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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1998 18:37:26.00

SUBJECT: Senate Labor-HHS and Child Care

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

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

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

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TEXT:

Mary Bourdette reported today that Specter's staff told her that the Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations subcommittee plans to fully fund our child care request in appropriations (the discretionary request included \$180 million of standards enforcement, research and evaluation, and scholarships). Since none of these new programs have authorizing legislation, Mary is puzzled but elated, and HHS staff is trying to work on appropriate language for this purpose, if we get that far.

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We'll push to get this ASAP.

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Cynthia Dailard
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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
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Subject: Surgeon General's Report

Eriksen said that they do have a Surgeon General's report coming out in the near future on tobacco. It is called "Reducing Tobacco Use", which discusses what works in terms of treatment, education, economics, regulatory action, etc. It has been in the works for 4 years, and is slated to be released in November. If we make it a priority, they can probably have it out in late September / early October. I asked if it addressed teens, and he said it does in terms of education, media, price and access.

If we do push them to release it sooner rather than later, it could get some decent play right before the election.

While this is not necessarily top secret, they are trying to keep it quiet. FYI.

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SUBJECT: Liberians

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

Elena/Rob:

According to Scott Busby, Alan Erenbaum (INS leg. affairs) and Peter J. made a deal last Friday (unbeknownst to us (NSC/WHC/DPC)) with Rep. Jack Reed that we would not oppose his amendment (to the House CJS approps. bill) that provides for the extension of TPS (temporary protected status) for Liberians. As I indicated in my last note on this, the DOJ recently decided to terminate TPS for Liberians, effective September 28, 1998.

In addition, OPL sent a note to the President about a letter from the Liberian Association of Metropolitan Atlanta in which the group expressed its concern about the deportation of Liberians. This note also stated that the Liberian Ambassador approached Ben Johnson in Atlanta requesting that the President issue a stay of deportation. In the margin of this weekly item, the President indicated that he wanted Berger to figure out whether we could help with this and asked what Jesse Jackson thought about it.

Last night, Scott Busby faxed me a copy of the Jackson recommendation. Jackson has asked the President to direct the AG to grant DED for Liberians b/c (1) though the country is doing better, it is not yet fully developed; (2) the economy could not now sustain a "sudden influx of citizens" -- not enough jobs or opportunities; and (3) Liberians living in the U.S. provide remittances to Liberia that are needed.

According to Scott, Berger wants to respond to the President as soon as he can with some background on this issue. Scott and Eric Shwartz want to recommend DED for Liberians if the Reed TPS amendment fails or if CJS does not pass before the expiration of TPS. Their reasoning is that the situation here is more stable than in Liberia (or in the rest of Africa where the overwhelming majority of ex-pat Liberians live and from where they are currently being repatriated); and that Liberia continues to be fragile. Busby and Shwartz have concluded that it would be "helpful" not to burden Liberia with more Liberians.

I continue to think that there are many problems with granting DED for this small population of Liberians -- (1) the number of Liberians at issue is very small; (2) the rate of deportation is very low (so the reality is that few Liberians will be returning within the next year); (3) many who are here may be eligible for asylum (the approval rate for asylum seekers in high for Liberians); and (4) we continue to fund (through UNHCR) repatriation efforts of close to 500,000 Liberians from other parts of the world and thus have made a foreign policy decision that the country is

stable enough for return. According to NSC, the State Dept. and DOJ continue to be opposed to DED for Liberians.

I have asked Scott to call a meeting with us, DOJ, INS and State (and whomever else) to discuss their proposed recommendation.

julie

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TEXT:

Here is a new draft of the accomplishments document. We should review it to go out with the press paper. Thanks, Mary

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Julie A. Fernandes
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President Clinton
A Record of Partnership With American Indians and Alaska Natives

“My administration has worked in partnership with tribal leaders ... to protect American Indian religious freedom, promote tribal self-determination, preserve tribal natural resources and provide economic opportunities for Native Americans. I look forward to continuing this government-to-government relationship in order to build on the progress we have made in Indian Country.”

President Bill Clinton

On April 29, 1994, President Clinton became the first President to invite the leaders of all federally recognized Tribes to the White House. On this historic occasion, the President pledged that his Administration would work with Tribal leaders to establish a true government-to-government partnership. The Clinton Administration has delivered on this commitment by:

Strengthening the Relationship Between the Federal Government and Tribal Nations

- In 1994, executed a Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies directing agencies to consult, to the greatest extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law, with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments.
- On May 14, 1998, issued an executive order that strengthens and makes effective across Administrations the 1994 Government-to-Government memorandum. This executive order serves to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribal governments in the development of regulatory practices on Federal matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities, to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribal governments, and to streamline the application process for and increase the availability of waivers to Indian tribal governments.

Expanding the role of American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout his Administration

- Appointed 59 Native Americans to all levels of his Administration, including 10 to top positions requiring Senate confirmation and 30 to Presidential appointment positions.
- Created the Office of Tribal Justice to promote government-to-government relations with Indian Tribes and ensure aggressive representation of tribal sovereignty in the courts.

- Established the American Indian Environmental Office to work with Tribes to protect water quality and the environment in Indian Country.
- Created a permanent White House working group composed of all Executive Branch Departments to advance Tribal sovereignty across the administration.

Protecting Religious Freedom

- **Signed an executive order that requires federal agencies to accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners and to avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites.**
- Successfully fought for passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in order to protect the right of free exercise of Tribal religions.
- Directed federal agencies to ensure efficient collection and distribution of available eagle feathers and eagle parts to American Indians and Alaska Natives for traditional religious purposes.

Promoting Tribal Self-Determination

- Supported passage and implementation of the Indian Self-Determination Act and the Tribal Self-Governance Act, which give Tribal governments control of most federal resources spent within Indian Country.
- Successfully fought attempts to penalize tribes for exercising their powers of self-governance and allowing states to tax Tribal governments on new trust lands.

Increasing Educational Opportunities

- **Proposed a 59% increase in funding for construction and facilities improvement and repair for Native American Schools in his FY 1999 budget.**
- **Provided an 10 percent increase (from \$60 million to \$66 million) for the Indian Education Act in his FY 1999 budget. Serving nearly half a million Native American students, the Act's programs include grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Indian tribes and organizations, Indian-controlled schools, and individuals to address special educational and cultural academic needs of Native Americans.**
- **Signed an executive order that aims to ensure that tribal colleges and universities are more fully recognized as accredited institutions, have access to the opportunities afforded other institutions, and have Federal resources committed to them on a continuing basis.**

Providing Economic Development Opportunities in Indian Country

- Established an Office of Native American Programs within the Minority Business Development Association at the Department of Commerce, with eight Native American Business Development Centers and a business consultant, that provides management and technical assistance to Native American businesses.
- Signed the Community Development Banking and Regulatory Improvement Act, which promotes more lending in Indian Country;

Protecting Tribal Natural Resources

- Established for the first time the right of Alaska Natives to fish for subsistence purposes.
- Requested more than \$160 million (a 15 percent increase) in his FY 1999 budget for EPA support of tribal environmental protection programs on reservations. As a part of this program, EPA will continue to build an support tribal capacity to implement, operate, and enforce Federal environmental laws.
- Supported the exercise of Northwest Tribes' treaty fishing rights.

Improving Health and Safety for American Indian and Alaska Native Families

- Supported funding for continued implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act and tribal consensus amendments to protect Indian families and culture.
- Signed into law the Indian Tribal Justice Support Act to improve criminal law enforcement in Indian Country.
- Directed the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Interior to work with tribal leaders and propose improvements for public safety and criminal justice in Indian Country. As a result of this process, the President's FY 1999 budget contains a \$182 million initiative within the Justice and Interior Departments to raise the level of law enforcement in Indian country to national standards.
- Devoted \$54 million in his FY 1999 budget to hiring police officers through the COPS program exclusively in Indian country.

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

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SUBJECT: food notes

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

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

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TEXT:

Elena, here are some suggested talking points and Q and As for today's meeting, and a draft EO. I haven't shown the EO to anyone (although Eric confidentially helped draft it). I'd suggest that if yo think it is ok, you be the one to send it to Morely, and if that you and he talk before the meeting. I talked to his secretary who is identifying the meeting as DPC/NPR when she calls.

If the EO looks ok, we should make copies to hand out. ===== ATTA
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Talking Points for Food Safety

- * The NAS report on single food agency is due out sometime around August 17th, the agencies are supposed to get to review it a couple days before it is released.
- * We all have heard rumors about what is in the report. The report will obviously focus on structural shortcomings, it may or may not be seen as particularly critical by the media.
- * We want to take advantage of the ideas in the report and the chance to keep looking at the way things are organized in the food safety area.
- * One idea is for the President, before the report is released, to designate a group chaired by the Secretaries of USDA and HHS and with DPC, NPR and OSTP, to be designated to review the NAS report and report back and what steps we should take next. Perhaps he could do it in the radio address next week.
- * We would also ask the group to formalize the current process and present a unified food safety budget based upon a unified food safety plan. If the group recommends another process in the future, we could move on from there.
- * We've drafted something in the form of an executive order, it would be something weighty, but we wanted to get your reactions to this.
- * I know you have done a lot of other work, I don't think this precludes the idea of something on eggs, I think it would compliment it.
- * I also know you've put together a vision statement for the federal register on a seamless food agency and to hold public hearings, the process we're suggesting is similar -- we want the public hearings, we just want to take this next step now.

Q and A

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Q. Won't you be preempting NAS?

A. No, this is setting up a process for reviewing NAS and taking an incremental step on the budget that makes sense.

Q. Don't we already do a unified budget?

A. Yes, this does institutionalize that. Tom notes that this year there was some discussion whether to even do one. We want to make sure it happens.

Q. We don't know what the NAS report will say, do we want to get out there prematurely?

A. Well, this sets the stage to review NAS without being defensive. Everything we've heard is NAS will go further than what we propose, that it will recommend four options; including a food czar, putting one agency in charge, designating a lead agency, or creating an EPA like new agency. Maybe none of those options will make sense, in that case, suggesting this interim step at a later time may make even less sense -- we will look like we are doing too little too late.

Q. Will this unified budget cover everything that possible touches food safety or just issues in the initiative?

A. **(I would throw this open to discussion, the agencies have strong feelings about scope, and can perhaps hammer out the details of what should or should not be included.)**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON FOOD SAFETY

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to strengthen efforts to improve food safety for American consumers by establishing a President's Council on Food Safety, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of President's Council on Food Safety.

(a) There is established the President's Council on Food Safety (Council). The Council shall comprise the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, the Senior Policy Advisor for the Vice President, and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The Council shall consult with the Office of Management and Budget, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Defense, the Commerce Department, and such other senior executive branch officials as the Council determines.

(b) The Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Council. In consultation with other Council members, the Secretaries shall jointly designate an Executive Director for the Council. Council members may designate senior executive branch officials as their representatives.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the Council shall be to review the National Academy of Sciences report, "Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption", and other reports on the effectiveness of the current food safety system, to review and improve ongoing efforts to develop and implement a science-based comprehensive strategy to improve the safety of the food supply, and work towards enhanced coordination among Federal agencies and with State, local governments and the private sector. The Council shall build upon the President's Interagency Food Safety Initiative and shall consult extensively with all concerned parties, including consumers, producers, industry, academia, and State and local governments.

Section 3. Specific Activities and Functions.

(a) The Council shall annually develop a unified food safety budget to eliminate duplication and ensure the most effective use of resources. This unified food safety budget shall include food safety surveillance, inspection, risk assessment, education, and research.

(b) The Council shall work to develop a science-based, unified plan for improving food safety from the farm to the table. The fundamental goal of the plan should be the establishment of a seamless food safety system, including the steps necessary to achieve this goal, and should consider key public-health, resource, and management questions facing Federal food safety

agencies. The plan should consider both interim and long term food safety issues, including new and emergent threats and the needs of vulnerable populations. The plan should include education, inspection, research, surveillance, and should also ensure effective coordination of Federal, State, local, and private resources to improve food safety, including public-private partnerships, where appropriate

(c) The Council shall oversee the operation of the Joint Institute on Food Safety Research, and shall ensure that the Institute focuses on addressing the high priority research needs identified in the unified food safety plan. The Council shall also ensure that the Institute issues a report annually and holds regular public conferences and meetings regarding food safety research developments and findings, including research conducted by the private sector and academia.

(d) The Council shall review the National Academy of Sciences report, "Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption", and other reports on the effectiveness of the current food safety system. After providing opportunity for public comment, including public meetings, the Council shall report to the President with recommendations for appropriate additional actions to improve food safety. Any such recommendations should be in the context of the strategic planning effort of the President's Interagency Food Safety Initiatives.

Section 4. Cooperation.

All actions taken by the Council shall, as appropriate, further partnerships and cooperation with other public and private sector efforts wherever such partnerships and cooperation are possible and would further improve the safety of the food supply.

Section 5. Judicial Review.

This order does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

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

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SUBJECT: latest draft of press release and Q&A

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TEXT:

This is for the leak to USA Today. These are still drafts-- I'm still waiting just for a few minor comments from OMB to send you the final to review. I will try to get you that by the middle of the afternoon.=====
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**THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES INITIATIVES FOR
NATIVE AMERICANS RELATED TO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION**

August 6, 1998

Today, the President will attend a conference, sponsored by the White House and fifteen federal agencies, entitled "Building Economic Self-Determination in Indian Communities," and will announce several initiatives aimed at improving economic self-sufficiency, increasing educational opportunities, and providing health care to Native Americans. The initiatives focus on: improving student achievement in reading and math for grades K-12; assessing the technology infrastructure needs of Indian country; coordinating existing federal economic development programs for Native Americans; creating a one-stop mortgage center in Indian country to streamline the mortgage process; creating technology-based jobs in Indian country; and adjusting the state funding from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to accurately reflect states' populations of Native American children. In addition, the President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary.

Creating Educational Opportunities for Native American Students

Native American Education Executive Order. The President signed an executive order at the conference which is designed to improve the academic performance of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. The order focuses special attention on the following five goals: (1) improving student achievement in reading and mathematics; (2) increasing high school completion and post-secondary attendance rates; (3) reducing the influence of long-standing factors that impede educational performance, such as poverty and substance abuse; (4) creating strong, safe, and drug-free school environments conducive to learning; and (5) expanding the use of science and educational technology. This order is structured to address Indian educational needs through participation at the federal, regional, and local levels. At the federal level, the order establishes an Interagency Task Force which will plan initiatives, develop an education resource guide, and assist in implementing a comprehensive research agenda on Indian education. At the regional level, the order mandates a series of regional forums to be convened to identify promising practices. Finally, at the local level, this executive order sets up pilot sites which will receive comprehensive technical assistance in support of the goals of the order.

Expanding Economic Development in Indian Country

Executive Directive for Economic Development in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities. The President announced the following directive which has the following three components:

- **Technology Infrastructure Study.** The President directed the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the technology infrastructure needs within Indian country, including distance learning facilities,

telecommunications capabilities, and manufacturing facilities.

- **Strategic Plan to Coordinate Economic Development.** The President also directed the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration to develop, within 90 days, a strategic plan that will coordinate existing economic development initiatives across agencies for Native American and Alaska Native communities. The plan will build upon current efforts in the agencies and detail future efforts on matters such as providing technical assistance, enhancing infrastructure, and developing software.
- **One-Stop Mortgage Center.** The President also directed the Departments of Treasury and Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with local tribal governments and in cooperation with other federal agencies, to initiate a project to help streamline the mortgage lending process in Indian country in order to improve access to mortgage loans on Indian reservations. The agencies will initiate this effort through a year-long pilot program on the Navajo Nation and in at least one other location.

Providing \$70 Million to Create Technology-Based Jobs in Indian Country. The President announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its Bringing Rural America Venture Opportunities (BRAVO) initiative, will direct \$70 million of its contracting dollars through Fiscal Year 2000 to assist seven American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in establishing small start-up technology companies in order to obtain government contracts.

Improving Health Care for Native Americans

Legislation to Elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. The President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. Elevating the IHS Director to the position of Assistant Secretary will strengthen the government-to-government relationship; facilitate communication and consultation with the Tribes on matters of Indian health; and raise awareness of Indian health concerns throughout HHS and the entire federal government.

Correct state CHIP allotments for undercount of Native American children. The President announced a change in the state-by-state allocation of the \$24 billion in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to appropriately count Native American children. States receive a share of CHIP funds based on their proportion of uninsured children below 200 percent of poverty. When the Census Bureau produced these counts last September, it did not include Native American children with access to the Indian Health Service as "uninsured." Thus, even though such children are eligible for CHIP coverage, the states with a large number of Native American children did not receive a larger share of funds. The President announced that both the Census Bureau and Administration recognize that this was inequitable and thus will revise the allotments. These revised allotments will be published in October with the preliminary 1999 allotments.

Highlight actions taken for outreach to Native American children. As part of a Federal

Interagency Task Force, both the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and HHS's Indian Health Service proposed a number of actions to increase enrollment of uninsured Native American and Alaska Native children. These include developing and distributing culturally relevant referral information (e.g., brochure, poster, supplementary packets of information) to Native American families through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, especially focusing on tribal schools, colleges and social services agencies.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
NATIVE AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
August 6, 1998

Q: What did the President announce at the Native American economic development conference?

A: The President announced several initiatives aimed at improving economic self-sufficiency, increasing educational opportunities, and providing health care to Native Americans. The President issued a directive which: (1) called for the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the infrastructure technology needs in Indian country; (2) required the Departments of Commerce and Interior and the Small Business Administration to develop, within 90 days, a strategic plan to coordinate existing federal economic development programs for Native Americans; and (3) called for the Department of Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with local tribal governments and in cooperation with other federal agencies, to create a one-stop mortgage center in Indian country to streamline the mortgage process. The President also announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide \$70 million to create technology-based jobs in Indian country.

Because the building blocks of economic opportunity lie in obtaining a good education, the President signed an executive order at the conference which seeks to improve achievement in reading and math for American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. In order to improve the provision of health care to Native Americans, the President announced that the state funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) would be adjusted to accurately reflect states' populations of Native American children. Finally, the President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary.

Native American Education Executive Order

Q: What is the Native American education executive order?

A: This executive order is designed to improve the academic performance of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. The order focuses special attention on the following five goals: (1) improving student achievement in reading and mathematics; (2) increasing high school completion and post-secondary attendance rates; (3) reducing the influence of long-standing factors that impede educational performance, such as poverty and substance abuse; (4) creating strong, safe, and drug-free school environments conducive to learning; and (5) expanding the use of science and educational technology. This order is structured to address Indian educational needs through participation at the federal, state, and local levels.

At the federal level, the order establishes an Interagency Task Force which will plan initiatives, develop an education resource guide, and assist in implementing a comprehensive research agenda on Indian education. At the regional level, the order mandates a series of regional forums to be convened to identify promising practices. Finally, at the local level, this executive order sets up pilot sites which will receive comprehensive technical assistance in support of the goals of the order.

Economic Development Initiatives

Q: What did the President direct several federal agencies to do with respect to economic development in American Indian and Alaska Native communities?

A: The President announced a directive with the following three components:

- Technology Infrastructure Study. The President directed the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the technology infrastructure needs within Indian country, including distance learning facilities, telecommunications capabilities, and manufacturing facilities.
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Q: What did the President announce with respect to creating technology-based jobs in Indian country?

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Indian and Alaska Native tribes in establishing small start-up technology companies. Through the 8(a) program, USDA, large technology companies doing business with USDA, and the Tribal Colleges and other land-grant educational institutions will work with these newly-established companies to assist them in obtaining government contracts.

Q: What is the status of technology infrastructure in Indian country?

A: A recent report, prepared by the Department of Commerce, shows that although many more Americans now own computers, minorities and low-income households are still far less likely to have personal computers or access to the Internet than white or more affluent households. Even more alarming, this study reveals that this “digital divide” between households of different races and income levels is growing. The report concluded that significant segments of the population, particularly in rural areas, remain unconnected by telephone or computer. Because reservations are often in remote areas and the income levels are low, this report supports the conclusion that more must be done to build a technology infrastructure in Indian country.

Q: What difficulties does a resident of an Indian reservation face in obtaining a mortgage?

A: There are unique issues facing prospective home buyers in Indian country such as trust land status (where the United States holds the land in trust for a tribe or an individual), tribal sovereignty issues, and limited availability of services such as appraisals and title insurance. Because of these issues, obtaining a mortgage in Indian country is often much more time consuming and complicated than comparable transactions off the reservation.

Q: How long does the mortgage lending process in Indian country take?

A: The length of time to obtain a mortgage varies by Indian reservation and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) area office. In most parts of Indian country, the process can take anywhere from several months to several years. Unfortunately, these delays sometimes result in problems for lenders who cannot hold open an extension of credit over such a long time period without closing the loan.

Q: When will the mortgage pilot programs be operational?

A: Treasury and HUD have already identified a local partner for the first pilot on the Navajo Nation called the Navajo Partnership for Housing (NPH). This organization currently provides home buyer education services, which include hosting home buyer orientation and home ownership counseling programs. Despite its success at preparing residents of the reservation for home ownership, NPH has not reached its projected number of mortgage closings because of the systemic problems in the residential mortgage approval process. This pilot will

demonstrate, over the course of the year, ways to streamline and consolidate the process to shorten significantly the approval time.

Over the year of the pilot, as the federal and tribal governments streamline and consolidate their processes, the length of the mortgage process should shorten significantly.

Health Care Initiatives for Native Americans

Q: What did the President say with respect to the Director of the Indian Health Service at HHS?

A: The President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. Elevating the IHS Director to the position of Assistant Secretary will strengthen the government-to-government relationship; facilitate communication and consultation with the Tribes on matters of Indian health; and raise awareness of Indian health concerns throughout HHS and the entire federal government.

Q: What did the President announce with respect to the CHIP program?

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Q: What are the new state allotments with this adjustment?

A: Because states' CHIP allotments will change with the annual Census update in the

number of uninsured children in October, we will publish both the correction to include Native American children and the new uninsured children counts at that time. We believe that this change will result in an increase in funding to states with a large number of Native American children of about \$15 million.

Background on the Conference and American Indians and Alaska Natives

Q: What is the Native American economic development conference?

A: This conference is sponsored by the White House (Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Domestic Policy Council), the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and the Comptroller of the Currency and the Small Business Administration. Secretary Babbitt, Secretary Daley, Secretary Glickman, Secretary Herman, Attorney General Reno, and Administrator Alvarez were speakers at the conference.

The conference had approximately 800 participants including tribal leaders and members, businesses, and federal agency personnel. This conference was attended by over 100 tribes from over 20 states and by over 150 businesses, both Native-owned and non-Native-owned. This conference covered topics such as commerce in Indian country; building infrastructure and positive climate for business; tribal self-government and economic self-determination; agriculture and economic development; rural business; community development in Indian country; electronic commerce; welfare to work initiatives; and tourism.

Q: What are some demographics on American Indians and Alaska Natives?

A: Indian America is made up of more than 550 tribes, with a total population of approximately 2.4 million. About twenty percent of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population resides on 314 reservations, Indian lands, and in Alaska Villages that make up Indian country.

Q: What are the economic conditions in Indian country?

A: While economic conditions in Indian country have improved in recent years, American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to lag behind the rest of the United States with respect to social, economic, and educational attainment levels. Income levels of American Indians and Alaska Natives are substantially below those of all other Americans, and about 34 percent continue to live below the poverty level. In comparison, the national poverty level is about 14 percent. Complicating factors such as geographical isolation, under-developed infrastructures, and demographics, add to the challenges confronting tribes as they

work toward a better standard of living and quality of life for tribal peoples.

Q: What are the educational attainment levels for Native Americans?

A: In 1990, approximately 66 percent of Native Americans 25 years or older were high school graduates compared with approximately 75 percent of the total population. About 9 percent of Native Americans completed a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 20 percent of the total population.

Q: Is this conference part of the Race Initiative?

A: This conference addresses many of the same issues that have been addressed by the Race Initiative. However, this conference also addresses issues unique to American Indian and Alaska Native communities such as tribal self-government and economic self-determination. Members of the President's Initiative on Race are actively participating in this conference.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
BUILDING ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION IN INDIAN COMMUNITIES
WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUGUST 6, 1998**

Acknowledgments: Lynn Cutler, the 15 federal agencies co-sponsoring this event with the White House.

In a little more than 500 days, America will celebrate the arrival of a new millennium. I have called upon all Americans to do their part to strengthen our nation for the 21st Century. I believe our Native American communities -- whose ancient cultures have shaped the history of our still very young nation -- have important roles to play in the America of the next millennium.

For most Americans, our understanding of Native Americans is frozen in time -- in sepia-toned photographs of legendary chieftains; in the ancient names of rivers, lakes and mountain ranges; in the chapters of old history books. But as we have seen at this conference, the two million members of our Tribal Nations -- from energetic young entrepreneurs such as Dominic, to innovative leaders like the ones sitting behind me -- are a vital part of America today and have the potential to become an even more vital part of America's future.

We are living in a time of great hope and possibility. Our economy is the strongest in a generation. We will soon have the first balanced budget and surplus in thirty years. Our social problems are finally bending to our efforts -- crime and welfare are the lowest in a generation. We are taking great steps toward the America I envisioned when I first ran for president six years ago -- an America that provides opportunity for all, that demands responsibility from all, that lives as a community of all. It is a time of unprecedented prosperity for some of our tribal nations as well. Gaming and a variety of innovative enterprises have enabled tribes to free their people from lives of poverty and dependence. The new wealth is sparking a cultural renaissance across Indian Country as tribes build new community centers and museums, language schools and elder care centers.

But we also know that on far too many reservations across America, such glowing news means very little. While some tribes have found new success in our new economy, too many more remain caught in a cycle of poverty, unemployment and disease. The statistics have become all-too-familiar: More than a third of all Native Americans live in poverty. While unemployment is at a 28-year low all across America, on some reservations, 80 percent of all adults still do not have regular work. Diabetes in Indian Country has reached epidemic proportions, other preventable diseases, and alcoholism continue to diminish the quality of life for hundreds of thousands.

In this time of great prosperity, these statistics are unacceptable. That is why we are here today -- to find new ways to empower our people -- especially our children -- with the tools and the opportunity to build brighter futures for themselves and their families. The federal government alone cannot solve the problems of Indian Country. Nor can the tribal governments

or individuals be left to fend for themselves. Instead, all of us must take responsibility -- and work together.

As president, I have worked hard to honor tribal sovereignty and strengthen our government-to-government relationships. Long ago, your ancestors gave up land, water and mineral rights in exchange for peace, security, health care and education from the federal government. It is a pact that is as solemn and unforsakeable as our Constitution. And while the United States government did not live up to its side of the bargain in the past, we can and must honor it today and into the next millennium.

Four years ago, when I became the first president since James Monroe to invite the leaders of every tribe to the White House, I issued a memorandum directing all federal agencies to consult with the Indian Tribes before making decisions on matters that affect their people. This spring, I strengthened this directive so that the decisions made by the federal government regarding Indian country are always made in cooperation with the tribes. And in the last six months, Jackie Johnson has joined the staff at HUD, Carrie Billy at Education, and Rhonda Whiting at the Small Business Administration to help coordinate and promote Native American initiatives at these agencies. Finally, Raynell Morris will join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to help Mickey Ibarra and Lynn Cutler with Native American initiatives and outreach. I welcome all of them to my administration.

Today, I'd like to talk about three tools of opportunity that every American must have to thrive in the 21st Century -- and how we can work together to bring these tools to every person in every corner of Indian Country -- from Pine Ridge, South Dakota to Window Rock, New Mexico to Pembroke, North Carolina.

The first and most important tool of opportunity is education. Throughout our history, education has been the key to a better life for generations of Americans. This will be even more true in a global economy that will reward only those children with the skills to take advantage of the growing number of high-paying, high-tech jobs. Today, fewer than two-thirds of Native Americans over the age of 25 hold high school degrees; fewer than 9 percent go on to college. If this trend continues, then the future for Native American children will become even bleaker; the opportunity gap between them and their peers will widen into a dangerous chasm in the Information Age. That is why later today, I will sign an executive order directing my administration to work together with local officials to improve Native American achievement in reading and math; raise high school and post-secondary graduation rates; reduce the influence of poverty and substance abuse on student performance; create safe, drug-free schools; and expand the use of science and technology.

The second tool is high-quality health care. Native American communities will never reach their full potential if their people continue to be hobbled by disease -- diseases that are often preventable and easily treatable. Last summer, I signed legislation that strengthens research, prevention and treatment of diabetes in our Native American communities. Earlier this year, I launched an initiative to eliminate health disparities in infant mortality, immunizations, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer screening and management, and HIV/AIDS between racial and ethnic minority groups by the year 2010. Today, I am proud to announce an adjustment in our new Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure that eligible Native American children can get the health coverage and care they need.

And I am proud to announce my support for Secretary Shalala's proposal to promote of the Director of the Indian Health Service, Dr. Ernest Trujillo, to the rank of Assistant Secretary. By elevating the head of the Indian Health Service, we can ensure that the health needs of our Native Americans get the full consideration they deserve when it comes to setting the health policy of this country.

The third tool is economic opportunity in the form of jobs, credit, and small businesses. Too few grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, banks are doing business on reservations. As a result, 85 cents of every dollar earned by Native Americans -- money that could be used to build tribal economies and create jobs -- is spent off-reservation. I have issued a new directive to boost economic development on our reservations. The directive will do three things: First, no tribe will be able to attract new businesses if it doesn't have the phone, fax, Internet and other technology capabilities essential to commerce in the 21st Century. So I am asking the Department of Commerce to work with Interior and the tribal governments to study and develop a plan to meet the technology infrastructure needs of Indian Country. Second, I am calling on several agencies to coordinate and strengthen all of our existing Native American economic development initiatives. Third, I am directing the Departments Treasury and HUD to create one-stop mortgage shopping centers on reservations that will help more Native Americans obtain loans more easily. A pilot program will soon go up in the Navajo Nation.

Finally, I am proud to announce a plan by the USDA to help seven tribes get a foothold in our high-tech economy. The department will help these tribes establish small technology companies to provide the software development and other technological services that are in high demand across America.

I believe the next millennium can be a time of great progress and prosperity for our Native American communities. Today's American Indian population is still very young. In the last Census, thirty-nine percent of all Native Americans were under the age of 20. It is a statistic that should bring us great hope -- even as it poses our greatest challenge. We have a new, large generation of young people, who, if given the tools, the encouragement and the opportunity, can work together to lead their people out of the stifling poverty and despair of the past. Let us all work to bring these newest descendents of our oldest Americans a new millennium where all America's tribes will have vanquished poverty and disease, boosted education and reinvigorated the culture of their people.

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I spoke with Counselor Sosnik, Chief of Staff for next week's trip, and he thinks that it would be an excellent idea for you to travel as the DPC rep on the trip. You should e-mail your request to be placed on the manifest to Chris Wayne in the Advance Office.

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I agree we need to reach out to HHS officials. Bill Hubbard says if Mary Beth Donohue calls Friedman he'll tell her it is a good idea. If you have a good relationship with her (or Thurm) maybe you should call, otherwise I will. My list of other trouble spots: getting Glickman himself to agree; reaching out to groups and getting them on board; fixing the language of the EO.

Eric wanted to take another run at Glickman putting this as a pro-NAS event (Glickman's first reaction when he heard this was to wait for the NAS).

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TEXT:

The President has a full day tomorrow and is down on the early side tonight. May we have his briefing memos for tomorrow's events by 6:00 p.m., please? Thanks.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1998 16:35:01.00

SUBJECT: LA Message Event

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

Gray Davis did not want to endorse the Reiner/tobacco initiative in Los Angeles. The President will make a clean water announcement instead. (Bruce, they took your suggestion and moved the Radio Address announcement. Thanks.)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Julia M. Payne (CN=Julia M. Payne/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1998 18:18:12.00

SUBJECT: gannett reporter for story

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

TEXT:

sorry this is getting to you late but JIM SPRECHT, GANNET NEWS SERVICE, at 703-276-5264, is awaiting elena's call on tomorrow's conference. he handles a number of western states and native american issues for the news service. call me with any questions. thanks!

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1998 20:12:22.00

SUBJECT: INS reform

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

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

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TEXT:

FYI. According to Alan Erenbaum from INS, Hyde became convinced that the INS reform bill would be too controversial to mark-up, so it did not happen.

julie

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1998 16:28:33.00

SUBJECT: Today's food safety mtg

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You may have already taken care of this, but I am concerned that Sec'y Shalala didn't have a representative at today's food safety mtg. As you know, Shalala has held the strongest views about the food safety organizational chart. Although FDA was at the meeting, HHS and FDA have not always been in synch on how food safety should be organized. I don't think FDA would take a different position than HHS, but I do think FDA is probably not as sensitive to Shalala's concerns -- particularly the Hill politics. Someone was probably invited. But you may want to call her office so that they don't hear about today's discussions second hand.

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SUBJECT: Spoke to Melissa S. about CASA grants

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

Bruce, you sent us a note saying that they looked iffy as an announcement for us, and I agree. Melissa would like to go ahead and have the Secretary put out the grants. She would also like to get the Secretary and Olivia Golden in a room with reporters who are likely to write anniversary stories on August 22nd (DeParle, Havemann) and walk them through the report to Congress and maybe release the CASA grants at the same time. I think such a background briefing on the report could be helpful. What do you think?

We obviously may want to do new caseload numbers as an Aug. 22nd radio address -- if we don't do that, we could do a leak. I assume we would not want the Shalala to release them to DeParle and Havemann?

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SUBJECT: Weekly Strategy Meeting

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

We will be having the weekly Education Strategy Meeting tomorrow, August 6, at 5:15 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office, 2 Fl/WW.

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

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**THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES INITIATIVES FOR
NATIVE AMERICANS RELATED TO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION
August 6, 1998**

Today, the President will attend a conference, sponsored by the White House and fifteen federal agencies, entitled "Building Economic Self-Determination in Indian Communities," and will announce several initiatives aimed at improving economic self-sufficiency, increasing educational opportunities, and providing health care to Native Americans. The initiatives focus on: improving student achievement in reading and math for grades K-12; assessing the technology infrastructure needs of Indian country; coordinating existing federal economic development programs for Native Americans; creating a one-stop mortgage center in Indian country to streamline the mortgage process; creating technology-based jobs in Indian country; and adjusting the state funding from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to accurately reflect states' populations of Native American children. In addition, the President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary.

Creating Educational Opportunities for Native American Students

Native American Education Executive Order. The President signed an executive order at the conference which is designed to improve the academic performance of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. The order focuses special attention on the following five goals: (1) improving student achievement in reading and mathematics; (2) increasing high school completion and post-secondary attendance rates; (3) reducing the influence of long-standing factors that impede educational performance, such as poverty and substance abuse; (4) creating strong, safe, and drug-free school environments conducive to learning; and (5) expanding the use of science and educational technology. This order is structured to address Indian educational needs through participation at the federal, regional, and local levels. At the federal level, the order establishes an Interagency Task Force which will plan initiatives, develop an education resource guide, and assist in implementing a comprehensive research agenda on Indian education. At the regional level, the order mandates a series of regional forums to be convened to identify promising practices. Finally, at the local level, this executive order sets up pilot sites which will receive comprehensive technical assistance in support of the goals of the order.

Expanding Economic Development in Indian Country

Executive Directive for Economic Development in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities. The President announced the following directive which has the following three components:

- **Technology Infrastructure Study.** The President directed the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the technology infrastructure needs within Indian country, including distance learning facilities,

telecommunications capabilities, and manufacturing facilities.

- **Strategic Plan to Coordinate Economic Development.** The President also directed the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration to develop, within 90 days, a strategic plan that will coordinate existing economic development initiatives across agencies for Native American and Alaska Native communities. The plan will build upon current efforts in the agencies and detail future efforts on matters such as providing technical assistance, enhancing infrastructure, and developing software.
- **One-Stop Mortgage Center.** The President also directed the Departments of Treasury and Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with local tribal governments and in cooperation with other federal agencies, to initiate a project to help streamline the mortgage lending process in Indian country in order to improve access to mortgage loans on Indian reservations. The agencies will initiate this effort through a year-long pilot program on the Navajo Nation and in at least one other location.

Providing \$70 Million to Create Technology-Based Jobs in Indian Country. The President announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its Bringing Rural America Venture Opportunities (BRAVO) initiative, will direct \$70 million of its contracting dollars through Fiscal Year 2000 to assist seven American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in establishing small start-up technology companies in order to obtain government contracts.

Improving Health Care for Native Americans

Legislation to Elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. The President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. Elevating the IHS Director to the position of Assistant Secretary will strengthen the government-to-government relationship; facilitate communication and consultation with the Tribes on matters of Indian health; and raise awareness of Indian health concerns throughout HHS and the entire federal government.

Correct state CHIP allotments for undercount of Native American children. The President announced a change in the state-by-state allocation of the \$24 billion in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to appropriately count Native American children. States receive a share of CHIP funds based on their proportion of uninsured children below 200 percent of poverty. When the Census Bureau produced these counts last September, it did not include Native American children with access to the Indian Health Service as "uninsured." Thus, even though such children are eligible for CHIP coverage, the states with a large number of Native American children did not receive a larger share of funds. The President announced that both the Census Bureau and Administration recognize that this was inequitable and thus will revise the allotments. These revised allotments will be published in October with the preliminary 1999 allotments. This effort will build upon **both the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and HHS's Indian Health Service proposed actions to increase enrollment of uninsured Native American and Alaska Native children including developing and**

distributing culturally relevant referral information.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
NATIVE AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
August 6, 1998**

Q: What did the President announce at the Native American economic development conference?

A: The President announced several initiatives aimed at improving economic self-sufficiency, increasing educational opportunities, and providing health care to Native Americans. The President issued a directive which: (1) called for the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the infrastructure technology needs in Indian country; (2) required the Departments of the Interior and Commerce and the Small Business Administration to develop, within 90 days, a strategic plan, in consultation with all interested parties, including tribal governments, to coordinate existing federal economic development programs for Native Americans; and (3) called for the Department of Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with local tribal governments and in cooperation with other federal agencies, to create a one-stop mortgage center in Indian country to streamline the mortgage process. The President also announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide \$70 million to create technology-based jobs in Indian country.

Because the building blocks of economic opportunity lie in obtaining a good education, the President signed an executive order at the conference which seeks to improve achievement in reading and math for American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. In order to improve the provision of health care to Native Americans, the President announced that the state funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) would be adjusted to accurately reflect states' populations of Native American children. Finally, the President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary.

Native American Education Executive Order

Q: What is the Native American education executive order?

A: This executive order is designed to improve the academic performance of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades K-12. The order focuses special attention on the following five goals: (1) improving student achievement in reading and mathematics; (2) increasing high school completion and post-secondary attendance rates; (3) reducing the influence of long-standing factors that impede educational performance, such as poverty and substance abuse; (4) creating strong, safe, and drug-free school environments conducive to learning; and (5) expanding the use of science and educational technology. This order is structured to address

Indian educational needs through participation at the federal, state, and local levels.

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Economic Development Initiatives

Q: What did the President direct several federal agencies to do with respect to economic development in American Indian and Alaska Native communities?

A: The President announced a directive with the following three components:

- **Technology Infrastructure Study.** The President directed the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and tribal governments, to issue a report within 9 months on the technology infrastructure needs within Indian country, including distance learning facilities, telecommunications capabilities, and manufacturing facilities.
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Q: What did the President announce with respect to creating technology-based jobs in Indian country?

A: The President announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its Bringing Rural America Venture Opportunities (BRAVO) initiative, will direct \$70 million of its contracting dollars through Fiscal Year 2000 to assist seven American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in establishing small start-up technology companies. Through the 8(a) program, USDA, large technology companies doing business with USDA, and the Tribal Colleges and other land-grant educational institutions will work with these newly-established companies to assist them in obtaining government contracts.

Q: **What is the status of technology infrastructure in Indian country?**

A: A recent report, prepared by the Department of Commerce, shows that although many more Americans now own computers, minorities and low-income households are still far less likely to have personal computers or access to the Internet than white or more affluent households. Even more alarming, this study reveals that this “digital divide” between households of different races and income levels is growing. The report concluded that significant segments of the population, particularly in rural areas, remain unconnected by telephone or computer. Because reservations are often in remote areas and the income levels are low, this report supports the conclusion that more must be done to build a technology infrastructure in Indian country.

Q: **What difficulties does a resident of an Indian reservation face in obtaining a mortgage?**

A: There are unique issues facing prospective home buyers in Indian country such as trust land status (where the United States holds the land in trust for a tribe or an individual), tribal sovereignty issues, and limited availability of services such as appraisals and title insurance. Because of these issues, obtaining a mortgage in Indian country is often much more time consuming and complicated than a comparable transaction off the reservation.

Q: **How long does the mortgage lending process in Indian country take?**

A: **The length of time to obtain a mortgage varies by Indian reservation and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) area office. In most parts of Indian country, the process can take anywhere from several months to several years. Unfortunately, these delays sometimes result in problems for lenders who cannot hold open an extension of credit over such a long time period without closing the loan.**

Q: **When will the mortgage pilot programs be operational?**

A: **Treasury and HUD have already identified a local partner for the first pilot on the Navajo Nation called the Navajo Partnership for Housing (NPH). This organization currently provides home buyer education services, which include hosting home buyer orientation and home ownership counseling programs. Despite**

its success at preparing residents of the reservation for home ownership, NPH has not reached its projected number of mortgage closings because of the systemic problems in the residential mortgage approval process. This pilot will demonstrate, over the course of the year, ways to streamline and consolidate the process to shorten significantly the approval time.

Over the year of the pilot, as the federal and tribal governments streamline and consolidate their processes, the length of the mortgage process should shorten significantly.

Health Care Initiatives for Native Americans

Q: What did the President say with respect to the Director of the Indian Health Service at HHS?

A: The President called on Congress to pass legislation to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary. Elevating the IHS Director to the position of Assistant Secretary will strengthen the government-to-government relationship; facilitate communication and consultation with the Tribes on matters of Indian health; and raise awareness of Indian health concerns throughout HHS and the entire federal government.

Q: What did the President announce with respect to the CHIP program?

A: The President announced a change in the state-by-state allocation of the \$24 billion in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to appropriately count Native American children. States receive a share of CHIP funds based on their proportion of uninsured children below 200 percent of poverty. When the Census Bureau produced these counts last September, it did not include Native American children with access to the Indian Health Service as "uninsured." Thus, even though such children are eligible for CHIP coverage, the states with a large number of Native American children did not receive a larger share of funds. The President announced that both the Census Bureau and the Administration recognize that this was inequitable and thus will revise the allotments. These revised allotments will be published in October with the preliminary 1999 allotments. This effort builds upon the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and HHS's Indian Health Service proposed actions to increase enrollment of uninsured Native American and Alaska Native children which include developing and distributing culturally relevant referral information (e.g., brochure, poster, supplementary packets of information) to Native American families through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, especially focusing on tribal schools, colleges and social services agencies.

Q: What are the new state allotments with this adjustment?

A: Because states' CHIP allotments will change with the annual Census update in the

number of uninsured children in October, we will publish both the correction to include Native American children and the new uninsured children counts at that time. We believe that this change will result in an increase in funding to states with a large number of Native American children of about \$15 million.

Background on the Conference and American Indians and Alaska Natives

Q: What is the Native American economic development conference?

A: This conference is sponsored by the White House (Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Domestic Policy Council), the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and the Comptroller of the Currency and the Small Business Administration. Secretary Babbitt, Secretary Daley, Secretary Glickman, Secretary Herman, Attorney General Reno, and Administrator Alvarez were speakers at the conference.

The conference had approximately 800 participants including tribal leaders and members, businesses, and federal agency personnel. This conference was attended by over 100 tribes from over 20 states and by over 150 businesses, both Native-owned and non-Native-owned. This conference covered topics such as commerce in Indian country; building infrastructure and positive climate for business; tribal self-government and economic self-determination; agriculture and economic development; rural business; community development in Indian country; electronic commerce; welfare to work initiatives; and tourism.

Q: What are some demographics on American Indians and Alaska Natives?

A: Indian America is made up of more than 550 tribes, with a total population of approximately 2.4 million. Nearly half of the American Indian and Alaska Native population resides on 314 reservations, Indian lands, and in Alaska Villages that make up Indian country.

Q: What are the economic conditions in Indian country?

A: While economic conditions in Indian country have improved in recent years, American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to lag behind the rest of the United States with respect to social, economic, and educational attainment levels. Income levels of American Indians and Alaska Natives are substantially below those of all other Americans, and about 34 percent continue to live below the poverty level. In comparison, the national poverty level is about 14 percent. Complicating factors such as geographical isolation, under-developed infrastructures, and demographics add to the challenges confronting tribes as they

work toward a better standard of living and quality of life for tribal peoples.

Q: What are the educational attainment levels for Native Americans?

A: In 1990, approximately 66 percent of Native Americans 25 years or older were high school graduates compared with approximately 75 percent of the total population. About 9 percent of Native Americans completed a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 20 percent of the total population.

Q: Is this conference part of the Race Initiative?

A: This conference addresses many of the same issues that have been addressed by the Race Initiative. However, this conference also addresses issues unique to American Indian and Alaska Native communities such as tribal self-government and economic self-determination. Members of the President's Initiative on Race are actively participating in this conference.

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President Clinton
A Record of Partnership With American Indians and Alaska Natives

“My administration has worked in partnership with tribal leaders ... to protect American Indian religious freedom, promote tribal self-determination, preserve tribal natural resources and provide economic opportunities for Native Americans. I look forward to continuing this government-to-government relationship in order to build on the progress we have made in Indian Country.”

President Bill Clinton

On April 29, 1994, President Clinton became the first President to invite the leaders of all federally recognized Tribes to the White House. On this historic occasion, the President pledged that his Administration would work with Tribal leaders to establish a true government-to-government partnership. The Clinton Administration has delivered on this commitment by:

Strengthening the Relationship Between the Federal Government and Tribal Nations

- In 1994, executed a Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies directing agencies to consult, to the greatest extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law, with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments.
- On May 14, 1998, issued an executive order that strengthens and makes effective across Administrations the 1994 Government-to-Government memorandum. This executive order serves to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribal governments in the development of regulatory practices on Federal matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities, to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribal governments, and to streamline the application process for and increase the availability of waivers to Indian tribal governments.

Expanding the role of American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout his Administration

- Appointed 59 Native Americans to all levels of his Administration, including 10 to top positions requiring Senate confirmation and 30 to Presidential appointment positions.
- Created the Office of Tribal Justice to promote government-to-government relations with Indian Tribes and ensure aggressive representation of tribal sovereignty in the courts.
- Established the American Indian Environmental Office to work with Tribes to protect water

quality and the environment in Indian Country.

- Created a permanent White House working group composed of all Executive Branch Departments to advance Tribal sovereignty across the administration.

Protecting Religious Freedom

- **Signed an executive order that requires federal agencies to accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners and to avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites.**
- Successfully fought for passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in order to protect the right of free exercise of Tribal religions.
- Directed federal agencies to ensure efficient collection and distribution of available eagle feathers and eagle parts to American Indians and Alaska Natives for traditional religious purposes.

Promoting Tribal Self-Determination

- Supported passage and implementation of the Indian Self-Determination Act and the Tribal Self-Governance Act, which give Tribal governments control of most federal resources spent within Indian Country.
- Successfully fought attempts to penalize tribes for exercising their powers of self-governance and allowing states to tax Tribal governments on new trust lands.

Increasing Educational Opportunities

- **Proposed a 59% increase in funding for construction and facilities improvement and repair for Native American Schools in his FY 1999 budget.**
- **Provided an 11 percent increase (from \$60 million to \$66 million) for the Indian Education Act in his FY 1999 budget. Serving nearly half a million Native American students, the Act's programs include grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Indian tribes and organizations, Indian-controlled schools, and individuals to address special educational and cultural academic needs of Native Americans.**
- **Signed an executive order that aims to ensure that tribal colleges and universities are more fully recognized as accredited institutions, have access to the opportunities afforded other institutions, and have Federal resources committed to them on a continuing basis.**

Providing Economic Development Opportunities in Indian Country

- Established an Office of Native American Programs within the Minority Business Development Association at the Department of Commerce, with eight Native American Business Development Centers and a business consultant, that provides management and technical assistance to Native American businesses.
- Signed the Community Development Banking and Regulatory Improvement Act, which promotes more lending in Indian Country;

Protecting Tribal Natural Resources

- Established for the first time the right of Alaska Natives to fish for subsistence purposes.
- Requested \$875 million (a \$130 million increase) in his FY 1999 budget for EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants. As a part of this program, EPA will continue to build an support tribal capacity to implement, operate, and enforce Federal environmental laws.
- Supported the exercise of Northwest Tribes' treaty fishing rights.

Improving Health and Safety for American Indian and Alaska Native Families

- Supported funding for continued implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act and tribal consensus amendments to protect Indian families and culture.
- Signed into law the Indian Tribal Justice Support Act to improve criminal law enforcement in Indian Country.
- Directed the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Interior to work with tribal leaders and propose improvements for public safety and criminal justice in Indian Country. As a result of this process, the President's FY 1999 budget contains a \$182 million initiative within the Justice and Interior Departments to raise the level of law enforcement in Indian country to national standards.
- Devoted \$54 million in his FY 1999 budget to hiring police officers through the COPS program exclusively in Indian country.

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TEXT:

I think that someone in DPC will have to talk to Leg. Affairs about our briefing papers. Every time we hand one in, they ask me if Lerry, Janet, Peter Jacoby or another Leg. Affairs Special Assistant is manifested for our briefings. This is not my call to make, and by the time they ask me it is normally too late.

I do not know if you all want to include them each time there are members present or to explain to them that the briefing is to brief the President on policy rather than which members are present. But someone higher than myself should talk to Larry or Janet directly so I don't have to discuss with Jessica every time. Just an FYI- b/c Larry or Janet might raise with one of you all first.

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TEXT:

After you walked out, I pitched the idea that we suggest that if the farmers vote out the program we propose a windfall profits tax on the companies so that the money companies make because of the reduced price of tobacco would go back to tobacco farmers and their communities. Dallas liked the idea, and I think EBB did... Dallas thinks its pretty like the farmers will, in the next year, vote out the program if things continue this way.

What do you think?