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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1998 16:58:01.00

SUBJECT: comments

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As I mentioned, I wasn't in team leaders and don't think any of the ag. riders are particularly objectionable to DPC. I talked to USDA and included their feelings on two rider issues, they didn't care about the others.

FNS funds -- The conference provides that a small portion of research on nutrition programs be conducted by the FNS, however, the bulk of that research would be provided by the Economic Research Service. USDA would urge Congress to allow all research to be conducted by FNS.

USDA rural development -- The conference report blocks use of mandatory funding under Fund for Rural America. We urge the conference to remove this provision.

Country of Origin -- this is currently going to be a study, I put in a call to NEC but because of relations with Canada, I don't think we had agreement to push this.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1998 13:07:01.00

SUBJECT: One comment re: Race Outline

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

Shouldn't we add Service to the "Workplan for Civic Engagement and Strengthening Democracy?"

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Clara J. Shin (CN=Clara J. Shin/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1998 18:46:49.00

SUBJECT: PIR Working Group Assignments

TO: edley (edley @ law.harvard.edu @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Trooper Sanders (CN=Trooper Sanders/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Jonathan Orszag (CN=Jonathan Orszag/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Broderick Johnson (CN=Broderick Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Edward W. Correia (CN=Edward W. Correia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Lynn G. Cutler (CN=Lynn G. Cutler/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Thurgood Marshall Jr (CN=Thurgood Marshall Jr/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I have attached the task assignments from the PIR Transition Working Group Meeting of October 2. The memo outlines the tasks discussed, the lead person(s), and deadlines. Please review; relevant items will be discussed at our next meeting (Oct. 8).

Also, if you have agenda items for our next meeting, please call (6-5506) or e-mail me by Wednesday 5:30. The same if I have forgotten anyone.

Thanks,
Clara

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October 3, 1998

To: President's Initiative on Race (PIR) Transition Working Group Members

From: Maria Echaveste
Clara Shin

Subject: Working Group Assignments

Thank you for a productive PIR transition working group meeting on Friday. For your use, we have outlined below the tasks assigned during the meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Clara Shin at 6-5506. Your involvement in this process is much appreciated!

Task	Lead Person(s)	Deadline
Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide Maria Echaveste with candidates for staffing the Task Force.	Minyon Moore Elena Kagan	ASAP
Race-Related Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify race-related events with which the President/White House should be involved.Generate ideas re: Presidential involvement in MLK Day (1/18).Develop a press plan for the NRC Conference.	Working Group Working Group Beverly Barnes	Weekly 10/22 10/8
Appropriations Victories <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify race-related appropriations victories.Identify a date for the President to announce such victories.	Jon Orszag Jon Orszag	10/13 10/13
Cabinet Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to include race-related achievements/activities in the weekly Cabinet reports.	Thurgood Marshall	Weekly
Sector Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organize a meeting (mid- to late-Nov.) of the President with the higher education coalition, possibly including Bowen and Bok.Develop and implement sector plans for religion, corporate, and youth.	Chris Edley/Scott Palmer Maureen Shae (religion) Cheryl Carter (corporate) Ilia Velez (youth)	Ongoing Ongoing

Addressees:

Thurgood Marshall
Elena Kagan
Minyon Moore
Andrew Mayock
Lynn Cutler
Chuck Ruff
Eddie Correia
Ann Lewis
Jon Orszag
Broderick Johnson
Trooper Sanders
Chris Edley

Automated Records Management System
Hex-Dump Conversion

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1998 12:53:51.00

SUBJECT: AGs- tobacco

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

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

CC: William H. White Jr. (CN=William H. White Jr./OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

I spoke to Iowa AG Tom Miller and Az AG Grant Woods - two of the "hard-liners" on the tobacco talks. They report that the current terms are not much different from those I described to you a few weeks ago - although the counter-marketing money has been increased to \$300 mil. The hard liners want some additional restrictions on marketing (such as restrictions on "human forms" e.g. Marlboro Man).

From here, the AG negotiating team is meeting with the other AGs in small groups this week. The 8 "hard-liners" for example are meeting tomorrow with Greggiore etc. Then the negotiating team will be meeting with AGs by region later this week. Their goal, of course, is to get unanimity on the deal.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1998 18:08:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: civil rights/single sex

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

TEXT:

THANKS--whatever works is what I'm for--

Elena Kagan
10/05/98 01:07:59 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: civil rights/single sex

"solving it" suggests active, purposive activity. we instead applied a strategy of doing nothing and hoping it would go away (on the theory that success was more likely to result from passivity than action). so far, it seems to have worked, but i wouldn't hold your breath.

decisions by these HMOs will affect between 325,000 to 400,000 beneficiaries in about 375 counties. Because the Medicare program has about 6.5 million of its over 38 million beneficiaries in HMOs, about 5 percent of Medicare HMO enrollees and about 1 percent of the entire Medicare population seem likely to be impacted in any way at all. Having said this, because most of the beneficiaries affected will have another Medicare HMO option in their county, there appears to be a much smaller number of beneficiaries (between 30,000 and 80,000 about 1 percent of the Medicare HMO population) who will no longer have the option of enrolling in an HMO. (They will, however, always have access to their traditional fee-for-service plan, as well as to at least some supplementary "Medigap" coverage.)

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The Congress, so far on a bipartisan basis, has been critical of the decision by some within the HMO industry to selectively withdraw from Medicare. On Friday, the Republican Leadership left the Commerce Committee in the hands of the Democrats and some of their party's most vociferous critics of HMOs (such as Mr. Ganske) to excoriate the industry's representative. Mr. Thomas, the Chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, has also indicated at least his initial support of our decision not to allow plans to charge more and/or reduce benefits. Having said this, members of states that will be disproportionately affected can be counted on to pressure us to take more actions. Senator Dodd has already weighed in, and we can be sure others will follow.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) support last week's decision by the Administration to reject the industry's request for changes in their coverage and cost sharing. They have indicated that they want to work with us to make sure that beneficiaries know all of their options and rights (discussed below) relating to the plan terminations from the program. Although they acknowledged that their sentiments may change as more beneficiaries complain, AARP indicated that they now see no reason to move quickly to respond to initial "scare" articles by taking any position that appears to reward "bad apple" HMOs. Having said this, they also do not believe we need to take a strong and public position that appears we have drawn lines in the sand on against doing something on this

issue. They are of the mind that we should wait to see how big the problem is and how the public responds to it before taking any formal, final position. They think a quick tough position may unconstructively unify the HMO industry against us.

X-Options to Respond to HMO Industry's Actions.

X-Before briefly outlining some options, it is important that you are aware of actions we can and should take regardless of our broader strategy on the Medicare HMO issue. Clearly, we must be quick to ensure that HCFA collaborates with the aging advocates (like AARP), the aging network (like the Area Agencies on Aging), the state-based insurance counselors, and others in and outside the Administration to ensure that beneficiaries in impacted areas know that they can always return to the program's preferred service plan. Beneficiaries also need to know that the law requires Medicare supplemental insurers to offer beneficiaries access to certain "Medigap" coverage without being underwritten. As a result, insurance that fills in the voids that Medicare does not cover is truly accessible. Finally, to illustrate our commitment to find ways to assure this never happens again, we may also want to indicate our intention to introduce legislation that would help ensure that this never happens again. (For example, we might want to contemplate provisions that penalize plans for "cherry-picking" the high reimbursement areas or disallow HMOs to enter any new market if they have withdrawn in others.) Being proactive could help immunize us against charges we do not care about beneficiaries.

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X-Options for responding to last week's decision by many HMOs to pull out of Medicare:

X-1.XxExplicitly announce a "do nothing" position. In short, draw a line in the sand quite publicly and blame any subsequent mess on HMOs who signed a contract in May and are reneging on their commitment. Highlight all the "selfish" reasons why some HMOs are dropping out and underscore our commitment to never be "blackmailed" into changing the contracts we signed in good faith on behalf of the beneficiaries. (#

XxPros: Strong and decisive action; Puts industry on the defensive and initiat

es a much
more public war with one of the nation's most unpopular industries H
MOs. (#

XxCons: Republicans, some Democrats, and AARP may feel we are acting too
polit
ically and too abruptly; Charges of callousness to harmed beneficiaries may ens
ue;
If we don't stay tough throughout inevitable "horror" stories, we will look
much
weaker. (#

Xy-□2.XxTacit "do nothing" position, but leave door (quietly open) option.□ Un
der this
scenario, we would continue to say we are looking into impact to deter
mine severity,
but would say we continue to be skeptical that there is a valid
argument to do
anything. We would background the press on the weaknesses of th
e HMOs'
arguments, but would hint that we might not reject out of hand any futu
re intervention
X-if our review turns up major problems for beneficiaries. (#

XxPros: Would appear that we are not backing down to industry, but also gives
flexibility in case we want to alter our current course; would likely be suppor
ted by
the Republicans and AARP for now, might be safest but certainly not bol
dest option for the moment. (#

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XxCons: Could come across that we do not care about beneficiaries' woes; Could
appear
weak and indecisive; Opens door to HMOs to come in to cut a deal that m
ay viewed
by the validators as setting very bad precedent for the Medicare prog
ram. (#

X -□3.XxExpedite□□ approval of new plans coming into counties now not served.□
This option
would highlight our commitment to work with and give expedited app
roval to HMOs
that were not in a service area when another HMO dropped its cove
rage. These so-called "goodguy" plans could give a less comprehensive benefit o
r costsharing
protection package than the one that it would replace. (#

XxPros: Would not reward "bad apple" HMOs; Supports our contention that we are
taking reasonable actions to help beneficiaries keep access to an HMO option;
in
combination with base administrative and legislative package (outlined above
) , would
illustrate that our "first and foremost" commitment is to beneficiarie
s not HMOs. (#

XxCons: Very few new plans can be expected to come into these marginal markets

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Will not significantly reduce the number of "victim" stories that will be reported;" (0*0*0*'"

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Makes us potentially more vulnerable to criticism that we did not do everything we

could to help beneficiaries; If we pursue this option but eventually cave to

HMOs'

desires for other plans to get a similar offering, we would be perceived as very weak. (#

X-□4.XxExpedite approval of new plans, but allow selected old plans to apply to

come

X-back in if no other option is available.□ This approach would allow a plan that

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withdrew from a service area, which now has no HMO option, to downgrade its

X_□□benefits package to a level the HMO believes is financially viable. (#

XxPros: Would help more beneficiaries at least retain some of their current HMO

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coverage; Would be more responsive to the inevitable pressure from the Congress to

do more; and if as is likely the old HMOs do not come back, it is easier to lay

the blame on them. (In other words, we did everything the HMOs asked

for and they

still did not come back.) (#

XxCons: Rewards bad actors; Makes us look somewhat weak as though we backed

X-down from pressure of the HMOs, Sets bad precedence for Medicare for future similar

disputes with the industry (unless our administrative/legislative package makes it

appear certain that we cannot or would not be able to do this again.

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X4-□5.Xx"Third way" option: try to split the difference between option 3 and 4

to attempt

X-to get the best and avoid the worst of both options. □It might be possible (

although

X-we are still trying to develop a way to rationally apply this option) to allow only new

plans in, but to give the HHS Secretary emergency authority to approve in selected

cases applications from HMOs from the old service area to come

back into the

county. Under this approach, no such plan could even be considered unless it was

clear that no new plan would likely come into a particular service area. There would

have to be additional criteria as well to ensure that

there is no substantive difference

between option 4 and 5. (#

XxPros: Could argue that we showed how we could respond to beneficiaries' conc

erns

without backing down to the "bad apple" HMOs; See #4 above for similar proposals. (#

XxCons: Could be vulnerable to charges that it is "too cute by half;" Might not be able

to develop criteria that was realistic and useable enough to differentiate amongst

similar plans. (#

X!-□Conclusion. □There may be other options, but the above outlines what is most likely to be

discussed later today. The White House staff (DPC, NEC, OMB, OVP, Rahm, etc.) has not

had the opportunity to think through all of these options. In general, however, the White

House tends to want to be a bit more aggressive than HHS. Consistent with this, HHS had indicated an interest in option 4

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on Friday

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. However, some of Donna's staff seemed to be cooling to the idea over the weekend.

Regardless, it is clear that all views on this issue will be #Hextremely

influenced by the degree to which we receive troubling reports about beneficiaries.

HHS' staff will be meeting early this morning to go over their preliminary analysis and

options. We will advise you if anything unusual comes back to us prior

to your meeting.===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 11:39:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: Daily Updates

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

One person on our staff listens to us...

----- Forwarded by Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP on 10/06/98
11:39 AM -----

Paul J. Weinstein Jr.
10/06/98 11:37:46 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

CC:

Subject: Re: Daily Updates

I think to make this run better, I will remind team leaders at 4:00 that they need to submit reports if they have them.

Let's see if this make things work better. I will start tonight.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 18:34:21.00

SUBJECT: Appropriations Miscellany -- Daily Bullets

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

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Bruce/EK:

Per your request, here is some more info on the CJS approps:

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant -- I think the LLEBG is on OMB's list because we're generally opposed to it, period, and the draft conference report includes a permanent authorization. I don't think this is worth fighting; we've had to eat it every year anyway. Moreover, the mayors and chiefs support the LLEBG, and it actually includes some earmarks that we like (i.e., \$40 million for Boys and Girls clubs -- double last year's funding).

Brady -- This is a big problem. First, the draft language prohibits the FBI from charging a user fee for NICS and instead allocates \$42 million for its operation -- \$20 million from DOJ's working capital fund, which should be fine; and \$22 million from general appropriations, which may be fine but is costing somebody in the CJS bill. Second, the draft language requires the FBI to immediately destroy records of persons that have been cleared through NICS -- and gives persons aggrieved under this provision the right to sue. This will result in a delay of at least 6 months while the FBI reprograms the NICS -- and should be unacceptable to us.

OMB is proposing a compromise that drops the prohibition on charging a fee, deletes the \$42 million appropriation and allows the FBI to keep records for 6 months (actually, through 6/99). I agree with them that we should fight hard on this issue, and that this is a good counter offer. Ultimately, depending on our leverage, we may need to give even more. If so, here are my ideas on a bottom line:

1. On the Fee...Accept the \$42 million appropriations, but allow OMB to try and negotiate from where the \$22 million in general appropriations comes. Alternatively, we could agree to the \$20 million earmark in the working capital fund, but charge a reduced fee to make up for the rest.

2. On Records...Allow the FBI to initially keep records for up to 6 months so that NICS can be operational and on-line December 1st of this year. After this period, the FBI would be required to destroy records within 24 hours, as currently proposed by the CJS draft. NB: While the FBI believes complying with this will not be a problem, the sooner we destroy records...the less ability we have to check for straw purchasers through NICS. Thus, the longer we are able to keep records -- even days, weeks -- the more useful NICS will be as an overall law enforcement tool. This, of course, is exactly what the gunners don't want.

Some other quick observations from what I've seen...

Controlled Substances Act, State Ethics for U.S. Attorneys -- Both of these issues carried over into the proposed CJS draft and remain serious problems. DOJ has drafted language for OMB to try and water down them down.

COPS -- Fully funded, of course, and with \$180 million in earmarks -- including \$5 million for community prosecutors and \$17.5 million for COPS/Schools partnerships.

Indian Country Crime -- Funded at \$189 million -- including \$34 million for COPS, \$5 million for courts, \$10 million for at-risk youth, and some money for prisons. Pretty good, I think.

Drug Testing Initiative -- Although Drug Courts were fully funded (\$40 million), our \$85 million drug testing initiative did not make it. Since it was not included in either the House or Senate bill, I guess it is safe to assume it's dead.

Prevention -- The \$95 million at-risk youth initiative that is near and dear to the AG was included in the CJS draft bill, with \$10 million earmarked for a Safe Schools Initiative.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant -- Same as last year. Allows 40% of the \$250 million to be used on prosecutors and specialized courts. One change: up to \$20 million of these funds could be used by states for drug testing initiatives and/or defraying the costs of processing appeals by inmates on death row.

Hope this helps...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 11:20:16.00

SUBJECT: Literacy Bill passed

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

the Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Charter Schools bill is being hotlined later this afternoon, to be voted on tomorrow.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 16:20:35.00

SUBJECT: memo for Erskine

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

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

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

TEXT:

Chris suggested adding the last paragraph, unless we want to reveal less
to Waxman, in which case the paragraph should be dropped (or revised).=====

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October 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representative Waxman

Representative Waxman has requested this meeting to discuss Federal recoupment of Medicaid revenues. As you recently told Governor Chiles, we would relinquish our claim to state tobacco recoveries in exchange for the states agreeing to use half their money on the menu of seven items that we negotiated with the NGA as part of the McCain legislation (child care, child welfare, the maternal and child health block grant, the substance abuse block grant, the safe and drug free schools program, Eisenhower education grants, and the state match for the children's health insurance program). We oppose the NGA's current proposal to eliminate our claims outright, allowing the states to use their funds in an unrestricted manner. While it seems unlikely that this issue will be resolved this year -- and we are not actively seeking a resolution at this time -- we do want to ensure that Senator Hutchison does not succeed in adding an appropriations rider codifying the NGA proposal.

Waxman objects to any attempt to resolve the issue this year, because he believes that any such resolution would deter passage of comprehensive tobacco reform next term. If something has to be done this year, however, Waxman is likely to prefer the position of the public health groups, who are calling for 20 percent of the federal portion of the settlement funds to be spent on tobacco control. Thus, they want 50 percent of the funds for unrestricted purposes, and 40 percent for the state menu, and 10 percent for tobacco control. Waxman's staff told us that they believe it is important to reserve funds from the state settlements for federal tobacco control initiatives, in case the state settlement gives Congress less of an incentive to pass comprehensive reform next year. It is worth noting that an equally, if not more compelling, argument can be made that funds used for this purpose may provide a greater disincentive for the passage of comprehensive reform, because Republicans will claim that we already have passed a bill.

Your goals for this meeting should be to convey:

- (1) we are not actively pursuing a resolution to this issue;
- (2) we will not support any resolution unless it includes, at a minimum, a range of Democratic priorities that are agreeable to all of us;
- (3) while we understand Waxman's argument in support of reserving federal funds for tobacco control, we question whether it could actually diminish the momentum necessary to pass comprehensive reforms; and
- (4) to the extent that there is any federal recoupment, Congress may not spend the money on Democratic priorities, so we believe it is best to require states to spend all of funds in the manner that we negotiated with the NGA.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 10:40:21.00

SUBJECT:

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

TEXT:

Reminder: Race Book Outline comments due by 6:00 tonight.

----- Forwarded by Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP on 10/06/98 10:39 AM -----

Clara J. Shin
10/06/98 10:34:09 AM
Record Type: Record

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

Hi. I wanted to let you know that Maria is going to submit comments re: the race book outline first thing tomorrow morning. So, please let me know by 6:00 pm tonight whether Elena, Rahm, Michael, Bruce, and Ann have comments.

Cathy, let me know for sure whether Bruce's comments will mirror Elena's.

Thanks,
Clara Shin

Message Sent

To: _____
Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
Michelle Crisci/WHO/EOP
Jonathan E. Smith/WHO/EOP
Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP
Cathy R. Mays/OPD/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 18:12:44.00

SUBJECT: daily ed update

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

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

TEXT:

Here's what I know:

1. Literacy--passed the Senate; Goodling's staff says this will be "packaged with other things in the House before it goes to the floor, including national testing.." We are not sure what this means, but believe that Goodling may threaten to hold up literacy bill unless we cave on testing. Goodling called Riley a little while ago--Riley is now trying to call him back. Goodling staff say they don't know what the call is about, but we presume its on this issue. I'll get to one of you as soon as I here from Riley about the conversation.

Last year when he did this (by cancelling the mark-up on the reading bill because he was ticked off that we were moving forward on testing) we issued a statement saying that he was stopping everything that would help kids read- tutors, teacher training, and reading standards and tests.

2. Charter Schools--being hotlined in the Senate this afternoon/evening. Kennedy's staff is nervous that, because of lukewarm support from Dems, we will see some amendments come out of the woodwork on this one. Daschle apparantly has an amendment on fetal alcohol syndrome that both Kennedy and Coats staff are worried about. NEA staff continues to raise questions about this, and both Kennedy staff and I have pushed back.

3. Class Size. --Last I've heard, as reported earlier today--Gephardt, Obey, Frost are all for getting a victory here. Gephardt in particular has told this to Riley, Erskine and Patty Murray. Murray talked to Lew this moring, and Jack agreed that we are supporting her effort.

Obey's staff reports that class size is very much on the table in the discussions among the principals; R's have not agreed to a final number on Title 1 because they want to taken into account anything that might happen on class size (We need to make sure we don't wind up in a situation where the \$490 million increase we asked for in Title 1 becomes our class size \$--Riley and the education groups would rightfully see that as a defeat, not a victory . Barbara Chow knows this). Obey's staff also thinks that the R's will want to match any real \$ we get for class size with an increase in funding for their priorities, such as IDEA.

4. Voc. Ed.--House and Senate staff have been meeting on this today, but I don't have any new information since this morning.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 15:03:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: Labor/HHS riders

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

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

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

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP on 10/06/98 03:02
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Maureen H. Walsh
10/06/98 02:54:01 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP
cc: anil kakani/omb/eop, emil e. parker/opd/eop
bcc:
Subject: Re: Labor/HHS riders

The WTW "rider" is, in fact, the technical amendment that we support. Barbara wanted to have some language handy that we could drop into the omnibus approps bill if the SSI bill stalls in the Senate. Do you know whether there's a formal hold in the Senate on H.R. 4558?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6 OCT-1998 18:40:02.00

SUBJECT: one more education item

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

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

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

TEXT:

Ed-Flex: The governors continue their singular focus on Ed-Flex; last week there was a bipartisan gov. letter to House and Senate leadership, urging them to include the Ed-Flex bill we support in the omnibus appropriations bill. We support this effort, but think it is most likely to happen if the R's push for block grants, and we counter with Ed-Flex. Now, Gov's Carper, Chiles and Romer have told Fred Duval they want to talk to someone here who is driving our Ed-Flex effort (but not me--they want someone who will be personally involved in the end-game negotiations on appropriations). Fred is looking for someone willing to take the call--Erskine, Jack Lew or Sylvia Mathews are on his list. I'll work on talking points for whoever gets the call.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 18:19:43.00

SUBJECT: Re: riders

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

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

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

TEXT:

OMB has been floating an alternative to limit the amount a state can transfer to 4.25% of their TANF block grant beginning in FY 1999. Given the wide variation in state decisions to transfer in FY 1998, a somewhat better alternative might be to give states the option of transferring the higher of what they did in FY 1998 or 4.25%. Some states have transferred considerably more than 4.25%, some have not yet transferred anything in FY 1998 but might want to in FY 1999. We'd like to discuss other alternatives with OMB and HHS, assuming we have time to come up w/ an alternative--when do you need this?

Background

The welfare reform law, as amended by BBA, said states could transfer up to 30% of their TANF block grant to child care, including up to 10% for SSBG. TEA-21 reduced the SSBG transfer to 4.25% beginning in 2000; OMB's possible alternative is to impose this same limit beginning in FY 1999.

Elena Kagan
10/06/98 03:07:13 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP
cc: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
bcc:
Subject: Re: riders

Do we have any compromise ideas/fallback positions?

Andrea Kane
10/06/98 03:00:45 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

Subject: riders

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I'm still checking on the WTW obligation period.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 15:01:58.00

SUBJECT: riders

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

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CREATOR: Colin Mathews (CN=Colin Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 09:16:43.00

SUBJECT: Targeted Cities

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

Below is a list of targeted cities developed at the satellite meeting on Friday, Oct. 2. Please review the list and return it by fax (with edits) to Michael King or Michael Grantham at 456-5558 or delivery to OEOB room 149. The best number to reach Michael King or Michael Grantham for the next two days is 456-5463.

The list below will be redistributed with your edits and suggestions at the next satellite meeting on Wednesday. Notification of the location and time of that meeting will follow. The actual contact for the day to day operations will most likely be different from the name that we portray to the public as the host of the individual satellite downlink site. It is important that you list the individual that you feel would best represent the conference to the public, such as a particular Mayor, state AG or other official. At Wednesday's meeting we can review the updated list of targeted cities and decide which of the 42 cities and states should be focused on, and who should lead those events.

Targeted Satellite Cities
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 Chicago
 Los Angeles
 Miami
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 Denver
 Boston

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Portland, OR
Dallas
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Kansas City, MO
Kansas City, KS
Paduca, KY
Springfield/Eugene, OR
Pearl, MS
Jonesborough
Richmond,
Edinburgh
St. Louis, MO
Minneapolis
Detroit
Long Beach
Cincinnati, OH
Cleveland, OH
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San Francisco
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Baltimore
Sacramento
Portland, ME
Birmingham, AL
Omaha, NE
Milwaukee
Madison

Police Chief,

U.S. Attorney

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 13:05:35.00

SUBJECT: Moynihan "Enhancing Family Life Act of 1998"

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I wanted to clarify what is in the Moynihan bill. (This morning, I confused it with another recently introduced "family" bill.) The bill is based on a set of proposals by James Q. Wilson and would:

1. Provide support for "second chance" maternity homes for unwed teen mothers;
2. Promote adoption by increasing the number of children eligible for federal adoption assistance and by encouraging states to test a "per capita" approach in child welfare (ie., the states give agencies a fixed sum for each child, thereby providing an incentive to find a permanent placement quickly);
3. Fund early childhood development programs, including preschool and home visiting; and
4. Creating education assistance to help parents stay at home with their young children and help them later enter the workforce.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 10:20:59.00

SUBJECT: Harris story

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:

today's POST has a John Harris story. It tests the theory that he is unable to govern because of the so-called scandal. Can I get a laundry list of issues he is focused on during this time? We need to change the ill-percieved notion that the Pres is too caught up in this muck to focus on the work he was elected to do -- which you know is not true...can you do a q&A on recent accomplishments, why this premise if false, etc...thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 18:27:49.00

SUBJECT: FYI: INS Restructuring -- Abraham's Staff Contacts Lott's COS

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

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

It appears as if our optimism about INS reform being a dead issue was misplaced. According to OMB and DOJ, Rogers continues to push to get INS reform attached to CJS (or to a CR). Steve M. has asked Justice for their suggested amendments to Rogers's bill that would make it more acceptable to us (in case we need a compromise).

julie

----- Forwarded by Julie A. Fernandes/OPD/EOP on 10/06/98
06:45 PM -----

Steven M. Mertens

10/06/98 04:16:07 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Michael Deich/OMB/EOP, Kenneth L. Schwartz/OMB/EOP, David J. Haun/OMB/EOP, Julie A. Fernandes/OPD/EOP

cc: Theodore Wartell/OMB/EOP, Patricia E. Romani/OMB/EOP

Subject: FYI: INS Restructuring -- Abraham's Staff Contacts Lott's COS

FYI: INS restructuring has been bucked up to a leadership issue. INS talked with Abraham's staff this morning following my call on Rogers continuing attempts to get INS restructuring into CJS. Abraham's staff talked with Lott's COS on this issue and is attempting to get Hatch to call Lott personally.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 11:47:29.00

SUBJECT: Q&A

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TEXT:

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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QUESTION: *Isn't there strong evidence that this scandal has eliminated the President's ability to lead this country and to get things done in Washington?*

ANSWER: No. First, the President is playing a central role in shaping the many appropriations bills that are pending in Congress. These bills contain several of the President's key priorities for this year and we are working to ensure Congress funds the President's requests in such areas as education, training, health, crime and drugs, children and families, the environment, and community empowerment. In addition, the President has signed into law several important pieces of legislation in the past three months. For example, tomorrow the President will sign the Higher Education Act Reauthorization which includes his initiative to slash the student loan interest rate. Earlier this year, he signed legislation modeled on his GI Bill for America's Workers which gives Americans new opportunities and choices to train for the jobs of the future. Other bills the President has fought for and Congress enacted include: The Credit Union Membership Access Act; the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act; and the Homeowners Protection Act.

And in those areas where Congress has not heeded the President's call for action, the President has led by taking unilateral steps to insure a better way of life for all Americans. For example, the Administration is in the process of bringing Federal health plans into compliance with the Patient's Bill of Rights.

Finally, he has also continued the job of putting 100,000 police on our streets. The Administration has now funded over 89,000 new officers and crime rates are down to their lowest level in a generation. And he has continued policies to reducing the number of guns on our streets when he banned the importation of more than fifty types of modified assault weapons.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 15:46:45.00

SUBJECT: Tobacco MMWR

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

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

In case you haven't heard, the MMWR for this week updates our figure for how many kids begin smoking every day. It is up to 3300 (from 3000). The report is embargoed until Thursday afternoon (appearing in Friday's papers). O'Hara will send us paper as soon as he gets it.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 11:08:32.00

SUBJECT: Literacy bill

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TEXT:

Kennedy and Jeffords were on the floor talking about the literacy bill a few minutes ago. I think they already finished the debate (it apparantly lasted about 10 minutes), and will vote later, though I am trying to get clarification from Kennedy's staff. I'll get to you as soon as I know--though it certainly looks like we dodged the Hutchinson single sex schools amendment.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 16:17:17.00

SUBJECT: Final One-pager on Riders

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TEXT:

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04:15 PM -----

Charles R. Marr
10/06/98 02:59:36 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Final One-pager on Riders

Melissa -- could you blast email this -- it is to be distributed to Hill
and groups. Thanks.

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Achieving a Budget Solution

The First Step: Drop Controversial Riders

October 6, 1998

The President has proposed a budget that focuses on the basic fundamentals needed to keep the country moving forward:

- Saving Social Security First.
- Investing in education and in a cleaner environment.
- Leading the response to the global financial turmoil.

The Congressional Majority has taken its eye off of these basic fundamentals. That is why they failed to even pass a budget resolution, despite an April 15th legal deadline. And why they sent only one appropriations bill to the President's desk before the fiscal year began. Instead of focusing on basic budget decisions and making the needed investments:

- **The Congress has loaded down the appropriations bills with scores of controversial and objectionable riders. Many of these controversial items have not been debated, hearings have not been held, and they do not belong on appropriations bills. These riders are an unnecessary distraction that pose a major obstacle to achieving a budget solution.**

The time has come to return the focus to the basic task at hand: achieving a budget solution. Dropping these controversial riders is the critical first step needed to achieve success. It is time to put progress over partisanship and to put common sense over ideology.

Examples of riders that should be dropped:

- **Assaults on the Environment -- Scores of anti-environmental riders would sacrifice public lands to private interests by mandating overcutting on national forests, carving roads through wilderness, and denying taxpayers a fair return on oil leasing on federal lands. Other riders aim to cripple wildlife protections and thwart common-sense efforts to reverse global warming.**
- **Undermining of the Brady Law -- Extraneous language would undermine the Brady law by delaying implementation of the FBI's system of computerized background checks for all gun purchasers. Brady background checks have stopped nearly a quarter of a million illegal handgun sales and its implementation should not be undermined.**
- **Denial of an Accurate Census. The statistical methods incorporated in the Census Bureau's plan, which are based on recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences, would produce the most accurate census possible and virtually eliminate the large undercounts of minorities, children, and other groups that occurred in the 1990 census. The onerous House language restrictions on the Census should be dropped.**
- **Private School Vouchers -- House language provides for the use of private school vouchers in the District of Columbia. Instead of investing additional resources in public schools, vouchers would allow a few selected students to attend private schools and would draw resources and attention**

away from the hard work of reforming public schools that serve the overwhelming majority of D.C. students. This would establish a dangerous precedent for using Federal taxpayer funds for schools that are not accountable to the public.

- **Prohibition on National Voluntary Education Testing** -- The House has included language that would prohibit the development, implementation, and administration of the tests. This would retreat from the work of raising expectations for students and schools and bring a halt to the President's efforts to help States and parents raise academic standards through a voluntary national test in the basic skills. **The House has included language that would prohibit the development, implementation, and administration of the tests unless explicitly authorized. This would bring a halt to the President's efforts to help States and parents raise academic standards through a voluntary national test.**
- *Other Education Riders Pose Serious Concerns:* The bills contain other riders that change, in unnecessary and inappropriate ways, programs that serve youth with disabilities (IDEA); programs that serve limited English proficient children; how schools protect students from inappropriate internet materials; and how grantees are held accountable for the use of certain Federal funds that address national needs.
- **Undermining of Worker Safety Efforts** -- House language would unnecessarily delay efforts to protect worker safety and should be dropped.
- **Family Planning Interference** -- Several controversial family planning riders have been added to appropriations bills. These restrictions would lead to more unintended pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases and should be dropped.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 17:11:30.00

SUBJECT: news updates for tomorrow am

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

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

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

TEXT:

1. The Senate passed the agricultural appropriations bill today without a veto proof majority, 55-43. We have threatened to veto the \$60 billion bill because its \$4.2 billion in emergency aid is \$3.1 billion less than the president wants. The bill includes about \$51 million for the President's Food Safety Initiative, \$31 million for USDA, \$20 million for FDA. when added to the \$5 million we had previously gotten for CDC it totals \$56 million out of a proposed \$101 million package.

2. Rep. Etheridge's (D-NC) staff is pushing the idea of lifting the ban on US government involvement in promoting exports of tobacco leaf. It is possible Etheridge will call Erskine. He will likely would ask Erskine for the Administration to at least stay neutral. They are faxing the language they are asking Glickman to agree to, Dallas said Glickman wouldn't do it without WH sign off.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 10:38:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: Harris story

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1998 21:21:52.00

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THE HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1998:
FIVE VICTORIES FOR THE CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION
October 7, 1998

Today, President Clinton is signing into law five major new initiatives that he proposed, along with other important provisions extending the Higher Education Act. The new initiatives will:

- *slash the student loan interest rate*
- *help disadvantaged children prepare for college*
- *improve teacher preparation and recruitment*
- *promote high-quality distance education*
- *create a new model for efficient government*

The Higher Education Act, originally enacted in 1965, authorizes many of the Federal government's programs to increase access to college, including Federal Pell Grants, student loans, Federal WorkStudy, and the TRIO student support programs, as well as programs to improve teacher training, strengthening developing institutions, and promote innovation. The Act is reviewed every five years. In response to the Administration's requests, this year the reauthorization:

1. SLASHES THE STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATE

Proposal: "We are proposing improvements in the student loan program that will lower the cost of college for millions of students and their families while preserving their access to the loans they need." [Vice President Gore, Press Briefing, February 25, 1998]

Result: *As proposed by the Vice President, the legislation extends for 5 years the new low student interest rate on new college loans, now 7.46% instead of 8.25%, saving students \$11 billion on loans made over the next five years. The typical student borrower at a 4-year college, who graduates with \$13,000 in debt, will save about \$700 over a ten-year repayment period. Borrowers have four months to refinance their outstanding loans at the new rate. The Administration continues to oppose the excessive payments to lenders and intermediaries included in the bill, and supports extending the refinancing window beyond the four month period.*

2. HELPS DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN GEAR UP FOR COLLEGE

Proposal: "I also ask this Congress to support our efforts to enlist colleges and universities to reach out to disadvantaged children, starting in the 6th grade, so that they can get the guidance and hope they need so they can know that they, too, will be able to go on to college." [President Clinton, State of the Union Address, January 27, 1998]

Result: *The legislation launches a new national effort, incorporating the President's High Hopes for College initiative, to help disadvantaged students prepare for college. Called GEAR UP, this program provides competitive grants to colleges that partner with high-poverty middle schools and the community to tell families *early* about the financial aid that is available for college, and then to provide longterm mentoring, tutoring, and other assistance to make the dream of college a reality. Grants are also provided to States to encourage broad efforts to provide early information and counseling about college opportunity.*

3. IMPROVES TEACHER PREPARATION AND RECRUITMENT

Proposal: "I will forward to the Congress a proposal for a new national effort to attract quality teachers to high-poverty communities by offering scholarships for those who make commitments to these

communities for at least three years. . . Our proposal also includes funds to strengthen teacher

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preparation programs so that those who go into teaching are better prepared to teach their students.”
[President Clinton, NAACP National Convention, July 17, 1997]

Result: The legislation includes the Administration's proposals, and more:

- *Improves teacher preparation through grants to partnerships--* modeled after the Administration's proposed Lighthouse Partnerships -- between teacher education institutions and school districts to produce teachers who have strong teaching skills, are highly competent in the academic content areas in which they plan to teach, and know how to use technology as a tool for teaching and learning.
- *Recruits additional teachers for high-need areas* through the Administration's proposed grants to partnerships between high-quality teacher education programs and local schools to offer scholarships, support, and services to recruit and prepare teachers to serve for at least three years in high-need schools.
- *Supports state-level efforts to improve teacher quality* through State Teacher Quality Enhancement grants to strengthen state teacher certification standards, create alternative pathways into teaching, hold higher education institutions accountable for the quality of teachers they prepare, and recruit high-quality teachers.
- *Strengthens accountability in teacher education* by requiring that states and teacher education institutions report on teacher preparation, including their students' performance on teacher licensing exams.
- *Forgives up to \$5,000 in loans* for those who teach for five years in a low-income community.

4. *PROMOTES HIGH QUALITY DISTANCE EDUCATION*

Proposal: “Valuable technologies also are important for providing opportunities in higher education at a time when college is becoming ever more crucial. . . . This is why [we] proposed a number of changes to the Higher Education Act that will broaden learning opportunities.” [Secretary Riley, U.S. Distance Learning Association National Conference, November 5, 1997]

Result: The bill includes the Administration's Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership (LAAP) initiative, and expands student aid eligibility for distance learners. LAAP awards competitive grants to partnerships between schools and other entities to: create new distance learning models, explore the efficiencies and cost reductions possible through institutional partnerships, and develop innovative measures of student achievement in distance education. The legislation also expands student aid eligibility for distance learners, a goal proposed by the Administration, through demonstration programs that waive some student aid restrictions to allow more nontraditional students to obtain higher education, including full-time workers, parents, people in rural areas, and people with disabilities.

5. *TAKES AN HISTORIC STEP TOWARD A NEW MODEL OF GOVERNMENT*

Proposal: “We're going to dramatically change the way many agencies provide their services. Today, I'm proposing to create within existing departments something we call ‘Performancebased Organizations.’ . . . These PBOs would be run by chief executives who sign contracts and will be personally accountable for delivering results. . . . Their pay and job security will be tied directly to performance.” [Vice President Gore, National Press Club, March 4, 1996]

Result: The bill creates the federal government's first-ever PBO, a concept promoted by the Reinventing Government effort spearheaded by the Vice President. The delivery of Federal student aid -- loans, grants, work-study and other assistance -- will be led by an executive with expertise in information technology and experience

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with financial systems, who reports directly to the Secretary and has new administrative flexibility in exchange for increased accountability for results. The Secretary will continue to be responsible for setting student aid policy.

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Who says we've lost clout with Congress? Check this out from today's Hotline:

Rep. Joseph R. Pitts' (R-PA) "efforts to help Amish tradesmen get around child labor laws faces opposition" from Congress, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) said 10/5. Pitts has asked Specter to push his legislation in the Senate, but Specter said he is concerned "the proposal may be unconstitutional." Specter said he is also "worried that it provides insufficient safeguards for young workers." But Specter added that he "may introduce the legislation in the Senate to promote discussion, although it faces no chance of passage during the few days remaining in the current session." Specter made his comments after touring a woodworking shop that employs numerous Amish workers who make wood furniture. Specter: "Congressman Pitts' legislation has a good many safeguards to limit access by the youngsters and also to require adult supervision, but there's an issue as to whether that can be realistically enforced, and that's something that has to be considered. The Department of Justice sent us a letter saying that they thought the bill would be unconstitutional as favoring a religion." Pitts has been trying to help Amish in his district by allowing youths between 14 and 18, "whose religion does not permit formal schooling beyond the eighth grade," to work in woodworking shops and sawmills, so long as they aren't allowed to operate woodworking machinery, such as band saws (Delaney, Lancaster Intelligencer- Journal, 10/6).
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