue to conduct background checks-- not because they are required by federal law-- but because they are good law enforcement policy. I have asked Attorney General Reno and Treasury Secretary Rubin to contact police departments across the country today, to make sure they know that Brady background checks can continue to be done on a voluntary basis through November 1998, when our federal Brady instant check system is in effect.

But we should not stop there. I challenge Congress to quickly pass legislation (being introduced today by Congressman Schumer) to prohibit a federally-licensed gun dealer from selling a handgun unless a law enforcement official has certified that a background check will be conducted. Our goal is clear: no background check, no handgun.

Over the weekend, we received encouraging news from the Justice Department that last year, we saw the largest drop in violent crime in more than three and a half decades. Murders dropped a stunning 11 percent in 1996. Our strategy of more police, tougher punishments, and fewer guns in the hands of criminals is making difference. But we cannot let up. The safety of our communities and of all Americans is better assured when Brady background checks are conducted.

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CREATOR: Michael Cohen ( CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAY-1997 09:15:18.00

SUBJECT: Help on scheduling issue

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can you give me a call sometime soon? I need your help in figuring out how to move on the scheduling request we submitted for the President to participate in the release of PSA's on education standards that the business roundtable and other partners are doing with Major League Baseball. We want POTUS to be at Camden Yards for the July 2 event.

Also, I want you to know that the weekly report will be ready later today, and will include the following items (1) report of a meeting Riley and I had with NGA exec. committee gov's on the testing initiative; (2) ED's best estimate of how many school systems have kids from more than 100 language backgrounds; (3) an alert that ED's Voc. Ed Bill which will be transmitted to Congress next week, along with a brief overview of the bill.

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CREATOR: Elizabeth Drye ( CN=Elizabeth Drye/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Copies of cloning memo

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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TEXT:

Sorry to bother you about this, but can you e-mail the final memo to Dr. Gibbons staff (Sue Bachtel, Rachael Levinson; Holly Gwin) and VP's staffer (Toby Donenfeld) tonight? They want to get to their principals over the weekend. Thanks for your help.

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CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro ( CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: please review

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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TEXT:

Andy Blocker at Leg Affairs has been asking me for this insert to a CBC letter. Can you review? Thanks.

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For insert into CBC letter:

### **Cocaine Sentencing**

Last month, the U.S. Sentencing Commission released a special report to Congress containing new recommendations on sentencing for cocaine offenses. Unlike the Commission's recommendations issued in October 1995, the proposed sentencing changes contained in the report require Congressional action before they could take effect.

I commended the Sentencing Commission for moving forward with recommendations to Congress to reduce the disparity between crack and powder cocaine penalties. My Administration will give these recommendations very serious consideration. Director McCaffrey and Attorney General Reno are currently reviewing the recommendations and will be reporting back to me by June 29. I look forward to working with the Congress on this issue.

Current law creates a substantial disparity between sentences for crack and powder cocaine. This disparity has led to a perception of unfairness and inconsistency in the federal criminal justice system. Some adjustment to the cocaine penalty structure is warranted as a matter of sound criminal justice policy. However, the sentencing laws must continue to reflect that crack cocaine is a more harmful form of cocaine. The Sentencing Commission's new recommendations do so. Trafficking in crack, and the violence it fosters, has a devastating impact on communities across America, especially inner-city communities. Any change in penalties must ensure that more dangerous offenders receive tougher sentences.

### **Status Offenders**

My Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Act of 1997 does not propose a change from existing policy and practice on detention of status offenders. The bill would merely codify the federal regulatory changes enacted last December. These regulations make it permissible to hold a juvenile for up to 24 hours prior to, and immediately following, his or her initial court appearance (excluding holidays and weekends). The provisions will enable state and local governments to take into account the facts and circumstances of each juvenile taken into custody and provide for their appropriate placement.

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CREATOR: Sylvia M. Mathews ( CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

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SUBJECT: Executive Order

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dawn M. Chirwa ( CN=Dawn M. Chirwa/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

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TEXT:

I just wanted to check in on where we are on the executive order? We had previously discussed the difficulty of circulating to all the Departments early in the process. Thoughts?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Barry White ( CN=Barry White/OU=OMB/O=EOP [ OMB ] )

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SUBJECT: WTW -- Friday afternoon meeting

TO: Kathryn B. Stack ( CN=Kathryn B. Stack/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
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TO: Diana Fortuna ( CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Larry R. Matlack ( CN=Larry R. Matlack/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
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CC: Jeffrey A. Farkas ( CN=Jeffrey A. Farkas/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
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CC: Maureen H. Walsh ( CN=Maureen H. Walsh/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
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Barry White ( CN=Barry White/OU=OMB/O=EOP [ OMB ] )  
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TEXT:

These notes will supplement the phone call to Elena and staff briefings in passing.

Process. To recap expected timing of next steps:

Haskins expects his draft Monday morning. He will make it available to us through Palast, who takes responsibility for getting to HHS and us. If it doesn't come directly to DPC, I'll get it there, and will get it to Stegman at HUD and Barr at Treasury (who called about all this Friday night).

Haskins is open to meeting with a small group late Monday to provide comments and input to a second draft. AS noted below, he accepts that he needs some input on several issues.

Haskins expects to be able to circulate a draft Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, with mark up scheduled for Friday, for WTW and other matters: immigrants (grandfathering all on the roles instead of the Agreement on new applicants; deportation; sponsorship at 150% of poverty eliminates benefits; no AIDs aliens; et al -- Tarplin has a complete list); FLSA; privatization; TANF transfers for Title XX and childcare; limiting amount of high school and voc ed that can count for TANF requirements; and UI (Pennington).

Colton provided a preliminary list of minority amendments to the expected bill. (Kagan has by fax; OMB staff: in your boxes).

Colton may want Administration people at meeting of Dem LAs; she will call WH and/or Palast and Tarplin.

W&M and E&W. Haskins reported that he and the Education and Workforce committee staff have been unable to agree on a WTW design. Haskins favors competition and qualitative judgements on plans. E&W favors including the WTW money in the broad block grant approach it has approved as the replacment for JTPA. Not clear how this will play out among the members, but Haskins is drafting his way for now.

What do the cities think. Not yet clear. Some think they would accept the pass through from States approach (see below), in lieu of direct grants from the Feds. Palast is to get a straight story from the Conf of Mayors.

Content.

Some mix of competitive and formula grants. Proportion likely to be a members issue. Formula will focus on poverty and unemployment and numbers on welfare.

DOL administers.

Split between States and cities, and degree of control over money by cities not clear, but may be achieved via a statutorily required pass-through from States, as in JTPA. Substate formula based on poverty plus welfare rolls, long term recipients. The Agreement says local areas must have poverty 20% above State average, but Haskins is sceptical of reality of that figure.

Funding from State or locals has to be approved by PICs. This is confused due to limited understanding of the JTPA/PIC structure; DOL will provide some drafting clarity

One/third State match (\$1 State to \$2 Fed), with State \$ not usable to meet any other Federal match. States must meet TANF 80% MOE. 15% admin cap.

Eligible individuals are:

1. On welfare for 30 months; or
2. Have less than one year before mandatory TANF termination; or
3. Meet any two of the following four conditions (each to be defined by the Secretary):
  - a. School dropout;
  - b. Low skills;
  - c. Less than 3 of the last 12 months in the labor force;
  - d. Drug abuser.

HHS (not DOL) receives .5% of the annual appropriation for evaluation, developed in consultation with DOL. (On \$3 billion, this is \$150 million, which has to be a typo; must be .05%).

State legislature must appropriate the grant to States; role not clear for grants to cities.

Allowable activities:

Job creation, through public or private sector wage subsidies;  
On-the-job training;  
Contracts with job placement companies or public job placement programs;

Job vouchers;

Job retention services or support services if not otherwise available.

No performance bonuses.