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POLICY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RACE/RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE

We have three goals for the policy component of the proposed race/reconciliation initiative. These are:

(1) Establish baselines in key issue areas. Our first step must be to establish accurate and updated baselines in the areas of economic opportunity, education, health, housing and the administration of justice. It is important for us to assess what improvements racial minorities have and have not experienced in recent years. For instance: while some African-American and Latino leaders continue to call for expensive urban policies to create jobs, promote affordable housing and prevent crime -- the Administration's policies have created millions of jobs, increased minority home ownership and dramatically cut crime. Updated baselines that allow us to show who is and who is not benefitting from these trends will allow us to promote more informed debate and develop targeted policies.

(2) Develop short-term initiatives. Our second goal must be to develop a series of policy initiatives that can be implemented throughout the year -- and used to complement the proposed events and town hall meetings. Our best opportunities here are two-fold: first, by developing policy responses to key race-related issues that we expect to arise (e.g., the impact of proposition 209 on minority enrollment in California Colleges); and second, by targeting existing Administration initiatives to address specific race-related issues (e.g., using the COPS program to crack down on hate crimes or EZ funds to promote minority job networks).

(3) Develop long-term policy recommendations that go beyond Washington's left-right debate. Our most important goal must be to work with the Commission and their staff to develop long-term policy recommendations that go beyond the current polarized debate on race. These recommendations, which will be included in the President's Report to the American People, must also be achievable within the context of the budget agreement. Clearly, this will be the most challenging aspect of the race/reconciliation initiative. We strongly believe, however, that much can be accomplished without calling for new spending programs. Here are some initial ideas in each issue area:

Economic Opportunity -- Perhaps the best opportunity here is in how we target the needs of minorities with respect to the welfare jobs initiative. However, additional opportunities exist to use the EZs, HUD CDBG funds, CDFIs, Brownfields and other ongoing Administration initiatives to promote culturally-oriented development, minority job links and recruitment networks and increased access to capital. An equally ambitious effort would be to work with the labor unions to increase the availability of apprenticeship programs -- and ultimately union scale jobs -- to minorities.

Education -- Promoting the use of standards to increase performance in some of our inner city schools.

Health. Targeting the new health initiative for low-income children to serve key minority populations.

Housing. Make HUD funds more flexible so that they can be used to actively promote the development of more diverse, mixed-income communities.

Justice. Using the COPS program to dramatically increase the number of minority police officers serving minority communities; to increase diversity training for officers that work in minority communities; and to increase police resources in traditionally under served communities.

To guide these efforts, DPC -- in conjunction with the NEC -- will convene work groups in each of these areas.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-JUN-1997 17:18:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: attached

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CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

Looks great Elena. This will help strengthen our goals and address some of EB's concerns.

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

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SUBJECT: Policy idea

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

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TEXT:

While it is not exactly a policy ... Explore ways to use the 10 regional and 4 field offices of the the Justice Department's Community Relations Service.

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CREATOR: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-JUN-1997 18:05:08.00

SUBJECT: Re: pediatric labeling

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TEXT:

I have not heard about any briefing request. I do think, though, that it may have been made, perhaps b/c of the importance I impressed on Sally of the White House not slowing any reg up. If that is the case, I think it is good that she is doing a briefing; I just think that you, Jen, and Elizabeth should be there too -- if you want.

The biggest priority, however, (I think) is working the Dodd angle. We can slow or speed up how Sally handles this reg depending on our success at changing the political dynamic. Tell me what, if anything, I can do to help...

cj

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CREATOR: Mark J. Mazur (CN=Mark J. Mazur/OU=CEA/O=EOP [CEA])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-JUN-1997 15:11:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: proper taxation of workfare benefits

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

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TEXT:

Elena,

Any word from Bruce on this? As I mentioned to you, there are some NEC staffers with a very keen interest in this issue and they will be bringing it up with Gene at Monday's NEC staff meeting. It would be helpful to have some indication of where we stand on this. Thanks,

Mark

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

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SUBJECT: Re: Late Term

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

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TEXT:

Let's raise in tomorrow's 7:45. Thanks.

Elena Kagan

06/01/97 05:37:04 PM

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Subject: Re: Late Term

The meeting was fine -- not great, not bad. It focused on fairly short-term things -- in particular, on whether the AMA policy can be reversed at its convention on June 23. We agreed to do a bit of thinking about whether we (in truth, HHS) could contribute to that effort. Chuck and I are meeting with the AG on Tuesday; Donna offered to send over some doctors this week (though we don't know who or when) to give a medical briefing. I think we all could use a briefing from the legislative people, but I lean toward asking for this at one of the morning meetings, rather than calling a separate meeting for the purpose.

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THE WHITE HOUSE AT WORK

Monday, June 2, 1997

MONDAY: VICE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES STEPS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS

Today at a White House ceremony to celebrate National Small Business Week, Vice President Gore announced three new actions to help small business:

- The Small Business Administration's new five-point program to help small businesses develop pension plans for their more than 32 million workers who now lack retirement benefits. The effort includes a new 800-number for small businesses: 1-800-998-7542.
- SBA's new one-stop, on-line procurement service, called PRO-Net, to help small businesses -- especially women-, minority-, and disadvantaged-owned small businesses -- find procurement opportunities in the Federal Government and private sector.
- The IRS will provide a six-month extension, until December 31, for small businesses to file payroll taxes through the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System. Without this action, many small businesses would have been subject to penalties for not using the new system by July 1.
- The Vice President said: "The President and I have worked hard to ensure that our small businesses can continue to be the engines of economic growth. We hope the steps announced today will offer some common-sense help."

SATURDAY: PRESIDENT RENEWS CALL FOR TAX CUTS FOR FAMILIES

As Congress moves forward on the details of the balanced budget agreement and its tax cut, President Clinton used his weekly Radio Address to renew his call for tax cuts that help families raise and educate their children and keep the economy growing:

- The final tax cut must help open the doors of college to every American. The President's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship tax cuts will help pay for the first two years of college; he will recommend that students who receive Pell Grants still be eligible for HOPE Scholarships for additional education costs; and he favors a tax deduction for the cost of any education after high school for people of any age.
- The final tax cut should give as many families as possible the chance to receive the dividends of economic growth. The President's plan includes a \$500 child tax credit; Congress must make sure it is fair to working families -- especially those with lower incomes.
- The final tax cut must be consistent with a balanced budget -- and not written in such a way that it busts the budget in years to come.
- This kind of tax package will continue the President's three-pronged economic strategy -- reducing the budget deficit; investing in the education, training and security of our

people; and opening new markets through tough trade agreements -- that has created so much opportunity for the American people since 1993.

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FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: JUNE 2, 1997

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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

Deputy Director John Koskinen will testify on Tuesday, June 3rd, before the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight regarding the status and assessment of agency implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act.

The House Rules Committee is expected to consider the Budget Resolution on Tuesday, June 3rd at 1:00pm.

On Wednesday at 4:00pm, the House Ways & Means Health Subcommittee will hold a Reconciliation Mark-up on Medicare Part A and Part B. The mark-up will go late into the evening Wednesday and will continue at 10:00am on Thursday. Beginning tomorrow, we will send out a comprehensive daily reconciliation report, with updates on House and Senate committee action and schedule information.

CONGRESS TODAY (6/2):

SENATE

The Senate continued consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act. A Cloture motion was filed on the pending amendment, and the vote is expected to occur Wednesday morning.

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

HOUSE

Not in session

CONGRESS TOMORROW (6/3):

SENATE

The Senate will convene at 9:30am for morning business, and 2:15pm for legislative business, when they will resume consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act. Amendments are expected to be offered throughout the day; therefore, roll call votes are possible after 2:15pm.

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

The Leadership announced that they hope the Budget Conference Report will be ready for consideration early this week.

HOUSE

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 sent 6/2: Administration supports]

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 sent 6/2: Administration supports]

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

[No SAP]

CONGRESS -- LONG-TERM SCHEDULE

SENATE

Wednesday, June 4th and the Balance of the Week

On Wednesday morning, the Senate is expected to hold a Cloture vote on S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act.

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

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

- o Budget Reconciliation Bills
- o Conference Report on the Disaster/Bosnia Supplemental
- o Juvenile Justice Legislation (passed in the House)
- o Homeowners, private mortgage insurance
- o Rural zones legislation

HOUSE

Wednesday, June 4th and the Balance of the Week

The House will convene on Wednesday, June 4th, and Thursday, June 5th, at 10:00am for legislative business. On Friday, June 6th, the House will convene at 9:00am for legislative business.

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

The House 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 FY 1998 Appropriations Bills
- o Defense Authorization Legislation
- o Constitutional amendment to prohibit flag-burning
[SAP pending]
- o Legislation regarding China's MFN status (possible)

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Thanks for the update. Please let me know when you have the Haskins reconciliation draft; I'd like a copy. Also, I'd like to sit in on the meeting with Haskins today, if there is one.

Emil

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Please review the attached documents and forward any edits to me. We are trying hard to gather all changes by COB Wednesday. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Kevin

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AFRICAN-AMERICANS

America is moving closer to fulfilling its fundamental promise of ensuring equality and the opportunity for advancement for all. President Clinton has worked to restore the American dream by expanding the economy, ensuring equal opportunity, investing in education and making our communities safer. Since President Clinton entered office, the economy has created over 10 million new jobs, the unemployment rate for African-Americans has declined nearly 30 and over 100,000 new African-American businesses have been created.

But more needs to be done. The unemployment rate for African-Americans remains twice that of whites and discrimination remains a daily fact of life for too many Americans. African-Americans are still more likely to be victims of murder, robberies and aggravated assaults. That is why President Clinton will continue to work to ensure that all Americans have the security and equal opportunity needed to develop to their full potential.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- ***Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy:***
 - Oversaw the creation of more than 12.1 million new jobs in just over four years -- a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
 - For adult African-Americans, the unemployment rate dipped to 9.8 in April -- one of the lowest rates in 20 years. This is the 35th consecutive month that the unemployment rate for adult African-Americans has been in the single digits. (When President Clinton took office in January 1993, the unemployment rate for African-American adults was 12.5 .)
 - Under President Clinton, the typical African-American family's income is up \$3,000. Since 1992, the median income of African-American families has increased from \$22,923 to \$25,393 -- that means their income was \$3,047 higher in 1995 than the year before President Clinton took office.
 - The African-American poverty rate dropped to its lowest level in history. In 1995,
 - More than 1.3 million African-Americans are benefitting from the
- ***Fighting for Equal Opportunity:***
 - Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history.
 - Members of the Clinton Cabinet include three African-Americans, one Hispanic-American and four women.

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- Fourteen percent of all Administration appointees are African-American.
- President Clinton has to date nominated 46 African-Americans to the federal bench -- over 18% of total federal bench nominations. Overall, 65% of President Clinton's judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association -- the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.
- Over 55% of the President's judicial nominees are women and minorities -- the highest proportion ever.
- More African-American appointees (33) are serving in the White House than at any time in history.
- Ordered a review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action is still an effective and important tool to expand educational and economic opportunity.
- The Administration argued in federal court to expand the Voting Rights Act and defended racially fair redistricting plans against claims they were unconstitutional.
- The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has filed more cases in the last three years to enforce fair housing laws than any other Administration -- a record 457 cases.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development actively intervened and desegregated a Texas public housing complex.
- The Treasury Department, working with the Justice Department, ordered a Mississippi bank to implement remedial lending plans for minority customers once denied loans by the bank.
- Made voting easier for more than 11 million Americans by creating more accessible "motor-voter" registration locations. (National Voter Registration Act)

- *Providing Educational Opportunities for the New Century:*

- In 1995, the number of PhD's awarded to African-American students increased 17% over 1994.
- Increased funding for Historically Black Colleges by nearly \$250 million since FY1992, an almost 25% increase.
- Established the President's Board of Advisors for Historically Black Colleges and Universities to strengthen the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide quality education by advising on ways to increase the private sector's role in these institutions.
- Increased Head Start funding by nearly \$800 million to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported the development of standards of excellence for students while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (GOALS 2000: Educate America Act)
- Gave schools greater flexibility to use federal aid and develop effective teaching innovations to help students achieve their full potential. (Improving America's Schools Act)
- Launched an Educational Technology Initiative to connect every classroom to the Information Superhighway and provide all students with access to computers by the

dawn of the next century.

- Proposed spending \$5 billion to help local communities and states rebuild the nation's schools.
- Encouraged schools, colleges and employers to join in creating school-to-work
- Enabled 45,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program, with African Americans comprising one-third of all participants. (National Service Act)
- Reformed the federal student loan program, making college more affordable this year for millions of students in the Direct Lending program and others who will have access to flexible repayment options, including pay-as-you-earn plans. Over 1,700 schools, representing 50% of the total amount of loans, are expected to participate in the Direct Lending program this year. (Student Loan Reform Act)
- Proposed America's Hope Scholarships to make access to two-years of college universal by providing students with a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for full-time tuition in their first year of college and another \$1,500 credit in their second year if they work hard, stay off drugs and earn at least a B average in their first year. This \$1,500 tax credit will pay for more than the full cost of tuition at the national average-priced community colleges.

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- *Cherishing Children and Strengthening Families:*

- Provided tax relief for 15 million working families by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In 1995, the EITC lifted over 832,000 African-Americans, including 450,000 African-American children, out of poverty.
- Helped families move from welfare to work by authorizing 43 states to bypass existing welfare rules and set time limits on benefits, require recipients to work or stay in school, provide child care and give employers incentives to hire welfare recipients.
- Helped move 2.9 million people from welfare to work -- decreasing welfare rolls by 20% since taking office.
- Breaking the cycle of welfare dependency by requiring teenage mothers to live at home, stay in school and turn their lives around.
- Implemented a new child support enforcement project to help track down non-paying parents across state lines; challenged states to adopt new hire programs to catch delinquent parents who move from job to job; and issued new regulations to require women who apply for welfare to comply with paternity establishment requirements before receiving benefits, except in cases of rape or threat to the mother's safety.
- Collected a record \$11 billion in child support in 1995 through tougher enforcement -- a nearly 40% increase over 1992.
- Worked with community, business and religious leaders to form a new National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.
- Enabled workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a family member without fear of losing their jobs. (Family and Medical Leave Act). The President has proposed expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to better help workers care for their families without sacrificing their work obligations. The

expansion will allow workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave in support of their children's educational needs, older relatives' health care and other family medical and dental obligations.

- Proposed an employee choice flex-time initiative that will allow workers to agree with their employers to work overtime in exchange for up to 80 hours of paid time-off ("flex-time"). Under the President's proposal, workers could choose to receive time-and-a-half in flex-time or in cash pay for each hour of overtime and could use their accumulated flex-time for any purpose.
- Established a Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure vaccinations and healthy futures for all children. In 1995, 75% of two-year-old children were properly immunized, an historic high. In 1996, contraction rates among for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella were substantially reduced.
- Put the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) on a full funding path.
- Established the Office of Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institute of Health.
- Proposed a comprehensive initiative to cut off children's access to tobacco products and reduce their appeal to children.
- Gave parents greater control over what their children watch on television by announcing a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a television ratings system and by requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips ("V-chips") in all new televisions.

- *Taking Back Our Streets From Crime, Gangs and Drugs:*

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- Assisted South Africa's transition to democracy, providing support for elections and development.
- Hosted the first White House Conference on Africa in July 1994.

May 1997

HISPANIC-AMERICANS

One of our nation's greatest strengths is its vast diversity. Since our country's inception, Hispanic-Americans have always had an integral role in shaping America's history, economy and traditions. Many of the ideals that all Americans live by are deeply rooted in the Hispanic values of a strong sense of family, hard work, service to country and religious faith.

President Clinton is leading the way to enable Hispanic-Americans to participate at all levels of American society and have a greater role in boardrooms, schoolrooms and the halls of government. The President has worked to make the American dream a real possibility for all Americans and to ensure that the hopes and dreams of Hispanic-Americans are attainable.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- *Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy:*
 - Oversaw the creation of more than 12.1 million new jobs in only three-and-a-half years -- a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
 - The President proposed to raise the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour -- directly benefitting more than 1.6 million Hispanic-Americans.
 - The unemployment rate for Hispanic-Americans in April was 8.1 , down from 11.3 when President Clinton first took office.
 - Over 220,000 new Hispanic-American-owned businesses have been created in the first three years of the Clinton Administration.
 - After more than a decade of decline, 1 million new manufacturing and construction jobs have been created since President Clinton took office.
 - Passed the largest deficit-cutting plan in history -- saving more than \$1 trillion over 7 years.
 - Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
 - Made new tax cuts available to over 90 of small businesses.
 - Proposed safeguarding workers' pensions and health care by simplifying pensions and protecting health insurance for people who change or lose their jobs.

- *Fighting for Equal Opportunity:*
 - Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history. Members of the Clinton cabinet include two Hispanic-Americans, Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Federico Pena, Secretary of Transportation.
 - A record number (20) of all judicial appointments are Hispanic-Americans, including the first Mexican-American judge in Los Angeles and the first Hispanic judge in Chicago. Overall, 63 of President Clinton's Latino judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association -- the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.
 - Over 55 of the President's judicial nominees are women and minorities -- the

highest proportion ever.

- Appointed more Hispanic-Americans to senior level positions than any President in American history. Significantly, these appointments are outside what had been considered the "traditional" Hispanic areas of interest.
- Ordered a comprehensive review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action remains an effective and important tool to expand education and economic opportunity to all Americans.
- Opposed California's Proposition 187 due to its detrimental impact on children and its threat to public health.
- Authorized a nationwide investigation of discrimination by financial institutions
- Made voting easier for more than 11 million Americans by creating more accessible "motor-voter" registration locations. (National Voter Registration Act)

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- *Providing Educational Opportunities for the New Century:*

- Established an advisory commission to oversee the improvement in education for Hispanics and to ensure that Hispanic-serving institutions will have more input regarding educational goals and issues of concern to Hispanic-Americans. (Executive Order on Educational Excellence for Hispanic-Americans)
- Increased funding for the Office of Bilingual Education & Minority Languages Affairs and opposed plans to abolish bilingual education.
- Opposed congressional efforts to deny the children of undocumented
- Increased Head Start funding by nearly \$800 million to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported the development of standards of excellence for students while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (GOALS 2000: Educate America Act)
- Gave schools greater flexibility to use federal aid and develop effective teaching innovations to help students achieve their full potential. (Improving America's Schools Act)
- Launched an Educational Technology Initiative to connect every classroom to the Information Superhighway and provide all students with access to computers by the dawn of the next century.
- Proposed spending \$5 billion to help local communities and states rebuild the nation's schools.
- Encouraged schools, colleges and employers to join in creating school-to-work
- Enabled 45,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program, with Hispanics comprising 14 of all participants. (National Service Act)
- Reformed the federal student loan program, making college more affordable this year for millions of students in the Direct Lending program and others who will have access to flexible repayment options, including pay-as-you-earn plans. Over 1,300 schools, representing 25 of the total amount of loans, are expected to participate in the Direct Lending program this year. (Student Loan Reform Act)

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- Proposed America's Hope Scholarships to make access to two-years of college universal by providing students with a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for full-time tuition in their first year of college and another \$1,500 credit in their second year if they work hard, stay off drugs and earn at least a B average in their first year. This \$1,500 tax credit will pay for more than the full cost of tuition at the national average-priced community colleges.
- Called for a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 per year for the cost of college tuition and training. Families could deduct up to \$10,000 in tuition and fees for post-secondary education. Over 17 million students and over 14 million families stand to benefit from this proposal for tax relief to working families.

- *Cherishing Children and Strengthening Families:*

- Provided tax relief for 15 million working families by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In 1995, the EITC lifted over 888,000 Hispanic-Americans, including 446,000 Hispanic children, out of poverty.
- Helped families move from welfare to work by authorizing 40 states to bypass existing welfare rules and set time limits on benefits, require recipients to work or stay in school, provide child care and give employers incentives to hire welfare recipients.
- Helped reduce welfare rolls 20% since taking office -- 2.9 million fewer recipients.
- Breaking the cycle of welfare dependency by requiring teenage mothers to live at home, stay in school and turn their lives around.
- Implemented a new child support enforcement project to help track down non-paying parents across state lines; challenged states to adopt new hire programs to catch delinquent parents who move from job to job; and issued new regulations to require women who apply for welfare to comply with paternity establishment requirements before receiving benefits, except in cases of rape or threat to the mother's safety.
- Collected a record \$11 billion in child support in 1995 through tougher enforcement -- a nearly 40% increase over 1992.
- Worked with community, business and religious leaders to form a new National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.
- Enabled workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a family member without fear of losing their jobs. (Family and Medical Leave Act) The President has proposed expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to better help workers care for their families without sacrificing their work obligations. The expansion will allow workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave in support of their children's educational needs, older relatives' health care and other family medical and dental obligations.
- Proposed an employee choice flex-time initiative that will allow workers to agree with their employers to work overtime in exchange for up to 80 hours of paid time-off ("flex-time"). Under the President's proposal, workers could choose to receive time-and-a-half in flex-time or in cash pay for each hour of overtime and could use their accumulated flex-time for any purpose.

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 - Took decisive action in assembling a financial support package for Mexico. The President's leadership prevented a prolonged financial crisis in Mexico and its spread to other Latin American countries.

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CREATOR: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Welfare to Work Logistics for Tonight/Tomorrow

TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI --

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06:22 PM -----

Cynthia A. Rice

06/02/97 06:13:47 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Cathy R. Mays/OPD/EOP

cc: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

Subject: Welfare to Work Logistics for Tonight/Tomorrow

Cathy -- Geri Palast will get the new Ways and Means draft tomorrow morning. Bruce said he wants to have a conference call at 11:00 (like the one we just had). Before then, Geri will fax you the draft and Bruce said he'd like to fax it to the people who will be on the 11:00 conference call. After the conference call, a small group may go to the Hill for another meeting with Ron Haskins at 12:00 if necessary.

Also, I am typing up a one-pager reflecting Ron's latest proposal which reflects our input which Bruce says he wants to get around to people in the White House tonight to update them on our progress.

DRAFT

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Options on Service Summit Follow-up

This memo summarizes some options designed to ensure that we continue to sound the themes of the Presidents' Summit on America's Future in the coming weeks and months.

1. Working with America's Promise and Summit Leaders: We must determine how much to emphasize events that reinforce our service message vs. work with the Summit's new 501c3, "America's Promise." Although there are legal limits on our involvement, we are able to continue to work with Gen. Powell, and it probably makes sense to do so since the Summit went well and the President is so identified with it.

- We should emphasize the Summit's partnership approach and goals in our ongoing events as much as possible. Related events in May included the Welfare to Work Partnership event, and the Vice President's announcement of his new coalition of civic groups to mentor those leaving welfare.
- We should meet with staff at America's Promise to learn about their efforts to set targets for the five resources for children and track progress toward their goal of reaching two million children.
- We could ask America's Promise to report to us on its progress on a quarterly basis, if counsel approves. In that way, we could stay connected to America's Promise even as we keep its operations at an appropriate distance.
- Eli Segal has suggested bringing in CEO's to report on their progress since the Summit, or convening a conference on one or more of the five resources. The President has expressed interest in tying the summit's "safe places" goal to our juvenile justice initiative. We could also take advantage of Ray Chambers' interest in using schools to deliver services to kids to highlight our Communities in Schools proposal in the budget.
- Administration officials could participate in local summits around the country.

2. AmeriCorps and Other Service Opportunities: There are a variety of things we could do to reinforce our announcement of 50,000 new AmeriCorps scholarships and our high school service theme.

- The President could announce the first winners of the new High School Service Scholars program, perhaps in combination with the first Maryland high school class to graduate under their service requirement.

- We plan to write non-profit organizations to restate the President's Summit announcement of 50,000 new "scholarship only" AmeriCorps members. The Corporation has asked us to hold this for the time being because of their concern that they may get too much interest in this idea.
- The President could announce the next group of scholarship-only AmeriCorps members.
- We could reach out to faith-based groups, perhaps involving Rev. Tony Campolo and his new "Mission Year" initiative. However, it is not clear whether Campolo's students can get AmeriCorps scholarships funding because of questions about their religious activities. We could work with other faith-based groups.
- One major goal we must stress in the coming weeks is getting AmeriCorps reauthorized. The Corporation wants to launch the Administration's reauthorization proposal at a roundtable on service with members of Congress in late June. Although reauthorization will be difficult, there will probably never be a better time to push for it and ensure some longevity for AmeriCorps beyond the President's term. Anything we can do to tie this to the Summit and even Powell would obviously be very helpful.
- Other options are to highlight the AmeriCorps component of America Reads, AmeriCorps' Teach for America program, various Corporation "service learning" programs, or the Corporation's senior service programs.

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CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUN-1997 11:43:52.00

SUBJECT: Stuff

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We have some partially baked race-related initiatives floating around here, any interest?

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CREATOR: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUN-1997 07:22:24.00

SUBJECT: Re: attached

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Excellent. By the time we're finished, policy will be 80 and talk will be 20.

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CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUN-1997 10:57:07.00

SUBJECT: English as official language

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Elena,

I understand that this is your issue. Following is the current form letter draft I have on this subject. The language was cleared 8/96 by Leg Affairs and Steven Warnath. Could you please let me know whether it still reflects the Administration's position on this issue? I spoke with Leanne Shimabukuro and she suggested that it may be a bit too strong. Please let me know what you think. Also, is there anyone else who should review this before it is released for use?

DRAFT:

Thank you for sharing with me your thoughts on "English-only" legislation.

Everyone throughout the world recognizes that English is the common language of the United States, and I consider legislation such as the English Language Empowerment Act, the Bilingual Voting Requirements Repeal Act, and the Language of Government Act to be divisive and unnecessary.

These measures would have numerous objectionable effects. They would effectively exclude Americans who are not fully proficient in English from equal participation in society, denying them equal access to education, social services, and other interaction with their government and their communities. Restricting the government's ability to communicate clearly with citizens simply because their English proficiency is limited would infringe upon the most basic tenet of participatory democracy -- a citizen's right to vote. We would no longer be able to effectively conduct required business in writing with the millions of U.S. citizens, in Puerto Rico and many States, who do not read English.

We are a great nation of many voices. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights serve to unite all Americans and seek to guarantee freedom of speech, representative democracy, respect for due process, and equality of protection under the law. Proposals for "English-only" laws, which would require the federal government to conduct the vast majority of its official business only in English, contradict these principles.

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SUBJECT: Tobacco

TO: Elizabeth Drye (CN=Elizabeth Drye/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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TEXT:

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SUBJECT: Tobacco

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

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Agree that it's probably time to move forward on the EO. I'm checking status of related second hand smoke activities (e.g. litigation of EPA's second hand smoke risk assessment and OSHA's long-pending workplace standard).

ALSO, Waxman and others are introducing two tobacco bills tomorrow, Tuesday, at 10:00am press conference.

Waxman/Meehan and Sen. Lautenberg will introduce the "Smoke Free Environment Act," a far-reaching bill they passed out of subcommittee in 1994 with some restaurant, insurance and building industry support. It prohibits smoking in any "public" facility (any building used by more than 10 people), except in specially-designated smoking areas that are ventilated according to EPA-promulgated standards. Citizens can sue to enforce.

Waman/Meehan and Sen. Durbin will introduce a kids use performance standard for tobacco brands -- an idea on the table in the settlement talks. Tobacco companies would have to reduce by 90% over 6 years the number of kids using (not buying) any given brand, or face a non-compliance penalty/tax of \$1 per pack in the first year of non-compliance; \$2 per pack in the second year of non-compliance, etc.

These tackle key problems, albeit very aggressively. Do we want to say anything besides "we'll look at them" if asked tomorrow? Should I ask HHS to do talking points?

----- Forwarded by Elizabeth Drye/OPD/EOP on 06/02/97
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THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

June 4, 1997

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- Nine percent more children with disabilities graduated from high school between 1984 and 1992.
- Nearly half of all adults with disabilities have successfully completed course-work in colleges and universities.
- Youth served under IDEA are employed twice as often as their predecessors, older Americans with similar disabilities who were not served under the law.

Strengthening IDEA for the Future. While IDEA has achieved a great deal, we can and must do better. The new legislation strengthens IDEA in several ways:

- Higher expectations and a stronger emphasis on educational results. The new IDEA

revises Individual Education Plans for students to better focus on enabling disabled children to participate and progress in the general curriculum. The new law also reaffirms that all children with disabilities must be included in State and district assessments of student learning, with appropriate accommodations where necessary. In addition, the reauthorized IDEA ensures regular education teachers will be involved in planning and assessing children's progress and supports quality professional development for all personnel involved in educating children with disabilities.

- More information and better support for parents. Under the new IDEA, schools will be required to include parents in meetings to determine student placements. Moreover, the new law requires that parents receive report cards on the progress of their children as frequently as parents of non-disabled children.
- Protecting the safety of all students in the classroom while retaining the essential rights and protections of disabled students. As proposed by the Administration, the new IDEA expands the authority of school officials to remove a child for up to 45 days for misconduct involving weapons or illegal drugs. The new law gives hearing officers the authority now reserved to courts to remove a child whose continued presence would pose a substantial risk of injury to the child or others. The reauthorization also makes clear that educational services may not be terminated for any child with a disability, overriding a recent 4th Circuit decision on cessation of services.
- Reduced costs, paperwork, and litigation. The new IDEA gives school districts financial relief through new cost-sharing provisions, and reduces paperwork for teachers, school districts and States. In addition, parents and school authorities will be able to resolve disputes through new mediation mechanisms.
- Improved funding formula. **As proposed by the Administration, the reauthorization makes changes in the IDEA funding formula to diminish incentives to inappropriately identify children as having a disability, although these changes would only take effect in future years as appropriations reach higher levels.**

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- Gives parents more information and a greater role in decisions affecting their children's education;
- Supports quality professional development for all teachers who work with special education students and ensures regular education teachers are involved in planning and assessing children's progress.
- Reduces paperwork and increases administrative flexibility;
- Promotes mediation to resolve disagreements between parents and schools.