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Q&A
The Federal Government Plan to Hire Welfare Recipients

Question: Does the President have specific hiring figures in mind?

Answer: No. The directive asks agency and department heads to each prepare an individualized plan for hiring welfare recipients that will include a survey of where jobs exist within the agency. Until these surveys are conducted, there is not a sufficient basis for hiring at target numbers. After conducting their surveys, some agencies may set target numbers as motivating devices. Others may decide that numbers, at this early stage of the process, are essentially arbitrary. That is for each agency to determine.

Question: How much will this effort cost?

Answer: We don't expect it to cost anything. All personnel offices conduct recruitment and outreach as part of their normal activities and build in these necessary activities as part of their normal budgets. Essentially, we are expecting agencies to make this a priority within their existing budgets.

Question: Are we talking about jobs in Washington, D.C.?

Answer: We're talking about jobs all over the country. More than 85 percent of federal jobs are located outside the Washington metropolitan area.

Question: Will the White House directly hire welfare recipients?

Answer: Absolutely. Jodie Torkelson, who handles management and administration for the White House, is working hard to put together a program at the White House. In fact, her staff is looking at Marriott's hiring program for welfare recipients and the job placement and support organization America Works, as well as others, as possible models for a White House hiring plan.

Question: How many welfare recipients will the White House hire?

Answer: Just as the Federal agencies need to survey hiring capacity and types of jobs available, so does the White House. But the office of Administration of the Executive Office of the President is putting a program together and will report to the President, just as will other departments and agencies.

Question: What is the date of the Cabinet meeting?

Answer: The President will hold the cabinet meeting, as stated in the directive,

approximately 30 days from the date of this directive.

Question: Aren't you favoring welfare recipients over everyone else?

Answer: We are not creating any preference such as the one that exists for veterans. We are encouraging the departments to use an existing hiring authority that allows departments to cut through red tape and hire entry-level workers quickly and easily. We are also encouraging outreach efforts. This is the same commitment that the President has asked of the private sector.

Question: Why are we specifically helping welfare recipients rather than other poor people?

Answer: We make no apologies about the fact that we are asking the agencies to hire needy single mothers with children. These are the people whom it is most crucial to reach and put on the track of work. We want to help these families move from dependence on welfare to independence through self-sufficiency.

Question: Is this the final step?

Answer: No. This is a first step -- though a significant one. Agencies will begin working right away to identify available jobs, reach out to welfare recipients to notify them of those jobs, and to fully use the existing programs to help recipients take *and keep* the jobs.

Question: You and others in the Administration have mentioned several times that there were many hurdles to enacting a hiring program? What were those hurdles and how did you overcome them?

Answer: The Federal hiring process is full of complex rules and regulations. We sat down and looked at all of these rules to find the best way through them. We discovered an existing track of hiring authority -- The Worker-Trainee Program -- that would allow agencies to hire entry-level people quickly and easily, without all the usual hurdles. This program has fallen into disuse. It is now our job to make sure every agency and department head becomes aware of the hiring options available.

Question: How are you going to hire welfare recipients at a time government is downsizing and budgets are tough?

Answer: In just this last fiscal year, the Federal government hired over 27,000 employees with annual pay up to \$16,500, a number that goes up to 87,900 when reviewing those hired at salaries up to \$24,500. In June 1969, after the Worker-Trainee program became fully operational, 7,000 placements were made across the country during a time of tight budgets and personnel ceilings. So this program can

make a difference.

Question: Did you decide not to create a new hiring track because of pressure from the Veterans' groups and unions?

Answer: No. We decided not to create a new hiring track because it wasn't needed. A program already existed, which, if revitalized, would do the job. Creating a new program would only add unnecessary complication.

The Federal Government's Plan To Hire and Retain Welfare Recipients

The President's directive asks every agency and department in the Federal government to use all available hiring authorities -- and in particular, to expand use of the Worker-Trainee Program -- to hire people off the welfare rolls into available jobs in the Government. To accomplish this, the President directs each federal agency to present to him in 30 days a plan for hiring and retaining welfare recipients in Federal government positions.

The President's directive highlights and calls for expanded use of the Worker-Trainee Program. This program offers a quick and easy way of hiring entry-level people into the Federal workforce and bypassing complex Federal personnel hiring rules and procedures. Provisions of the program include the following:

- May hire individuals at grades GS-1, WG-1, WG-2, or the equivalent
- May promote to grades GS-3, WG-4, or the equivalent
- Initial appointment is a term like appointment
- After three years, may convert to career status

In recognition of the different characteristics of each agency's workforce, the President also instructed each head of the departments and agencies to prepare a detailed plan for hiring welfare recipients. This plan should include these components.

- A. Each agency should survey and report on its hiring capacity. The report should include an assessment of the positions in the agency that could most easily be filled by welfare recipients.
- B. Each agency should submit a plan describing in detail how the agency would recruit and hire qualified welfare recipients, including how the agency would reach out to welfare offices, state and private employment offices, nonprofit organizations, and others that regularly work with welfare recipients. This plan is to build upon the government's existing nationwide employment information systems which include the latest worldwide job openings, full job descriptions and skills requirements, access to application materials and on-line application, and information on a wide variety of Federal employment related topics and programs. The information systems use a combination of direct mail, satellite broadcasts, television, and technology services including the INTERNET. The plan should also use Federal Executive Boards (FEBs) and the Federal Executive Associations (FEAs) which are regional and state boards made up of the Federal agencies with offices in the particular areas.
- C. Each agency should submit a plan describing in detail how the agency will assist welfare recipients to perform well enough to keep their jobs. For example, the agency could recommend on-the-job training and mentoring programs for some workers.
- D. Finally, each agency should submit the manner in which the agency will report on a monthly basis its progress in implementing the above plans and consequent hiring.

The heads of departments and agencies will report to the President on their plans at a special cabinet meeting and will report monthly on implementation and progress. The Vice President will oversee the entire effort, assisting agencies in carrying out their commitments.

Making Work Pay For Low-Income Federal Employees

The President's directive asks appropriate agencies to take three steps that will help bring welfare recipients into the Federal workforce while assisting all other low-income federal employees.

Notifying Those Eligible About The EITC

The President directs each agency head to notify all employees eligible for the Earned-Income Tax Credit (EITC) of both their eligibility and their ability to receive EITC monies each month in their paychecks.

The EITC is available to low-income individuals with incomes up to \$25,760 who have at least one child living with them in a home in the United States. The credit is based on a percentage of the employee's earned income. An eligible employee can claim the credit on the individual income tax return at the end of the year or the employee may receive advance payments with her pay. Payment of the advance EITC is limited to 60 percent of what an eligible employee would receive if she has only one qualifying child. For 1997, the maximum amount that may be advanced is \$1,326.

While agencies are currently encouraged to notify eligible employees about the EITC and the payment options, not all agencies do so. By directing each agency to notify its eligible employees about the EITC, the Federal government will ensure that its low-income employees receive the EITC in the manner that best enables them to cover costs such as child care, transportation, and housing, without which an employee may not be able to enter or remain in the labor market.

Encouraging Agency Use of the Federal Fare Subsidy Program

The President directs the General Services Administration (GSA) to issue guidelines that address whether agencies may offer fare subsidies based on the employee's income.

The Federal Fare Subsidy Program is one of several programs Federal agencies have the option to offer employees as part of the 1993 Federal Employees Clean Air Incentives Act. As of 1994 (the most current data available), ten agencies offered direct fare subsidies to over 30,000 employees for public transportation. The maximum allowable subsidy under the law is \$60 a month, though an agency can choose any subsidy level up to that.

Offering fare subsidies based on an employee's income would reduce the agency's cost of engaging in this program, thereby enabling more agencies to participate while helping low-income workers with the cost of transportation to and from work. But there are difficult legal and policy questions associated with a change, and the President has directed the GSA to address these questions and return with appropriate recommendations.

Finding Affordable Child Care

The President directs the GSA, after consultation with all federal agencies, to report on plans to assist low-income federal workers in finding affordable child care.

The Federal government currently offers agencies two ways to offer all employees access to child care: the authority to contract with private child care service providers to run on-site child care centers of which there are currently over 200, and the option to contract with local child care resource and referral agencies that will connect Federal employees to accessible and affordable child care. The Department of Defense also runs its own child care centers and offers child care subsidies to its employees (an option not available to other Federal agencies) as allowed under the Military Child Care Act of 1989.

By issuing this directive, the President wants to encourage the agencies to review all of their child care options and report on ways each agency can best use and expand upon existing services to

help low-income Federal employees access affordable and convenient child care.

The President's Radio Address March 8, 1997

Announcement

Today, President Clinton will direct each head of a Federal agency or department to use all available hiring authorities to hire and retain welfare recipients in jobs in the government. The President will highlight the existing Worker-Trainee Program and call for agencies to expand the use of this program. The President will also call for agencies to prepare individualized plans for hiring welfare recipients. Finally, the President will ask agencies to explore and report on ways to help low-income employees gain access to the Earned-Income Tax Credit (EITC), transportation subsidies, and affordable child care.

Background

Since the President signed the historic welfare reform law, he has urged businesses, non-profit organizations, and religious groups across the nation to help make its promise of opportunity real by offering jobs to welfare recipients.

By taking this action, the President ensures that the federal government, as the nation's largest employer, contributes to the greatest extent possible to this national effort.

Critical Welfare Reform Accomplishments

The following statistics highlight Clinton Administration accomplishments on welfare reform. We are making great progress, but there is more to do.

- **Already**, the welfare rolls have dropped by almost 18 percent from the March 1994 peak. As of November 1996, there are 2,500,000 *fewer* people on welfare than the day the President took his first oath of office -- the biggest drop in history -- and the rolls continued to drop.
- The poverty rate is down, decreasing by 2.9 million people between 1993 and 1995 after four straight years of increases.
- Over the past four years, the Administration has toughened child support enforcement, increasing collections by 50 percent. That's an increase of about \$4 billion from \$8 billion to \$12 billion.
- The teen **birth** rate declined four years in a row by a total of eight percent between 1991-1995.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kathleen M. McKiernan (CN=Kathleen M. McKiernan/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-MAR-1997 10:59:03.00

SUBJECT: thanks

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

TEXT:

Thanks for all of your help today and for the great paper. It makes all the difference. I think Pierre Thomas at the Post is working on the radio address for them and I've left him a message to see if he needs anything. I'll let you know as soon as I hear back. Thanks again! -- Kathy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-MAR-1997 15:36:59.00

SUBJECT: Call JASON 456-7256

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Julie E. Mason (CN=Julie E. Mason/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-MAR-1997 12:14:56.00

SUBJECT:

TO: CHERYL D. (Pager) #MILLS (CHERYL D. (Pager) #MILLS [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

pls page me if you have new qs&as for brfng book. thnx, julie mason

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-MAR-1997 18:50:58.00

SUBJECT: brain conference

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

Any way we can touch base tomorrow morning? In particular, we need to discuss the POTUS and HRC event on Wednesday before we have a larger meeting with POTUS scheduling, etc. Will the E.O. on children be ready to be announced then?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Todd Stern (CN=Todd Stern/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 08:28:50.00

SUBJECT: partial birth

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I have a phone message this morning from Kathy Bryant re partial birth abortion. Do you want to return it? I haven't been in the meetings lately, so I'm probably not best person to talk to her. Her number is 863-2511. tds

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anne E. McGuire (CN=Anne E. McGuire/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 08:37:44.00

SUBJECT: Welfare Reform

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This may have come up in this morning's meeting...but Kitty asked me to follow up and see if you were reaching out to the agencies re: this weekend's radio address.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 10:25:04.00

SUBJECT: SLDN briefing Tuesday

TO: William P. Marshall (CN=William P. Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Laura S. Marcus (CN=Laura S. Marcus/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: KERRICK_D (KERRICK_D @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [EOP]) (NSC)

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: John Podesta (CN=John Podesta/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Representatives of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network will be here tomorrow, Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 to discuss the findings of their recent report on "don't ask, don't tell." 122 OEOB. You are all invited to attend.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 11:22:57.00

SUBJECT:

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

TO: DONALD (Pager) #BAER (DONALD (Pager) #BAER [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Very important to Don that 4pm strat. mtg paper is in. Call kevin with questions. 6-2640

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 12:06:41.00

SUBJECT: Draft executive order on disability issues

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

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

TEXT:

Here is OMB staff's standard reaction to the CAP idea. This is why it has never gone anywhere. They think Federal agencies should be doing this anyway, and shouldn't need a central pool of money for something they have been required by law to do for years. This is true, but doesn't get at the reality of the fact that a central pool would make it easier and more likely that folks with disabilities would be hired and/or retained.

----- Forwarded by Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP on 03/10/97
12:07 PM -----

Lisa B. Fairhall
03/07/97 05:17:09 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Kenneth S. Apfel/OMB/EOP, Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP
cc: Barry White/OMB/EOP, Robert M. Shireman/OMB/EOP, Keith J. Fontenot/OMB/EOP
Subject: Draft executive order on disability issues

I wanted to flag an issue we see with Diana's brief write-up of the executive order, dealing with expanding the DoD CAP program to other Federal agencies.

This is not the first time we have seen this issue -- last summer, Jack Lew asked staff to find out if there are any particular issues he should raise with Carol Rasco in regard to a July 17 memo from Carol to Jack. Rasco was at that time endorsing expansion of the Department of Defense's (DOD) CAP program, which provides a central fund within DOD to provide accommodations for employees with disabilities, to a Federal government-wide fund that would cover accommodations for all Federal employees with disabilities. While we understood that the DOD central fund has been quite successful at helping DOD agencies to choose appropriate adaptive technology and other accommodations, we did not support the initiative for the reasons explained below and sent you a brief note outlining those concerns. Although I have not seen the draft E.O., I assume that these concerns would apply to the current proposal as well.

All Federal agencies have been required to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act since 1973, but many do not. Some technologies that

enable individuals with disabilities to work are very expensive, and may have a chilling effect on Federal employers, decisions to hire or provide accommodations for employees with disabilities.

We believe that the DOD central fund may serve as a useful model for other Federal agencies (agencies could use their S&E funds to establish similar programs). However, we have reservations about a Federal government-wide central fund:

- o Sections 501, 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act for 1990 (ADA) establish civil rights protections for individuals with disabilities. Employers governed by these laws must make "reasonable accommodations" for "otherwise qualified disabled individuals." No specific funding is provided to the Federal, State or local governments, or private sector businesses to enforce requirements of these laws. The proposed central fund for Federal agencies could establish a precedent for such incentive programs, sending the signal that compliance is only required to the extent that extra compensation is provided;

- o The Federal government should be a model employer. Establishment of special government-wide incentives for Federal agencies to hire and provide accommodations for individuals with disabilities when discrimination on the basis of disability is illegal, could not only set a precedent for providing special incentives for civil rights legislation, but could also send the wrong signal to both the Agencies and the private sector that providing reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities is too difficult even for Federal Agencies to enforce;

- o CAP has estimated that the average cost of an accommodation for employees with disabilities in their program was \$993 in FY 1995. This low figure argues that agencies could easily provide reasonable accommodations for their employees without establishing a central fund;

- o There has been an ongoing working group exploring ways to improve accommodations for Federal employees. We believe that this group would provide the appropriate forum to explore the DOD model further; and share effective approaches with other Agencies.

(Originally, Rasco was proposing that Tony Coelho, chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (PCEPD) make an announcement on the plan for a central fund during the sixth anniversary celebration of the ADA on July 26. No announcement was made on the ADA anniversary.)

We continue to believe that it is probably premature to unveil a government-wide, centrally funded CAP program.

Let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 12:40:00.00

SUBJECT:

TO: NICOLE (Pager) #RABNER (NICOLE (Pager) #RABNER [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: MARSHA (Pager) #BERRY (MARSHA (Pager) #BERRY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: MARY ELLEN (Pager) #GLYNN (MARY ELLEN (Pager) #GLYNN [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: APRIL K. (Pager) #MELLODY (APRIL K. (Pager) #MELLODY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: LAURA (Pager) #GRAHAM (LAURA (Pager) #GRAHAM [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: DORIS O. (Pager) #MATSUI (DORIS O. (Pager) #MATSUI [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: FLOYDETTA (Pager) #MCAFEE (FLOYDETTA (Pager) #MCAFEE [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: ELIZABETH (Pager) #TOOHEY (ELIZABETH (Pager) #TOOHEY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: KRIS (Pager) #BALDERSTON (KRIS (Pager) #BALDERSTON [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY (PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

FYI: Child Development Conference Call today at 1:10pm 7-2104 #0040

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 13:21:26.00

SUBJECT: American College of OBGYN's - Partial Birth

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

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John P. Hart (CN=John P. Hart/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

TO: FOLEY_M (FOLEY_M @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [EOP]) (WHO)
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

ACOG's position statement on this issue has not changed. According to ACOG, "The intervention of legislative bodies into medical decision making is inappropriate, ill advised, and dangerous." This is after the Catholic Bishops letter/statement today.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: Barbara D. Woolley@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 13:29:00.00

SUBJECT: American College of OBGYN's - Partial Birth

TO: FOLEY_M (FOLEY_M@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:10-MAR-1997 13:33:28.38

TO: Maria Echaveste (Maria Echaveste@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: John L. Hilley (John L. Hilley@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TO: Elizabeth A. Myers (Elizabeth A. Myers@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TO: Elena Kagan (Elena Kagan@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TO: John P. Hart (John P. Hart@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TO: Todd Stern (Todd Stern@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TO: Tracey E. Thornton (Tracey E. Thornton@EOP@LNWTWY@EOPMRX)
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TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 10-MAR-1997 13:23:00

ACOG's position statement on this issue has not changed. According to ACOG, "The intervention of legislative bodies into medical decision making is inappropriate, ill advised, and dangerous." This is after the Catholic Bishops letter/statement today.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 13:30:55.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thank you very much. Kevin

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kathleen M. McKiernan (CN=Kathleen M. McKiernan/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 16:05:03.00

SUBJECT: child labor issues

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

AP is beginning work on a major series on child labor abuse, both internationally and in the US. They are talking to the Labor Department, but were wondering if there was anyone at the White House that follows that issue. Is there anyone you can think of? Would they be in DPC?

Thanks in advance -- Kathy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 16:45:53.00

SUBJECT: welfare/states

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/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: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Michael D. McCurry (CN=Michael D. McCurry/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Perhaps I'm missing something we're doing, but a Rich Wolf piece in today's USA Today makes it clear that some states are going to take at least some of this year's welfare windfall and spend it on something other than welfare-related costs, whether it's education, job-training, child care, whatever. Doesn't it make sense for us to be urging them to spend all of this money to help in the transition from welfare to work?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 16:56:20.00

SUBJECT:

TO: 2554 (2554 @ WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: NICOLE (Pager) #RABNER (NICOLE (Pager) #RABNER [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: MARSHA (Pager) #BERRY (MARSHA (Pager) #BERRY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: MARY ELLEN (Pager) #GLYNN (MARY ELLEN (Pager) #GLYNN [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: APRIL K. (Pager) #MELLODY (APRIL K. (Pager) #MELLODY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: LAURA (Pager) #GRAHAM (LAURA (Pager) #GRAHAM [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: DORIS O. (Pager) #MATSUI (DORIS O. (Pager) #MATSUI [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: FLOYDETTA (Pager) #MCAFEE (FLOYDETTA (Pager) #MCAFEE [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: ELIZABETH (Pager) #TOOHEY (ELIZABETH (Pager) #TOOHEY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: KRIS (Pager) #BALDERSTON (KRIS (Pager) #BALDERSTON [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY (PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

REMINDER: follow up child development call at 5:30pm. 7-2104 #0040

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Phyllis Kaiser-Dark (CN=Phyllis Kaiser-Dark/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 17:40:56.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Elaine C. Kamarck (CN=Elaine C. Kamarck/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Shelley N. Fidler (CN=Shelley N. Fidler/OU=CEQ/O=EOP @ EOP [CEQ])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Deb Smith (CN=Deb Smith/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sally Katzen is hosting a meeting regarding regulatory activity on Monday, March 17th, 1:30pm, Rm. 350. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. I can be reached by phone at x54852 or e-mail (type "kai" and the system will automatically bring me up). Thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Todd Stern (CN=Todd Stern/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 18:10:19.00

SUBJECT: Bishops' Letter

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI.

----- Forwarded by Todd Stern/WHO/EOP on 03/10/97 06:09 PM

Helen P. Howell

03/10/97 01:48:53 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Todd Stern/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Bishops' Letter

John Hart recommends a response similar to the one that went to Cardinal Law.

Prior to the Summit itself, we should do at least one event designed to highlight our own approach and involvement with national service and voluntarism. The first ideas probably has the most merit, but several possibilities follow:

- National Service Scholars Program -- The President could announce the launch of this \$1,000 scholarship for high school juniors or seniors who do an outstanding job in community service. The Federal government puts up \$500, and local or community sources match that amount. Civic groups like the Lions, Elks, and Kiwanis are being encouraged to fund the local match, and could attend the event. We would push to have the first scholarship winners attend as well. By focusing on young people who do service, rather than purely volunteer efforts, this would reinforce the President's concept of service. The President first announced the scholarship program at an event last year at Penn State. Under the President's 1998 budget, the program could expand to every high school next year.
- Commit half of all work-study slots to service by the year 2000 -- Such an announcement could be made at a college with a good program of service-based work-study -- for example, where college students teach young children to read.
- Highlight Young People Serving Young People -- The President could attend an award ceremony for a program in Philadelphia that uses high school students to tutor second-graders. National Youth Service Day on April 15 could be highlighted.
- Feature AmeriCorps alumni -- The President could demonstrate how the AmeriCorps program produces future service leaders by meeting with a group of AmeriCorps alumni at a literacy or early childhood event. AmeriCorps alumni are trying to set a standard for themselves of 10 hours per month of volunteer time.
- Faith-based Service -- The President could challenge religious institutions and faith-based organizations to create full-time service opportunities, and agree to give them National Service scholarships if they do.
- Commitment by Federal Government -- The President could announce some or all of the Federal agencies' commitments to the Summit. We are working with Federal agencies to identify what types of commitments they can make to the Summit's five goals. Possibilities include making a Federal commitment around giving young people the opportunity to serve; or showing how service could further all our existing Administration priorities, such as literacy, welfare to work, crime, etc.
- Earth Day -- This year's Earth Day commemoration should tie into the service theme. We are working with CEQ on this.
- President's Service Awards -- Summit organizers are pushing to have these annual awards presented by the President or First Lady at the Summit itself, but we could push to hold them prior to the Summit. They are considered the highest honor in the volunteer

- world, and are normally awarded around National Volunteer Week (mid-April).
- Give Federal Employees More Flexibility to Volunteer -- We could try to expand on an executive order by former President Bush to make it easier for Federal employees to volunteer (although one area of exposure is that it is not clear how closely we have been following that executive order).

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Edward F. Hughes (CN=Edward F. Hughes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 18:13:32.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

9:00am abortion meeting tomorrow morn in Chuck Ruff's office - ed

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 18:22:32.00

SUBJECT: Calling Bill Corr about possible policy announcements for Weds.

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Do you want to call him in the am?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 08:16:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: welfare/states

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Didn't the President make this point in his speech to the Maryland legislature --among many other points ,to be sure . I think this is much on his mind when he says he wants to talk to legislatures about education and welfare. But given that the emphasis and news from such appearances will always be education, do you think this should be done as a stand alone piece ?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 10:31:26.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY (PAULINE (Pager) #ABERNATHY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Conf. announcement event tomorrow was cancelled by sched., paper release instead -Nicole 67263

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (CN=Patricia F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 11:21:26.00

SUBJECT: Paper

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

Will this be an Office of the Press Secretary statement? If so, we need to have something for lower press to look at tomorrow. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Laura A. Graham (CN=Laura A. Graham/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 11:36:25.00

SUBJECT: Chief school officers

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

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

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

TEXT:

the meeting with the council of chief state school officers is set for 12
- 12:45 pm on 3/17. The briefing will be 11:45 - 12:00 pm. thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter C. Erichsen (CN=Peter C. Erichsen/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 12:14:40.00

SUBJECT:

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

TEXT:

Are we still having lunch? No rush, just wanted to know. Peter 62313

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Eli G. Attie (CN=Eli G. Attie/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 13:43:05.00

SUBJECT: The NEC report even has an index...

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Per our conversation, I should add that I expected less of this policy council competitiveness from a Hunterite...

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer D. Dudley (CN=Jennifer D. Dudley/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 14:46:38.00

SUBJECT: Reminder

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The Public Citizen / Citizen Action Meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, March 12th at 2:30pm in the Ward Room. The following is a list of the attendees:

Public Citizen

Joan Claybrook
Ralph Nader
Joanne Doroshov
Frank Clemente

Citizen Action

Richard Vuernick
Robert Creamer
Cathy Hurwitt

White House Staff

Bruce Lindsey
Elena Kagan
Kathy Wallman

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 15:49:56.00

SUBJECT: Conference announcement

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

I just spoke with Melanne and she is fine with a release going out Thursday morning, announcing the Conference, and the POTUS talking about it in his education speech on Thursday. I should have a draft for you to look at late this afternoon.

Nicole

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 16:46:42.00

SUBJECT: Governors and the conference

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Marcia Hale and Emily say NGA would like us to invite all 6 governors who are on the NGA 0-3 Committee and let two of them speak. Marcia and Emily would let Ray at NGA pick the 1 Dem and 1 GOP governor among the 6 to 'participate' (speak in some capacity). They would like to be able to give NGA an answer before we announce the conference date if possible.

Options:

1. we put off making a decision on their speaking roles until we have figured out the congressional roles, but say we want an NGA presense and at a staff level ask them whether they think governors would want to come and stay all day if they did not have speaking roles. (6 spaces are a lot to use, esp. if they might only stay for a bit and we do not know the congressional roles).
2. we say yes to 2 of their picking will have speaking roles of some kind TBD, and ask whether the others would come if they were not speaking.
3. we say yes to 2 speak and 6 being invited.

I recommend

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 18:19:51.00

SUBJECT: scheduling proposal

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

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

TEXT:

Per a conversation yesterday with Stephanie, I understand that we should be receiving a scheduling proposal for a Healthcare Commission announcement on the 26th of March. Is this correct? Any idea when the proposal will be ready?

thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 20:11:17.00

SUBJECT: briefing memo

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI

----- Forwarded by Christa Robinson/WHO/EOP on 03/11/97
08:13 PM -----

Dennis K. Burke

03/11/97 07:58:39 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Christa Robinson/WHO/EOP, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: briefing memo

----- Forwarded by Dennis K. Burke/OPD/EOP on 03/11/97
07:57 PM -----

Megan C. Moloney

03/11/97 06:00:23 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Dennis K. Burke/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: briefing memo

Lorrie wanted you to look at this before the final goes. Let me know!

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

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

TEXT:

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March 11, 1997

**LIVE ABC RADIO TOWN HALL MEETING
STRAIGHT TALK ON DRUGS**

DATE: March 12, 1997
LOCATION: East Room
TIME: 11:00 AM EST
FROM: Mike McCurry & Bruce Reed

I. PURPOSE

This program is a live, one-hour radio broadcast focusing on the increasing use of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco by America's youth. The broadcast will offer you an opportunity to discuss with children and parents the importance of an open and early dialogue on drug abuse. It will also allow you to highlight the Administration's focus on protecting children through your national drug strategy, which is part of an overall mission of giving America's children a safe, wholesome, constructive upbringing that begins with a drug-free life, appropriate health care, safe streets and a decent education.

II. BACKGROUND

The ABC Radio and Television Network is dedicating the entire month of March to a major public service campaign to encourage parents to talk with their children about drugs. The campaign includes specially produced public service announcements aired every network hour for the entire month, as well as programming from the ABC News, Daytime and Entertainment divisions.

The Radio Town Hall Meeting is designed to be a discussion on the growing danger drugs pose to America's children. The program will be broken into four main segments, in which specific attention will be given to:

- The declining age of first-time drug users
- The medical effects of drugs
- Inhalants and gateway drugs
- Parents who once used drugs and their strategy for talking to children

- Approaching parents for advice
- Media messages on drugs
- Responding to peer pressure
- Solutions: Programs that work and information and resources available to all

While studies have shown that drug use among teens in America has doubled, children whose parents have talked to them about the risks of drugs are half as likely to use drugs. A recent ABC News-Washington Post poll finds contradictory responses from teenagers and their parents when comparing their perceptions on drugs.

- 85% of parents say they have had a *serious talk* with the child about drugs; 45% of teens say the same
- 60% of parents say their child knows someone in school with a serious drug problem; 38% of teens say the same
- 52% of parents say that drug abuse in local schools is a serious problem or crisis; 34% of teens say the same
(Washington Post, March 4, 1997)

The audience for the town hall meeting is comprised of 31 students and 14 parents, doctors and counselors. The audience is geographically diverse, representing Los Angeles and Sacramento California, Baltimore, Woburn and Springfield, Massachusetts, New York City, Detroit, and Washington, DC. Several of the students are recovering substance abusers, several are drug-free honor students from schools in drug-infested neighborhoods. See attached bios for further information.

NOTE: You will be using a hard-wired lavalier microphone, with a hand-held microphone for backup. The audience will be heard through boom microphones operated by ABC radio technicians.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing:
The President
Gen. Barry McCaffrey
Sec. Donna Shalala
Sylvia Matthews
Ann Lewis
Mike McCurry
Bruce Reed
Lorrie McHugh
Dennis Burke

Town Hall Meeting:

Event Participants

The President

Peter Jennings

Dominique Dawes

50 Audience Members: Children, Parents, Guidance
Counselors

(see attached for biographical information)

NOTE: Gen. Barry McCaffrey and Sec. Donna Shalala will be seated with the audience.

Event Staff

Lorrie McHugh

Megan Moloney

Brenda Anders

Sarah Farnsworth

ABC Radio News Production Staff

White House Communications Agency (WHCA) staff

White House Television (WHTV)

White House photographer

V. PRESS PLAN

ABC has had an outstanding response from its affiliate stations. The broadcast will be carried by stations in 27 of the top 30 media markets in the country, including live coverage in New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Dallas, Seattle, Boston, and San Francisco. Other markets committed to carrying the program include: Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Atlanta, Houston, Tampa, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Denver, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, Portland, San Diego, Kansas City, San Antonio and Louisville. Also, KARN-AM in Little Rock, which is not an ABC affiliate, will broadcast the program over the Arkansas Radio Network. The broadcast is available to nearly three-thousand ABC Radio affiliate stations. The ABC Radio network is heard each week by over 120-million people.

The White House Pool will cover the opening segment of the program. They will be escorted out of the room following your opening remarks, plus one Q&A.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:00 AM Briefing

10:45 AM Warm Up with Studio Audience

11:06 AM Live Town Hall meeting begins

11:06-11:16 Opening Segment

- *Welcoming Remarks*
- *Introduction of Dominique Dawes*
- *The declining age of drug users*

11:17-11:20 Commercial Break
NOTE: ABC will run the Dominique Dawes PSA for Girl Power! during this break.

The ABC Radio Network will not run commercials, only public service announcements during the breaks; however, local stations may choose to air paid commercials.

11:20-11:30 Segment Two

- *Parents who once used drugs & their strategy for talking to children*
- *International drug trade*
- *What are the signs of trouble?*

11:30-11:33 Commercial Break

11:33-11:46 Segment Three

- *Media messages on drugs*
- *What a child should say to friends who try drugs*
- *Children taking charge of their lives*

11:46-11:49 Commercial Break

11:49-11:59:30 Closing Segment

- *Solutions: Programs that work*
- *Final questions and show summary*

Group photo with guests

VI. REMARKS

There will be brief opening remarks at the beginning of the program and an opportunity for brief closing remarks at the end. During your opening remarks, you will introduce US Olympic Gymnast Dominique Dawes, who has recorded a public service announcement for the Department of Health and Human Services. The PSA is part of a national service campaign to encourage and empower girls ages 9-14 to be drug- and alcohol-free. Remarks will be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- Q&A
- Biographies
- Format

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 20:16:03.00

SUBJECT: Re: kids eo

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I can't do it then. Do you want to go ahead with Elgie? I am free all afternoon.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 20:33:37.00

SUBJECT: Re: Governors and the conference

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Rather than hold an interagency meeting this week, we thought it would be helpful to send out a memo tomorrow to the interagency group reminding them that we are serious about the March 24 date for final responses to the EO, and we need immediately a preview of their list of existing and new initiatives they would like to highlight or announce before, during, or after the conference, if they have not already given it to us in response to previous requests.

We could also make clear that final decisions are being made in the next few days on invitations so they need to immediately send anyone they think needs to be invited.

HHS has not sent us their list of proposals and people, promised they would today, but did not.

Would you like me to draft such a memo for you? Could your intern fax it out and receive the responses?
any people they would like to

**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING: WHAT NEW RESEARCH ON
THE BRAIN TELLS US ABOUT OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN**

“Learning begins in the first days of life. Scientists are now discovering how young children develop emotionally and intellectually from their very first days, and how important it is for parents to begin immediately talking, singing, even reading to their infants.... We already know we should start teaching children before they start school.”

—President Bill Clinton, State of

the Union Address, February 4, 1997

Today, President Clinton issued a statement announcing the date and themes of the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children. The day-long Conference will take place on April 17, 1997 at the White House. The President and First Lady chose this subject because of how critically important children’s experiences before school are to their development and their success both in school and later in life.

The Conference will focus on the practical applications of the scientific research on the brain, in particular for parents and care-givers. Also central to the Conference will be a discussion of the ways all sectors of society, including medical, business, government, faith and child care providers, can help to enhance early childhood development and support families.

Over the last four years, the Clinton Administration has invested heavily in medical research to help us better understand the importance of the first few years to child development and learning, and in strengthening efforts that support families and caregivers with young children, including:

- **Increased NIH Research Funding 23%.** Unlike other research areas, the federal government is almost the sole funder of research of children and youth, supporting over 90% of research on children and youth. The Clinton Administration increased NIH research funding by 23% in four years to \$12.7 billion this year, supporting much of the research that the April White House Conference will explore. [run this bullet by OSTP, NIH, OMB]
- **Enhanced Head Start Participation and Quality and Created the Early Head Start Program for Children 0-3.** The Clinton Administration has increased Head start participation by nearly 90,000 and funding by 43% over the last four years, and created the Early Start program in 1994 to support families with children ages zero to three. Head Start provides low-income children and their families with comprehensive education, health services, and nutrition.
- **Dramatically Increased Participation in WIC.** The Clinton Administration increased participation in the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program, providing 7.4 million pregnant women, infants, and children with nutrition packages and information and health referrals -- 1.7 million more than when President Clinton took office. Research shows that every \$1 invested in WIC prenatal serves saves up to \$4 in Medicaid costs in the first 60 days after birth. [USDA, 1990 Mathematica Policy Research].
- **Leading National Effort to Raise Immunization Rates.** In 1993, the Clinton Administration launched a national effort to raise childhood immunization rates by reducing vaccination costs for parents, improving vaccines and vaccine delivery services, and increasing community education and partnerships. Today, childhood immunization rates are at a record high.

DRAFT -- DRAFT

The White House

Statement by the President Announcing White House Conference On Early Childhood Development and Learning

Hillary and I are delighted that on April 17, 1997, we will host the *White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children*. This Conference builds on my Administration's commitment to improving the lives of all children, including our youngest children.

We hope that this one-day Conference will help to make more accessible and understandable current scientific research on the brain -- research that makes clear the critical importance of children's first few years of life to their cognitive, emotional and social development. We chose this topic for the first Conference we hold at the White House because of how important children's experiences before school are to their success in school and later in life. Hillary has been studying and working on these issues for years, and they have been a priority of my Administration for the past four years.

With this Conference, we hope to enable more Americans to benefit from new research findings on early childhood development, much of which was funded by the federal government. Central to the Conference will be an examination of how we can use this new information in practical ways, to be better parents, more informed care-givers and more responsive members of our communities. **The Conference will also explore what all sectors of our society -- including business, faith, medical, government and child care providers -- are doing differently as a result of this research and what more could be to support families and enhance early childhood development.**

Hillary and I have always believed that **nearly all parents, no matter how young, how uneducated or how poor they might be, desperately want to do a good job and do right by their children. And we all have a responsibility to equip America's parents with the best information we have about what children need to thrive.**

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 20:51:26.00

SUBJECT: next WH meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

When do you want me to call the next inter-office WH meeting on the Conference? Thursday? Friday? You pick a time. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 21:20:25.00

SUBJECT: Meeting with Kerby Alvy of the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring

TO: Sondra L. Seba (CN=Sondra L. Seba/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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Kerby Alvy, Executive Director of the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring, has been working with the Women's Office over the last year and has requested a meeting with DPC to discuss the effective parenting movement and specifically his proposal for the creation of a Presidential Council on Effective Parenting. (Alvy wanted to meet with Bruce but I don't think that is necessary.) Alvy's goals for such a council might be achieved better through other mechanisms, which we can discuss at the meeting.

I have tentatively set the meeting for 11 am on March 26. Alvy is based in California but will be in DC then to speak at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program's Stengthening America's Families Conference.

Let me know if you are interested and can attend.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending the meeting and can make that date and time, and I will circulate some materials to you.

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SHAPING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC CROSSROADS

TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT

Today, President Clinton will announce the National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA), a six-year, \$175 billion investment program to improve America's highways, bridges, transit systems, and railroads; lower the toll in lives and health care costs from motor vehicle crashes; enhance America's environment; and support mobility and economic prosperity. NEXTEA increases surface transportation funding by \$17 billion, or 11 percent, over the \$157 billion authorized by ISTEA.

- **“REBUILDING AMERICA” -- \$175 BILLION INVESTMENT WHILE BALANCING THE BUDGET**
 - Increases funding for core highway programs by 30 percent over ISTEA levels.
 - Provides greater flexibility for states and localities to target funds that best meet community needs.
 - Expands programs for innovative financing to leverage federal dollars.
 - Provides \$600 million to deploy intelligent transportation technology to cut travel time and enhance safety.

- **PUTTING A STRONGER EMPHASIS ON SAFETY**
 - Increases funding for the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration by 25 percent to \$395 million.
 - Increases highway and truck safety funding by \$2 billion.
 - Increases funding for drunk driving prevention by 60 percent.
 - Creates and expands programs to increase the proper use of safety belts and child restraints, reduce drunk and drugged driving, and continue research into building safer roads and vehicles.

- **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**
 - Increases funding for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) by 30 percent, to \$1.3 billion annually.
 - Increases Transportation Enhancements funding by more than 25 percent to support bike paths, pedestrian walkways and other community-oriented projects.
 - Expands CMAQ eligibility to include regions that fail to meet any new air quality standard.
 - Provides greater flexibility for state and local investment in non-polluting modes of transportation.

- **INVESTING \$600 MILLION TO MOVE PEOPLE FROM WELFARE TO WORK**
 - Supports flexible, innovative transportation alternatives, such as vanpools, to get people to where the jobs are.
 - Increases incentives for states and localities to provide job training for federally-funded technology and construction projects.

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REBUILDING AMERICA

America's prosperity and quality of life are linked to our transportation system's efficiency, which keeps production costs low and maintains our international competitiveness. When President Clinton promised to "rebuild America" five years ago, this system suffered from inadequate capacity, deteriorating infrastructure, and poor connections among different forms of transportation. The President has worked with Congress to make good on his promise, taking advantage of ISTEA to raise infrastructure investment to record levels.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- Under President Clinton, federal transportation infrastructure investment increased 21 percent, to an average of \$25.5 billion annually.
- Many indicators of highway conditions and performance have stabilized or improved. The condition of bridges and highway pavement, which had been deteriorating, has stabilized. We have kept pace with our transportation system's maintenance requirements and stopped its deterioration.
- Transit investment has increased, including over \$3 billion transferred using ISTEA's flexible funding provisions. Nearly 26,000 new buses and nearly 600 new rail cars have been bought for state and local transit agencies, and more than 100 miles of new transit lines serving more than 100 new stations are under construction. Transit speeds have improved by an average of about 10 percent.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA builds on ISTEA's successes while helping us to move towards a balanced budget. It would authorize about \$175 billion for surface transportation programs from 1998 through 2003, an 11 percent increase over ISTEA. The proposed authorization levels would sustain or expand core programs such as the National Highway System, maintenance of the Interstate Highways, bridge reconstruction, and mass transit.
- NEXTEA gives state and local officials greater flexibility to target funds towards projects that best meet community needs, including Amtrak and intercity rail passenger facilities. It also increases the tools available to them by making intelligent transportation systems eligible under all major program categories and by expanding innovative finance strategies to cut red tape and to leverage private and nonfederal public resources.

A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

More than 40,000 Americans die and three million are injured in motor vehicle crashes each year, inflicting a tragic toll on millions of families. In addition, these crashes cost our economy \$150 billion annually, including \$14 billion paid directly by taxpayers for expenses such as health care and emergency services. Improved safety can help to control these costs.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

Under ISTEA, with its enhanced commitment to safety, highway fatalities have been lower than in decades, averaging about 41,000 annually. Safety belt use has grown from 11 percent of motorists in 1982 to 68 percent last year. Alcohol-related fatalities have decreased from 57 percent of crashes in 1982 to 41 percent in 1995.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

Our challenge is to continue the progress on safety even as traffic increases. Recently, we have seen warning signs that we may be approaching the limits of progress under ISTEA: the fatality rate has stagnated, increases in safety belt use have leveled off, and the number of alcohol-related deaths has increased. NEXTEA would attack these problems by focusing on three key areas: driver behavior, road design, and vehicle standards.

Safer Drivers

- NEXTEA would increase NHTSA safety funding by 25 percent to \$395 million, and fund incentive programs to reduce drugged and drunken driving, to increase safety belt use, and to collect improved data on highway safety to better identify and solve safety problems.
- \$9 million annually in financial incentives would be provided for states to increase proper use of safety belts and child restraints.
- NEXTEA would increase funding for drunk driving prevention by 60 percent to \$40 million in 1998, and reward states for aggressively reducing drunk driving through administrative driver's license suspensions and revocations, programs to prevent minors from drinking, and effective sanctions for repeat offenders.
- NEXTEA would provide \$5 million annually beginning in 1999 in grants to states to

prevent drugged driving. A state would be eligible for these grants if it adopted five of nine countermeasures, including zero tolerance laws, administrative license suspension for those driving under the influence, and pre-license drug testing.

Safer Roads

- Under ISTEA, funding was set aside to eliminate road hazards and to make highway-rail grade crossings safer. Grade crossing deaths alone have dropped by 31 percent. NEXTEA would build on this progress by replacing this set-aside with a flexible, six-year, \$3.2 billion Infrastructure Safety Program. States would now have the ability to transfer funds to enforcement and behavioral programs if they would have a greater impact on safety.

Safer Vehicles

- States would have increased flexibility for tougher enforcement, such as targeting shippers who encourage truckers to violate rules and increasing penalties for violators. States also would be reimbursed for border enforcement and other high-priority activities that improve trucking safety.
- Under NEXTEA, the freeze on the size and weight of larger combination trucks on Interstate Highways and other routes would continue. We are doing a comprehensive study of this and related issues, and may soon propose additional steps in future safety legislation.
- Much progress on safety has been the result of vehicle design aimed at protecting motorists in crashes. NEXTEA would build on the progress to date with a \$45 million annual research program targeted at improving crash avoidance and crash worthiness. In addition, more than a third of intelligent transportation systems research would be focused on collision avoidance systems and other “smart vehicle” technologies that prevent crashes.
- A new focus on performance in safety programs would measure effectiveness by looking at quantifiable results, not at how much money or effort is put into solutions.

INCREASING INVESTMENT THROUGH INNOVATIVE FINANCING

In spite of ISTEA's record investment, the federal government alone cannot meet all of our infrastructure needs. President Clinton recognized this in his January 1994 Executive Order on infrastructure, in which he directed us to cut red tape to speed construction and supplement federal funds by leveraging private and nonfederal public investment.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- President Clinton's Partnership for Transportation Investment accelerated 74 projects worth \$4.5 billion, including \$1.2 billion in investment beyond that available through conventional financing. Projects are advancing an average of two years ahead of schedule, saving interest and inflation costs.
- Some innovative finance initiatives also advance other national priorities, such as in Missouri and Arizona, where entrepreneurs were given permission to install fiber optic cable within highway rights-of-way in return for reserving part of the cable as the backbone of statewide intelligent transportation systems.
- The new State Infrastructure Bank program uses federal seed money to leverage private and nonfederal public funds in 10 pilot states. Among the proposed uses of these funds are: a loan to start construction on a highway interchange without waiting for the full federal funding to be accumulated; a loan to finance a toll road's interest costs while it is being built, before revenues can begin to pay off the construction debt; and a loan to buy new light rail vehicles.
- We provided a direct loan to California's Alameda Corridor, which will speed shipping from Los Angeles' port by creating a dedicated freight rail corridor. We also provided standby lines of credit to secure private financing for California toll roads; at a cost of just \$18 million, we supported \$2.5 billion in construction financing

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA would open the State Infrastructure Bank program to all states, increase the federal seed money dedicated to these banks, and allow states to use up to 10 percent of their regular federal-aid highway funds to capitalize their banks.
- \$100 million annually would be dedicated to help leverage nonfederal public resources for projects of national significance, such as interstate trade corridors.

ENSURING GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Under President Clinton, America is once again the most economically-competitive nation in the world and its leading exporter, and this is due in great measure to the reliability and low costs of our transportation system. In an increasingly-global economy, keeping transportation efficient is crucial to our continued competitiveness and to taking advantage of the markets opened by NAFTA and GATT.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- Seamless connections among different forms of transportation, such as between trucks, railroads, and seaports, are important for efficiency, and ISTEA-funded projects are making possible these connections. These projects include truck-rail freight transfer facilities in Stark County, Ohio, and Auburn, Maine, and projects in Portland, Oregon and Seattle designed to improve rail and truck access to seaports.
- Projects such as the Red Hook barge transfer, which daily takes hundreds of trucks off New York's crowded streets, often have important social and environmental benefits, and ISTEA made them eligible for funding through such flexible initiatives as the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and our innovative finance programs.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA would facilitate trade by creating new programs to improve border crossings and develop major trade corridors within the U.S., cutting congestion and eliminating bottlenecks.
- NEXTEA would support projects of national significance, such as those focused on trade corridors, through dedicated funds and by expanding the State Infrastructure Bank program.
- The proposal would expand funding eligibility to include access to intermodal terminals and water ports. This is a vital change since much international trade -- 98 percent by weight, 50 percent by value -- is shipped through ports. These programs also would make eligible for funding Amtrak and intercity rail passenger and public freight facilities and intelligent transportation systems projects, which can improve the logistics crucial to "just-in-time" deliveries.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO JOBS AND TRAINING

One of the biggest barriers faced by those moving from welfare rolls to payrolls is finding transportation to jobs, training, and support services such as day care. Poverty and welfare eligibility rules mean that few welfare recipients own cars, and public transit often provides inadequate connections to job and training centers. This problem is becoming more serious, since two-thirds of new jobs are in suburbs. To support his comprehensive welfare reform initiative, President Clinton proposes to build on existing transit programs that work with innovative approaches to helping people make the transition to the working world.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- Our Livable Communities program integrates transit with jobs, schools, and housing. In Corpus Christi, local residents worked with local officials on developing three bus transfer centers and improving pedestrian access to local amenities, and a Los Angeles neighborhood initiative generated a hundred new jobs and helped to cut crime by 19 percent.
- The Joblinks program provides transportation and training in both urban and rural areas. Oregon's Glendale-Azalea School District used Joblinks funds to transport 400 unemployed and undereducated residents to training and to jobs in the first year alone. The success of initiatives such as Joblinks and Livable Communities provides a model for new efforts to improve community access to jobs and other necessities.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA includes a six-year, \$600 million grant program to support flexible, innovative transportation alternatives, such as vanpools, to get people to where the jobs are. Funding would also provide access to training centers and to support services such as day care at transit links. This program would be closely coordinated with other human services assistance that would be provided to states and localities working to meet the special needs of the welfare population.
- Since transportation and construction jobs are among America's best-paying, we want to open opportunities in these fields for welfare recipients and other disadvantaged people. NEXTEA would increase incentives for states and localities to provide job training in conjunction with federally-funded technology and construction projects, and to enable them to offer hiring preferences to welfare recipients and residents of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Scientific research demonstrates the effects of pollution on our health and on the ecological systems which sustain human life. President Clinton has taken advantage of ISTEA's landmark environmental provisions to reduce air and water pollution, to preserve wetlands and open space, and to make transportation facilities more compatible with the environment.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- The largest ISTEA environmental initiative is the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), which authorized \$1 billion annually under ISTEA to help communities meet national standards for healthy air. CMAQ has funded such innovative projects as cleaner natural gas buses in Cleveland and Boise, a child care center to promote ridership at a San Jose transit facility, and an inspection and maintenance program in Indiana, which ensures that auto emissions systems continue to cut pollution.
- ISTEA supported important travel alternatives, such as bikeways and pedestrian paths, and preserved scenic and historic roadside vistas, supporting tourism and strengthening local economies.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA would increase CMAQ funding by 30 percent, to \$1.3 billion annually, and expand funding eligibility to include scrappage of higher-polluting pre-1980 vehicles. It also would act on new research on the dangers of particulate matter by allowing areas that do not meet health standards for this pollutant to receive CMAQ funds. NEXTEA also would ensure that no state loses CMAQ funds as a result of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed changes in air quality standards.
- NEXTEA would increase Transportation Enhancements funding by more than 25 percent, supporting projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation system.
- The National Scenic Byways program, which designates roads of aesthetic or historic value and funds improvements to them, would be continued, and the list of eligible activities would be expanded to include scenic byway marketing programs. Funding for recreational trails, bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and wildflower plantings also would be continued, as would ISTEA's commitment to inclusive transportation planning which reflects such community values as environmental preservation.

IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Technology can improve the performance of roads and transit systems and effectively increase their capacity, especially in urban areas where new construction is too expensive or environmentally unsound. Technology also can make travel safe: most automobile crashes involve human error, and advanced collision avoidance systems and highway-rail grade crossing warnings can save hundreds of lives annually. Finally, technology can provide the logistical support needed for such innovations as “just-in-time” deliveries, which are cutting costs and improving productivity at nearly a third of U.S. companies.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- ISTE A established a major federal commitment to intelligent transportation systems (ITS), the application of advanced information and communications technologies to travel. The federal role includes providing seed money for development and deployment, assistance in the creation of technology standards to promote system integration, and the coordination of public and private research efforts.
- The first generation of ITS is already being deployed: in Denver, synchronized traffic signals reduced travel times by over 15 to 20 percent, and in Seattle, ramp metering has cut accident rates by more than 60 percent. *Operation TimeSaver*, an initiative to reduce travel times in 75 cities by 15 percent over the next decade, was launched last year. Under this initiative, states may use their federal transportation funds to deploy ITS systems.
- Overall federal transportation research and technology investment increased to record levels, \$930 million in 1997 alone. Initiatives resulting from this investment include high-performance materials, such as Superpave asphalt, which cost less and last longer, and the application of global positioning satellite systems to aviation and maritime navigation.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA would provide states and localities with ITS training and technical assistance, and fund a \$600 million incentive program to help cities integrate their ITS programs and to help rural areas deploy ITS to improve safety, mobility, and commercial vehicle operations. It also would expand the eligibility of all major program categories to include ITS, so technology will always be considered as a strategy for meeting travel demand.
- NEXTEA would increase overall federal investment in technology research for initiatives including advanced composites for stronger, safer roads and bridges and second-generation ITS technologies such as collision avoidance systems.

STRENGTHENING URBAN COMMUNITIES

Sound transportation is crucial for sustaining economic prosperity and a high quality of life in our cities. Targeted infrastructure investment can reduce congestion and improve connections so businesses can take advantage of the city's proximity to suppliers, support services, markets, and amenities. Such investment also can generate jobs for city residents, directly through construction, and indirectly by attracting new businesses.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- ISTEAs strengthened the role of cities in the transportation planning process, giving cities greater control over a substantial portion of federal funds and enabling them to choose projects which best met urban needs.
- Together with the increased flexibility of many programs, this enabled funding to be transferred to such urban needs as transit. Over \$3 billion traditionally earmarked for highways was used for high-priority transit projects, most in cities, and overall transit funding increased under ISTEAs, reaching a record \$6 billion in 1995 alone.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA sustains investment in mass transportation by increasing direct federal transit funding to \$5 billion a year, by increasing the flexible Surface Transportation Program, and by making Amtrak and intercity rail terminals eligible for funding. Transit programs would be streamlined to make it easier for local officials to select the options that make the most sense for their communities
- NEXTEA includes a six-year, \$600 million program to support flexible, innovative transportation alternatives, such as vanpools, to get people to where the jobs are and to provide access to training and such support services as child care.
- Technology can provide needed additional urban travel capacity with less disruption to established communities and at less cost than new construction. NEXTEA proposes to make intelligent transportation systems eligible under all major programs, and to create an incentive program to ensure that these technologies are fully integrated.
- NEXTEA would further strengthen the role of central cities in regional planning and simplify federal planning requirements.

SERVING RURAL AMERICA

Transportation is as vital to rural areas as it is to cities. Sound transport is vital for shipping raw materials and agricultural products. Tourism, generated by the four in five Americans who drive for pleasure in rural areas, sustains many local economies. And many rural residents rely on transit to reach schools, health care, and other necessary services.

ISTEA SUCCESSES

- ISTEAs provided over \$1 billion for special projects in rural America, such as protecting scenic roadside vistas, preserving historic transportation facilities, and beautifying communities with bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- ISTEAs benefitted rural areas with provisions like special transit programs for small communities, transportation enhancements, scenic byways, and set-asides for off-system bridges.

KEY NEXTEA PROVISIONS

- NEXTEA would strengthen rural communities' involvement in transportation planning by requiring coordination with local rural officials when statewide transportation plans are developed.
- NEXTEA would increase investment in core programs affecting rural areas, such as the National Highway System, Transportation Enhancements, and Rural Transit Assistance, and expand funding eligibility to include Amtrak and intercity rail and bus, two key lifelines for rural America.
- NEXTEA would raise authorizations for the Federal Lands Highways Program to \$525 million, funding improvements on roads in national parks and forests, Indian reservations, and other public lands.

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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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TO: Kenneth S. Apfel (CN=Kenneth S. Apfel/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Jill M. Pizzuto (CN=Jill M. Pizzuto/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

The Welfare Privatization Meeting with labor is set for Friday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office. We will be sending you a list of participants prior to the meeting. I hope this time works for everyone.

Let me know.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: William A. Halter (CN=William A. Halter/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 10:46:32.00

SUBJECT: OMB's contacts for the Early Learning Conference

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

CC: Victoria A. Wachino (CN=Victoria A. Wachino/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Nancy A. Min (CN=Nancy A. Min/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Stephen B. Silverman (CN=Stephen B. Silverman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lisa B. Fairhall (CN=Lisa B. Fairhall/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Kenneth S. Apfel (CN=Kenneth S. Apfel/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Per yesterday's Chief of Staff breakfast and this morning's Cabinet Affairs conference call, OMB has two contacts for the Early Learning Conference:

Lisa Fairhall -- 395-7766 and Vikki Wachino -- 395-4926

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (CN=Patricia F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 11:06:46.00

SUBJECT: Re: POTUS statement

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Eli G. Attie (CN=Eli G. Attie/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You're right about not all parents -- but I think an argument can be made that no parent starts out wanting to abuse their kids, and it just sounds odd to say almost or nearly all. I would still argue that the President should say "all".

The reason I suggested omitting the federal research line is that I thought it sounded better on the one pager, the same reason I suggested taking out the line about Administration achievements in the announcement.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 11:17:37.00

SUBJECT: brain conference

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

Marcia and I feel strongly that two Governors on the NGA 0-3 Task Force be offered speaking roles and that the remaining four be invited to attend and not speak. Governor Chiles has expressed serious interest in attending and is on the Task Force, but would not be picked by NGA to speak because he does not have a leadership role in NGA.

Can I call NGA and tell them that Governors will be able to participate but we're not sure how many and what the roles will be? We'd like to be able to do this today or tomorrow morning. Thanks.

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

CREATOR: Lisa D. Branch (BRANCH_L) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 11:52:18.53

SUBJECT: MUNNELL: Kids EO Mtg

TO: Elena Kagan (KAGAN_E) Autoforward to: Remote Adresse
READ:NOT READ

TEXT:

Alicia Munnell is not able to attend the meeting at 9:30 tomorrow (3/13). She has a conflict that I cannot reschedule. Would you please consider another timeslot?

Available timeslots for Dr. Munnell are:

Thurs, 3/13: 11:30-12:30, 2:30-3, or after 6pm

Fri, 3/14: 9-10, 1-2

Please respond directly to me when you have a confirmed time for the meeting, or you could reach me on x55036.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 12:04:40.00

SUBJECT: Re: brain conference

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think that's fine -- but please be clear that we will not have space for 5 hangers on or staffers per governor -- we're HUGELY contrained in terms of space and we're doing the best we can to have it up on satellite and C-SPAN for the public at large.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer D. Dudley (CN=Jennifer D. Dudley/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 13:06:48.00

SUBJECT: Products Liability Meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Bruce would like to get you, Kathy Wallman, Tracey Thornton and Peter Jacoby to come over to his office at 5pm today to discuss the status of Products Liability.

Let me know if this works for you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer D. Dudley (CN=Jennifer D. Dudley/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 13:39:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: Products Liability Meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

That's fine. He doesn't think this will be long and drawn out.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter G. Jacoby (CN=Peter G. Jacoby/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 15:32:17.00

SUBJECT: Pls call re: late term ltr and mtg w/Hilley

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter G. Jacoby (CN=Peter G. Jacoby/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 15:33:57.00

SUBJECT: That was Peter J at 66620 who just paged

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melinda D. Haskins (CN=Melinda D. Haskins/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 15:43:09.00

SUBJECT: LRM MDH 32 -- Justice Proposed Draft Bill to Amend the Child Support Recov

TO: Barry T. Clendenin (CN=Barry T. Clendenin/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Alice E. Shuffield (CN=Alice E. Shuffield/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: David J. Haun (CN=David J. Haun/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Keith J. Fontenot (CN=Keith J. Fontenot/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia M. Smith (CN=Cynthia M. Smith/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Wendy A. Taylor (CN=Wendy A. Taylor/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: William P. Marshall (CN=William P. Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David M. Zavada (CN=David M. Zavada/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Robert G. Damus (CN=Robert G. Damus/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Barry White (CN=Barry White/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kenneth S. Apfel (CN=Kenneth S. Apfel/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Janet R. Forsgren (CN=Janet R. Forsgren/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:

You should have just received a copy of a Department of Justice draft bill that would amend the Child Support Recovery Act pursuant to the President's July 21, 1996, directive to establish a felony offense for a person who willfully fails to pay child support for a child in another state. Note that this draft bill is similar to one that Justice transmitted to the Congress on September 27, 1996.

Justice has requested that OMB provide it with clearance to transmit its draft bill by tomorrow (Thursday, March 13th). For this reason, please provide me with comments no later than 10 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 16:29:39.00

SUBJECT: URGENT -- latest drafts

TO: Victoria A. Wachino (CN=Victoria A. Wachino/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia M. Smith (CN=Cynthia M. Smith/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (CN=Pauline M. Abernathy/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Lisa B. Fairhall (CN=Lisa B. Fairhall/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

Attached for your review and final approval are the latest (nearly final) drafts of the following documents: POTUS statement announcing the WH Conference, a one pager on the Conference, and talking points/Q&A for McCurry. I hope to get these documents to Staff Secretary/Press Office by 5:30pm -- please call me or e-mail with comment by 5:15 pm. Thanks.=====

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DRAFT -- DRAFT
Wednesday 4:30pm

The White House

Statement by the President Announcing White House Conference On Early Childhood Development and Learning

Today, Hillary and I are pleased to announce that on April 17, 1997, we will host the *White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children*. Taking place at the White House, the Conference will spotlight exciting new findings about how our children develop, and explore how we can make the most of this information to give our children what they need to thrive.

We hope that this one-day Conference will make the latest scientific research, nearly all of it supported by the federal government, more accessible and understandable to America's families. The research clearly indicates the importance of children's first few years to their later success in school and in life. Hillary has been studying and working on issues relating to early development for years, and they have always been a priority of this Administration.

The Conference will examine how we can use this new research in practical ways -- to be better parents, more informed care-givers and more responsive members of our communities. **It will also explore** how this information can be used by all members of our society -- from corporate executives to pediatricians, from ministers to elected officials -- to help strengthen America's families.

Parents desperately want to do right by their children, and we all have a role to play in making sure they have the tools they need to do the best job they can. We believe this Conference can make a valuable contribution.

**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING: WHAT NEW RESEARCH ON
THE BRAIN TELLS US ABOUT OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN**

“Learning begins in the first days of life. Scientists are now discovering how young children develop emotionally and intellectually from their very first days, and how important it is for parents to begin immediately talking, singing, even reading to their infants.... We already know we should start teaching children before they start school.”

—President Bill Clinton, State of

the Union Address, February 4, 1997

Today, President Clinton issued a statement announcing the date and themes of the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children. The day-long Conference will take place on April 17, 1997 at the White House. The Conference will highlight how critically important children’s experiences before school are to their development and their later success in school and in life.

The Conference will focus on the practical applications of the latest scientific research on the brain, particularly for parents and care-givers. Also central to the Conference will be a discussion of the ways all sectors of society, including the medical, business, and faith communities, child care providers and government, can use this information to strengthen America’s families.

Over the last four years, the Administration has invested heavily in medical research to help us better understand the importance of the first few years to child development and learning, and in strengthening efforts that support families and caregivers with young children, including:

- **Increased NIH Research Funding 23%.** Unlike other research areas, the federal government is almost the sole funder of research of children and youth, supporting over 90% of research on children and youth. Under the Clinton Administration, funding for NIH research was increased by 23% in four years to \$12.7 billion this year, supporting much of the research that the April White House Conference will explore. The President’s FY’98 budget increased NIH funding by another \$53 million.
- **Enhanced Head Start Participation and Quality and Created the Early Head Start Program for Children 0-3.** The Administration has enhanced Head Start participation and increased its funding by 43% over the last four years, and created the Early Head Start program in 1994 to support families with children ages zero to three. Head Start provides low-income children and their families with comprehensive education, health services, and nutrition. The President’s FY’98 Budget further increases participation to reach 122,000 more children than when he took office.
- **Commitment to Full Funding for WIC.** The Administration dramatically increased participation in the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program, providing 7.4 million pregnant women, infants, and children with nutrition packages and information and health referrals -- 1.7 million more than when President Clinton took office. And his FY’98 Budget plan would achieve his goal of full participation in the WIC program by the end of FY98. Research shows that every \$1 invested in WIC prenatal serves saves up to \$4 in Medicaid costs in the first 60 days after birth. [USDA, 1990 Mathematica Policy Research].
- **Leading National Effort to Raise Immunization Rates.** In 1993, the Administration launched a national effort to raise childhood immunization rates by reducing vaccination costs for parents, improving vaccines and vaccine delivery services, and increasing community education and partnerships. Today, childhood immunization rates are at a record high.

White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children

- Today, the President issued a statement announcing that he and Mrs. Clinton will host the *White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children* on April 17, 1997, at the White House.
- The President and First Lady chose this topic because of how critically important children's experiences in their first few years of life are to their development and their later success both in school and in life.
- The Conference will focus on the practical applications of the latest scientific research on brain development for parents and care-givers, as well as on ways that all members of society can use this information to help strengthen America's families.

[NOTE: The President first announced this Conference in his State of the Union Address: *"Learning begins in the first days of life. Scientists are now discovering how young children develop emotionally and intellectually from their very first days, and how important it is for parents to begin immediately talking, singing, even reading to their infants. The First Lady has spent years writing about this issue, studying it. And she and I are going to convene a White House Conference on Early Learning and the Brain this spring, to explore how parents and educators can best use these startling new findings."* (State of the Union, 2/4/97)]

Q. Who will be participating in this Conference?

A. No formal invitations have been issued. The President and Mrs. Clinton will invite leaders in the scientific and academic communities, leaders in the field of early childhood development, as well as representatives from various sectors of society, including the business, faith and medical communities. However, because the Conference will take place at the White House, space will be very limited. We are exploring how best to involve as many people as we can.

Q. If people want to come or be involved, who should they call or write to?

A. They should write to:

Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502
Attention: Ann Eder

Q. Is this Conference part of Rob Reiner's 0-3 campaign?

A. Rob Reiner is working on an important effort -- a National Engagement Campaign -- with a collaboration of foundations, corporations and media to spread the word about the significance of the first few years of life. We believe his efforts will complement the Administration's efforts and the Conference.

Q. Is the President going to make a big policy announcement at this Conference?

This Conference builds on the Administration's commitment to children and to early development. For example, the Administration has increased participation in Head Start, created Early Head Start for 0-3 year olds, increased participation in the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program, and raised the rate of childhood immunization to an all time high.

Most recently, on February 24, 1997, the President, through an Executive Memorandum, directed the heads of executive departments and agencies to report to him in thirty days with a comprehensive list and assessment of existing and planned projects supported by the federal government that target children in their earliest years of life. The President also called for proposals of new initiatives that are consistent with his Balanced Budget Plan, as well created an interagency working group to share, examine and develop these assessments and plans.

Q. Doesn't the research on the earliest years of life suggest that women should stay at home?

No. What the research suggests is that we should support all parents, those who work outside the home and those who don't. What's most important is that children are surrounded by loving, nurturing care-givers who understand the importance of the first few years of life.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: June G. Turner (CN=June G. Turner/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 17:09:13.00

SUBJECT: Race Meeting

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/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: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Evan Ryan (CN=Evan Ryan/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

There will be another meeting on Monday, March 17 at 5:00 pm in the Roosevelt Room. Please confirm your attendance.

Also, if I have omitted anyone please let me know.

Attendees:

Rodney Slater
Walter Dellinger
Christopher Edley (by phone)
William Winter (by phone)
Bill Galston
Michael Wenger
Maggie Williams
Minyon Moore

Melanne Verveer
John Podesta
Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan
Maria Echaveste (plus..)
Rahm Emmanuel
Ron Klain
Vicki Radd
Don Baer

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 17:49:27.00

SUBJECT: Bank of American Complies with SF DP Law

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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To: Richard Socarides

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Subject: Bank of American Complies with SF DP Law

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BofA Heeds S.F. Law, Offers Domestic Partner Benefits
Bank's decision covers parents, siblings as well
Ilana DeBare, Chronicle Staff Writer

Bank of America yesterday joined the growing ranks of companies offering health coverage to the domestic partners of their employees -- a move that bank officials said was spurred in part by San Francisco's new law requiring such coverage from companies with city contracts.

With 80,000 U.S. employees, the San Francisco bank is the largest financial institution to offer a significant program of domestic partner benefits. It is also the first major company to credit the controversial San Francisco law in its decision.

"Beginning in January 1998, Bank of America will begin offering medical, dental and vision coverage to what we are calling extended family members -- a parent, a sister or brother, an adult child, or yes, a domestic partner of the same or opposite sex," said bank spokesman Dennis Wyss.

"We feel the San Francisco ordinance was a factor in our decision-making, but it was only one factor. We have been considering this a long time."

Gay and lesbian employees at BofA had been pressuring the company for years to follow firms such as IBM Corp., Apple Computer and Disney in offering benefits to domestic partners.

In the fall, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a law requiring anyone with a city contract to offer domestic partners the same benefits offered to married couples.

Gay rights advocates praised the bank's decision and credited the mix of internal and external pressure as an influencing force.

``The legislation was the straw that broke the camel's back -- the impetus for the company to do the right thing,'' said Jeff Sheehy, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club.

Elected officials said the bank's move was proof that the domestic partner law was having its intended effect.

``This sends a very positive message and lets other businesses know that domestic partner benefits are workable,'' said Supervisor Leslie Katz, one of the chief backers of the law. ``This is a great example of a responsible business approach to the changing needs of our society. I think we're going to see other large companies that want city contracts moving in this direction.''

But the bank's decision was also greeted with harsh criticism yesterday -- both from conservatives and from some gay rights advocates who felt it didn't go far enough.

``It looks like I'm going to have to do my banking somewhere else,'' said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, a Bank of America customer and chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, a group of 8,300 churches that opposes gay rights. ``The backlash from the moderate to conservative parts of California could be quite significant.''

Liz Winfield, a Massachusetts business consultant who conducts education about gays in the workplace, objected to the bank's extension of benefits to family members and domestic partners. BofA is one of the few major companies to offer brothers, sisters and other family members the same benefits as domestic partners.

``That sort of cheapens the (domestic partner) relationship,'' Winfield said. ``If I were an employee who needed benefits, I'd be grateful that this could save me thousands of dollars a year. But I'd also feel that it cheapened my relationship.''

Until yesterday's announcement, BofA had offered bereavement leave and family medical leave to domestic partners of its employees, but health benefits had been reserved for spouses and children.

With the announcement, BofA becomes the 17th Fortune 500 company to offer health benefits to domestic partners, Winfield said. It follows in the footsteps of more than two dozen big Bay Area employers such as Levi Strauss & Co., Kaiser Permanente, Hewlett-Packard Company, Silicon Graphics and Sun Microsystems.

Bank officials said their new policy would meet the needs of their workforce.

``This is basically an acknowledgment that the families our employees support include parents, siblings, domestic partners and others,'' Wyss said.

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B of A to Extend Health Benefits to Unmarried Partners

Banking: Employees may choose an adult relative instead. Firm is first major bank to have such coverage.

By DON LEE, Times Staff Writer

Bank of America said Monday that it will offer health and dental benefits to gay and heterosexual partners of employees, becoming the first major U.S. bank to provide such coverage.

The new program, which will be offered to most of the bank's nationwide work force of 80,000, including 25,000 in the Southland, will allow an employee to enroll

one domestic partner or another dependent adult relative, such as a parent, grandparent or sibling. The benefit will begin next January.

BofA's step was partly prompted by San Francisco's recent ordinance that penalizes city contractors who do not offer domestic partner benefits.

BofA, which

is based in San Francisco, is a major contractor with the city.

But the bank's decision, which followed three years of internal study, was seen as extraordinary because of the breadth of its program and the fact

that it took shape in a button-down industry.

"This is an indication that providing coverage to nontraditional members is

extending to a conservative industry," said Michael J. Powers, a benefits consultant at William M. Mercer Inc.

Powers, who heads his firm's national resource group on domestic partner benefits, said about 400 private U.S. businesses now offer the benefits.

Academia and the entertainment industry have led the trend, although American Express and

IBM are among the most recent to offer the coverage.

Some companies have limited the extension of benefits to same-sex partners, as Disney did more than a year ago, in the process inflaming a number of conservative groups. But relatively few companies have extended the coverage to include adult dependents such as a grandparent or sibling.

Powers, however, said more companies were considering the broader coverage, perhaps partly to defuse the controversial issues raised by the benefits.

"I think it's a business issue for most corporations," said Susan Gore, owner of the Mentor Group, a Dallas-based management and diversity consulting company.

"It's not just doing the right thing, but it's about attracting and retaining the best and the brightest."

Dennis Wyss, a BofA spokesman in San Francisco, said Monday that the bank was not calling it domestic partner benefits but rather extended family benefits. Enrollment will start this fall, he said, and employees would need to show they have been in a committed relationship for at least six months with the domestic partner seeking the benefit. To sign up other related adults, employees must verify that that person is claimed as a dependent on an IRS form.

"It's an acknowledgment that our employees are responsible in supporting a number of extended family members," Wyss said. The new benefits were not announced publicly by BofA, but revealed in an employee newsletter Monday. Wyss said it was unclear how many people will enroll a domestic partner or dependent in the program. Companies have found that 1% to 3% of employees sign up for domestic partner benefits, although BofA may experience a higher enrollment because its program is broader. Wyss said the bank does not expect the plan to cost it significantly more.

Analysts said they expect other companies, particularly those contracting with San Francisco, to offer the coverage. Other banks were eager Monday to learn what BofA had offered.

"It's something we've been thinking about [for] over a year," said Kathy Shilkret, a Wells Fargo spokeswoman. "But we're not ready to announce any program."

Richard Jennings, executive director at Hollywood Supports, a group that has pushed studios to offer the benefits, said, "We've been talking to a lot of banks and financial services companies about it." He said BofA's announcement is "recognition that there are lots of gays and lesbians working in the financial services industry."

Times staff writer Vicki Torres contributed to this report.

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Subject: FRC Attacks Bank of America as an "Enemy of the Family"

This press release about Bank of America's recent announcement was sent out earlier today. If you have any questions or comments about this press release or about the Family Research Council, please visit our web site at:

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BANK OF AMERICA WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGE,
BECOMES "ENEMY OF THE FAMILY," FRC SAYS

FAMILY GROUP DENOUNCES BANK'S PLAN TO SUBSIDIZE
OUT-OF-WEDLOCK "PARTNERSHIPS"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "Bank of America's announcement that unmarried heterosexual 'partners' and homosexual 'partners' will receive family benefits shows that the bank has joined forces with those trying to destroy marriage as the core institution of civilization," Family Research Council Director of Cultural Studies Robert Knight said Wednesday.

"We applaud the bank's efforts to insure extended families, but this should include relationships based on blood, adoption or marriage," Knight said. "It should not be used as a way to broaden societal support for sex outside marriage. The destructive message that this sends young people is: you need not plan for marriage, since you can have it all without

making that commitment.

"In an age when marital collapse is at the heart of our downward spiral, Bank of America's action can only hasten moral deterioration and threaten the well-being of children. Research overwhelmingly shows that children do best in families that have a married mother and father. By subsidizing non-marital relationships, Bank of America is helping to doom more children to lives of insecurity and heartache.

"We hoped that the bank had learned its lesson a few years ago when it bowed to homosexual activists and cut off charitable funding to the Boy Scouts of America for not having homosexuals as scoutmasters. When outraged citizens withdrew millions of dollars from the bank, the policy was reversed. Now, here they are again, blatantly showing disregard for the moral order. With a policy that can lead only to more marital destruction, Bank of America must now be considered an enemy of the family.

"We urge Bank of America customers to let the bank know that it has committed a grievous error, and we hope that the bank will once again listen to reason. We also urge other businesses, such as United Airlines, to challenge San Francisco's oppressive ordinance requiring businesses that trade with the city to provide 'partner benefits.' No government has the right to force anyone to subsidize immorality, and the law is clearly on the side of businesses that refuse to knuckle under to Mayor Willie Brown's threats. San Francisco's attempt at tyranny must be resisted, not accommodated."

This message has been forwarded to a private list of lesbian, gay, bi, and transgender political activists, to the QueerPolitics e-mail discussion group, to the GayNet e-mail list and/or to LGBT media as a free informational service. Please do not publish, or post in a public place on the Internet, copyrighted material without permission and attribution. Forwarding of this material should not necessarily be construed as an endorsement of the content. In fact, sometimes messages from anti-gay organizations are forwarded as "opposition research."

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Subject: Telephone switch upgrade

An upgrade to the three EOP telephone systems software is scheduled for this coming weekend and beginning on Friday, March 14 at 11:00 pm. This upgrade will provide improvements to security features and maintenance capabilities for the EOP phone systems. Following is the upgrade plan and scheduled outage times for the buildings affected:

OEOB	Friday, March 14	11:00 - 11:20 p.m.
White House	Saturday, March 15	11:00 - 11:20 p.m.
NEOB	Saturday, March 15	11:00 - 11:20 p.m.

After the 20 minute disruption, some users may notice that their speaker phone red light is on or their red primary line preference light may not come back on. Typically, placing or receiving a call on the telephone set will bring it back into service, or simply lifting the handset and setting it back down will resolve the problem. If this does not bring the phone back in service, please instruct your staff to go to another phone and call the Telephone Service Office trouble desk x69611.

There are certain functions of the EOP that will remain operational during these outages (e.g. White House operators, WHCA Signal Switchboard, USSS Control Center, etc.) If you have functions that must be operational 24 hours a day or must be operational during these planned outage time frames, please contact me by noon Friday, March 14 to coordinate keeping your phones operational while your system is being upgraded.

The Telephone Service Office trouble desk, x69611, will be staffed on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to assist users with any problems. Sheryl Hall (Telecommunications and Security) can also be paged through the White House Operator if assistance is needed at any point this weekend.

Thank you.