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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 16:13:26.00

SUBJECT: We got comments from Bruce on nearly all the two pagers...we'll show you w

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 16:01:24.00

SUBJECT: Teen Pregnancy

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI, this is the press release HHS did related to kick off of teen pregnancy prevention month and Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy event today. NOTE that the 96 teen births data is not actually new--just newly packaged. At the event this a.m., Shalala also read Presidential message we worked on. I'll red dot it over to Bruce and Elena.

----- Forwarded by Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP on 04/30/98 03:50 PM -----

mhennegh @ OS.DHHS.GOV

04/30/98 11:07:10 AM

Please respond to mhennegh@os.dhhs.gov

Record Type: Record

To: HHS PRESS @ LIST.NIH.GOV

cc:

Subject: HHS PRESS RELEASE

Date: April 30, 1998

For Release: Immediately

Contact: NCHS Press Office (301) 436-7551

Headline: TEEN BIRTH RATES DOWN IN ALL STATES

New Government Report on Teenage Birth Rates Includes State Rates by Race and Ethnicity

HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala announced today that, according to a new HHS report, the teen birth rate declined substantially nationwide from 1991 to 1996. Secretary Shalala announced the findings at a reception honoring the first anniversary of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

According to this new government report focusing solely on teenage childbearing, between 1991 and 1996, teen birth rates

declined for white, black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander and Hispanic women ages 15-19. The rate for black teens -- until recently the highest -- experienced the largest decline, down 21 percent from 1991 to 1996 to reach the lowest rate ever reported for blacks.

The latest state-by-state data, from 1995, show that teen birth rates have declined in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Among the states with the lowest rates - under 35 births per 1,000 teens -- were Vermont, New Hampshire, Minnesota, North Dakota, Maine, and Massachusetts. Areas with double that rate at 70 or more births per 1,000 women aged-15-19 included the District of Columbia followed by Mississippi, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas, Nevada, Georgia and Alabama.

"This report shows that our concerted effort to reduce teen pregnancy is succeeding," said Secretary Shalala. "The federal government, the private sector, parents and caregivers are all helping send the same message: Don't become a parent until you are truly ready to support a child."

Shalala also noted the important work of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and its 1998 National Campaign Honorees, who are implementing innovative teen pregnancy prevention programs across the U.S.

The Campaign was created in response to President Clinton's 1995 State of the Union challenge to "parents and leaders all across this country to join together in a national campaign against teen pregnancy to make a difference." The honorees were recognized in the categories of: building common ground, corporate leadership, effective programming, male involvement, media innovation, state leadership and teen leadership in preventing teen pregnancy.

The new National Center For Health Statistics report, "Teenage Births in the United States: National and State Trends, 1990-96" brings together the latest and trend data to profile the teenage mother. It has teen birth rates for each state by race and Hispanic origin to help explain some of the differences across states. While the decline in the teenage birth rate varied among States, those with both high and low rates succeeded in achieving significant reductions between 1991 and 1995. The variation between states reflects, in part, national patterns by race and ethnicity.

Each year in America, almost 500,000 teenagers give birth. The preliminary U.S. birth rate for teenagers in 1996 was 54.7 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years, down 4 percent from 1995 and 12 percent from 1991 when the rate was 62.1. These recent declines reverse the 24 percent rise in the teenage birth rate from 1986 to 1991. There has been success in lowering the birth rate for both young and older teens, with rates for those 15-17 years of age down 12 percent between 1991 and 1996 and the rate for those 18 and 19 down 8 percent.

Still, teen birth rates are higher today than in the mid-1980s when the rate was at its lowest point, 50-53 births per thousand teens age 15-19. The national teen birth rate was at its highest in 1957, at 96 births per 1,000 women ages 15-19. However, most teenagers giving birth in the 1950s and for the next two decades were married while the vast majority of teenage mothers today are

unmarried.

Teenage mothers are much less likely than older women to receive timely prenatal care, are more likely to smoke and less likely to gain the recommended weight during their pregnancy, and more likely to have a low birthweight infant, as shown in the annual reports from NCHS' National Vital Statistics System.

The new HHS report on teenage childbearing is the first in a new series of statistical summaries designed as an easy-to-read presentation of the key data and facts on critical public health issues. The National Center for Health Statistics is a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new report is available and can be downloaded from the NCHS Home Page on the Internet at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww>. Copies are also available from NCHS at (301) 436-8500.

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Note: HHS press releases are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.hhs.gov>.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (SHIMABUKUR_L) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 19:49:02.53

SUBJECT: HOUSE REPUBLICANS UNVEIL ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY

TO: Jose Cerda III (CERDA_J) Autoforward to: Remote Adresse
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TO: Elena Kagan (KAGAN_E) Autoforward to: Remote Adresse
READ:NOT READ

TO: Bruce N. Reed (REED_B) Autoforward to: Remote Addressee
READ:NOT READ

TO: Michelle Crisci (CRISCI_M) Autoforward to: Remote Address
READ:NOT READ

TO: Robin J. Bachman (BACHMAN_R) Autoforward to: Remote Address
READ:NOT READ

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (SHIMABUKUR_L) Autoforward to: Remote Add
READ:NOT READ

TEXT:

Date: 04/30/98 Time: 17:53

RHouse Republicans unveil anti-drug strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) Saying the war on drugs will be the highest priority of the Republican-led Congress, House Speaker Newt Gingrich led a GOP rally Thursday outlining a broad legislative agenda to reduce illegal use.

In the next several months, Republican leaders announced, they will bring to the floor bills to double border patrol guards, link foreign aid to drug-fighting efforts, increase penalties for methamphetamine traffickers and money launderers and restrict loan eligibility for students convicted of drug possession.

Gingrich told a room packed with lawmakers, youngsters and representatives of anti-drug groups that he would call on the House Appropriations Committee to make anti-drug money their first priority. ``We will cut any other program we have to cut'' to focus on the goal of beginning to win the war on drugs by 2002.

Lawmakers wore blue ribbons, the symbol of their campaign, and lined up to sign a declaration committing to work for a drug-free nation.

Democrats, who did not participate in the task force putting together the package, accused Republicans of being more interested in scoring election-year political points than working together to combat drugs.

``If we're making a political football out of it ... and letting pollsters, you know, tell us how to gain the high ground on an issue, that doesn't get us anywhere. That's self-defeating,'' said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt.

Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy chief, told The Associated Press he was ``surprised and pleased'' at what he thought was the bipartisan tone and positive energy that came out of the GOP rally.

``They want an acceleration in our own timetable,'' he said. ``We will consider their ideas carefully.''

President Clinton in February outlined the administration's plan to cut illegal drug use in half over the next decade by expanding anti-drug coalitions, increasing police and border guards, improving treatment programs and other measures also included in the Republican plan.

The GOP task force chief, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said their legislation was aimed at deterring demand, stopping supply and increasing personal accountability.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., chairman of the House Judiciary crime subcommittee, said one goal was to cut the availability of illegal drugs by 80 percent over the next three years.

Among the proposed Republican ideas:

- Encouraging lawmakers to help establish community-based anti-drug coalitions.

- Doubling to \$20 million the annual budget to help local groups reduce teen-age drug abuse.

- Grants to implement drug-free workplace programs.

- Restricting federal loans for students convicted of drug possession or trafficking.

- Building more fences and doubling border guards along the Mexican border.

- Providing U.S. assistance for foreign drug-eradication programs, and linking aid to drug-fighting efforts.

- Life imprisonment for trafficking in speed, or methamphetamine.

- Increasing money for drug money-laundering.

The House kicked off its anti-drug campaign Wednesday when it passed legislation that would permanently ban federal money for needle exchanges. The White House earlier announced it was extending the current ban on federal funding, but upset GOP lawmakers by agreeing with studies showing that local needle exchange programs have slowed the spread of AIDS.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 17:14:28.00

SUBJECT: Bilingual Ed

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can you check this with Elena. Mike Cohen is out until Tuesday, does she want us to set this up or wait for Mike?

----- Forwarded by Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP on 04/30/98
05:07 PM -----

Maria Echaveste

04/30/98 02:27:52 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Michael Cohen/OPD/EOP, Karen E. Skelton/WHO/EOP, Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP, Janet Murguia/WHO/EOP

cc: Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP

Subject: Bilingual Ed

Folks--two things--one last meeting so we can decide if there is any opportunity for any senior member of the administration to go to calif--Mike --should we organize it--also I think we all deserve a celebration--maybe next Wed???Marjorie could you check my schedule.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 11:06:16.00

SUBJECT: Weekly Health Care Strategy Meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TO: Barbara D. Woolley (CN=Barbara D. Woolley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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

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

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

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

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READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Daniel N. Mendelson (CN=Daniel N. Mendelson/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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CC: Satish Narayanan (CN=Satish Narayanan/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

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

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

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CC: Michelle Crisci (CN=Michelle Crisci/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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CC: Gina C. Mooers (CN=Gina C. Mooers/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

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CC: Laura K. Capps (CN=Laura K. Capps/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Peter A. Weissman (CN=Peter A. Weissman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The weekly Health Care Strategy Meeting for today is CANCELLED.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 15:04:33.00

SUBJECT: DC Voucher Bill PASSES 211-202

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

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

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

TO: Robert M. Shireman (CN=Robert M. Shireman/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:

The DC Voucher bill passed:

211 - Yea
202 - Nay
1 - Pres
19 -- Not Voting

4 Democrats voted in favor of passage; 9 Republicans voted against the bill.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Darby E. Stott (CN=Darby E. Stott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 17:25:44.00

SUBJECT: Prodi Visit

TO: Edward F. Hughes (CN=Edward F. Hughes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christopher S. Lehane (CN=Christopher S. Lehane/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Linda Ricci (CN=Linda Ricci/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Amy W. Tobe (CN=Amy W. Tobe/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: Charles F. Ruff (CN=Charles F. Ruff/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Cheryl D. Mills (CN=Cheryl D. Mills/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Adam W. Goldberg (CN=Adam W. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jessica L. Gibson (CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Natalie S. Wozniak (CN=Natalie S. Wozniak/OU=NSC/O=EOP @ EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

Just a reminder to keep your talking points updated. There will be a press conference next Wednesday as part of the Prodi visit.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 13:42:07.00

SUBJECT: Draft Principles Letter on S1301 Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1997

TO: Melinda D. Haskins (CN=Melinda D. Haskins/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TO: John S. Radzikowski (CN=John S. Radzikowski/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Pamula L. Simms (CN=Pamula L. Simms/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Thomas P. Stack (CN=Thomas P. Stack/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mark A. Weatherly (CN=Mark A. Weatherly/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TO: Alice Veenstra (CN=Alice Veenstra/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TO: James C. Murr (CN=James C. Murr/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TO: Emil E. Parker (CN=Emil E. Parker/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
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TO: Peter R. Orszag (CN=Peter R. Orszag/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
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TO: Joseph J. Minarik (CN=Joseph J. Minarik/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TO: Paul E. Begala (CN=Paul E. Begala/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
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TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
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TO: Francis S. Redburn (CN=Francis S. Redburn/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

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TO: Rebecca M. Blank (CN=Rebecca M. Blank/OU=CEA/O=EOP@EOP [CEA])
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TO: Roger S. Ballentine (CN=Roger S. Ballentine/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TO: Lisa A. Hertzner (CN=Lisa A. Hertzner/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: James J. Jukes (CN=James J. Jukes/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The following letter was prepared following meetings involving NEC Principals and Deputies. Discussions continue on who will sign the letter. Please provide comments to me ASAP, but no later than 10:00 AM, tomorrow, Fraidy, 5/1.

You will receive a hard copy of this request also.

DRAFT

Senator Orrin Hatch
Chairman

Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to express the Administration's general views on consumer bankruptcy reform proposals currently under consideration in the Congress.

Over the past two decades, consumer bankruptcy filings have risen sharply. While there are many contending theories on the cause of that increase, it is clear that there is no single explanation. Nonetheless, the growing number of filings, examples of abuse of Chapter 7 and state exemptions, and evidence of imprudent extensions of credit suggest some changes to the consumer bankruptcy laws are appropriate. The lack of definitive evidence about the reasons for the rise in bankruptcies means that it is difficult to predict the effect of reform efforts. The Administration, therefore, has developed the following set of principles to guide its review of changes to the consumer bankruptcy laws.

1. Access to Chapter 7 should not be governed by an arbitrary means test; the court must have discretion to fairly account for the great variations in circumstances that bring debtors into bankruptcy (including medical expenses, unemployment, divorce, responsibility for the care of others, etc.) . To promote more uniform application of bankruptcy standards, this determination should take place within indicative or presumptive guidelines established by Congress that take into account factors such as the debtor's income and ability to repay a portion of the debt.

2. National bankruptcy policy can respect state variation in exemption levels without allowing state exemptions to be used to shield luxury assets from creditors.

3. It is appropriate to expect debtors who can afford to repay a portion of their debts (taking into account all relevant circumstances) to act responsibly; but the bankruptcy and credit reporting system should reward those who complete a Chapter 13 plan.

4. Bankruptcy reform should not create opportunities for creditors to coerce debtors to forgo bona fide rights in bankruptcy.

5. Bankruptcy rules should discourage bad faith repeat filings and other attempts to abuse the privilege accorded by access to bankruptcy.

6. Child support and alimony payments should be carefully protected.

We must ensure that reforms have no unintended adverse impact on debtors' ability to meet these, and other, priority payments.

7. Bankruptcy data collection and accuracy must be improved.

Analysis and understanding of the forces affecting bankruptcy filings are impeded by the lack of high-quality, nationally uniform data. Better data collection and verification procedures should be incorporated in any reform proposals. Such data can be used to assess and monitor the impact of reform legislation.

8. Scrutiny must also be given to credit industry practices that

have led some borrowers to overextend themselves.

While some of these issues may fall outside of the Judiciary Committee's jurisdiction, Congress and the Administration should consider proposals to ensure that consumers are well informed about the dangers of excessive debt accumulation and understand the implications of their credit agreements.

The Clinton Administration is open to responsible consumer bankruptcy reform that meets these principles. We have reluctantly concluded that we cannot support H.R. 3150 in its present form. We would look forward to working with Congress toward legislation more similar to the approach of S. 1301 -- with modifications necessary to meet the principles articulated above.

Sincerely,

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 15:16:07.00

SUBJECT: Change- DC Vouchers Vote

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

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

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

TO: Robert M. Shireman (CN=Robert M. Shireman/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:

Passed with

215 - in favor (incl 6 Dems)

204 -- against

1 - present

13 - not voting

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 14:24:28.00

SUBJECT: Tobacco Meeting - OPL

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: Barbara D. Woolley (CN=Barbara D. Woolley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think this is a good idea--do you all have any objections? we'd like to do it for next friday 5/8, although the date is negotiable.

----- Forwarded by Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP on 04/30/98

02:27 PM -----

Barbara D. Woolley

04/30/98 10:50:47 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP

cc: Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP

Subject: Tobacco Meeting - OPL

At the OPL staff meeting this morning, the OPL staff brainstormed on tobacco and how to get our groups more invested in the issue (not just the public health groups). We all agreed that a meeting in the Roosevelt Room with our key opinion leaders was key. The meeting should be a high level meeting with Erskine. The message to the leaders: the time is now, we need their grassroots to get involved, this is for our kids. What do you think?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 12:15:32.00

SUBJECT: Administration comments on Shaw's package of SSI crackdowns

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

TEXT:

Shaw wants SSA comments on a package to get tough on SSI fraud/overpayments. SSA, OMB, and I have developed positions on his 30-odd proposals. But there are 3 close calls where we might need to disagree with SSA/OMB and advocate a tougher stand. Do you agree?

If someone gives information that they knew or should have known was false or misleading to get SSI benefits, Shaw wants penalties of 1 year for the 1st offense, 10 years for the 2nd, and lifetime ineligibility for the 3rd. SSA wants to say that lifetime sanctions are "too harsh and inflexible", and wants lesser penalties of 6 mos, 12 mos, and 24 mos.

But food stamps already has a penalty structure of 1 yr/10 yrs/lifetime sanctions, so I'm not sure how we justify opposing this for SSI. Do you agree?

Likewise, Shaw wants to impose a 10-year eligibility ban on someone who claims U.S. residency when they really live outside the U.S. SSA wants to oppose penalizing this false statement more harshly than other false statements. But I think Shaw's model is TANF's 10-year ban for those who claim residency in two states.

SSA wants to oppose Shaw's proposal to bar anyone convicted of 2 felonies from SSI for 10 years, and have a lifetime bar on anyone with 3 felony convictions. The best argument against this is someone who commits 3 felonies at 18, goes to jail and cleans up act, and then is injured 20 years later. I don't like this one, but I'm nervous about opposing. Maybe we should push for a modified version.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 15:28:04.00

SUBJECT: Staff Morale

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

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

TEXT:

I want to make both of you aware that staff morale is somewhat at a low level. A large part of this beyond our control (White House scandals, family problems, a do-nothing Congress, Spring blues, long hours, people growing beyond their jobs, etc.). However, there are some things we can do. For my part, I need to find a new support staffer for the Education Team and continue to encourage people to take time off and to structure their hours more effectively. There are some things you both can do as well.

1. Staff Meetings: Please don't underestimate the importance of the bi-weekly staff meeting. For many staffers this is their only contact with each of you. I know these meetings can be tiresome, and we can certainly try to cut down their length (they should go past 1/2 hour), but your presence is important, especially with tobacco increasingly dominating your schedules.
2. Interaction With The President and Vice President: Nothing rejuvenates morale more than contact with the President and the Vice President. When it is appropriate, taking staff to briefings goes a long way. Including the appropriate staffers name on a Presidential memorandum would also help people feel connected and improve the work product.
3. Travel: We have a very large, unused travel budget. While the three of use may not like to get out on the road, many junior staff would benefit from some travel. I encourage staff to travel whenever they can, but some encouragement from you both would help greatly.
4. Summer Vacations: Please encourage staff to take significant summer vacations.
5. Positive Reinforcement: Recognizing individuals for their work is incredibly important right now. With a few exceptions, I think a lot of staff feel disconnected from the main work of the DPC (getting tobacco passed). Again, a little goes a long way. Sending congratulatory e-mails or voice-mails helps.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 09:50:49.00

SUBJECT: Treasury's calling me over now...I'll see you later. Cynthia R

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 10:04:09.00

SUBJECT: Bill Corr paged me, wants our 2-3 pagers on issues so he can get

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

TO: Cynthia Dailard (CN=Cynthia Dailard/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:

his working groups up to speed ... his working groups are supposed to bring proposals to caucus by next Tuesday, and settle policy by end of the week. If you can't find your packets, Cynthia Dailard can give you a new set!

Bill said he'd like to get together with us tomorrow morning...talk about what's happened in the four working groups (all except law enforcement and antitrust)..... he's going to call me or Elena later today to discuss.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-APR-1998 18:16:37.00

SUBJECT: Re: Radio Address Q

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP on 04/30/98
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Bruce N. Reed

04/30/98 04:47:52 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Radio Address Q

It would be OK to say something about the new tobacco advertising, which is designed only to play politics and do anything to keep us from passing bipartisan legislation to protect kids.

Just make sure it's not too arch or whiny. We don't get any points for beating up on the tobacco companies -- only by debunking their arguments.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mindy E. Myers (CN=Mindy E. Myers/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAY-1998 20:15:58.00

SUBJECT: 2pm Child Care Mtg on Monday

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

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

TO: Barbara Chow (CN=Barbara Chow/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Charles M. Brain (CN=Charles M. Brain/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Sandra Yamin (CN=Sandra Yamin/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Dario J. Gomez (CN=Dario J. Gomez/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

There will be a legislative follow-up child care mtg on Monday, May 4 at 2pm in the Ward Room. There will be legislative representatives from HHS, Education, and Treasury at the mtg.

Pls let me know if you'll be able to attend.

Thanks-

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAY-1998 10:40:39.00

SUBJECT: 1998-04-30 INTERNAL Interview of the President by Al Hunt

TO: June G. Turner (CN=June G. Turner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David C. Leavy (CN=David C. Leavy/OU=NSC/O=EOP @ EOP [NSC])
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TO: CROWLEY_P (CROWLEY_P @ A1 @ CD @ VAXGTWY [UNKNOWN]) (NSC)
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Ann F. Lewis (CN=Ann F. Lewis/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: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Sara M. Latham (CN=Sara M. Latham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Sidney Blumenthal (CN=Sidney Blumenthal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TEXT:

this is embargoed. Hunt will give me the green light when he wants us to put this out. It's just fyi. (NSC: pls be sure to share with Steinberg et al.) Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Amy W. Tobe/WHO/EOP on 05/01/98 10:16
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INTERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT
BY AL HUNT OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND CNBC

The Roosevelt Room

3:24 P.M. EDT

Q Mr. President, thank you for being with us. Let's talk about the American economy for a moment, which is really the envy of the world today. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says that it's the best economy in modern memory. But in your view, are there one or two developments that could jeopardize these good times?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think the thing that I'm most concerned about today is the necessity of having growth in every major region of the world to sustain our own. I mean, we're now in a position where about a third of our growth is due to exports, where a significant percentage of them go to Asia. And our own analyses are that the Asian financial crisis, within its present parameters, won't have a terribly destructive impact on the American economy now. But if we had slow growth everywhere at once, it would, which is why I think it's other important that we support the IMF and have a really disciplined effort to try to help move the Asian countries through this financial period and get them back to growth again.

And I feel the same way about what I'm trying to do in Africa as well. I just think that we have to understand that our welfare is more inextricably tied with others than ever before. So that's one of the things that I'm quite concerned about.

Q In that context, the greatest threat in Asia, most experts think, is Japan. You and Secretary Rubin have encouraged, have cajoled, have pressured the Japanese to try to stimulate their

economy, where it always seems to be too little, too late. What are the consequences if that persists, both in Asia and for the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me say, this last stimulus package, if it's real, that is, if it's real money and it's implemented rapidly and vigorously, I think it will be a plus --

Q You think it's sufficient --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think -- let me finish, if I might. I think that it might be enough on its own terms if, in addition to that, they have other reforms in the economy, you know, to open the economy, to subject it to more genuine competition and open markets. Then I think between the two of those things you would really get growth going again. I think at least there is a chance that it is.

One of the problems that the Japanese have in their political system is that, because the pressures against doing these kinds of things are so enormous, very often they can be proposed and then their impact can be watered down or delayed in ways that make it difficult to implement. But if they actually do what the Prime Minister has proposed and they do it quickly, and they follow it up with other reforms with banking and competitive market reforms, then

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I think that there is a chance we can see some real movement in Japan. And, of course, that would lead the whole region out.

And Prime Minister Hashimoto has got an enormously difficult challenge now, but he's a very able man, he's a strong man, and he's trying to, I think, really come to grips with this. And I'm hoping that he'll be able to.

Q You're going to China for almost a week this summer. Is there any chance you'd stop over in Tokyo to talk to the Japanese about this economic situation?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope to see Prime Minister Hashimoto for an extended period in Birmingham, in England at the G-8 meeting before I go to China. I would not like to wait that long. I'd like to have the chance to really sit down and visit with him and see what, if anything else, we can do to help before then. So I'm looking forward to blocking out some good time on my schedule when we're together for the G-8 meeting.

Q And no reason then to go to Tokyo on your trip to China?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, my instinct is to treat this as I would another -- any other state visit, just to go and come. But I have been to Japan a couple of times, and I expect to go back again before I leave office. But I think what we need to do is to deal with this financial challenge they face as old friends and allies in a very straightforward way. I don't think that the symbolism of a visit is nearly as important as the reality of a partnership, and I'm going to do my best to be a good partner to them.

Q You mentioned the meeting coming up in Birmingham,

England. What do you expect to come out of that other than a call for more financial disclosure from other nations and the IMF? Is there any more substantive --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope so, because I think that we really -- I hope we'll do a G-8 version of what we were doing at the Summit of the Americas in Santiago. I thought what we -- I hope we'll be talking about how globalization can work to the benefit of all the peoples in our countries, and then how it can only work if we're benefiting other nations as well.

Now, let me just give you an example. Great Britain now has a low unemployment rate, and the Dutch unemployment rate is down, but a number of the other European unemployment rates are still high, even though they're enjoying growth. The Canadians have had strong growth for the last couple of years. Their unemployment rate is only now beginning to yield to it. So there is a lot of interest among the G-8 about how they can generate more jobs without increasing inequality and without undermining growth.

So I expect we'll be talking about things like the earned income tax credit in the United States as a device for reducing inequality, but still increasing employment. I know we'll spend a lot of time on the training of the work force and wealthy countries' significant obligation to upgrade the skills of their own people because of the change in the globalization of the economy. So I think we'll have a lot of things that really affect people on the street in America and in these other countries.

Q Let me ask you a question about the European Monetary Union, with I guess 11 countries coming together. There has been a lot of celebration of that. Your administration has been very supportive. And yet, isn't there a concern that when you have countries with such incredibly diverse cultural and social and economic and political systems, that rather than lead to more unity it could produce more unrest, more disunity?

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THE PRESIDENT: It could if people feel that it's been sort of imposed on them. But I believe that the general tendency toward political and economic union in Europe is a positive one. The United States has supported it; I have personally supported it strongly. So I think that's positive. I think the efforts made by many European countries to get their fiscal house in order, get their deficits down so they can qualify for membership, has been truly impressive.

And the European states themselves will have to decide how they want to unify politically and economically, but if they choose to do this European Monetary Union, I want to be supportive. But I think that in order to make it work, they'll have to do other things as well. They'll have to find a way, first of all, within their countries to preserve a sense of sovereignty and integrity in these other countries while they're unifying the currency. And then, in dealing with the United States and others, they will have to find a way to continue to make sure that they're sending us the right signal that they're opening their economy -- they're unifying, but they're not closing others out, they're opening. And we are in negotiations and discussions with them now about how we might do

that. So, on balance, I'm positive about this.

Q Let's return to the domestic economy for a second. We now had six quarters where the economy has grown more rapidly than even your most optimistic of advisors, the latest just being in the last few days. But given the inevitable business cycle, do you think it's time to at least start to consider tapping on the brakes so you don't have to slam them on later?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think the only reason to tap on the brakes with high growth and low inflation is if you think it will actually prolong the period of growth. And there is a lot of debate out there in the world today about the nature of our growth and what would stop it and what would keep it going. So I think that the judgment ought to be what are the mix of policies we can adopt that are most likely to keep this period of economic growth going for the longest period of time.

I don't believe we've repealed the business cycle, but I think perhaps we've fundamentally altered it. That is, if you look at the impact of the technological revolution working through the economy, which is, I think, giving us higher productivity levels than we can measure accurately -- I think if you look at the globalization of commerce and America having still a relatively open economy, which keeps inflation down by having everything subject to more competition, if you look at the benefits we're reaping now from the painful adjustments that were made in the 1980s by the business community -- all these things happening now -- I think there is a chance that we now know it's more possible than it used to be for a government to have a prolonged period of growth if it's properly managed.

Do I think that there is no business cycle and that the laws of supply and demand in the global context never come back to shorten the leash on a country? No. I think it's still out there. But I think we can continue to prolong this if we do the right things.

Q Just to follow up for a moment, your predecessors were always -- several -- were quite critical of Chairman Greenspan whenever he put brakes on. Your administration, particularly Secretary Rubin, have had very good ties with Chairman Greenspan. Do I take it from that answer that, whereas your not encouraging him to tap on the brakes, that you wouldn't be critical if he did?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we've tried to work together while respecting our independence. And I have believed always that if I provided America with a responsible budget that was moving toward balance so that in the short-term we were behaving in a responsible way, and that had the long-term investments necessary to triumph in the kind of economy we live in, that that would permit him to do his job with the lowest possible interest rates. That is, I thought he would be able to leave interest rates than he otherwise would feel he could. I think on balance that's what's happened.

I know that he couldn't possibly agree with every decision I've made in the last five and a half years, and he put the brakes on pretty tight in 1994, trying to keep this thing going. And we had a big -- we had a pretty good slow-down, but then we were able to keep it going, keep the expansion going. And so it's continued

right the way through until here we are, almost to the middle of '98. And I believe that he'll do what he thinks is right for the long-term interests of the American economy.

Q You were asked the other day at your news conference about the stock market continuing to go up, and you were an optimist. If you were private citizen Clinton today, would you invest in the market?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, but I would also recognize that it goes down and it goes up and it goes down and it goes up. And what the American people need to know is that if you can hold your investments long enough, over any given 15- or 20-year period, the stock market has always out-performed private -- I mean, government bonds in earnings.

The insecurity is if you enter, particularly if you enter at a fairly high point now and you happen to get one of those downward bumps and you have to liquidate your investment. Then you could lose. But if you look at the stock market -- the stock market has always tracked the fundamentals in the end. And I just feel that if I can work with the American people and keep the fundamentals good, keep productivity up and investment for the long run up, keep the unemployment rate down, keep the inflation rate down -- if we keep the fundamentals in good shape, then the stock market, over time, will track that.

And I know that there are a lot of people who are worried because it's gone quite high lately, but the market -- they correct themselves; they always do, one way or the other. I just think over the long run, what -- if you're President, you can't be thinking about next month in the market, you have to be thinking about what's the long-run economic scenario. And then you just have to trust the market to follow the market realities in the American economy over time. I think that's what will happen.

Q In this booming economy, some critics have worried that it's been too uneven. I'll give you one example: The pay of CEOs of the largest companies last year rose 35 percent, rose 54 percent the year before. That's 13 times greater than the pay of average workers. And I think the figure now is that the average boss earns 326 times what the average worker earns. Is that, a, acceptable; and, b, should government do anything about it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think that in and of itself, it's probably a phenomenon of companies bidding for management talent at a time when management talent is important in how these companies do in the market. So, in that sense, it may not be any different than asking whether it's acceptable that professional athletes earn as much money as they do.

I think the real question is, are working people earning a fair share of their company's prosperity and their country's prosperity. And are we, in the aggregate, decreasing the level of income and equality that developed over the last 20 years, because we had a very -- as you know, very sharp increase in inequality among various classes of working people, with folks on the bottom getting the short end of the stick. Government policies I think had something to do with it, but I think the larger thing was that we were changing the dominant economic factors of this age. And now the

dominant economic factors relate to people's level of education and skills, so that there became -- there's a huge education premium now in the work force, and people that don't have it, particularly younger workers, tend to get punished very harshly by the low incomes they earn.

So, to me, what I've tried to do is to reduce income inequality -- not necessarily by reducing upper-income people's incomes, except to ask them to pay their fair -- what I believe is a fair share of the country's tax burden -- but instead, by lowering the incomes of the lower 40 percent of the people and trying to create more high-wage jobs by tying more of them to trade, because we know trade-related jobs and technology-related jobs pay 17 to 20 percent more than average wages. And the evidence is that in the last couple of years we have slowly, finally, begun to reduce income inequality, particularly when you take into account the impacts of the earned income tax credit, which is worth about \$1,000 a year to a working family of four with an income under \$30,000.

Q Another of the benefits of the booming economy, of course, has been we have something that people thought unimaginable a few years ago, a budget surplus. The latest CBO estimate I think was --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we hope we do. We think we will.

Q But with April receipts coming in I gather much stronger than anybody anticipated, I've now heard some people suggest you could have a budget surplus of as much as \$50 billion this year. Is that right? Is that reasonable?

THE PRESIDENT: Could be.

Q Could be that high? Now, you have said that you're going to veto -- that Social Security comes first with any budget surplus. If they try and enact a big tax cut before they do that, that you would veto it. But there's also a big spending highway pork bill coming down the pike right now. As things stand now, would you also veto that?

THE PRESIDENT: If it got into the surplus. I met with Senator Lott and Senator Daschle yesterday and we discussed this. And it's very interesting -- historically, always highways have been the one thing that Congress, whether Republican or Democrat, they always want to spend more on than the President. And part of it is the President's desire to maintain some control over the budget -- at least for me that's been the case. Now, I like the -- I believe we need to invest money in infrastructure -- in highways and mass transit and bridge repair. I think it's good for the economy in terms of the jobs it creates, but it's even better for the economy in terms of giving people safer roads to travel on and less wear and tear on their cars, less accidents -- fewer accidents -- the whole thing. I'm all for this.

And we need more mass transit because, among other things, it's an important part of the welfare reform component. If we're requiring people who are poor and on welfare to go take jobs and they have to travel, they've got to have some way to get there. So I'm for a hefty increase in investment in infrastructure.

But I think that these bill that have been passed, the thing the bothers me is, I can't see, based on what I understand to be the options, how either one of these bill can be funded without either getting into the surplus or cutting our investment in education, medical research, the environment, and other critical areas. So we're just going to have to try to find a way to fit all these things in in a manner that doesn't spend the surplus.

Q Let me ask you just a couple more quick questions. On Social Security, you've said very clearly you don't want to have a specific proposal now. But some of your Democratic colleagues -- Senator Moynihan and Kerrey, are talking about private accounts alongside traditional Social Security. No matter the specific details, is that a good idea to consider?

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely, it should be considered. But what I want to say -- I'd like to make two points -- first is the reason that I think it would be a bad thing for me to have a specific proposal now is I think it would shut down debate rather than increase it. And then everything would be, are you for or against this proposal. Right now, we've still -- the American people I think, on this issue -- the good news is that everybody knows something fairly substantial is going to have to be done to make this system survive into the 21st century when all the baby boomers retire. That's good.

Secondly, I think the younger people are, the more likely they are to be open to all kinds of new ideas, and that's good. But I think that what has not been accomplished yet in the public education process that we're now undertaking this year is for people to understand the tradeoffs involved in making a set of choices.

That is, I could call you on the telephone, and I could say I am a reporter for the Clinton polling agency, and I'm going to ask you these 10 questions and do you like these ideas, and you might like them all. But if I said, you can only have four of them, and then you have to rank them in rank order of priority, that's a much more sophisticated judgment. That's what I'm trying to get done now.

On the individual accounts, I think it's absolutely, an idea that deserves a lot of consideration. There is some debate, as you know, in Congress about trying to dedicate the surplus to individual accounts now just starting. The problem I have with that proposal is that it doesn't deal with the underlying Social Security program. What are you going to do -- I think we still need some baseline Social Security in the 21st century that's a baseline protection for people that may not have a lot of money in the market, or may lose some in the market, or don't have a chance to accumulate a lot of wealth, and we've got to know how we're going to fix that. And then, the people -- admittedly, that's what Senators Moynihan and Kerrey tried to do. They tried to guarantee a baseline Social Security benefit and, over and above that, have an individual account. And that's one of the things that I think ought to be fully explored here.

Q We only have a few more minutes, but as long as we're talking about whether things are good or bad, there have been a rash of big mergers lately, particularly in the financial service banks. Do you think generally, without commenting on any one, but as

a general proposition, is that good or bad for consumers and the economy?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know yet. I think to some extent, they were inevitable because of both the nationalization of finance, bank finance across our whole country, and the globalization of commerce, which puts a premium on bigness partly so you can afford to get into new market areas, partly so you can afford to handle bad years -- you have more money.

So I think some of this is inevitable. I think that the test which ought to be applied -- and I honestly have not had time to get a detailed analysis of it -- but the test of all these mergers ought to be this: Does it allow them to become more globally competitive in ways that don't unfairly raise prices or cut the quality of service to consumers in America? Or does it superficially allow them to become more globally competitive, but, in effect, undermine their competitive position because they're not attractive to their customers anymore because of what happens to prices or service?

And I think that's the test we ought to apply, that's the test government agencies ought to apply, in terms of any lawfulness -- you know they're looking at that. But I think it's too soon to say yet. On balance, I think it was inevitable. I think these things were coming, and we have to do what we can to make sure that they're good for the consumers of the country.

Q Next to the last question, on tobacco, would you be willing to give up some of the initiatives that you have proposed as part of the tobacco deal in order to get legislation that limits any revenue strictly to tobacco and health related areas?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me say, first of all, most of the initiatives that I proposed to fund -- in education, for example -- were not coming out of tobacco revenues, except those that were being collected to be sent back to the states.

Now, I wanted to say that those should be spent for the benefit of children and smaller class sizes in the earlier grades and in child care, and not children's health, for the simple reason that in the Balanced Budget Act we had the biggest increase in children's health in 35 years.

If Congress wanted to give the states some more flexibility in spending that money, we could argue about that, but that wouldn't be a deal breaker for me. We can also have a debate about that in the election, whether I was right or they were right and what we should do with the priorities in the future.

My sole concern, in terms of what bill I would sign or not, is the question of whether it will substantially reduce teenage smoking and thereby lift the health fortunes of all these children that are otherwise going to be imperiled.

Q Do you think the McCain bill does that, is that correct?

THE PRESIDENT: I do. I do. There are a couple things that if I were writing the McCain bill I'd change and maybe we can

even get a few changes in it. And I'm sure there are people on the other side who would like to change a couple things about it. But I think that the McCain bill is -- I think Senator McCain and the Democrats and Republicans who worked with him -- keep in mind, 19 people voted for that bill -- made an honest effort to, first of all, protect our children from the dangers of tobacco; secondly, raise enough money that we can invest it in an advertising campaign and medical research and to do the things that ought to be done from a health point of view; took decent care of the tobacco farmers, gave them an opportunity to buy their way out of what they are doing now in ways that seem to find favor among the farmers; and basically did the kinds of things that ought to be done. It's certainly a good vehicle through which we can work to try to get a bill out of the Senate and then hopefully get one out of the House.

Q Last question. One of the reasons the economy has done so well is unsurpassed consumer confidence. Consumers really feel good about how things are going in general. If you and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr become embroiled in a huge high-stakes battle over impeachment charges and counter charges, could that threaten or jeopardize consumer confidence in general?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I don't think so, because, for one thing, I've done my best to demonstrate to the American people that I'm letting all this business from Mr. Starr be handled by my lawyers and others speaking on my behalf, that when I have to answer questions about it, I do, but that I'm working on their business. And I'm very optimistic about it. So I don't think that anything that can conceivably happen is likely to impact on consumer confidence -- unless somebody tries to do something completely irresponsible and insupportable. By the facts at hand, we're going to be fine on that.

Q Or impact upon your stewardship of --

THE PRESIDENT: No. No. I think that early on in this process I was somewhat bewildered by it and it was distracting. And finally, I decided what I owed the American people was not to be distracted, and so I'm doing pretty well now, and I intend to keep right on doing it.

Q Mr. President, thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

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We are supposed to decide on this today. Riley wants to send a letter to the Hill saying he'll recommend a veto of a bill by Riggs. The bill is scheduled for a markup next Wed. in the House. There is no companion Senate bill at this time.

Disabled children have a federal civil right to an education until they are 21. California doesn't want to honor this right for juveniles in adult prisons. Before last year's IDEA amendments, the penalty for this was (1) withholding all special funds and (2) taking action in court. Under the deal struck last year when IDEA was reauthorized, the first penalty was reduced to withholding only the small amount of funds associated with these students. The second penalty was not touched.

(Education made one other noteworthy compromise on this last year: Under last year's IDEA deal, youth only have rights if they had previously been identified as disabled. If they are identified as disabled in prison, the state is no longer under any obligation to education them.)

Education is now going after California in court. Riggs is mad, because he thought he reduced the penalty to the lesser monetary sanction. Education's position is that last year's deal didn't affect their right to take court action. Riggs' current bill would take away Education's power to go after California in court.

I think all of us in DPC basically support Riley making the argument in strong terms that this was a deal where we made compromises last year, and we don't want to reopen it. But we are not comfortable with the veto threat. Education will probably appeal this; my guess is that OMB will side with Education. Let us know if you agree with us. Colleagues, let me know if I've misstated any of your positions.

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Can you check this with Elena. Mike Cohen is out until Tuesday, does she want us to set this up or wait for Mike?

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Folks--two things--one last meeting so we can decide if there is any opportunity for any senior member of the administration to go to calif--Mike --should we organize it--also I think we all deserve a celebration--maybe next Wed???Marjorie could you check my schedule.

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THROUGH: ERSKINE BOWLES
SYLVIA MATHEWS

DATE: MAY 1, 1998

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON RACE WEEKLY REPORT
APRIL 25 - MAY 1

ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVITIES

Statewide Days of Dialogue. The launching of Statewide Days of Dialogue on Thursday involved 41 Governors, 21 Mayors, and over 100 YWCA's throughout the country participating in race dialogues, issuing proclamations or holding other events related to race. There were 14 anchor events around the country in which Cabinet Secretaries, Advisory Board members, White House staff, and Initiative staff participated. Dr. Franklin attended a YWCA luncheon in Winston Salem, North Carolina and spoke about the Initiative. Governor Winter participated in a YWCA panel on race in Annapolis, Maryland. Angela Oh participated in a dialogue with Emerson Middle School 8th graders and in a symposium on "Racial Justice and Economics" at the United Methodist Church in South Central Los Angeles.

Attorney General Reno and I participated in the YWCA Congressional Luncheon to kick-off the Statewide Days of Dialogue. Secretary Riley participated in a "One America Conversation" event with Mayor Arrington and other events that are part of Birmingham's "Erase the Hate Day." Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee participated in a dialogue in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Fred Duval participated in a dialogue with youth in Providence, Rhode Island. Lynn Cutler participated in a conference on "Communication Across Cultures" in Blackhawk County, Iowa.

National Council on Philanthropy. On April 27, Angela Oh spoke about the

importance of the Initiative and the role of foundations in promoting One America in the 21st century at their annual conference in Washington, D.C. The workshop topic was "The Changing Conversation on Race." There were 200 people in the audience representing philanthropic organizations.

Neighborhood Community Funders Group. On April 27, Angela Oh met with a small group of foundation representatives to discuss community development and how the foundation community could assist minority communities. As a result of your Initiative, some of these foundations who had not previously addressed race issues were examining what their role should be.

Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment. On April 28, Angela Oh gave the keynote address to an audience of 300 in Seattle, WA.

Contemporary American Theater Festival. On July 19, the Theater will hold a town hall meeting in Shepherdstown, WV in conjunction with the performance of "Carry the Tiger to the Mountain," a new play commissioned by the Festival concerning the Vincent Chin civil rights case of the early 1980's. West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood and Advisory Board member Angela Oh are among those who will participate in the discussion.

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May Advisory Board Meeting on Administration of Justice. We continue to work with White House staff, Department of Justice staff, and others to plan the May 19th Advisory Board meeting, to be held in Washington, D.C., which will focus on race, crime, and the administration of justice. The May Advisory Board meeting provides an opportunity to address several questions in this area: What are the facts concerning race, crime, and the administration of justice? How do different perceptions of crime and the administration of justice affect efforts to build One America? What strategies can help promote a criminal justice system that serves and treats Americans of all races fully and equally? Likely topics include racial profiling and community policing.

Higher Education Leaders. Initiative and White House staff continue to work with the American Council on Education (ACE) to support efforts of higher education leaders to launch a coordinated campaign to promote the values of access and diversity in higher education. Following an initial meeting several weeks ago, ACE has drafted on behalf of the higher education community a proposal for the formation of a coalition of college and university presidents who will lead a public education campaign on access and diversity.

Religious Leaders Forums. We will hold the first religious forum with religious leaders in New Orleans on May 21; the second will be held in Louisville on June 1. These forums will help us identify promising practices, recruit leaders, and promote

increased dialogue and racial reconciliation activities in the faith community.

American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference. On April 26, I gave a keynote address to over 40 social science researchers meeting in Washington, D.C. on the subject of race. The meeting was convened by the American Sociological Association, at the request of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

African Americans, Latinos Discuss Race. On April 25, Initiative staff participated in the D.C. Latino Civil Rights Task Force conducted a dialogue on race relations between African Americans and Latinos. Among the issues discussed were identity and cultural similarities, education reform and bilingual education.

Youth Group Briefings. On April 28, Initiative staff addressed students from the RespecTeen National Youth Forum. RespecTeen aims to help teens learn how to have a voice in developing federal public policy.

Anti-Defamation League National Youth Leadership Mission. On April 29, Maria Echaveste and I addressed a group of high school students from across the nation in Washington, D.C. The students were part of the Anti-Defamation League National Youth Leadership Mission. Initiative staff conducted a One America Conversation with the students. Among the issues discussed were self-segregation, diversity in the curriculum (academic classroom teaching material), and "tracking" in high school education.

Web Site Update. There are now 110 promising practices highlighted on the One America website.

FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Department of Justice

Meeting with Alaskan Tribal Leaders. On April 27, the Assistant Attorney General of Environment and Natural Resources consulted with Alaskan tribal leaders and judges about Native American issues in Anchorage, AK.

Department of Interior

Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. On May 7-8, Kevin Grover, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, will attend the Indian Country Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony and visit the Navajo Area Office in Artesia, NM.

Department of Agriculture

Native American Health and Wellness Center. USDA has awarded the Fort Peck, MT Community College a \$20,000 grant to renovate its Community Health and Wellness Center, that provides specialized counseling, physical and human development activities to promote the physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes.

Department of Commerce

Minority Business Development Center. The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) received correspondence from Senator Akaka and Representative Abercrombie advocating the reopening of a minority business development center (MBDC) in Honolulu. On March 10, MBDA Director Cox met with Representative Abercrombie and outlined MBDA's budget constraints and described plans to reopen the MBDC in January 1999. Abercrombie expressed displeasure, and Director Cox agreed to reexamine the budget. MBDA worked out a process which may allow the MBDC to reopen as early as September 1998.

Congressional Black Caucus. On April 30, Secretary Daley met with the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss issues relating to commerce.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Fair Housing Partnership's Landmark Agreement. On April 29, the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington (FHCGW), a HUD Fair Housing Initiatives Program grant recipient, and the region's leading housing providers signed a landmark partnership agreement in Washington, D.C. The agreement between the Fair Housing Council and eight prominent regional housing and housing-related service providers represents a significant commitment to equal housing opportunity and an important step toward aggressive fair housing compliance as they join the Council's newly-formed Fair Housing Partnership.

Department of Transportation

Forum on Race. On April 13, one of the Federal Transit Administration's regional offices participated in a Forum on Race in Seattle, WA. The forum featured Dr. Franklin and was well attended by private industry, public officials, community-based organizations, politicians, church groups, and college and public school professionals and students.

Department of Energy

Historical Black Colleges and Universities'(HBCU) Presidents. On April 25, Secretary Peña met with five presidents of HBCU/Minority Institutions Environmental Technology Consortium. The meeting reinforced the DOE's commitment to involving HBCUs and other minority educational institutions in its mission-related programs. The HBCU/MI Consortium is one of the most significant consortia funded by DOE. The 17-member consortia of institutions are well known for their significant role in training and educating the Nation's minority technical work force.

Native American Business. On April 29, Secretary Peña signed an agreement to provide DOE technical assistance to the National Indian Business Association (NIBA). NIBA represents more than 24,000 American Indian and Alaska Native businesses. Their mission is to stimulate business and development of economic activity within Indian communities. The DOE/NIBA agreement supports efforts of the association to help businesses establish procurement systems, promote technology transfer opportunities and provide access to the National Laboratories and other facilities. The agreement was presented to the NIBA membership at their annual meeting in Green Bay, WI.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Youth Town Hall Meeting. On April 30, VA sponsored a Youth Town Hall Meeting at VA Headquarters. A diverse group of approximately 65 students from five Washington, D.C. area private and public junior and senior high schools attended. The activity supports the work of the President's Federal Youth Task Force on Race.

Office of Personnel Management

Hispanic Action Committee. On April 24, Director Lachance delivered a luncheon keynote address to the Chicago Region Hispanic Action Committee explaining current initiatives to achieve full representation for Hispanics in the federal workforce.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAY-1998 14:24:46.00

SUBJECT: press ofc needs statement by 3pm on POTUS position on privately funded vou

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TEXT:

Beverly Barnes in the press office called and has asked for a very brief (2-3 sentences) statement on the President's position on privately funded school vouchers/scholarships to private schools. The reporter (Tom Toch, from US News) is apparently doing a story on the House voucher vote this week, the Administration's threat to veto it, and attempt to contrast this position with Erskine's supposed leadership/involvement in local DC efforts to raise private funds for scholarships. Anyway, how's this.

"The President opposes the use of public funding for private school vouchers because this would drain critical funds from the public school system attended by 90% of our this nation's children with little or no accountability for how those funds are used. The President is not opposed to privately funded scholarships for private school tuition. (could add...As Secretary Riley made clear in a letter to Congress this week pledging to recommend a veto of a DC voucher bill, public funds should be used for public schools, and only private funds should be used for private school tuition.)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAY-1998 12:07:34.00

SUBJECT: Radio Address Ideas

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Mary Smith asked me to forward to you some radio address ideas.

Two ideas sent in by the Dept to Cabinet Affairs are below: (1) Higher Ed reauthorization or (2) Previewing the Mayor's conference on public education.

We could also highlight the 15th Anniversary of a Nation at Risk. As we mark the 15th anniversary of A Nation At Risk, there is genuine cause for hope about the future of American public education. We have turned a corner: the record thus far gives us reason for continued efforts toward reform.

THE GOOD NEWS:

- Vastly increased public interest in education
- Demonstrated improvement in mathematics (4th grade TIMMS scores)
- Growing innovation and public school choice: has inspired creation of good programs, increased parental participation (Need umbers on growth of charters)
- Movement toward standards and away from social promotion (New York City, Chicago)
- We're integrating technology correctly
- Growing professionalism within the teaching profession (union focus on school reform, recent NEA support for peer review)

THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE:

- Performance still lags on some indicators e.g. 8th grade and 12th grade TIMMS
- Urban and poor rural schools (e.g. reasons for Zones)
- Need to focus on recruiting and retaining talented teachers
- School still have to focus on peripheral issues that affect their ability to educate: drug use, violence, teen pregnancy etc.

THE CASE FOR CONTINUED REFORM ... ACCELERATED AND INCREASED:

This bad news often overwhelms the national debate, and can lead to a kind of reform fatigue -

Ultimately, that's exactly what vouchers are: giving up on public education ... a few students may be served better by them, but in the long run our larger society suffers

BUT, for all the reasons articulated above, the evidence just does not support the conclusion that this task is beyond us. Since a Nation At Risk we've reached

a national consensus that we should reform education -- and seen growing evidence that we can.

□□This is a particularly critical moment to move forward: schools are in the midst of large-scale changes (baby boom echo, retiring of baby boom teachers, implementing standards,), our society is increasingly global and knowledge-based, etc

□□Highlight Clinton Administration K-12 education proposals - class size zones, construction etc

Kris M Balderston
05/01/98 10:52:16 AM
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To: Rahm I. Emanuel/WHO/EOP, Michelle Crisci/WHO/EOP, Thurgood Marshall Jr/WHO/EOP
cc: Lisa J. Levin/WHO/EOP, Michael Cohen/OPD/EOP
Subject: Radio Address Ideas

Education Radio address idea

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Julie_Green @ ed.gov
05/01/98 10:35:00 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Kris M Balderston
cc:
Subject: Radio Address Ideas

Kris/David -- listed below please find 2 radio address suggestions from ED per your request on this morning's conference call. Please call me at 401-2571 if you need additional information. Thank you.
--Julie Green

* The Higher Education Reauthorization bill is expected to be considered on the House floor next week. House Republicans are now trying to claim credit for the proposal being considered to lower the student loan interest rate. In fact, the bill also provides a large and costly subsidy to banks at the expense of taxpayers -- this is

one

of a number of reasons senior advisors recommend a veto. Other concerns with the bill include: a proposed amendment by Rep. Riggs which would deny federal funds to public higher ed institutions with affirmative action policies; and a House Committee provision originated by Rep. Goodling to block grant teacher training funds instead of funding the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A hallmark of the Clinton Administration has been to increase access to higher education for all Americans and we will continue efforts to ensure that students who work hard will have the opportunity to go to college.

2) Preview next week's U.S. Conference of Mayor's meeting by addressing the President's proposals for critical education

investments to help urban areas: education opportunity zones which include a requirement to end social promotion; as well as class size reduction, school construction, and expanding after-school programs. These are all serious issues which must be addressed to improve the learning environment for students, particularly those in urban and rural schools. These are meaningful approaches to ensure that students can learn to high standards. Unfortunately, this Congress has chosen to do nothing so far to seriously address these concerns

which Americans say are among their most important. Instead, they have passed an insignificant tax break of \$7 to help families with children in public schools and a voucher program for the District of Columbia.

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TEXT:

Stacie asked me remind everyone: this document is for INTERNAL PLANNING
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THE WEEK AHEAD

May 4 - May 10

(All items are subject to change.)

Monday (5/4): President Clinton will hold a climate change event in Los Angeles, California with representatives of America's building industry to announce the launch of the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing -- a program that will dramatically improve the energy efficiency of American homes -- saving consumers money while reducing pollution that contributes to global warming.

Tuesday (5/5): President Clinton will participate in the dedication of the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC. Message may focus on Senate ratification of NATO expansion (TBD).

Wednesday (5/6): President Clinton will host a state visit by Italian Prime Minister Prodi. The President and Prime Minister will participate in a joint press conference.

Thursday (5/7): The President will attend a meeting with 40 mayors, where his remarks will focus on education. The President will likely use the opportunity to highlight his Education Opportunity Zones initiative.

Friday (5/8): The President will speak at the Delaware Legislature to promote elements of his education agenda. The President will also visit Dover Air Force Base to recognize the work and service done by members of the armed services to maintain a high level of military readiness.

Saturday (5/9): President Clinton will deliver a taped radio address. In honor of Mother's Day, the message will likely focus on child care.

Sunday (5/10): No message event scheduled.

TOBACCO

"The facts are as 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... 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."

President Bill Clinton
April 20, 1998

CLEAR FACTS, HIGH STAKES. 3,000 children begin to smoke every day; 1,000 of them will die early as a result. The President is committed to passing comprehensive legislation to stop young Americans from smoking before they start, in an effort that can save one million lives over the next five years.

A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE TOBACCO REFORM. President Clinton believes that Senator McCain and Senator Hollings' tobacco legislation bill, which passed the Commerce Committee, is a strong step in the right decision on the road to passing comprehensive tobacco legislation this year.

STANDING STRONG FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORM. The tobacco industry is working to persuade Congress to pass weaker legislation that will not reduce teen smoking. We must continue to work with Senator McCain and others to make reducing teen smoking the tobacco industries bottom line.

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REDUCING YOUTH TOBACCO USE. President Clinton's plan for comprehensive tobacco legislation includes five key principles:

- **A comprehensive plan to reduce youth smoking by raising the price of packs of cigarettes by up to \$1.50 over ten years through a combination of annual payments and tough penalties on the tobacco industry;**
- **Full authority for the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco products;**
- **Changes in the way the tobacco industry does business, including ending marketing and promotion to kids;**
- **Progress toward other public health goals, including biomedical and cancer research, a reduction of second-hand smoke, promotion of smoking cessation programs, and other urgent priorities; and**
- **Protection for tobacco farmers and their communities.**

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Yamin (CN=Sandra Yamin/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

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SUBJECT: MEETING -- RE: IDEA

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TEXT:

Barbara Chow would like to meet w/ you on Tues. May 5 at 10:30AM in Rm 260 to discuss the ED position on HR. 3254 -- IDEA Technical Amendment Act of 1998. Please confirm your availability to attend. Thanks.

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CREATOR: Darby E. Stott (CN=Darby E. Stott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. Today, I want to talk about our efforts to improve service and end abuses at the Internal Revenue Service. American citizens have every right to expect that they'll be treated with respect by a government that works for them. A big part of our values as a people include courtesy, efficiency and fairness from government.

For far too long in the minds of too many Americans the IRS has symbolized an immense bureaucracy, a place where unfair treatment and unresponsive service were far too common. We've worked hard to give the American people an IRS that is fairer, more efficient, more responsive to their needs, and to support the many dedicated IRS employees who do want to serve them well. And we've made progress.

Two years ago I was proud to sign into law the second Taxpayer Bill of Rights. It's made it easier for taxpayers to appeal IRS decisions and to recover attorney's fees when the IRS makes mistakes. And last May, Vice President Gore and Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin began an unflinching top to bottom review of

customer service at the IRS. They reported back to me with their recommendations and we're already beginning to see a new IRS that is more committed to the needs of taxpayers.

We're keeping IRS offices open longer during filing season, launching independent citizen advocacy panels to help taxpayers get relief. Now you can call the IRS and get telephone service six days a week, 18 hours a day -- soon it'll be 24 hours a day. And this year, 24 million Americans saved an awful lot of time and hassle by filing their returns on the phone or electronically. I've also appointed a new IRS Commissioner and a new kind of IRS Commissioner. Charles Rossotti is an experienced businessman who spent his entire career on the taxpayer side of the table.

But we've got more to do. Like most Americans, I was outraged by testimony at last week's congressional hearings on the IRS, by the stories of our citizens harassed and humiliated by what seemed to be an unaccountable downright tone-deaf agency. These problems developed over years, of course, and we can't solve them all overnight. But Commissioner Rossotti has moved swiftly to route out abuses and to further reform operations of the IRS.

Also, he's asked Judge William Webster, the former Director of the FBI and the CIA, to conduct an independent review of the criminal investigation division. As further steps are needed they will be taken.

But above all, our new Commissioner needs new tools to build a better IRS, and he needs them now. Last year, our administration worked with the House of Representatives to pass sweeping, strong, bipartisan reform of the IRS, to give citizens more protection, improve service, reduce abuse. Now the Senate is poised to enact very similar legislation. I call on Congress to make this year the year we set aside political differences to enact real reforms of the IRS. When it comes to quality service at the IRS, Congress can't afford to file for an extension.

As we continue to improve our work we may uncover more problems at the IRS. Now, if we do I pledge to the American people that once again we'll act swiftly, guarding against abuse, punishing those who cross the line. And as we do, we will build a fairer and more effective government for a stronger America in the 21st century.

Thanks for listening.

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