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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 20:00:46.00

SUBJECT: Elder Care

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:

Were you swayed at all by Penn's passion for elder care? Was anyone? You recall we have some proposals on the topic...

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 13:43:01.00

SUBJECT: civil rights meetings

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We have 3 separate meetings set up with DOJ, EEOC and the other lead agencies on Thurs. and Friday (Pinzler from DOJ was out of town until Thursday and we wanted to do DOJ first). We had also scheduled WH meetings on civil rights enforcement on Wednesday and Friday. I'm not sure we need the WH meeting on Wednesday if we won't be able to report on these meetings till Friday anyhow...yes?

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 14:17:21.00

SUBJECT: Native American education

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

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

CC: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This seems like a possibly promising area for something in the area of the race initiative, especially if we don't already have any measures aimed at helping Native Americans in our package of initiatives. The problems correlate to some steps the Administration has taken generally in education -- indian drop out rates are above 50%, and there are problems in testing and school construction. However, when Mike and I had representatives of BIA , the Department of Education, and OMB come in and tell us what they would like today, we didn't get much. If we came up with something, what do you of trying to fit it in the race initiatives for funding?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 18:57:01.00

SUBJECT: Follow up to last Friday's meeting

TO: Robert Wexler (CN=Robert Wexler/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Lin Liu (CN=Lin Liu/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Claire Gonzales (CN=Claire Gonzales/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

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TO: edley@law.harvard.edu@INET@LNGTWY (edley@law.harvard.edu@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN

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TO: Sidney Blumenthal (CN=Sidney Blumenthal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TO: Michael Wenger (CN=Michael Wenger/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael J. Sorrell (CN=Michael J. Sorrell/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nelson Reyneri (CN=Nelson Reyneri/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jacinta Ma (CN=Jacinta Ma/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Susan M. Liss (CN=Susan M. Liss/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Beverly J. Barnes (CN=Beverly J. Barnes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Judith A. Winston (CN=Judith A. Winston/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

March 31, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR RACE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

FROM: SYLVIA MATHEWS AND JUDITH WINSTON

SUBJECT: Follow-up on Last Friday's Meeting

First of all, we would like to thank you for all your work in preparation for last Friday's meeting with Erskine Bowles and other White House staff. We made a lot of progress over the past few weeks.

At 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 23, we will meet again with Erskine. In the meantime, there are a number of follow-up actions to complete in response to last Friday's meeting. Also, there are a number of other items on which we need to follow through to accomplish some near-term goals. The list below details those items which need follow-up.

On Monday, October 20, we will hold a meeting with the team leaders to review our progress on near-term goals and Bowles follow up. This meeting also will help us prepare for the meeting with Erskine next Thursday.

Specific tasks to be completed by the dates indicated:

All Working Groups:

By October 20, each group should further develop their work plans so that clear time lines are established and tasks are assigned. Refined and detailed work plans should be prepared by and brought to the Monday meeting. Please bring approximately 30 copies of each work plan to the meeting.

Promising Practices:

By October 20, determine the criteria for reviewing promising practices, and create and implement a process for review and set a realistic deadline for getting practices on the Web: *Susan, Lin, Kevin.*

Dialogue:

By October 20, establish a theme for the first Town Hall meeting, propose a site and mix of attendees: *Ann, Claire, Michael.*

Policy/Enforcement:

By October 23, identify non-budgetary policies that can be announced in the short term: *Elena, Lin.*

Starting this week, include a section on race in the DPC's weekly report to the President:
Elena.

By October 23, discuss the possibility of creating a cross-cut on race for FY 99 budget:
Elena, Frank, Gene, Judy, and Sylvia.

Recruiting Leaders:

By October 20, determine the criteria for selecting and vetting leaders and determine specifically the things the leaders will be asked to do: *Maria, Mickey, and Mike.*

Hard Questions/Tough Issues:

By October 17, outline the difficult issues that the President and the Race Initiative will attempt to address: *Chris, Sid.*

Communications:

By October 20, develop talking points on what the Initiative has accomplished to date:
Ann, Claire.

Outreach:

By October 23, get a structure up and running to engage the corporate sector. Be ready to announce our corporate effort by October 28: *Maria, Mike.*

By October 23, convene a meeting with conservatives/Republicans to get them engaged in the Race Initiative: *Maria, Janet.*

By October 20, touch base with Roger Wilkins: *Maria.*

Cabinet Affairs:

By October 23, meet with Blacks in Government and other groups to identify affirmative measures the Initiative can pursue: *Goody.*

By October 23, develop a plan, process, and structure to pursue the "At the table" idea:
Goody, Michele.

Miscellaneous:

Starting this week, communicate with the working groups and submit a draft weekly report for the Race Initiative to Judy and Sylvia every Thursday evening: *Jacinta.*

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: William R. Kincaid (CN=William R. Kincaid/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 13:16:41.00

SUBJECT: document to review quickly

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

CC: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: BALDERSTON_A (BALDERSTON_A @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN]) (OPD)
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Dawn Chirwa is sending us a document that the Department of Education wants to release at ACE's conference on diversity in higher education tomorrow; the document has been cleared by the civil rights division, and is currently being ok'd by OLC. My understanding is that the document is something along the lines of guidelines for higher ed institutions to use in assessing their practices in admissions, financial aid, etc. As soon as we get a copy from the counsel's office we will forward a copy to you.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 20:17:03.00

SUBJECT: Re: civil rights meetings

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Yes, it turns out the Wednesday/Friday meetings Laura set up were at OPL's request and they have Wade Henderson et. al coming on those days. Sorry for the confusion.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 12:16:30.00

SUBJECT: AmeriCorps reauthorization

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

CC: William R. Kincaid (CN=William R. Kincaid/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Gomperts is pushing very hard to find out if they can launch their reauthorization proposal before Congress leaves. He is not pushing for a WH event now, but just a green light to send it to the Hill. He knows Hilley's bottom line that the approps be settled, but those are just about done. The only outstanding question is how much America Reads money they will get from Labor/HHS. Do you have a problem in telling them they can go forward at the end of this month or the beginning of November, assuming America Reads is settled by then?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jerold R. Mande (CN=Jerold R. Mande/OU=OSTP/O=EOP [OSTP])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 17:38:17.00

SUBJECT: Decoded copy of Reno letter to 5 Senators on Tobacco and Medicaid

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elena and Bruce --

Here is a decoded copy of the draft letter in case the version George sent came over encoded, which it did on my computer.

The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harkin:

Thank you for your letter of September 18, 1997, requesting an answer to the question of whether the federal government will be bringing a lawsuit against the tobacco companies for health care costs caused by tobacco related diseases. As explained in my previous letter, the Department of Justice along with the involved agencies have considered such suits and, to date, have not elected to attempt to recover these costs through direct litigation.

This Administration believes that our efforts should be directed at reducing teen smoking through comprehensive tobacco legislation. As the President said, "Reducing teen smoking has always been America's bottom line." That is why the President on September 17th called for comprehensive tobacco legislation with the goal of reducing teen smoking by 50 percent within seven years.

The President announced five key elements that must be the heart of any national tobacco legislation:

1. A comprehensive plan to reduce teen smoking, including tough penalties if targets are not met;
2. Full authority for the FDA to regulate tobacco products;

3. Changes in the way the tobacco industry does business;
4. Progress toward other public health goals; and
5. Protection for tobacco farmers and their communities.

Reducing teen smoking is most important because it will save the lives and health of our children. Financially, reducing teen smoking would be the most significant step that the Administration and Congress could take to save future health care costs.

Crafting the comprehensive tobacco legislation that will successfully reduce teenage tobacco use, is an enormous challenge. Forging such legislation will necessarily balance the competing interests of many different goals and policies. We believe the consideration of the costs incurred by federal programs in treating tobacco related diseases should be addressed through the comprehensive tobacco legislation.

Until that process is concluded, however, it would be inadvisable for the Department to explain why it has not attempted to recover such costs through direct litigation because events and facts may develop which would call for a different course in the future. Pronouncements at this time could impede the Department's ability to change course at that time.

Sincerely,

Janet Reno

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jacinta Ma (CN=Jacinta Ma/OU=PIR/O=EOP [PIR])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 19:41:46.00

SUBJECT: Weekly report from PIR

TO: Michael Wenger (CN=Michael Wenger/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael J. Sorrell (CN=Michael J. Sorrell/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Lin Liu (CN=Lin Liu/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Claire Gonzales (CN=Claire Gonzales/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Judith A. Winston (CN=Judith A. Winston/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

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

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TO: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Thurgood Marshall Jr (CN=Thurgood Marshall Jr/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TO: Susan M. Liss (CN=Susan M. Liss/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

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

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TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michele Cavataio (CN=Michele Cavataio/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Robert Wexler (CN=Robert Wexler/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

PIR team leaders--

I'll be compiling the weekly report to the President from PIR. .
Sylvia Mathews wants us to include updates from all the working groups.
I'll need to get information from you by the end of the day on Wednesdays
in order to make our Friday deadlines. (For this week, that means
tomorrow). If you are not the contact person, please let me know who on
your team will be. In the updates, please include activities that you
expect to occur on Thursday and Friday of the week.

Also, because we are working out of the Department of Justice,
please remember that the updates you send to me are subject to the Freedom
of Information Act as are all of our weekly reports.

Thanks for your help.

--Jacinta

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 15:17:52.00

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for Weekly Welfare Meeting

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

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

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

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Weekly Welfare Strategy Meeting
Draft Agenda
October 14, 1997

- I. Last Wednesday's POTUS and VPOTUS events (handouts)
- II. FLSA: Update on Thursday's Markup; Next Steps
- III. DOL Welfare to Work Grants: Guidance out Today? OMB to receive regs tomorrow?
- IV. Tomorrow: VP in Orlando Florida at Goodwill welfare to work site
- V. Possible Nov. 19th White House event with Welfare to Work Partnership
 - Announce June '97 caseload numbers? (down 40 months in a row)
 - Announce work participation rate results?
- VI. DOL: Information on Expanded Welfare to Work Tax Credit--is it available?
- VII. Expand this meeting to include one person each from SBA, HUD, DOT, USDA, SSA

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 11:44:49.00

SUBJECT: Draft Decision Memo on the Office of Consumer Affairs

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can you look at this? I'm not sure I agree with the recommendation.
----- Forwarded by Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP on 10/14/97
11:44 AM -----

JOSHUA
GOTBAUM
10/13/97 11:43:02 AM

Record Type: Non-Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Virginia Apuzzo/WHO/EOP
cc: Jacob J. Lew/OMB/EOP
Subject: Draft Decision Memo on the Office of Consumer Affairs

The Congress has zeroed the Office of Consumer Affairs, which has been located in the EOP but funded (reluctantly) by HHS. Attached is a draft options memo to Erskine listing the likely alternatives. Since maintaining OCA will require either using EOP or agency funds/slots, we'd like to represent your views.

After you've had a chance to review, please call me at 395-9188. Thanks.

[A WordPerfect version is also attached at the end, for suggested edits.]

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM TO ERSKINE BOWLES

THROUGH: Frank Raines
FROM: Josh Gotbaum
SUBJECT: The Office of Consumer Affairs

The VA/HUD appropriators have terminated funding for the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) in this year's House, Senate, and Conference bills. This memorandum discusses whether and how OCA and/or its functions might continue.

Background: OCA is a small, independent agency, administratively supported by HHS but part of the EOP. (The Director, Leslie Byrne, a

former US Representative from Virginia, also serves as Special Assistant to the President on Consumer Affairs). OCA was founded in 1971 and had a relatively high profile in the Nixon and Carter Administrations, but has had much less visibility since then. OCA operates a consumer hotline, published the Consumer's Resource Handbook (until Congress moved it to GSA in FY 1997), represents consumers' interests in international fora, helps coordinate Federal consumer protection activities, chairs the Consumer Affairs Council, and advises the President on consumer interests. In FY 1997, OCA employed 13 people.

If the agency is eliminated, there will be some concern about the symbolism of removing a "consumer representative" from the White House. However, the agency has developed congressional opposition: Congress has zeroed OCA out for the past two years. (The Administration successfully demanded \$1.5 million in the FY 1997 omnibus appropriations bill, but doing so left some scars.) Other organizations (e.g., GSA, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, HHS, USDA, DPC) perform functions that overlap with the activities of OCA and could assume some of its work.

Once the VA/HUD bill is enacted and OCA's funding runs out, HHS has prepared plans to absorb most of OCA's employees and encourage GSA to hire some OCA employees for the Handbook. HHS would like direction regarding OCA, since the VA/HUD appropriations bill will require HHS to pay the administrative costs required to close OCA.

Options:

Continue OCA Administratively. One option is to reduce OCA's staff to six FTE and place it back within the EOP, which Bob Nash has proposed (see attached memorandum). The hard part might be finding these resources within EOP's 1998 appropriations. Director Byrne has proposed constituting OCA through modifying the current Executive Order that established the Consumer Affairs Council and funding OCA through a tap on all of the agencies within the Council. However, Section 611 of the Treasury/Postal FY 1998 appropriations bill prohibits an interagency council from being funded by "passing the hat" to other agencies. Under current law, however, a council cannot pass the hat; even an interagency council must be supported by a single agency. In OCA's case, it would be feasible to reduce OCA's staff to six FTE, have two to three FTE supported by the EOP and the other three to four FTE paid for by another agency (e.g., Labor, Education or even HHS). This could probably be accomplished for a total cost of about \$600,000-\$800,000. Since Congress zeroed out OCA, however, the appropriators might have concerns about any proposals to save the office.

Terminate OCA. If OCA is "zeroed", DPC could assume responsibility for consumer policy. Other agencies might pick up other activities, including the Consumer Information Center (CIC) in the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). While these agencies' activities do not precisely replicate current OCA activities, they could assume some OCA functions if encouraged and/or funded. The CIC could develop the Handbook (which Congress again has given to them in FY 1998); the CIC or CPSC could operate the hotline; and DPC, CIC, or CPSC could chair the Consumer Affairs Council.

Recommendation: We recommend finding a way to keep (a smaller) OCA, by reducing the FTE to six and supporting it through the EOP and another agency. This would allow the Administration to continue to have a consumer representative in the White House and allow OCA to continue coordinating consumer affairs functions across all federal agencies.

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Please give me or Jack Lew a call with any questions.

Attachment

cc: Bruce Reed
Virginia Apuzzo

¹ CIC expects to have complete responsibility for the *Handbook* in FY 1998 and has sought responsibility for the *Handbook* in its FY 1999 budget request. CPSC has informally indicated to OMB that they are not interested in assuming any OCA responsibilities because OCA's activities do not fall directly under its mission as a regulatory agency responsible for consumer product safety.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ronald E. Jones (CN=Ronald E. Jones/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 17:37:10.00

SUBJECT: Justice Letter on Cellular Telephone Protection Act

TO: John E. Thompson (CN=John E. Thompson/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Peter G. Jacoby (CN=Peter G. Jacoby/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Douglas D. McCormick (CN=Douglas D. McCormick/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Steven D. Aitken (CN=Steven D. Aitken/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: William P. Marshall (CN=William P. Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

Unless I hear otherwise by 10:00 am, tomorrow, October 15th 1997, I will assume you have no objection to LRMs REJ286, dated 10/14/97. The LRM asked for comments on a draft DOJ letter strongly opposing H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997.

If you (1) need another copy of the LRM, (2) intend to comment but need more time, or (3) have provided comments that I may have overlooked, please let me know by answering this E-mail.

Thanks,

Ron Jones
395-3386

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 14:02:26.00

SUBJECT: Revised education communications memo

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:
Here is a revised version of Begala's memo. Once you are comfortable with it, I will circulate it to everyone else, and then get it out of here.=====

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October 14, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

**FROM: SYLVIA MATHEWS
RAHM EMANUEL
ANN LEWIS
GENE SPERLING
PAUL BEGALA
BRUCE REED
MIKE COHEN**

RE: MESSAGE PLAN FOR EDUCATION WEEK

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 1997

Strategic Context

The Republicans intend to make the week of October 20 - 24 as "Education Week." They have not announced specific events yet, and, depending upon the House and Senate schedules that week, it is possible that their events may spill over until the following week. The purpose of this memo is to suggest a strategy to ensure that we win the battle of "Education Week."

The programmatic heart of the Republican approach is embodied in their support for vouchers for DC students and/or the Coverdell bill to provide for a \$2,500 IRA-type deduction for private school tuition. Their fundamental message centers around choice and individual empowerment.

Our goal is to define Republicans as seeking to abandon public schools in favor of private academies, just when public schools need our attention the most, while we support fundamental and far-reaching reforms to strengthen our public schools, from high national standards to public school choice to charter schools to early education innovations like child care and America Reads. Our fundamental message centers on strengthening public education through change and reform.

Specific Events

We know for certain that the Republicans will hold hearings in Pennsylvania, perhaps in Chairman Goodling's district. The hearings will be chaired by Peter Hoekstra, and will probably not get much national attention. We'll pass on further information as we obtain it. But we should assume for planning purposes that the Republicans will focus their efforts here in Washington and on the issue of choice.

We propose the following nine message events to highlight the issue in a light favorable to the President:

- Friday, 10/17:** Vice President Gore decries House Republicans for holding the America Reads program hostage to their attempt to kill national standards. Under pressure from extreme conservatives, Chairman Goodling has said, "Because of the administration's continued attempts to forge ahead with federal testing despite the objections of the US House of Representatives, I have stopped the committee's work on any reading initiatives....I (am doing) what any good chairman would do -- sleep on it." The VP's message: Because they are so opposed to testing our students in reading, the Congressional Republicans even oppose the President's plan to improve teaching our students reading.
- Saturday, 10/18:** President's radio address is broadcast (taped the day before). Topic: bipartisan cooperation on charter schools. The President should embrace the charter-school proposal currently being advanced in the GOP bill, and could also embrace the Obey/Porter comprehensive school reform proposal in the appropriations bill, which provides for schools to implement school-wide reforms based on effective, proven models. Together, these two proposals provide compelling approaches to dealing with failing schools: fix them with proven practices, and/or give kids the choice of going to charter schools.
- Sunday, 10/19:** Leak for Monday publication the Education Department study that shows students who take 8th grade algebra and other advanced courses are better prepared for college, which ties-in with our support for 8th grade math tests.
- Monday, 10/20:** Since the global climate change position is likely to be announced that day, no education event as such is planned.
- Tuesday, 10/21:** The President and college Presidents announce that nearly 800 colleges (up from 165 in April), in all 50 states, have pledged to use work-study students as tutors in support of America Reads.
- Wednesday, 10/22:** The President meets with high-tech and other business leaders. Pool spray during meeting, stakeout after in which the CEO's announce their support for public education reform as a pro-business, pro-technology, pro-jobs issue.
- Thursday, 10/23:** White House Conference on Child Care. Major event, and another

aspect of our commitment to education.

Friday, 10/24:

President and First Lady make brief remarks to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (the "Master Teachers" program). Announces new initiative for R&D on teaching. Should be significant regional press; good opportunity to wrap-up Education Week.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jessica L. Gibson (CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-OCT-1997 15:40:02.00

SUBJECT: Blue Dog Mtg

TO: Raymond E. Donnelly III (CN=Raymond E. Donnelly III/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Susan A. Brophy (CN=Susan A. Brophy/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: lgriffil (lgriffil @ os.dhhs.gov @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nicole R. Rabner (CN=Nicole R. Rabner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Janet Murguia (CN=Janet Murguia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We are rescheduling the mtg with the blue dogs. Tomorrow at 1:00pm? Is it possible to have a person from DPC and a person from HHS at that time? Pls let me know.... Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 13:35:29.00

SUBJECT: eo on military px's

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

TO: Jerold R. Mande (CN=Jerold R. Mande/OU=OSTP/O=EOP @ EOP [OSTP])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The AMA suggested an EO that would apply youth access restrictions to federal facilities, including military bases and hospitals. (p. 16 of their review)

Jerry, could you take a look at what they said and see whether it's something we could consider, or whether it requires legislation. It would be nice to give the military something constructive to do besides beg for \$.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Emily Bromberg (CN=Emily Bromberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 14:41:07.00

SUBJECT: nga and tobacco

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

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

TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

tomorrow nga will release a poicy resolution on tobacco that says hhs indicated that letters would be sent to states claiming that a portion of the funds from settlements belonged ot the feds, that the govs believe that as a matter of law the entire amount belongs to the states, and that if the feds wanted part of the settlement they should have joined the lawsuits.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 19:03:04.00

SUBJECT: Tobacco Agenda: Sequel

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

CC: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here's the fixed list.

I. Update

Medicaid

Response to Fourth Circuit Case

Pentagon

Gingrich letter

II. Next Steps

VPOTUS mtng with public health groups

POTUS ideas (perhaps eo type)

maybe some group projects (legal, etc.)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 12:36:10.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'm a bit anxious because Rubin has still not signed off on doing the business group. He wants to make sure that they have a useful function, but that they don't come back with something that we hate. I told Mike Fromman that I think we can work that out, and he agreed to make sure that the group would be ready to be announced by the 23d while we continue to hash this out. Should I do anything else?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 10:40:58.00

SUBJECT: Re: AmeriCorps reauthorization

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: William R. Kincaid (CN=William R. Kincaid/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'd be fine with making an event out of it. I just was skeptical that we'd get the time, since it's not big news. But maybe we could get a radio address (e.g., the Saturday before Thanksgiving).

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 14:31:57.00

SUBJECT: Food safety bill

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

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI. Eric Olsen called to say he had some concerns about a draft food safety bill that OMB evidently sent around Friday for comment by today. They put Chris Jennings and Jen K. on the distribution list, but not you or I or Jerry M.

Eric said he, USTR, and Sally Katzen are appealing for more time. I'm getting copy of the bill which I'll get to you and Jerry.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 18:10:55.00

SUBJECT: Civil Rights proposals for OMBs Review

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Tanya E. Martin (CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Attached is OMB suggestion that we shoot for Nov. 4 for initial proposals.

----- Forwarded by Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP on 10/15/97
06:06 PM -----

Susan M. Carr

10/15/97 05:47:10 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Civil Rights proposals for OMBs Review

To give OMB time to consider incorporating recommendations into the Director's crosscut review on civil rights that may result from Elena's outreach and agency meetings, Michael suggests that we need to receive initial proposals by November 4th. Could you please pass this along to those who need to know?

Thanks. See you tomorrow.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 13:55:05.00

SUBJECT: OIA weekly

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for sharing the OIA report. I was facsincated to learn of Gov. Nelson's support for our testing initiative. I guess I was fooled by the story in Education Week last Spring, indicating that, since Nebraska doesn't have a statewide testing system in place, it was clearly not going to buy into a national test. Maybe Gov. Nelson missed that article as well.

My understanding from ED intergovernmental staff is that at some event last week here in town, while Gov. Nelson did oppose the Gorton amendment (mainly because the block grants bypass the states), he also made a point of expressing his belief that ED programs are way too intrusive, that we don't need all of those separate programs, and that we probably don't need ED itself.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 10:13:31.00

SUBJECT: FICA update from Haskins

TO: Emily Bromberg (CN=Emily Bromberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/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:

Mary Bourdette spoke to Ron Haskins, who said he has no plans to push his FICA exemption further and he doesn't see any vehicles. He said the unions went all out to kill Shaw's effort last week.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 16:55:02.00

SUBJECT: Discussion of Dept. of Labor Budget issues for the OMB Director's Review

TO: Jonathan Weiss (CN=Jonathan Weiss/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ananias Blocker III (CN=Ananias Blocker III/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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TO: Emil E. Parker (CN=Emil E. Parker/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TO: Barbara Chow (CN=Barbara Chow/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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TO: Sanders D. Korenman (CN=Sanders D. Korenman/OU=CEA/O=EOP@EOP [CEA])

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TO: Jonathan Orszag (CN=Jonathan Orszag/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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

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CC: Iratha H. Waters (CN=Iratha H. Waters/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

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CC: Jill M. Pizzuto (CN=Jill M. Pizzuto/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

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CC: Larry R. Matlack (CN=Larry R. Matlack/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

In the absence of a PAD, I invite you to sit down with me and Larry Matlack to go over the issues to be presented to the Director in the Labor Director's Review for the FY 1999 Budget. This will be your opportunity

to hear how we are thinking about the issues and to influence that thinking by sharing your advice and counsel, which we will reflect in our materials for the Director (even if, perchance, we don't agree with you).

At the session, we will show you the Department's request in total and for major items, compared to recent budget history, to the current estimate of the outcome of the FY 1998 appropriation, and to the OMB Planning Guidance. We will also want to hear your views on some issues on the mandatory side, especially UI and perhaps TAA. You will also, of course, be free to raise any DOL issues not on our list that you believe should be.

Given the timing for preparation of the Director's Review materials, we need to do this sometime Friday afternoon, preferably around 3 pm. We will use Ken's old office, 260 OEOB.

Please contact Iratha Waters in my office by e-mail or phone (5-6150) to confirm your attendance. If enough people need a later or a bit earlier time that afternoon, we can do that as well.

If I have missed anyone in the White House staffs with an interest in Labor budget issues, our apologies; please share this invitation with them and let me know of their interest.

For those with interests in other agencies in my Division, rest assured, I will offer the same opportunities before those Review materials are completed.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lin Liu (CN=Lin Liu/OU=PIR/O=EOP [PIR])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 16:06:51.00

SUBJECT: Weekly report from PIR

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Judith A. Winston (CN=Judith A. Winston/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jacinta Ma (CN=Jacinta Ma/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elena - would it make sense for you to take the lead on this for the policy work group in terms of contributing to this weekly report? Since DPC will have a weekly update as part of its report to the President on Race Initiative progress, it makes sense to make these two reports consistent.

If you have other ideas for doing this, please let me know and we can discuss. Thanks!

----- Forwarded by Lin Liu/PIR/EOP on 10/15/97 04:02 PM -----

Jacinta Ma
10/14/97 07:41:58 PM
Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Robert Wexler/PIR/EOP
Subject: Weekly report from PIR

PIR team leaders--

I'll be compiling the weekly report to the President from PIR. Sylvia Mathews wants us to include updates from all the working groups. I'll need to get information from you by the end of the day on Wednesdays in order to make our Friday deadlines. (For this week, that means tomorrow). If you are not the contact person, please let me know who on your team will be. In the updates, please include activities that you expect to occur on Thursday and Friday of the week.

Also, because we are working out of the Department of Justice, please remember that the updates you send to me are subject to the Freedom of Information Act as are all of our weekly reports.

Thanks for your help.

--Jacinta

Message Sent

To:

Michele Cavataio/PIR/EOP
Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP
Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP
Claire Gonzales/PIR/EOP
Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
Ann F. Lewis/WHO/EOP
Susan M. Liss/OVP @ OVP
Lin Liu/PIR/EOP
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Sylvia M. Mathews/WHO/EOP
Andrew J. Mayock/WHO/EOP
Minyon Moore/WHO/EOP
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Alissa K. Brown (CN=Alissa K. Brown/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 12:33:14.00

SUBJECT: mtg

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

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Robert N. Weiner (CN=Robert N. Weiner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

There will be a meeting tomorrow morning Oct. 16th at 8:30 am concerning single sex education. If you can attend please report to room 180 of the OEOB. Rob Weiner will be in attendance along with John Dwyer et al. from Justice and Steven Winnick et al. from Education. Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer M. Palmieri (CN=Jennifer M. Palmieri/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 20:30:07.00

SUBJECT: Florida Message Opportunity

TO: Kris M Balderston (CN=Kris M Balderston/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nicholas R. Baldick (CN=Nicholas R. Baldick/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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CC: Laura A. Graham (CN=Laura A. Graham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

As most of you know, the President is returning to Jupiter, Florida on October 31 to visit the Elementary School he was supposed to go to when he broke his knee. We need to determine what message event we will do at the school. Originally we were going to do school construction. After our meeting yesterday with Erskine, it seems unlikely that we are going to be ready to endorse any kind of school construction proposal by 10/31 -- so I guess we need another message. Everyone should be aware, however, that the school is overcrowded with many students attending classes in trailers, so school construction is likely to be raised as an issue whether we like it or not.

NEC -- is it clear that school construction is not an option?

DPC/NEC -- if so, do you have other suggestions?

Thanks.

Immigration Talking Points

Reducing Legal Immigration

Background: Last month, the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform released its final report to Congress and renewed its call to substantially reduce legal immigration levels. More specifically, it proposed the elimination of the "fourth preference" category which allows individuals to sponsor their brothers and sisters for immigration. Many Asian-Americans use the fourth preference category-- which has a significant backlog -- and advocacy groups strongly oppose its elimination. It is extremely unlikely that Congress will act on the Commission's legal immigration recommendations this year.

Talking Points

- Last year, Congress considered and failed to reach agreement on cuts to legal immigration. At that time, the President indicated that he could support a moderate reduction in legal immigration that was consistent with pro-family, pro-work and pro-naturalization principles. The Administration continues to believe that any proposal to reform legal immigration must advance these principles.
- While it appears unlikely that the Congress will take up major legal immigration reform anytime soon, the Administration maintains its position that reforms should address the significant backlog of applicants waiting to immigrate under the fourth preference.

Naturalization

- The Administration is working to improve waiting times and provide more efficient service to citizenship applicants, while maintaining the highest standards of integrity to the naturalization process.
- As you know, we have received unprecedented numbers of naturalization applications--by July 31, INS had received over 1.4 million naturalization applications for FY 97-- a 51% increase over the same period in FY 1996.
- The new INS Office of Naturalization Operations was created four and a half months ago to strengthen the integrity of the naturalization system and improve customer service. The new office has made considerable progress on its plan to fully automate and standardize naturalization procedures across the country by the summer of 1998.
- With regard to a naturalization fee increase, INS has conducted a thorough review of their application process and may propose a fee increase that reflects the true costs of adjudicating these benefits. A fee increase will not be implemented until improvements have been made to the naturalization process.

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CREATOR: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Food Safety Legislation

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TEXT:

I talked to OMB, and they are going to participate in a meeting with USDA, FDA, and USTR to work out any potential problems in the legislation. Jerry is going to attend the meeting tomorrow. OMB has now slowed down the process enough to work out any problems. Regards, Mary

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

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SUBJECT: talking points

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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DRAFT
TALKING POINTS ON
PENTAGON REQUEST FOR SHARE OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

* The issue raised in the letter from the Pentagon needs to be resolved in the context of the comprehensive tobacco legislation which is just beginning to be considered in Congress. There are a variety of important and valid uses of resources that may become available as a result of the tobacco legislation, and the Pentagon's points deserve deliberation and weighing in the context of the entire legislation. The Administration looks forward to considering these issues in a bipartisan fashion with Congress.

* Although there are many competing options for use of possible resources that could come from the legislation, the President has made clear that the chief goal of tobacco legislation should be the reduction of youth smoking. On September 17th when he announced his plan for comprehensive tobacco legislation he challenged Congress to "build on this historic opportunity by passing sweeping tobacco legislation that has one goal in mind: the dramatic reduction of teen smoking."

* When President Clinton announced his plan for tobacco legislation, he listed five key elements that must be at the heart of any tobacco legislation. The elements are: reductions in youth smoking, including tough penalties if targets are not met; full authority for FDA to regulate tobacco products; the tobacco industry must change the way it does business -- including its marketing to children; progress toward other public health goals -- including reducing second-hand smoke; and protection of tobacco farmers and their communities. This is the President's framework for tobacco legislation and issues like those raised by the Pentagon should be considered in this context.

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SUBJECT: quality commission

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

Rahm was very interested in leaking the bill of rights stuff to USA Today. Let's talk at the staff mtg tomorrow.

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

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SUBJECT: Tobacco Agenda

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

CC: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

Here are my suggestions for a starting point on the meeting.

I. Update

-- Any strategy update/description of the residence meeting
Congress out of session, R. appeal of linking the issue
to drugs,
danger of legal fees

-- Events

Second hand smoke settlement
Pentagon letter story
Medicaid letter
Pentagon
Gingrich response

-- Reports from agencies

Int'l-- Turollo is meeting with Shalala next week
USDA-- Rawls is in Chile
HHS

II. Next Steps

{Thoughts on timetable for how this might move
Conversations with Hilley/Bowles
Visits to members}
VPOTUS report
POTUS event ideas (something to announce to keep pressure on?)

I think we should sit down in a small group and talk some planning
issues: a POTUS event, some visits to members by you, the feasibility of
going ahead with a budget style strategy.

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

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SUBJECT: Conversation on FICA

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

I talked to Karl. He says that the EITC exemption in the balanced budget makes him predict very, very strongly that the Service will rule workfare is not subject to FICA. But he does not believe they are in any kind of rush to rule. He believes that, if he wrote some kind of internal tome on the subject, he could make it enough of a priority in his own office that that would shake it loose and get a ruling issued. (I'm not sure why, but he was very definite on this point.) But he says he just hasn't had time to get to it, since he is swamped on a million other high priority matters. So maybe we need to let someone know at higher levels that Karl's work on this is as high a priority as whatever else he is working on.

By the way, he is also talking a lot to Center on Budget, which is apparently urging them to act, and trying to figure out how the Service would define work experience and community service.

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TEXT:

FOREIGN TRAVEL

10/20 Day Off

10/21 American Reads Event (DC)
Congressional Meeting

10/22 Climate Change Announcement
Possible VP Meeting with High Tech CEOs on Education

10/23 WH Conference on Child Care
New Homeownership figures

10/24 Foreign Policy Speech
Education Event to Nat'l Bd. of Certified Teachers
Tape Radio Address - Breast Cancer

10/27 DLC Speech

10/28 Economic Message Event (Chicago)

10/29 Chinese State Visit

10/30 Starbright Foundation Event (DC Children's Hospital)

10/31 Education Event (Florida)
DNC Retreat (Florida)

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

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SUBJECT: Re: Discussion of Dept. of Labor Budget issues for the OMB Director's Revi

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

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TEXT:

Diana and/or I will plan to attend this.

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Barry White

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cc: Larry R. Matlack/OMB/EOP, Iratha H. Waters/OMB/EOP, Jill M.

Pizzuto/OMB/EOP

Subject: Discussion of Dept. of Labor Budget issues for the OMB Director's Review

In the absence of a PAD, I invite you to sit down with me and Larry Matlack to go over the issues to be presented to the Director in the Labor Director's Review for the FY 1999 Budget. This will be your opportunity to hear how we are thinking about the issues and to influence that thinking by sharing your advice and counsel, which we will reflect in our materials for the Director (even if, perchance, we don't agree with you).

At the session, we will show you the Department's request in total and for major items, compared to recent budget history, to the current estimate of the outcome of the FY 1998 appropriation, and to the OMB Planning Guidance. We will also want to hear your views on some issues on the mandatory side, especially UI and perhaps TAA. You will also, of course, be free to raise any DOL issues not on our list that you believe should be.

Given the timing for preparation of the Director's Review materials, we need to do this sometime Friday afternoon, preferably around 3 pm. We will use Ken's old office, 260 OEOP.

Please contact Iratha Waters in my office by e-mail or phone (5-6150) to

confirm your attendance. If enough people need a later or a bit earlier time that afternoon, we can do that as well.

If I have missed anyone in the White House staffs with an interest in Labor budget issues, our apologies; please share this invitation with them and let me know of their interest.

For those with interests in other agencies in my Division, rest assured, I will offer the same opportunities before those Review materials are completed.

Message Sent

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CREATOR: Sally Katzen (CN=Sally Katzen/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

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SUBJECT: Race and Ethnicity Briefing

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TEXT:

As you may recall, in mid-june, we provided a briefing on recommendations for modifying standards for data on race and ethnicity that we had received from our interagency committee. Those recommendations were published on July 9 for a 60-day comment period.

We have now completed our review of the recommendations and public comments and plan to announce a decision in about a week. I would be pleased to have you join us for a briefing on the recommendations on Friday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. in room 350. Please contact my assistant, Phyllis Kaiser-Dark by phone (x54852) or e-mail to confirm your attendance.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Nicole R. Rabner (CN=Nicole R. Rabner/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 11:59:08.00

SUBJECT: policy announcements at the WH Conf.

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

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CC: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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TEXT:

Following up on our meeting yesterday about policy announcements for the Child Care Conference, Jen and I want to run an idea by you. As you know, the two announcements that we discussed address 1) quality (through focusing on the provider -- scholarships/loan forgiveness and background checks), and 2) affordability (through creating a Treasury working group of business executives). This means that we are making a policy "downpayment" in two of the three areas we want ultimately to address in the SOTU/budget submission, leaving out after-school care.

We have two options -- one is to keep the announcements as they are now, and talk about after-school care in the President's remarks. The other is to make an announcement that addresses the need for after-school care, thereby having an announcement in each of the three areas.

Here is the proposal:

As you may know, we have been working with the Corporation for National Service to explore the nexus between service and child care, specifically with after-school care. As it turns out, CNS estimates that approximately two-thirds of its national service programs work to address the needs of children and youth, often in child care and after-school settings. Thousands of AmeriCorps members, Learn and Serve America participants, and Senior Corps participants are working alongside child care providers, educators and community-based professionals, helping to expand and enhance child care and out-of-school time programming.

CNS has developed, but apparently never formally launched, a new partnership called the To Learn and Grow (TLG) initiative to coordinate a network of public and private organizations committed to expanding access to and improving quality of before and after-school programs by integrating service and service-learning (it was developed as a result of a Forum on Expanding Opportunities in Out-of-School Time held last year). The partners include CNS, HHS, DOE, National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, the School Age Care Project at Wellesley (the founder and director of which is on the first panel of the Conference), Save the Children, the YMCA, and others. TLG builds on CNS's existing programs by:

--Incorporating national service participants and community volunteers into child care programs to provide additional hand to support the delivery of care.

--Engaging children and youth in service-learning programs as one of the variety of enrichment activities within out-of-school time programs.

The President could formally launch this new effort and/or release a new "How-To Manual on Integration of Service & School-Age Care," which is a joint publication between CNS and the Wellesley School Age Care Project that examines the quality of school time programming, the integration of service and school-aged care, national service resources, effective national service programs, and service-learning activities for children and youth. It can be ready for our purpose, and we have draft for you to review, if you'd like. We know you have a strong predisposition for not releasing reports (with which we generally agree), but you may change your mind when you see this one, as it provides a compelling overview of why school-age care opportunities are important, what the research shows about their positive effects on children in the short and long terms, and how communities can join service and school-age efforts.

Let us know what you think and if you'd like to discuss further.

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TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CREATOR: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 12:46:47.00

SUBJECT: murray amdt

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 19:23:00.00

SUBJECT: Re: food safety legislation & a question.

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'm planning on going to the food safety meeting. I love the stuff.

We've got a meeting with David Ogden and Andy Fois scheduled for Monday on the hate crimes legislation to talk to them before they meet with the AG Tuesday about which option of the legislation is best. They (and Richard Socrates) would like to invite Sylvia M. to the meeting. What do you think?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ingrid M. Schroeder (CN=Ingrid M. Schroeder/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 14:34:10.00

SUBJECT: HR 2570 draft SAP - Forced Abortion Condemnation Act

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

Attached is a draft SAP on HR 2570 which was previously circulated under LRM #IMS165 on October 7th. We expect this bill to come to the House floor after Congress returns from the October break.

Unless I hear otherwise by Noon, tomorrow, October 16th, I will assume that you have no objection to the attached draft SAP.

If you (1) need another copy of the bill, (2) intend to comment but need more time, or (3) have provided comments that I may have overlooked, please let me know by answering this email.

Thanks -
Ingrid

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H.R. 2570 - Forced Abortion Condemnation Act
(Fowler (R) Florida and 12 cosponsors)

The Administration agrees with the proponents of H.R. 2570 that the practice of forced abortion and involuntary sterilization is abhorrent. The Administration, however, strongly opposes H.R. 2570 on several grounds.

The Administration opposes the bill because it would:

- o Contradict U.S. policy to expand dialogue with the Chinese in order to advance critical U.S. security, political, economic, and human rights interests.
- o Possibly prompt China to impose its own visa restriction that could further limit the ability of U.S. officials to advocate views in China.
- o Raise serious constitutional concerns to the extent that it would

inhibit the President's ability to conduct the foreign relations of the United States and to receive foreign government officials.

o Fail to take account of U.S. international obligations to admit certain foreigners to the United Nations and other international organizations.

o Require the State Department to divert scarce resources from core tasks to comply with the requirement to maintain lists of officials covered by the bill.

U.S. interests are best served by increasing the transparency of Chinese society and promoting expansion of China's participation in international fora governed by standards and rules agreed to by the international community of nations. U.S. engagement exposes Chinese officials first-hand to the benefits of an open and democratic system. There is no better way to demonstrate the advantages of a free and open society than to let them experience it for themselves.

In addition, the Administration is concerned that this and other China legislation being considered in the House would undermine the Administration's efforts to address these issues on the eve of the late October summit meeting. This summit will provide an opportunity to work for concrete progress on issues of concern to the United States. Consideration of H.R. 2570 and related legislation only makes that task more difficult.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lin Liu (CN=Lin Liu/OU=PIR/O=EOP [PIR])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 19:31:58.00

SUBJECT: Re: Weekly report from PIR

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

That makes sense to me. I'll check with Judy on how we might handle putting in our weekly report perhaps a more process oriented update - such as meetings, etc. I would appreciate receiving DPC's more substantive weekly reports. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 10:11:45.00

SUBJECT: Hate Crimes Legislation Briefing and Strategy Meeting with the Department

TO: William P. Marshall (CN=William P. Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Janet Murguia (CN=Janet Murguia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Susan A. Brophy (CN=Susan A. Brophy/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Peter G. Jacoby (CN=Peter G. Jacoby/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Tracey E. Thornton (CN=Tracey E. Thornton/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Essence P. Washington (CN=Essence P. Washington/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

On Monday, October 20, 1997 at 11 a.m. in Room 211, we will have a meeting to discuss strategy regarding hate crimes legislation in anticipation of the White House Hate Crimes Conference scheduled for November 10. DOJ has drafted several options, and would like to discuss whether we should endorse a particular piece of legislation or simply some broad principles.

From DOJ, the following persons will attend:

David Ogden
Andrew Fois
Bill Yeomans
Dana Hyde

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-OCT-1997 16:50:48.00

SUBJECT: I just faxed you new HHS language re: dom. violence.Cynthia 62846

TO: ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN (ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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