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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 09:45:01.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv (CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 16:10:42.00

SUBJECT: tobacco

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/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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TEXT:

FYI, John Schwartz is doing something on public health advocates and I used guidance to respond.

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

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SUBJECT: Report out Thursday shows 27% increase in 1997 of alleged violations of do

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TO: Virginia Apuzzo (CN=Virginia Apuzzo/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Monica M. Dixon (CN=Monica M. Dixon/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Laura S. Marcus (CN=Laura S. Marcus/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Joseph P. Lockhart (CN=Joseph P. Lockhart/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael D. McCurry (CN=Michael D. McCurry/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: KERRICK_D (KERRICK_D @ A1 @ CD @ VAXGTWY [UNKNOWN]) (NSC)
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Robert N. Weiner (CN=Robert N. Weiner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Kay Casstevens (CN=Kay Casstevens/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Thurgood Marshall Jr (CN=Thurgood Marshall Jr/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Miriam H. Vogel (CN=Miriam H. Vogel/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Dawn L. Smalls (CN=Dawn L. Smalls/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network will release its annual review of the cases under don't ask. don't tell for 1997 on Thursday. Among other things, it will again show an increase in alleged violations. They will be briefing us on the report before its release -- on Wednesday, February 18 at 4pm in room 180 OEOB and you are welcome to attend. We will be developing talking points after that briefing. DOD is receiving a separate briefing from them tomorrow.

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CREATOR: Amy W. Tobe (CN=Amy W. Tobe/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: David Sarasohn, Oregonian

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:

David is an editorial writer for the Oregonian and will be in town the first week of march. He is a really good guy. He wants to talk with either one of you about HMO-Health Care Bill of Rights & tobacco. He met with Bruce a few years ago (I think). Pls let me know if you're available or whom I should work with in your shop to schedule something with him and either one of you . Thanks!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 11:17:46.00

SUBJECT: A friend made this suggestion for an executive action--what do you think?

TO: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/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: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/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:

Got an interesting welfare-to-work idea out of our mail (of all places). An upstate county commissioner suggests that cars seized in asset forfeiture proceedings (you know, from drug rings etc.) be given to welfare-to-work programs to help out welfare moms with transportation issues. I can imagine bureaucratic resistance from law enforcement. (I think they sell the cars now and keep the dough.) But it does have a nice political spin -- take the cars from criminals and use them to help people leave welfare -- and might even do a bit of good.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 12:22:53.00

SUBJECT: Native American Update

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

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

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

TO: Julie A. Fernandes (CN=Julie A. Fernandes/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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Education Talking Points for NGA Annual Meeting

1. Making K-12 Education System Among the Best in the World

- Working with the Congress, last year we made an historic investment to help families pay for college. As a result, we have now opened the doors to college wide, and made it possible for two years of college to be as universal by the next century as high school graduation is today.
- Now we must make sure that our students are academically prepared to take advantage of this opportunity. That is why in my budget for this year I have proposed an ambitious agenda to help make our K-12 education system among the best in the world. Our efforts here at the national level are designed to support and build upon your efforts in the state to raise standards, raise expectations and raise accountability.
- This year I am proposing:

Programs Funded Through States

- **A National Effort to Reduce Class Size.** I have proposed a national effort to reduce class size to a national average of 18 in grade 1-3, to give our students the trained teachers, individual attention and more disciplined environment that will help them learn to read well and get a good grounding in the basics. This \$12.4 billion initiative over 7 years (\$7.3 over 5 years) will provide the funds to help local school districts hire 100,000 well prepared teachers.
- **Modern School Buildings to Improve Student Learning.** I have also proposed a \$22 billion school modernization initiative to help states and local communities provide the space for smaller classes, repair and renovate crumbling schools, and build new schools.

Competitive Programs for High Poverty Urban and Rural Communities

- **Education Opportunity Zones: Helping Students in Poor Communities Reach High Standards.** My initiative would provide funds to high poverty urban and rural school systems with a track record of improving student achievement. I want to invest in school systems that are serious about raising standards, and will end social promotions, intervene in failing schools, and provide choice throughout the public schools. These education opportunity zones can provide a model to the nation in how our urban school systems can work.
- **High Hopes for College.** To inspire more of our young people to have high expectations, to stay in school and study hard, and to go to college, I have proposed a new initiative that would promote partnerships between colleges and middle or junior high schools in low income communities. This initiative would let students and their families know that there is enough financial aid available to make college is affordable, would let students know what it means and what it takes to go to college, and provide them with the mentoring and support services needed to keep them on track.

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- **Attracting and Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers.** I have proposed a \$350 million initiative to attract talented people into teaching at low-income schools, and to dramatically improve the quality of training and preparation given to our future teachers. This new initiative will help bring nearly 35,000 outstanding new teachers into high-poverty urban and rural areas, through partnerships between institutions of higher education and local schools in inner city and poor rural areas.

Education Q&A for NGA Roundtable

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QUESTION: We are very concerned about your proposals to use tobacco settlement funds for your national initiatives. How will you support flexibility on how the funds can be used between health care, child care, and class size reduction?

ANSWER: *Elena--I need your guidance on this one.*

QUESTION: Is the voluntary national test dead? If not, how do you plan to move the proposal forward.

ANSWER: The testing proposal is very much alive and moving forward. Last Fall, Congress appropriated funds for continued development of the tests, and endorsed my proposal to place the independent, bipartisan NAGB in charge of the tests. NAGB has taken charge and is moving forward. I will continue to work with the Congress to secure funding and support for test development and implementation, and I will veto any effort to stop work from moving forward. At the same time, I am open to other approaches to accomplishing the objective of measuring individual student learning in the basics against national standards--such as using existing state tests that can be linked to NAEP, and would urge NAGB, ACHIEVE and the governors to pursue this.

QUESTION: You have proposed new federal education initiatives for school construction, class size reduction, school mentoring, urban education and other areas. Yet, you haven't proposed any increased funding for IDEA, the biggest unfunded federal mandate in education. At the same time, the Education Department is proposing burdensome new rules, which go beyond the intent of the bill you signed into law last year. Will you work with us to ensure that the Special Education rules will not be unduly burdensome? Will you consider scaling back your new initiatives and putting the funds into special education--so that we at the state and local level can have more control over how we spend our own money?

ANSWER: The special education law I signed last year provides states and school districts with significantly more flexibility than did the previous law. It will reduce paperwork, reporting requirements and litigation. It places a stronger emphasis on results. And it protects the safety of all students in the classroom while retaining the essential rights and protections of disabled students. The Education Department has proposed regulations to carry out the law, and has received quite a few comments back. I am sure Secretary Riley will review those comments carefully before issuing final regulations.

Funding for the special education program has increased by 64% over the past three years, a substantial increase in the investment the federal government has made in helping states and local communities pay for special education services..

While we have not proposed additional increases in special education, a number of other initiatives we have proposed will help address the needs of special education. Our class size reduction initiative will help students with disabilities main streamed in regular classes get the extra attention they need, and should reduce costs that occur when students who mainly need extra help are instead wrongly identified as requiring special education services. In addition, our school modernization initiative will help schools make the accommodations to their facilities necessary for students with disabilities.

QUESTION: Will you support block grant legislation so that states can have more flexibility in the use of federal education funds, and not be constrained by the requirements of separate categorical programs?

I will look carefully at the block grant proposal NGA has developed.

Most federal education funding is in a handful of programs with clearly defined and important purposes, such as providing extra help to disadvantaged or disabled students, training teachers, raising academic standards, helping states start charter schools and helping school use technology. Within these purposes, I am in favor of providing maximum flexibility in our programs, along with accountability for results.

Since Secretary Riley and I have taken office, we have worked hard to increase the flexibility and reduce the regulatory burden in federal education programs. We have eliminated 67 percent of the pages of regulations that govern major elementary and secondary education programs, and have run Goals 2000 and School-to-Work without issuing a single new regulation. We have approved almost 250 waiver requests from 49 states, and through the Ed-Flex program have granted 12 states the ability to waive federal requirements on their own. As I indicated earlier, I am prepared to ask Congress for the authority to grant Ed-Flex to all 50 states.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 19:58:28.00

SUBJECT: Smut update

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:

While the FCC didn't dislike the McCain bill, the VP's office said they see it as an attack on the whole program and, as Bruce saw when I brought it up with Gips, not enthused. On the other hand they don't seem to deny the logic of that it will pass and it will be signed, so can't we make it into something we will be for. Kohlenberger makes several other points: 1. de facto libraries and schools will have smut blocks because Microsoft browser does, and Netscape's browsers will, have them; 2. the VP has done a lot of parent control of the Internet events including the 'parents Guide to the Internet'; 3. they aren't opposed to doing another announcement -- we should look to Markey who is trying to get into the issue. I'm following up there.

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SUBJECT: mystery solved

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Penn's weekly summary showed that one network (CBS) DID cover the Philly tobacco speech. ABC may have said something, too, although the heading was "President and VP refer to new surgeon general by wrong last name".

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CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 08:35:49.00

SUBJECT: More DOL Welfare to Work Grants

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])

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CC: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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

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TEXT:

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 16:34:29.00

SUBJECT: Cloning update.

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I want to revisit a decision we made last week not to reach out to groups. I have heard that the Rs are hard at work. In meetings, they have made it clear they will bring cloning up again as soon as they can regroup. The Rs have also begun leaning on the groups that worked our side of the issue and reminding them who controls the fate of the rest of the groups' legislative agendas. I recommend that we convene a meeting of the groups to rally continued support and brief them on issues such as FDA jurisdiction. Let me know if you agree, and I will work with OPL to set this up. Thanks.

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

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 11:03:29.00

SUBJECT: Your question on NGA undocumented immigrants item

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

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

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

TEXT:

It appears that this mysterious legislative language is targeted at the concern of the Lamar Smith-types that some pregnant women who are undocumented deliberately cross the border in order to have their children in the US, making them US citizens. We believe that this language must have been added by a member of Congress who was seeking to defuse this issue by saying that the federal government should pay for such labor and delivery costs.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 16:25:15.00

SUBJECT: CFR Letter

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

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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TO: Morley A. Winograd (CN=Morley A. Winograd/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

Here is a draft of the letter. Please let me know if you have any edits by 10:00 am tomorrow. Thanks.

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Dear Senator xxxxx:

Next week we have an historic opportunity to renew our democracy and strengthen our country. For the first time in a generation, Members of the United States Senate will have the opportunity to cast a vote for bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation that will make our democracy work better for all Americans.

Our democracy is the oldest and most successful in the world. But we know that there is something deeply wrong with the way we pay for elections. Our campaign finance laws were last rewritten 23 years ago. For quite a long while those laws worked well, but they have been overwhelmed by a flood of money and the rising cost of campaigns.

Spending in congressional campaigns has risen sixfold in the last two decades. That's more than three times the rate of inflation. Now both political parties are locked into an ever-escalating arms race, as they compete to raise more and more money. There's simply too much money required for campaigns, it takes too much time to raise, and it raises too many questions.

Our system of campaign finance has placed too much power in the hands special interests who promote own concerns at the expense of the public interest. Too often they operate in secret. Too often they have special privileges ordinary Americans don't even know exist. And elections, where ordinary voters should have the loudest voice, have become so expensive that big money can sometimes drown those voices out.

Yet we have made progress. In 1993, we repealed the tax loophole that lets lobbyists deduct the cost of their activities. In early 1994, Congress passed a law that applies to Congress the laws they impose on the private sector. And in 1995, Congress answered my call to stop taking gifts, meals, and trips from lobbyists, and sent to my desk the bipartisan Lobbying Disclosure Act which is bringing lobbyists out from the darkrooms and into the bright light of public scrutiny.

Now we have the chance to make the way we finance campaigns work better. The Senate is about to consider campaign finance reform legislation that puts an end to the soft money system, expands disclosure requirements, increases penalties for election law violations, and strengthens the rules for so-called independent expenditure campaigns.

For these reasons, I have supported in the past and continue to support the McCain-Feingold Senate Campaign Finance Reform Act and I urge the Senate to pass it.

As we work to reform campaign finance, we must do everything we can to ensure that we open, not limit, the political process. Our goal is to take the reins of our democracy away from big special interests, from big money, and to put them back into the hands of ordinary Americans where they belong. Our bottom line test should be: Will our efforts make our government

more representative, not less representative? Will reform make our elected representatives more likely to promote the public interest, even when it conflicts with powerful special interests. On all these counts, the McCain-Feingold bill meets the test.

A critical mass has been reached for campaign finance reform. Citizen groups, spurred by business executives and civic leaders, have gathered one million signatures on a petition to Congress calling for reform. Presidents Ford, Carter, and Bush have been joined by dozens of former lawmakers in calling for reform.

If you want to restore the American peoples faith in our democracy vote for McCain-Feingold.

Sincerely,

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William Jefferson Clinton

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 21:17:47.00

SUBJECT: Fatherhood update from Andrea

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/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:

Andrea wrote this great summary on what's happening in fatherhood issues. She's going to write a short version for the weekly, and has gotten info to Emily for her NGA briefing memo.

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02/18/98 08:48:32 PM
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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP, Emily Bromberg/WHO/EOP, Lisa M. Mallory/OVP @ OVP
cc:
Subject: Fatherhood update--w/ attachment!

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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP, Emily Bromberg/WHO/EOP, Lisa M. Mallory/OVP @ OVP
cc:
Subject:

Here's the long version of what Governors and Congress is up to with fathers issues (Emily--feel free to cut and paste if helpful for your NGA briefing materials). Cynthia, I'll do short version for weekly tomorrow, but feel free to pass this along to Bruce and Elena if you think it'll be useful background. Lisa, if there is anything I'm missing, please let me know.

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Update on Fatherhood Initiatives by Governors and Congress

NGA Winter Meeting

On Sunday afternoon, the NGA Human Resources Committee will discuss Strategies for Encouraging and Promoting Positive Involvement by Fathers in the Lives of Their Children. Governor Ridge, Committee Chair, will moderate the discussion and show a video highlighting initiatives in Pennsylvania. Governors Carper, Beasley and Romer will talk about initiatives in their states, followed by an open discussion among all Governors. Wade Horn of the National Fatherhood Initiative will wrap up the discussion. In preparation for the meeting, Governors Ridge and Locke (Committee Vice-Chair) asked Governors to submit examples of activities in their states to promote positive father involvement. NGA will release a document at the meeting summarizing these initiatives. Governors were specifically asked not to focus primarily on child support enforcement or fathers' custody rights--they are trying to keep a focus on more positive types of involvement.

Governor Ridge is expected to continue the focus on fathers at the Annual Meeting in July, following up on the June summit (see below).

NGA has a policy on Paternal Involvement in Child Rearing first adopted in 1995 and revised in 1997. This is not up for discussion at the 1998 Winter Meeting.

Governors' Task Force on Fatherhood Promotion and National Summit in June

On February 12th, Governors Ridge and Carper launched a bipartisan national effort to promote responsible fatherhood (this is not an NGA initiative). They met together with teen fathers at a Philadelphia high school and sent a letter to all other Governors encouraging them to join this effort. The objectives of the new Task Force are: 1) find new ways that state governments can dramatically decrease the incidence of father absence, 2) encourage replication of policies and initiatives that have proven effective in inspiring men to be committed, responsible and involved fathers, and 3) fuel public and political commitment to bringing fathers back to their children.

The Task Force will co-host a national summit on fatherhood June 16th to bring together elected officials from all levels of government, and leaders from the civic, philanthropic, education and entertainment communities. One of the goals for the summit is to ask ten teams representing ten sectors of society (public policy, entertainment, mass media, faith based, military, etc) to each come up with one goal in a ten point plan for which they will be accountable. There is already a bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Fatherhood Promotion, and a Mayor's Task Force is expected next. The National Fatherhood Initiative will support these Task Forces and the summit. NFI states that the Congressional and Governors' Task Forces will be exploring ways that the federal and state government can help to promote responsible and involved fathering.

Other NFI activities: NFI has worked with the Ad Council to develop a national PSA campaign on fathers, getting more than \$100 million in donated broadcast time. In partnership with Radio America, NFI has developed a series of radio PSAs featuring a mix of celebrities and experts, including the Vice President. NFI is organizing a coalition of national and local community leaders, including groups such as the United Way of America, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of

America. They are also working directly with individual fathers. Hex-Dump Conversion

Congressional Action

On January 20th, Congressman Archer announced a billion dollar "Fatherhood Counts" initiative to create block grants to Governors for programs that promote marriage, work, payment of child support, and better parenting in order to get fathers more involved with their children. He proposed paying for the initiative by capping attorney fees in the tobacco settlement.

The Republican Floor Schedule currently shows a Fatherhood Block Grant Initiative by Congressman Shaw in late April. Shaw's staff indicate they may introduce a bill in the next few weeks, but have been quite vague.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Statement of Short Course AZT

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TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:
FYI - Here's some very good news on the AIDS front.

Sandy

STATEMENT BY SANDRA THURMAN
DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY

WHITE HOUSE AIDS CZAR HAILS NEW TREATMENT
TO REDUCE MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to researchers from Thailand and the United States who have found an effective and more affordable treatment regimen for reducing the transmission of HIV from mothers to children. They have brought a bright ray of hope to the darkness of the AIDS pandemic.

This morning, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta announced preliminary results from a controversial clinical study, showing that a short course of zidovudine (AZT) resulted in a reduction by half of the transmission of HIV from infected mothers to their newborn children.

This study has tremendous implications for helping curb the spread of the AIDS epidemic. Most importantly, it demonstrates the efficacy of a treatment regimen of AZT that is far more affordable and deliverable than the standard course used in the United States.

With 5.8 million new infections occurring each year, most of which are in the developing world, there is a desperate need for strategies to reduce infections. Unfortunately, most of these countries have neither the funds nor the infrastructure to support the long course of AZT that is the standard treatment regiment for pregnant women in the developed world. The new short course costs a fraction of the long course (\$50 versus \$800) and does not require the intravenous treatments that would be virtually impossible in most developing nations.

Based upon these preliminary results, the CDC (in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health, the Agence Nationale De Recherches Sur le Sida and UNAIDS) are recommending that controversial placebo control arms of all similar studies be replaced by this new short course regimen.

This is a story about researchers, governments, and communities working together to battle this epidemic. We now know about a tool to save hundreds of thousands of children that would otherwise be lost. The challenge ahead is to figure out how to make this tool available as widely as possible. The United States will continue its leadership in addressing the global epidemic, particularly in implementing this exciting new treatment strategy.

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

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SUBJECT: Latest on FICA/workfare

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

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

We are working to get this out before the NGA. Rob Weiner's recommendation is that we concur with DOL's recommendation to give the AFL a heads up on this, so I am working with Karen Tramantano to do that tomorrow.

Regarding whether this IRS ruling will do any damage to our FLSA position: According to DOL, it is a question of degrees of risk. Issuing this ruling will marginally increase the risk that a court wouldn't uphold employee rights for workfare recipients. Rob is working with DOL and Treasury on language to minimize the added risk, but DOL argues there is no way to do this ruling that doesn't add some risk. Rob doesn't disagree. So if no added risk is our standard, we would not issue this. (The risk is not zero even without this ruling.) Interestingly, DOL says the risk is less for FLSA than for the NLRA and other laws, I think because of the different laws' definition of employee.

I'll know more tomorrow.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1998 09:03:32.00

SUBJECT: David Sarasohn, Oregonian

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

TEXT:

can you call him?

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Amy W. Tobe
02/17/98 05:50:17 PM
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To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: David Sarasohn, Oregonian

David is an editorial writer for the Oregonian and will be in town the first week of march. He is a really good guy. He wants to talk with either one of you about HMO-Health Care Bill of Rights & tobacco. He met with Bruce a few years ago (I think). Pls let me know if you're available or whom I should work with in your shop to schedule something with him and either one of you . Thanks!

Draft Agenda
2/20 Tobacco Meeting

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- I. Legislative strategy and outreach
 - A. Erskine meetings/phone calls
 - B. McCain/Jeffords/Tauzin hearings
 - C. Budget Resolution issues

- II. Press strategy
 - A. Possible departure statement/one year anniversary of FDA rule -- Wed 25th
 - B. American Medical Association -- March 29th
 - C. Attorneys General in town -- March 12th
 - D. Other upcoming opportunities/event ideas

- III. Public health group outreach
 - A. Westmoreland
 - B. Others

- IV. Policy Issues/Working Groups
 - A. Farmers
 - B. Licensing
 - C. Liability
 - D. Document disclosure
 - E. Marketing provisions
 - F. FDA Bill
 - G. State Penalties
 - H. Drugs/Alcohol
 - I. Legal fees
 - J. Minorities
 - K. Lump sum upfront payment
 - L. Antitrust
 - M. International

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CREATOR: Audrey T. Haynes (CN=Audrey T. Haynes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: Radio Address/Policy Announcement

SUGGESTION

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Unfortunately I had a meeting that I called with folks from the outside yesterday and missed the scheduling meeting, but as I understand, the women's history radio address is contingent on a policy announcement. Therefore, I'm assuming you and others are going to be thinking about what might be appropriate. I'd like to suggest that we amplify the civil rights enforcement package. I know the VP announced most if not all of it during the MLK speech in Atlanta, but women especially benefit from this and the general public only think of people of color when they think civil rights. This would allow us to put the picture of women on this issue.

Just an idea. We really want this address because we want to invite the Congresssional Women's Caucus as the audience. We need to do something with them and POTUS for Women's History or they are really going to be ticked. When we floated the radio address as an idea to them and their staff, they thought it was great. Anything you can do to help is most appreciated. thanks

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HEADLINE: Chairman Demands Tobacco Documents

BYLINE: LAURIE KELLMAN
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DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

The chairman of the House Commerce Committee subpoenaed 39,000 tobacco industry documents he said may contain information about the cigarette-makers' marketing and research practices.

The chairman, Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., once among Congress' staunchest defenders of the industry, demanded the documents by March 12.

"Congress and the American people deserve to know what's in the documents so we can make informed decision about tobacco policy," Bliley said in a statement Thursday.

Industry spokesman Scott Williams confirmed that the subpoenas had been received by Geoffrey Bible of Philip Morris, Steven Goldstone of RJR Nabisco, Nicholas Brookes of Brown & Williamson, Laurence Tisch of the Loews Corp., Samuel Chilcote of the Tobacco Institute and James Glenn of the Council for Tobacco Research.

The subpoenas stem from documents Minnesota courts have ordered released to the state and to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which are suing the tobacco industry to recover \$1.77 billion spent treating smoking-related illnesses in Minnesota. Williams said the industry is appealing the order. He declined to comment further.

"I've said all along that if more documents were identified in the Minnesota case as possibly containing evidence of crime or fraud that I would request them," Bliley said. "More documents have been identified, and these documents must see the light of day."

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Hubert Humphrey III, the Minnesota attorney general, said Bliley's action "will help call the tobacco industry's bluff."

"While the tobacco CEOs testify in Congress that it's a new day and the industry is coming clean with the truth, they are fighting tooth and nail and spending millions of dollars to continue to conceal secret documents in the Minnesota case," Humphrey asserted.

The subpoenas come as Congress decides whether to ratify or rewrite the landmark tobacco settlement reached in June between state attorneys general and the industry. The deal would end 40 state lawsuits if companies pay \$368 billion over 25 years and agree to curb some business practices, such as marketing.

In exchange the industry would get protection from most lawsuits.

Congressional response to the latter requirement has been cool, and Republican leaders have not made passing a bill a top priority.

At a meeting of the Consumer Analysts Group of New York on Wednesday, Goldstone of RJR Nabisco told journalists that if Congress does not pass the settlement by June, "then the chances for (passage) this year begin to diminish."

Goldstone said upcoming elections would distract lawmakers from the complex decisions required by the agreement.

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CREATOR: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: New Mexico has a welfare reform law!

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

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

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])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

Clips we just got from HHS have a short blurb saying the Governor signed a compromise law yesterday supported by Ds and Rs.

February 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan

RE: DPC Weekly Report

Child Care -- Stay at Home Parents: We are working with NEC and Treasury to prepare policy options on proposals to help “stay-at-home parents” so that we will be prepared to offer a proposal as part of a final child care package. Senators Chafee and Dodd have both included proposals in their child care bills to offer tax credits to parents who choose to stay at home with their young children. Last week, the House unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Congressman Goodling noting that any child care initiative passed by the Congress must not ignore stay-at-home parents (although Democrats complained that they were not given the opportunity to amend the resolution to include support for child care for working families as well). Next week, Senator Coats is holding a symposium to discuss the issue further.

EEOC -- Federal Sector Rule. On Friday, February 20th, the EEOC published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which seeks public comment on a number of proposed changes to the federal sector complaint process. Most notably, the proposed rule would end the current practice of allowing federal agencies accused of discrimination to overrule final decisions of EEOC administrative judges. In addition, the proposed rule would expand the use of ADR mechanisms, provide for the dismissal of complaints where there is a clear pattern of abuse of the complaint process, and expand the use of class actions to more effectively combat systemic discrimination practices in federal employment. These proposed changes would increase the perception of fairness in the process and would increase efficiency by eliminating unnecessary layers of review, dealing more expeditiously with meritless claims and delegating more authority to front-line employees.

Immigration -- H1B Visas. H1B visas are temporary work visas that allow “highly skilled” immigrants (with a BA or equivalent) to work in this country for up to six years. Under current law, the number of H1B visas issued is capped at 65,000 per year. Last year, this cap was reached for the first time. According to the INS, this year we are likely to reach the H1B cap by April. The information technology industry supports either the removal of the H1B cap

or a significant increase in the annual allotment. Labor unions would likely oppose any increase in the cap.

Welfare Reform -- Update on Fatherhood Initiatives by Governors and Congress:

There is growing interest among governors regarding how states can use their TANF funds to promote positive fatherhood involvement. At this week's NGA meeting, the Human Resources Committee will discuss examples of activities in their states -- Governors Ridge, Carper, Romer and Beasley are planning to speak -- and NGA will release a document summarizing these initiatives. Governors were specifically asked not to focus primarily on child support enforcement or custody rights, but instead on efforts to encourage fathers to be more involved in their children's lives.

In addition, Governors Ridge and Carper recently launched a bipartisan national effort to promote responsible fatherhood and sent a letter to other Governors encouraging them to join a Governors' Task Force on Fatherhood Promotion (not an NGA initiative). The Task Force will co-host a June 16th national fatherhood summit, bringing together elected officials from all levels of government, and leaders from the civic, philanthropic, education and entertainment communities. Wade Horn's group, The National Fatherhood Initiative, is working on this summit.

There are also indications of interest by House Republicans on this issue. Late last month, Congressman Archer called for \$1 billion "Fatherhood Counts" block grant, which he would pay for by capping tobacco attorney's fees. Details of his plan are not yet available.

Welfare Reform -- Welfare to Work Transportation: As you asked us to do after the State of the Union, we have sent a letter from you to all the governors urging them to use existing welfare funds for welfare to work transportation. The letter highlights Elaine Kinslow's success story, describes your proposal for \$100 million in new welfare to work transportation funds, and urges states to make full use of existing welfare funds to provide transportation services. To help states do so, the letter promises that HHS, DOL and DOT will provide more detailed guidance shortly. The letter will also be sent to state legislative leaders and local elected officials.

Welfare Reform--Separate State Programs: New financial data from the states show that 16 states have created separate state programs. Under TANF, state expenditures in certain separate state programs may count toward a state's TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement, even though individuals served in these separate state programs don't have to follow the TANF work and time limit rules. Information from the 16 states show that total state spending on separate state programs ranges from 1% in Indiana to 52% in Hawaii. Eight states report spending more than 10% in a separate state programs: Hawaii, Illinois, Colorado, Iowa, Alabama, Wyoming, Massachusetts, and Arizona. Six of these eight states spent most or all of their funds on child care (child care funds spent in this way would not be time limited). Hawaii created a separate state program for two-parent households and legal immigrants (Florida,

Michigan and Tennessee have similar programs amounting to less than 10%). Colorado's separate state program is for child welfare services (similar to the Emergency Assistance program).

Campaign Finance Reform -- Petitions: Two weeks ago your letter to establish a system of free and discounted TV time was received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Last week the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), in response to your petition to ban "soft money" has asked the FEC General Counsel to provide additional the commission with additional options on restricting "soft money" contributions.

Assuming bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation is filibustered next week, we need to focus our attention to your pending petitions before the FCC and FEC. In addition, we should consider submitting other petitions, including one to the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) on disclosure of contributions.

Campaign Finance Reform --McCain Feingold: Next week we expect the McCain-Feingold reform legislation to come up for consideration. The bill would ban soft money, regulate issue-advocacy communications, and increase disclosure requirements for campaigns.

After the vote on McCain-Feingold, Lott will then be permitted to hold a vote on an alternative bill to his liking. We expect Lott to bring up Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles's (R-Okla) controversial Paycheck Protection Act. The measure would require unions to get prior consent before using dues for political purposes and is strongly opposed by Democrats who believe it could cripple labor.

Senator Snowe -- along with Sens. James Jeffords (R-Vt) and John Chafee (R-RI) -- has been trying to make aspects of each bill more palatable to Senators on both sides of the aisle. Snowe's compromise, derived from a proposal crafted by American Enterprise Institute scholar Norm Ornstein and Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution -- would restrict both unions and corporations from airing certain types of advertising within 60 days of a primary or general election. It is not clear yet whether Democrats will support the Snow compromise. Senator Daschle's staff was not initially supportive.

Tobacco -- New Tobacco Ad Campaign and Announcement on Synar Goals: Next Saturday, February 28, is the one year anniversary of two provisions in FDA's tobacco regulation going into effect that protect children and adolescents from tobacco products. Those provisions prohibit retailers from selling tobacco products to anyone under 18 and require retailers to check the photo identification of anyone under 27 years old. We recommend you mark the anniversary this **Wednesday?** **BR** by announcing a new ad campaign HHS has prepared. The campaign consists of radio, billboard and print ads as well as a free retailer kit. Within the next few months the campaign will be running in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington. As each

new state signs on, FDA will run ads and distribute retailer kits. In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is prepared to release its annual report to Congress. You can announce that the report will conclude that all 50 states are in compliance with the Synar amendment, (enforcing age restrictions on tobacco purchases), and list the target date that each state is expected to achieve its Synar goal. The report also presents state by state information on the rate of sales to youth of tobacco products. We believe this is a good opportunity to highlight your success in moving the country forward in the fight to protect children and to restate your commitment to enacting comprehensive tobacco legislation.

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

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SUBJECT: Re: Sandy Thurman

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

TEXT:

see note on needles...

----- Forwarded by Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP on 02/20/98
11:26 AM -----

Sylvia M. Mathews
02/20/98 11:25:41 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP
cc:
bcc:
Subject: Re: Sandy Thurman

Bruce I agree, we should include Sandy. Please invite her.

That sounds like a good plan on needle exchange, will you please ask Elena to include me in the deputies meeting. Thanks.

Bruce N. Reed
02/19/98 12:28:39 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Sylvia M. Mathews/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: Sandy Thurman

Sandy would like to attend the 7:45 a.m. mtgs in the Roosevelt Room. The women's office, the drug office, and other satellite operations all send reps -- and it would be a good way for her to get to know more folks around here.

Does that sound OK to you?

By the way, now that Satcher is confirmed, we're starting a decision process on needle exchange. Elena is calling a deputies meeting next week. I suspect there will be quite a gap between McCaffrey and Shalala on this one, but we'll develop a range of options and do our best to keep it quiet.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles A. Blanchard (CN=Charles A. Blanchard/OU=ONDCP/O=EOP [ONDCP])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-FEB-1998 15:32:55.00

SUBJECT: Abraham Crack Bill

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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TO: Karen A. Popp (CN=Karen A. Popp/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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

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CC: Melvin G. Dubee (CN=Melvin G. Dubee/OU=ONDCP/O=EOP @ EOP [ONDCP])

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TEXT:

This morning's Detroit News reports that Senator Abraham's cocaine sentencing bill (which lowers the powder threshold from 500 grams to 100 grams) "is expected to be brought to the Senate floor within the next two weeks, Abraham said."