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

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SUBJECT: Please call Bill re: charters press paper. 6-2857

TO: ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN ( ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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CREATOR: Michael Cohen ( CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Test compromise options

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

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TEXT:

Here is where I think we wound up this afternoon. I'll continue to work on fleshing this out over the weekend for use next week. I've provided an abbreviated version of this for inclusion in the weekly.

#### Possible Compromise Options

Below are four compromise proposals DPC and ED think we can offer and work from. We would put them on the table one at a time, in the order listed below, and use as few as needed.

1. Linking state and/or commercial tests to the national test. NAGB would work with interested states and school districts, on a voluntary basis, to determine if the reading and math tests used by the state or local school district could be statistically linked to the national test, to enable the state or district to administer its own tests--instead of the national test developed by NAGB-- and report the results in terms of national standards and achievement levels. NAGB would have the authority to determine the criteria tests would have to meet in order to report results in terms of national standards, and therefore whether a state could use its test instead of the national test.
2. Consider 1999 as a Field Test rather than full implementation. Instead of implementing the tests in 1999, we would treat 1999 as a field test for the national tests, during which participating states and school districts would test out the procedures for administering and reporting the tests results, as well as the materials designed to inform parents, students, teachers and the public about the work students are expected to do and how students can prepare to meet national standards. We would still seek funds to support state and local test administration in 1999, though may not be able to achieve this.
3. Cap participation in the 1999 Field Test. We could limit participation in the Field Test phase, perhaps to jurisdictions with no more than 50% of kids.
4. Report to Congress on Field Test. We could be required to submit a full report on the field test to Congress by a fixed deadline, after the 1999 field test but before 2000 implementation. While we would agree to no more than reporting to Congress, there is implicit in the reporting requirement that, particularly if there are problems uncovered in the field test, Congress could act to ban further implementation. However, we would not need additional authority in order to proceed with test implementation.



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SUBJECT: Question on race meeting

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TEXT:

Harris Wofford's chief of staff (John Gomperts, a good guy) was about to call Judy Winston so that Harris could sit down with her and brainstorm on the race initiative. Now that Gomperts knows of our interest, he would be happy to meet with us instead, or to meet with Winston and us together. Any preference, to make this more of a DPC thing first, vs. bringing Winston in right away?

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

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SUBJECT: Barry White comment on our urban proposal

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

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TEXT:

Barry said he's scheduled the Department of Education's "director's review" in a couple of weeks and it would very helpful to know more of what we want to spend new money on by then.

He said this to me at a meeting he hosted on the Department of Labor's budget request. He will be hosting one of these before each of the director's review meetings, to give White House policy staff the opportunity to weigh in on the Department's proposed new spending initiatives.



October 17, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed  
Elena Kagan

RE: DPC Weekly Report

**Welfare: Rep. Shaw's FICA/Workfare Plan Scuttled** -- Because of opposition by labor unions, Rep. Shaw's legislative proposal to exempt workfare participants from FICA taxes was defeated last week. We supported his plan, which was a major improvement over earlier proposals that would have endangered labor protections and weakened the work requirements. However, the unions were concerned that the exemption was not limited to traditional workfare, which could encourage states to classify subsidized private sector jobs as workfare in order to avoid FICA taxes. We share this concern, but believe that we could have addressed it through regulation. The Governors remain very frustrated that this issue remains open, but Shaw is apparently not planning to pursue it further. The IRS has still not ruled on whether workfare actually is subject to FICA, and we don't know when they will do so.

**Crime: Child Safety Locks** -- The deadline for federal agencies to comply with your March 1997 directive on child safety locks was October 15. All of the agencies -- with the exception the State Department-- have responded that they are in full compliance with your directive to provide child safety locks for handguns issued to their federal law enforcement officers. We are following up with the State Department.

**Immigration: Central Americans** -- Last week, the House Republicans unveiled a proposal similar to our legislation to address problems created by the 1996 immigration law for certain Central Americans. Their proposal would give amnesty to Nicaraguans in the country before December 1995; allow certain Guatemalans and Salvadorans to have their suspension of deportation claims heard under more generous standards; and essentially eliminate the unskilled workers category for legal immigrants. We are encouraged that their proposal adopts our bill's fundamental approach to provide relief to most Central Americans. However, we are concerned about granting amnesty to Nicaraguans. The administration has never before supported amnesty, and there does not appear to be a strong substantive argument to grant it in this case. Further complicating matters, members from the Hispanic Caucus and CBC are now

seeking to extend amnesty to Haitians and other Central Americans. Additional concerns may be raised about the elimination of the unskilled workers category by those who strongly oppose cuts to legal immigration. We are working with NSC, WH Legislative Affairs and INS/DOJ to see if improvements can be made to the Republican proposal.

**Immigration: Rand Study --** Last month, the Rand Corporation released a study assessing the impact of immigration on California over the past 30 years. Among the study's key findings were that lower labor costs stemming from immigration helped fuel California's rapid economic growth from 1960 to 1990, and continues to benefit the state's economy. However, high public service use by California's concentration of refugees and other low-income immigrants has created a fiscal burden on the state. In addition, a decreased demand for low-skill workers combined with a steady influx of low-skilled immigrants has increased competition such jobs--negatively impacting wages for some workers, and further widening the wage disparity between immigrants and native-borns. To address some of these concerns, the study specifically recommends: (1) a more flexible system to allow for more frequent changes to immigration quotas and entry criteria; (2) reducing annual immigration levels to somewhere between current levels (approx. 800,000) and those in the 1960's (300,000); (3) placing greater emphasis on educational levels of new immigrants; and (4) more proactive federal and state policies to integrate immigrants. The study also notes the special relationship between the U.S. and Mexico, and encourages increased bilateral cooperation on immigration.

The Rand study is somewhat less optimistic than the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study released earlier this year. The NAS study concluded that immigration benefits the U.S. economy overall by about \$10 billion annually, with little negative impact on the income and job opportunities of most native-born Americans. The disparity in findings can be attributed in part to the demographics of California's immigrants (e.g., tend to be from Mexico, Central America or Asia; have received less education; are more likely to be illegal, or a refugee), which differ significantly from immigrants located in the rest of the country. Conversely, some of the Rand study's recommendations are similar to those in the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform's final report released last month. The Commission recommended lowering the level of legal immigration to about 550,000 annually, as well as promoting the further integration of immigrants through their "Americanization" proposal (education, orientation, and naturalization).

**Immigration: New Requirements on Sponsors --** On Monday, the INS will announce the release of guidelines that for the first time require sponsors of certain immigrants to meet a minimum income threshold as well become financially responsible for the immigrants that they bring into the country. An immigrant's sponsor will be required to demonstrate an income level of at least 125% of the poverty level. The mechanism for establishing this will be a new legally-binding affidavit of support that will be effective December 19, 1997. This new requirement is mandated by the 1996 immigration law. The Administration supported making the sponsorship requirement legally binding, while also working to reduce the income

requirement to the final 125% level (higher levels would have created significant barriers to legal immigration for family reunification).

**Education: Suit Filed Challenging University of Michigan Admissions Policies --**

This week the organization that successfully represented the plaintiffs in the Hopwood case filed suit in Federal district court alleging that the University of Michigan's admissions policies unconstitutionally discriminate against white students. The plaintiffs point to grids which allegedly indicate that grades and standardized test scores are applied differently for making admissions decisions for whites and nonwhites. University officials respond that the grids only served as one among many sets of guidelines, rather than a rigid barrier. A diversity plan called the Michigan Mandate has increased minority enrollment at the school from 12.7% in 1986 to just over 25% this year.

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The charter school bill will not be considered by the full House next week but will be taken up on Thursday, October 30.

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- 3) Involve Fathers in Children’s Education: Call upon schools to send report cards to noncustodial as well as custodial parents, to follow upon the report recently released by the Vice President and Secretary Riley that shows that children whose fathers are involved in their education do better in school. (This was one of the recommendations of the May 1996 conference on fathers chaired by the Vice President. We need to check to ensure that we have not already recommended this.)
- 4) Congressional Task Force for the Promotion of Fatherhood: The President could do a roundtable or other event with the bipartisan Congressional Task Force for the Promotion of Fatherhood, formed this June and chaired by Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) and Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-PA). Both Speaker Gingrich and Minority Leader Gephardt are members. The mission of the task force is “to confront the growing problem of father absence, and ...seek to increase the number of children growing up with committed fathers.” The task force will promote fatherhood by arranging public awareness campaigns, educating Members about the problems of fatherless homes in America, organizing conferences and forums, and by encouraging television stations, local leaders, and community groups to promote fatherhood.



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**BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING CHOICE IN PUBLIC  
EDUCATION AND FIXING FAILING SCHOOLS**

October 17, 1997

*Now I ask you -- and I ask all our nation's governors; I ask parents, teachers, and citizens all across America -- for a new nonpartisan commitment to education -- because education is a critical national security issue for our future, and politics must stop at the schoolhouse door.*

*President Clinton, State of the Union Address, February 4, 1997*

In his weekly radio address today, the President praised two initiatives in Congress where Democrats and Republicans have come together in support of needed improvements in public education. One bill would expand and strengthen President Clinton's public charter schools program, by accelerating progress towards the President's goal of developing 3,000 new charter schools by the year 2000, and encouraging states and local school districts to provide these innovative public schools with more flexibility together with greater accountability. Another measure would help schools implement school-wide reforms based on effective, proven models. These initiatives show how we can improve our schools, and turn around low-performing schools, without abandoning public education: strengthening schools with proven practices or providing students and their families with more high-quality choices in public education.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE EXPERIENCED TREMENDOUS GROWTH UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LEADERSHIP.** As a result of the President's continuing leadership, there has been a dramatic growth in the number of charter schools. When President Clinton took office, there was one charter school in operation nationwide and only two states with a charter law. This year, over 700 charter schools are expected to be in operation. Similarly, the number of states with charter laws continues to grow -- 29 states, and the District of Columbia have passed legislation authorizing the establishment of charter schools.

This growth has been fueled by the President's proposal of a public charter schools program, which was enacted in 1994 as part of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. With the President's leadership, the charter school program has grown from \$6 million in FY 1995 to \$51 million in FY 1997. The President has requested \$100 million from Congress in FY 1998 to provide support for 1,000 charter schools.

**A BIPARTISAN BILL TO EXPAND CHOICE WITH PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.** Recently House Education Committee Democrats and Republicans reached across party lines to approve suggested amendments to the Public Charter Schools Program in a bill co-sponsored by Rep. Riggs (R.-Calif.) and Rep. Roemer (D-Ind.). This bill would give a priority for awarding new charter schools grants to states which are creating larger numbers of charter schools with increased control over financial decision-making and that are clearly held accountable for results. The bill also incorporates the President's goal of increasing the number of charter schools to 3,000 by the year 2000. Similar legislation is expected to be introduced shortly in the Senate by Sen. Coats (R.-Ind.) and Sen. Lieberman (D.-Conn.). The President endorsed these bipartisan efforts, and Administration staff will continue to work with members of both parties as the legislation moves through Congress.

**BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR REFORMS THAT WORK:** To help strengthen all public schools, especially those with high concentrations of poverty, today the President also announced his support for a bipartisan initiative led by Congressman David Obey (D., Wisconsin) and John Porter (R., Illinois). The initiative would help schools adopt research-based models for school-wide improvements that have demonstrated track-records of success at improving student achievement, through proven strategies such as high standards for all students, intensive help in the basic skills in the early grades, strong parental involvement in school decision-making, challenging curriculum often implemented with the effective use of learning technologies, and effective training for teachers. At funding levels included in the House Education Appropriations bill, the initiative would fund \$50,000+ competitive grants to at least 2,000 schools to adopt research-based models of comprehensive school reform, such as those supported by New American Schools.

**THESE INITIATIVES SHOW THE KIND OF INNOVATION THAT RESULTS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE -- NOT ABANDON -- OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Charter schools are examples of genuine public education reform -- they provide a mechanism for change with real public accountability for promised results. Likewise, the reform models to be made available through federal grants would provide a proven mechanism for turning failing schools into successful ones. These initiatives would help increase the options for creating and maintaining high-quality schools within the public school systems that the vast majority of American children attend.

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

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TEXT:

Didja see the cover of National Journal today? ("Weasling on Workfare: Governors, including some Democrats, warn that new federal rules are undercutting welfare reform.")



## Weekly Report: Education Issues

**Suit Filed Challenging University of Michigan Admissions Policies.** This week the organization that successfully represented the plaintiffs in the Hopwood case filed suit in Federal district court alleging that the University of Michigan's admissions policies unconstitutionally discriminate against white students. The plaintiffs point to grids which allegedly indicate that grades and standardized test scores are applied differently for making admissions decisions for whites and nonwhites. University officials respond that the grids only served as one among many sets of guidelines, rather than a rigid barrier. A diversity plan called the Michigan Mandate has increased minority enrollment at the school from 12.7% in 1986 to just over 25% this year.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**THROUGH:** SYLVIA MATHEWS AND BRUCE REED

**FROM:** STEVE SILVERMAN  
DIANA FORTUNA  
BIBB HUBBARD

**DATE:** October 17, 1997

**CC:** ANN LEWIS AND THURGOOD MARSHALL

This is to update you on Administration progress in the six months since the Philadelphia service summit and to provide a strategy for the next six months. Attached you will find 1) a review of your accomplishments to date; and 2) a six month proactive strategy.

The six month anniversary is October 27, and we expect continuing press attention in the coming weeks. General Powell and America's Promise (the non-profit organization continuing the summit's work) will commemorate the six-month anniversary by releasing an "Update to the Nation" on November 25, perhaps at the National Press Club. Prime Time Live will interview Powell about the anniversary. Jonathan Alter of Newsweek is working on a comprehensive update that is expected to be influential.

Contrary to reports in this week's Time and Sunday's Boston Globe, you and the Administration have made significant progress since the event in Philadelphia. You have highlighted the summit's five goals for children in several speeches; you have followed through on your major announcement on AmeriCorps scholarships; you have announced a variety of policy initiatives that relate directly to the summit's goals; and Cabinet agencies have begun to follow through on their commitments. The Corporation for National Service is very actively involved in summit follow-up work, as Harris Wofford travels the country to participate in and plan dozens of follow-up summits.

Although America's Promise has not yet been able to develop measures of the summit's success, your work at the summit has clearly contributed to a spirit of service and volunteerism that is developing every day in communities around the country. And, while challenges of this magnitude are not without difficulties (e.g., organizational difficulties at America's Promise, cynical media, heightened expectations, and measurement questions), you and the Administration have every right to be proud. By any measure, you have effectively follow-up on your service commitments and will continue to do so.

After a bumpy start, America's Promise appears to be moving toward a stable organizational structure. This week, Peter Gallagher became the third CEO of America's Promise, replacing Ray Chambers, who remains very involved. Gregg Petersmeyer, who ran President Bush's volunteer office, manages the communities team, and Tim Hanlon, a former advisor to President Bush, handles Communications. They manage a staff of 50-60 that continues to grow.

As you have noted, it is critical for the Administration to connect our on-going policy initiatives to service and to the summit's five goals for children wherever possible (i.e., America Reads, children's health, welfare to work, racial reconciliation, education technology). Moreover, real progress has been made on projects directly related to service, including AmeriCorps Scholarships, high school service scholarships, and cabinet agency summit commitment implementation.

We should remain proactive over the next six months, continuing to demonstrate the Administration's commitment to service through Presidential speeches, several events, participation in mini-summits, agency commitment follow-up, new policies related to service and children, and direct service program enhancement. As set forth here, your record of accomplishment on service is profound. In the coming weeks, we will ensure that all interested media and constituencies are briefed about your record.

## **Administration Accomplishments Since the Presidents' Service Summit**

**President Clinton is deeply committed to the goals of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future held in Philadelphia last April. Service and the well-being of our nation's children have been at the center of the President's agenda since he took office.**

**The President is committed to moving forward with America's Promise and other partners to attain the summit's goals for children --a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and a chance to serve. Since April, the President has continued to emphasize the importance of service to audiences, including the Business Roundtable, the Conference of Mayors, the Welfare-to-Work Partnership, and the radio address, and has recognized major corporate commitments. At the same time, the Administration has been moving forward on all five goals.**

### **The Spirit and Work of the Summit Continues**

**Since the summit, America's Promise and the Corporation for National Service have continued the work that began at the summit --working with communities at the grass-roots level and securing commitments from corporate and non-profit America toward the five goals. America's Promise, the independent organization founded to follow up on the summit, has garnered over 200 new commitments since the summit, some very substantial. Over 150 cities and states are holding "mini-summits" around the country, with the help of America's Promise and the Corporation for National Service. America's Promise is encouraging communities to become "communities of promise" that take responsibility for reaching children at risk. The President has met with General Powell to discuss progress since April and talk about future directions.**

**The President's Corporation for National Service is also helping corporations and non-profits implement their summit commitments at the local level. Viacom is deploying its employee volunteers through AmeriCorps. The Corporation's Learn and Serve America program is helping in the delivery of eye exams and glasses to over 40,000 needy children promised by Vision Service Plan. The Corporation's National Senior Service Corps is helping the National Education Association-Retired meet its commitment to deploy thousands of retired teachers as tutors for America Reads. AmeriCorps\*VISTA is working with IBM to bring technology to community organizations.**

### **The Administration is Moving Ahead on the Summit's Goals**

**Since April, we have continued our work on the summit's five goals. Several of the following initiatives were announced at the summit itself by the President or by federal agencies.**

#### **AmeriCorps Scholarships:**

**We have increased opportunities for young people to serve their communities. At the summit, the President issued a challenge to service and religious organizations that we would provide 50,000 new AmeriCorps scholarships over the next 5 years to organizations**

that offer young people the chance to serve. The response since then has far exceeded our expectations. Seventy-seven organizations answered that challenge, offering to sponsor 10,000 new AmeriCorps members. In June, 8,900 scholarships were approved, well ahead of our first-year plan for 5,000 scholarships. (Summit goal 5, among others.)

**National Service Scholars:**

This summer, we launched a new effort to recognize and foster outstanding community service among our nation's youth. We awarded scholarships to over 1,600 high school students with exemplary service records in the first year of the National Service Scholars program. A host of leading community organizations stepped forward to raise the local match for the scholarships, including the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Elks, and Women's Clubs. Each high school principal was invited to nominate a junior or senior for the scholarship. For next year, we have secured funding that will allow the program to expand to 10,000 high schools --almost half of all high schools in the nation. (Summit goal 5.)

**Children's Health:**

The Balanced Budget Act included a huge investment of \$24 billion in children's health care, the single largest investment in health care for children since 1965. This Children's Health Initiative will give many more children the "healthy start" that the Summit recognized as so important. In June, the President announced that Kaiser Permanente is committing \$100 million to provide health coverage for uninsured children in California, complementing the Administration's efforts. The Administration is also focusing on outreach to families who may not know their children are eligible for Medicaid or other health insurance. (Summit goal 3.)

**Welfare to Work:**

Since May, the Vice President has been leading the Coalition to Sustain Success, a new partnership of civic organizations that is working with state and local government to mentor families seeking to leave welfare for work and provide them with networking and support. In addition, the Welfare to Work Partnership has mobilized over 2,500 businesses to hire welfare recipients, so that those parents can move into the economic mainstream and improve their children's future. The Partnership is helping companies all across the nation hire people off welfare by providing information on best practices through a Blueprint for Business and other information available on their toll-free hotline and web page, as well as working closely with community and business leaders in a number of cities to promote innovative and effective welfare to work initiatives. (Several summit goals.)

**Loan-Forgiveness for Community Service:**

The President's proposal for loan forgiveness for those who perform community service was enacted as part of the balanced budget. To encourage private universities and non-profit organizations to offer loan forgiveness to borrowers who take lower-paying service jobs, the President proposed and won a provision that would not subject such loan forgiveness to taxation. (Summit goal 5.)

**America Reads and AmeriCorps:**

The Department of Education and the Corporation for National Service have begun to implement the President's America Reads initiative this year, while seeking resources from Congress for full-scale implementation in 1998-99. Hundreds of colleges and universities have committed to provide tens of thousands of work-study students as reading tutors in the current school year as part of America Reads, the national literacy campaign to ensure that every child can read well and independently by the third grade.

AmeriCorps members are working in 94 programs across the country to tutor and mentor, set up after-school and summer programs, and recruit parents and community volunteers as tutors. The Corporation is also launching a new "Seniors in Schools" initiative in nine cities to use older volunteers as literacy tutors in some of the nation's poorest elementary schools. In the District of Columbia, over 1,000 college students, volunteers, seniors, and parents will tutor first grade children in 16 of the neediest schools in the city. (Summit goal 4.)

**White House Conference on Child Care:**

On October 23, the President and First Lady will host this event as part of an Administration focus on how to ensure high quality and affordable child care. This effort builds on our earlier emphasis on the importance of early learning. (Summit goals 1, 2, and 4.)

**Commitments by Federal Agencies:**

Federal agencies are following through on the more than 40 commitments they made at the summit, including mentoring and tutoring and launching new partnerships with corporations and nonprofits. They are also continuing to launch new initiatives and partnerships to reach the summit's goals. Here are some examples of agency progress:

- **Department of Justice:** The Department of Justice has convened a new public/private Mentoring Alliance to promote the Summit's mentoring goal, disseminate information about best practices, and determine how best to link volunteers with the children who need them. Members include Big Brothers/Big Sisters, One to One, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and Save the Children. In addition, DOJ has followed through on its commitment to more than double the number of sites for its Juvenile Mentoring Program. (Summit goal 1.)

DOJ also completed its commitment to expand its Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) summer camp program that promotes positive life choices for children between the ages of 9 and 12. After the summer program, the children are linked with mentors from the local U.S. Attorney's office, police department, or university. DOJ's new Youth Network provides a forum for young people and community organizations to exchange ideas on juvenile violence and delinquency prevention. (Summit goals 1 and 2.)

- **Corporation for National Service:** The Corporation for National Service is

taking the lead to meet the Summit's goal of engaging an additional 2 million young people in community service. (Summit goal 5.) It is also developing a new initiative "To Learn and Grow" to expand and improve the quality of afterschool programs (Summit goal 2).

- **Department of Education:** This summer, the summer reading program Read\*Write\*Now! reached over 1.5 million children through over 500,000 reading partners, fulfilling the Department's commitment. (Summit goal 4.)
- **Health and Human Services:** In June, HHS Secretary Shalala launched a new partnership with the Girl Scouts, to teach girls about the dangers of substance abuse and other risky behaviors, featuring a new patch that Girl Scouts can earn by completing the program. (Summit goals 1 and 3.)
- **Department of Defense:** The Army has modified its leave policy to make it easier for military and civilian personnel to volunteer in schools. Pursuant to its commitment, the Department of Defense is increasing high school enrollment in Junior ROTC Career Academies, an alternative to the regular high school JROTC program designed to address the special needs of at-risk youth. (Summit goals 1, 2, and 4.)
- **Department of Agriculture:** In September, the Vice President and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman convened a National Summit on Food Recovery, to develop a national strategy to increase gleaning efforts by one-third by the year 2000. (Summit goal 5.)
- **Department of Transportation:** DOT has launched its new effort, the Garrett A. Morgan Technology & Transportation Futures Program. To date, DOT has heard from over 200 partners who want to join its effort to reach one million students by the year 2000. The program will offer these students better math, science, and technology skills and information about careers in technology and transportation. (Summit goal 4.)
- **Partnerships with Schools:** The Social Security Administration, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Transportation are among the agencies now forging new partnerships with schools. (Summit goals 1 and 4.)

## **THE NEXT SIX MONTHS**

We should remain proactive over the next six months, continuing to demonstrate the Administration's commitment to service through Presidential speeches, several events, mini-summit participation, agency commitment follow-up, service-related policy development and direct service program enhancement. As set forth here, your record of accomplishment on service is profound. Between now and October 26, we will work to ensure that all appropriate media and constituencies are briefed about your record.

## **SIX MONTH STRATEGY ON SERVICE INITIATIVES**

We should remain proactive over the next six months, continuing to demonstrate the Administration's commitment to service through Presidential speeches, several events, mini-summit participation, agency commitment follow-up, service-related policy development and direct service program enhancement.

There are a number of promising opportunities for events and announcements that will allow us to show significant progress by next April, one year after the Summit.

### **I. Six-Month Anniversary October 26-28**

America's Promise is now planning to downplay the six-month anniversary because much of their empirical and anecdotal evidence is not ready for release yet. So, rather than hold a press conference at the National Press Club and release a report, General Powell will have one interview from Prime Time Live.

In the days leading up to the Summit, we propose briefing all the key reporters on your accomplishments and developments listed above. Moreover, during the America Reads event and the DLC speech, you will have a chance to highlight this success.

### **II. Participation with America's Promise**

We meet regularly with representatives from America's Promise and are working closely together in order to promote the goals of the Summit -- especially goal five, to serve. Below are activities at America's Promise that we are involved in.

#### **Mini-Summits:**

You, the Vice President, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Gore should participate in one of the several hundred mini-summits being held in communities and regions around the country.

We are working closely with General Powell's staff to determine the most appropriate summit for you and the other principals -- including your cabinet -- to participate in over the next six months. Harris Wofford will continue to travel extensively to these mini-summits. The Corporation for National Service is part of the planning team for many of the state and local summits.

**Meeting with General Powell:**

You and the Vice President should meet with General Powell again, as you did in July, for a briefing on Summit follow-up. White House staff will continue to meet regularly with America's Promise officials to keep abreast of developments and to keep America's Promise up to speed on Administration service related activity. In this regard, we should ask America's Promise to report to you on their progress since the summit. It will be useful to continue to foster these positive relationships.

**America's Promise Video:**

On behalf of America's Promise, the John Schreiber Group is producing a television special to highlight the daily risks facing millions of American children and youth and the numerous programs, corporations and individuals that have responded through the efforts of the Summit and America's Promise. The John Schreiber Group has requested photos of the President for the special. We supplied them with a photo taken at the Summit in Philadelphia and are waiting for them to send us a copy of the program for counsel's approval.

**III. Administration Policies with Service Themes**

As has been noted, your interest in service did not commence or conclude with the advent of the Service Summit. Over the years, you have promoted service as a way of life and as one of your major themes. Your signature program -- AmeriCorps-- is a testament to that commitment. As we go forward, there are opportunities to continue and enhance the ongoing service related initiatives and to announce new ones. Below are some thoughts on possible next steps towards promoting community service.

**Children's Health Outreach:**

We are working with states and community groups to ensure that eligible children are enrolled in Medicaid and the new child health program. Through America's Promise, we could ask all the organizations that made commitments to the summit to embark on a major effort to reach these children. Gen. Powell has been interested in this issue.

**Work Study:**

We could push college presidents to convert a greater portion of college work-study jobs into community service. Jonathan Alter of Newsweek is pushing this idea, along with the notion that colleges should have welfare recipients do the work now done by students in work-study programs.

**Teen Pregnancy and Service:**

A new study shows that engaging in community service is at least as effective as other methods of teen pregnancy prevention. We could design an event with the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and the Corporation for National Service.

**Policy Events Focussed on Summit's Goals:**

You could appear at one or more event centered on one of the five goals of the summit. Opportunities are many, and they could include an event with the Department of Justice's

new Mentoring Alliance, which is working toward the summit's first goal. Another option is the launching of the Corporation for National Service's Seniors for Schools: America Reads initiative, which uses older volunteers as literacy tutors in elementary schools. The Corporation says such an event could take place in October or November.

**President's Initiative on Race:**

There is a possibility that the topic of your first town hall on Race in early December will revolve around service themes. Additionally, we will reach out to America's Promise to see how we can integrate the goals of the race initiative with the Summit-related activities taking place in cities and states across the country.

**IV. Service Projects Moving Forward**

The Corporation for National Service is making significant progress in pushing goal five of the Summit and continues to gain national support for AmeriCorps and its other important programs. Additionally, within the White House, we are thinking about ways to promote citizen service nationally.

**AmeriCorps:**

Harris Wofford has put together a draft legislative proposal to reauthorize the Corporation for National Service's programs, including AmeriCorps. This would be the first reauthorization of these programs, which are now operating without authorization. Ideally, we would like to reauthorize these programs through the end of your term or beyond. Either through an event or an accompanying letter from you, we could use this as an opportunity to reflect on the contribution AmeriCorps has made in the past five years, including its key role in mobilizing volunteers.

It appears that the antipathy toward Corporation programs has lessened significantly since the summit. This year's appropriations battle has not seen an assault on the Corporation's core programs, as previous years have. The remaining battle is over what level of funding the Corporation will secure for the America Reads program. We have asked the Corporation to wait on this proposal until appropriations are finished. Wofford is pushing hard to send our draft legislation to the Hill before Congress leaves for the year.

**Expansion of High School Service Scholars Program:**

Next year we can expand our program of \$1,000 scholarships for exemplary high school service to 10,000 high schools, a significant increase from the 1,700 schools that participated in the first year of the program. There are approximately 24,000 high schools in the U.S.. The Corporation for National Service is planning a major promotional campaign to generate more interest in this program, including getting local sponsors to provide matching funds. You could send a letter to all high school principals urging them to become involved and nominate a student from their school.

**Mentoring through the Inter-Net/Virtual Reference Desk:**

OSTP, in conjunction with Cabinet Affairs, DPC and the Corporation, is promoting this

initiative. The goal is to allow all qualified and interested individuals to volunteer their time to answer the questions of the k-12 community which relate to the federal government. The project builds on national initiatives of the Administration including a call for increased volunteerism and community service.

**Mentoring Projects:**

White House staff and the federal agencies are investigating opportunities to tutor young people through America Reads, Everybody Wins and other appropriate programs.

**The White House Service Web Page:**

The Office of Communications, under the direction of Kevin Moran, is developing a clearinghouse of community service opportunities for White House staff.

**Strengthening The Clinton Administration's Commitment to Service Presidential Memorandum:**

Shortly, we expect to recommend an Presidential Memorandum directing federal departments and agencies to explore additional measures to expand service opportunities for Federal employees.

**Other Service Ideas:**

We are continuing to search for opportunities to highlight citizen service. For example, there may be opportunities in St. Louis or Sacramento to do a service related event. Another idea is to have you host a meeting with representatives of companies, volunteer groups, recipients of mentoring, non-profits and community leaders to get a report from the field on how things are going. There would support the anecdotal information, like the story General Powell related to you, about Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the groundswell that is taking place. This would contrast with the "inside the beltway" view offered by some reporters.

**Reinstate Daily Points of Light Awards:**

As you know, Harris Wofford has recommended that we reinstate the Daily Points of Light Awards -- a high priority for President's Bush. The awards would be generated jointly from the Corporation for National Service and the Points of Light Foundation.

**Martin Luther King Day of Service:**

Martin Luther King Day is designated as a day of service -- "a day on, not a day off". Rev. King was an advocate of service. You, the Vice President and/or the First Lady could join some of the service activities planned for that day.

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If you could, I think that it would be a good idea for your race stuff to be in both, your weekly and email the initiative with the info. I think it is important for their report.

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There will be a briefing by the DPC Working Group on American Indians and Alaska Natives on Monday, October 20 at 4 p.m. in Room 472 on two executive orders they have been drafting.

The two executive orders are:

1. Executive Order on Comprehensive Indian Education. This proposed executive order provides that each agency will appoint a senior official to serve as a liaison for Indian education activities. The executive order also contemplates that a Board, under the auspices of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), will be appointed to monitor and report on the progress made by the agencies in fulfilling the purposes of the executive order. Each agency will be tasked with drafting a 5-year strategic plan to promote educational change, systemic reform, and student achievement. In drafting the strategic plans, agencies will promote the President's national education goals.

2. Executive Order on Indian Youth. This proposed executive order seeks to improve the quality of life for Indian youth by coordinating and expanding services related to health, community empowerment, crime, and education. This executive order also contemplates that each agency will appoint a senior official to be a liaison from the agency to promote the goals of the executive order. The order also establishes in HHS a Presidential advisory committee entitled the Federal/Tribal Partnership Council to be comprised of tribal representatives and members of various Native American groups.

Attendees of the meeting will be:

Michael H. Trujillo, Indian Health Services  
Leo Nolan, IHS Staff  
William Craig Vanderwagon, IHS Staff  
Phyllis Eddy, IHS Staff  
Michael Anderson, Indian Affairs  
Dennis Fox, Office of Indian Education Programs, BIA  
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If you have any questions, let me know. Mary

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TEXT:

Here's some interesting stuff, via John Gomperts of the Corporation for National Service.

1. Apparently Martin Luther King day was designated as a day of service under a 1994 law pushed by Harris Wofford when he was a Senator -- "a day on, not a day off." King was pro-service and made a famous service quote: "Everybody can be great because everyone can serve." So every year, the service world (there is one) organizes all kinds of service events on January 15. The Martin Luther King Commission is apparently designated in the law, along with the Corporation, to implement this. (MLK Commission is apparently somewhat adrift.)

Better yet, the Corporation has \$250,000 in demo money to fund little \$2,000 to \$5,000 mini-grants for local groups to organize local days of service. This is the 2nd year they've done these grants. They got 500 applications, many more than last year. And they will be ready to announce the grants in about two weeks. (I assume they could hold this if we wanted, although not for too long.) Harris was hoping that the President would participate in the MLK day of service this January, and could plug the Corporation's reauthorization then.

2. Harris has been approached by Dexter King (King's son) and a service organization called "Do Something" about something called the Kindness and Justice Curriculum. Corp. doesn't know much about it yet, but it might be service learning of some sort. They want to make it part of the MLK holiday celebration. They are also approaching Tom Kean.

3. Harris & co. are focusing more on AmeriCorps and less on service learning in their thinking on the race-service link so far. Two prominent AmeriCorps programs -- CityYear and Public Allies -- focus very consciously on race as part of the service experience, and could speak at a town hall. There is a guy named Alan Khazei at CityYear who is a thinker/statesman on service. You could have thinkers talk and then young people from different backgrounds talk about their experience serving together, the good and the bad.

4. The Corp. will have a new study soon on problems in racial diversity in AmeriCorps and how to do better. Gomperts says they really wouldn't want to release this report, but perhaps something could be done as an offshoot. I'll try to find out more about it. AmeriCorps is apparently very diverse, and that can create issues.

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Possible Reports

1. Twenty Year Anniversary of the Community Reinvestment Act -- This year is the twentieth anniversary of the passage of CRA. This law, as you know, requires banks to lend, invest, and serve ALL the communities in which the institution is chartered. The President implemented a major reform of the law in 1995. Because of CRA and the Fair Lending and Fair Housing, lending rates to minorities have increased dramatically, especially over the last four years. Although the anniversary date already occurred (we issued a POTUS statement), Treasury would be willing to do a short anniversary report on CRA and the results since 1977 before the end of the year.

2. Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act

Next Summer is the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Treasury and HUD have talked about making this a major event. We could engage with both agencies about making this into a Presidential or Vice Presidential event.

Tax Items

Treasury is reviewing data on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), focusing particularly on the efficiency and availability of the LIHTC. Treasury will conclude this analysis in approximately three weeks. After that date, we will meet with their staff to discuss an increase in cap.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund Round 3 Grants

1. There will be a Training and Technical Assistance round this fall. A third round of Bank Enterprise Act (BEA) and CDFI grants will be made next spring. There will also be a second Presidential Microenterprise Awards announcement by Treasury next Spring.



**Q: What Makes the Charter Schools Bill Such a Good Example of Bipartisan Cooperation?**

**A:** The bill, which amends the ESEA Public Charter Schools Program, was initially sponsored by Rep. Riggs, chairman of the Early Childhood, Youth and Families Subcommittee. Among other provisions the bill incorporates the President's goal of increasing the number of charter schools to 3,000 by the year 2000. Prior to committee action the bill was substantially improved in response to concerns raised by the Department of Education, and Rep. Roemer joined Rep. Riggs as a co-sponsor. The bill was approved last week by the House Education Committee on 24-8 bipartisan vote, including ten Democrats and fourteen Republicans. We think this is a great example of the kind of progress we can make when Democrats and Republicans come together across party lines to help our kids. Administration staff will continue to work with the sponsors to strengthen the legislation.

**Q: What About the Obey-Porter Comprehensive School Reform Provisions – Why Do they Represent a Good Example of Bipartisan Cooperation?**

**A:** These provisions represent strong leadership of Rep. Obey, ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee, working together with Rep. Porter, the subcommittee chairman. They feel strongly that schools across the country have been missing a great opportunity to benefit from research-proven approaches to reforming entire schools that have been developed in recent years. Many of these models have been developed with support from the New American Schools, a non-profit established under the Bush Administration but heavily supported by President Clinton, as well as from the generous gift by Mr. Annenberg. After a strong debate on the House floor, the provisions were amended to address the concerns of some conservative members and the provision was approved as a part of the House Education Appropriations bill. Again, members put aside partisan differences to support an initiative that will make a concrete difference in hundreds, and perhaps thousands of schools across the country.

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Following up on our policy working group discussion last week, I would like to suggest that we try to meet Wed. afternoon at 2pm to further discuss the various education policy options on Elena's list. If this time is not good for you, please suggest another time.

One goal would be to help PIR staff understand more about what's already in the Administration's education pipeline as well as the importance of the FY99 budget process. Also, as PIR plans the Nov. Race Initiative Advisory Board meeting, which will most likely focus on education issues, we would like to take this opportunity to better coordinate the board members' discussions with the Administration's policy goals.

Thanks. We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

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

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SUBJECT: 6 month service summit update memo

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: Cathy R. Mays ( CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

Steve Silverman is putting the finishing touches on our service summit 6 month update memo. He will forward it to you for review. I think his draft will be to the President from himself, me, and Bibb Hubbard, via Sylvia and you. He is always pushing me to get my name on memos; I really don't care, so if you aren't comfortable with that formulation it's fine with me.

It's a short cover memo with 2 attachments, most of which you've seen:

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CREATOR: Sarah A. Bianchi ( CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Immunization

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Vaccination Levels for Minority Children Reach an All Time High. This week HHS announced that vaccination levels for minority children have reached record highs and have met or exceeded the 1996 national immunization goals. Vaccination levels are now nearly the same for preschool children of all racial and ethnic groups, narrowing a gap that was estimated to be as wide as 26 percentage points a generation ago. These new rates provide evidence that adequate resources and focused initiatives, such as your 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, can help reduce some of the existing health disparities among racial and ethnic groups.

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CREATOR: Richard Socarides ( CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-OCT-1997 11:23:39.00

SUBJECT: Non-Discrimination Executive Order

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

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

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

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TEXT:

If we are going to do the sexual orientation non-discrimination executive order before the President's speech at the Human Rights Campaign dinner on Saturday, November 8th -- and I think we should -- I think we should do it next Friday, October 24th. The only other possibilities are Friday, October 31st (Halloween) or Friday, November 7th (the day before the dinner). As I have discussed with Bruce, as the order would only re-state existing federal policy by bringing together the existing patchwork of Departmental regulations, I think we can do this with very little, if any, fanfare.

Mary tells me that OMB has had the order out for comment and as I understand it, the informal deadline for such has passed. Also, rumors have begun to leak out from the agencies that this is in the works, so at this point we should probably do it sooner rather than later.

Does this sound right to you all? What needs to be done to work within this timeline?

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CREATOR: Sarah A. Bianchi ( CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: medicare premiums

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

On Thursday HHS released that the Medicare premium will stay at the 1997 rate of \$43.80. This is the first time in over ten years that the premium has not gone up. Last year it rose by \$1.30. The Part A deductible is only rising by \$4 to \$764. This small increase largely reflects savings from a freeze on Medicare hospital payments and other structural changes in the Balanced Budget Act.

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

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SUBJECT: Meetings

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

I've spoken with both Isabel Pinzler DOJ-CRD, and Ellen Vargas (EEOC) who could come over to talk reforms if you are interested. If its okay with you, I'll go ahead and try and set it up for early next week.