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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 08:45:42.00

SUBJECT: two pager on Medicare Commission meeting

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

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

TO: Thomas D. Janenda (CN=Thomas D. Janenda/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Kara Gerhardt (CN=Kara Gerhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Lori L. Anderson (CN=Lori L. Anderson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Elizabeth R. Newman (CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Stacie Spector (CN=Stacie Spector/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Audrey T. Haynes (CN=Audrey T. Haynes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Beverly J. Barnes (CN=Beverly J. Barnes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Kevin S. Moran (CN=Kevin S. Moran/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Barbara D. Woolley (CN=Barbara D. Woolley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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

TO: Joseph P. Lockhart (CN=Joseph P. Lockhart/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Darby E. Stott (CN=Darby E. Stott/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Joshua Silverman (CN=Joshua Silverman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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**PRESIDENT WELCOMES MEDICARE COMMISSION AND MAKES STRONG
COMMITMENT TO PREPARE MEDICARE FOR THE RETIREMENT
OF THE BABY BOOMERS**

March 4, 1998

Today, meeting with the newly appointed Medicare Commission, the President stated his strong commitment to work with Chairman Breaux, Congressman Thomas, and the rest of the Commission to develop a bipartisan consensus for future reforms to the Medicare program that prepare it for the retirement of the baby boom population. In so doing, he highlighted the great achievements of Medicare and the important contributions that the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) made to strengthening and improving the program. The President indicated that he is confident the Commission can build on the successes of last year's Medicare reforms and take the next steps to prepare the program for the unprecedented demographic challenges it faces. He also urged the Commission to never forget that Medicare is more than just a program of policies and numbers; it is a national commitment that serves almost 40 million of our most vulnerable Americans.

MEDICARE HAS BEEN ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS -- IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. In the last 30 years, the Medicare program has provided high-quality health care to millions of older Americans and people with disabilities. Since the program was signed into law:

- **The rate of uninsured elderly has dropped from 46 percent to 1 percent.** Today, about 15 million Americans could go uninsured without Medicare's guarantee of coverage.
- **Older Americans are living 20 percent longer.** A 65 year old today can expect to live until the age of 82; whereas in 1960, a 65 year old lived on average until the age of 79. This is partly attributable to Medicare's expansion of needed health care coverage to older American.
- **The poverty rate has dropped by over half.** Medicare has contributed to decreasing poverty among older Americans. Today, about 11% of people ages 65 and older are poor, compared to 29% in 1966.

THE BIPARTISAN BALANCED BUDGET ACT INCLUDED UNPRECEDENTED MEDICARE REFORMS. One of the most important achievements of the Balanced Budget Act the President signed into law last summer was its unprecedented reforms to the Medicare program. This bipartisan effort strengthened the life of the Medicare Trust Fund for at least a decade from now, included new health plan choices, and added coverage of preventive benefits. It:

- **Extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund for at least a decade.** Through a series of payment and structural reforms, the BBA extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund for at least a decade from today. This achievement built on the President's 1993 budget which extended the Trust Fund for three years.
- **Contained important new preventive benefits.** The Balanced Budget Act included new preventive benefits including annual mammograms for all Medicare beneficiaries over forty; regular pap smears and pelvic exams; diabetes management benefits, and regular colorectal cancer screening.

- **Enacted important new structural reforms.** The BBA also included new market-oriented reforms, such as adding new plan choices including Provider Sponsored Organizations, Preferred Provider Organizations, prospective payment system reforms, and a number of prudent purchasing provisions that allow Medicare to buy services in the same way private health plans do.
- **Growth in line with private spending.** Because of the important BBA reforms, Medicare growth per beneficiary will actually be slightly less than projected private insurance spending growth: 4 percent versus 5 percent between 1997 and 2002.

STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BABY BOOMERS.

While the Balanced Budget Act strengthened Medicare in the short term, the program will face new challenges as the baby boomers retire. The President highlighted some of these challenges and made a strong commitment to work with the Commission to develop consensus for long-term Medicare reforms. The challenges include:

- **An unprecedented number of Americans will enter Medicare as the baby boom generation retires.** The number of elderly will increase by 45 percent in the next 20 years. By 2030, one in five Americans will be elderly.
- **The ratio of workers to Medicare beneficiaries will drop significantly by 2030.** The number of workers per Medicare beneficiaries will decline from 3.9 to 2.3 during this period, straining the financing of the Medicare program, which is partly financed through a payroll tax.

The President reiterated his confidence that the Commission, working with Congress and the Administration, will successfully meet the new challenges facing the Medicare program. He pointed out that the American people have always been able to reach consensus to address this extremely important program, which provides needed services to tens of millions of Americans.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 10:26:54.00

SUBJECT: Revised tobacco list

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

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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Meetings
March 2-6th

DAY		GROUP	LOCATION	ADMIN ATTENDEES (IF OUTSIDE MTG)
Thursday	10:30	Sen. Mack	517 Hart	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	11:00	Documents	211	
	11:30	Rep. Waxman	2204 Rayburn	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	2:00	Sen. Domenici	328 Hart	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	2:00	House/Senate Dem Communications Staff	H-201 Capitol	Emanuel, Rice, Jacoby, Tarplin, Skolfield
	2:45	Weekly Coordinating Meeting	211	
	3:34	Sen. McCain	241 Russell	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	4:30	Ivan/Hollings	558 Dirksen	Reed, Tarplin
Friday	9:00	DOJ mtg	5132 Main Justice	Kagan, Rice
	10:00	Leg Conference Call	456-6799 code 7298	Reed, Stein/Jacoby, Kagan, Rice, Tarplin/Burke, Gruber
	1:30 (tent)	Sen. Conrad and Dem task force	TBD	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	3:00	Marketing/ Legal Strategy Meeting		
	4:00	International Issues	472	

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Julie A. Fernandes (CN=Julie A. Fernandes/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 19:01:01.00

SUBJECT: High tech meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elena,

I spoke again to Tom Kalil about the meeting with high tech industry. He agreed that we had to move quickly, and has tentatively scheduled a conference call with the industry for Tuesday.

Julie

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 20:34:02.00

SUBJECT: Revised meetings schedule

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

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

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

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

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

DAY		GROUP	LOCATION	ADMIN ATTENDEES (IF OUTSIDE MTG)
Friday, 3/6	12:45	Radio Address Briefing		
	1:00	President tapes radio address		
	3:00	Marketing/ Legal Strategy Meeting	211	
	4:00	International Issues	472	
Monday, 3/9	12:00	Principals mtg	EBB office	
	1:00	Sen. Nickles	S-208	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	2:45	Sen. Chafee	505 Hart	Bowles, Reed, Stein
	3:45	Sen. Domenici	328 Hart	Bowles, Raines, Stein

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Tuesday, 3/10				
	TBA	Rep. Bliley		Bowles, Reed, Stein
	TBA	Rep. Fazio and task force		Bowles, Reed, Stein
	TBA	Tobacco Growers negotiators		Bowles, Reed, Stein
	TBA	Sen. Hatch		Bowles, Reed, Stein

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 19:25:51.00

SUBJECT: child care

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

folks did a very good job handling the meeting --- i just dropped in for a few minutes --

two things:

i did speak w/ john awhile back about mirroring the organizing neutrality language that is already in the headstart law --- i did try our expansion idea but he about threw me out of the room --is it possible for you to get your staff to research the original head start language and see what we'd be up against?

2d -- it was clear from the part of the meeting i was in that their report, worthy wage day and the treasury commission meeting will all happen either within days or within a week of each other --- last week of april/first week of may -- i'd like you to read their report --- they will be sending another draft to us next week just so i can have another check on whether there is anything in it that will give us some pain --- it is clear that if the report gets coverage -- which it will--that we will need an answer to the wage problem --- and the scholarship piece leaves us a little vulnerable since the normal calculation ---- improved training and education = improved wages--does not work in this sector. I just don't want us getting bruised before we start --

thanks, sorry to be so long winded

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jordan Tamagni (CN=Jordan Tamagni/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 22:07:50.00

SUBJECT: Revised Last Graph

TO: Bernice W. Smith (CN=Bernice W. Smith/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

Draft 3/5/98 10:00pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON TOBACCO
THE WHITE HOUSE
March 7, 1998

Good morning. This week, we took a major step to protect all Americans -- especially our young people -- from the danger of drunk driving, by proposing bipartisan legislation to lower the legal limit to .08 in every state. Today, I want to talk to you about the historic opportunity we now have to protect our nation's children from a far more deadly threat: smoking.

Smoking kills more people every day than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined -- and nearly 90% of those smokers lit their first cigarette before they turned 18. Today, the epidemic of teen smoking is raging through our nation as, one by one, our children are lured in by multi-million dollar marketing schemes designed to do exactly that. More of our children are smoking than ever before. In fact, 3,000 children start to smoke every day ... and 1,000 of them will die because of it.

This is a national tragedy in the making that every American should be honor-bound to help prevent. For more than five years I have done everything I can to stop our children from smoking before they start, launching a nationwide campaign with the FDA to educate them about the dangers of smoking, to reduce their access to tobacco products, and to severely restrict tobacco companies from advertising to young people.

But even this is not enough to fully protect our children. To put an end to this epidemic, Congress must act. Last Fall I called on the Congress to put aside politics and pass comprehensive bipartisan legislation that raises the price of cigarettes by up to \$1.50 a pack over

the next 10 years so our children can't afford to buy them ... that gives the FDA the full authority to regulate tobacco products so our children can't reach them ... and that outlaws tobacco ads aimed at young people, so our children can't fall prey to the deadly threat of tobacco.

We learned last week that if we do this, we will cut teen smoking by almost half over the next five years. If we act now, we have it in our power to stop three million children from smoking -- and to save one million lives as a result.

There are only 70 days left in this session of Congress. On every one of those days, 1,000 adults will die from smoking. On every one of those days, 3,000 children will light up their first cigarette. And on every one of those days, this Congress has the opportunity to stop them.

So on this day, I call upon the Congress once again to take that opportunity, and pass comprehensive bipartisan legislation that protects our children from tobacco. There is no more important step you can take this year. And there will be no greater measure of your commitment to the health of our children or the future of our nation.

Thanks for listening.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 16:23:17.00

SUBJECT:

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

TEXT:

I hav Bruce at 65584 for you; call asap!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Virginia N. Rustique (CN=Virginia N. Rustique/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 14:10:01.00

SUBJECT: Mbrs attend 5:45 pm Senate Task Force

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

The following are confirmed to attend this afternoon's meeting
(co-sponsors to Conrad's bill) :

Baucus
Breaux*
Bryan*
Conrad*
Daschle*
Dodd
Dorgan
Kennedy*
Lautenberg*
Wyden*

* Mbrs of the Senate Task Force

Other members may show up

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jerold R. Mande (CN=Jerold R. Mande/OU=OSTP/O=EOP [OSTP])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 13:27:18.00

SUBJECT: Suggested edit to FDA Jeffords paper.

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

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

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

TEXT:

Under item "C. Flexibility" what do you think of adding the following sentence at the end: "Under existing law, Congress is already provided a specific opportunity to review regulatory changes as significant as these."

Also, can we strike "distant" at the end of the 2d line. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 10:04:08.00

SUBJECT: Assaults

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

CC: Essence P. Washington (CN=Essence P. Washington/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TEXT:
EK:

Neal called to say he was a bit late in getting the info to DOJ yesterday, and that they had a conference call scheduled w/DOJ at 4pm today. Since that would be the first they'd be speaking about the issue amongst themselves, he'd really prefer to do it tomorrow -- anytime. You've got some time between 1:30 and 3pm on Friday, so I've suggested that everybody adjust their schedules and make that work. I think letting them meet first is worth the extra half day.

Jose'

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 10:46:21.00

SUBJECT: Meetings revised again

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CREATOR: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 12:51:41.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI- I have CR's Conrad & Nickles EBB Memos for you to review

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Angelique Pirozzi (CN=Angelique Pirozzi/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 14:46:41.00

SUBJECT: AGENDA: Weekly PIR/White House Coordinating Meeting, Today at 4:00 pm in R

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

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

TO: Maurice Daniel (CN=Maurice Daniel/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Audrey M. Hutchinson (CN=Audrey M. Hutchinson/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Claire Gonzales (CN=Claire Gonzales/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cheryl D. Mills (CN=Cheryl D. Mills/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Julie A. Fernandes (CN=Julie A. Fernandes/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Jon P. Jennings (CN=Jon P. Jennings/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Lynn G. Cutler (CN=Lynn G. Cutler/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Chandler G. Spaulding (CN=Chandler G. Spaulding/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])
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TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elizabeth Harrington (CN=Elizabeth Harrington/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michele Cavataio (CN=Michele Cavataio/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Tamara Monosoff (CN=Tamara Monosoff/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Lydia Sermons (CN=Lydia Sermons/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [PIR])
READ:UNKNOWN

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- I. PIR REPORTS
 - A. Denver Advisory Board Meeting
 - B. Campus Week of Dialogue

- C. Meeting with the LCCR
- D. PIR Status Report
 - One America Conversations
 - Promising Practices

- II. REPORTS FROM WH OFFICES
 - A. Higher Education
 - B. Coporate Leaders

- III. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED TOWN HALL

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CREATOR: Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 17:44:07.00

SUBJECT: CBO Medicare Buy-In Report: good news

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**Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Analysis of the
President's Medicare Buy-In Proposal**

As part of their analysis of the President's Budget, CBO did an analysis of the Medicare buy in. Their analysis found that :

- **No Trust Fund Impact:** The net cost of the Medicare buy-in, according to CBO, is \$300 million over 5 years — only fractions of a percent of Medicare spending.
- **More participants:** Participation is estimated to be over 33 percent higher than what the Administration estimated — 410,000.
- **Lower cost:** The post-65 premium that people ages 62 to 65 would pay is only \$10 per month per year — \$6 per month and \$72 less per year than Administration estimates.¹

Medicare Buy-In, 1999-2003 (\$ in Billions, Fiscal Years)

Spending (5 years)		
62 to 65 Year Olds	8.9	
Displaced Workers	0.5	
Total	9.3 *	
Premium revenue (5 years)		
62 to 65 Year Olds	-7.3	
Post-65	-0.2 **	
Displaced Workers	-0.3	
Total	-7.8	
Net Costs	1.5	(Administration: 1.5)
Anti-Fraud Savings	-1.4	
Premium offset	+0.3	(Administration: -2.4)
NET MEDICARE	+0.3*	(Administration: -0.8)*

* Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding

** These premiums increase after the first 5 years as participants turn age 65

Participation when fully phased in: 410,000 (Administration: 300,000)

Premiums in 1999:

62 to 65 Year Olds	\$310 per month	(Administration: \$305)
Post-65	\$10 per month per year	(Administration: \$16)
Displaced Workers	\$400 per month	(Administration: \$400)

1. Although the base premium is slightly higher, overall premiums are much lower since the post-65 premium, which is \$6 less per month, would be paid every year until age 85.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 19:44:53.00

SUBJECT: Tuesday's child care event

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

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

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CC: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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CC: Neera Tanden (CN=Neera Tanden/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

Neera and I want to bring you up-to-date on the planning for Tuesday's child care event with the President in Connecticut.

The event will include a brief tour of a child care facility in Bridgeport, CT (Housatonic Community College) and a speech. The speaking program will include the Mayor of Bridgeport, Senator Dodd, a parent, and the President.

The President's remarks will focus on his child care initiative, and include two policy announcements:

(1) Release of a new HHS report that summarizes State plans to administer the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The message of this report is that States have innovative plans to spend their current CCDBG dollars, and with those dollars, cannot meet the need.

(2) Issuing a Presidential Directive on Steps to improve federally-sponsored child care in the executive branch by (1) ensuring proper background checks of child care workers in federally-sponsored child care; (2) achieving 100 percent national accreditation of eligible, federally-sponsored child care; (3) exploring partnerships among federal agencies and with the private sectors to improve child care quality and affordability; and (4) ensuring that all federal workers have full information on child care benefits and options available to them.
Q: Should the President sign the directive at this event? Our instinct is that he should not sign.

Children's Defense Fund (CDF) plans to release its compelling state-by-state on Tuesday, and leak it to Bob Pear for a story on Tuesday.
Q: Should you leak any of the POTUS' announcements?

In terms of process, the directive is in OMB clearance (via Mac Reed) for comment by the agencies by COB tomorrow (Friday). Staff Secretary plans to circulate the directive around the West Wing tomorrow for any comment. Attached is the latest draft for your review. Also, HHS and GSA are developing lists for heads up calls to MOC and/or Congressional staff to be made on Monday.

With respect to the HHS report, we are working to develop a solid

executive summary (which HHS seems incapable of doing) for release.=====

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Steps to Improve Federally-Sponsored Child Care

Now more than ever, America's working parents struggle to balance their obligations to be good workers -- and their more important obligations to be good parents. By choice or by financial necessity, millions of Americans rely on child care to care for their children for part of each day. Parents deserve to know that their children are safe and nurtured in child care.

One of my highest priorities is to make child care better, safer, and more affordable. That is why my balanced budget includes the largest single investment in child care in our nation's history, and proposes specific measures to improve child care quality.

As a supplier of child care and as an employer that must recruit and retain a strong workforce, the federal government should lead the way in improving child care. I am proud that our military has developed one of the finest child care delivery systems in the world, and that the Department of Defense, at my request, is sharing its expertise with the public and private sectors. Still, we need to do more. The executive branch of the federal government operates 1,030 child care centers -- 788 by the military, 109 by the General Services Administration, and 133 by other federal departments. In addition, the military sponsors nearly 10,000 professional family child care providers. In total, approximately 215,000 children are in our care.

Today, I am directing my Cabinet to take significant new steps to improve the quality of federally-sponsored child care in the executive branch by (I) ensuring proper background checks of workers in federally-sponsored child care; (II) achieving one hundred percent accreditation of eligible, federally-sponsored child care; (III) exploring partnerships among federal agencies and with the private sectors to improve child care quality and affordability; and (IV) ensuring that all federal workers have full information on child care benefits and options available to them.

First, I want to ensure that all child care workers in federally-sponsored centers undergo thorough background checks to make sure they are they are suitable for the job. The vast majority of child care providers are caring people who have dedicated their lives to teaching and nurturing children. But one tragedy in child care is too many, and criminal and civil background checks are important ways to know that the people caring for our children are fit for this responsibility. Background checks for workers in federally-sponsored child care facilities are required under federal law, and I want to guarantee that they are being administered appropriately and in a timely fashion. In addition, I want to make sure that we know as much as we can about what is happening in federally-sponsored child care by stepping up data collection and

maintenance.

Therefore, today, I am directing Administrator of the General Services Administration David Barram to report to me within ninety days with a plan to ensure complete and timely background checks, to the fullest extent possible, for all child care workers in non-military, federally-sponsored child care settings. Administrator Barram will also report to me on plans to improve data collection and maintenance concerning non-military, federally-sponsored child care. Agencies with oversight of non-military child care settings will report to the Administrator within sixty days on this matter.

Second, I believe that all eligible, federally-sponsored child care should achieve nationally-recognized, independent accreditation to ensure and maintain quality. Currently, 76 percent of military child care centers are accredited and 35 percent of other federally-sponsored child care centers in the executive branch are accredited. By the year 2000, I want one hundred percent to be accredited.

Today, therefore, I am directing Secretary of Defense William Cohen and Administrator David Barram to report to me within ninety days with a plan to ensure, to the fullest extent possible, independent, nationally-recognized accreditation of all eligible, federally-sponsored child care by the year 2000. Agencies with oversight of non-military child care settings will report to the Administrator within sixty days on this matter.

Third, partnerships among federal agencies and with the private sector are an increasingly important way to maximize existing resources and improve child care.

Today, therefore, I am directing Administrator Barram to work with the heads of all federal departments and agencies to explore opportunities for collaboration both within government and with the private sector to leverage resources to improve child care quality and affordability in federally-sponsored settings.

Finally, I believe that employers have a responsibility to make sure that their workers have full information on child care and options available to them at the national, state, and local levels.

Today, therefore, I am **directing** Director of the Office of Personnel Management Janice Lachance to ensure that to the fullest extent possible all federal workers receive full information about child care benefits available to them on the federal, state, and local levels, including information on resource and referral networks, available tax credits such as the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credits and Child Tax Credit, as well as public subsidies. Director Lachance will also host a nationwide summit designed to showcase model public and private sector solutions to child care needs.

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CREATOR: Essence P. Washington (CN=Essence P. Washington/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 11:10:14.00

SUBJECT: Assault Weapons Mtg.

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

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

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

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TEXT:

Friday, at 2:00 PM in room 211 we will hold the Assaults Weapons Meeting to discuss the legal issues surrounding the Assault Weapons report.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 16:10:56.00

SUBJECT: High performance bonus and Haskins

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

According to Mary Bourdette, Ron Haskins had a very, very strong negative reaction to the fact that our high performance bonus guidance has only work measures but no family formation measures. She quoted him as saying it borders on illegal, and said Shaw may send a letter to the Secretary about this. She said she started to make the point that the illegitimacy bonus gets at his concern, but he dismissed that by noting that the HPB is supposed to reward states that achieve the 4 goals of section 401 (assistance to needy families, ending dependence through work and marriage, reducing out-of-wedlock births, and encouraging 2-parent families).

That's part of why HHS wants to include language in the guidance saying HHS will continue to study changes or refinements to the measures. Elena threw out the notion of dropping it from the guidance and reassuring Ron privately. But where are we on the basic question -- why wouldn't we agree to throw a teen birth measure into the NPRM if it satisfies Shaw and doesn't hold us up?

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 22:06:42.00

SUBJECT: Assaults

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TEXT:
EK:

As you know, we're on for the assaults meeting at 2pm in room 211 tomorrow. Just so you know, in addition to a gaggle of lawyers, we'll have "show 'n tell" with some of the firearms in question.

BR/Rahm: And you thought we'd be talking litigation strategy...

Jose'

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CREATOR: Jordan Tamagni (CN=Jordan Tamagni/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: Radio Address

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Draft 3/5/98 9:30pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON TOBACCO
THE WHITE HOUSE
March 7, 1998

Good morning. This week, we took a major step to protect all Americans -- especially our young people -- from the danger of drunk driving, by proposing bipartisan legislation to lower the legal limit to .08 in every state. Today, I want to talk to you about the historic opportunity we now have to protect our nation's children from a far more deadly threat: smoking.

Smoking kills more people every day than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined -- and nearly 90% of those smokers lit their first cigarette before they turned 18. Today, the epidemic of teen smoking is raging through our nation as, one by one, our children are lured in by multi-million dollar marketing schemes designed to do exactly that. More of our children are smoking than ever before. In fact, 3,000 children start to smoke every day ... and 1,000 of them will die because of it.

This is a national tragedy in the making that every American should be honor-bound to help prevent. For more than five years I have done everything I can to stop our children from smoking before they start, launching a nationwide campaign with the FDA to educate them about the dangers of smoking, to reduce their access to tobacco products, and to severely restrict tobacco companies from advertising to young people.

But even this is not enough to fully protect our children. To put an end to this epidemic, Congress must act. Last Fall I called on the Congress to put aside politics and pass comprehensive bipartisan legislation that raises the price of cigarettes by up to \$1.50 a pack over

the next 10 years so our children can't afford to buy them ... that gives the FDA the full authority to regulate tobacco products so our children can't reach them ... and that outlaws tobacco ads aimed at young people, so our children can't fall prey to the deadly threat of tobacco.

We learned last week that if we do this, we will cut teen smoking by almost half over the next five years. If we act now, we have it in our power to stop three million children from smoking -- and to save one million lives as a result.

There are only 70 days left in this session of Congress. On every one of those days, 1,000 adults will die from smoking. On every one of those days, 3,000 children will light up their first cigarette. And on every one of those days, this Congress has the opportunity to stop them.

So on this day, I call upon the Congress once again to come together to pass comprehensive bipartisan legislation to protect our children and strengthen our nation for the 21st Century. There is no more important step you can take this year. And there is no greater good we can achieve.

Thanks for listening.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 16:24:02.00

SUBJECT: Upcoming Congressional Tobacco Meeting

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

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TEXT:

It is my understanding that we have the following meetings lined up for next week:

Monday
Chafee
Domenici

Tuesday
Bliley
House Tobacco Task Force
Tobacco Growers
Hatch

LET'S PLEASE TRY TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE SHORT BRIEFING PAPERS FOR ERSKINE FOR EACH OF THESE MEETINGS BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING.

THANKS!!!!

Jason

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 19:08:52.00

SUBJECT: Weekly 3/6 as of 7:10

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March 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Elena Kagan

RE: DPC Weekly Report

Education -- TIMSS results: You will be meeting with a group of business, education and math and science leaders to discuss the nation's response to the TIMSS results on March 16. This meeting will provide an opportunity to highlight your education agenda, and focus the nation's attention the need for improvement in education. This is especially timely and important because some in the education community are already beginning to dismiss or explain away the significance of the low test scores.

Education -- Senate Education Bill: Senator Daschle and other Democrats introduced a comprehensive education bill this week. The bill is based on the Administration's education agenda, and includes provisions on education opportunity zones, school modernization, class size reduction, expanding after-school care, and promoting the effective use of technology in the classroom with a focus on teacher training.

Education -- Opportunity Zones: Mr. Clay has agreed to introduce your Education Opportunity Zones legislation in the House, and to try to recruit bipartisan sponsors. DPC and Education staff are working with Clay to finalize the legislation, and expect to have it ready for transmittal within the next several weeks.

Campaign Finance Reform -- Free TV Petition: With the defeat of McCain-Feingold we are now focusing our energies on your free television time request before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This week Senator Roth became the first Republican Senator to tell the FCC he would support their efforts to create a free television system for candidates for federal office. The FCC has now received letters of support from 83 Members of Congress, including Chris Shays. The Commission continues to seek additional support from Republican Senators, specifically focusing on Senators Jeffords and Thompson. However, Senators McCain and Burns are planning to offer an amendment to the supplemental appropriations/IMF bill to prohibit the FCC from imposing a free time requirement. In addition,

all the Republicans on the House Commerce Committee have written the FCC in opposition to your request that the FCC begin a rulemaking procedure.

Housing/Welfare -- Housing Vouchers: The National Association of Counties (NACO) has announced their support for your plan to create 100,000 new housing vouchers, specifically citing your proposal to target 50,000 of these vouchers for individuals moving from welfare-to-work.

EEOC -- Gingrich testimony at Hearing. On Tuesday, Newt Gingrich testified at an EEOC oversight hearing and expressed his support for the Administration's proposed increase in funding for the EEOC. However, he also made clear that his support is contingent on the EEOC not using any of its FY99 money to support "testing" for employment discrimination. Gingrich also made a very strong statement opposing class actions and pattern or practice cases generally. Gingrich's rhetorical push was toward using the agency's enforcement money to handle cases of "actual victims" of discrimination, rather than "creating cases" (testing) or class actions. He did seem to concede, however, that testing could be warranted where there were strong indications that the employer might be unlawfully discriminating. Acting Chair Igasaki made clear that though the agency was in the middle of a small pilot program to determine how best to use testing in the employment context, their FY99 budget request did not include any money for testers.

Crime -- COPS: On Thursday, the COPS Office announced \$31 million in grants awarded to 186 law enforcement agencies in small towns across the country. The grants will fund 467 full-time and 67 part-time officers.

Drugs -- Study on Crack, Powder Cocaine, and Heroin: This week, the Justice Department released a study comparing drug use and purchase patterns among arrestees in six cities. The report released by the National Institute of Justice found that within any given city, drug use and drug markets varied substantially among the three drugs studied -- crack, powder cocaine, and heroin. Heroin users were the most likely to be daily users, followed by crack users (40 to 50 percent identified as daily users), and cocaine users (10 to 40 percent). A significant number of arrestees identified public assistance as their primary source of income. In addition, a substantial percentage of crack users in particular lived on the streets or in shelters prior to their arrest. The cities studied were: Chicago, Manhattan, San Antonio, Washington, DC, and Portland, Oregon.

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 09:31:35.00

SUBJECT: 1-Pagers on Jobs Report and G.I. Bill for Workers

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A G.I. BILL FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS: REFORMING THE JOB TRAINING SYSTEM

March 6, 1998

"Again, I ask the Congress to continue its bipartisan work to consolidate the tangle of training programs we have today into one single G.I. Bill for Workers, a simple skills grant so people can, on their own, move quickly to new jobs, to higher incomes and brighter futures."

President Clinton
January 27, 1998

With A Vote Scheduled For The Week of March 16th, The President Calls on the Senate to Pass Job-Training Reform. In September 1997, the Senate Labor Committee unanimously approved the bill, S. 1186: Workforce Investment Partnership Act. This bill builds on the President's 1995 proposal for a G.I. Bill for America's workers to reform the web of job training and adult and vocational education programs and help prepare the American workforce for the 21st Century. Senator Lott has indicated that this bill will come to the floor the week of March 16th. Today, the President calls on the Senate to pass this important legislation organized around his four basic principles:

- **Empowering Individuals.** Through Skills Grants, report cards to inform consumers' choices, and universal access to core services like job-search assistance, job training reform will empower individuals, providing adults seeking training or retraining control over their own careers. This customer-driven system replaces the decades-old tradition of making job training decisions for adults through bureaucratic systems. This individual empowerment will make the job training system more responsive to the skill needs of the market.
- **Streamlining Services.** Through the consolidation of myriad individual training programs into a single system and through the nationwide implementation of One-Stop Career Centers (centers that consolidate multiple training and employment programs at the "street level"), this reform effort will streamline the job training system. Over the past few years, the Administration has entered into partnerships with over 40 states to build a One-Stop system, and today, there are over 500 in operation. This reform would expand One-Stops nationwide.
- **Enhancing Accountability.** Through tough performance standards — for both governors and localities — and by requiring training providers to be certified by, for example, the Higher Education Act (HEA), this reform enhances accountability. Performance measures will include rates of job retention, earnings, and job placement.
- **Increasing Flexibility.** Job training reform would provide additional flexibility. For example, the Secretary of Labor will have permanent authority to waive burdensome Federal job training rules in exchange for performance improvements. This will allow states and local areas to implement innovative job-training programs.

A Bill Incorporating These Principles Has Already Passed The House. In May 1997, the House — with overwhelming bipartisan support — passed a job training reform bill (H.R. 1385: The Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act) which incorporates these principles: it allows for individual empowerment through career grants; it establishes a "full-service" employment and training delivery system; it establishes indicators of performance to hold states and localities accountable; and it includes additional flexibility through waiver authority.

AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK:*15 Million New Jobs, Wages Are Rising, and Unemployment Down To A 25-Year Low*

March 6, 1998

Today's Report Shows That Wages Are Rising, Unemployment Is Down To A 25-Year Low, and 310,000 New Jobs Were Created Last Month Alone. In 1992, the American economy was barely creating jobs and the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent. Five years ago, President Clinton put in place a bold new three-part economic strategy of cutting the deficit to help reduce interest rates and spur business investment; investing in education, health care, science and technology so that America was prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and opening markets abroad so that American workers would have a fair chance to compete and win across the globe. Today's report shows that this economic strategy is working for America's workers.

- ***Unemployment Down to 4.6 Percent -- its Lowest Level in 25 Years.*** In 1992, the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent. Today, the unemployment rate is 4.6 percent -- its lowest level since 1973. The unemployment rate has been below 6 percent for 42 consecutive months and at or below 5 percent for 11 months now with no signs of inflationary pressures.
- ***Over 15 Million New Jobs Under President Clinton.*** Since President Clinton took office, the economy has added more than 15 million new jobs -- a faster annual rate of job growth (2.6 percent per year) than *any* Republican Administration in 75 years.
- ***Fastest Real Wage Growth in Over 20 Years.*** Last month, average hourly earnings increased 0.6 percent, and over the past year, average hourly earnings have increased 4.1 percent -- far faster than the rate of inflation. In 1997, real average hourly earnings increased 2.3 percent -- that's the fastest real wage growth since 1976. After *falling* in the 12 years before President Clinton took office, real earnings are up since January 1993.
- ***Highest Share of New Jobs in Private Sector in 75 Years.*** Since President Clinton took office, the private sector of the economy has added nearly 14 million new jobs -- with more than 3.0 million jobs added in the past year. Under President Clinton, 93 percent of the 15 million new jobs have been in the private sector -- that's the highest percentage since Warren G. Harding was President in the early 1920s.
- ***Turning the Corner in Basic American Industries.*** Under President Clinton, basic American industries, such as construction and autos, are coming back and leading the world.
 - ***1.4 Million New Construction Jobs.*** After losing 667,000 jobs in construction during the previous four years, nearly 1.4 million new construction jobs have been added since January 1993 -- that's a faster annual rate than any other Administration since Harry S Truman was President.
 - ***149,000 New Automobile Jobs -- Leading The World Once Again.*** After losing 35,000 jobs in the auto industry during the Bush years, we have 149,000 new auto jobs under President Clinton. For the first time since the 1970s, America has led the world in auto production for four years in a row.
 - ***614,000 New Manufacturing Jobs.*** After losing 2.1 million manufacturing jobs during the 12 years before President Clinton took office, the economy has created 614,000 new manufacturing jobs since January 1993.
- ***Booming Job Growth Has Helped Lower Unemployment for African Americans and Hispanics.*** Under President Clinton, the African-American unemployment rate has fallen from 14.1 percent to 9.7 percent. And the Hispanic unemployment rate has dropped from 11.3 percent to 6.8 percent -- as low as it's ever been. But we still have more work to do, since these unemployment rates are above the national average.

- *With Low Unemployment, Core Inflation Is The Lowest In 32 Years.* In 1997, the core inflation rate, excluding the volatile food and energy components, was just 2.2 -- that's its lowest level since 1965.

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Elena,

I spoke to Peter last night re: EEOC. He said that Tracey Thornton was the right person on the Senate side, and that they have not yet hired a replacement for who is the right person on the House side. I spoke with Tracey this morning. She is going to consult with Martha Foley (leg. budget person on the House side) and get back to me later this afternoon. I asked whether we (leg., us and EEOC) should get together to develop a legislative strategy. She informed me that there is a mark-up next week on the budget resolution, and that this in the relevant context for our making a deal with the Republicans.

Julie

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Crime -- Modified Assault Rifles: Last November, you directed Secretary Rubin to temporarily suspend the importation of certain modified assault rifles while Treasury determined whether or not these rifles complied with the "sporting purposes test" and could be legally imported under the Gun Control Act of 1968. Over the past few months, Treasury has studied the features and uses of the 5 basic types of modified assault rifles, which represent more than 50 specific models, and they are now at the point of deciding whether a stronger case can be made to permanently ban from importation the more than 30 AK-47- and Uzi-type models, which have virtually no legitimate sporting purpose, or all five models, some of which -- it can be argued -- have some marginal sporting use. Treasury may be ready to make its recommendation in time for next week's radio address, which is the deadline for its review.

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CBO Analysis of Medicare Buy-in. Late this week, the Congressional Budget Office released extremely positive estimates on your Medicare buy-in proposal. CBO's estimates confirm that your proposal will have no notable impact on the Medicare Trust Fund and projects even greater participation and lower costs than HCFA initially estimated. In fact, they assume that your proposal would provide coverage for 410,000 individuals, 33 percent higher than our internal estimates. Moreover, they projected that beneficiaries would have to pay less in premiums after they turn 65 to cover the costs of the buy-in. We are hopeful that these estimates will give a needed shot in the arm to this policy and its perceived viability. Also, we believe that Senator Moynihan will likely introduce this legislation sometime in mid-March.

AMA Speech. On Monday, you are scheduled to give a speech to the American Medical Association (AMA) to outline your shared goals of enhancing quality in the health care system, stopping children from smoking, and providing health insurance for as many children as possible. This is also a great opportunity to thank the AMA for their extremely helpful efforts to confirm the new Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher. This will be the first time you have addressed the AMA and the first time that any President has spoken to the AMA since Ronald Reagan did in 1983. You will release a new patients' bill of rights survey prepared by the Domestic Policy Council that documents how many states have enacted the consumer protections recommended by your Quality Commission. Specifically, the survey will report that more than forty-three states have enacted one or more of the consumer protection laws, and that more than twenty-five of these states have Republican Governors. The report will also point out, however, that state laws are limited in scope and they have no jurisdiction over 140 million Americans.

The AMA strongly supports Federal legislation, including one provision that is particularly objectionable to the business community -- the enforcement of these standards through the removal of current ERISA barriers that in essence prohibit litigation. As controversial as this provision is, it is now included in the Norwood bill, which the AMA endorses, as well as the Democratic leadership bill, which will likely be introduced later this week. The Administration has yet to take a position on the best way to enforce the patient protections, primarily because the ensuing business opposition resulting from such an endorsement might prove so great as to stop any patients' rights legislation from becoming law. This speech will lead off a number of quality events that will take place this week, including the final report from your Quality Commission and the likely introduction of Democratic patients' bill of rights outlined below.

Final Quality Commission Meeting and Report. On Thursday and Friday, your Quality Commission is scheduled to release its final report on the second part of its charge: how best to develop and use health care standards for both businesses and consumers. There are currently numerous quality problems in the health care system, such as avoidable errors, over utilization and variation in services. For example, each year 80,000 women undergo unnecessary hysterectomies and more than one million Americans are injured as a result of avoidable errors. The Commission is proposing a Quality Council to develop goals to improve health care quality and strategies to achieve these goals. They are also suggesting a Quality Forum, comprised of private and public sector purchasers, that will develop a consistent set of health quality measures, so that meaningful comparisons can be made. This aspect of the Commission has not received

as much attention as the consumer bill of rights but many health policy experts as well as a range of providers, consumers, and insurers believe it may have the greatest potential to positively affect the health care system. Since this is the final report of an unusually successful Commission, the media is clearly interested in their findings. However, because of the Democratic Leadership's intention to introduce a bill next week and because of scheduling conflicts we have yet to make a final decision as to whether it is advisable to hold a Presidential event around the release of the report.

Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights Legislation Bill. Next Thursday, the Democratic leadership is scheduling an event to unveil their patient protections bill. This proposed legislation will receive a broad-based support among Democrats in the House and less diverse support in the Senate. However, it includes a number of controversial enforcement provisions that allow remedies through state courts as well as new benefits requirements which would direct all health plans to cover all clinical trials, include a mandatory point-of-service option, pay for all services associated with mastectomies, and breast reconstructive surgery. The business community will no doubt argue that these provisions will lead to uncontrollable litigation, higher premiums, and more uninsured Americans. While you will clearly want to be supportive of this Democratic effort, this legislation stands little chance of passing the Congress and as such we may want to be careful about our positioning as it is introduced. In particular, too strong a signal of support may significantly accentuate the business community's opposition to this legislation and alienate particular Republican members such as Congressman Hastert, Thomas, Bilirakis, Bliley, and others who have indicated a desire to work with us on the consumer bill of rights. We will be holding an internal meeting on Monday to develop a recommendation on how you should respond to this bill.

Update on Kyl Private Contracting Issue. Last week, Nancy-Ann DeParle testified before the Senate Finance Committee on Senator Kyl's legislation on private contracting. Senator Kyl's bill makes it much easier for physicians to privately contract out with Medicare beneficiaries, thus allowing these providers to charge whatever amount they desired to these beneficiaries. With the exception of Senator Kyl and United Seniors, a right wing aging group, all of the witnesses in the hearing were extremely critical of this legislation. They particularly focused on concerns that this legislation has great potential to increase fraud and to limit access to needed services. Moreover, Chairman Roth castigated the United Seniors Organization for scaring hundreds of thousands of older Americans into incorrectly believing that they could not obtain a service or pay for a service that is not covered by Medicare. Most policy and political analysts, including the AMA -- one of the Kyl amendment's most ardent supporters -- believe that this legislation is dead at least for this Congress.

Missouri Update. Early next week, the Department of Health and Human Services will be meeting with Governor Carnahan's staff to get resolution on the approval of their children's health insurance proposal. This follows Governor Carnahan's request to you and the Vice President for a rapid response to their proposal. They have previously insisted on retaining a financing mechanism that HHS interpreted to be illegal. Although this new proposal is extremely encouraging, HCFA has not finalized its review to ensure that the financing approach is acceptable. Having said this, this development is extremely encouraging in that it represents

Missouri's implicit acknowledgment that its provider taxes are illegal. Of course, they would never explicitly say this and have made clear that this proposal should have no bearing on how the Federal government should enforce their past reliance on their provider taxes.

These negotiations are at an extremely delicate phase. As such, we are advising all within the Administration to remain quiet until they have been resolved.