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[04/16/1997-04/17/1997]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth Drye (CN=Elizabeth Drye/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 08:40:08.00

SUBJECT: Photo op with former transportation Secretaries

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Katherine Hubbard (CN=Katherine Hubbard/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Slater's staff are asking if it's possible to get a picture -- for future use -- of the President with the four former transportation secretaries here for the event . Three are republicans (Andy Card, Sam Skinner, Alan Boyd (sp?)). Should we pursue? If so, how?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 09:24:43.00

SUBJECT: Is the children
's health EO now scheduled for Monday?

TO: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/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:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 09:37:17.00

SUBJECT: Immigration event

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I've alerted Christa. If Elena goes to any scheduling meetings, here's the memo she'll need to push for this.

----- Forwarded by Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP on 04/16/97
09:38 AM -----

Bruce N. Reed
04/16/97 08:49:07 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP, Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Immigration event

let's push for one.

----- Forwarded by Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP on 04/16/97
08:53 AM -----

Susan A. Brophy
04/16/97 08:39:32 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP
cc: Emily Bromberg/WHO/EOP
Subject: Immigration event

John said that a bipartisan immigration event would be helpful in the budget process because it would put pressure on the Rs.

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

TEXT:

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 4/7/97

ACCEPT

REGRET

PENDING

TO: Stephanie Streett
Director of Scheduling

FROM: Marcia Hale
Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Bruce Reed
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

Craig Smith
Assistant to the President for Political Affairs

Emily Bromberg
Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

REQUEST: For the President to meet with a bipartisan delegation of mayors to highlight the Administration's immigration budget package. On the day of the meeting, OMB will transmit our immigration bill to Congress.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate bipartisan support for the Administration's immigration budget bill; to respond to Mayor Giuliani, Mayor Rice, and Mayor Rendell's request to discuss the effect of welfare reform on legal immigrants.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President has met with mayors in large and small forums on several occasions. Most recently, the President met with a group of 12 mayors on December 18, 1996 to discuss urban policy and addressed the Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors on January 17.

DATE: As soon as possible; this event is most newsworthy if it occurs before our entire budget bill is transmitted to Congress.

**SCHEDULING REQUEST
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LOCATION: The Roosevelt Room or the Cabinet Room

DURATION: 45 minutes

BRIEFING TIME: 15 minutes before meeting

PROPOSED

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Vice President
Mayor Dennis Archer, Detroit, MI (D)
Mayor Willie Brown, San Francisco, CA (D)
Mayor Martin Chavez, Albuquerque, NM (D)
Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago, IL (D)
Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, New York, NY (R)
Mayor Paul Helmke, Ft. Wayne, IN (R)
Mayor Ronald Kirk, Dallas, TX (NP)
Mayor Tom Menino, Boston, MA (D)
Metro Mayor Alex Penelas, Dade County, FL (includes Miami) (NP)
Mayor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia, PA (D)
Mayor Norm Rice, Seattle, WA (D)
Mayor Richard Riordan, Los Angeles, CA (R)

MEDIA

COVERAGE: Pool spray at the top

REMARKS: Provided by speechwriters

ORIGIN

OF PROPOSAL: DPC and IGA believe this meeting will help build a bipartisan
consensus for our immigration budget bill.

VPOTUS

ATTENDANCE: Dependent upon his schedule

RECOMMENDED

BY: Marcia Hale, Bruce Reed, Craig Smith, Emily Bromberg

CONTACT: Emily Bromberg (6-2896)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 10:08:15.00

SUBJECT: Directive on Child Care

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: MCHUGH_L (MCHUGH_L @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [EOP]) (WHO)

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

When are we considering doing directive to DOD re child care, and is this radio address material or something less (or more)?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 10:13:19.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Nicole has sent me revisions. Please call if you want to to send to Rahm.

- Laura

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Irene Yeh (CN=Irene Yeh/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 10:18:00.00

SUBJECT: Welfare/Medicaid Investment Budget Policy Priority Meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

There will be a Welfare/Medicaid Investment Budget Policy Priority Meeting today at 5pm in Room 211. Other participants include Ken Apfel, Nancy-Ann Min, Cynthia Rice, Diana Fortuna, Jeanne Lambrew, and Chris Jennings. Please let me know whether or not you can attend. Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 10:23:00.00

SUBJECT: Directive on Child Care

TO: Ann F. Lewis (Ann F. Lewis@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Elena Kagan (Elena Kagan@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

CC: MCHUGH_L (MCHUGH_L@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:16-APR-1997 10:51:22.68

CC: Mary E. Glynn (Mary E. Glynn@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 16-APR-1997 10:06:00

When are we considering doing directive to DOD re child care, and is this radio address material or something less (or more)?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 11:10:57.00

SUBJECT: EOP welfare hires

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

National Journal is asking about our welfare hires. We gave the number six, but if it's now more I'd like to be able to tell him that? Any objection from anybody? What is the number and will it stay there? And are the offices still OMB, OPD, Corr.,OA? Any others?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 12:03:40.00

SUBJECT: Q & A on SEC Report

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

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

TEXT:
Guidance for McCurry on SEC Report. Please review and call with any changes.

Thanks.

Jake 65316===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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GUIDANCE ON SEC REPORT ON SECURITIES LITIGATION

April 16, 1997

Background

The SEC is releasing to the public on Wednesday a report to the President and Congress on how last year's securities litigation legislation has played out.

The report was written at the President's request. He asked for it last year after the legislation went into effect over his veto. It examines questions like whether the number of federal court suits has gone down and what effect there has been on state court litigation.

The report's major conclusions are summarized in the attached two pages from the report.

Possible Questions and Answers

Q. What's your take on the report?

A. We just received the report last night, and have only begun to look at it. We're pleased that the SEC has done this work, and look forward to analyzing it, along with the work that has been done by others concerning the impact of the law. As the SEC report points out, it is still very early in the law's history and firm judgments on its effect are difficult. We're pleased that the SEC report is as broad as it is -- considering not only the impact of the law on litigation, but also its impact on investor protection and information.

Q. So does this mean that the President was wrong to veto the bill?

A. No, it doesn't mean that. The President's veto was based on his concerns about whether the legislation would unfairly raise the bar for injured plaintiffs to get into court. We want to study the report to see what the SEC learned about how the pleading standards in the bill are operating in practice. The concern is still there; we want to see how it has played out.

Q. During the campaign, the President told some Silicon Valley CEOs that he thought that California's Proposition 211 should be preempted if enacted. Some of the CEOs thought that he was gung-ho about this and wanted to do it right away, even if Prop 211 didn't pass. Where does he stand now, and what influence will this report have on his thinking?

A. When he was in California, the President was speaking against the backdrop of Prop 211, which subsequently was roundly defeated. The SEC tried to answer the question of whether the Act is playing out in a way that requires further legislative action at this time. They concluded that this is not the case. If that case is to be made on the basis of other

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data, we certainly would listen, and White House staff, with the help of the agencies will do just that.

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- Q. Who's in charge of this issue in the White House?
- A. Counsel's Office and the National Economic Council are coordinating the process.
- Q. Is the SEC involved?
- A. They are involved as technical advisers to our process.
- Q. How soon is the President going to make a decision about whether to support legislation?
- A. We are in the posture of reading, absorbing and analyzing the available information and data to see whether there is a case that something more needs to be done at this time. We are not on a specific timetable to conclude this work.

Cleared by NEC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Elena Kagan, Katie McGinty, and Kathleen Wallman

SUBJECT: Executive Order to Protect Children
from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks

This memorandum responds to questions and concerns that you raised in generally approving the proposed Executive Order directing agencies to enhance their efforts to protect children from environmental health and safety risks. The Executive Order currently is scheduled for announcement by the Vice President on Monday, April 21.

We have attached a copy of the page containing your notes. First, you suggested changes to Section 5 of the order, which requires agencies to consider risks to children in the analysis supporting their major regulations, to make this provision less burdensome. White House agencies revised the language according to your suggestion, and the revised portion of the text is attached with changes indicated. You should know that your changes were extremely well-received by the agencies, and have helped assuage remaining concerns about implementation of this provision.

Second, you asked whether the Vice President's office had reviewed and is supporting the order. We are happy to report that the Vice President strongly supports the order and is currently planning to be part of its announcement.

If the proposed changes are satisfactory to you, we will proceed with issuance of the Executive Order.

ATTACHMENTS

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 13:18:23.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

1:15 Mtg. is ready to start in Bruce's

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mary Morrison@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY (Mary Morrison@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 15:19:48.00

SUBJECT: Reminder Short Term

TO: tnewell@ostp.eop.gov@INET@LNGTWY (tnewell@ostp.eop.gov@INET@LNGTWY [OSTP])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr.@EOP (Paul J. Weinstein Jr.@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karin Kullman@EOP (Karin Kullman@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Gene B. Sperling@eop (Gene B. Sperling@eop [OPD])
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TO: Barry J. Toiv@EOP (Barry J. Toiv@EOP [WHO])
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TO: Todd Stern@eop (Todd Stern@eop [WHO])
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TO: Elena Kagan@eop (Elena Kagan@eop [OPD])
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TO: Lori Anderson@eop (Lori Anderson@eop [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Anne M. Edwards@eop (Anne M. Edwards@eop [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Beth A. Viola@eop (Beth A. Viola@eop [CEQ])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 16-APR-1997 15:13:00

Just a reminder we will be having our Short Term Scheduling Meeting today
at
4:30pm in the Roosevelt Room. Thank you for attending...

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1997 16:00:03.00

SUBJECT: Re: cea white paper

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: David Shipley (CN=David Shipley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The CEO paper works nicely with her stmt in USA Today that an ounce of prevention is worth....

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CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

DATE: April 17, 1997
LOCATION: The East Room
TIME: Briefing: 10:00 am - 10:30 am
1st Panel: 10:45 am - 1:00 pm
Briefing: 2:35 pm - 2:40 pm
2nd Panel: 2:45 pm - 4:30 pm
FROM: Bruce Reed/Elena Kagan

I. PURPOSE

To call attention to new scientific research on brain development in very young children and practical applications of these findings. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to enhancing the development of young children and highlight the Administration's efforts to strengthen families.

II. BACKGROUND

You and the First Lady will be hosting two panel discussions, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore will be joining you for the afternoon session. During the morning session of the conference, leading researchers and child development experts will discuss the new research and what it means for parents and caregivers. The morning session will be broadcasted to approximately 100 satellite sites where subcanet officials and other regional leaders will host similar panels. The afternoon session will highlight model community efforts to support parents and enhance early childhood development. The First Lady will moderate the afternoon session.

This conference builds on the Administration's investment in children and families. The Administration has invested heavily in research to help us better understand the importance of the first few years of a child's life, including increasing the funding for NIH's childrens research by 25%, from \$1.3 billion to \$1.6 billion, between 1993 and 1997. In addition, the Administration raised funding for Head Start by 43% over the last four years and created the Early Head Start program to support families with children ages zero to three. Your FY 1988 Budget further increases participation to reach 122,000 more children in FY 1998 than when you first took office. The Administration also dramtically increased partipation in the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program.

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This conference is an opportunity for you to announce the following new policy announcements:

- **Executive Memorandum to DOD:** Based on reports from child care experts that the military child care system is now the best in the country, you will be issuing an executive memorandum directing the Secretary of Defense to use the Department's expertise to help improve child care across the nation. The memorandum urges the Department to consider: (1) creating partnerships with civilian child care centers in the community to help them improve quality; (2) providing training courses for civilian child care providers; (3) sharing the materials and models for worker training, accreditation and evaluation, facility design, financing, and other ingredients of the military's success; and (4) working with States and local governments to enable military child care facilities to serve as training sites for welfare recipients moving from welfare to work.
- **Children's Health Initiative:** You will announce that the Association of American Medical Colleges issued a letter of support for your children's health proposal. Your FY 1998 budget proposal includes a children's health initiative that will extend coverage to up to 5 million uninsured children by the year 2000 by strengthening Medicaid for poor children, building innovative State programs to provide coverage for working families, and continuing health coverage for children of workers who are between jobs.
- **Expanding Early Head Start.** The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting proposals for new Early Head Start programs to expand Early Head Start enrollment by one-third next year. Created by the Clinton Administration in 1994, the Early Head Start program brings Head Start's successful comprehensive services to families with children ages zero to three and to pregnant women.
- **America Reads Early Childhood Kits: "Ready, Set, Read."** America Reads is releasing early childhood development activity kits that offer suggestions to families and caregivers about developmentally appropriate activities for children ages zero to five. They will be distributed in May to early childhood programs across the country and to callers to the Department of Education's 1-800-USA-LEARN hotline. (The kits are being handed out to all of the participants and press at the conference.)
- **Safe Start.** The Department of Justice is establishing "Safe Start" to change the way law enforcement officers respond to children who are the victims of or witnesses to violence. The program will provide training on early childhood development to community police officers, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, school personnel and mental health providers. It will better prepare law enforcement officials to respond to young children exposed to violence and can help prevent today's children from turning into tomorrow's criminals. The initiative is built on the successful partnerships between community police officers and mental health providers funded by DOJ in New Haven, Connecticut

and three other communities. (*The New Haven Police Chief will be participating in the afternoon panel to discuss the success of this partnership in New Haven.)

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

The First Lady
John Podesta
Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan
Melanne Verveer
Sarah Farnsworth
Carolyn Curiel

Morning Panel Participants:

The President
The First Lady
Dr. David A. Hamburg, President of the
Carnegie Corporation of New York
Dr. Donald J. Cohen, Director of the Yale
Child Study Center
Dr. Carla J. Shatz, Professor of
Neurobiology at the University of California,
Berkeley
Dr. Patricia K. Kuhl, Speech and Hearing
Sciences at the University of Washington
Dr. Ezra C. Davidson, Jr., Obstetrician
Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Pediatrician

Dr. Deborah Phillips, Child Care expert

Afternoon Panel Participants

The President
The First Lady
Mrs. Gore
The Vice President
Arnold Langbo, Kellogg Corporation
Dr. Gloria Rodriguez, Avance Program
Sheila Amaning, Early Childhood PTA
Melvin Wearing, New Haven Police Chief
Harriet Meyer, Ounce of Prevention
Rob Reiner, "I Am Your Child" Campaign
Governor Bob Miller, Nevada

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR FIRST PANEL

- Participants are announced into the East Room and take seats at table.
- You and the First Lady are announced into the room and proceed to the podium.
- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks from the podium and introduces you.
- You make remarks from the podium.
- You and the First Lady then take their seats at the table.
- You will call on the first speaker, David Hamburg to open the discussion.
- David Hamburg makes remarks and introduces the next three consecutive speakers.
- Dr. Donald J. Cohen makes remarks.
- Dr. Carla J. Shatz makes remarks.
- Dr. Patricia K. Kuhl makes remarks.
- You will thank first three speakers and call on the next three speakers to discuss the implications of the information being discussed, beginning with Ezra Davidson.

- Ezra Davidson will make remarks.
- The President will ask Ezra Davidson a follow-up question.
- Dr. Berry Brazelton will make remarks.
- The First Lady will ask Dr. Berry Brazelton a follow-up question.
- Dr. Deborah Phillips will make remarks.
- You will ask a follow-up question
- At this point, you and the First Lady can pose one or two additional questions to any of the panelists.
- You will thank participants and close event.

SEQUENCE FOR SECOND PANEL (All speakers are SEATED while speaking)

- The panelists are announced into the East Room and take their seats.
- You, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore are introduced into room and take seats.
- Mrs. Gore makes welcoming remarks.
- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces the First Lady to moderate the discussion.
- The First Lady introduces all the panel participants and calls on them individually to speak, beginning with Mr. Arnold Langbo.
- Mr. Arnold Langbo makes remarks.
- You could ask Mr. Langbo a follow-up question.
- Dr. Gloria Rodriguez makes remarks.
- The Vice President asks Dr. Gloria Rodriguez a follow-up question.
- Sheila Amaning makes remarks.
- Mrs. Gore asks Sheila Amaning a question.
- Police Chief Melvin Wearing makes remarks.
- You could ask a follow up question to Police Chief Wearing.
- Harriet Meyer makes remarks.
- You could ask a follow-up question to Harriet Meyer
- Rob Reiner makes remarks.
- You could ask a follow-up question to Rob Reiner.
- Governor Miller makes remarks.
- You will thank Governor Miller and other participants and makes closing remarks.

VI. REMARKS

Morning Panel: Opening and closing remarks prepared by Speechwriting.

Afternoon Panel: Closing Remarks prepared by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- Bios on panelists
- Script of each panel
- Administration Accomplishments
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**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING: WHAT
NEW RESEARCH ON THE BRAIN TELLS US ABOUT OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN**

Thursday, April 17, 1997

Conference Sessions: East Room (Pool Press/Satellite 1st session)
Lunch: State Dining Room (Closed Press)
Reception: South Lawn (Closed Press)
Guest invite time: 10 a.m.

PRINCIPAL time:

9:45 a.m.-10:25 a.m.	Guest Coffee in the Grand Foyer
10 00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	POTUS and FLOTUS Briefing in the Map Room
10:35 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Greet Panel I in the Blue Room
10:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Session I in the East Room (Refer to separate breakdown)
1:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Lunch in the State Dining Room (Closed Press) (FLOTUS only)
2:30 p.m.-2:40 p.m.	Session II Pre-Brief in the Map Room (All Four Principals)
2:35 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Greet Panel II in the Blue Room (POTUS, FLOTUS, VPOTUS, MEG)
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Session II in the East Room (Refer to separate breakdown)
5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. (T)	Remarks to Reception guests on the South Lawn (Closed Press)

8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. (T) **The First Lady** is interviewed on the TODAY SHOW in the Diplomatic Reception Room. (Contacts: S. Cohen, T. Labrecque)

7:00 a.m. Set up in the East Room. (Staging, seating, visuals, whca)
Satellite contact: Laura Schwartz Set up: J. King (visual), S. Warren, L. Schwartz

9:00 a.m. Panel I participants are briefing in OEOB 180. Contact: Katy Button

9:30 a.m. East Visitor Gate opens for guest arrival. Guests proceed to the Grand Foyer for coffee and juice until time to be seated in the East Room. *List contact: Kim Widdess*

Note: The AdCouncil PSA will be played on at WHTV monitor in the Grand Foyer at this time.
(L. Schwartz)

10:00 a.m. **Principal Briefing** in the Map Room. (Need list of participants and agenda- Christa)

10:30 a.m. Guests are seated in the East Room by Social Aides. Panel I participants are escorted to the Blue Room. (Seating contact: S. Warren)

10:35 a.m. **The President and the First Lady** arrive in the Blue Room to greet Panel I participants.

10:45 a.m. Panel I participants are announced into the East Room and proceed to seats at table.

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10:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SESSION I:

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10:50 -11 a.m	The First Lady delivers remarks and introduces the President. (Remember sat sites)
11-11:15 a.m.	The President delivers remarks. Following remarks, the President and the First Lady proceed to seats at the table.
11:15-11:20 a.m.	The President calls on David Hamburg , President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, who delivers brief remarks and introduces the next three consecutive speakers.r.
11:20-11:55 a.m.	Three Consecutive Presentations by: - Dr. Donald Cohen , Director, Yale Child Study Center (behavioral development) - Dr. Carla Shatz , University of California, Berkeley (neuroscientific overview) - Dr. Patricia Kuhl , University of Washington (language/cognitive development) (Each presenter has 5 min.)
11:55 a.m.-12 p.m.	The President thanks the first three speakers and asks the next three speakers to make remarks: (Optional questions between each speaker)
12 p.m.-12:50 p.m.	Q&A Session with the following panelists: (Questions by POTUS/FLOTUS) - Dr. Ezra Davidson, Drew University of Medicine (obstetrician) - Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Harvard Universtiy (pediatrician) - Dr. Deborah Phillips, National Research Council (child care/earley education)
12:50 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	The President makes closing remarks.

Satellite Note: Satellite time ends at 1:10 p.m.

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Upon conclusion of the first session, **the President and the First Lady** depart the East Room.

Guests will be directed to the State Dining Room for lunch. (20 min break before lunch) Guests will receive escort cards prior to entering the State Dining Room.

1:20 p.m.

The First Lady proceeds to table in the State Dining Room for lunch.

1:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

LUNCH IN THE STATE DINING ROOM

Staff Contacts: Robyn Dickey (Seating), Tracy Labrecque

2:15 p.m.

The First Lady invites tbd Members of Congress to come up to the toast lectern to make brief remarks. (TBD order)

FORMAT:

- Seated lunch/Max 130 guests
- Closed Press
- Principals attending: FLOTUS only
- After lunch, TBD Members of Congress will make remarks
- Guests receive escort cards from table outside the State Dining Room.

2:30 p.m. Upon conclusion of lunch, guests are directed to their seats in the East Room. (20 min. break)

2:30 p.m.

Briefing for Session II in the Map Room. (All Four Principals meet in the Map Room.)

2:40 p.m.

Session II panelists arrive in the Blue Room. (Contact: Christa, Pauline)

2:45 p.m.

The President and the First Lady and the Vice President and Mrs. Gore arrive in the Blue Room to greet the panelists for the second session.

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2:55 p.m. Session II panelists are announced into the East Room and proceed to seats at table.

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3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **SESSION II**

SESSION II (All remarks are from the table.)

3:00 p.m.-3:10 p.m.

Mrs. Gore makes opening remarks and introduces the Vice President.

The Vice President makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.

3:10 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

The First Lady moderates second session with the following panelists:

Session II Panelists:

- Arnold Langbo, Chairman of the Board, Kellogg Company
- Gloria Rodriguez, Founder, National President & CEO, AVANCE Inc.
- Sheila Amaning, Parent
- Police Chief Melvin Wearing (New Haven, CT)
- Harriet Meyer, Exec. Director, The Ounce of Prevention Fund
- Rob Reiner, Chair & Founder, "I Am Your Child Campaign"
- Governor Bob Miller, (NV), Chair of the NGA

Note: The Principals will have follow-up questions between each panelist.

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The President makes closing remarks.

4:30 p.m.

The Four Principals depart.

4:00 p.m. East Visitors Gate opens for guest arrival. Guests hold in the East Garden/Colonnade (rain) before proceeding to the South Lawn. (Invitation time is 4:30 p.m.) (Refer to task sheet.)

4:30 p.m. **The President and the First Lady** proceed to the Residence until time for the reception.

4:30 p.m. Conference participants depart the East Room for the South Lawn via staircase to Diplomatic Reception Room.

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. **RECEPTION ON THE SOUTH LAWN**

Approx. 400 guests

Closed Press

5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. **The First Lady** arrives in the Diplomatic Reception Room for announcement onto the South Lawn.

Program:

- The First Lady makes remarks and departs..

6:30 p.m. Guests depart the South Lawn via the East Gate.

INFO PACKET DISTRIBUTION NOTE: Guests (including conference participants) will receive an information packet in the East Colonnade as they depart the reception.

Contact: Robyn Dickey, Christa Robinson

CONFERENCE SESSION NOTE - OEOB 450 ELEMENT

Contact: Ann Eder

Approx. 150 guests will watch Session I in the OEOB Rm 450 via Satellite. They will not participate in Session II, but will return for the Reception.

REGIONAL SATELLITE SITES

Contact: Kris Balderston

There will be approx. 82 locations watching Session I via satellite. Session II will not be shown via satellite. The Regional sites will have their own Session II.

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I am pleased to introduce someone who has been saying this for a long time -- maybe not quoting the Talmud, but certainly expressing the sentiment. And who, as President of the United States, has acted on these beliefs -- putting the security of children at the very center of national policy. My husband. President Bill Clinton.

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***PRESIDENT CLINTON ASKS THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
TO SHARE EXPERTISE FROM THE MILITARY CHILD CARE SYSTEM***

We now know that children's earliest experiences, including those in child care, have significant effects on learning and development. I believe we all have a role to play in making sure that all of our children have a strong and healthy start in life.

-President Bill Clinton,

4/17/97

Today, the President urged the Secretary of the Department of Defense to use the military's expertise to improve child care across the nation.

Building on Success: Learning from the Military.

Child care experts believe that the military child care system is now the best in the country. Military child care programs serve the families of men and women in the United States armed forces and the civilian employees of the Department of Defense. In developing its child care system, the Department of Defense has learned how to make a difference in the day to day lives of children. The military child care system is noted for: (1) high quality standards, including a high percentage of accredited centers; (2) a strong enforcement and oversight system with four annual unannounced inspections and a 1-800 hot line for parents to report concerns; (3) mandatory training for child care providers; (4) relatively generous wages and benefits tied to continued training and education; (5) a system of linking up and providing needed support to individual home care providers; and (6) sufficient funding to make quality child care affordable.

Leading the Nation in Child Care Accreditation.

Most notably, the Defense Department today leads the nation in achieving child care accreditation: 72% of all of its child care programs have been accredited, compared to 5% nationally. Most of the Department's success in meeting accreditation standards has come recently: the National Association for the Education of Young Children has accredited 337 of military child care facilities today, as compared to 55 in 1992.

A Challenge to the Defense Department.

The President issued an executive memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, directing him to use the Department's expertise to improve child care in communities across the nation. The memorandum urges the Department to consider: (1) creating partnerships with civilian child care centers in the community to help them improve quality; (2) providing training courses for civilian child care providers; (3) sharing the materials and models used by the military for worker training, accreditation and evaluation, facility design, financing and other ingredients of their success; and (4) working with States and local governments to enable military child care facilities to serve as training locations for welfare recipients moving from welfare to work.

FIRST PANEL

The President opens discussion by introducing David Hamburg, who will facilitate presentations of emerging knowledge on early childhood development. [David Hamburg, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which produced the Seminal 1994 Study "Starting Points." Last year, David Hamburg received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.]

David Hamburg makes very brief remarks and introduces the following three consecutive speakers:

Dr. Donald Cohen, Director of the Yale University Child Study Center
Will discuss emerging knowledge in the field of behavioral development.

Dr. Carla Shatz, Professor of Neurobiology at the University of California, Berkeley
Will explain brain development and wiring.

Dr. Patricia Kuhl, Chair, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Univ. of Washington
Will explain emerging knowledge about how infants learn

POTUS/HRC SUGGESTED QUESTION: What kind of stimulation is most beneficial for our youngest children and what kind could be harmful? (To Cohen)

POTUS/HRC SUGGESTED QUESTION: Tell us more about the patterns of interaction between an infant and the adult caring for him that are crucial for language development. (To Kuhl)

The President thanks the first three presenters and introduces the next segment.

POTUS: We have just heard compelling presentations of how infants develops -- indisputable evidence of how just how critical important the earliest years of life are. Now we're going to turn our attention to ways we can put this knowledge to good use for the well-being of all our children. We're going to hear from three experts who represent fields that provide vital frontline services for new parents and their children: obstetrics and prenatal care, pediatrics and child care. First I'd like to turn to:

Ezra Davidson, Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.
He will discuss the importance of prenatal and perinatal services to reach parents new parents.

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: How can we encourage people who work with expecting parents to better use that opportunity to talk about the importance of early learning?

POTUS turns to:

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Professor Emeritus at Harvard University Medical School

Dr. Brazelton will discuss the pediatrician's role in early childhood development.

HRC QUESTION: Today, the Organization Zero to Three National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families is releasing the results of a nation-wide survey of parents of young children, which was conducted to gauge what parents know about their children's development and what more they want to know. It is clear from the findings that parents are hungry for information on how they can best enhance their children's development. Could you please give our nation's parents some guidance?

POTUS turns to:

Dr. Deborah Phillips, who works at the Institute of Medicine as the Director of the Board on Children, Youth and Families of the National Research Council's Commission on Social and Behavioral Development.

Dr. Phillips will talk about the important implications of this research for child care.

POTUS SUGGESTED QUESTION: What the most important components to quality child care?

HRC QUESTION: Some people suggest that what this research really tells us is that women shouldn't work outside of the home. Can you comment on that?

The President thanks participants and closes session.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S SAFE START INITIATIVE

Announcement

- Today at the White House Early Childhood Development and Learning Conference, the President announced a new Safe Start Initiative to help break the cycle of violence for our nation's youngest victims. The Safe Start Initiative will provide training to law enforcement, prosecutors, school personnel, probation officers, and other professionals to better respond to the needs of children exposed to violence in their homes and communities.

The Problem

- Throughout America, too many children are exposed to violence at home, in their neighborhoods, and in their schools. Children's exposure to violence has been associated with increased depression, anger, substance abuse, and lower academic achievement.
- In a study conducted at Boston City Hospital, 1 out of every 10 children seen in their primary care clinic had witnessed a shooting or stabbing before the age of 6, -- half in their homes and half in the streets. The average age of these children was only 2.7 years-old.
- Children who experience violence either as victims or witnesses are at increased risk of becoming violent themselves.

The Safe Start Initiative

- The Safe Start Initiative builds on the Child Development-Community Policing Program (CD-CP) model started in 1991 between the New Haven Department of Police Services and Yale University Child Study Center.
- In fiscal years 1995 and 1996, the Department of Justice provided funding to expand the model program to more cities: Buffalo, NY; Charlotte, NC; Nashville, TN; and Portland, OR. The Safe Start Initiative will increase the number of these regional demonstration sites in which community police officers partner with mental health clinicians to provide rapid and effective treatment to children exposed to violence.
- The Safe Start Initiative will also provide nationwide intensive training and technical assistance for professionals who come into contact with children who have been exposed to family and gang violence, violence in their community and schools, and abuse or neglect.
- Up to 20,000 professionals who work with children in communities across the nation will receive Safe Start training including: law enforcement, mental health professionals, prosecutors, school personnel, and probation and parole officers.
- The Department of Justice will allocate \$700,000 of fiscal year 1997 discretionary

funding to pay for the Safe Start Initiative.

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

I plan to be with the first panel participants from about 9:10-9:50am in Room 180 OEOB. Please feel free to page me if you need anything.

If anyone missed the First Lady's segment on the Today Show this morning , it was a wonderful overview of the themes of the Conference (with Pat Kuhl joining her to talk about language development).

Thanks and good luck everyone -- I think today will be spectacular.

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SUBJECT: Re: draft letter on securities litigation

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TEXT:

Here's the edit you requested.

Dear <salutation>,

Thank you for your letter of March 14 on concerning legislation to create national uniform standards for some certain types of securities litigation. The new regime put in place by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act is still unfolding in its infancy, and one of the issues that will need to be considered as we gain experience with the Act is how its provisions affect the roles of state and federal courts in private securities fraud litigation.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has just released a report I asked them to prepare for me and for Congress that I requested, assessing the impact effects of last year's legislation -- particularly the impact of its "safe harbor" provisions. , including not only issues relating to litigation, but also the impact of the "safe harbor" for forward looking statements on information available to investors. Other studies also have been done. We will be reviewing the SEC study and other reports and data to assess the need for further legislation. We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Please fee free to call me (ext 6-5518) if you have questions.

Thanks.

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It's in, as you probably saw from last night's draft.

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SUBJECT: Munitz letter

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READ:UNKNOWN

CC: James A. Dorskind (CN=James A. Dorskind/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

Hi Elena,

Following is the draft response for this letter which Bob Shireman in NEC has cleared. Phil Caplan sent you and Mike Cohen copies of the incoming (Per Mike, this is Bob Shireman's issue). Can you please let me know as soon as possible if this draft is okay with you? The letter is for the President's signature. Thanks.

DRAFT:

Thank you so much for your recent letter. I appreciate the support of the 23 presidents in the California State University System and of the American Council on Education (ACE) for my Administration's national education agenda.

As I said in my speech earlier this year to members of the ACE, we must work hard to craft a bipartisan balanced budget that reflects our values and paves the way to a better future. Your endorsement is an important element in enabling us to expand educational opportunities through the Hope Scholarship tax cut, the college tax deduction, and Pell Grant and work-study increases.

Thank you for standing with us. I look forward to continuing our work together as we build new opportunities for future generations and help change America for the better.

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TEXT:

Ellen was the only one who got back to me on this, and she recommended one change:

instead of "particularly the impact of its "safe harbor" provisions," it should say, "including the Act's impact on litigation, investor protection and information made available to investors." And for style reasons, we would add a comma after "investor protection." Otherwise, we think the statement is OK with Ellen's edit. Thanks.

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TEXT:

An April 12th Houston Chronicle story disclosed that former Houston Police Chief Nuchia had stopped doing background checks after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the Brady Law unconstitutional a year ago.

Because of this public revelation, new Police Chief Bradford announced today that he would recommend to the Mayor that they resume the checks.

[Bob Walker at Handgun Control told me that they had Peter Hart conduct a poll in Houston and 90% favored a background check (81% "strongly") - - also, they love the smart gun idea. He told me that there is a bill in NJ that would require all handguns to be sold w/ smart gun technology in 4 years and the City of Boston has some measure they are considering, too.]

Mayor Lanier was quoted last week as saying, "My instincts are probably more in favor of doing the background checks".... and that he "would give great weight to the recommendations of the chief."

Assuming Lanier agreed already w/ the recommendation, maybe the President should call Lanier tomorrow and congratulate him on his decision?

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TEXT:

I've set up 11:00 meeting with you. FDA (Jerry Mande and possibly Bruce Burlington) will join us. They have some ideas about how to move forward we'd like to bounce off of you. FYI the doc running this for American Heart Assn. has very positive things to say about FDA's role to date and wasn't happy with the FDA bashing in the NYT article.

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TEXT:

Attached FYI is Communications' draft of an op-ed by the President for publication in the Sunday Phila. Inquirer the day the Summit begins. Looks good to me.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
“CREATING A NEW SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP”
OP-ED FOR THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
For Publication: Sunday, April 27, 1997

Two hundred and ten years ago, at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin noticed a design painted on the back of the chair from which General Washington had presided -- a sun hanging low on the horizon. Throughout the difficult months of the Convention, Franklin could not decide whether it was rising or a setting sun. But as the Convention came to a close, and as the delegates signed America's Constitution, Franklin concluded that the sun was most definitely rising.

Once again, at the dawn of the 21st Century, America finds itself looking toward the future with hope and possibility. And once again, here in Philadelphia, we have chance to reaffirm the basic bargain that has kept us strong since the framers' day: opportunity for all, responsibility from all, and a united American community, where everyone has a role to play. Citizen service is a critical way to fulfill those ideals. To me, it is the very essence of citizenship itself, for it enables all of us -- parents, religious and civic groups, business and labor, teachers and schools -- to solve our problems together, as one community.

This weekend at Independence Hall, we have a tremendous opportunity to rekindle that sense of citizenship, all across America. Former President George Bush and I will convene the Presidents' Summit For America's Future -- a three-day gathering that will focus the nation on the importance of citizen service, and in particular the steps we must take to strengthen America's children. We will be joined by every living former President or his representative. In the months and years to follow, our goal is to mobilize millions of Americans to help America's children through service: giving them mentors and positive role models, ensuring that they have a safe and healthy start, giving them the tools to succeed through education, and engaging them in community service as well.

I am especially pleased that the entire effort is being chaired by General Colin Powell, who knows how to mobilize Americans when our national interests are at stake. Together with the Summit's Vice Chairs, former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and Lynda Robb, General Powell has already led an impressive effort to recruit businesses and non-profit groups, religious and civic leaders, and citizens from all 50 states and from 140 cities and towns for this weekend's gathering. My hope is that we will leave Philadelphia with a new sense of duty as Americans, and a new determination to carry the ethic of service into our daily lives.

Citizen service comes in many forms. Some volunteer on weekends, and some devote full years of their lives to service. Private organizations play a strong role -- such as the Philadelphia Inquirer, which is donating a dime from every street sale of this issue to the massive clean-up of Germantown Avenue which the First Lady, Vice President and Mrs. Gore and I will join this morning. We must honor and encourage all forms of service and voluntarism, and we must applaud the many private and non-profit organizations that have already stepped forward with commitments to serve, helping to fulfill President Bush's vision of a Thousand Points of

Light.

It is especially important that we engage America's young people in service -- so that they take leading roles in shaping their own futures, and gain the sense of citizenship that will build a better country for decades to come. That is why I am so proud of AmeriCorps, the national service program I launched four years ago, now run by Pennsylvania's former Senator, Harris Wofford. Since its creation, AmeriCorps has enabled 50,000 young people to earn money for college while serving their communities.

The success of AmeriCorps shows that service can help meet our most pressing public needs, from renewing our cities to protecting our environment, from immunizing children to helping them learn to read. Even more important, AmeriCorps reaffirms America's basic bargain: creating more opportunity by helping young people pay for college, asking more responsibility through citizen service, and building a stronger community for us all. Our evidence shows that their service leads to more service: a typical AmeriCorps member trains or recruits a dozen or more volunteers.

In preparation for the Summit, I have taken a number of actions in recent weeks to encourage more young people to serve. I designated the week of April 13-19 as National Service Week in America, with over one million young people participating in 3,000 projects across our nation, and thousands of AmeriCorps alumni and returned Peace Corps volunteers participating as well -- reaching out to youth in their communities and teaching a new generation about the power of service. I challenged every state to make service a part of the curriculum in high school and middle school -- giving students credit for service, putting service on their transcripts, or even requiring it, as Maryland has done under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. I launched a new National Service Scholars program, inviting high schools to select students who have performed outstanding service, making them eligible for \$1,000 college scholarships.

These efforts are just the beginning of what we will see at this weekend's Summit, and what we can achieve through AmeriCorps, President Bush's Thousand Points of Light Foundation, and the campaign that General Powell will lead to follow-up on the Summit, "America's Promise -- The Alliance For Youth. Together, we must foster a spirit of service that lasts a lifetime, not merely a week or a weekend. The era of big government may be over, but the era of big national challenges is not. Service is a way to meet today's challenges through our oldest values: more opportunity, more responsibility, and a stronger community for all.

This weekend, the city that gave birth to our democracy can play a major role in renewing our democracy. For I believe that today's peace and prosperity are much like the sun that was painted on General Washington's chair -- a sign of promise and possibility, but only if we are ready to embrace it. For the sake of our children -- for the sake of our own future -- let the sun rise over Independence Hall this weekend, and let this be the dawn of a new age of service and citizenship for America.

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At last, we have some modest progress on this. You may recall that a TV producer from the Summit had the bright idea of asking a bunch of young poets and playwrights to draft the declaration of commitment that all the Presidents will be asked to sign at the Summit. But happily their product was off-base enough that it will probably just be delivered as a letter to the Presidents from the young people.

Therefore, the TV producer has taken a shot at it (below), as has Bush's person. Our current plan, since time is short, is to have a conference call tomorrow with Communications and Harris to agree among ourselves on a draft; and then have Harris forward that to the Summit as his own draft. The Summit people will give it to Powell, Bush, Ray Chambers, us, etc. for comments on Monday. Presumably then we will have a negotiating session.

Bruce and Jonathan, let me know if you want to be in on the conference call tomorrow. I don't know the time yet. Or if you had time to play with this Monday morning and email it to me, that would be great.

Here are the 2 versions:

TV producer: "In accordance with the principles set forth in America's Promise [this is the name of Powell's 501c3, so there's probably a legal issue here], namely that all young Americans be afforded A Healthy Start, Safe Places, A Relationship With a Caring Adult, An Opportunity for Community Service and the Tools to Develop a Marketable Skill, we the undersigned citizens of the United States of America do hereby affirm our commitment to achieving these goals."

Bush guy: "I promise to do my best to help every young person in America achieve [the 5 goals of the Summit, listed above -- caring adult, healthy start, etc.].

We need to inject more strongly the concept of citizen service, both as a way to get things done and to strengthen communities and democracy. There is no way to drop the 5 goals for children. (In fact, Ray Chambers will probably push for the text to include Powell's goal of reaching 2 million children by the year 2000.)

DRAFT DRAFT

**Enhancing Protection of Children's Health
April 16, 1997**

Vice President Gore today announced an executive order to reduce environmental health and safety risks to children. For the first time, federal agencies will be required to assign high priority to addressing these risks, to coordinate their research priorities on children's health, and to ensure that their standards take into account special risks to children. The executive order, which President Clinton signed today, includes the following actions:

- **Strengthen Policies to Protect Children.** The executive order requires all agencies to make the protection of children a high priority in implementing their statutory responsibilities and fulfilling their overall missions.
- **Improve Research and other Initiatives to Protect Children.** The proposed executive order would create an interagency task force to establish a coordinated research agenda, to identify research and other initiatives the Administration will take to advance the protection of children's environmental health and safety, and to enlist public input for these efforts.
- **Ensure that New Safeguards Consider Special Risks to Children.** The executive order would, for the first time, require agencies to analyze and explain the effects of their rules on children. When a major regulation addresses special risks to children, agencies would have to 1) consider disproportionate impacts on children; and 2) explain why their proposed action is preferable to other alternatives. The primary goal of this provision is to link policy decisions to the emerging science regarding children's environmental health and safety. This provision ensures accountability to the public and helps agencies identify their research needs.

BACKGROUND

There is a growing body of evidence, highlighted by a 1993 study by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) on the exposure of children to pesticides, demonstrating that children are at disproportionate risk from environmental health, and safety risks. The report also concludes that federal regulatory standards often fail to consider these risks fully.

These disproportionate risks stem from several fundamental differences between children and adults, in terms of physiology and activity. Children are still developing, and thus are neurologically and immunologically more susceptible to certain risks. Children eat, drink and breathe more for their weight, exposing them to greater amounts of contamination and pollution for their weight. Children are less able to protect themselves by use of judgment and skill (e.g. navigating traffic, reading and following warnings). Concurrent with their recognition of these factors, scientists have

documented an alarming increase in the incidence of conditions in children that may be linked to environmental health and safety risks. These include childhood cancer, leukemia, and asthma, as well as childhood deaths and injuries from accidents.

President Clinton has taken bold action to respond to the challenge posed by this new science. President Clinton's initiatives resulted in explicit protection for children in the Food Quality Protection Act and Safe Drinking Water Act; development of new standards for passive restraints in cars that are more protective of children; and administrative action to protect children from tobacco, lead, and other hazards. Each of these initiatives responds to major threats to children that are of major concerns to American families.

These successes highlight the need for an overall, coordinated approach to children's issues that highlights their priority, coordinates federal research, and ensures that federal standards consistently account for disproportionate risks to children. Today's executive order, developed through extensive consultation with affected agencies, would fill this gap with provisions to address each of these areas.