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FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 1997

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Today Senators Byrd and Moynihan introduced a bill S. 1319 to repeal the Line Item Veto Act.

CONGRESS TODAY (10/24)

SENATE

Failed (43-49) to invoke cloture on the modified committee amendment to S. 1173, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997. (Cloture was also defeated twice on Thursday.) Senator Lott today filed another cloture motion on the modified committee amendment. This fourth cloture vote will occur on Tuesday. Lott has indicated this will be the last cloture attempt on ISTEA.

[SAP sent, 10/8: Administration supports Senate passage, but has a number of concerns, including making the bill fully consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement.]

Passed (UC) H.R. 2013 - Designating the David B. Champagne Post Office Building, clearing the measure for the President

HOUSE

Adopted (233-171) H.R. 2107 - Interior Appropriations Conference Report (Adopted the Rule by a vote of 247-166)

[Letter sent 9/30: Senior advisers veto recommendation based on House failure to fund NEA and to provide \$700 million in land acquisition funds (BBA violation); objectionable House/Senate environmental riders.]

Continued consideration of, but did not complete action on H.R. 2247 - Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997 (Open Rule)

[House Rules SAP sent 10/21: Administration strongly opposes]

While under consideration of H.R. 2247, the House took the following action:
 o LaTourette proposed an amendment to replace Shuster's labor reforms with a proposal similar to the Administration's. Representative Quinn offered a perfecting amendment that would have effectively wiped out the LaTourette amendment. The Quinn perfecting amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-223.

Subsequently, Chairman Shuster pulled the bill from the floor to avoid votes on the underlying Latourette amendment (a vote for labor and against Shuster) and final passage.

Rejected (168-244) Motion to Adjourn

CONGRESS-- WEEK OF OCTOBER 27th

SENATE

Monday, October 27th

Convene at 12 noon for morning business and at 1:00pm for legislative business.

(Possible) Continue consideration of S. 1173, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997 (Fourth Cloture vote to occur on Tuesday)

[SAP sent, 10/8: Administration supports Senate passage, but has a number of concerns, including making the bill fully consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement.]

(Possible) Vote on Federal Reserve Board Nominations

At 5:00pm, the Senate will have a rollcall vote on the confirmation of Algenan Marbley, to be a U.S. District Judge in Ohio

Possible vote on H.R. 2107 - Interior Appropriations Conference Report (The Conference Report passed the House on Friday by a vote of 233-171)

[Letter sent 9/30: Senior advisers veto recommendation based on House failure to fund NEA and to provide \$700 million in land acquisition funds (BBA violation); objectionable House/Senate environmental riders.]

(Possible) Consider legislation regarding a threatened Amtrak Strike

Tuesday, October 28th and balance of the week:

On Tuesday, hold a cloture vote on modified committee amendment to S. 1173, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997

[SAP sent, 10/8: Administration supports Senate passage, but has a number of concerns, including making the bill fully consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement.]

Consider H.R. 1119 - Department of Defense Authorization Conference Report for FY98, if available

Continue consideration of S. 1156 - District of Columbia FY 1998 Appropriations or H.R. 2607, the House-passed version

[SAP sent, 9/18: Senior Advisers recommend veto if the bill contains the school voucher amendment.]

Consider remaining appropriations conference reports, as available.

HOUSE

Monday, October 27th

No Votes

Tuesday, October 28th

Convene at 12:30pm for morning business and at 2:00 pm for legislative business. No recorded votes expected before 5:00pm.

Consider the following 3 bills under suspension of the rules:

o H.Res. 139 - Dollars to Classroom Act

[SAP under discussion]

- o S. 1227 - Amending the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to Clarify Treatment of Investment Managers
[No SAP - informally support]
- o S. 923 - A Bill to Deny Veterans Benefits to Persons Convicted of Federal Capital Offenses
[No SAP]
- o H.R. 2367 - Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997
[SAP pending: Administration strongly supports]
- o H.R. 2644 - United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act
[SAP under discussion]
- o H.R. 1484 - Designating the J. Roy Roland Federal Courthouse
[No SAP]
- o H.R. 1479 - Designating the David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse
[No SAP]

Consider H.R. 1119 - Defense Authorization Conference Report for FY98 (Subject to a Rule)

Consider H.R. 1270 - Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997 (Structured Rule)
[House SAP sent, 10/24: President would veto the bill]

Wednesday, October 29th, and the balance of the week

Consider H.R. 2493 - Providing for Uniform Management of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands (Subject to a Rule)
[SAP pending: Secretary of the Interior recommends veto]

H.R. 2616 - Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997 (Subject to a Rule) (School Vouchers bill may get attached to the bill)

[Rules SAP sent, 9/23: Administration supports House passage, but has concerns about provisions in the bill that would extend, from 3 years to 5, the period for which Federal assistance could be provided to individual charter schools.]

(Possible) Consider H.R. ___ HELP Scholarships Act (i.e. School Vouchers bill) (Subject to a Rule)

[SAP under discussion; Secretary veto letter cleared for Committee action - markup postponed]

Consider H.R. 2614 - Reading Excellence Act (Subject to a Rule)
[SAP under development]

Consider remaining conference reports, as available

LONG-TERM SCHEDULE

SENATE

Fast Track legislation
Adoption Bill
Coast Guard Authorization Bill
(possible) Endangered Species Act legislation

HOUSE

The following □&China bills□8 (possible the week of November 3rd):

- o H.Res. 188 - Urging Action on Iran acquisition of C-802 cruise missile
[No SAP]
- o H.R. 967 - Excluding Certain Chinese Officials From the U.S.
[SAP pending: Administration opposes]
- o H.R. 2232 - Radio Free Asia Act of 1997
[No SAP]
- o H.R. 2358 - Political Freedom in China Act

- [SAP pending: Administration opposes]
- o H.R. 2386 - US-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act
- [SAP pending: Administration opposes]
- o H.R. 2570 - Forced Abortion Condemnation Act
- [SAP pending: Administration opposes]
- o H.R. 2580 - Monitor People's Liberation Army of China's Commercial Activities in U.S.
- [SAP pending: Administration opposes]
- o H.R. 2195 Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997
- [No SAP]

Consider implementing legislation for the Chemical Weapons Convention (Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act may get attached to the legislation in the Rules Committee.)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE:

- o Foreign Ops Appropriations
- o Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations
- o Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations
- o Ex-Im (Conferees are trying to work out issues before conferencing)
- o Intelligence Authorization Bill

October 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan

RE: DPC Weekly Report

Race: Staff Diversity at the Domestic Policy Council -- As we come to closure on staff hiring at the Domestic Policy Council (DPC), I wanted to provide you with a breakdown on our staff diversity. Our staff is currently 69% women and 26% minority. We believe that these percentages will increase as we fill the last three slots over the next two weeks.

Welfare: Letter to College Presidents on Students on Welfare and Work-Study -- Last month, Secretaries Riley and Shalala sent a letter to all college presidents explaining how the welfare law affects college students on welfare. The letter encourages colleges to work with states to provide work opportunities that allow students to stay in school. In particular, the letter explains that work-study qualifies as work from our perspective, although the final decision rests with states. The two departments indicated their willingness to work with colleges that have questions or concerns about the impact of the law.

Crime: Juvenile Crime Bill Update -- It now appears very unlikely that Congress will enact a juvenile crime bill this year. A pending issue is whether new juvenile crime and prevention programs (including our prosecutors and afterschool programs) will be funded through the FY 98 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill -- notwithstanding the fact that the Senate has yet to pass their juvenile crime authorizing legislation. We have recently heard that it is unlikely that the appropriators will fund these programs in the CJS appropriations conference report.

Drugs: Crack Cocaine -- The crack cocaine working group has been meeting to develop a long-term strategy on our proposal to revise crack and powder cocaine sentencing. After an initial round of Congressional staff contacts by the Justice Department and ONDCP, there does not appear to be any support at this time for our proposed sentencing revision. While Congress is unlikely to act on any revisions to cocaine sentencing this session, Senators Kennedy

and Biden recommend preparing to take a defensive posture since we may be faced with efforts next year to reduce the sentencing disparity solely through increasing powder cocaine penalties. To this end, the long term strategy will focus on significant and focused outreach as well as a targeted communications strategy for the remainder of this year and next year. Some of the additional outreach will include key members of Congress by Attorney General Reno and Director McCaffrey, as well as law enforcement, legal, local government, and drug treatment organizations. [Note to Elena: we should see the draft strategy sometime next week.]

Drugs: ONDCP Reauthorization -- This week, the House passed a two-year reauthorization bill for ONDCP by a voice vote. ONDCP has raised numerous concerns with the House bill. The legislation's most troubling provisions are numerical targets for significant drug use reduction that ONDCP would be required to meet within a specified and short period of time. While we took a position opposing the bill, our SAP did not contain a veto threat. The Senate Hatch/Biden compromise bill reauthorizes the drug office for seven years represents and does not contain the numerical targets in the House version. The Senate reauthorization bill may be considered by the full Senate next week.

Immigration: Extension of Section 245(i) -- A short-term extension of 245(i)-- which permits certain illegal immigrants to file here for legal status instead of at consulates abroad-- was included in the most recent continuing resolution. As you recall, the Senate Commerce-Justice appropriations bill contains a permanent extension of the provision and the House version does not contain any extension at all. Next week, the House is expected to take a vote on a motion to instruct conferees on extending the provision. WH Legislative Affairs says it is unclear whether the motion will pass.

Immigration: Central Americans -- House Republicans are very close to unveiling legislative language to remedy certain problems the 1996 immigration created for Central Americans. Although we have yet to see the language, we have heard that it closely reflects the key principles already outlined by Reps. Diaz-Balart and Lamar Smith: 1) grants amnesty for Nicaraguans in the country before December 1995; 2) allows suspension of deportation claims to be heard under the older, more lenient standards for Guatemalans and Salvadorans; 3) retroactively applies tougher standards of suspension cases to all *non*-Central Americans; and 4) eliminates the unskilled worker category but grandfathers individuals who are in the pipeline (about 70-75,000 visas). The Senate is preparing a similar bill which may provide greater relief to non-Central Americans with cases in the pipeline than the House version (see #3). Two key points are currently outstanding. First, there is disagreement between the House and Senate on elimination of the unskilled workers category. This provision is viewed as Chairman Smith's "price" for the legislation; conversely, Chairman Abraham is a strong opponent of reducing legal immigration and would be opposed to the precedent of eliminating a category. It is possible that Abraham will consider a moratorium on the category-- which does not technically eliminate the category-- with a commitment to take care of the existing backlog. Second, is a concern recently raised by the CBC regarding Haitians. None of the legislative proposals being developed afford relief for certain Haitians-- many of whom entered under circumstances similar to the Central

Americans but may be removed from the country in the near future. In preliminary discussion, there seems to be White House and agency support to assist the Haitians, as long as it does not threaten passage of the overall legislation. The legislation is expected to move as part of D.C. appropriations in the next two weeks.

Hate Crimes: Expanding the Hate Crimes Statute to Include Sexual Orientation, Disability, and Gender -- In preparation for the November 10th White House Conference on Hate Crimes, the Attorney General has indicated that she will recommend that the federal hate crimes statute be expanded to include gender, sexual orientation, and disability. This option was supported by most interest groups and the Civil Rights Division of DOJ. Senator Kennedy had indicated he would introduce legislation to this effect shortly before or on the day of the Conference. This option, which only requires the broadest possible Commerce Clause nexus for the offense to fall within the federal statute, is expected to require a substantial increase of resources for both the FBI and U.S. Attorney offices. One other option presented to the Attorney General would have included gender, sexual orientation, and disability as new categories of hate crimes, but would have required a showing of animus by the criminal offender. This option was preferred by the FBI and federal prosecutors in order to address the concern that, without the animus provision, the statute would require federal review of most gender-related offenses.

Education: 1996 NAEP Science Results -- This week the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) released a performance report on the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in science, showing that less than 30% of U.S. students reach proficient levels of scientific knowledge and understanding, with 29% reaching the proficient level at grades 4 and 8, and 21% demonstrating proficiency at grade 12. The basic level -- representing partial mastery of fundamental knowledge and skills -- was reached by 67% of students in grade 4, 61% in grade 8, and 57% in grade 12. The 1996 science NAEP was developed from a new content framework, so results cannot be directly compared to previous assessments. Numerical scores for the 1996 test had previously been released, but this week's report was based on levels for basic, proficient, and advanced performance approved by NAGB in August.

Education: Vouchers/Coverdell -- This week the House passed the Gingrich/Armedy version of Sen. Coverdell's K-12 education savings accounts legislation. Vote on final passage was 230-198, with 8 Republicans voting against the bill and 15 Democrats voting for it. A Rangel substitute, which would have expanded a school construction bond provision enacted in the tax reform bill, was defeated 224-199. On Friday the Republicans canceled a mark-up of legislation that would have allowed ESEA Title VI funds to be used to pay for private school tuition. Evidently they were unable to muster sufficient Republican support to get the bill out of committee. However, Republicans will probably attempt to attach voucher language to the Riggs-Roemer charter schools bill on the House floor next week.

Education: National Tests -- Friday afternoon the AP ran a story indicating that the Republicans had decided to send the Labor HHS appropriations bill to you, including Goodling's

Automated Records Management System
Hex-Dump Conversion

prohibition on developing or implementing national tests. Others in the media are picking up this story, though the only source for the story appears to be unidentified staff to Goodling or Ashcroft. Goodling has in fact drafted a new provision that would (1) continue to prohibit the development or implementation of national tests; (2) require the Education Department to cancel the current contract for test development; and (3) direct the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study, with NGA and NCSL, of the feasibility of comparing the results from different, existing standardized tests, as an alternative to the national tests. The Republicans have forwarded Goodling's proposal to the Democrats, though it is not yet clear if this is intended as the first step in negotiations, or if it reflects a decision to force a veto before any final resolution that acceptable to you. We are working closely with Obey to determine how best to respond. In addition, we have indicated to the press that this "compromise" is unacceptable to you, and that this provision would cause you to veto the bill--as you stated clearly in your remarks to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-OCT-1997 19:33:48.00

SUBJECT:

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

TEXT:

Weekly Report did not include Health Care

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 24-OCT-1997 19:41:13.00

SUBJECT: weekly

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

READ: UNKNOWN

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

READ: UNKNOWN

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

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I made a revision to the last sentence of this bullet. Thanks.

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Mental Health Parity Regulations. On Tuesday, *The New York Times* inaccurately reported on the status of the Administration's interpretation of the "1 percent" exemption provision of the mental health parity statute. This provision allows businesses/health plans to opt out of the law's requirements if the costs of coming into compliance increase premiums by more than 1 percent. The *Times* reported that the White House was likely to make a decision to allow companies to prospectively project that the costs associated with the new law would exceed the threshold.

[The mental health community strongly opposes anything other than a fully retrospective analysis, which would ensure that no business could obtain an exemption from the law until after they had to pay premiums for the first full year of implementation (1998)]. After briefing the mental health community on three implementation options, some advocates decided that the best way to kill the options they liked least was to tell the *Times*' Robert Pear that we were likely to interpret the law in an unfavorable "prospective" manner. The truth is that the Departments had not even made a preliminary decision, let alone forwarded one to Sally Katzen's (OIRA) shop at OMB. The unfortunate consequence of the publicity is that the business community, who want a prospective interpretation, are now more engaged than they ever would have been on this issue. It is likely that the Departments will soon send up the regulation for OMB's review. Our flexibility in interpreting the law is unclear, but if we have some leeway, we hope to opt for a more retrospective approach.

Dr. Satcher Reported Out of Committee. On Wednesday, Dr. David Satcher was favorably reported out of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee with a 12-5 vote. Most of the members were effusive in their praise for him and their optimism for his confirmation before the whole Senate before Congress recesses for the winter. However, a few members, Senator Coats in particular, made a major push against Dr. Satcher's nomination based on his stated support for the Administration's position on the partial birth issue. The primary concern, of course, is that the Republicans may use Dr. Satcher's confirmation vote as yet another vehicle for their politicization of this issue. While we remain generally optimistic that Dr. Satcher will be confirmed, we have notified communications and legislative affairs to be prepared for a strong Administration defense.

Preliminary Quality Commission Report on Consumer Bill of Rights. This week the Quality Commission released its preliminary recommendations that responded to your request for them to develop a Consumer Bill of Rights. They recommended consensus recommendations of every member of this diverse commission (insurers, consumers, providers, etc.) They were generally well received, although advocates on both sides of the issue thought they went too far or not far enough. Because of the successful perception of their recommendations, there is an interest in the White House for holding an event to highlight the final recommendations in mid-November. At that event we could consider the possibility of your announcing a position that at least some aspects of the Consumer Bill of Rights should be enforced through Federal legislation.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-OCT-1997 20:32:51.00

SUBJECT:

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

EK:

Language for the weekly on the assaults directive:

Next week we will recommend that you sign a directive to study and potentially ban a new class of modified -- or "sporterized" -- assault weapons. Generally, this directive will suspend action on all pending and future permits to import these weapons until Treasury re-examines the criteria under which firearms are deemed to be sporting and, thus, allowed to be imported. While only a limited number of these firearms have come into the country over the past few years (10,000 in 1995, 25,000 in 1996, and 20,000 to date this year), applications are now pending to import as many as 900,000 of these firearms. This action mirrors the assault pistol directive you signed in 1993 when announcing the Crime Bill.

The one issue we have not resolved is whether or not the Administration should take the additional step of temporarily suspending permits that have already been granted. Gun control advocates (i.e., Senator Feinstein and Handgun Control) argue that we have the authority to do this and should. Additionally, they point out that President's Bush's action in 1989 to temporarily ban assault rifles included current permits -- and was ultimately upheld by the courts. Administration lawyers, however, believe that there is a substantial litigation risk if we do. They argue that the 1989 decision was rejected by the district court and later overturned by the appeals court in a split panel decision. More importantly, they are concerned that the factual circumstances surrounding the 1989 decision were different and are not present now.

For our part, we have two competing concerns: (1) We are concerned that, in addition to the existing permit for 2,600 Galils with which Senator Feinstein is concerned none of which have actually entered the country yet), there are existing permits for another 300,000 "sporterized" firearms, and that a large number of these firearms could be imported during the review period called for in the directive; and (2) we are less concerned about the imminent court challenge to Administration action on current permits, than we are about that short-term decision negatively impacting -- in a variety of ways -- our long-term policy on "sporterized" assault weapons once the review is completed. To address these issues, we are working with Treasury, Justice and White House Counsel to make sure we have all the facts for the strongest possible case -- as well as considering some compromise options. Also, we have met with staff from of the offices of Senators Feinstein and Biden, Representatives Schumer and

McCarthy, and Handgun Control to ensure that they have been consulted on this difficult issue.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 24-OCT-1997 21:23:02.00

SUBJECT: Food safety and Race

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

READ: UNKNOWN

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

READ: UNKNOWN

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

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

O'Hara from HHS called and said DPC probably needs to call a meeting to get HHS/USTR/USDA together to get a bill out of them. If you agree, I'll go ahead and call a meeting for next week.

Richard Socrates said Sylvia is planning on sending a long race memo to the President early next week and including a few sentences on the Hate Crimes Conference basics, Richard has already drafted the logistical description.

Have a great weekend.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 25-OCT-1997 10:37:54.00

SUBJECT:

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READ: UNKNOWN

TO: MICHAEL A. (Pager) #WALDMAN (MICHAEL A. (Pager) #WALDMAN [UNKNOWN])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Nov. Dec. planning meeting Sat. 10:30 am in the Roosevelt Room is starting

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-OCT-1997 14:04:07.00

SUBJECT: Points of Light

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TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:
Are we going forward with this proposal?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jacinta Ma (CN=Jacinta Ma/OU=PIR/O=EOP [PIR])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-OCT-1997 17:51:51.00

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TEXT:

FYI. Attached is the PIR weekly report to the President. ===== ATTAC
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MEMORANDUM FOR CIRCULATION

FROM: MICHAEL WALDMAN

SUBJECT: DLC SPEECH DRAFT

Attached is a first draft of the DLC spech. It is too long -- so as you add, please find ways to cut as well. It does break some new ground on the □&new economy□8 □&new social compact□8 front.

It will be steamed down and rewritten to make it more taut.

Please get your comments to me at home -- P6(b)(6) or via pager -- tonight or tomorrow. I will do another draft and send it in to the President tomorrow.

Draft 10/23/97 6:30pm PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
□&A NEW SOCIAL COMPACT FOR A NEW ECONOMY□8
REMARKS TO THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, DC
October 27, 1997

Acknowledgments: Al From, Will Marshall, ???

It is hard for me to believe that it is now 7 years since Al From, in his ... gentle, demure way, persuaded me to become chairman of this organization. And it is now six years since I declared my candidacy for President, on brandishing our principles on a mission move this country forward. I said then that America had a vital goal for the 21st Century -- to keep the American Dream alive for every person responsible enough to work for it, to keep America the world's strongest force for peace and freedom and prosperity, and to bring our people together across all the lines that divide us into one America. America's oldest, most incandescent ideals -- opportunity for all, responsibility from all, a community of all -- had to illuminate our path as we address the challenges of a new era.

We were determined to build a new government, not intent on doing everything, but not content to do nothing; instead, a progressive government committed to giving people the tools they need to make the most

of their own lives.

My friends, six years later, our vision has become America's vision and because of that vision, America is stronger than it has been in a generation. Our economy is the healthiest in the world, our social fabric is mending, our international leadership is unchallenged. We have 13 million new jobs; unemployment remains below 5%; inflation is the lowest since the 1960s; homeownership is at an all-time high. Crime is down, for five years in a row. And millions of people have moved from the dependency of a welfare check to the dignity of a paycheck. We can say with pride in everything we have accomplished: we are preparing our nation for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Perhaps most fundamentally, we are steering the vast changes underway today in technology, trade and our social makeup -- the very changes that once produced so much doubt and unease -- in ways that will ensure that they will become powerful forces for good. Slowly, but with increasing confidence, the American people are coming to believe this, too. Our nation, forever young, forever questing, once again is finding its faith in progress.

Today, the challenge for the DLC for all Democrats and for all Americans -- is this: Will we keep moving forward, taking the steps we need to prepare America for the 21st Century? Will we retreat from the world economy, with all its challenges, or master it so it works for our working people? Will we forge a new social compact for the new economy, a new social compact that will secure our values in the 21st Century?

The new economy

For we must all recognize that we are not merely riding the crest of the latest rise in the economic cycle. Americans of this generation are forging and leading a new economy. It is an economy that is irretrievably global, interconnected, driven by technology, powered by turbo charged markets. It is dynamic, disruptive, placing new demands on our families as it opens new opportunities for millions. It offers stunning new opportunities as it poses stiff new challenges.

Once, America's economic landscape was settled. Today, a larger proportion of Americans work in the computer industry than worked in the auto industry at the height of the 1950s. In the cutting edge industries of the future -- computers, biotech, aerospace -- America leads the world. And as new industries are born, old industries are transformed and revived: We lead the world again, for the first time since the 1970s, in automobile production and sales.

Once America's prosperity principally came within our borders; today we are increasingly linked to other nations by currents of commerce and communications. And as we have seen in recent days, tremors in a stock market 8 thousand miles away can be felt underfoot within minutes on every exchange on the planet.

Most important of all, where once the wealth of a nation grew from the gold in the ground or the abundance of our farmland or the power of our factories, now it will come from the skills of our people and the power of our imagination. In the new economy, we can no longer create growth by priming the pump we can only create growth by priming our people with skills and education.

To be sure, in this new economy there still will be ups and downs; there will be recessions and crisis; they will demand action. But the economy has fundamentally changed. And our response to it must fundamentally change, as well.

In the industrial age, the Progressive movement and the New Deal forged a social compact that bound the success of the economy to the security of working people. When working people went to work at the same plant their entire life, everyone understood government's mission, and everyone understood their own role and responsibility.

This 20th Century social compact served our people and preserved our values in a mature industrial economy. It was a source of pride and strength. But it has been overwhelmed by the boisterous energy of the information economy now being born. It is up to us, the generation of the computer revolution, to craft a new social compact for the new economy -- a new understanding of the responsibilities government, business, and every one of us has to one another. It is up to us to make sure that our people have the strength, the skills, the flexibility they need to take the risks and reap the rewards of the 21st Century.

Our economic strategy

When I took office in 1993, the economy was changing, but our policies remained mired in the past. We put in place a bold new economic strategy to remove the impediments that restrained the American people, and to give them the tools and training to help them race ahead.

In the new economy, no nation can any longer create prosperity through deficits and inflating the currency. No nation can hide from the rigorous discipline of financial markets around the world. So the first thing we did was to reduce the nation's massive deficits to free our people of the dead weight that had slowed their every step in the 1980s. In 1993, with your strong support, we put in place a deficit reduction plan -- supported only by Democrats, enacted in the face of withering partisan criticism and real political risk. This approach has been deeply, dramatically successful.

On the day I took office, the federal budget deficit was \$290 billion. Today, I am pleased to announce that budget deficit will be \$23 billion -- \$23 billion -- a cut of \$267 billion, well over 90%, in four years. All of it before the balanced budget law even takes effect. That means that over the past four years, America has gone from having the highest deficit in the industrialized world to the lowest. The overall national debt will be \$2 Trillion lower in 2002 than it was projected to be when I took office -- \$20,000 less per family (ck). For the first time, in decades, this sustained expansion is happening while deficits are shrinking -- fueled by investment, not debt.

Now, the balanced budget I have signed into law will complete this process and give us the first balanced budget in a generation. The decades of deficits, dominating our politics and crippling our ability to meet our challenges, are a thing of the past.

The second element of our strategy recognized that for America to grow, America must expand exports. Here is the arithmetic of the new economy: We have 4% of the world's population. 96% of the world's consumers live beyond our borders. We must sell to that 96% -- and we are doing so. America is the world's number one exporter. Our exports are

at an all time high. Export-related jobs pay significantly more than other jobs. And fully one third of our economic growth over the past four years came from trade.

This has happened, in large part, because we have negotiated tough trade agreements to level the playing field with our competitors. America's markets have been open to the world for decades. Our mission has been to open the world's markets to us. We have negotiated over 200 tough trade agreements to do that -- every single one of them tearing down tariffs that are higher, sometimes far higher, than ours.

That is why it is critically important that I be given the same fast track authority to negotiate trade agreements and submit them to Congress that every other President of either party has had since Gerald Ford. This is nothing more, and nothing less, than the ability to create open and fair trade for our businesses and working people. And it is essential to our prosperity.

We have seen in the past year what a strong trade agreement can do for our people and our businesses. The information technology agreement that we reached with 37 other nations a year ago will eliminate tariffs and unshackle trade on \$500 billion of trade in computers, semiconductors, and telecommunications. This amounts to a \$5 billion cut in tariffs on American products exported to other nations. It can lead to hundreds of thousands of high-wage jobs for Americans.

Now if Congress grants fast track authority, I can use it to open trade in areas where American firms are leading, such as computer software, medical equipment, environmental technology out of other markets. I can use it to open foreign markets to our agricultural products. I can use it to open the markets of Chile and other Latin American nations to our goods and services.

If we don't seize these opportunities, our competitors surely will. Last year, for the first time ever, Latin American nations had more trade with Europe than the United States. There is no reason to think that others will wait while we sit idle. Now that Canada has negotiated a trade agreement with Chile, every major economy in this hemisphere has duty-free access to Chilean markets -- every major economy but one -- ours. That's a bad deal for American businesses and American workers.

Aggressive trade and expanded exports are a critical part of America's economic strategy. This strategy is working. Our economy creates more jobs in two months than even the gloomiest estimate of jobs lost due to NAFTA over four years. I will not allow our nation to turn back, to shrink from the promise of the new economy, to leave world leadership to others. I thank you for your support of fast track, and I urge you to press even harder in the days ahead.

We have created the conditions for growth. We have expanded exports through tough trade agreements. But it is up to all of us who support open trade to make the case with equal fervor for the third element of our economic strategy: investing in the skills of our people. For the core of the new social compact must be that all Americans can reap the rewards of economic change.

We must be honest: the risks and rewards of the new economy do not fall evenly. The new economy rewards those who are educated; those who are flexible; who have the skills and confidence to move on to new jobs and seize new opportunities. Fifteen years ago the typical worker with a

college degree made 38% more than a worker with a high school diploma; today that college graduate earns 73% more. If in the 19th Century opportunity came from access to a land grant, in the 21st Century opportunity will come from access to a Pell grant.

You and I know that education must be our nation's most important mission. So we have worked to make sure that every 8 year old can read, every 12 year old can log on to the Internet, every 18 year old can go to college.

We have opened the doors of college, with the largest investment in higher education since the GI Bill a half century ago ... with a college opportunity agenda from low-income scholarships to the Hope Scholarship for every family. We have made it possible for every young person -- and every working person -- to get two years of community college.

We are moving forward to renew our public schools, connecting every classroom and raising standards so that every child can master the basics. Today I expect to sign into law full funding for the America Reads challenge, which will significantly increase support for AmeriCorps -- a legacy of the DLC -- to harness the energy of citizen service to meet the challenge of teaching every child to read.

We are helping create opportunity for working people in many ways, from our initiative to secure the pensions of 40 million Americans ... to the \$24 billion investment in children's health care, mostly for the children of working people, that I signed into law ... to the Kassebaum-Kennedy law that lets workers take their health care with them from job to job.

These investments in our people, especially education, are the most important things we can do to make our people winners in the new economy. But we must focus additional attention on those who do not yet benefit from open markets. This week, working with members of Congress, my administration will submit new initiatives to bring more Americans into the winners' circle on trade.

We must increase our investment in workers who do lose their jobs -- whether due to a trade agreement, or for any other reason. We must increase our investment in communities that suffer from the dislocation that can come with expanded trade. Learning from our experience with military base closings, my administration will step up involvement when a factory closes because of trade. And we must do more to tap the potential of our inner cities and poor rural communities -- for they are America's most important source of new economic growth, and we must lift them up so they share in our prosperity and join our growing middle class.

Balancing the budget, expanding exports through tough trade agreements, investing in our people through education and training -- this is America's strategy to create a vital new economy. This is the strategy, advanced and hammered into place by the Democratic Party, that has revitalized our economy and expanded opportunity for millions of Americans. Our nation must not turn back; our party must not turn back. We need an economy for the 21st Century, and we need a Democratic Party for the 21st Century. We must move forward, with confidence in ourselves, our people and our nation, to build a new economy and forge a new social compact that will include every American.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving [finish with the first American social compact, John Winthrop, Mayflower compact, maybe even "shining city" etc.]

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Reuters, October 24, 1997

PLANO, Texas, Oct 23 (Reuters) - Electronic Data Systems Corp., which was for many years seen as one of America's most conservative companies, said Thursday it will offer full health benefits to the domestic partners of its gay employees.

The computer services firm expanded its benefits policy to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, in large part because it wants to attract the best recruits in a competitive industry.

"High-tech employees are very difficult to come by right now. We want to be sure we can compete in the marketplace and offer something even more," spokesman Nancy Voith said.

Billionaire businessman Ross Perot founded EDS in 1962 and instituted a strict dress code. He also told male employees to keep their hair cut short and not grow beards.

The restrictions have eased steadily since Perot left the company in 1986. Earlier this year, women were allowed to wear long pants instead of skirts or dresses.

Voith said the health and dental benefits will be available to the domestic partners of EDS' gay employees starting Jan. 1.

A growing number of U.S. companies have begun offering such benefits, especially in the technology and entertainment industries. Perot Systems Corp., the company Perot set up when he left EDS, itself adopted the policy last year.

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SUBJECT: I really do need folks' reaction to the attached

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TEXT:

This is NOT the same issue as the means tested benefit issue that you've read about lately in the paper; this one has yet to be resolved. And I need to hear something in the next few days.

The pressure comes from the fact that the Balanced Budget Act set a deadline of November 3 for DOJ to issue interim verification guidance on the immigration provisions of welfare reform (one week from today, and people feel it would look very foolish to leave this out.

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Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP
cc: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
Subject: Immigrant benefit definition that I need DPC views on

Elena, I need your call on this issue in the next day or two, if at all possible.

HHS would like to release ASAP its interpretation of what the welfare law means when it says that "non-qualified aliens" are not eligible for "federal public benefits." It has taken them forever to get to this point, but now they are ready. The pressure to get this out is that DOJ wants to issue its "interim verification guidelines" on how to interpret all the welfare law's benefit restrictions for immigrants. HHS is not the only agency affected by this, but it is the primary one, so other agencies are looking to HHS to take the lead. There has been no movement to have DOJ do a common definition.

I think what HHS wants to do makes sense, but it does keep certain benefits open for illegal immigrants, so I need to flag that for you. OMB has signed off on it.

Welfare Law

The question arises because the welfare reform bill states that "an alien who is not a qualified alien [for example, an illegal immigrant] is not eligible for any Federal public benefit" The law defines "public benefit" to mean (among other things):

"any retirement, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted housing, postsecondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household or family eligibility units by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States."

The law specifies exceptions to this ineligibility for emergency Medicaid services, immunizations, treatment of communicable diseases and some other items.

HHS' Interpretation Minimizes Administrative and Health Burden of the Term HHS' representatives said that they set about interpreting this language to minimize the administrative burden on the programs and the public health impact of the law.

They said that the term "public benefit" as used in the law is ambiguous and requires interpretation. They get some help interpreting the term from Section 432, which requires the Attorney General to "promulgate regulations requiring verification that a person applying for a Federal public benefit... is a qualified alien and is eligible to receive such benefit." This implies that a "benefit" is something that requires an "application." And an application requires provision of information for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Therefore, to minimize administrative burden, HHS thinks that no program that currently does not verify eligibility should begin doing so. So programs that have no eligibility requirements, or which do not verify eligibility as a matter of course, are not "public benefits" for the purposes of welfare reform.

HHS Programs That Aren't Public Benefits By This Definition

Under this definition, Community Health Centers, the maternal/child health block grant, substance abuse grants, Administration on Aging, HUD homeless shelter assistance and some other aging programs would not be "public benefits" and would be available to non-qualified aliens.

HHS Programs That Are Public Benefits By This Definition

Other programs would clearly be "public benefits" under this definition, and denied to non-qualified aliens: TANF, Medicaid and Medicare, Indian Health Service programs, LIHEAP and Ryan White, among others.

It does not appear that Labor or DoEd programs would be affected by this definition. Housing is partially grandfathered by the law.

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TEXT:

We have to put the President's trip book to bed this morning - - can we please get the briefing paper for the Chicago education event as soon as possible? Thanks.

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TEXT:

do you have information on the schools directive the president is signing
and will be talking about in chicago?

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TEXT:

Below are the topics for Wednesday's press conference. I have been told Sylvia Mathews mentioned in the morning meetings today that it is essential that we get the guidance to the President in a timely fashion. I'd appreciate if I could get the Q&A's by 10:00am tomorrow. As always, the Q&As should be formatted as though the President is actually being asked and answering the question. Thank you for your help.

Nominations - personnel

Gober/VA
Lann Lee
Satcher

CFR - Rahm
Asia/ US stock markets - Jake
IRS - Jake
Fast Track - Jake
Race Initiative - Gonzales
Climate Change - Natalie
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Line Item Veto - OMB
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BUDGET DEFICIT DROPS TO \$22.6 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 1997

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THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT HAS BEEN CUT 92% SINCE 1992

- **Budget Deficit Cut To Lowest Level In 23 Years.** In fiscal year 1997, the federal budget deficit was \$22.6 billion -- that's the lowest federal budget deficit since 1974.
- **Budget Deficit Down 92% Since 1992.** In fiscal year 1992, the federal budget deficit was \$290.4 billion -- a record dollar high. In 1997, the deficit was down to \$22.6 billion -- that's a drop of \$267 billion or 92 percent in just five years.
- **As Share of Economy, Deficit Lowest Since 1970.** The federal budget deficit was 0.3 percent of GDP in 1997 -- that's the lowest deficit as a share of the economy since 1970.
- **Biggest Drop in Deficit-to-GDP Ratio Since 1950.** In 1992, the deficit was 4.7 percent of GDP. In 1997, it was down to 0.3 percent -- that's the biggest five-year drop in the deficit-to-GDP ratio since 1945-1950.
- **Deficit Cut Five Years in a Row For First Time in 50 Years.** For the first time in 50 years (1943-1948), the federal government's fiscal situation has improved for five years in a row. For the first time in American history, the fiscal situation has improved for five years in a row under one President.
- **Deficit \$300 Billion Lower Than Projected in January 1993.** In January 1993, the Congressional Budget Office projected that the 1997 budget deficit would be \$319 billion; it was \$23 billion -- that's \$296 billion lower than projected.

SPENDING AS A SHARE OF THE ECONOMY IS LOWEST SINCE EARLY 1970s

- **Spending As Share of Economy Is Lowest Since 1974.** As a share of GDP, spending was 20.1 percent in 1997 -- that's the lowest spending-to-GDP ratio since 1974.
- **Spending As Share of Economy Down Under President Clinton.** From 1980 to 1992, the spending-to-GDP ratio increased from 21.7 percent to 22.5 percent. Since 1992, spending as a share of GDP has dropped from 22.5 percent to 20.1 percent last year.
- **Largest Drop in Spending As Share of Economy Since 1950s.** In 1992, spending as a share of the economy was 22.5 percent. In 1997, it was 20.1 percent -- that's the biggest five-year drop in the spending-to-GDP ratio since the period between 1953 and 1958.

IN 2002, DEBT WILL BE MORE THAN \$2.5 TRILLION LOWER THAN PROJECTED IN 1993

- **The Federal Debt Almost \$800 Billion Lower Than Projected.** The national debt was nearly \$800 billion lower in 1997 than projected by the Congressional Budget Office in January 1993.
- **In 2002, Federal Debt Will Be More Than \$2.5 Trillion Lower Than Projected.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than projected by the Congressional Budget Office in January 1993 -- that's over \$40,000 less debt for each family of four in America.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT WILL NOW FINISH THE JOB AND BALANCE THE BUDGET

- **Balanced Budget Act Signed By President Clinton Will Eliminate Deficit.** Both the Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office conclude that the Balanced Budget Act will complete the job of balancing the budget by 2002 -- the first balanced budget since 1969. The balanced budget agreement includes roughly \$900 billion over 10 years in net deficit reduction.

PRESIDENT CLINTON CUT THE DEFICIT, LOWERING INTEREST RATES, AND STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY

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In 1992, the deficit was \$290 billion, job growth was weak, and the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent. When President Clinton took office, he put in place a bold three-part economic strategy of reducing the deficit, investing in our people, and opening foreign markets to American goods. Experts agree that this strategy has helped cut the deficit to its lowest level since 1974, create 13.2 million new jobs, and lower the unemployment rate to under five percent for the first time in over two decades.

- **President Clinton's 1993 Economic Plan Helped Cut Deficit 92 Percent.** President Clinton's 1993 Economic Plan helped cut the deficit 92 percent, from \$290 billion in 1992 to \$23 billion in 1997 -- its lowest level since 1974. Experts -- such as Alan Greenspan, *Business Week*, and *Fortune* -- agree that the deficit reduction from the President's 1993 Economic Plan led to a drop in long-term interest rates and a stronger economy. Under President Clinton, the 30-year interest rate has averaged 6.9 percent -- down from 8.2 percent under President Bush and 10.3 percent under President Reagan. [Source: Department of the Treasury, Office of Economic Policy]
 - *Business Week*, 5/19/97: "Clinton's 1993 budget cuts, which reduced projected red ink by more than \$400 billion over five years, sparked a major drop in interest rates that helped boost investment in all the equipment and systems that brought forth the New Age economy of technological innovation and rising productivity."
 - *Paul Volcker, Federal Reserve Chairman (1979-1987), Audacity, Fall 1994*: "The deficit has come down, and I give the Clinton Administration and President Clinton himself a lot of credit for that...and I think we're seeing some benefits."
 - *Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman, 1/31/94*: "The actions taken last year to reduce the federal budget deficit have been instrumental in creating the basis for declining inflation expectations and easing pressures on long-term interest rates."
 - *Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman, 2/20/96*: The deficit reduction in the President's 1993 Economic Plan was "an unquestioned factor in contributing to the improvement in economic activity that occurred thereafter."
 - *Congressional Budget Office, Economic and Budget Outlook, Jan. 1994*: "The dramatic improvement [in the deficit] since last January is largely the result of the enactment in August of...the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993."
 - *Fortune*, 10/3/94: "[President Clinton's 1993] economic plan helped bring interest rates down, spurring the recovery."
 - *Lehman Brothers, 1/10/94*: "Lower deficits, lower long-term rates and higher real growth was the overall promise. With the data now rolling in for December 1993, it seems clear that President Clinton delivered on all three counts..."
- **With Lower Interest Rates, The Economy Has Boomed.** As interest rates came down, business investment accelerated, leading to higher job growth, lower unemployment, and a stock market boom.
 - *Fastest Business Investment Growth Since Kennedy*. Since President Clinton took office, real business investment has grown 11.4 percent per year -- fastest rate of growth since John Kennedy was President.
 - *13.2 Million New Jobs and Lowest Unemployment Rate in 24 Years*. Since President Clinton took office, the economy has created 13.2 million new jobs. The unemployment rate has dropped from 7.5 percent in 1992 to 4.9 percent today -- for the first time in 24 years, the unemployment rate dropped below 5 percent.
 - *Stock Market Has More Than Doubled*. With low interest rates, the stock market has boomed: up more than 125 percent since January 1993, when the Dow Jones was just 3,242.
- **Even As Economy Has Strengthened, Interest Rates Have Remained Low.** From 1988 to 1992, the 30-year interest rate averaged 8.2 percent, while GDP growth averaged 1.3 percent per year and business investment growth averaged 1.9 percent per year. Simple economic logic suggests that as the economy strengthens and the demand for capital increases, interest rates should rise. However, even as economic growth

- has increased to 2.9 percent per year and business investment growth has averaged 11.4 percent per year, the 30-year interest rate has fallen to about 6.4 percent today.

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This meeting will now be on Monday, October 27 at 5:30 in room 472.

There will be a meeting to discuss the California Bilingual Education
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

Subject: Turning Around Low-Performing Public Schools

Since taking office in 1993, and with your strong leadership, my Administration has pursued a comprehensive effort to strengthen public schools. We have worked to raise academic standards, promote accountability, and provide greater competition and choice within the public schools, including support for a dramatic increase in charter schools. Moreover, we have worked to make the investments necessary to improve teaching and learning classrooms across America, through efforts to keep our schools safe and free of drugs; provide students who need it extra help to master the basics; increase parental and community involvement; recruit, prepare, and provide continuing training to teachers and reward excellence in teaching; and make sure every school has access to and can effectively use 21st Century technology.

This strategy is starting to produce results. We know for certain that all students can learn to high standards, and that every school can succeed if it has clear instructional goals and high expectations for all of its students, if it creates a safe, disciplined and orderly environment for learning, helps parents be involved in their child's education, and uses proven instructional practices. All schools must be given the resources, the tools, and the flexibility to help every student reach high standards.

Yet no school improvement strategy can succeed without real accountability for results, as measured by student achievement. Excellent schools and schools that show significant improvement must be recognized and rewarded. At the same time, schools that demonstrate persistently poor academic performance -- schools which fail to make adequate progress in educating all students to high standards -- must not be ignored. No American child deserves to get a second class education. Instead, local and state education officials must step in and redesign failing schools, or close them down and reopen them with new, more effective leadership and staff.

A growing number of states and cities have begun to take these steps. In addition to Chicago, cities such as San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York, and states such as Maryland and Kentucky identify low performing schools and take steps to intervene if these schools fail to make progress. These steps often include the implementation of school improvement plans -- providing after-school academic help to students, strengthening training and assistance for school staff, creating smaller and more personal settings, such as schools-within-schools -- and, where necessary, reconstitution of the school and replacement of the school principal and other staff.

We must encourage and help more cities and states to take up the challenge of turning around low performing schools and helping the students they serve get back on the path to meeting high standards. We can do this by making widely available information on what works and what doesn't, and by ensuring that Department of Education resources are most productively

used for these purposes.

In order to accomplish this, I am directing the Department of Education to:

1. Produce and disseminate widely guidelines on effective approaches to turning around low performing schools. There is much of value to be shared from the lessons and experiences of cities and states that have already successfully intervened in low performing schools, as well as from research and development on effective school improvement practices. We know that there are now several promising models of reform, ranging from the New American Schools designs to Robert Slavin's Success for All program. These lessons must be summarized in clear and useable formats, and made widely available to educators, parents, state and local policymakers, business leaders and others working to improve public education.

2. Help states and cities committed to turning around low-performing schools use existing Department of Education resources to accomplish this goal. U.S. Department of Education programs should help and encourage more states and cities to develop sound, comprehensive approaches to turn around low performing schools and help students in them get a better education, and, once developed, should support their implementation. In particular, the Education Department should develop a strategy to ensure that appropriate funds provided to state and local education systems under its existing programs can easily and effectively be used to support efforts to turn around failing schools. Second, the Education Department should develop a strategy, in collaboration with states and cities, to provide appropriate research, dissemination and technical assistance resources to support state and local initiatives. Third, the Education Department should consider whether additional federal incentives could effectively increase the number of states and cities that adopt rigorous accountability policies and effective strategies to intervene in failing schools.

Many Education Department programs are already well suited for intervening in failing schools, because they can be used to provide extra help to students during and after the school day, support high quality professional development for teachers, and plan and implement effective school reforms. The Education Department's should ensure that local school districts can access federal funds and use them in an integrated fashion to support their comprehensive efforts to improve low performing schools. Where there are statutory barriers to accomplishing this purpose they should be identified so we can work with the Congress to change them.

A number of existing Department of Education programs, including Title I and Goals 2000, require participating states and school districts to hold schools accountable for results, and provide resources that can be used for these purposes. Other existing programs also provide resources that can be used to address key problems faced by low-performing schools, such as the Eisenhower professional development program. The 21st Century Schools program can help keep schools open longer hours and provide a setting in which students can get extra help after school. And the Public Charter Schools Program can be used to provide start-up funds to replace

failed schools with new charter schools, or to provide students in low performing schools with additional choices within the public schools.

New initiatives under consideration in Congress can also provide important help. The Balanced Budget Agreement I reached with Congressional leaders last summer commits the Congress to enacting an early reading program consistent with the principles of my America Reads initiative. When fully established, this program will help mobilize an army of one million volunteer tutors to give students who need it extra help in order to learn to read independently by the 4th grade. These volunteers can be especially helpful for students in low performing schools.

In addition, the bipartisan Porter-Obey Comprehensive School Reform legislation currently under consideration by the Congress will, if funded, provide resources to assist schools implement proven practices for improving student learning. This can be particularly helpful to low performing schools.

Together, these initiatives can help local school districts turn failing schools into successful schools by improving teacher training, strengthening instructional practices, overhauling school management and implementing schoolwide reforms. They can provide students who need it extra help, during and after school. And they can provide students with additional choices within the public schools.

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**RAISING STANDARDS AND STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY:
KEYS TO IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
DRAFT--October 28, 1997

President Clinton visited Oscar Mayer Elementary School in Chicago, where he met with parents, students and teachers to learn firsthand of Chicago's school reform efforts. The President called for more cities and states to take advantage of research and experience on effective school reform, and to work aggressively to turn around failing schools, as Chicago has done.

President Clinton Praises Chicago School Reforms. More than a decade ago, the Chicago school system was singled out for having the schools that were "the worst in America". Today, noting significant increases in test scores over the past two years, President Clinton said that Chicago is now a school system on the move. Since legislation placed the school system under the control of Mayor Daley, Chicago has installed a new management team that placed the school system on sound financial footing, invested in needed school renovations and repairs, and adopted tough discipline policies. The school system has raised academic standards and implemented new programs to help students reach them. The Chicago Public Schools have strengthened the curriculum, expanded participation in preschool programs and kindergarten, provided training to help parents succeed as their child's first teacher, and implemented after-school programs to expand learning time and provide extra help to students who need it.

A Model of Accountability: Ending Social Promotions and Intervening in Failing Schools. President Clinton praised Chicago's tough accountability system, which holds both students and educators accountable for learning.

Chicago has ended social promotions, requiring instead that students meet academic standards at grades 3, 6, 8, and 9 before moving to the next grade level. Students who need it are given extra help to meet the standards, through extended day programs that keep schools open longer each day and provide tutoring, enrichment programs and other types of academic help. Students who don't pass the tests at these key grade levels are required to attend summer school. Nearly half of those who attend summer school go on to meet the standards and are promoted to the next grade.

Chicago also holds schools to tough accountability standards, and takes decisive action where schools are failing. Schools with fewer than 15% of the students meeting national norms in reading are placed on probation. These schools are reviewed by an external team, which helps develop a corrective action plan that the school must follow. Schools on probation receive additional assistance and their performance is closely monitored. If the test scores fail to improve or if the school fails to implement the corrective action plan, the Chicago Public Schools can take additional steps, including requiring the principal and teaching staff to re compete for their positions, removing the principal, or, if necessary, closing the school.

Federal Support for States and Districts Working to Turn Around Failing Schools: President Clinton challenged other cities and states to follow Chicago's lead by taking decisive steps to turn around schools with persistently low performance. The President directed the U.S.

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Department of Education to produce and disseminate guidelines on effective approaches to turning around failing schools, based on the experience of Chicago and other cities such as San Francisco, New York and Philadelphia, states such as Maryland and Kentucky, as well as on lessons from business and from education research. He also directed the Education Department to develop a plan for helping local school districts use existing federal education programs and resources, such as Title I, the Charter Schools Program, America Reads, and the 21st Century Schools program, to effectively improve or close down failing schools, and to provide the students from those schools with the extra help they need to catch up academically.