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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lotus Pager Gateway (Lotus Pager Gateway [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAR-1999 08:22:06.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

To: JOSE (Pager) #CERDA

cc:

From: Elena Kagan

Date: 3/20/1999

Time: 08:17:04

Subject:

Body:

come by my ww office to get edited guidance when you come in for radio address. elena

Priority:

Message history for recipient JOSE CERDA [Pager]

Saturday 20 Mar 1999 08:18:54 Eastern Standard Time - Message received by Pager Gateway

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAR-1999 09:23:26.00

SUBJECT: Revised/Edited Q/A on Hatch Crime Bill

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Michael A. Hammer (CN=Michael A. Hammer/OU=NSC/O=EOP @ EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:
Barry/Amy/et.al.:

Here's the final Hatch guidance...updating last night's draft.

Jose'

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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**Senate Republican Crime Bill
Questions and Answers
March 20, 1999**

Q: Yesterday, Senate Hatch and other Republicans unveiled an omnibus crime bill, the 21st Century Justice Act, and accused the Administration of cutting funds to law enforcement. What is your reaction to it?

A: While we have not had a chance to review Senator Hatch's bill in detail, we already know that we have one very serious concern: like the Republican budget resolution, the Hatch Bill proposes cutting the President's community policing program (COPS) by about \$1 billion. As you know, COPS has provided funds to over 11,000 communities to hire more than 92,000 police officers. It has helped spread community policing methods to thousands of police departments across the country, and it has been credited by countless law enforcement officials as one of the key reasons for the significant reduction in the crime rate over the past 6 years. We simply won't go along with Senator Hatch's attempt to dismantle this program. Indeed, the President's crime bill will propose extending the COPS program by: putting up to 50,000 more police on the street; funding new crime fighting technologies for police departments; hiring more local prosecutors to work with police; and helping to engage the entire community -- including principals, pastors, and parents -- in the fight against crime.

In other respects, most of the Hatch bill is not new. It reauthorizes a series of state and local crime programs, many of which we support. And it includes a number of old proposals on juvenile crime and drugs, which we will continue to discuss and debate on the merits.

As for the recent criticisms by Senator Hatch and other Republicans on the President's law enforcement budget, we will let the record speak for itself. Since 1993, the Justice Department's budget has essentially doubled, and funding for state and local law enforcement has increased by more than 500%. There can be no question that this Administration has provided unprecedented support for law enforcement at all levels -- state, local and federal. By contrast, this year's Republican budget proposal, on top of cutting the entire COPS program, would provide 12 percent less than the President's budget for Administration of Justice programs.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth R. Newman (CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 09:19:48.00

SUBJECT: guidance today

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:

NYTimes Story on Housing/Disability Regulation

HHS regulations - Welfare/medicaid

thanks

I will recycle tobacco, medicare, police brutality, crime budget

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CREATOR: Morley A. Winograd (CN=Morley A. Winograd/O=OVP [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 09:29:10.00

SUBJECT: Crime Mapping meeting this afternoon at 3pm

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elena:

the end of this message has an executive summary of the recommendations. I'll try and get you the full list later. Let me know what you think. What about this no money thing?

Morley

----- Forwarded by Morley A. Winograd/OVP on 03/22/99
09:53 AM -----

Pamela.Johnson @ npr.gov

03/22/99 07:35:32 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Morley A. Winograd/OVP

cc: jack.fahey @ npr.gov, muller_j @ al.eop.gov

Subject: Crime Mapping meeting this afternoon at 3pm

Morley -

Re:

Crime Mapping and Data Driven Task Force

Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, March 22, 1999

3 p.m. to 5 p.m

810 Seventh Street, N.W.

Room 3500

Jack Fahey can go over with you - - his number is P6(b)(6) [001]

Background: This isn't a speech. You don't need to be there for two hours, but it would be great if you could be there to open the meeting at 3pm and stay for 30-45 minutes? Unfortunately Ray Fisher is not able to be there today; Jeremy Travis will be representing DOJ and opening the meeting with you. The purpose of this session is to:

- listen to the reports of the three sub-committees
- hear the first cut at recommendations and
- make suggestions on how to strengthen/improve.

After the feedback, the Task Force members will work to strengthen them, make sure that they are thoroughly thought through and vetted over the next several weeks.

Since you put forward three questions as the "Morley test" at the kick-off

event, that should make your role easier at this meeting:

Talking Points:

- * Thank the sub-committees for their work so far.
- * Revisit the "Morley test"
- * Will this recommendation:
 - promote the shift to more effective 21st century law enforcement?
- * make a positive difference for communities?
- * help reduce and prevent crime?

- * FYI:
 - * There are some really important recommendations, here, that will forever change government, for example:
 - * Supporting a more strategic role for US Attorneys - - this supports a direction that Justice is moving in and makes it explicit.
 - * Creation of a National Public Safety Information Infrastructure - - this could not only support law enforcement and emergency response nationwide but also accelerate the development of the foundation for the geographic information that every community needs and wants. Jack, Katie and the Dept of Interior are all excited about the potential for this. And I have spoken to Tom Kalil who is also quite interested.
 - * Shift performance measures for federal law enforcement agencies to more focused on outcomes.
 - * Training of federal law enforcement in the use of GIS - - it is clear from the work of the Task Force that the Feds are lagging behind the locals on this - although Justice is working on this.
 - * Using Distance learning is really new for Justice - - Lynn has gotten them in touch with her cybercast network and they have found some additional great resources. .

- * What isn't in the package that you may want to raise:
 - * Not all the recommendations are included, privacy is a big one that isn't finished yet and needs to be in the final package.
 - * The recommendations are directed more at long term change - - and probably as they stand won't have an immediate impact on crime. Interestingly - - there is no formal or informal way that I have found for Justice to have a strategic discussion with police officials in cities that are having problems reducing their crime rate.
 - * There are lots of data questions that will be included in the final package.
 - * Funding issues will be addressed after the Steering Committee - - the rule from OMB is, however, no new money.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 09:49:18.00

SUBJECT: Patients Bill of Rights on-line petition

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: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Click "view" on petition box to see petition. Let me know if you have any comments you would like me to pass on.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded by Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP on 03/22/99
08:52 AM -----

JANET MURGUIA
03/19/99 09:53:00 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP, Loretta M. Ucelli/WHO/EOP, Ann F. Lewis/WHO/EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Patients Bill of Rights on-line petition

Please get any feedback on this to me asap. Thanks. JM
----- Forwarded by Janet Murguia/WHO/EOP on 03/19/99
08:28 PM -----

Laura Quinn @ dpc.senate.gov (Laura Quinn)
03/19/99 06:31:04 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Janet Murguia/WHO/EOP, ptaylor @ aflcio.org, kgrossing @ aflcio.org
cc:
Subject: PBoR on-line petition

third time the charm -- i hope this gets through

two DRAFT documents attached

1) the DRAFT petition graphic that would be put on each group's web

site

2) and DRAFT instructions for pasting the graphic onto each site

pls review internally and send suggestions for changes back this way.
pls do not send to the outside workl yet.

thanks

- petition.jpg

Instructions for adding a link to the Patients' Bill of Rights Petition to
your
web site.

The HTML code for the form (see attached image) that allows individuals to
add
their names to the PBOR petition can be obtained here:

XXXX/xxx.html

Simply copy this code into your own HTML, wherever you wish the form to
appear
on your site. Once in place, visitors to your web site will be able to
see how
many people have signed the petition, add their names to the petition, and
after
signing they can browse the list of names.

This form contains X images which you will want to copy to your own server
for
them to properly load. The images can all be found at <http://www...> and
are
named:

Image1.gif
Image2.gif
Image3.gif

Place the images into the same directory that you have whichever HTML file
contains your HTML code for the petition.

There are two other minor changes you need to make to the source code.
Near the
bottom of the code, you will find instructions that say 'Enter Your
Organization
Name on the Line below.' Be sure to do that.

If you have any questions or need any assistance at all, please do not
hesitate
to contact Chris Casey, Jeff Hecker, or Jeremy Dorin at 202/224-1430.

**We, the signers of this petition,
support the enactment of a
REAL
Patients' Bill of Rights**

that includes:

- Protects all Patients with Private Insurance
- Prohibition on Gag Rules
- Emergency Room Access
- Access to Ob/Gyn
- Keep Your Doctor
- Guaranteed Access to Specialists
- Access to Out-of-Network Providers
- Guarantee Network Meets Needs
- Specialists for Primary Care
- Standing Referrals to Specialists
- Access to Doctor-Prescribed Drugs
- Access to Clinical Trials
- Protection for Patients Advocacy
- No Arbitrary HMO Interference
- Information on Plan Quality
- Independent External Appeals
- Ability to Hold Plans Accountable

People Who Have Already
Signed The Petition.



Sign The Petition Supporting
The Patients' Bill Of Rights

First name: _____
Last name: _____
City: _____
State: ***

Optional Information

Address: _____
Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____

I would like to be e-mailed developments in
The Patients' Bill of Rights.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 10:15:19.00

SUBJECT: Msg Mtg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Glyn T. Davies (CN=Glyn T. Davies/OU=NSC/O=EOP @ EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

CC: Jocelyn A. Bucaro (CN=Jocelyn A. Bucaro/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Heather M. Riley (CN=Heather M. Riley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Carolyn T. Wu (CN=Carolyn T. Wu/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Loretta Ucelli would like to hold a meeting to discuss messages for the through next week today at 3 p.m. in the GF/WW.

Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 10:41:37.00

SUBJECT: FAA scheduling request

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

TO: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/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: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

Attached is the scheduling request for the President to announce the award of contracts to manufacture more than 150 new FAA-certified explosive detection devices for installation at airports throughout the United States. Bruce had told me to bounce this idea off Sosnik who was interested in the event (although it might be a better VP event.) Do you all want to submit this as a possible event? Transportation keeps calling to inquire whether we are going to do this or not, because, if not, they would like to announce the award of these contracts soon. Let me know, Mary

----- Forwarded by Mary L. Smith/OPD/EOP on 03/22/99
10:38 AM -----

Mary L. Smith
03/16/99 07:29:24 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP
cc: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP, Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP
Subject: FAA scheduling request

Here is the scheduling request for the President to announce the award of contracts to manufacture more than 150 new FAA-certified explosive detection devices for installation at airports throughout the United States. While this is part of an ongoing effort to strengthen airport security since the Gore Commission report came out in 1996, neither the WH nor DOT has ever done an event on it. Are you OK with submitting this? Let me know, Mary

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Schedule Proposal

3-11-99

ACCEPT REJECT PENDING

TO: Stephanie Streett

FROM: Bruce Reed

REQUEST: For the President to announce the award of contracts to manufacture more than 150 new FAA-certified explosive detection devices for installation at airports throughout the United States.

PURPOSE: To amplify the President's commitment to airport security and to help combat terrorism in our Nation.

BACKGROUND: In 1996, the White House Commission on Aviation Safety, led by Vice President Gore, recommended that the FAA purchase innovative security equipment to help insure the safety of the flying public. This announcement would be the purchase of 21 FAA-certified explosives detection systems and 135 trace explosives detection devices, which add to the multi-year deployment of innovative security equipment recommended by the Commission. In FY99, FAA has \$100 million to continue this deployment, and the President requested \$100 million in his FY2000 budget.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE AND TIME: March or early April

BRIEFING TIME: 10 minutes.

DURATION: 30 minutes.

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room.

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
Secretary Rodney Slater
FAA Administrator Jane Garvey
Senators Lautenberg and Boxer and others
Airline CEO's, equipment manufacturers, and members

Automated Records Management System
Hex-Dump Conversion

of the aviation and airport industry.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Remarks by participants.

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by speechwriting.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open press.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No.

RECOMMENDED BY: As indicated above.

CONTACT: Karen Kullman 6-5165.

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Domestic Policy Council.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 11:10:57.00

SUBJECT:

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:

Q: Today, HHS released guidance clarifying that states with joint applications for TANF and Medicaid are required to furnish Medicaid applications immediately upon request and process the applications without delay. Is this an attempt to compensate for the drop in Medicaid enrollment caused by welfare reform?

A: No. It is to ensure that the statutory requirements of the law are followed to ensure that former AFDC recipients and their children do not lose their Medicaid eligibility as they are moving from welfare to work. It is important to recall that the President vetoed two flawed welfare reform bills that did not guarantee Medicaid coverage to all adults and children who would have been eligible prior to the law's passage. The guidance that we released today is just the latest of our efforts to work with states to ensure that working families moving off cash assistance programs still get Medicaid benefits.

Q: Wasn't the Administration investigating New York City for violating Federal rules about immediate processing of Medicaid applications? Is this guidance targeted at them?

HHS has been working with New York City for several months to ensure that their Medicaid program is serving all qualified applicants, as required by law. In late January, a New York district court issued a temporary restraining order against the city for failing to follow Federal Medicaid enrollment requirements, and has required the city to develop a plan for coming into compliance with current statute. However, the situation in New York is not the reason we released this guidebook. Our goal is to do everything possible to maximize both the number of people with health insurance and the number of people moving from welfare to work.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Constance J. Bowers (CN=Constance J. Bowers/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 11:49:08.00

SUBJECT: Puerto Rico/Elementary&Secondary Ed Bill

TO: Tanya E. Martin (CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

See below.

----- Forwarded by Constance J. Bowers/OMB/EOP on
03/22/99 11:50 AM -----

Jeffrey L. Farrow
03/22/99 10:59:54 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Constance J. Bowers/OMB/EOP@EOP, Wei-Min C. Wang/OMB/EOP@EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Puerto Rico/Elementary&Secondary Ed Bill

Thanks for the info. I think we need further consideration before proposing unequal treatment of Puerto Ricans in Even Start, Safe & Drug-Free Schools, and migratory children's education. What is the policy reason for such discrimination? The 2nd ranking Dem. on the House committee, George Miller, is concerned about this. So, too, is Puerto Rico's Romero, who's on the committee. Hispanic Members of Congress just wrote the President asking him to propose phasing in equal treatment of Puerto Rico in the (few) programs where it is not now treated equally. Many of the Puerto Rican kids who would not receive equal aid will wind up in the States.

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- Janet Murguia/WHO/EOP@EOP
 - Fred DuVal/WHO/EOP@EOP
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 - Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP@EOP
 - Barbara Chow/OMB/EOP@EOP
 - Joseph J. Minarik/OMB/EOP@EOP
 - Maritza Rivera/WHO/EOP@EOP
 - Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP@EOP
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 - Cynthia M. Jasso-Rotunno/WHO/EOP@EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa N. Benton (CN=Melissa N. Benton/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 12:14:09.00

SUBJECT: Reminder--comments on Labor testimony on OSHA (LRM MNB30) ARE DUE

TO: Brian S. Mason (CN=Brian S. Mason/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karen Tramontano (CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stuart Shapiro (CN=Stuart Shapiro/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Broderick Johnson (CN=Broderick Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sarah Rosen (CN=Sarah Rosen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: John E. Thompson (CN=John E. Thompson/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This is a reminder that your comments on the subject testimony are due.

Please provide any comments no later than 1:30 p.m. TODAY via fax (5-6148), e-mail, or phone (5-7887). If we do not hear from you, we will assume you have no comments.

Please call if you have any questions. Thanks!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 12:34:08.00

SUBJECT: ESEA Reauthorization Meetings

TO: Tanya E. Martin (CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

CC: Wayne Upshaw (CN=Wayne Upshaw/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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CC: Leslie S. Mustain (CN=Leslie S. Mustain/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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CC: Barry White (CN=Barry White/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

This is to confirm the two ESEA Reauthorization meetings on the schedule for this week:

1. Monday, March 22 at 5:00PM in Barbara Chow's office (OEOB 260)
2. Tuesday, March 23 at 2:30PM in Barbara Chow's office (OEOB 260)

Attendees:

Barbara Chow, OMB
Bruce Reed, DPC
Elena Kagan, DPC
Jon Schnur, OVP

Tanya Martin, DPC
Broderick Johnson, WHLA
Mike Smith, ED
Mike Cohen, ED
Ann O'Leary, ED
Diane Rogers, ED
Scott Fleming, ED
Tom Corwin, ED
Judith Johnson, ED

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Sandra Yamin
03/19/99 05:40:09 PM
Record Type: Record

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

We have scheduled two ESEA Reauthorization meetings for next week:

1. Monday, March 22 at 5:00PM
2. Tuesday, March 23 at 2:30PM

Please hold these times on your schedule. I have confirmed these times with Mike Smith and Bruce Reed's schedules. I will get back to you with a room number and a complete list of attendees when I have them.

Tanya: Please let me know if there is anyone else I need to include from EOP. FYI -- Ann O'Leary is taking care getting the word out to the appropriate Ed folks. Thank you.

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To: _____
Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP@EOP
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 12:44:08.00

SUBJECT: Nursing Homes

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

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/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: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP @ OVP [OVP])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The President is currently scheduled to sign the nursing homes bill on Wednesday afternoon (2:40-2:55pm), in a closed press ceremony in the Oval. I think there will be a call today to determine who will attend, ie, just members, or add in Cabinet and/or the couple from Florida (see email below). Please let me know if you have any suggestions/comments about who attends the bill signing.

There was also a discussion about the possibility of leaking the nursing home piece of the Crime Bill around this bill signing (would release a WH photo of the bill signing). Is this something that we are ready and want to do this week?

----- Forwarded by Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP on 03/22/99
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Elisa Millsap
03/22/99 11:56:46 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Jeffrey A. Forbes/WHO/EOP, Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP
cc: Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP, Jon P. Jennings/WHO/EOP, Barbara D. Woolley/WHO/EOP
Subject: Nursing Homes

Rep. Davis would like to invite a couple from Florida who have helped to spearhead this legislation. Davis is anxious to know if this is possible since they will need to fly in for it. I think that Jon also has some questions about Cabinet participation.

Do you want to pull together a quick conference call today to discuss this event?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 13:40:59.00

SUBJECT: Re: Workforce Investment Act

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

TEXT:

Thanks to lots of hard work from Andrea and Eric we are wrapping up the Workforce Investment Act rule with OMB and DOL which will put in place the interim rules for the One Stop employment centers (final rule expected in December after a comment period). None of the issues are ones I think you need to focus on, but we will submit a weekly item Thursday with more information.

----- Forwarded by Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP on 03/22/99
01:22 PM -----

Elena Kagan
03/19/99 08:15:00 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: Voc-Rehab - WIA Meeting

great. thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 13:58:17.00

SUBJECT: Re: Workforce Investment Act

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I've pushed this question too and found nothing newsworthy. The rule faithfully implements the statute, but doesn't break policy ground worth noting -- all the issues are really quite technical. Lots of good government implementation stuff but nothing worth highlighting.

But I do think there's a possible event for May or June around the approval of the first state plan -- could go to a site and do a ribbon cutting, push for some of our employment budget initiatives (Jeffords-Kennedy or perhaps Welfare to Work). Probably a VP event. Schnur has been somewhat involved (primarily checking out the community college angle) and this is on his possible event radar screen. DOL will get the first state plans in April and will have up to 90 days to review them.

Elena Kagan

03/22/99 01:43:57 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Workforce Investment Act

is there an event in here someplace?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kelley L. O'Dell (CN=Kelley L. O'Dell/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 14:17:18.00

SUBJECT: Choice Meeting Wed. 10 am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CC: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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CC: Teresa M. Jones (CN=Teresa M. Jones/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Ruby Shamir (CN=Ruby Shamir/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Joseph D. Ratner (CN=Joseph D. Ratner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

There will be an internal meeting to discuss strategy on upcoming choice issues on Wednesday at 10 am in room 15.

Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 14:18:02.00

SUBJECT: education guidance on charter schools

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Charles F. Ruff (CN=Charles F. Ruff/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: Clara J. Shin (CN=Clara J. Shin/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

Edley (Edley @ law.harvard.edu @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

What's this I hear about the department of education wanting to set out guidance for charter schools? Will this be basic guidance? Will it deal with issues of diversity? How do we deal with the san francisco lowell case, or issues of lottery? also accountability? Let me know what's going on?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 15:10:21.00

SUBJECT: George Will and equal pay

TO: Cordelia W. Reimers (CN=Cordelia W. Reimers/OU=CEA/O=EOP @ EOP [CEA])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Rebecca M. Blank (CN=Rebecca M. Blank/OU=CEA/O=EOP @ EOP [CEA])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

George Will has a column in today's Newsweek saying the equal pay figures are "lies" and quoting Furchtgott-Roth and Stolba. It is an argument we have had in the past, but will now be raised more prominently and with academic support. Could you at CEA take a look at the column and propose a fact-based rebuttal to Will's assertion: the wage gap is small, voluntary and doesn't require government involvement. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer M. Luray (CN=Jennifer M. Luray/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 15:10:56.00

SUBJECT: Choice Meeting Wed. 10 am

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This is the meeting that we had discussed earlier in the year to discuss what battles we have coming up in Congress, as well as our proactive strategy.

I'm interested in your input re: the meeting agenda. I thought Caroline could review for us what's likely to be on the floor in the next 6 months; Elena could review where we are on policy (have there been any changes since last year); and Ann could lead a discussion on the politics and message. Specific choice issues we need to discuss include: late-term, child custody protection, Title X, clinic violence, contraceptive coverage. Melanne asked that we have a separate meeting on int'l family planning when she returns from Africa. In addition to the meeting agenda, who have I missed below to invite? Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer M. Luray/WHO/EOP on 03/22/99
02:53 PM -----

Kelley L. O'Dell

03/22/99 02:46:41 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jennifer M. Luray/WHO/EOP, Sondra L. Seba/WHO/EOP, Robin Leeds/WHO/EOP, Kelley L. O'Dell/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Choice Meeting Wed. 10 am

----- Forwarded by Kelley L. O'Dell/WHO/EOP on 03/22/99
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Kelley L. O'Dell

03/22/99 02:15:31 PM

Record Type: Record

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

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

Subject: Choice Meeting Wed. 10 am

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Thank you.

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Tracy Pakulniewicz/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv (CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:20:31.00

SUBJECT: FMLA

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: Richard L. Siewert (CN=Richard L. Siewert/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Amy Weiss (CN=Amy Weiss/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

NBC in New York is working on family medical leave issue and is interested in knowing if we expect any action, whether we're going to be pushing it, etc. Is there anything positive I can say? Let's talk, since they want to do a story on it.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:24:54.00

SUBJECT: Wage Data Update

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

TEXT:

I'm still trying to get an answer out of OMB (Barbara Chow). Here is the status of the wage proposal.

We've now talked to every interested party and basically gotten sign-off from everyone (except OMB) with some suggestions that don't rise to the level of demands: On the business side -- Treasury; Commerce; CEA; and SBA have all signed off although I think we shouldn't publicize that fact to the groups. On the other side Labor and EEOC have seen it and agreed Shirley Wilcher of EEOC and Sally Paxton that is, they are telling Kitty about it but they seemed pleased and I don't know what concern they could have). EEOC is fine, but recently raised the idea of getting \$8 million to do the study/regulation instead of just the current language "funds authorized as necessary" -- they would go down to \$2 million. Caroline F. thinks Daschle will go for it, NEC is ok (they are sending Gene a memo), Beier is fine with it, suggests adding a "study of the lessons learned from the public sector activities and/or best practices in the private sector studies" and something on privacy which I will take up with Daschle. OPL has had it read to them and are fine if the groups are, (Jenny would like to be on the phone when you call the groups.) I described it to Counsel's office here as well.

After we get OMB, you can do the call to the groups, then Caroline F. has set up a meeting with Daschle for Wednesday where we will give this to them.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:24:59.00

SUBJECT: nevada/charters

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Schnur is checking on education hits in Las Vegas. Nevada has a relatively recent charter law, and only a few schools. I asked him to look as social promotion too

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elisa Millsap (CN=Elisa Millsap/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:25:10.00

SUBJECT: Nursing Homes

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

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

CC: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Tracey E. Thornton (CN=Tracey E. Thornton/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Rachel A. Redington (CN=Rachel A. Redington/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lisa M. Kountoupes (CN=Lisa M. Kountoupes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

In consultation with Sen. Graham and Rep. Jim Davis, I have come up with the following invitation list for the Nursing Homes Bill Signing:

Sen. Graham-lead sponsor

Sen. Grassley--very helpful on this bill, Graham wants him invited

Sen. Roth-helpful, bill went through Finance

Sen. Moynihan--bill went through Finance

Rep. Davis-lead sponsor

Rep. Bilirakis--helpful, went through his subcommittee

Rep. Sherrod Brown--helpful, went through his subcommittee

Rep. Dingell--went through commerce--very helpful

Rep. Bliley--went through commerce

I have a call into HHS to see if they have any further thoughts on this list. Any problem with the above Members? Graham felt pretty strong about inviting Grassley. He has apparently been very helpful on this legislation. Let me know if you have a problem with this. Also, we will probably add Sen. Kohl. Apparently, Sen. Mack has not done much to help on this bill, both Davis and Graham did not think he needed to come.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:26:13.00

SUBJECT: Budget Recess Mtg

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

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

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

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

TO: Patricia M. Ewing (CN=Patricia M. Ewing/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Linda Ricci (CN=Linda Ricci/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TO: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Jennifer M. Palmieri (CN=Jennifer M. Palmieri/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Mary E. Cahill (CN=Mary E. Cahill/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Carolyn T. Wu (CN=Carolyn T. Wu/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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TEXT:

Loretta Ucelli will be holding a meeting to discuss budget activities while the Hill is in recess tomorrow, March 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Please let me know if this is not a good time for you.

Thanks.

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CREATOR: Rachel A. Redington (CN=Rachel A. Redington/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 17:43:16.00

SUBJECT: Bill Signing Scheduled for Thursday

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 18:29:25.00

SUBJECT: REMINDER -- ESEA Reauthorization Meeting

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TEXT:

Just a reminder -- there will be another ESEA Reauthorization meeting on Tues., Mar 23 at 2:30PM in Barbara Chow's office (OEOB 260). Topics to be covered include Title V, Public School Choice, Title VII and LEP Issues. Please forward this message to anyone I may have missed.

Also, please hold the following times for future ESEA Reauthorization meetings: Wed., Mar 24 between 3:15PM - 4:45PM (topic: Accountability) and Wed, Mar 31 from 3:30 - 4:30 (topic: TBD). I will get back to you when these times have been confirmed. Thank you.

Attendees:

Barbara Chow, OMB
Bruce Reed, DPC
Elena Kagan, DPC
Neera Tanden, DPC
Jon Schnur, OVP
Tanya Martin, DPC
Broderick Johnson, WHLA
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TEXT:

This meeting will be held at noon now. Please let me know if this adversely effects your schedules.

Thanks!

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Please let me know if this is not a good time for you.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elisa Millsap (CN=Elisa Millsap/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAR-1999 18:32:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: Nursing Homes

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TEXT:

Rich Tarplin is okay with Grassley. He would also like to add Sen. Reid and possibly Rep. Waxman, and definitely thinks Kohl should be invited. Are there other Floridians we should consider? This list may already be getting too large, though. We only have 10 minutes for the event.

Elisa Millsap
03/22/99 04:56:36 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Nursing Homes

In consultation with Sen. Graham and Rep. Jim Davis, I have come up with the following invitation list for the Nursing Homes Bill Signing:

Sen. Graham-lead sponsor
Sen. Grassley--very helpful on this bill, Graham wants him invited
Sen. Roth-helpful, bill went through Finance

Sen. Moynihan--bill went through Finance

Rep. Davis--lead sponsor

Rep. Bilirakis--helpful, went through his subcommittee

Rep. Sherrod Brown--helpful, went through his subcommittee

Rep. Dingell--went through commerce--very helpful

Rep. Bliley--went through commerce

I have a call into HHS to see if they have any further thoughts on this list. Any problem with the above Members? Graham felt pretty strong about inviting Grassley. He has apparently been very helpful on this legislation. Let me know if you have a problem with this. Also, we will probably add Sen. Kohl. Apparently, Sen. Mack has not done much to help on this bill, both Davis and Graham did not think he needed to come.

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TEXT:

I called, e-mailed and paged Barbra Chow who just called back to say she wanted to still talk about it with Deich and Gottbaum could she tell us tomorrow morning? I said if there is a problem they should tell us, at this point we have Treasury, Commerce, Labor, SBA, DOJ, CEA, Leg Affairs, OPL, Counsels Office, and VP agreeing to this. She said she understood. I raised the EEOC money issue -- EEOC would prefer a specific dollar authorization (they want \$8 million but will settle for \$2 million) and she thought OMB might prefer to put to a dollar on it too. She said her only reaction was that it was "vague" but she understood the utility of that.

What is Causing Caseload Reductions in the Food Stamp Program ?

In November 1998, the Food Stamp Program served 18.6 million people. The number of people receiving food stamps fell by over 9 million people, a drop of one third, since March 1994. Part of this drop is due to the strength of the economy and the success of welfare reform. Part of the drop is due to new restrictions on the participation of certain legal immigrants and able-bodied unemployed adults without dependents. However, other factors may also be at work. Between 1995 and 1997, food stamp participation fell five times as fast as poverty, suggesting that many poor families have left the program despite their continuing eligibility. While the program is available to households with gross incomes of up to 130 percent of poverty, 91 percent of program participants have income below the poverty level.

1. Who is Leaving the Food Stamp Program?

As shown in the table below, the largest percentage declines in food stamp receipt were in the two groups whose eligibility for benefits was curtailed by the 1996 law, legal immigrants and childless unemployed adults, which declined by 54 and 44 percent respectively. However, because these groups make up only a small percent of the overall food stamp caseload, their decline was only responsible for 20 percent of the overall caseload decline from 1994 to 1997. (1997 is the most recent year for which we have food stamp caseload data by subgroup, although we have overall data for 1998 as shown below.)

The bulk of the caseload changes comes from AFDC/TANF recipients, who make up approximately 43 percent of the food stamp caseload. Between 1994-1997, this group experienced a 27 percent decrease in participation, which caused 60 percent of the entire caseload reduction between 1994-1997.

Subgroup	Participants in 1994 (thousands)	Participants in 1997 (thousands)	Participation Change 1994-1997 (thousands)	Percent Change in Participation	Subgroup as Percent of 1994 caseload	Subgroup as Percent of 1997 caseload	Percent of Decline from Subgroup 1994-1997
Legal Permanent Resident Aliens	1,537	706	-831	-54%	6%	3.4%	14%
Childless Unemployed Adults	1,148	648	-500	-43.5%	4%	3.1%	8.4%
AFDC/TANF Recipients	13,052	9,442	-3,610	-27.6%	48%	43%	60.8%
All Other Participants	11,697	10,707	-990	-8.5%	43%	49%	16.7%
Total Participants	27,434	21,503	-5,931	-21.6%	100%	100%	100%

July-September Food Stamp Program Quality Control Data for 1994 and 1997

2. How does the AFDC/TANF caseload decline compare to that in food stamps?

CHANGE IN WELFARE / FOOD STAMP CASELOADS

	Change in AFDC/TANF Participation	Percent Change in AFDC/TANF	Change in Food Stamp Participation	Percent Change in Food Stamps
1994 -1997	2,853,000	-20%	5,931,000	-21%
1994 -1998	6,321,000	-44%	9,282,516	-33%

Historically, food stamp caseloads are usually about twice as high as AFDC/TANF caseloads, reflecting the broader eligibility rules for food stamps. AFDC caseloads, which were largely flat from the mid-1970s through 1990, rose 27 percent between 1990 and 1994. But, between 1994 and mid-1998 they fell by 40 percent. In September, 1998, they were at their lowest since 1969.

Food stamp caseloads follow a similar trend. Participation peaked at 22 million during the 1983 recession and then fell steadily with a stronger economy until 1988. From 1988 to 1994, participation increased by 9.5 million, a 52 percent increase. From 1994 to 1998, food stamp participation fell by 9.2 million, a 33 percent decrease.

3. How much of the decline can be attributed to the economy?

The relationship between the economy and food stamp participation has been fairly strong over the last twenty years. Even when forecasters have not been able to predict AFDC caseloads accurately on the basis on economic factors, there are still corresponding patterns of rise and fall in unemployment and the food stamp caseload. But even though economic factors are important, they are not the entire story. There have been periods where food stamp caseload trends varied significantly from unemployment rates.

The unemployment rate has fallen from 6.6 percent in 1994 to 4.4 percent in 1999. Previously developed models of the relationship between the economy and food stamp participation indicate that economic trends since 1994 could account for anywhere from 28 to 45 percent of the change in food stamp participation.

4. How are specific food stamp eligibility changes affecting the food stamp caseload?

At least 20 percent of the decline between 1994-1997 came from two subgroups directly affected by PRWORA. Participation of legal immigrants declined 54 percent between 1994-1997, although most legal immigrants remained eligible through mid-1997, and reflected 14 percent of the entire caseload's decline. Changes in BBA and last year's Agricultural Research Act may have an effect on these numbers as certain groups of legal immigrants become eligible for food stamps. The group of childless unemployed adults without dependents made up 8 percent of the decline in the entire food stamp caseload, as the subgroup

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registered a 44 percent decline between 1994-1997. Most able-bodied, nonworking childless adults are limited to three months of food stamp benefits in any 36-month period.

While the declines from these two subgroups total 22 percent of the entire caseload reductions between 1994-1997, some of these declines, as with other populations, are likely to be due to improvements in the economy. A 28 to 45 percent decline could mean that 6 to 10 percent of the 22 percent would be due to the economy.

5. What effect do other welfare reform changes have on the food stamp caseload?

Historically, the Food Stamp Program has been closely coordinated in local offices with cash assistance programs and the vast majority of the AFDC/TANF recipients were also receiving food stamps. In fact, as shown in the table below, individuals receiving cash assistance have historically been almost twice as likely to receive food stamps than families with earnings who were eligible for food stamps.

**PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

Household with earnings	45.8 %
Households with children	85.8 %
Single parents with children/no earnings	96.8 %
Single parents with earnings/children	59%
Households with earnings and children	55.2 %

SIPP, 1994

Thus, one reason for declines in food stamp participation may be that million of individuals moved from cash assistance, where they were nearly certain to receive food stamps, to the workforce, where they are half as likely to receive assistance even though still eligible. In that case, we may want to focus our efforts on ensuring the food stamp program does a better job of serving working families. Recent studies of people leaving the welfare rolls show that between 45 and 65 percent are receiving food stamps once they leave the welfare rolls.

SUMMARY OF RECENT RESEARCH ON WELFARE LEAVERS

Study	Percent of Leavers Receiving Food Stamps
Delaware 1/98	65%
Indiana 1997 11/98	38% 52% (after Year 1) 40% (after Year 2)
Iowa 1993-5 1999	66% 59%
South Carolina 1997	66%
Washington 1/99	45%
Wisconsin 1/99	49%

6. What might all this information tell us?

Combining the information we have on caseload changes, the estimated economic effects on caseloads, and the take-up rates of individuals based on earnings we are able to explain 78 percent of the caseload reductions from 1994-1997. Of the 3.6 million individuals who left the food stamp rolls, 1.6 million or 45 percent could be attributed to economic influences. Of the 2.9 million who left TANF during this period, only 59 percent are expected to continue receiving food stamps if historical trends continue, meaning 1.2 million may not received food stamps although they may be eligible. Combining the economic effect on the caseload and what we know about the likelihood of participation for individuals based on earnings, we can account for 2.8 million of the actual 3.6 million decrease. However, because those who left TANF may have done so because of opportunities created by the growing economy, it may not be fair to add these two effects together. We have USDA and CEA examining this and related questions.

7. What factors contribute to nonparticipation?

Reasons why working families are less likely to receive food stamps include:

- **Insufficient or incorrect information about the program.** Working-poor families with children often do not know about their eligibility for food stamps given that many such families are not eligible for cash assistance. Lack of accurate program information is also prevalent among illiterate and non-English speaking individuals.

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- **Problems of Program access and administrative difficulties with the application process.** Historically, participation rates are often lower among rural and elderly populations because of physical access and transportation barriers. However, recent reports, similar to the illegal NYC access situation, have created questions whether wide-spread diversion or discouragement of food stamp participation is taking place on a broader level. Moreover, working families need to follow somewhat cumbersome procedures to report their earning to the food stamp office and it is often difficult for individuals who are working to get to the office during open hours.
- **Small size of the benefit or lack of desire for benefits.** As an individual's or household's income rises the potential food stamp benefit declines. At some point, eligible individuals may decide the small amount of the benefit is worth less than the cost of applying. For example, the monthly food stamp allotment for a family of three with \$300 weekly income and \$500 monthly rent is \$40. Other people forgo benefits regardless of the amount because of the stigma associated with receiving or using Food Stamps. The increasing use of EBT could decrease this stigma in the future as the transaction will be similar to credit card use.

8. Possible proposals

Possible proposals for making food stamps work better for working families include:

- **Car Ownership.** States realize that to successfully seek and retain a job, in most areas of the country people must now own a reliable vehicle. The majority of state TANF programs allow ownership of one car without regard to value, or have a vehicle value limit in line with reasonable local used car values. However, the Food Stamp Program imposes a car value limit of \$4,650 once a recipient is no longer receiving TANF assistance. In some instances, families who leave TANF yet need to continue food stamp participation often find that their car now prevents them from being eligible for food stamps.
- **Reporting and Verifying Information.** Because of the flexibility they have to shape their TANF programs, many states have simplified much of the eligibility and reporting process. They have reduced reporting requirements and made definitions of income simpler. But food stamp polices require in-person recertification interviews as often as every three months. Food stamp rules also require reporting of nearly every change in wage amounts, which often fluctuate substantially over short periods. We are discussing USDA a proposal to administratively allow six-month certification periods as opposed to three -month certification periods and allow working families to submit a complete report every three months but not require the families to report routine changes between quarterly reports.

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- **Error Rates.** Under the Food Stamp program, states must meet certain payment accuracy rates in order to avoid penalties. These rates require the family to predict extremely accurately future earnings which is difficult for hourly employees. The result is that as individuals on TANF move into jobs, state error rates increase, providing states with disincentives to serve these families. We are discussing another proposal with USDA to administratively raise the tolerance for excluding small dollar errors from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Only those overissuances to eligible households which exceed the \$10.00 tolerance figure would be reported and coded in the completion of quality control reviews.

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H. R. 1141 – EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 1999
(Sponsor: Young (R), Florida)

This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on H.R.1141, the bill making emergency supplemental appropriations to assist in Central America's recovery from recent natural disasters, to provide urgent funding related to the situation in Jordan, and to provide vital loans and other assistance to our farmers and ranchers. **The Administration appreciates the Committee's consideration of the President's supplemental requests and looks forward to working with the Congress on a bi-partisan basis to complete action on this important legislation soon. However, we have significant concerns with the approach being taken in the House Committee bill and we ask that you consider the Administration's views.**

Providing essential assistance to victims of natural disasters and helping our farmers at home with vital financing clearly fall in the category of needs that are urgent, unanticipated, and essential -- that is, emergency requirements. Therefore, they clearly deserve to be funded quickly, fully, and without requiring offsets that could force unacceptable reductions in important programs. We support the Committee's action of providing defense-related emergency funding in response to Hurricane Mitch without offsets and believe that consistent treatment should be applied to non-defense agencies performing similar emergency activities. **The Administration would strongly oppose an amendment that may be offered that would require offsets for this defense-related emergency funding.**

The Committee bill would rescind \$875 million from international affairs accounts, with the largest portion being a rescission of \$648 million in appropriations of callable capital from U.S. payments to the Asian Development Bank (ASDB), the World Bank and the InterAmerican Development Bank. Such rescissions would be extremely ill-advised. Rescinding the callable capital funding would send a dangerous signal to financial markets and could require the ASDB and other multilateral development banks (MDBs) to pay a higher premium on their borrowing, which could lead to the restriction of capital flows necessary to strengthen the global economy and expand U.S. exports. At a time when some Asian and other developing economies are beginning to recover, this step would be highly unproductive.

In addition, this rescission of callable capital would call into question U.S. commitment

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to all multilateral development banks. This could have a detrimental effect on capital flows and economic growth globally, including in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This unintended consequence would even more broadly delay economic recovery in markets vital to the United States, thereby hurting our own economy.

The other rescissions in the international affairs area would undermine a host of important objectives in many programs. For example, the rescissions would cut support for U.S. exports, undermining our efforts to penetrate foreign markets and provide jobs for American workers. At a time when the United States needs to promote its exports, this is a particularly misguided step. The rescissions would also undercut free market reform and democracy promotion in the New Independent States and in Eastern Europe, areas where it is manifestly in America's interests to encourage reform. The rescission of development assistance would set back efforts in the poorest countries, including possibly in those hit hardest by Hurricane Mitch.

Other rescissions would undermine our efforts to provide peacekeeping operations in troubled areas of the world. The rescission of Global Environment Facility funding would be highly detrimental to the cause of improving global environmental protection. Still other cuts would reduce our contributions to international organizations, where America's reputation as a contributor in good standing is already tarnished.

In addition, we are concerned with the \$150 million cut in important nonproliferation programs to reduce stockpiles of excess weapons grade uranium and plutonium in Russia. Since the Department of Energy has already negotiated an agreement with Russia to purchase uranium for \$325 million, the entire cut would have to come from the \$200 million appropriated for plutonium. That would drastically undercut negotiations that are underway to dispose of 50 tons of weapons grade plutonium in Russia, enough for 15,000 nuclear weapons.

Taken together, these rescissions are so great that the supplemental as a whole would constitute a net reduction in U.S. foreign affairs spending -- a reduction that would seriously undermine America's capacity to pursue its foreign policy objectives and promote our economic security.

Were the bill to be presented to the President with the offsets discussed above, the President's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill. We urge the House not to take actions that could result in gridlock and delay, and that would be detrimental both to our allies abroad and our citizens at home in their time of need.

Emergency Relief for Central America

The bill provides \$962 million for Central America, \$6 million more than the President's request. On February 16th, the President transmitted to the Congress a request for \$956 million for International Assistance Programs, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Justice to provide assistance for emergency disaster and reconstruction assistance expenses arising from the consequences of the recent hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the recent earthquake in Colombia. The Administration appreciates the full funding provided in the House

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bill for this request, which will provide relief from the effects of Hurricanes Mitch and Georges and restore hope to this devastated region.

Hurricane Mitch, the worst natural disaster in the history of the Western Hemisphere, left more than 9,000 dead and drove millions from their homes. Even today, hundred of thousands of Central Americans still cannot return to their homes. Schools, hospitals, businesses, farms and roads were destroyed, resulting in serious economic dislocation. Hurricane Mitch caused \$8.5 billion in damages, and Hurricane Georges brings the total to \$10 billion. The President's Central America package is urgent, unanticipated, and essential and should be funded as an emergency request.

Funds must be provided swiftly to prevent the spread of disease and to buy seed and plant crops in the fast-approaching Spring planting season, thereby providing food and jobs to many communities, and to demonstrate to Central Americans that they can find jobs and security in their own recovering economies. Much of the rural road system farmers and small merchants depend on for their livelihoods was destroyed. Water and sanitation systems have been disrupted, which can result in disease. Economic destruction and dislocation threaten to undermine the region's achievements of the past decade, as these nations have made tremendous strides toward settling conflicts, strengthening democracy, promoting human rights, opening economies and alleviating poverty. Emergency assistance for reconstruction aid will ensure that their transformation continues and that Central Americans will have cause to view their own futures in the region with hope.

Jordan

The Administration appreciates the Committee's providing the full \$100 million for Jordan, fully funding the FY 1999 request. These funds will provide financial support to help promote stability in Jordan and the region during the period of transition subsequent to King Hussein's death. While the administration appreciates the full funding of the \$100 million FY request, we are disappointed that the \$200 million requested for advance appropriations for FYs 2000 and 2001 has not been provided. In the context of promoting peace in the Middle East, the Administration will continue to press for these advance appropriations.

Department of Agriculture

On February 26th, the President submitted a request for \$152 million for urgently needed emergency funds for the Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Administration appreciates the Committee's providing fully for this request. The Administration's request would provide an additional \$1.1 billion in farm ownership, operating, and emergency direct and guaranteed loans to help farmers through the Spring planting season. This additional loan authority would provide vitally needed financing for the Nation's farmers in light of the significant increase in demand for USDA loans, due to project continuing low commodity and livestock prices.

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Department of the Interior

The Administration is pleased that the Committee provided a total of \$21.8 million in supplemental funding for Interior's Indian trust fund management reforms. Of this amount, \$6.8 million was included in the President's FY 2000 Budget and \$15 million was transmitted by the President with offsets on March 10, 1999. Together these funds will allow the Department to carry out critical activities, including court-ordered requirements in the Cobell v. Babbitt lawsuit alleging past mismanagement of individual Indian money accounts, and continued progress on trust fund management improvements.

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TEXT:

I wanted to 1) give you a brief update on discussions at last week's charter conference on the charter school/deseg issue, and 2) get direction from you on a staff-level White House debate about whether a White House letter should be sent to the Wall Street Journal responding to Clint Bolick's editorial this morning attacking Bill Lann Lee for Justice Department investigations into charter schools proposed in Louisiana. Meanwhile, we are setting up a meeting for Friday to discuss next steps on the civil rights guidance with Education, Justice, WH Counsel's office, and us.

1) The charter school conference. The civil rights guidance (as you know) was NOT distributed, but we did have a 90 minute discussion on the issue with conference participants that provided a helpful context for moving forward on the guidance. Among those in the discussion, there were very strong feelings, a wide array of opinions and experiences, and no clear understanding about the applicability of desegregation orders to charter schools. A few believed that charter schools should not be subject to desegregation orders at all, and others were worried that the application of desegregation orders could block the creation of predominantly minority neighborhood charter schools in areas where minority children are bused in order to comply with goals established in a desegregation plan. A number of charter school founders expressed concern about a "double standard" in the enforcement of desegregation plans -- i.e., establishing a rigorous review for charter schools when they believe there isn't as much review for other public schools. Some charter schools had undergone a review for compliance by a court before opening, and others (even some in areas with deseg orders in place) had never gone through any review. Clearly, there is a need for some well-developed guidance with a decent roll-out strategy.

A number of the conservative groups are suggesting that enforcement of civil rights laws is being used as a strategy to block charter schools, and there is apparently some (but it is hard for me to tell how much) interest among Republicans in introducing legislation to "defend" charter schools against Justice Department interventions. Some of the middle-of-the-road charter school advocates -- depending on how the issue is framed -- could be inclined to support this.

2) Wall Street Journal editorial by Clint Bolick this morning and discussions about a possible White House response. WH Counsel's office is suggesting that the White House respond quickly to Bolick's editorial this morning attacking Bill Lann Lee for Justice Department efforts to block or

question the creation of certain proposed charter schools in Louisiana. WH Counsel staff would like a White House letter to specifically defend Justice Department actions in these schools. However, a number of us would prefer not yet to send a letter.

Tracey Thornton (who is apparently shepherding Bill Lann Lee's confirmation process) is wary of a White House response unless it is needed to help secure the support of the LA Senators for his nomination. Tracey is checking with the Senate offices, but her fairly strong initial instinct is to ignore the op-ed and instead to continue to find more ways to publish positive pieces urging Bill Lann Lee's confirmation. Moreover, for the same reasons I was concerned about the guidance, I would be wary of sending out a White House letter before we at least meet later this week to discuss our policy, the likely reaction to this policy, and our roll-out plan. Among other things, I am concerned that Republicans will use this to question the president's commitment to charter schools, and intentionally foster a polarized debate between minority parents and leaders in the charter school movement and civil rights groups/Clinton Administration on the other.

Do you have an opinion on whether a White House letter to the editor should be sent? Again, my recommendation would be to NOT send a letter -- unless Tracey unexpectedly gets info from the Senate indicating that it would be helpful to maintain support for Bill Lann Lee's nomination.

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TEXT:

I wanted to flag a few issues for you to consider as you read Education's Title I draft. I haven't yet thought through how to fix these problems, but I wanted to at least flag them tonight to see if you agreed with any of them. I also don't mean to be overly critical -- they have done a great job. But here are some of my initial concerns. Let me know if there are any that you think are in particular need of addressing.

1) Corrective action in failing schools. The legislation's strategy for intervening in failing schools may focus too much on loosely defined school-level change strategies rather than pressuring failing school districts that may be causing some of the problem in the first place. The draft would direct funding to school districts with the highest concentrations of failing schools and then empower those failing districts to determine the appropriate corrective action needed in the school. Moreover, the corrective actions relate mostly to decisions or changes the school must make (some as vague as "redesigning" the school)-- rather than decisions the school district would need to take. Finally, the 5-year trigger for correction action in schools is somewhat slow, AND it wouldn't affect a perennially failing school district that has schools move in and out of school improvement. Overall, this policy on corrective actions wouldn't necessarily pressure a failing school district -- already tolerating widespread failure or mediocrity -- to make serious change. I'll give more thought to solutions if you agree this is a problem.

2) Teach for America and alternative certification. The requirements on teacher qualifications would require Title I-funded teachers to be fully certified or have a college degree and working to get certification within two years. This may well block Title I funding from being used for "Teach for America" teachers -- many of whom only plan to teach for two years and do not intend to get certified -- and other talented people who enter alternative certification programs that take longer than two years. While there are some legitimate disagreements about the value of certification, this policy might impede talented teachers from entering the classroom. Moreover, critics could highlight all of the talented, young Teach-for-America teachers -- and others getting alternative certification -- who couldn't be hired with federal funds, and criticize the Administration for a misplaced focus on certification over talent.

3) Absence of support for high-performing schools. The accountability fund no longer seems to include support for high-performing schools. Was there a decision to remove this focus? If there is any support for high-performing schools, we could develop some creative ways to reward

those schools (e.g., not just bonuses, but increased flexibility, funding to expand their programs, start-up new schools or assist other schools in need).

4) Requiring 10% for professional development without (yet) a clear strategy for ensuring that these funds are well-spent. The Department may well address this with a thoughtful Title II, but I at least wanted to flag this as an issue needing attention.

5) A potential perception that we aren't being "tough" on bilingual education. I actually think the policy here is right, but I am worried about how people will perceive our dual proposal to A) require assessments to be given in spanish, and B) implement our three-year goal simply through a requirement that students in U.S. schools for three years take a reading assessment in English. Critics could say that we are actually encouraging more instruction in spanish through the spanish-language assessments, and merely requiring reading tests in English after 3 years is a long way from requiring schools to quickly teach students English.

Again, the policy may be right here, -- and in my VP capacity, I don't object to this at all ---

but I wanted to be sure that you had at least considered how this may be perceived and whether we can take any steps to define the message the way we want it to be defined.

6) The proposal would create additional pressure for recruiting high-quality teachers, but the proposal doesn't include a strong strategy to recruit new people into teaching. This proposal is (appropriately) raising the bar for entering and staying in the teaching profession, just as we are reducing class size, facing growing student enrollments, an aging teaching force, and a good economy that may be luring good teachers into other professions. Together, these steps could exacerbate teacher shortages, AND foster the public perception that we need to take steps to address these shortages. Even if you don't think there's much we could do substantively, I am worried that the absence of any specific teacher recruitment initiatives creates a vacuum that could be filled by Republicans looking to broaden their appeal in education. Apparently, Kennedy has been considering something in this area, and I also think an aggressive teacher recruitment strategy could be a good VP issue. If you are open to proposals on this point, I'll write something up.