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SUBJECT: Q&A with your changes

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STUDY
August 20, 1998**

Q: What Does the NAS report say?

A: The National Academy of Sciences report, "Ensuring Safe Food From Production to Consumption," makes three basic conclusions: (1) an effective and efficient food safety system must be based on science; (2) the current statutes governing food safety should be revised in order to achieve a food safety system based on science; and (3) Congress should enact legislation to establish a unified and central framework for managing federal food safety programs, which should be headed by a single official with responsibility for all federal food safety activities.

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legislation to give a single official responsibility for all food safety activities.

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Food Safety Budget

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A: The FY 1999 Budget included a \$101 million increase over the FY 1998 level for the Administration's inter-agency food safety initiative. Of this total amount, \$25 million would finance FDA's improved capability to ensure the safety of imported foods. Another \$24 million of the Initiative would go towards: developing rapid tests for the

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Q: Is all of the \$101 million that the President asked for necessary for food safety?

A: Without additional funding for the Food Safety Initiative, the federal food safety agencies will not be able fully to develop appropriate response, prevention, and control strategies for reducing the level of food-borne illness in the United States.

In addition to the funding requested to strengthen FDA's import inspection and expand USDA's and FDA's research and education activities, funding is requested to continue to improve FDA's food safety infrastructure, as started in the FY 1998 Food Safety Initiative. Also, significant resources are targeted to strengthening both USDA's and FDA's risk assessment capabilities. Risk assessment is important in helping to identify foods and processes that are most likely to lead to foodborne illness. Finally, funding is requested to expand the USDA's and HHS's ability to identify and track food-borne illnesses.

Legislative Proposals

Q: What is the Administration's FDA import legislation?

A: This legislation, introduced by Senators Milkulski and Kennedy and Reps. Eshoo and Pallone, gives the FDA greater authority over imported foods. This legislation will ensure that the FDA halts imports of fruits, vegetables, and other food products that do

not meet U.S. food safety requirements or that come from countries that do not provide the same level of protection as is required for U.S. products. The legislation also enables the FDA to halt imports from a country or facility that refuses to allow FDA inspections. This legislation gives FDA authority that is similar to USDA's existing authority to prevent the importation of unsafe meat and poultry.

Q: What is the Administration's USDA mandatory recall/civil penalties legislation?

A: The Administration urges passage of the Food Safety Enforcement Enhancement Act, sponsored by Senators Harkin, Daschle, Johnson, and Leahy, which gives USDA the ability to assess civil fines and to order mandatory recalls of unsafe meat and poultry products. Currently, the USDA can respond to food safety violations only by bringing criminal actions or withdrawing inspections; all recalls are done on a voluntary basis and no civil penalties are available. This new legislation will give USDA additional enforcement tools to prevent consumers from ingesting and becoming ill from dangerous meat and poultry.

Q: Aren't these legislative proposals essentially dead? Has Congress moved on them at all?

A: These proposals are not dead. The Administration is working with members to try to get these vital pieces of legislation passed and expects the Congressional sponsors of these measures to raise the bills on the House and Senate floors. We hope that the NAS report provides an additional spur to Congressional action.

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Tracey:

Here's some immediate and informal feedback on the package you just sent over. I would caution you, however, that developing a settled Administration position on these bills will require further discussion by other key folks. For instance, I think the Dem's ten title crime bill is entirely new to Rahm, Bruce, Elena and myself -- not to mention DOJ and Treasury. Nonetheless, here are my thoughts:

1. Senate Democratic Crime Package. In general, most of this bill seems to track much of what we've been pushing already, and nothing seems to stick out as unacceptable. However, without the language, it's hard to say that there are no dealbreakers whatsoever in this bill. Some issues that will require further scrutiny:

(1) Budget. The bill extends the COPS programs for 2 years and creates other new grant programs that don't currently exist in our budget. OMB will no doubt want to review.

(2) Juvenile Prosecution Grants. The Senate bill includes grants to states for enhanced juvenile prosecution efforts, we believe pretty strongly that -- as w/our COPS program -- these grants not to be direct. So, too, do the DA's Association, whose support will need.

(3) Federal Prosecution of Certain Juveniles. DOJ is sure to be concerned about this language, even if it is limited.

(4) Guns. Except for Juvie Brady and new gun penalties, the bill is light on the Administration other gun proposals. Given that this is a Leahy bill, that is not too surprising, but Rahm and others may want to make

sure that we strike a better balance. In the end, guns are a best wedge against a juvie bill by the R's.

2. Lautenberg "One Gun a Month" bill. To date, we have not come out in support of this bill. We've had other gun priorities that we believe are more important (gun tracing, Brady extension, Juvie Brady, CAP legislation, and fighting off various NRA appropriations riders), and have resisted pushing this legislation. You will need to check w/Rahm on this.

3. Cleland Money Laundering Bill. We forwarded this bill to DOJ and Treasury for comment a month or so ago. No word back from them, though I'll try and see where they are. From the WH perspective, I think we'd like to do more on money laundering, but need to check with the enforcement types at Treasury and DOJ that actually bring these cases. They have, in fact, been working with various House members (Leech, Velazquez) on this issue.

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i have sent over by intern 3 items that need your immediate attention.
i'm sure you're already aware of these but i need your feedbackASAP:

Senate Dems crime package: are we supporting?
Lautenberg's bill: can we support?
Cleland's initiative: where are we on it.

pls call me 67557 txs

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Here are drafts of the announcement and Q&A that have been vetted with OMB, USDA, FDA, HHS, and EPA. They're pretty much ready to go if we have to quickly. Thanks, Mary ===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
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THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES COUNCIL ON FOOD SAFETY

August 22, 1998

The President will announce a plan to create a President's Council on Food Safety, which will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for federal food safety activities and ensure that federal agencies annually develop coordinated food safety budgets. This Council builds upon the President's food safety initiative and his recent establishment of the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research (JIFSR) which will develop a coordinated strategy for conducting food safety research activities. The President also announced a directive to the Council, as one of its first orders of business, to review the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, "Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption," and to report back with its response to the report, including appropriate additional actions to improve food safety. Finally, the President announced the first public meeting to discuss the development of the comprehensive strategic plan for federal food safety activities.

President's Council on Food Safety. Today the President will sign an executive order which establishes a President's Council on Food Safety (Council). The Council will have three primary functions, including: (1) developing a comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan; (2) advising agencies of priority areas for investment in food safety and ensuring that federal agencies annually develop coordinated food safety budgets; and (3) ensuring that the JIFSR establishes mechanisms to guide federal research efforts toward the highest priority of food safety needs.

- **Comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan.** The Council will develop a comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan that contains specific recommendations on needed changes including measurable outcome goals. The fundamental goal of the plan will be the establishment of a seamless, science-based food safety system. The plan will address the steps necessary to achieve this goal, including the key public health, resource, and management issues regarding food safety. The planning process will consider both short and long-term issues including new and emerging threats and the special needs of vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly. In developing this plan, the Council will consult with all interested parties, including state and local agencies, tribes, consumers, producers, industry, and academia.
- **Coordinated Federal Food Safety Budgets.** Consistent with the comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan, the Council will advise agencies of priority areas for investment in food safety and ensure that federal agencies annually develop **coordinated food safety budgets for submission to OMB that sustain and strengthen existing capacities, eliminate duplication, and ensure the most effective use of resources for improving food safety.** The Council will also develop a unified budget for submission to OMB for the President's Food Safety Initiative and such other food safety issues as the Council determines appropriate.
- **Guiding Federal Food Safety Research Efforts.** The Council will ensure that the JIFSR, in consultation with the National Science and Technology Council, establishes

mechanisms to guide Federal research efforts toward the highest priority food safety needs. The JIFSR will report, on a regular basis, to the Council on its efforts to develop a strategic plan for conducting food safety research activities consistent with the President's Food Safety Initiative and such other food safety activities as the JIFSR determines appropriate and to coordinate efficiently all federal food safety research, including with the private sector and academia.

Review of NAS Report. Today the President also directed the Council, as one of its first orders of business, to review the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, "Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption." After providing opportunity for public comment, including public meetings, the Council will report back to the President within 180 days with its response to the NAS report. The Council's report will consider appropriate additional actions to improve food safety and will take into account the comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan which the Council will be developing.

Public Meeting to Develop Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Federal Food Safety Activities. The President will announce publication of a notice of the first public meeting to be held on October 2 in Arlington, Virginia, to begin development of a comprehensive strategic plan for federal food safety activities. The meeting will engage consumers, producers, industry, food service providers, retailers, health professionals, State and local governments, Tribes, academia, and the public in the strategic planning process. The meeting will focus on how to structure a strategic planning process that involves all interested parties and best addresses the important food safety challenges of the future.

Clinton Administration Accomplishments In Improving Food Safety

The President's announcement builds on a strong record of food safety initiatives, ensuring that Americans eat the safest possible food. The Administration has put into place improved safety standards for meat, poultry, and seafood products, and has begun the process of developing enhanced standards for fruit and vegetable juices. The Administration also has expanded research, education, and surveillance activities throughout the food safety system.

*July 1998. Created a Joint Institute of Food Safety Research which will develop a strategic plan for conducting food safety research activities and to coordinate efficiently all federal food safety research, including with the private sector and academia.

*February 1998. Administration announces its proposed food safety budget, which requests an approximate \$101 million increase for food safety initiatives.

*May 1997. Administration announces comprehensive new initiative to improve the safety of nation's food supply --"Food Safety from Farm to Table" -- detailing a \$43 million food safety program, including measures to improve surveillance, outbreak response, education, and research.

*January 1997. President announces new Early-Warning System to gather critical scientific data to help stop foodborne disease outbreaks quickly and to improve prevention systems.

*August 1996. President signs Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996. The law requires drinking water systems to protect against dangerous contaminants like Cryptosporidium, and gives people the right to know about contaminants in their tap water.

*August 1996. President signs Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, which streamlines regulation of pesticides by FDA and EPA and puts important new public-health protections in place, especially for children.

*July 1996. President Clinton announces new regulations that modernize the nation's meat and poultry inspection system for the first time in 90 years. New standards help prevent E.coli bacteria contamination in meat.

*December 1995. Administration issues new rules to ensure seafood safety, utilizing HACCP regulatory programs to require food industries to design and implement preventive measures and increase the industries' responsibility for and control of their safety assurance actions.

*1994. CDC embarks on strategic program to detect, prevent, and control emerging infectious disease threats, some of which are food borne, making significant progress toward this goal in each successive year.

*1993. Vice-President's National Performance Review issues report recommending government and industry move toward a system of preventive controls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON FOOD SAFETY RADIO ADDRESS
August 22, 1998

Q: What did the President say in his radio address?

A: In his radio address, the President: (1) announced an executive order creating a President's Council on Food Safety, which will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for federal food safety activities and ensure that federal agencies annually develop coordinated food safety budgets; (2) directed to the Council, as one of its first orders of business, to review the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, "Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption," and to report back with its response to the report, including appropriate additional actions to improve food safety; and (3) announced the first public meeting to discuss the development of the comprehensive strategic plan for federal food safety activities.

President's Council on Food Safety

Q: What will the President's Council on Food Safety do?

A: The Council will have three primary functions, including: (1) developing a comprehensive strategic Federal food safety plan; (2) advising agencies of priority areas for investment in food safety and ensuring that federal agencies annually develop coordinated food safety budgets; and (3) ensuring that the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research (JIFSR), which the President recently created to coordinate all federal food safety research, establishes mechanisms to guide federal research efforts toward the highest priority food safety needs.

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Q: Did the President create this Council because it is recommended by the NAS report? If so, why did he provide three co-chairs rather than a single chair as recommended by the NAS?

A: The President created the Council as the next logical step in his efforts to further coordinate federal food safety efforts and not as a response to the NAS report. The Administration response is for the Council to review the NAS report, including its

recommendation to create a central framework, through legislative action, to manage federal food safety activities.

Q: Who are the members of the Council?

A: The members of the Council are the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, the Director of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy will serve as Joint Chairs of the Council.

NAS Report

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The NAS report also highlights the vital role of Congress in ensuring food safety. The

report makes clear that Congress and the executive branch must work together to improve food safety. In fact, many of the recommendations contained in the NAS report can occur only with Congressional action, including creating a unified and central framework for managing federal food safety programs, which is headed by a single official.

The Administration has taken many steps for improving the safety of the nation's food supply, including proposing legislation. The Administration urges Congress to pass its FDA import legislation, to pass additional legislation to give USDA more effective enforcement authority to mandate recalls of meat and poultry, and to provide full funding for the Administration's Food Safety Initiative.

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Q: Despite the fact that the NAS report recommends that there be a single person in charge of food safety, why did the President establish a Council that has three co-chairs?

A: The President established the Council as part of his overall strategy to better coordinate federal food safety efforts, and he believes that the Council is a logical next step in this coordinated effort. This Council builds upon the President's food safety initiative and his recent establishment of the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research (JIFSR) which will develop a coordinated strategy for conducting food safety research activities. In terms of the specific recommendations contained in the NAS study, the President today announced a process by which the Council will review and respond to the NAS report within 180 days. However, the concept of a Food Safety Council is only an example in the NAS report of a possible organizational structure to create a single federal voice for food safety.

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A: Without additional funding for the Food Safety Initiative, the federal food safety agencies will not be able fully to develop appropriate response, prevention, and control strategies for reducing the level of food-borne illness in the United States.

In addition to the funding requested to strengthen FDA's import inspection and expand USDA's and FDA's research and education activities, funding is requested to continue to improve FDA's food safety infrastructure, as started in the FY 1998 Food Safety Initiative. Also, significant resources are targeted to strengthening both USDA's and FDA's risk assessment capabilities. Risk assessment is important in helping to identify foods and processes that are most likely to lead to food-borne illness. Finally, funding is requested to expand the USDA's and HHS's ability to identify and track food-borne illnesses.

Legislative Proposals

Q: What did the President say in his radio address about the FDA import legislation?

A: The President called on Congress to pass food safety legislation, introduced by Senators Milkulski and Kennedy and Reps. Eshoo and Pallone, that gives the FDA greater authority over imported foods. This legislation will ensure that the FDA halts imports of fruits, vegetables, and other food products that do not meet U.S. food safety requirements or that come from countries that do not provide the same level of protection as is required for U.S. products. The legislation also enables the FDA to halt imports from a country or facility that refuses to allow FDA inspections. This legislation gives FDA authority

that is similar to USDA's existing authority to prevent the importation of unsafe meat and poultry.

Q: What did the President say in his radio address about the USDA mandatory recall/civil penalties legislation?

A: The President called on Congress to pass the Food Safety Enforcement Enhancement Act, sponsored by Senators Harkin, Daschle, Johnson, and Leahy, which gives USDA the ability to assess civil fines and to order mandatory recalls of unsafe meat and poultry products. Currently, the USDA can respond to food safety violations only by bringing criminal actions or withdrawing inspections; all recalls are done on a voluntary basis and no civil penalties are available. This new legislation will give USDA additional enforcement tools to enhance food safety.

Q: Aren't these legislative proposals essentially dead? Has Congress moved on them at all?

A: These proposals are not dead. The Administration is working with members to try to get these vital pieces of legislation passed and expects the Congressional sponsors of these measures to raise the bills on the House and Senate floors. We hope that the NAS report provides an additional spur to Congressional action.

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

Attached is a draft one pager for the Boston COPS/school safety event. I have incorporated Jose's edits. I hear we won't know until later tonight whether the event is going forward -- but better safe than sorry!

Thanks,
Leanne

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Keeping Our Streets and Schools Safe
August 25, 1998

In Boston, today President Clinton will make announcements to support law enforcement and help make our schools safer. He will announce: (1) the release by the Departments of Justice and Education of an Early Warning Guide for teachers and principals to help identify and respond to violence in schools; (2) the availability of \$30 million for states to provide college scholarships to aspiring law enforcement officers in return for a commitment of service; and (3) \$80 million for more than 1,000 communities to hire and retain police officers.

Helping Schools Prevent and Respond to Violence

- Giving teachers and principals needed tools. In response to the tragic loss of life and injuries at Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon, in his June 13 radio address, President Clinton directed the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to develop a guide to help teachers, principals, and parents respond to the early warning signs of troubled youth that can lead to school violence. This week, over 200,000 copies of the guide will be sent to every school and posted on the Justice and Education Department Websites. The guide gives school communities information on how to:
 - (1) Identify the early warning signs that relate to violence and other behaviors, including a list of specific signs to look for in troubled youth, such as: uncontrolled anger; patterns of impulsive and chronic hitting, intimidating, and bullying; detailed and specific threats to use violence; gang affiliations; feelings of persecution; and past history of violent and aggressive behaviors such as cruelty to animals or fire setting.
 - (2) Take action steps to prevent violence, intervene and get help for troubled children, and respond to school violence when it is imminent or has occurred. The guide instructs schools how to develop a violence prevention and response plan and form a school-based team to oversee the plan's implementation. It provides a crisis procedure checklist, a step-by-step plan to follow once sudden violence occurs. The guide also lists actions students can take -- such as listening to troubled friends, involving trusted adults, and asking law enforcement to conduct school safety audits -- to help create safer schools.

Advancing the Education and Training of New Community Police Officers

- Police Corps: scholarships for service. The President will announce the availability of \$30 million for 23 states to encourage young people to become law enforcement officers through college scholarships. The Police Corps provides educational assistance of up to \$7,500 per year for four years for students who agree to serve on a state or local police force for an equal length of time. Police Corps also provides policing agencies \$10,000 per participant for each year of required service.
- Expanding Police Corps to 23 states. Six new states will participate in Police Corps and will receive \$14.3 million to award scholarships for 330 students -- bringing the total number of students participating in Police Corps to over 1,000. The remaining funds will support the ongoing expenses of Police Corps participants already approved to date. In all, 23 states will participate in Police Corps: AR, CO, CN, FL, GA, IN, IL, KY, MA, MD, MI, MS, MO, NV, NM, NC, OH, OR, OK, SC, TX, UT, WA and the Virgin Islands.

Working to Put 100,000 Police to Our Streets

- **Helping to hire new officers across the country.** President Clinton will announce over \$66 million in grants to hire 905 full-time and 66 part-time officers to 237 law enforcement agencies under his COPS Program. Among the departments receiving grants are: Jonesboro, AR for 15 officers, including 12 school safety officers; Orange County, FL for 81 officers; Lawrence, MA for 20 officers; and Suffolk County, NM for 50 officers. Today's announcement brings the total number of officers funded through the COPS program to over 78,000 -- on time and ahead of schedule to adding 100,000 community police officers to our streets.
- **New assistance for small communities to retain officers.** In addition, \$14 million will be awarded to 855 small communities (with populations of less than 50,000) to help absorb the long-term costs of retaining new COPS-funded officers. The Small Community Grant Program will provide one-time grants to help small jurisdictions pay for part of the fourth-year salary of existing officers that currently receive three years of federal COPS funds.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-AUG-1998 10:53:22.00

SUBJECT: I've just faxed over AP story on NAS report -- focuses on food czar

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

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CREATOR: Jordan Tamagni (CN=Jordan Tamagni/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-AUG-1998 14:58:45.00

SUBJECT: Food Disaster

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

TEXT:

Final 4/17/98 6:00pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON FOOD DISASTERS
April 18, 1998

Good morning. This week, Americans are coming together to help people who have lost their homes in the devastating tornadoes that have swept across the South. They are gathering together clothing, bedding, and canned goods to help the victims of these terrible storms to rebuild their lives.

Today, I want to caution all Americans to exercise care when selecting canned products to donate -- especially imported canned fruit juice. Many of these products were produced under sanitary conditions that do not meet our own high standards. Others are tinned in cans with lead seals that can leach into the juice and harm our children.

Our administration has tried repeatedly to make the countries that produce these unsafe juices improve their safety standards, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. We have even threatened not to trade with these countries -- all to no avail. And don't forget: American juice means more than American safety standards. It means American jobs.

So please, before you toss that dented can of slightly fermented guava juice into the storm relief box, remember our children, remember our workers, and remember America.

Thanks for listening.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-AUG-1998 19:47:54.00

SUBJECT: Proposed Crime Event

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TEXT:

Jose suggested I send you our proposed list of speakers for the crime event, but we have not actually reached out to anyone yet. I can be reached through Signal, and will be able to work on the speaking program and what each speaker will say from my vacation tomorrow.

Program:

1. Boston Mayor Menino
(to talk about Boston's success w/ community policing - and possibly announce new crime stats that show a continued decline in crime.)
2. Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans
(to reinforce the importance of the COPS program and praise the President's commitment to law enforcement. Massachusetts will be receiving many grants being announced at this event.)
3. Police Corps Graduate from Maryland who enlisted in the program b/c of his brother's gang-related death.
(Massachusetts will be receiving Police Corps grants to create a program. Maryland already has a good program and will be receiving funding in this wave of grants for their existing program.)
4. To introduce the President, either:
Citizen involved in community watch activities with the Police Department, who became active because of a personal experience, and/or

School Resource Officer who can talk about the importance of COPS in schools, and who hopefully was able to stop a student crime by being on a school campus.

Sites:

An advance lead will be arriving in Boston tomorrow and will begin looking at possible sites. The Mayor recommended going to the Hyde Park Municipal Building where there is square similar to Lafayette park where we could do an outdoor event. This is in Joe Moakley's CD. (We will need to stay out of the 8th CD b/c there are 10 Democratic candidates running for Joe Kennedy's seat in this district.) The scheduling office knows this and

they will be looking at the Hyde Park square and some boys and girls clubs tomorrow.

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TEXT:

Today's 4:00 Health Care Strategy Meeting is CANCELLED.

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SUBJECT: Re: Food Disaster

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

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TEXT:

This is the spoof radio address I mentioned to you on the telephone a minute ago. We sent it to the road as a joke when the President was in Chile. You may recall that someone realized rather late in the day that our Chilean hosts might take umbrage were the President to deliver a radio address decrying the food safety standards in countries like ... Chile. So the topic changed at the last minute to natural disasters. This was my response, inspired by a Freedman wisecrack.

Just to brighten your day.

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TEXT:

An internal USDA memo was leaked regarding country of origin labeling.
Here is what was on the web:

Friday, August 21, 1998

An inside-the-Beltway, inside-the-hallways visit with
Jim Wiesemeyer, Pro Farmer's Washington Bureau Chief

USDA internal memo urges opposition to Senate
meat labeling bill

You know a topic's importance, sometimes, by the number of letters
written about
it. If that is indeed the case, the matter of a Senate meat labeling
bill sure is
important. Today's dispatch takes a look at some of those
memos/letters, and the
likely outcome of the issue in Congress.

I love a good internal memo...and the topic of a current one is some
USDA officials'
opposition to a Senate-passed meat labeling bill. Here's a Pro Farmer
Internet link
to the confidential memo. Highlights:

Who wrote it: Thomas J. Billy, administrator of USDA's Food
Safety &
Inspection Service, and Lon S. Hatamiya, administrator of USDA's
Foreign Ag Service.
Who got the memo: Catherine E. Woteki, Undersecretary for food
safety, and Gus Schumacher, Undersecretary for farm and foreign
agriculture service.
What it says: It urges USDA to officially oppose the Senate meat
labeling amendment, which is part of the Fiscal Year 1999 Agricul-
ture
appropriations bill.

The amendment would require fresh muscle cuts of beef
and lamb, and ground or other processed beef and lamb, to
be labeled as U.S. beef, U.S. lamb, imported beef, imported
lamb, or with the percentage content of U.S. and imported
beef/lamb contained in the product.

The amendment does not apply to other meat products,

such as pork or poultry.

What the officials are concerned about: Difficulties in enforcement it will create, its excessive costs, its lack of food safety or consumer benefits, "and perhaps most importantly, its potentially negative trade impact."

Unfunded costs: The memo reveals that USDA's Office of Chief Economist estimates the minimum annual cost to monitor for compliance to be at least \$60 million for FSIS, which equates to more than 10% of that agency's entire budget!

Trade implications: While the U.S. beef trade deficit with Canada has been widening, there continues to be a large trade imbalance in live cattle. Ninety percent of the cattle imported from Canada go directly to slaughter. But the memo says that in looking at the total international picture, the value of U.S. meat exports is much higher than our imports.

"If other countries mirrored this proposed legislation, we would have more to lose than to gain," the memo concludes.

Another problem cited: The memo also notes that the bill indirectly endorses the concept that the origin of an animal is determined by certain residency or weight gain criteria. "If the WTO adopts weight gain or various residency country-of-origin requirements, which would be imposed on U.S. exports, it would have severe consequences for U.S. meat exports," according to the memo.

The memo's authors charge the bill "undermines our efforts to challenge mandatory country-of-origin labeling being imposed in the European Union on beef sold at the retail level beginning in the year 2000."

Legal issues: The amendment could conflict with WTO marking rules and undermine the U.S. position in the WTO negotiations to harmonize the rules of origin, the memo says. They add it runs counter to U.S. efforts to fight against EU labeling requirements.

Senate sponsors signal they may change certain provisions of the amendment.

In an Aug. 11 letter to Senate Appropriations agriculture subcommittee chairman Thad

Cochran (R-Miss.) and ranking member Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), Sen. Tim Johnson

(D-S.D.) notes that, "In light of some additional trade-related concerns directed

towards the meat labeling amendment, my staff will be contacting committee staff to propose certain technical changes to the language to address some of these concerns."

Johnson's letter reveals that the Senate amendment wasn't accurately reprinted in the Congressional Record because it omitted language allowing for voluntary U.S. country-of-origin labeling.

Here's a Pro Farmer Internet link to Sen. Johnson's letter to Sens. Cochran and Bumpers.

Canada issues strong negative reaction to Senate amendment. The proposed U.S. legislation dominated discussions at the annual convention of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association held in Edmonton, Alberta. And the matter has also been the subject of discussion in a series of letters between Sen. Johnson, House Ag Committee Chairman Bob Smith (R-Oregon) and Canadian Ambassador Raymond Chretien.

In a letter dated Aug. 7 to Sen. Johnson, Chretien wrote that the proposed origin labeling provisions "would significantly disrupt the way in which our highly integrated beef industries conduct trade across our shared border and fly in the face of joint initiatives such as the facilitation of U.S. feeder cattle exports to Canada under the Northwest Cattle Project."

Chretien also said the amendment would "also encourage other countries to adopt similar measures to restrict imports of North American beef."

A watch-out warning: The Canadian ambassador added that "Ironically, if this proposed new requirement is implemented, any beef from U.S.-born cattle placed in Canadian feedlots, however briefly and regardless of whether the cattle remained under U.S. ownership, would also have to be labeled as 'imported,' even if ultimately processed."

Here's a Pro Farmer Internet link to Chretien's letter to Sen. Johnson.

Sen. Johnson says legislation will have a "minuscule impact" on consumer prices. In a letter to Canada's Chretien dated Aug. 5, Johnson says that according to a survey conducted by USDA, the labeling of beef and lamb products would cost only 20 to 30 cents annually per consumer.

A national survey in late 1995, Johnson wrote, found that nearly

three

out of four American consumers (74%) favored labeling by country of origin."I suspect Canadian consumers are equally supportive of labeling," Johnson said.

Here's a Pro Farmer Internet link to Sen. Johnson's letter to Chretien.

House ag committee chairman calls for U.S.-Canadian trade issue summit. In a letter to Canada's Chretien, House ag panel Chairman Smith proposes that the legislative and ministerial leaders of the two governments meet this fall to make progress on ag trade issues confronting the two nations.

Who Smith wants at the ag trade issue summit: Smith suggested that Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle VanClief, a group of parliamentary ag leaders, and if appropriate, provincial officials, come to Washington in September to meet with USDA Secretary Dan Glickman and U.S. congressional agriculture leaders.

"No single meeting will be the panacea to end all of the competitive trade issues between us," Smith wrote, "but an agricultural summit this fall would be a good first step toward a more harmonious relationship. This is particularly important with the 1999 WTO agricultural negotiations looming upon us."

Here's a Pro Farmer Internet link to Smith's letter to Chretien.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has come out strongly in favor of the Senate amendment, but U.S. meat processors have taken the opposition position. The American Meat Institute (AMI) says the policy is "ill-conceived and short-sighted domestic policy and shockingly dumb trade policy."

Meat-grinding comments: AMI's J. Patrick Boyle, in a letter to U.S.

Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, recalled that Canada has "consistently copied and used against us almost every ill-conceived trade policy instrument devised to constrain imports of products into the U.S. market. With the nation's beef industry struggling to maintain market share in both U.S. and foreign markets, advocates of this initiative appear to be providing the same kind of leadership for the nation's beef

industry that

General Custer provided for the 7th Cavalry."

Here's a Pro Farmer Internet link to AMI's letter.

Bottom line: The Clinton administration has not yet taken a formal position on the amendment. Neither has USDA, despite the internal memo. But unless some inconsistent provisions, especially as they relate to the World Trade Organization, are not modified, the amendment faces a rocky road to approval once House-Senate conferees meet on the differing ag appropriations bills. The House version does not contain the meat labeling provision.

Also, it appears the House Ways and Means Committee is ready to claim jurisdiction over the labeling plan since it affects trade. This alone could doom the labeling requirement. A compromise might be, as the USDA internal memo suggests, a study on various types of labeling.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JUDITH A. WINSTON

THROUGH: ERSKINE BOWLES
MARIA ECHAVESTE

DATE: AUGUST 21, 1998

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON RACE WEEKLY REPORT
AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 22

ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVITIES

Advisory Board Report. Advisory Board members Angela Oh and Governor William Winter spent part of the week in our offices working on the Advisory Board's report to you. Advisory Board members Bob Thomas and Governor Tom Kean participated via telephone. Their discussions focused primarily on the recommendations section of the report.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Visit to the Lummi Reservation in Washington State. On August 17, senior staff met with the tribal leader of the Lummi Indian Business Committee and the tribe's economic development officer on the Lummi Reservation in Washington state. In addition to a tour of the reservation's clam and oyster hatchery, the work of the Initiative and future economic development needs of the reservation were discussed.

I have attached, for your review, an article in the Washington Post by Tom and George Manatos. The Manatos brothers are area student leaders who, inspired by the Initiative, have organized a network of students across the country to address the issue of racial reconciliation at their generational level.

Note: Federal Agencies will not be reporting for the remainder of August.

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SUBJECT: weekly

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Crime -- COPS Event: We are working on a possible crime event for you next week in Boston. At the event, you would announce: (1) the release by DOJ and Education of the Early Warning Guide for youth violence, which you called for after the Springfield, OR school shooting; (2) \$30 million for states to fund college scholarships for aspiring law enforcement officers through the Police Corps; and (3) roughly \$80 million for more than 1,000 communities to hire and retain police officers. DOJ and Education will send out over 200,000 copies of the Early Warning Guide to schools, and will post the full text on both of their Websites. The guide provides teachers and principals with information on how to identify early warning signs to violence by listing specific behaviors to look for, and what steps they should take once they have identified such signs. The guide also provides a crisis response checklist in case violence occurs, as well as tips for student and parent involvement in addressing school safety.

With respect to the event program, we expect to have Mayor Menino -- who may announce new, positive crime statistics -- and Police Commissioner Evans. As another speaker, we have identified a recent Police Corps graduate who became involved with the Corps because of his brother's gang-related death. We are also looking into adding a school resource officer or active citizen involved in a community watch program, who can discuss the importance of communities and schools working with law enforcement.

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CREATOR: Joseph C. Fanaroff (CN=Joseph C. Fanaroff/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: Welfare Talking Points

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elena, sorry to bother you, but your welfare experts are out of the office. I need DPC review of a talking points page on the welfare caseload #'s... Can you take a look. The last section (Record of Achievement) is lifted from prior paper that has already been approved. The remainder of the page comes from HHS paper released for this announcement. Thanks.

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**THE CLINTON/GORE ADMINISTRATION:
WELFARE CASELOADS CONTINUE TO DECLINE**

August 21, 1998

"We've got to prove that we did the right thing in welfare reform for all the American people that are willing to do the right thing by themselves, their children, and our country."

-- President Bill Clinton

AN UNPRECEDENTED DECLINE IN WELFARE ROLLS. Today, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala announced that welfare caseloads have declined to roughly 8.4 million recipients and slightly over 3 million families as of June 1998. These caseload numbers continue a trend of dramatic reductions in welfare recipients since President Clinton took office:

- **The number of recipients on welfare has dropped by more than 41 percent**, including a decline of more than 30 percent since the enactment of welfare reform legislation in 1996;
- **There are 5.7 million fewer recipients on the welfare rolls**, and 3.8 million fewer recipients since the President signed welfare reform legislation in 1996;
- **Welfare rolls continue to decline steadily, with nearly 2 percent reductions each month**, double the rate for the same period in 1997.

A NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP STATES DEVISE WELFARE TO WORK STRATEGIES. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services is announcing the issuance of grants to 13 states to provide technical assistance on sharing information about existing job retention strategies for welfare recipients and the methods for evaluating these strategies with current and former welfare recipients. In addition, a contract has been approved for a private sector company to provide: (1) technical and evaluation assistance to grantees for the purpose of defining, developing, and refining job retention and advancement intervention strategies, (2) expert technical and evaluation assistance, (3) review of the field operations of grantees to document job retention/advancement focused program elements.

BUILDING ON A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT. In 1996, President Clinton signed sweeping welfare reform legislation aimed at moving welfare recipients onto the payrolls. Since then, efforts to move people off the welfare rolls and onto the payrolls include:

- **Welfare-To-Work Grants.** As part of the balanced budget legislation signed last year, the Administration fought for \$3 billion in welfare-to-work grants, to help move long-term welfare recipients into lasting unsubsidized jobs. Welfare-to-Work grants allocated by the Department of Labor allow localities to target the needs of welfare recipients in their communities. Among the services these grants can provide are job placement, on-the-job training, community service jobs and other work experience opportunities, employment assistance for non-custodial parents, and job retention services such as child care, transportation, and substance abuse treatment.
- **The Welfare-To-Work Coalition To Sustain Success.** Last year, the Vice President launched the Welfare-to-Work Coalition to Sustain Success, a cooperative effort among national civic, service, and faith-based organizations that work with states and local agencies to help those moving from welfare to work succeed on the job. This partnership includes such groups as the YMCA, YWCA, Salvation Army, United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs, Goodwill, and the Women's Missionary Union, who provide mentoring, job training, child care transportation and other support to help these workers with the transition to self-sufficiency.
- **The Welfare-to-Work Partnership,** an independent, non-partisan effort by companies nationwide to hire welfare recipients that was launched just over a year ago. The Welfare-to-Work Partnership is making great progress, over 5,000 companies of all sizes have joined this partnership and 135,000 former welfare recipients have been hired. In addition, the Partnership has released a report, The Road to Retention, that includes case histories of 16 businesses, showing that retention rates for former welfare recipients are higher than for non-welfare hires.

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SUBJECT: draft statement

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

Sorry so late...in meetings all morning...jc3

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STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

Today's 1997 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse shows that while overall drug use has not increased, teen drug use remains a serious and growing problem. That is why last month, I launched a five-year, \$2 billion Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign -- to use the full force of the media to make sure that our children get the message that drugs are dangerous, wrong, and can kill you. But the media campaign, as well as our national drug strategy, depends on all of us -- parents, teachers, coaches and clergy -- to take responsibility and talk to our children about the dangers of drugs. That is the best way we can help keep all of our nation's children drug-free.

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

There will be a DPC Team Leaders Meeting on Monday, August 24, at 9:15
a.m. in Bruce's office.

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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:

FYI- WH Legis Affairs jumped the gun and started making calls to the Hill today (Dingell and Bliley) but I stopped them before they called anyone else.

Barbara Woolley and Eric Olsen were going to split up the industry calls. You can reach Eric at home over the weekend at P6/(b)(6)

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Jim O'Hara is going on vacation, and Liz Summy is the point of contact for next week on the co-chair issue. Her number is P6/(b)(6).

I will be back at work on Monday morning. Let me know if you need anything. The release and Q&A are pretty much done. Thanks, Mary