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TEXT:

Although my last official day over here won't be for another week or so (nothing like easing out slowly), beginning Monday I'll be spending the bulk of my time at the Commerce Dept. -- building on my one week of experience from late August as Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Secretary. So now is as good a time as any to say that, although the result was less than optimal, I have really enjoyed my almost three months here working on fast track. After seven years on the Hill and with a Congressionally-created commission, this has been a great opportunity to get initiated in a hurry into the Executive Branch. I look forward to keeping in touch and continuing to work with many of you -- maybe even on fast track, the continuing saga, in early 1998. If you're coming over to DoC, I'll be wandering around the fifth floor there and can be reached at 482-4127. Best of success with all of your work.

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TEXT:

We are looking for an action item for the Nov. 19 meeting. As you know, the Departments of Education and Justice have drafted a self-assessment guide for colleges and universities that are implementing affirmative action programs in a post-Adarand world. It has been suggested to me that the guide could be released by the Administration (or Education or DOJ) in conjunction with the November 19 meeting of the Board, which will focus on the value of diversity in higher education. (This action would be similar to the policy announcements made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the Sept. 30 Advisory Board meeting.) The message would be that, consistent with the President's "mend it, don't end it" position, colleges and universities may use affirmative action but only where such programs are fully consistent with existing constitutional and statutory requirements.

What do you think? Should I seek any other views on this suggestion?

**President Clinton:
Working to Keep Crime Rates Down and Assault Weapons Out**

- **Today's radio address:** The President highlighted two important issues in his weekly radio address:

(1) a new Department of Justice report showing continued and meaningful gains in the nation's fight against crime; and

(2) a temporary suspension on the importation of certain assault-type weapons.

- **Crime rates at lowest levels since 1973.** Earlier this morning, the Department of Justice released the 1996 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), and its findings are more good news for the American people. The NCVS shows that, in 1996, crime victimization rates continued their downward trend, and -- in fact -- reached their lowest level since 1973. Both the murder and violent crime rates plummeted 10% in 1996, and property crimes dropped 8%. Rapes and car thefts were down even more.

Overall, since 1993, violent and property crimes have dropped 16% and 17%, respectively. The murder rate has dropped 22% during that same period.

- **Most Americans benefitting from lower crime rates.** The NCVS also shows that, since 1993, the reduced rates of crime victimization were being experienced equally by men, women and different racial and income groups throughout the country. And the sharp declines in murder are being experienced by cities of all sizes -- and all regions of the country.
- **Falling crime rates are no coincidence.** There is no mystery behind the continued and dramatic reduction in crime rates since 1993. Thousands of communities across the country have embraced tough, smart crime strategies. That is why this Administration fought to pass a crime bill that gave these communities the tools they asked for -- more police, tougher punishments, better prevention and fewer guns in the hands of criminals.
- **Enforcing our gun laws.** The President also signed a directive to ensure that only legitimate sporting weapons are allowed into the country. He directed the Treasury Department to temporarily suspend the importation of 30 models of assault-type weapons, and review whether or not these weapons comply with the law. Permits to import more than 1.5 million of these weapons will be put on hold until this review is completed.

**Crime Radio Address
Questions and Answers
November 15, 1997**

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Modified Assault Weapons Directive

Q. What are you directing the Treasury Department to do with respect to the modified assault-type weapons that have been reported in the press? How many and what kinds of firearms are at issue?

A. Over the past few years, firearms manufacturers have modified, or "sporterized", certain dangerous assault weapons to circumvent the ban on their importation required by the 1968 Gun Control Act and the 1994 Crime Bill. There are about 30 models of these firearms that are being manufactured in about 12 different countries, including modified Uzis, Galils and AK-47s. While only a limited number of these weapons have been imported to date -- and about 20,000 so far this year -- permits have been approved to import 600,000 more of these weapons and applications are now pending to import one million more.

The number of weapons involved underscores the potential threat to the public safety and necessitates that we take immediate action. The President's directive orders the Treasury Department to: 1) Immediately conduct an expedited 120-day review to determine whether modified assault weapons are properly importable under current law; and 2) Suspend outstanding permits on modified assault weapons until the review is complete. Thus, until the review is complete, the permits to import more than 1.5 million of these weapons will be put on hold.

In the past, this Administration has used every tool available to keep millions of non-sporting, military surplus and other firearms posing a threat to public safety from entering the country and flooding our streets:

- In 1993, President Clinton banned the importation of assault pistols and toughened requirements for federal gun dealers.
- In 1994, the President banned the importation of millions of assault-type weapons and ammunition clips from China.
- The President fought for and signed the Assault Weapons Ban into law as part of the historic 1994 omnibus crime bill.
- The Clinton Administration successfully fought back repeated attempts by Congress to allow the importation of millions of military surplus weapons.

The President's actions have helped to ensure that criminals are not better armed than our

police. And we believe that due in part to our efforts, last year fewer police officers were slain in the line of duty than in any year since 1960.

Q. Doesn't this directive really amount to a revocation of permits that ATF already approved?

A. The directive does not revoke already approved permits, but suspends them for the duration of the Treasury Department's 120-day review. At the end of Treasury's review, existing permits will be revoked only if the Treasury Department determined that a particular weapon does not meet the statutory test for importation. Moreover, the importer would have an opportunity to make its case to Treasury before any permit would be revoked.

The most important point of this directive is to ensure that -- in light of the new assault-type weapons that are coming into the country -- we are making every effort to guarantee that only legitimate sporting weapons that comply with the law enter into the country. That's the point of Treasury's review.

Q. Why didn't you just take action prospectively and suspend pending and future applications for permits?

A. Limiting our action to the pending applications to import one million firearms-- but allowing the importation of nearly 600,000 of these modified assault weapons under outstanding permits-- threatens to defeat the purpose of the overall review. That is why we are taking action similar to the 1989 Bush Administration decision to suspend already granted permits until completion of the agency's review process. We have roughly the same number of weapons importable under already granted permits as did the Bush Administration in 1989, but today we are faced with pending applications to import roughly ten times more firearms.

Q. Does this mean that you are already planning to permanently ban these firearms from importation?

A. Not necessarily. The directive does not tell the Treasury Department what guns should or should not be allowed into the country. However, pursuant to the 1968 Gun Act, the Treasury Department has an obligation to ensure that only legitimate sporting weapons are imported. Thus, the proposed 120-day review will determine what changes, if any, are needed to continue enforcing this provision of law. And ultimately, those firearms

that fail to meet the sporting purposes test will be permanently banned. If an importer has an approved permit for a banned weapon, their permit will be revoked only after they have had an opportunity to make their case before the Treasury Department.

Q. Why did the President take so long to sign the directive?

A. This is not an action the President takes lightly and we needed sufficient time to explore our options and to consider the implications of taking such a bold move. In addition, we received letters signed by about 60 members of Congress who argued that these weapons are not properly importable -- and we wanted to make sure we consulted with some of these members before proceeding. That being said, we moved as quickly as possible to finalize the final directive, and Treasury is now instructed to conduct their review as expeditiously as possible.

Q. Can you comment further on the reported friction between the White House and ATF? Will this have any impact on the final outcome of the review process?

A. I really don't think there is much more to add. As was confirmed in Thursday's press briefing, some permits were approved during the time that the White House and Treasury were considering the directive that the President signed today. I don't think that anyone at the White House or Treasury or ATF was pleased about that breakdown in communication, but -- frankly -- the reported reactions to this incident have been greatly exaggerated. More importantly, it's all a moot point now. The directive signed by the President temporarily suspends all permits until the Treasury Department completes its review.

Crime Victimization Survey

Q. What were the most significant findings in the 1996 crime data released today?

A. The 1996 National Crime Victimization Survey released by the Department of Justice confirms that crime is continuing to fall across the board and to the benefit of most Americans. Crime victimization rates fell to their lowest points since the inception of the National Crime Victimization Survey in 1973. Both the murder and violent crime rates plummeted 10% in 1996, and property crimes fell 8%. Rapes and car thefts were down even more. The decreases are even more significant when viewed over time: since 1993, violent and property crime rates dropped 16% and 17%, respectively, and murder rates dropped a whopping 22%.

The survey also shows that since 1993, reduced crime victimization rates were being

experienced equally by men, women, and different racial and income groups throughout the country. And the sharp declines in murder are being felt by cities of all sizes and all regions of the country.

When the President first took office, he made a commitment to take our streets back from crime and violence through a comprehensive anti-crime plan. That's why the President fought to pass a crime bill that gave communities the tools they asked for -- more community police, tougher punishments and fewer guns in the hands of criminals. We think today's numbers show that our combined efforts are making a significant and sustained difference.

- Q. Are these crime numbers different from the numbers released by the FBI earlier this year?**
- A. The numbers are largely the same and both confirm that crime is dropping. Today's statistics are released by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) as part of their annual National Crime Victimization Survey. The National Crime Victimization Survey is a series of in-depth interviews with approximately 100,000 people representing about 50,000 households. The BJS survey measures fewer cases than those contained in the FBI annual report, but in much greater depth. The BJS survey yields vital information about the victims of crimes-- such as their sex, race, age and income level. Importantly, the BJS survey includes many cases which were not reported to the police. The FBI's Uniform Crime Reports record those crimes which were actually reported to the police.

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This is the NECed/DPCed/NSCed version of the document I circulated yesterday morning for comment. I am considering it final at this point -- and would ask that any last edits be made as early as possible in the morning. Thank you. -- TDJ===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
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**The First Year Of President Clinton's Second Term:
A Strong Record Of Accomplishment
Friday, November 14, 1997**

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BALANCED BUDGET & TAX CUTS:

- **First Balanced Budget In A Generation**
- **Middle Class Tax Cut For 27 Million Families With Children**

EDUCATION:

- **Largest Investment In Education In 30 Years**
- **HOPE Scholarship Makes 13th & 14th Grades As Universal As A High School Diploma**
- **20% Tuition Tax Credit Worth Up To \$10,000 For Juniors, Seniors, Grad Students & Working Americans Trying To Upgrade Their Skills**
- **Largest Increase In Pell Grants In 20 Years**
- **America Reads Initiative To Ensure Every Child Can Read By The 3rd Grade**
- **On Track For First-Ever National Test Of 4th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Math**
- **57% Increase For Public Charter Schools**
- **Head Start Expanded Toward Goal Of 1 Million Children By 2002**

HEALTH CARE:

- **Single Largest Investment In Children's Health Care Since 1965**
- **Medicare Protected, Modernized And Trust Fund Extended At Least A Decade**

WELFARE:

- **Restored Basic Health And Disability Benefits To Legal, Law-Abiding Immigrants**
- **New Incentives And Community Efforts To Move 2 Million More People Off Welfare**

URBAN AGENDA:

- **Tripled The Number Of Empowerment Zones**
- **63% Expansion Of Community Development Banks**
- **Brownfields Tax Incentive Will Redevelop 14,000 Contaminated Sites**

FOREIGN POLICY:

- **Ratified The Chemical Weapons Convention**
- **Secured Passage Of China MFN, Hosted First US--Sino Summit In 8 Years**
- **NATO Expansion**

WHERE WE CAME UP SHORT:

- Renewal Of Fast Track Authority**
- Passage Of Campaign Finance Reform**
- Enactment Of The Juvenile Justice Proposal**
- Enactment Of School Construction Proposal**

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BALANCED BUDGET & TAX CUTS:

First Balanced Budget In A Generation: After cutting the deficit by 63 percent in his first term, from \$290 billion to \$107 billion, President Clinton promised in his 1997 State of the Union speech to "*propose a detailed plan to balance the budget by 2002.*" On August 5, 1997, the President signed an historic, bipartisan bill to balance the budget for the first time since 1969.

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TEXT:

I made up a draft side by side chart (not of Rice's quality) of what each agency was getting from OMB vs. what else they asked for in response to our requests for ideas in the areas of data, technology, mediation and compliance. I'll drop it by.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-NOV-1997 14:03:05.00

SUBJECT: so?

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Give me a call when you get back. I want to hear how it went.

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TEXT:

There will be a briefing from Graham Gregory Bozell (this company is partly owned by Oprah Winfrey), a minority marketing firm that prepared a recently released study "The New Multicultural American Dream Index" on Monday at 3:00pm in the Roosevelt Room. You are welcome to attend.

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SUBJECT:

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TEXT:

Press Office needs Radio address paper cleared by 4:00 at the latest!

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AAC&U/National Urban League. On November 14, we met with Carol Schneider of the AAC&U and Lisa Malone of the National Urban League to discuss the optimal way to spark campus dialogues.

RESEARCH AND POLICY PLANNING

Condensed Fact Book. The fact book is currently being reviewed by White House staff and staff of other agencies.

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Essays. We met on November 11 with several Washington, D.C. area scholars about developing a series of essays on race.

One America Talks. We have assisted the White House Staff in designing questions and dialogue kits for the One America Talks project.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Outreach. The focus of the past week has been centered on the planning of the next Advisory Board Meeting on November 19, at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are in the process of developing a comprehensive press plan to develop media interest.

Our team has continued to meet with several White House Offices to coordinate the Presidential Town Hall Meeting in December 3.

On November 7, we met with Carol Stern-LaRosa and Lucille Gionet of A World of Difference Institute (Anti-Defamation League), Iris Burnett of USA Network, and Nell Merlino, a consultant for the national office of the YWCA. We met to discuss a possible partnership with PIR, the Nation of Voices Coalition, YWCA, and the USA Network on a TV event in April based on anti-discrimination and tolerance.

At a November 12 meeting, the Ad Council submitted to the White House-Initiative communications staff a revised creative strategy outlining the vision and message of a PSA focused on youth, as well as a proposed production schedule to meet the December 2 deadline. The White House-Initiative communications group found the creative strategy acceptable and authorized Leadership Conference Education Fund (LCEF) and the Ad Council to proceed.

Policy and Dissemination. On November 12, the final draft of the PIR brochure was sent to the printer.

WORK TEAMS

YOUTH OUTREACH

On Friday, November 7, members of the Youth Task force addressed approximately 50

members of the Congressional Black Caucus Staffers and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Staffers organizations. The purpose of this meeting was to engage and enlist their organizations and their members in the Youth Initiative. We received commitments to forward promising practices and to lobby their members on our behalf.

CABINET AFFAIRS / FEDERAL AGENCY

Approximately 40 senior agency staff will be coming to the NEOB for a briefing/training on the at the tables'-like initiative. These folks will be the first round of participants to go out over the Thanksgiving holiday and host roundtable discussions on race.

COMMUNICATIONS/PRESS

PROMISING PRACTICES

RECRUITING LEADERS/OUTREACH

DIALOGUE IN COMMUNITIES

ADVISORY BOARD

FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Department of Justice

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United States Department of Agriculture

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COMMUNICATIONS

Public Outreach. The focus of the past week has been centered on planning the next Advisory Board Meeting on November 19, at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are developing a comprehensive media outreach plan.

USA Network Event. On November 7, we met with Carol Stern-LaRosa and Lucille Gionet from the A World of Difference Institute (Anti-Defamation League), Iris Burnett of USA Network, and Nell Merlino, a consultant for the national office of the YWCA. We discussed a possible partnership among the Initiative, the National Voices Coalition,

YWCA, and the USA Network to sponsor a TV event in April based on anti-discrimination and tolerance.

Public Service Announcements. At a November 12 meeting, the Ad Council submitted to the White House and Initiative Communications staff a revised creative strategy outlining the vision and message of a PSA focused on youth, as well as a proposed production schedule to meet the December 2 deadline. The White House-Initiative communications group found the creative strategy acceptable and authorized Leadership Conference Education Fund (LCEF) and the Ad Council to proceed.

Brochure. On November 12, the final draft of the PIR brochure was sent to the printer. Copies of the brochure will be distributed at the Advisory Board Meeting.

WORK TEAMS

Youth Outreach. On Friday, November 7, members of the Youth Task Force addressed approximately 50 members of the Congressional Black Caucus Staffers and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Staffers organizations. The purpose of this meeting was to engage and enlist their organizations and their members in the Youth Initiative. We received commitments to forward promising practices and to speak to their members on our behalf.

Cabinet Affairs/Federal Agency. Approximately 50 senior agency staff attended a briefing/training on One America Conversations, an "At the Tables"-like initiative to engage political appointees and others in hosting roundtable discussions on race around the country. As part of the briefing, attendees were given how-to kits which provide everything from a sample letter of invitation to a "What I Want the President to Know" form. The attendees at the briefing, some Cabinet members and a few Advisory Board members will serve as the first roundtable hosts over the Thanksgiving holiday. We expect to have hundreds of federal agency staff hosting roundtables over the Christmas/Hannukah holidays and afterward in the months ahead.

FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Hate Crimes Conference. On November 10, Under Secretary Kelly and Assistant Secretary Johnson attended the White House Conference on Hate Crimes to speak on Treasury's role in investigating bombings and arsons through ATF, and about FLETC's training programs on hate crimes for state and local law enforcement. In the coming months, Treasury will assess recommendations emerging from the conference intended to improve law enforcement's capacity to deal with hate crimes. Under Secretary Kelly also did a live interview on CNN discussing Treasury's

work on hate crimes.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Hate Crimes Conference. On November 10, the Attorney General joined President Clinton and Vice President Gore for the White House Conference on Hate Crimes. The Attorney General highlighted the Clinton Administration's programs that are helping to prevent hate crimes.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hate Crimes Conference. Secretary Glickman led a breakout session, with a focus on community responses, at the White House Conference on Hate Crimes.

USDA Civil Rights Team. USDA civil rights teams have completed work on 60 of the 92 recommendations of the USDA Civil Rights Action Team and are at 80 percent completion.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Out-of-School Youth Initiative. This week, Secretary Herman announced DOL's goal to assist out-of-school youth gain the education, training and access to jobs they will need to support themselves and their families as they become contributing members of society. The Opportunity Areas for Out-of-School Youth Initiative, which targets empowerment zones and enterprise communities, would provide seed funds to high poverty urban and rural areas to boost the employment rate of out-of-school youth.

BNA Speech. Secretary Herman spoke to the editorial board of the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) regarding the progress made by the President's Initiative on Race and DOL's efforts in this area.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hate Crimes Reception. On November 10, Secretary Shalala spoke at the White House Conference on Hate Crimes reception.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Hate Crimes Conference. On November 10, Secretary Cuomo attended the White House Conference on Hate Crimes. He also held a related press conference on HUD's "Make 'Em Pay" initiative which sharply increases fines and enforcement for housing-related acts of hate violence and intimidation.

Housing Discrimination. On November 13, Secretary Cuomo called into a Fair Housing Press Conference in Chicago, IL. The press conference was held by the Leadership Council and involves a housing discrimination case involving an African American nun who was evicted based on race.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HACU Annual Conference. VA's Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Kathy Jurado, participated in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities 11th Annual Conference which was recently held in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Jurado made remarks during the Opening Plenary Session on VA's Memorandum of Understanding with HACU, and conducted a workshop entitled, "Veterans' Education Benefits: Montgomery GI Bill," to encourage Hispanic veterans to utilize those benefits within ten years of military separation. Assistant Secretary Jurado also discussed how educational institutions can partner with VA to reach and encourage those veterans to use their benefits to achieve their educational objectives. She also participated in a Town Hall meeting on educational opportunities for the Hispanic community.

U. S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon. VA's Director of Affirmative Employment Service recently attended the monthly business luncheon sponsored by the U. S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce. A panel of distinguished speakers addressed the luncheon topic "Race Relations: Can We Get Along?" The panelists were Roger Clegg, General Counsel, Center for Equal Opportunity; Kwasi Holman, Executive Vice President, District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce; Stanley Karnow, Author and Journalist; H. Robert Sakinawa, Washington Representative, Japanese American Citizens League; and Abigail Thernstrom, Co-Author, *America in Black and White: One Nation, Indivisible*.

Hispanic Interns In Health Care Professions. VA announced its plans to sponsor 50 Hispanic students in health care internships in its medical centers, clinics and nursing homes nationwide next summer. This initiative is being undertaken in partnership with the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). The HACU internship program will provide VA with a more effective recruitment tool in each of the country's Hispanic serving institutions. A website has also been made available for students to obtain more information about the VA's health care system and HACU's summer internships (www.va.gov/hacu.htm).

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This may be a little much-- its a brief description of the bills. I included some of the material from the weekly item (the lawyer fee bills part) I sent on 10/31, I'm not sure if it got in before. Also, I don't mention the Graham (D-FL) bill to prohibit HHS from treating Medicaid related funds, recovered as part of state litigation from the tobacco companies, as overpayments under the Medicaid program. ===== ATTACH ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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Elena Kagan

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Crime: Juvenile Crime Appropriations: -- The final FY 98 Commerce, Justice Appropriations conference report contains significant new funding for our key juvenile crime priorities. The bill authorizes and funds a new \$250 million Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant-- 45% (\$113 million) of which must be spent on prosecutors, probation officers, and juvenile gun and drug court programs. Our strategy and budget contained \$150 million in direct funding for the same purposes. In addition, the FY98 Labor-HHS Appropriations conference report provides substantial new funding (\$40 million) for afterschool programs through the 21st Century Schools Program at the Department of Education. We proposed \$63 million for afterschool programs in our budget.

Race: Race Initiative and Service -- You should be aware of some interesting connections between the race initiative and service. The Corporation for National Service is about to award \$225,000 in mini-grants to 70 communities to organize local days of service in observance of Martin Luther King Day. In 1994, Congress designated Martin Luther King Day as a day of service -- "a day on, not a day off" -- in recognition of Dr. King's belief in service. Since then, more and more communities across the country have organized service projects that day. This is the second year that the Corporation has awarded grants. It received 500 applications, many more than last year.

In addition, Harris Wofford is enthusiastic about the "Kindness and Justice Curriculum" being organized by a youth service group called "Do Something." The plan is for students across the country to do acts of kindness and justice in the two weeks leading up to Martin Luther King Day, discuss them in class, and post them on the Web. The group is sending materials to schools to encourage schools and teachers to participate, and it will present awards to the best programs. Dexter King, who is part of this effort, and others are asking us to promote the concept.

Finally, we are also exploring potential actions in the Corporation's service-learning programs, where children serve together and then reflect on that experience in school, as well as highlighting successful AmeriCorps service projects that focus consciously on diversity as part of the service experience, like the CityYear program.

Adoption: the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 -- On Thursday, November 13, the Senate and the House of Representatives passed the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997,

which represents an enormous victory for your agenda to promote adoption and improve our nation's child welfare system. The legislation includes your priorities for child welfare reform, as outlined in your executive memorandum on adoption to members of your Cabinet (which you issued in a radio address on December 14, 1996), and in the *Adoption 2002* report that HHS presented to you last Valentine's Day, February 14, 1997. We are working on a bill signing ceremony with key Members of Congress, advocates and foster and adopted children in the East Room next Thursday, November 20.

Staff from the DPC, the First Lady's Office, and HHS have worked with bi-partisan congressional staff on this legislation since you issued the executive memorandum on adoption less than a year ago. As you know, Representatives Camp and Kennelly sponsored an adoption bill which passed in the House last Spring and which you strongly endorsed. The Senate passed its bill, sponsored by Senators Chafee and Rockefeller, on Saturday, November 8, 1997 -- after much deliberation and negotiation. As you know, the First Lady was intimately involved, helping to shape the substance of the legislation and making important calls to Members of Congress (her leadership was noted in the public statements of the Members before the final passage of the legislation).

The legislation:

- Makes clear that children's health and safety are the paramount concerns of the public child welfare system;
- Clarifies the "reasonable efforts" standard;
- Speeds up court hearings for children in foster care and requires that States initiate proceedings to terminate parental rights after a child has been in foster care for 15 of the previous 22 months, except in specified circumstances;
- Provides States with financial incentives to increase the number of children who are adopted (through bonus payments to States that increase adoptions of foster children above prior levels -- \$4,000 for each adoption above the base number, plus an additional \$2,000 for a total of \$6,000 per special needs adoption (the full bonus outlined in the *Adoption 2002* report);
- Directs the Secretary of HHS to rate State performance on a number of factors including the number of adoptions and length of stay in foster care;
- Reauthorizes the Family Preservation Program (staving off an expected battle next year), while also expanding the goals of the program to include time-limited family reunification and adoption promotion and increasing its funding levels.
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- Expands HHS authority to authorize child welfare waivers to states through child welfare and foster care demonstration projects (the Republicans had wanted to authorize unlimited waivers, and compromised at 10 additional waivers per year);
- Breaks down barriers to adoptions across State lines by making clear that States may not postpone or deny adoption while looking for an in-state placement when a suitable out-of-state adoption is possible;

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- Authorizes HHS to provide \$10 million per year of technical assistance to States to promote adoption, half of which must be used to help courts facilitate permanent placements.

The bill authorizes \$76 million over five years of additional funding (principally representing an increase in the Family Preservation Program, the requirement of health coverage for special needs adoptions, and technical assistance funding). The cost were off-set by a temporary adjustment of contingency fund for State welfare programs, which the Congress plans to take up next year for reform.

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