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[04/20/1998]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 08:13:58.00

SUBJECT: Erskine tobacco Meeting 9:15 a.m. this morning

TO: GENE (Pager) #SPERLING (GENE (Pager) #SPERLING [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: PAUL (Pager) #BEGALA (PAUL (Pager) #BEGALA [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: RAHM I. (Pager) #EMANUEL (RAHM I. (Pager) #EMANUEL [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: BRUCE N. (Pager) #REED (BRUCE N. (Pager) #REED [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: LAWRENCE (SKY) (Pager) #STEIN (LAWRENCE (SKY) (Pager) #STEIN [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Demond T. Martin (CN=Demond T. Martin/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dawn L. Smalls (CN=Dawn L. Smalls/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: 1199595@SKYTEL (1199595@SKYTEL [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Scott R. Hynes (CN=Scott R. Hynes/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Dominique L. Cano (CN=Dominique L. Cano/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Eleanor S. Parker (CN=Eleanor S. Parker/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Peter A. Weissman (CN=Peter A. Weissman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: June G. Turner (CN=June G. Turner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Michelle Crisci (CN=Michelle Crisci/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Jessica L. Gibson (CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 08:13:59.00

SUBJECT: Weekly Reports

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:

I assume the answer is no, but I wanted you two to make the call.

----- Forwarded by Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP on 04/20/98 08:12 AM -----

Suzanne Dale

04/19/98 05:59:24 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Weekly Reports

Mickey asked me to find out if it would be possible to receive a copy of your office's weekly report each week after you have submitted it to the Staff Secretary. We can send someone to you to come copy it each Monday if that would help. Please let me know what you think. Thanks!

Message Sent

To:

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- Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
 - Brian A. Barreto/OPD/EOP
 - Peter A. Weissman/OPD/EOP
 - Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP
 - Jonathan H. Adashek/WHO/EOP
 - Franklin F. Urteaga/OSTP/EOP
 - Stacie Spector/WHO/EOP
 - Kevin S. Moran/WHO/EOP
 - Ruby Shamir/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 08:16:02.00

SUBJECT: CHANGE: Erskine tobacco Meeting 10:15 a.m. this morning

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

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Julie A. Fernandes (CN=Julie A. Fernandes/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 09:20:36.00

SUBJECT: Native Americans

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Bruce/Elena:

As you know, the President has expressed interest in doing an event in Indian country. Last Friday, Mary and I attended a meeting w/ Sylvia and Lynn to discuss how this should be done. Sylvia's idea was to have the President, the First Lady, maybe the VP and various Cabinet members go to different reservations (or areas of high Indian population) on the same day, and link it to a PIR national day of dialogue. The President would participate in a roundtable discussion with tribal leaders. Sylvia asked that we (DPC) work with NEC to develop some ideas for economic development in Indian country that could be announced on that day. Mary has also mentioned to Mike that we would likely want to have our executive order on Native American education completed by then. Richard Socarides is working with Jen Palmieri to get a date sometime in late summer (likely August).

Julie

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 20-APR-1998 09:36:17.00

SUBJECT: Daily Message Calendar (4/20 - 4/26)

TO: Nathan B. Naylor (CN=Nathan B. Naylor/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Andrei H. Cherny (CN=Andrei H. Cherny/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ: UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Simeona F. Pasquil (CN=Simeona F. Pasquil/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Julie E. Mason (CN=Julie E. Mason/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Anne E. McGuire (CN=Anne E. McGuire/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Susan M. Liss (CN=Susan M. Liss/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Ellen M. Lovell (CN=Ellen M. Lovell/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ: UNKNOWN

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

TO: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Beverly J. Barnes (CN=Beverly J. Barnes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Dan K. Rosenthal (CN=Dan K. Rosenthal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Laura A. Graham (CN=Laura A. Graham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Jonathan A. Kaplan (CN=Jonathan A. Kaplan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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

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

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

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TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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TEXT:

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THE WEEK AHEAD
April 20 - April 26
(All items are subject to change.)

Monday (4/20): Possible statement TBD.

Tuesday (4/21): President Clinton will meet with Democratic Congressional leaders to discuss legislative strategy. The President will make a brief statement following his meeting on the importance of the Senate vote concerning school modernization.

Wednesday (4/22): President Clinton and Vice President Gore will travel to Harper's Ferry National Historic Park, West Virginia, to participate in an Earth Day service project on the Appalachian Trail. Following the President's service, he will make remarks emphasizing the themes of service, environment and the millennium.

In the evening the President will reiterate some of these themes when he hosts the third Millennium Evening with the First Lady in the East Room. The subject of this Millennium Evening is "A celebration of American creativity through poetry featuring Poets Laureate Robert Pinsky, Robert Haas and Rita Dove."

Thursday (4/23): President Clinton will hold a child care event in the Rose Garden, where he will receive a report on child care and its importance to the economy from Secretary Rubin and the working group of CEOs that Secretary Rubin has been working with. The President will also meet with President Niyazov of Turkmenistan.

Friday (4/24): The President will hold a Cabinet Room meeting with school violence experts, academics, Attorney General Reno, Secretary Riley, the Vice President and First Lady on school safety. In the meeting the President will announce the Gun Free Schools report.

President Clinton holds an event honoring the National Teacher of the Year in the Rose Garden to highlight his education agenda, specifically his master teachers proposal.

Saturday (4/25): President Clinton will deliver a live radio address tentatively scheduled to focus on efforts to address fraud in a variety of areas including social security, Medicare and food stamps.

Sunday (4/26): No message event scheduled.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Waldman (CN=Michael Waldman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 09:58:49.00

SUBJECT: tobacco remarks - draft

TO: Charles M. Brain (CN=Charles M. Brain/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Eleanor S. Parker (CN=Eleanor S. Parker/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Lawrence J. Stein (CN=Lawrence J. Stein/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Michelle Crisci (CN=Michelle Crisci/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Draft 4/20/98 10am

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON TOBACCO
THE WHITE HOUSE
April 20, 1998

Good morning. Today, Congress returns to work, and to its obligation to act on the most critical public health threat facign our children. Over the next five weeks, we have the opportunity of a generation to pass bipartisan, comprehensive legislation to protect our children from tobacco. Congress must not let this opportunity slip away.

The facts are as plain as the stakes are high. 3000 children begin to smoke every day; 1000 of them will die early as a result. And these children have been the target of a massive, multimillion dollar marketing campaign that preys on their insecuriites and dreams. For decades, the tobacco industry has sold cigarettes to children, and for decades, the tobacco industry has lied about it. Now, the tobacco industry once again seeks to put its bottom line above the health of our children.

In today's newspaper, the lead lobbyist for the tobacco industry says, and I quote, "we are fighting for our life." Let me be clear: We are fighting for the lives of thousands of teens who start smoking. We are fighting for public health. And we are fighting against predatory practices by tobacco companies that have targeted America's children.

Over the next five weeks, Congress must move forward to passage of comprehensive, bipartisan legislation to protect our children from tobacco marketing, reduces teen smoking, raises the price of cigarettes if necessary to achieve that end, protects tobacco farmers, and promotes the public health. The legislation authored by Senator John McCain, which was voted out of committee on a nearly unanimous bipartisan vote only [3] weeks ago, is a strong step in the right direction.

We have a rare opportunity to put aside politics, turn aside the pleas of special interests, and act now to protect the health of generations of children. I call on Congress to do so -- and I look forward to working with them.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 10:02:49.00

SUBJECT: Arkansas and other WtW Grant Announcements

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])

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

DOL expects to release WtW formula grants for Arkansas, Alabama, and Delaware within the week. Total dollars for 3 states = \$25.2 million. Do we want to do some kind of announcement or release? When DOL announced TN's grant, they put a VP quote in the press release.

Welfare-to-Work Formula Grant Status

5 States announced 1/29/98:	IL, LA,MI,NE,NV	\$122 M
2 States announced 2/19:	MA,SC	\$33 M
3 States announced 3/2:	KA,HI,MN	\$26 M
2 States announced 3/30:	MO,TN	\$40 M
1State announced 4/10?:	KY	\$18 M
TOTAL TO DATE: 13 states		\$240 M

States with pending plans:

AL (\$14 M), AR (\$8.5), DE (\$2.8) -- week of 4/20	\$25
GA	\$28.4M
CA	\$190.4M
RI	\$4.4 M
MT	\$3.2 M
CO	\$9.9 M
NC	\$25.3 M
WI	\$12.9

TOTAL PENDING: 10 states **\$300 M**

States indicating they don't plan to apply:

ID, UT, OH, SD, WY, MS (DOL discussing further) **\$71 M**

TRIBAL PLANS

26 approved 3/19 \$5.8 M

33 approved 4/1 \$4.4 M

TOTAL TO DATE: 59 **\$10.2M**

As of 4/20/98

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Clinton's agenda shortchanges disabled, critics say

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton's proposal to use federal money to hire teachers and build schools is drawing criticism from Republicans and advocates for disabled children who say he should first ensure that states have the money to educate youngsters with special needs.

The GOP hopes its argument will switch the focus of the education debate, highlighting local control and parental choice.

Clinton's proposals, aimed at reducing class size, have broad appeal, Republicans know. But they hope their focus on the federal government's treatment of about 6 million children with disabilities also will draw strong support.

The federal government this year gave states about \$3.8 billion to help local schools educate disabled children. That is well below

the target amount set out in legislation a quarter-century ago.

Meanwhile, special education services such as transportation, classroom aides, equipment and even private school tuition for children with special needs are a major and fast-growing expense.

The nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute says nearly \$2 out of every \$10 spent on education in 1996 went to special needs.

If states received the money they were promised under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, local schools would not need new federal money for classrooms and teachers, Republicans say.

Clinton has proposed \$12 billion for new classrooms and teachers over five years.

"If they put those two in special education, they would have fully funded it," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who has been leading efforts to increase the federal contribution.

But administration officials say well-trained teachers in smaller classes will spot children with learning disabilities early on. They also say these teachers could prevent other children with difficulties from being misdiagnosed with disabilities. Eighty percent of special education children spend more than 40 percent of their time in regular classrooms, the Education Department notes.

For the past two years, Congress has given more to special education than the administration proposed, bringing the federal share of overall costs up to 10 percent. The law authorizes federal spending of up to 40 percent.

A budget blueprint passed this month by the Senate would increase spending for special education by \$2.5 billion over five years, far from enough to meet the 40 percent goal.

Governors, parents of disabled children, school boards and state officials have all called for more federal support. Some Democrats agree, but they dispute the idea that a tradeoff with other education programs is necessary.

"We've found money for highway funds," said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., referring to a \$217 billion transportation spending bill making its way through Congress. "We can find it for" special education.

The Education Department says 40 percent federal support is a cap, not an obligation, and the "free appropriate" education required under the 1975 law is a civil right, not an unfunded mandate as the GOP argues.

"People don't say that general education is an unfunded mandate and unless we get so much money from the federal government we're going to stop serving non-disabled kids in our school," said the department's Judith Heumann.

Paying for 40 percent of special education would cost the federal government \$14.7 billion in 1999, the department estimates, consuming nearly half its discretionary budget.

Not everyone with Republican ties agrees with the GOP strategy. Chester E. Finn Jr., a top Education Department official during the Reagan administration, said the party is overcompensating after previous efforts to cut education programs backfired with voters.

"Now they're pumping money into programs that should not have more money," Finn said. Special education costs keep rising, he believes, because school systems use the program as a way to get money.

Special education requirements are becoming increasingly tough on states, especially as courts reaffirm their responsibility to support local schools.

Ohio voters must decide this spring whether to raise the state sales tax by a penny, in part to meet special education costs.

Michigan last year settled a lawsuit over special education by agreeing to pay \$1 billion to school districts.

Obligatory spending often breeds resentment against families with special-needs children, said Michael Hill, who heads an educational services group in northern New Hampshire. If voters reject the money, families with disabled children can sue. "Towns begin to kind of rip apart," Hill said.

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DEADLINE: 3:30pm Monday, April 20, 1998

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COMMENTS: The attached revised testimony was originally circulated under

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BEFORE THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND CLAIMS
OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

April 21, 1998

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

We appreciate this opportunity to share the views of the Administration on whether this country's important high-technology industry should be afforded increased access to temporary foreign workers to meet its growing demand for highly skilled workers. In doing so, I want to again call your attention to the need to strengthen our education and training system to provide U.S. workers with the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to compete in our rapidly changing economy and the need pressing for reform of the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program.

Our information technology (IT) industry is essential to our continuing strong economic growth and wider prosperity. Our interest in the industry's strength is evidenced by our participation in a recent convocation in Berkeley that assessed IT work force needs. Further, as you know from Administration proposals advanced since 1993, we believe that the H-1B program needs fundamental reform. I would like to commend the Subcommittee for its interest in these issues.

We believe the issue of whether to increase the IT industry's access to temporary foreign workers should be evaluated within the framework of the following three questions:

- (1) Is there a shortage of skilled U.S. workers to fill jobs in the IT industry and meet future workforce needs?
- (2) What would be the consequences of raising the annual H-1B cap?
- (3) Does the current H-1B program need to be reformed in order to provide industry appropriate access to temporary foreign workers while protecting the job opportunities, wages and working conditions of U.S. workers?

I will address each of these in turn.

Tight Labor Markets and IT Skills Shortages

Proponents of increasing the annual cap on H-1B visas argue that this increase is necessary for the IT industry to be able to overcome an acute shortage of skilled U.S. workers. While there is no dispute that there is strong growth in demand for workers in the IT industry, it is much less clear that there is a shortage of skilled U.S. workers to meet this demand or that the domestic labor market won't be able to as it has over the last decade to satisfy projected job growth.

U.S. employment has been growing rapidly, labor markets are increasingly tight, and they are likely to remain so. Though this is true for the nation as a whole, IT labor markets appear to be particularly affected. Employment opportunities for computer systems analysts, engineers, and scientists have been growing by 10 percent a year well above the growth of comparable occupations and are expected to continue growing at a comparable rate through 2006. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts that the U.S. will require more than 1.3 million new workers in IT core occupations between 1996 and 2006 to fill job openings projected to occur due to growth and the need to replace workers who leave the labor force or transfer to other occupations.

The IT skills shortage issue is very controversial. Some industry advocates assert that there exist more than three hundred thousand unfilled jobs within the IT industry, and that these vacancies are raising business costs and hurting U.S. competitiveness. On the other hand, critics argue that the IT industry: (1) overstates the problem by producing inflated job vacancy data and equating it to skills shortages; (2) continues to lay off tens of thousands of workers (e.g., Intel, Netscape, Cypress Semiconductor and Silicon Graphics recently announced large lay-offs); and (3) fails to tap reservoirs of available talent by insisting on unnecessarily specific job requirements and not providing more training to develop incumbent workers' skills.

Equating job vacancies and actual skills shortages is particularly controversial. While an industry association-sponsored survey indicates that there may be as many as 350,000 job vacancies in the IT industry, as you will hear, the General Accounting Office (GAO) has concluded that this

does not necessarily signal an acute shortage of skilled workers. In fact, most industries and firms (particularly those with rapid employment growth and high worker turnover) will have large numbers of job openings that do not indicate skills shortages.

While higher than average wage growth can be a reliable indicator of skill shortages, the wage growth record for the IT industry is mixed. Though BLS wage trends for broad computer-related categories show only average wage growth between 1988 and 1997 for all categories, it only shows above-average wage growth in 1996 and 1997 and only in the lower-skill computer-related categories, such as programmers. At the same time, a variety of industry wage surveys show larger wage increases in 1996 and 1997 in specialized, high-skill occupations.

The Commerce Department's September 1997 report and the subsequent GAO evaluation of that report both were inconclusive on the issue of a shortage of U.S. workers with IT skills and both concluded that more information and data are needed to understand and properly characterize the IT labor market.

The Subcommittee should also take into consideration other factors that bear on the question of the scope and duration of any labor shortage in the IT industry:

The current "Year 2000" problem is now occupying thousands of IT workers for the short-term;

New technologies are being introduced that are creating more efficient ways to produce software, store and retrieve data, speed up computations, and generally improve the productivity of the IT work force;

The number of computer science enrollments has risen significantly in the last two years and nearly three-quarters of all IT workers got their education in other disciplines.

Consequences of Raising the H-1B Visa CAP

We strongly urge that any decision to raise the H-1B visa cap carefully consider the possible adverse impact of such a move on the normal process by which labor markets adjust to a growing demand for workers. The labor market should be permitted to adjust to this increased demand without the introduction of artificial factors (such as increasing access to temporary foreign workers) that could delay, if not prevent, these normal market adjustments. Indeed, the IT labor market has already begun to respond to the signals of increased demand. A survey of U.S. Ph.D. departments of computer science and computer engineering showed bachelor-level enrollments were up 46% in 1996, and another 39% in 1997 -- nearly doubling over the two year period (q: does this include foreign students?).

It is also important to remember that tight labor markets are good for U.S. workers. A tight labor market causes employers to raise wages, improve working conditions, and provide increased training to enable currently employed workers to keep pace with technology. An increased demand for trained workers induces educational and job training institutions to teach new skills. With more opportunities for training, workers acquire skills needed to obtain better, higher-paying and more secure jobs, thereby creating open jobs and career ladders for those just entering or reentering the labor market (e.g., young people, welfare recipients, displaced workers, and other disadvantaged groups). Therefore, tight labor markets create incentives for employers and workers to react in ways needed to achieve many of the Nation's top priorities: moving welfare recipients, out-of-school youth, and dislocated workers into jobs; providing greater opportunities for lifelong learning; and raising wages and reducing income inequality.

However, while tight labor markets are good for U.S. workers, labor markets can sometimes be slow to respond to skills shortages. In these circumstances, it is often argued that temporary foreign workers are needed in the short-term to provide necessary skills while the labor

market adjusts to provide U.S. workers with the requisite training. Without needed foreign temporary workers, industries experiencing genuine skill shortages may adjust in ways that do not serve the short-term or long-term priorities of the country, either by reducing job creation or by moving jobs overseas. Further, because the IT sector is so critical to our global competitive edge, the U.S. economy could suffer disproportionate harm if skill shortages do become acute.

Because the expanded use of foreign temporary workers may interfere with labor market adjustments and may make achieving our other priorities more difficult, we must make sure that any increase in the annual number of foreign temporary workers is done with care to ensure that the use of these foreign temporary workers is responding to a genuine skill shortage and does not interfere with healthy adjustments in the labor market.

We must also be cognizant that raising the H-1B cap will almost certainly increase both legal and illegal immigration. We know that nearly half of the workers who obtain permanent residency in the US as employment-based immigrants convert from H-visa nonimmigrant status. And according to the INS statistics, nearly one-half of all illegal aliens resident in the United States are visa over-stayers. With the attachments and equity they will form in the U.S. during their nonimmigrant stay of 6 years (or more), one can expect many of the additional H-1B entrants will eventually join the ranks of visa over-stayers.

The Department of Labor has heard from many concerned individuals and groups on the issue of the adverse impact on U.S. workers of raising the annual cap on H-1B visas. I would like to request that copies of the many letters we have received from these people be included in the record of today's hearing.

The Administration believes that our first response to meeting the workforce needs of the IT industry should be to provide the needed skills to U.S. workers to qualify them for IT jobs. The Administration already has taken significant steps to increase our capacity to enhance workforce skills. The President continues to pursue comprehensive reform of the Nation's employment and training system by working with Congress to enact the principles embodied in his GI Bill proposal. Moreover, in the historic balanced budget agreement of last summer, the President insisted on and achieved the largest increase in 30 years in the Federal investment to expand the skills of American workers, including:

- the largest Pell Grant increase in two decades;
- Hope Scholarships to make the first two years of post-secondary education universally available;
- the Lifelong Learning Tax Credit for the last 2 years of college and continuing adult education and training to upgrade worker skills;
- a major increase in employment and training resources, including increases for dislocated workers and disadvantaged adults and youth; and
- a \$3 billion program to help long-term welfare recipients secure lasting, unsubsidized employment.

Further, the Administration announced several new initiatives at the recent Berkeley Convocation to help address the growing demand for IT workers:

A Labor Department Technology Demonstration project to test innovative ways of establishing partnerships between local workforce development systems, employers, training providers and others to train dislocated workers in needed high tech skills;

The expansion and integration of America's Job Bank and America's Talent Bank to allow employers and workers to list and access job openings and worker resumes in one integrated system;

The convening of four town hall meetings by the Commerce Department to discuss IT workforce needs, identify innovative practices, and showcase successful models; and

In addition, last week President Clinton and Secretary Herman announced that grants, totaling \$1.6 million, are being provided to projects in four states to continue highly successful programs to train dislocated workers for high paying jobs in information technology.

Finally, with the Technology Literacy Challenge and related educational programs, the Administration has put strong emphasis on effective use of educational technology to strengthen our nation's schools and school-to-work transition. Linking elementary/secondary schools, institutions of higher education, and business can produce the knowledge, know-how, and skills our nation's businesses and young people need in IT. This creates opportunities for business and America's students alike. [need more information on this to be able to answer questions.]

We believe that there is more that can be done to move U.S. workers into high technology jobs, and we welcome the discussions that may be sparked by this hearing. We are committed to continuing to pursue a dialogue with the major stakeholders on this critical workforce issue -- government, industry, workers, and education and training institutions -- to better define the workforce needs of the IT industry and develop appropriate solutions to meet these needs domestically through commitments from each of the stakeholders.

In sum, Mr. Chairman, our assessment of the likely effects of raising the H-1B cap reaffirms our strong conviction that our primary public policy response to skills mismatches due to changing technologies and economic restructuring must be to prepare the U.S. workforce to meet new demands. Yet we recognize that short-term demands for skills may require that we develop a balanced, short-term, response to meet urgent needs while we actively adjust to rapidly changing circumstances. However, increased numbers of temporary foreign workers should be the last -- not the first -- public policy response to skills shortages.

Given this broader context, let me now turn to the third of the issues I listed -- the pressing need for reform of the H-1B nonimmigrant program.

H-1B Nonimmigrant Program Must be Reformed

The H-1B visa program allows the admission of up to 65,000 workers each year (to stay for as long as six years), to meet short-term, high-skills employment needs in the domestic labor market. Temporary visa programs, like H-1B, are intended to allow employers who are faced with a domestic skills shortage to have access to temporary foreign workers with the requisite skills while the domestic labor market makes appropriate adjustments.

However, there exist serious structural flaws in the current H-1B program. These flaws are documented in a May 1996 report by the Department's Inspector General (IG). I would ask the Subcommittee to accept the IG's full report in the record of today's hearing.

The IG found that, despite the legislative intent:

... the [H-1B] program does not always meet urgent, short-term demand for highly-skilled, unique individuals who are not available in the domestic work force. Instead, it serves as a probationary try-out employment program for illegal aliens, foreign students, and foreign visitors to determine if they will be sponsored for permanent status.

The IG also found that some [H-1B] employers use alien labor to reduce payroll costs either by paying less than the prevailing wage to their own alien employees or treating these aliens as independent contractors, thereby avoiding related payroll and administrative costs. It found, in addition, that other [H-1B] employers are -- job shops, whose business is to provide H-1B alien contract labor to other employers. The IG concluded that the H-1B program does little to protect the jobs or wage of U.S. workers and it recommended eliminating

the current program and establishing a new program to fulfill Congress's intent.

Employers obtain H-1B workers by simply filing a labor condition application (LCA) with the Department affirming that they have complied with four requirements:

that the higher of the local prevailing rate or the wage paid to the employer's similarly-employed workers will be paid to the foreign workers; that no strike or lockout exists involving the occupation; that notification has been provided to U.S. workers or their union; and that the employment of H-1B nonimmigrants will not adversely affect the working conditions of U.S. workers similarly employed.

By law, the Labor Department can do no more than review these attestations for completeness and obvious inaccuracies to determine whether an employer checked all of the boxes, made no flagrant errors, and signed the attestation and must do so within 7 days of receipt.

Because current law does not require any test for the availability of qualified U.S. workers in the domestic labor market, many of the visas under the current cap of 65,000 can be used by employers to hire foreign workers for purposes other than meeting a skills shortage. In addition, current law allows a U.S. employer to lay off U.S. workers and replace them with H-1B workers, and allows employers to retain H-1B workers for up to 6 years to fill a presumably temporary need. We simply do not believe this is right.

In 1993 the Administration asked the Congress to amend the H-1B nonimmigrant program to address these structural problems. Unfortunately for many U.S. businesses and workers, these amendments have not been enacted. The amendments requested in 1993 were carefully designed to ensure continued business access to needed high-skill workers in the international labor market while decreasing the H-1B program's susceptibility to misuse to the detriment of U.S. workers and the businesses that employ them. Briefly stated, the amendments would require employers which seek access to temporary foreign professional workers to also attest that:

they have taken timely and significant steps to recruit and retain U.S. workers in these occupations; and

they have not laid off or otherwise displaced U.S. workers in the occupations for which they seek nonimmigrant workers in the periods immediately preceding and following their seeking such workers.

In addition, the Administration urged enactment of another amendment to reduce the allowable period of stay under the H-1B program from six to three years to better reflect the temporary nature of the presumed employment need.

Enactment of these reforms will help employers actually facing skills shortages, including those in the IT industry, obtain needed workers through the H-1B program. Under existing law, employers facing skills shortages must compete for available visas (up to the cap of 65,000) on a first-come, first-served basis with other employers that do not face such shortages. Thus, enactment of the proposed amendments would reduce pressure on the visa cap by screening out employers that are not faced with skills shortages and have no interest in recruiting U.S. workers.

Some employers contend that adding these requirements will substantially slow down the admission process for foreign temporary workers and add many bureaucratic requirements to approval of their application. This contention is simply untrue. The Administration's proposed reforms would add two more boxes to be checked on the employer's one-page application. The Labor Department would still be subject to the existing requirements that the application be processed within seven days and only rejected where incomplete or where there are obvious inaccuracies. There would be no new procedures that could cause delays

in processing and approval. The employer would simply attest that it had tested the U.S. labor market in attempting to fill the job(s) and that, during certain times, it had not or would not lay off U.S. workers in the same occupation.

Many industry representatives assert that they search exhaustively in the U.S. labor market to fill open jobs and that the tight IT labor market does not allow lay off or displacement of U.S. workers. Accordingly, attesting to these two common sense reforms should impose no additional burden.

Some employers contend that any attempt to monitor the truthfulness of these attestations □* after the application is approved and the nonimmigrants admitted □* would subject the employer□,s hiring and termination decisions to □&second guessing□8 by the government. Such decisions are already subject to review in the context of enforcement of employment discrimination laws, including the anti-discrimination provisions of the immigration laws. Moreover, under existing law, employers□, authority to import foreign workers is conditional and there are few impediments to the exercise of this authority by employers before the approval of the nonimmigrant admission. Subjecting employers□, hiring and termination decision-making to scrutiny after-the-fact is the least burdensome way to ensure that the employers are not discriminating against U.S. workers in favor of temporary foreign workers.

If the Administration□,s reforms are not implemented and the two new attestation elements are not added to the H-1B program, the Labor Department will not be able to assure that the intended purposes of the program are actually served. The H-1B program exists to assure that U.S. employers can meet short-term labor needs by limited access the international labor market. Under current law, as the Inspector General has pointed out, the government is effectively powerless to assure that employers use the H-1B program for its intended purpose, and that purpose only.

Conclusion

Mr. Chairman, let me conclude by restating that the growing workforce needs of the IT industry can only be met □* and the strength and growth of the industry secured in the long run □* if we take the steps needed to fully develop and utilize the skills of U.S. workers. Increased reliance on temporary foreign workers should, at most, only be a small part of the solution and must be viewed as a minor complement to the development of the U.S. workforce. Further, let me repeat that reform of the H-1B program is essential to eliminating abuses under the program and providing appropriate protections for U.S. workers. Enactment of these reforms would effectively allocate a greater share of H-1B visas to employers facing actual skills shortages.

I appreciate the interest shown by the Subcommittee and staff in our views, and your thoughtful consideration of them. The Department looks forward to continuing to work closely and cooperatively with you and your staff on these issues.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my prepared statement. I would be happy to respond to any questions.

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Just a reminder: I know you're planning to speak to Podesta on the timing of the FICA/workfare notice. This Friday, the Exec Comm of NGA is meeting (I believe you're meeting with Democratic Governors that day as well). Charlie Salem of Gov. Chiles office has suggested that Chiles may find it difficult not to raise this at the NGA meeting this Friday, so we should deal with this soon.

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Charlie Salem of Gov. Chiles' office says Chiles is itching to start banging the drum again on the FICA/workfare notice issue with his fellow Governors. He has been holding back after we quietly consulted just him and Carper on the specifics of the notice right before the Feb. NGA meeting. But there is an NGA executive committee meeting in DC on April 24 (where they will focus mostly on tobacco), and Charlie says it may find its way onto the agenda by then. So perhaps that gives us a deadline in pushing Podesta.

(By the way, Treasury says their desire to do the notice is not affected by Rubin's chat with Sweeney. Rubin wants to be briefed on the issue, but Scholz is certain that that briefing will just be informational and won't alter their position.)

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The Rose Garden

12:13 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. Today, Congress returns to work and to its obligation to act on the most critical public health threat to our children. Over the next five weeks, this Congress has an historic opportunity to pass bipartisan comprehensive legislation to protect our children from the dangers of tobacco. We must not let this opportunity slip away.

The facts are plain as the stakes are high: Three thousand children begin to smoke every day, even though it's illegal in every state, and 1,000 will die earlier because of it. All these children have been targeted by a massive, multimillion-dollar media campaign that preys on their insecurities and their dreams.

For decades, we now know from their own documents that tobacco companies targeted children; and for decades, the industry denied it. Now, the tobacco industry once again seeks to put its bottom line above what should be our bottom line, the health of our children. In today's newspaper, the lead lobbyist for the tobacco industry says, and I quote: "We are fighting for our life." Well, let me be clear: We are fighting for the lives of our children. We are fighting for the public health, and we are fighting against

predatory practices by tobacco companies that have targeted our children.

In the days to come, the tobacco industry will doubtless raise objection after objection and will work behind closed doors to persuade Congress to pass half measures that will not reduce teen smoking. But I believe the majority of the American people and, indeed, the majority of Congress, members of both parties in Congress, will see this for what it is -- a tobacco industry smoke screen.

I ask Congress and the American people to focus on the real opportunity now within our reach. Over the next five weeks, Congress must move forward on comprehensive bipartisan legislation to reduce teen smoking by raising the price of cigarettes, putting into place tough restrictions on advertising, and access in imposing penalties on the industry if it continues to sell cigarettes to children. We can do that and protect the tobacco farmers at the same time.

The legislation now moving through the Senate, authored by Senator McCain, which was voted out of committee on a nearly unanimous bipartisan vote three weeks ago now is a strong step in the right direction. This is not a time for half measures; that simply won't reduce teen smoking and it will only play into the tobacco industry's hands. It is a time for the kind of comprehensive approach to the problem that Senator McCain's legislation takes.

We have an opportunity and an obligation now to put aside politics, to turn aside the pleas of special interests, to act in the interest of the health of generations of our children. I call on Congress to do so, and I look forward to working with them in good faith over the next few weeks.

Q The suggestions that Speaker McCain -- rather not, McCain -- pardon me.

THE PRESIDENT: Is he running for speaker?

Q No, but perhaps he should. Speaker Gingrich wants to water down the bill and House Republicans; there have been those suggestions. What's your reading of Speaker Gingrich's position and what position should he take?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me say, before his recent comments I had been encouraged, because he basically said that he would not permit us to take a stronger position than he did. I was concerned by his reported comments; you know, I wasn't here in the country, I didn't hear them, I didn't see the context of them. But I certainly hope that he will return to his former position.

We need this to be a bipartisan effort. We need everybody working together. And we can do this. We can work through all of the differences that are out there, and we can pass a bill that will clearly, dramatically reduce teen smoking. We can do it. And we've got fresh evidence from the Journal of the American Medical Association, showing that the role of advertising on children and their smoking habits has been even greater than peer pressure. We've got all this evidence out there and we know what to do, we know how to do it, we can do it. And I'm just hoping and praying that we will. Thank you.

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

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TO: Lori L. Anderson (CN=Lori L. Anderson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

On Wednesday, April 22, 1998, the President and Vice President will travel to Harper's Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia to celebrate Earth Day and encourage citizen service by performing maintenance work on the Appalachian Trail and delivering remarks.

Deadlines for the President's trip book are as follows:

Background Memos: DUE TUES., APR. 21, AT 6:00 P.M.

- WV Political Memo
- CEQ Hot Issues
- Cabinet Affairs Hot Issues
- Economic One-Pager
- Accomplishments

Event Memo(s): DUE TUES., APR. 21, AT 6:00 P.M.

- Photo with Ranger of the Year
- Maintenance Work
- Remarks

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 15:21:56.00

SUBJECT: Forgot to mention it this morning -- hope you had a great time while you w

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Waldman (CN=Michael Waldman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 15:32:04.00

SUBJECT: which sound bite bit?

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

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

TO: Paul E. Begala (CN=Paul E. Begala/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This AP reporter solved the riddle
of whether "fighting for our life" or
"smokescreen" would be the soundbite ... see below
priority

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WASHINGTON (April 20, 1998 1:19 p.m. EDT <http://www.nando.net>) --
President Clinton Monday
urged Congress to pass tough legislation on regulating tobacco, despite
House Speaker Newt
Gingrich's prediction that such a bill didn't have much of a chance. "We a
re fighting for the lives of
our children," the president said.

In a statement in the White House Rose Garden, Clinton said he hopes
Gingrich, R-Ga., would
change his mind and support the legislation. The speaker said during the
weekend that the tax
increase and new regulatory power proposed in the bill made it too liberal
for the
conservative-dominated House to accept.

"Before his recent comments, I had been encouraged," Clinton said. "He
basically said he would not
permit us to take a stronger position than he did. I certainly hope he
will return to his former position.
We need everybody working together."

The legislation, which passed the Senate Commerce Committee on a 19-1
vote, would codify a
settlement reached last year between the tobacco industry and state
attorneys general to help states
recover the costs of treating smoking related illnesses and help tobacco
companies shield themselves
from future lawsuits.

But the bill, as proposed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., would cost

cigarette makers an estimated \$516 billion over 25 years, much more than the amount of the settlement. Tobacco companies claim the cost would be tens of billions of dollars higher and oppose the measure.

The president decried the industry's reversal, saying the entire country has a responsibility to put a stop to "predatory practices by tobacco companies that have targeted our children."

"The tobacco industry seeks, once again, to put its bottom line against our bottom line," Clinton said.

"We are fighting for the lives of our children. I believe the majority of American people and, indeed, the majority of Congress ... will see this for what it is: a tobacco industry smokescreen."

By SONYA ROSS, The Associated Press

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 16:35:10.00

SUBJECT: HHS does NOTwant S. Gen's event to be at a school

TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Cynthia Dailard (CN=Cynthia Dailard/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:

Jim O'Hara called and said HHS feels very strongly that this report should be released at the White House. Their concern is one part tradition, which I could care less about (Surgeon's General reports are "always" released at either the White House or the Department) and it is one part group politics (they fear the minority members and groups will feel slighted -- why was the Surgeon General's report on minorities not released at the White House when that's where these things are usually done)?

I vaguely remember this being an issue for the Tuskegee apology...

What do you think? Should we check in with someone like Minyon?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 17:06:11.00

SUBJECT: "Like refusing a life jacket to a dying person"

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:
was the worst we got from the AIDS groups.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 17:06:56.00

SUBJECT:

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READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TEXT:

needles lead on inside politics now. RS

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 17:27:02.00

SUBJECT: Tobacco - Industry Response to POTUS statement

TO: Cynthia Dailard (CN=Cynthia Dailard/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

In case you didn't see this...

----- Forwarded by Toby Donenfeld/OVP on 04/20/98 05:25 PM

Jodi R. Sakol

04/20/98 05:26 PM

To: Toby Donenfeld/OVP

cc:

Subject: Tobacco

WASHINGTON, April 20 /PRNewswire/ -- The following statement should be attributed to Scott Williams, tobacco industry spokesperson, in response to the President's comments today regarding tobacco legislation:

"There is a growing understanding across the country that Washington's real agenda is to fund a huge tax-and-spend program while saying it wants to pass comprehensive legislation. The industry has been open and honest about what it can and will do to transform the way tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and sold in this country. Instead of seeking a comprehensive solution that will work, Washington has decided that politics is more profitable for government. The industry does not expect to win a popularity contest, but the country does not like big brother government run amok. The tobacco plan the Administration supports will raise over half a trillion dollars in new taxes to fund a host of programs and special interests unrelated to smoking and public health. It will create 17 new federal bureaucracies, and force the price of a pack of cigarettes over \$5 in five years, which will in turn create a huge black market that will have unregulated access to kids."

SOURCE Scott Williams

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04/20/98

/CONTACT: Scott Williams, 202-739-0225, or Steve Duchesne,
202-739-0245/

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 17:56:16.00

SUBJECT: Update On Gore Commission and Free TV

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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CC: Michelle Crisci (CN=Michelle Crisci/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Laura K. Capps (CN=Laura K. Capps/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

I talked with Norm Ornstein and several others involved with the Gore Commission on Public Interest Broadcasting. Here is the current status:

Ornstein believes he can get a free television compromise among the commission members which would provide 5 minutes of free air time from each broadcaster over each night the last month of a national campaign. This is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes per broadcaster. It is not clear what the format would be (debate, interview, or statement from a candidate). This is basically the same idea Paul Taylor has put forth to all the major networks for the upcoming election cycle.

In addition, Ornstein wants the Gore Commission to recommend to Congress that it repeal the "lowest unit rate" and put in its place a new law which would provide any candidate who buys 2 minutes of air time with an additional minute of air time.

Finally, there is a proposal to create an additional digital, PBS-like channel which would provide air time for public interest broadcasting including candidate info shows, etc.

There are three problems with this proposal. First, the 5 minutes per night of air time will not have any significant impact on reducing the cost of campaign advertising. A candidate will be lucky to get one or two minutes in the final month of free air time. Second, removing the lowest unit rate requirement requires congressional approval. Finally, it is unlikely a large majority of Americans would watch campaign commercials on a PBS-like station.

We are working with Congressional and public interest groups to place pressure on the Gore Commission and to try to change the focus of the debate to one which talks about how television can help reduce the high cost of campaigning. I will keep you posted.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Stacie Spector (CN=Stacie Spector/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 19:18:09.00

SUBJECT: Congressional statement tomorrow

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

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

Tuesday, April 21

Statement following Congressional meeting in Oval:

Time:	12:00 statement
Location:	Rose Garden steps
Program:	President, Vice President, Daschle, Gephardt
Press:	Open
Audience:	None
Remarks:	*President - School Modernization, 5 weeks to go, couple of other important issues left, here are a couple, and the CMB amendment vote
	*Vice President - School Modernization, speaks of country via conf. community forums that he held around the money vs. investing in future for call, partisan hit on diverting our kids.
	*Daschle - Lack of Republican agenda, especially on this, we have an education plan, they do not.
	*Gephardt - after 2 Congressional sessions they still have not done this, indicative of the lack of focus and unwillingness to make education a priority/or work hard at it.
	(Gephardt's office still working this out-will know more in am)
Speechwriter:	June Shih

(status as of Monday, 7:20pm - subject to change)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 19:56:20.00

SUBJECT: Re: Welfare Reform events 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: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/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:

Before we meet with Partnership staff to begin planning this event, wanted to just run past you what it might look like, given the announcements you indicated below.

Eli could open and talk about how much progress they've made. He could announce 5,000 partners and approximately 135,000 hires by business partners--or save this for POTUS?. Eli would then introduce CEO from one of the retention success stories the Partnership is gathering, who would talk about what they're doing and encourage others to do the same. CEO would introduce former welfare recipient/retention success story from his/her company. She would introduce POTUS, who would announce caseload decline, WtW competitive grants (highlighting a few that focus on retention), and go through what's been accomplished in the past year, and what's ahead. He could reference federal hiring success, VP coalition (which will hopefully be meeting in mid-May), SBA initiatives for small business (which would be released at VP coalition event), and put in plug for welfare to work housing vouchers and transportation initiatives.

Bruce, Eli, and Secretary Herman could do press briefing before or after the event--this would give Herman a speaking role and a chance to go into more detail on the grants without taking time on the panel.

Bruce N. Reed
04/16/98 05:18:19 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: Welfare Reform events update

For the WTW event, I would like to release 1) the DOL grants; 2) caseload

numbers that put us over 3 million for the bill (and 5 million for the term); and 3) whatever Eli has on business hires.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 20:08:20.00

SUBJECT: FYI -- Q&A the Commerce Committee released today -- posted on their web si

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TO: kburkel (kburkel @ os.dhhs.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

4/20/98

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE
NATIONAL TOBACCO POLICY AND
YOUTH SMOKING REDUCTION ACT

1. What is the bill designed to achieve?

The bill is designed to stop children from taking up smoking. Every day, three thousand kids begin smoking. One thousand of them will die early from smoking-related diseases. The Centers for Disease Control reports that Tobacco use among American youths is on the rise.

Nationally, smoking-related illnesses kill over 400,000 people a year, and costs taxpayers over \$45 billion annually in medical costs.

Experts indicate only a comprehensive approach including a ban on advertising appeals to children, hiking the price of cigarettes and providing FDA authority to oversee the industry will stop what public health officials call a pediatric epidemic.

The bill passed by the Senate Commerce Committee by an overwhelming majority, 19-1, is intended to achieve these goals, while protecting retailers and farmers.

2. How can I get a copy of the bill as reported by the Senate Commerce Committee?

The bill will be available on the Library of Congress's THOMAS Server after being introduced on the Senate Floor.

3. When is the full Senate expected to consider the bill?

Tobacco legislation is expected to be considered by the full Senate by June 1, 1998.

The goal is to have a bill approved by both the House of Representatives and the

Senate, which can be sent to the President and signed into law before the end of 1998.

4. With Senate action around the bend, who would be the best person I can

voice my opinion to about this measure?

Interested citizens should contact their Senators and Representatives to share their views on tobacco legislation or any other measure before Congress.

5. What is the House of Representatives going to do about tobacco legislation?

The leadership of the House of Representatives agrees that Congress must move forward on the issue of kids smoking this year, but have not said

officially how and
under what time line tobacco legislation will be considered.

6. The bill appears to be unconstitutional, in violation of the 1st and 14th Amendments.

Last year the tobacco industry said they would sign protocols agreeing not to engage in certain forms of advertising as part of a global tobacco settlement, particularly with respect to children. Legal experts agree that the industry has every right under the Constitution to curtail its own activities, including commercial speech.

If the industry does not agree, Congress constitutionally can take action, though not as broad as last year's agreement, to curtail advertising aimed at children.

7. The price per pack of cigarettes will increase. Isn't the price increase a tax?

Who will have to pay the increase?

Consumers of tobacco products will pay for increases in the price per pack of cigarettes. Whether it is called a settlement payment, a franchise fee or a tax, the reality is the industry and consumers will pay more. That is part of the cost of stopping kids from smoking and for reimbursing the tens of billions of taxpayers' dollars expended to treat victims of smoking related disease.

8. Why did Republicans vote for this measure?

Republicans and Democrats alike voted for this measure because stopping kids from smoking is a national, not a partisan, imperative. Documents released in Court and to Congress indicate that the industry has long known the harmful and addictive nature of tobacco, and yet actively worked to hook kids early--even though doing so would kill one-third of them.

9. Isn't this a get-rich scheme for the politicians and lawyers?

No, the bill is a comprehensive plan developed in a bi-partisan fashion with the help with public health experts, including Dr. C. Everett Koop and Dr. David Kessler, and the administration to solve a serious national problem. If we do nothing, kids will continue to get hooked in greater numbers, and the yearly death toll and health care costs will continue to skyrocket.

10. If enacted into law, how will the following be affected?

A. Tobacco industry? According, to the Department of Treasury, the price increases

requested by public health and the President, and included in the Commerce

Committee bill will not bankrupt any company. Volumes of tobacco consumption will

drop with decreases in underage usage but, cigarettes will remain legal and smoking a

choice to be made by adults.

B. Tobacco farmers? The bill contains legislation drafted by tobacco state Senators

to provide comprehensive assistance to farmers and rural communities.

Congress is

committed to ensuring that innocent, hardworking American farmers and tobacco

dependent rural communities will receive the support and assistance they need.

C. Vending machine owners/operators? The Committee believes the tobacco

vending machine companies and employees should be compensated if their industry is

adversely by a tobacco settlement. The tobacco bill passed by the Commerce

committee would create a non-profit corporation that includes tobacco vending

machine industry representatives, to provide payments to vending machine companies.

The amount of compensation provided to individual vending companies would be

determined by this non-profit Board. The vending machine industry strongly supported

this proposal and urged the Committee to include the provision in the bill.

D. Indian tribes? The bill ensures that tobacco taxes will be collected on Indian lands

so that disparate pricing of tobacco products does not create a youth access problem.

This will be accomplished in a manner that protects tribal sovereignty and the federal

trust relationship.

E. Veterans? The bill includes an amendment by Senator Rockefeller granting the

Department of Veterans Affairs the right to sue on behalf of veterans for tobacco

related compensation.

How revenues derived from the settlement will be divided, including for veterans health

care, is an issue that will be dealt with by the full Senate.

11. Aren't the tobacco companies being treated unfairly?

No. But, unfortunately, the tobacco companies have treated the nation unfairly by

targeting kids in their marketing. As a result, we have a serious public health problem that must be answered with tough legislation.

12. If the tobacco industry goes bankrupt, won't it have an adverse effect on

the U.S. economy?

The goal of this legislation is not to put any company out of business. The Department

of Treasury says the bill will not have that effect. If bankruptcy is a real threat, rather

than walk away from the table, the industry should make their case to the

administration.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Miriam H. Vogel (CN=Miriam H. Vogel/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-1998 20:17:43.00

SUBJECT: Bilingual Ed

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To confirm: We are planning to do the roll-out mtg on Wednesday, April 22
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Thank you-