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**[06/17/1998 - 06/18/1998]**

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ruby Shamir ( CN=Ruby Shamir/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 18:45:46.00

SUBJECT: Women's Mtg

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

TO: Rebecca M. Blank ( CN=Rebecca M. Blank/OU=CEA/O=EOP @ EOP [ CEA ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Audrey T. Haynes ( CN=Audrey T. Haynes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Lucia F. Gilliland ( CN=Lucia F. Gilliland/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Judith A. Winston ( CN=Judith A. Winston/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Minyon Moore ( CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Susan M. Liss ( CN=Susan M. Liss/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Francine P. Obermiller ( CN=Francine P. Obermiller/OU=CEA/O=EOP @ EOP [ CEA ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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CC: Leslie Bernstein ( CN=Leslie Bernstein/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

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CC: Tania I. Lopez ( CN=Tania I. Lopez/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Marjorie A. Black ( CN=Marjorie A. Black/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Katharine Button ( CN=Katharine Button/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

There will be a Women's Mtg on Thursday at 9am in room 100. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 12:53:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: White House Invitation to Old Fashion Fair, June 20, 1998

TO: Sandra Thurman ( CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Robert Soliz ( CN=Robert Soliz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Matthew Murguia ( CN=Matthew Murguia/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ira C. Magaziner ( CN=Ira C. Magaziner/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Brad L. Austin ( CN=Brad L. Austin/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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TO: Jonathan H. Schnur ( CN=Jonathan H. Schnur/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Tanya E. Martin ( CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/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: Jennifer L. Klein ( CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael Cohen ( CN=Michael Cohen/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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TO: Jonathan T. Weber ( CN=Jonathan T. Weber/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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

TO: Michael A. O'Mary ( CN=Michael A. O'Mary/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Gregory W. Chang ( CN=Gregory W. Chang/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. ( CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEXT:  
FYI-

also please e-mail me your guests name asap if you have not already.  
thanks.

----- Forwarded by Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP on 06/17/98 12:50  
PM -----

Brooks E. Scoville

06/17/98 12:42:29 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Re: White House Invitation to Old Fashion Fair, June 20, 1998

FYI. Please contact the Social Office with any other questions about the event itself.

----- Forwarded by Brooks E. Scoville/WHO/EOP on 06/17/98  
12:41 PM -----

Kim B. Widdess

06/17/98 12:32:07 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Brooks E. Scoville/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: White House Invitation to Old Fashion Fair, June 20, 1998

STAFF PICNIC  
FACT SHEET

DATE: Saturday, June 20, 1998

TIME: 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
Gates Open at 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Lawn

ATTIRE: Casual

RAIN PLAN: Picnic will happen Rain or Shine, but some of the activities will be cancelled.

GATE: East Visitors Entrance

All EOP PASSHOLDERS are invited with ONE GUEST. They DO NOT need tickets to get in, they just need to present their pass and they will be admitted with their one guest.

ALL PASSHOLDERS MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR GUEST.

If you DO NOT have an EOP PASS, and you are not the guest of an EOP PASSHOLDER, you must have a TICKET to enter.

You must respond through your administrative contact to the SOCIAL OFFICE and a ticket will be issued in your name.

The Ticket will be sent to your administrative contact on FRIDAY.

Children under the age of 6 do not count as a guest.

Message Sent

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Fibich/CEA/EOP  
Kathryn M. McKeown/WHO/EOP  
Carolyn D. Mosley/CEQ/EOP  
DIMEL\_M @ A1 @ CD @ VAXGTWY  
COSTIC\_M @ A1 @ CD @ VAXGTWY  
WRIGHT\_A @ A1 @ CD @ VAXGTWY  
Sterling A. Washington/OA/EOP  
Signe L. Girgus/OA/EOP  
Denise M. Vines/OA/EOP  
Patricia A. Bradley/OA/EOP  
Mary C. Beck/OA/EOP  
Susan P. Powell/OA/EOP  
Mary A. Nowell/OA/EOP  
Sharon A. Warner/OMB/EOP  
Linn M. Ligon/OMB/EOP  
Rhodia D. Ewell/OMB/EOP  
John B. Moore/OMB/EOP  
Clarence C. Crawford/OMB/EOP  
Areletha L. Venson/OMB/EOP  
Patricia S. Haney/OMB/EOP  
Wanda J. Foster/OMB/EOP  
Iratha H. Waters/OMB/EOP  
Dianne M. Wells/OMB/EOP  
Katherine M. Tyer/OMB/EOP  
Mary Jo Siclari/OMB/EOP  
Brenda F. Harper/OMB/EOP  
Doris J. Wingard/OMB/EOP  
Lisa M. Jones/OMB/EOP  
Tilman Dean/ONDCP/EOP  
Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP  
Gay L. Joshlyn/OPD/EOP  
Barbara A. Ferguson/OSTP/EOP  
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Courtland L. Willman/WHO/EOP  
Lisa J. Levin/WHO/EOP  
Edward F. Hughes/WHO/EOP  
Jonathan E. Smith/WHO/EOP  
Carolyn T. Wu/WHO/EOP  
G. Timothy Saunders/WHO/EOP  
Jaime E. Uzeta/WHO/EOP  
Mindy E. Myers/WHO/EOP  
Huma M. Abedin/WHO/EOP  
Betty W. Currie/WHO/EOP  
Ilia V. Velez/WHO/EOP  
Nelson W. Cunningham/WHO/EOP  
Cynthia M. Jasso-Rotunno/WHO/EOP

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Marilyn R. Jacanin/WHO/EOP  
Bethany T. Przeworski/WHO/EOP  
Lori L. Anderson/WHO/EOP  
Lee R. Johnson/WHO/EOP  
Mary Morrison/WHO/EOP  
Jonathan H. Adashek/WHO/EOP  
Carolyn E. Cleveland/WHO/EOP  
Theresa F. Granger/WHO/EOP  
Tracy Pakulniewicz/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 17:51:05.00

SUBJECT: Tobacco Cloture Vote Failed 57-42 (needed 60 to pass)

TO: marti.thomas ( marti.thomas @ ms01.do.treas.sprint.com @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

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

TO: guzy.gary ( guzy.gary @ epamail.epa.gov @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: kburkel ( kburkel @ os.dhhs.gov @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: Jerold R. Mande ( CN=Jerold R. Mande/OU=OSTP/O=EOP @ EOP [ OSTP ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: karl.scholz ( karl.scholz @ treas.sprint.com @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David W. Beier ( CN=David W. Beier/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

TO: sheketoff-emily ( sheketoff-emily @ dol.gov @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: JONATHAN.GRUBER ( JONATHAN.GRUBER @ MS01.DO.treas.sprint.com @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: johara ( johara @ osophs.dhhs.gov @ inet [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Toby Donenfeld ( CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TEXT:

14 Rs voted aye: Abraham, Chafee, Jeffords, McCain, Snowe, Roth, Bennett,  
G. Smith, Collins, Dewine, Gregg, Grassley, D'Amato, Frist;

2 Ds voted no: Robb, Ford

The Senate will now vote on a budget point of order -- if there are not 60

votes to waive the budget point of order (we don't expect there to be), then the bill will be sent back to committee.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 12:01:15.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Barry called & wants to get the tobacco Q&A's for today as soon as possible -Laura

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 12:53:52.00

SUBJECT: Executive director of disability task force

TO: Lori Schack ( CN=Lori Schack/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Larry R. Matlack ( CN=Larry R. Matlack/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Barbara Chow ( CN=Barbara Chow/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 17:16:12.00

SUBJECT: BR: in response to your Q re: FL

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

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

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

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

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP on 06/17/98  
05:15 PM -----

JOSHUA  
GOTBAUM  
06/17/98 03:35:58 PM

Record Type: Non-Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP  
cc:  
bcc:  
Subject: Re: Question re: FL, TX, and MS \$\$

To: Joshua Gotbaum/OMB/EOP@EOP  
cc: Richard J. Turman/OMB/EOP@EOP, Cynthia Dailard/OPD/EOP@EOP  
Subject: Question re: FL, TX, and MS \$\$

Am I right in understanding that the bill does not currently have any formula by which the state funds would be apportioned?

Bruce was wondering if we know how TX, FL, and Mississippi would fare under their own settlements vs. the current bill. Without assuming a formula, I assume we couldn't figure that out?

The state of Florida believes they will get less money under the current bill than under their settlement. Florida, like TX and MS, has a clause in its settlement saying it will superceded by "substantially similar" federal legislation. Thus, they can't take advantage of the state opt-out now in the bill (though they could litigate whether the law is "substantially similar"). Minnesota, whose settlement gives the companies an explicit credit against federal tobacco-related payments, does not have seem to have this problem.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Audrey M. Hutchinson ( CN=Audrey M. Hutchinson/OU=PIR/O=EOP [ PIR ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUN-1998 08:41:30.00

SUBJECT: PIR/WH COORDINATING MEETING

TO: D. Bambi Kraus ( CN=D. Bambi Kraus/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Randy D. Ayers ( CN=Randy D. Ayers/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Katherine D. Sheckells ( CN=Katherine D. Sheckells/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

TO: Doris O. Matsui ( CN=Doris O. Matsui/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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: 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 ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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

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

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

TO: Michael J. Sorrell ( CN=Michael J. Sorrell/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael Wenger ( CN=Michael Wenger/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 ] )  
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TO: Marjorie A. Black ( CN=Marjorie A. Black/OU=PIR/O=EOP @ EOP [ PIR ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maureen T. Shea ( CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dario J. Gomez ( CN=Dario J. Gomez/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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I am notifying you on behalf of Minyon Moore and Judith Winston that the weekly PIR/WH COORDINATING MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 4PM in the ROOSEVELT ROOM. The Agenda will follow. Thanks. Audrey Hutchinson.

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TEXT:

Elena,

FYI. I attended a meeting yesterday with Maria and OMB (Michael Deich and Steve Mertens) re: naturalization. Maria is interested in developing a "good government" plan to reform the naturalization process (as you know, there is now an almost 2 year backlog on naturalization applications). In the past, INS has asked for more appropriated funds for naturalization, but has been unable to come up with a plan for how to spend the \$ and how that spending would reduce the backlog or improve efficiency. Deich suggested that Maria ask us and OMB to work with INS over the next several weeks on a plan for moving forward with goals, steps and a timetable. Maria will likely call a meeting soon with INS, OMB and us to suggest this.

Julie

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TEXT:

We are rescheduling this meeting on the FICA/Workfare ruling for Friday, June 19, at 2:00 p.m. (Bruce Reed's office). Please let me know if you have a conflict. Thanks.

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**MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM: GENE SPERLING  
SALLY KATZEN**

**RE: BANKRUPTCY REFORM LEGISLATION**

Last week, the House passed, by a veto-proof majority, a bankruptcy bill that your administration said it "strongly opposes." A better, but still flawed, bill (voted out of committee 16-2) may be taken up by the Senate before the July 4th recess or soon thereafter. Both bills were changed recently to address concerns that you, the First Lady, and others have raised about their impact on debtors' capacity to pay child support and alimony, although some problems still remain.

After an NEC interagency review, your advisors have reached a consensus that some bankruptcy reform is important. These bills contain many provisions that are beneficial, including a cap on state homestead exemptions, debtor education pilots, penalties for unjustified creditor activities, measures to discourage bad-faith repeat filings, and provisions to improve data collection and audit procedures. However, certain controversial provisions of the current bills need significant changes to satisfy our objectives and concerns. **We propose to advance quickly an Administration proposal in hopes of influencing the Senate bill on the floor and giving the Administration greater leverage in conference.** The proposal would address three issues: (1) limitations on access to Chapter 7; (2) new nondischargeable debts and their impact on child support and alimony payments; and (3) new provisions to protect against coercive creditor behavior and to require more responsibility from creditors in extending credit. The group also has identified alternatives to parts of this proposal on which we could compromise, if necessary.

**I. BACKGROUND**

***Rising Consumer Bankruptcies:*** Despite what Goldman Sachs recently called "the best economy ever," personal bankruptcies have continued to rise sharply, from roughly 800,000 in 1994 to nearly 1.4 million in 1997. Recent figures for the first quarter of 1998 showed another 20 percent increase over 1997's pace.

***Disputed Causes:*** There is much dispute about the cause of this increase, but little definitive

evidence. Creditors assert that lawyer advertising, reduced social stigma, and increased information about the financial advantages of bankruptcy have encouraged an increasing number of consumers to walk away from debts they could pay back. Consumer advocates argue that lenders have irresponsibly extended too much credit to families who are ill-prepared to handle it, and that most bankruptcies happen when unexpected events push such a family over the financial edge; indeed, rising bankruptcy rates track closely rising levels of unsecured debt, although causation cannot be proven.

**Potential for Abuse:** Under current rules, some debtors with high incomes walk away from their debts entirely, even when they have the capacity to repay at least a portion of those debts; other debtors file repeatedly without any intention of completing bankruptcy, for the purpose of delaying bona fide collection activities; and generous state exemptions (including unlimited homestead exemptions in eight states and exemptions for items like race horses and silver spoons in Virginia) prompt some to shift assets to exempt categories prior to a bankruptcy filing to avoid making payment to any unsecured creditors. Consumer advocates argue that these cases are not the norm and should not prompt limits on those who genuinely need bankruptcy's fresh start.

**Consumer Impact:** Regardless of who is to blame, **higher levels of debt charge-offs appear to raise the cost of credit for everyone.** One industry study suggests that bankruptcies cost every American household between \$300-400 per year. Higher credit costs disproportionately fall on lower-income families, since they are more likely to carry a balance on their card. While in the past credit card interest rates did not always rise and fall with market rates, the industry is now more competitive, so that reduced bankruptcies are likely to translate to lower interest rates and increased access to credit for those who pay their bills.

**Legislative Momentum:** The popularity of these bills can be explained by the system's vulnerability to abuse and the apparent consumer costs, as well as an extremely effective and well-financed industry campaign and legislators' fears of being labeled protectors of deadbeats.

## **II. LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS TO CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY**

**Current Law:** Today, there is little limit on debtor's access to Chapter 7's full and immediate discharge of debt (usually with no payments to unsecured creditors); however, in some circuits, courts find, on their own motion, that it is "substantial abuse" for a debtor with the ability to repay 20% of their unsecured debts over three years, after taking account of all necessary expenses, to go through Chapter 7 rather than a Chapter 13 repayment plan,

**House and Senate Bills:** Both bills would require those with the capacity to repay a portion of their debt to do so under a Chapter 13 plan. We opposed the House bill because it determines access to Chapter 7 under a rigid "means test" that does not take into account the unique circumstances of individual debtors. The Senate approach is more flexible, building on the abuse test in use in some circuits. The Senate bill would authorize a bankruptcy judge to apply this test to any debtor with income above the median and, for the first time, allow creditors to file

the motion seeking a determination of abuse. Creditors would have to pay debtors' attorneys fees if their filings were not 'substantially justified' or were brought to coerce a debtor to waive a right.

**Administration proposal:** We propose a variation on the Senate bill whereby **the bankruptcy court would have discretion to determine whether or not a debtor's use of Chapter 7 is abuse; however, there would be a presumption of abuse if a debtor has an income above the median and the capacity to repay either at least 30% of her debts or some specified amount (such as \$5000) over three years.** (No debtor would be denied access to Chapter 7 unless she had the ability to repay a minimum of \$50 a month in unsecured, nonpriority debt. Any lesser amount is too small to merit the Chapter 13 administrative costs or to risk the chance that the creditor was pursuing the motion to coerce the debtor to forgo another bankruptcy right.)

We also would provide that, if a debtor moved more than \$50,000 from nonexempt to exempt assets within one year of the filing, she would be subject to a presumption of abuse, regardless of income. In determining a debtor's capacity to repay, we propose to explicitly exclude luxuries (e.g., expensive cars or boats) from necessary expenses.

These presumptive guidelines could be overcome if the court determined, e.g., that the debtor faced unusual but necessary expenses or could not be expected to maintain reliably her current level of income. Such presumptive guidelines have proven to be highly effective in promoting uniformity and fairness in establishing child support award amounts. Since the average debtor under Chapter 13 repays 20% of her debts and has income below the national median, those who meet this higher threshold are the most likely to succeed under a repayment plan.

### **III. NONDISCHARGEABLE DEBT AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY**

The Bankruptcy Code makes debts nondischargeable only where there is an overriding public purpose, as with child support, alimony, educational loans, tax obligations, or debts incurred by fraud. The House and Senate bills have provisions that would broaden the categories of nondischargeable credit card debt, although the largest new category has been dropped and the two remaining categories narrowed. These provisions raise two questions: (1) Do the additional debts made nondischargeable by these bills rise to the same level of public priority as other nondischargeable debts? and (2) What impact does the protection of new categories of debt have on the ability of the debtor, post-bankruptcy, to repay existing categories of nondischargeable debt (e.g., child support and alimony, educational loans, and taxes)? They also force us to recognize that consumers use credit cards today for many purposes that were inconceivable only a few years ago (e.g., groceries or paying student loans). This Administration envisions -- and, in fact, encourages -- greater use of electronic commerce.

#### **Debts incurred to pay other nondischargeable debts.**

**Current law:** If a debtor uses a credit card to pay federal taxes, the credit card debt is

nondischargeable.

**House and Senate bills:** Both make a debt incurred to pay any nondischargeable debt nondischargeable, although the Senate effectively eliminates the provision if the debtor is a single parent or owes child support and/or alimony.

**Administration Proposal:** We propose that the **current law remain unchanged**; however, if a debtor paid a nondischargeable debt with a credit card, it would be a factor in determining whether the debtor's use of Chapter 7 was abuse.

#### **Debts incurred in the period immediately before bankruptcy.**

**Current Law:** Debts for luxuries over \$1000 owed to a single creditor within 60 days of bankruptcy are nondischargeable. There is some evidence that this provision and other anti-fraud provisions do not prevent some debtors from running up debt knowing that a discharge is likely.

**House and Senate Bills:** Both would make all debts incurred within 90 days of bankruptcy for luxuries be presumptively nondischargeable. In addition, they would make presumptively nondischargeable debt above (\$250 in the House; \$400 in the Senate) per credit card for necessaries during the same period.

**Administration Proposal:** We propose to agree to make **debt for luxuries within 90 days of bankruptcy presumptively nondischargeable; however, a cap of \$250 or \$400 on necessary expenses incurred prior to bankruptcy is inappropriate.** One can easily imagine a family, in the months prior to bankruptcy, paying for rent, school clothes, and even groceries on their credit card. Courts can easily compare current spending patterns to prior spending and determine whether charges are truly for necessary expenses.

#### **Child Support and Alimony Considerations**

We should note that the current bills have seven different new provisions designed to either mitigate the impact of the additional nondischargeable debt on payment of child support and alimony or to give child support and alimony additional protections in and after bankruptcy. Some experts we have consulted argue that the benefits provided by these additional provisions outweigh any modest harm to child support and alimony payments that remains from the nondischargeability provisions. On the other hand, the women's groups continue their opposition to these bills. Moreover, these provisions, which focus only on child support and alimony, do not address our policy concern that new nondischargeable debt will now compete with other types of existing nondischargeable debts, such as educational loans. For these reasons, the Administration proposals described above would allow only one small category of new nondischargeable debt (luxuries purchased 90 days before bankruptcy) where there is a policy argument against allowing run-up prior to bankruptcy; for the remaining categories, we would leave current law or address the problem a different way.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PREDATORY CREDITOR PRACTICES**

Your advisors are particularly concerned about the unequal bargaining power of the creditor and debtor and how the changes in bankruptcy rules could further shift the balance and create opportunities for coercion and consumer harm. To address this concern, and to ensure legislation requires responsibility of both debtor and creditor, we propose new consumer protections.

##### **Reaffirmations of Unsecured Debt**

Although debtors in Chapter 7 have a right to have their unsecured debts discharged, some debtors reaffirm one or more debts. While there may be some circumstances in which it is in the debtor's best interest to do so (e.g., as a condition of obtaining a line of credit needed for a small business), those cases are few. The risk is real, however, that debtors are pressured into reaffirming their debts by aggressive creditors. After Sears recently paid large penalties for such practices, another Bankruptcy Judge (Fenning) said she scrutinized her court records and found evidence of widespread coercive reaffirmations. Since debts reaffirmed survive bankruptcy, they compete with child support and alimony in a post-bankruptcy world. Eliminating coercive reaffirmations also would help to reduce the current level of competition child support and alimony payments face.

**Current Law:** Disclosures are required and the court must determine that a reaffirmation does not impose an undue hardship on the debtor or a dependant and is in the debtor's best interest; however, an affirmation of the debtor's attorney to that effect suffices.

**House and Senate Bills:** No related provisions.

**Administration Proposal:** We propose to require the court itself to find that there was a compelling reason for the debtor to reaffirm a debt, without reliance on counsel affidavits. We also propose to bar reaffirmation of debts that add attorneys' fees and costs to the debt, to increase penalties on attempts to enforce invalid reaffirmations, and to clarify on that the automatic stay bars threats to file abuse motions and solicitations of reaffirmations.

##### **Credit Card Minimum Payment Disclosure**

We also believe that some signal should be sent to creditors about lending practices that entice debtors to get further and further into debt.

**Current Law:** Most debtors believe that by making the minimum payment on their credit card they are slowing working off their debt. However, depending upon the interest rate, they may be

falling further and further behind. Creditors are increasingly offering minimum payment plans that amortize debt over decades, if at all.

**House and Senate bills:** No related provisions.

**Administration Proposal:** We propose a process for subordinating debt if the creditor did not disclose clearly to the debtor the time period over which the debt would amortize at the minimum payment level. The subordinated debt would only be paid, in a Chapter 13 plan or a Chapter 7 liquidation, after all other unsecured, nonpriority debt. In most cases, this will mean it will never be repaid.

### **Other Non-Bankruptcy Steps to Improve Consumer Credit Practices**

We also are exploring whether there are other non-bankruptcy steps we can take to clamp down on predatory lender practices and better help consumers to understand their own borrowing. We have consensus on a proposal that requires all lenders to disclose the time period over which debt is amortized by minimum payments. This proposal, and others under review, fall under the jurisdiction of other committees. Thus, it is not feasible to insist that Congress include these proposals in the bankruptcy bill at this time. However, we might unveil these proposals in connection with a campaign to educate consumers about the use of credit, using the bully pulpit the way we have done to encourage retirement savings.

## **V. ADVISORS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

All your advisors recommend we proceed as described, including CoS, NEC, Counsel, OPL, OLA, OMB, CEA, DPC, First Lady, DoJ, Treasury, Commerce, and Education.

- The NEC believes that requiring greater responsibility of both creditors and debtors is the best way to address the “unclean hands” of some of the legislation’s proponents.
- Treasury and CEA emphasize that needs-based reform will decrease the cost of, and increase access to, credit for those debtors who do pay their bills by limiting opportunistic bankruptcy among those higher income debtors who do not.
- DoJ supports the plan and stresses that other provisions of these bills, like the cap on state homestead exemptions, measures to discourage bad faith repeat filings, and provisions to improve data collection and audit procedures, are important reforms.
- OPL believes that, while consumer advocates oppose any bill, reforms limiting access to Chapter 7 and stemming coercive reaffirmations appear valid. OPL wants to see us fight for aspects of our proposal that protect against any impact on child support (before or after bankruptcy) of new nondischargeable credit card debt.
- The First Lady’s Office strongly supports advancing proposals that achieve more balanced reform by calling for responsibility on the part of the creditor as well as the debtor, and recommends that we continue to focus on the child support issue to ensure that protections in this area are as strong as possible.

- OLA stresses the popularity of bankruptcy reform and advises that we advance proposals that have a realistic prospect of inclusion, or we may find ourselves faced with overwhelmingly popular legislation that fails to satisfy our announced concerns.

**VI. DECISION**

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The summary we have of Hatch's proposal is the one Breaux sent us on May 15th (labeled "draft 2"). Do you have a more up to date version?

We've found nothing introduced by Hatch in Thomas or Lexis/Nexis. I've called Breaux's office to see if they have an updated one, but hesitate to call Hatch or Feinstein directly.

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H.R. 4059 -- MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL, FY 1999  
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This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on H.R. 4059, the Military Construction Appropriations Bill, FY 1999, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee. Your consideration of the Administration's views would be

appreciated.

The Administration is disappointed that the Committee has chosen to increase funding above the level requested for the Military Construction Appropriations Bill, while reducing the President's request for national defense programs funded by the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill.

The Committee has added \$580 million to the President's request for over 90 specific, unrequested projects and other programs, partially offset by \$130 million in reductions to requested items. The Administration urges that the unrequested funding be deleted, and funding for requested programs be restored.

#### Other Objectionable Features

The Administration objects to the Committee's:

Refusal to provide advance appropriations of \$568.6 million for a number of large construction projects, especially ammunition demilitarization facilities. Advance appropriations would ensure that full funding is available to complete projects before construction begins. Without full funding, it is difficult to optimize planning, scheduling, and cost control. The Administration opposes incremental funding of these projects and urges the House to provide the advance appropriations as requested.

Failure to include requested authority that would enable the Secretary of Defense to transfer appropriations within the appropriation accounts in the Military Construction Appropriations Act. Similar transfer authority in Defense Appropriations Acts has been used with great success to meet unplanned requirements, without reducing the opportunity for congressional oversight.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AND CHIEF OF STAFF ERSKINE BOWLES

The Briefing Room

6:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. The vote that was just completed in the Senate clearly shows that a bipartisan majority of 57 clearly supports tough legislation to protect the children of this country from tobacco. Needless to say, I am very disappointed that a Republican minority blocked the legislation from being voted on.

Today, like every other day, 3,000 young children start to smoke, and 1,000 of them will have their lives shortened because of it. If more members of the Senate would vote like parents rather than politicians we could solve this problem and go on to other business of the country.

I have been working for three years now to protect our children from the dangers of tobacco. I want the tobacco lobby and its allies on Capitol Hill to know that from my point of view this battle is far from over.

Q Sir, what's your strategy, what do you do now?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the Senate has to come back to it, but they have to do it in a hurry if we're going to act. After all, we only have six weeks until the August recess -- not quite that -- and then we have only a month or so when they come back, the month of September, because they will, doubtless, want to go home in October to campaign.

So the parameters of this bill are well-known; what has to be done to get a bill that can not only pass, but can actually be effective not only in raising the price of cigarettes, but in limiting advertising and having smoking cessation programs and giving the public health money out there, the research money we need. Everybody knows what has to be done.

We showed a lot of flexibility here in trying to work with the members of the Senate. We had a tax cut in there to deal with the marriage penalty for people with incomes under \$50,000. We had some more anti-drug money in there. The lawyer fee issue was addressed in the amendment most recently adopted. We can do this, and we need to do it and do it promptly.

There is not a lot of time, but I think it would be a great mistake for those who believe that because of the \$40 million ad campaign by the tobacco industry which has gone unanswered and which has a lot of things in it which are just false, that they now have a free ride on this to walk away from 1,000 lives a day. We don't have a free ride to walk away from 1,000 lives a day. And I believe we can do it.

Q Is it really dead? Isn't it really dead, Mr. President?  
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THE PRESIDENT: No, I don't think it is dead.

Q You were depending on it for a lot of tax revenue, Mr. President. If you don't get it, where do you find that revenue?

THE PRESIDENT: That's not entirely true. It is true that a lot of the things that I think should be funded in terms of giving this money back to the states, who are out a lot of money because they spent a fortune treating people on tobacco-related illnesses, could be used to help children and families with things like child care. The Senate voted for that, and I thought it was a good amendment.

But the most important thing here is not that. The most important thing is to protect children from the dangers of tobacco. And that is at the nub of this and that is what needs to be put front and center. And if they will do it, we can still do this. But they have to hurry. There's not a lot of time.

Q Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Bowles is handling all the details of this, and I think I should let him come up and talk about it.

Q Mr. President, do you think there will be political consequences for the people if this bill fails?

THE PRESIDENT: I certainly hope there will be, and there should be. I think that there are those who believe there won't be because the public has been treated to \$40 million of unanswered advertising by their allies. And they believe that the opinion that may be held in certain selected districts or whatever today is the one that will hold at election day. I don't believe that's true. I think when the American people understand fully what has been going on, they won't like what they see and they will be worried about these children. They nearly always -- the public almost always gets it right when they have enough time, and they've got plenty of time.

So I think we need to do this.

Q Mr. President, was it necessary to increase --

Q -- stay in session, and will you forego your own vacation in order to get this done? Would you forego your vacation?

MR. BOWLES: Sam, I'd be delighted to forego my vacation. As a matter of fact, seriously, I talked to Senator Lott today, and I told Senator Lott that we would be here in the month of August, that we would be here in the month of October, and we were prepared to move forward with this bill and continue to fight at every step of the process.

Q Is he the villain of the piece?

MR. BOWLES: I think there are 42 villains.

Q You're right, it was a serious question, and you answered it seriously. But the President could call on the Senate to stay in session until it took this bill up again and passed some version of the bill that could be sent to the House.

MR. BOWLES: We're going to continue both in the House and in the Senate to fight for passage of this bill. You're going to see this bill attached to almost every piece of legislation that comes down the pike. You're going to see us try to get the Hansen-Meehan bill discharged in the House of Representatives. We're going to continue to move forward with this bill because it's what the American people want, and 57 senators voted for it today.

Q What do you think really then stopped it cold in its tracks now?

MR. BOWLES: I think this is what I believe is the worst of Washington. I think politics stopped this thing cold.

Q Well, what do you say, Mr. Bowles, to those who say there was a \$350 billion deal that the state attorneys general made,

and that in the process of getting legislation you added on another \$150 billion which made it simply intolerable to the tobacco industry?

MR. BOWLES: I think that's incorrect. I think what we did was make this bill have a higher probability of doing something about stopping teenage smoking. Every study I've seen has shown that you need at least \$1.10 increase in the price of tobacco in order to do something serious about stopping kids from smoking. So this bill that we had had full FDA authority in there; it had \$1.10 increase in the price of tobacco; it had the right kinds of things in there to stop marketing to kids; and it had the right things in there to lessen the chance that kids would have access to tobacco. So it had the kinds of things that we felt were important.

In addition, it had what the Republicans said they needed. It had the anti-drug provisions; it had a tax cut. There's only one reason that this thing didn't pass, and that's that \$40 million that the tobacco industry spent on it and the \$12 million worth of campaign contributions that they had made.

Q Instead of getting a bill that the tobacco industry would have supported, that would have generated \$350 billion in revenue, that would have done all the things on advertising, you wind up with nothing.

MR. BOWLES: Oh, I don't think it's any chance that we're going to wind up with nothing. I think they have made a clear mistake. I think the American people will demand this happen. I have not met a single parent that wants their kids to begin to smoke.

Q So you think November is going to show the results of this?

MR. BOWLES: I certainly hope so.

Q How does this affect the balanced budget?

Q The President said the ad campaign has gone unanswered. Why has it gone unanswered? Why haven't you responded?

MR. BOWLES: The industry has spent \$40 million advertising. We have tried to do the best we could with the limited resources we had to come forward and get the message across to the American people. We have used the bully pulpit. The public health community has come forward with some ads, as you know, in order to educate people about this. We simply could not compete with that \$40 million that the industry chose to spend.

Q So your basic strategy now is to attach it to every bill that goes forward?

MR. BOWLES: We're going to try to attach it to every major piece of legislation that comes forward. We're going to make this a fight to the finish.

Q Mr. Bowles, does the tobacco industry have reason to celebrate tonight? Has its investment paid off?

MR. BOWLES: I think the American people have a reason

to really be sad tonight. I really do. I think every parent in this room should really be upset.

Q Did you and the President work the phones today, lobbying members of the Senate to try to --

MR. BOWLES: Yes, we did. And I think that's how we got 14 -- it's one of the reasons we got 14 Republicans to vote yes.

Q Approximately, how many senators did you talk to and the President talked to?

MR. BOWLES: I talked to a lot; I think the President said he talked to 10. I can't remember the exact number I talked to.

Q -- Republican Caucus today that led to this strategy of the defeat of the bill?

MR. BOWLES: I certainly think so.

Q Mr. Bowles, how will this affect the balanced budget?

MR. BOWLES: I don't think it's going to have a material effect on the balanced budget, Wolf. I think if you look at the budget we put together, the revenues that are going to come in here were going to be spent for research, they were going to be spent for counter-advertising and smoking cessation programs and public health. They were going to be spent for tobacco farmers and also going to be spent -- money going back to the states. And that's money now that we will not have, and therefore, we will not spend it.

Q Weren't you also going to spend money on child care?

MR. BOWLES: The child care money was in the money going to the states. There was about \$25 billion going to the states; some of that was child care money. There was about -- Bruce, correct me if my numbers are wrong -- about \$13 billion going for research, about \$13 billion going for smoking cessation counter-advertising and public health, and about \$10 billion going to the tobacco farmers. And I think that's roughly the whole amount of money.

Q Are you willing to come down on the overall number a little bit to try to meet the tobacco industry halfway?

MR. BOWLES: We have spent so long on this bill. We got it through the Senate committee on a vote by 19-1; we got 57 senators, well over a majority of the senators to vote for this thing. This is the right bill. This is the right construction. And we're going to go forward with this bill and try to get it passed.

Q Is this an indication, sir, that the President may have lost some clout with Congress because of his legal and personal problems?

MR. BOWLES: I don't see how. He got 57 senators to vote for him.

Thank you.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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Minority Leader

Dear:

As you know, there have been some recent tragedies across the country that involve hate crimes. Last week a man in Jasper, Texas, was dragged behind a pickup truck, dismembered and killed. While this tragic event serves to focus America's attention on the problem, every week scores of our fellow citizens are subjected to violence on account of **their race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.**

In America we hear too many stories like the 13-year-old African American boy nearly beaten to death when he rode his bicycle through the wrong neighborhood, the gay American murdered as he walked home from work, the Asian American who lost her store to a firebomb hurled by a racist, the Jewish American whose house of worship was desecrated by swastikas.

We hear too many of these stories -- stories of violent acts which are not just despicable acts of bias and bigotry, they are crimes. They strike at the heart of what it means to be an American. They are the antithesis of the values that define us as a nation. They have nothing to do with freedom or equality or respect for differences of opinion, and most importantly, they prevent us from respecting one another. I believe -- and I hope you will agree -- that now is the time for us to unite as Americans and take strong and decisive action to fight these hate crimes and to stop intolerance.

I am thus writing you today to restate my deeply-held belief that the Congress must act quickly this year to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998. This crucial legislation would expand the ability of the Justice Department to prosecute hate crimes by removing needless jurisdictional requirements for existing crimes and by giving federal prosecutors for the first time the power to prosecute hate crimes committed on account of a bias against a person's sexual orientation, gender or disability.

**There is no problem more important to the future of this country than attacking the divisive issue of intolerance, prejudice and violent bigotry. This legislation will lead the way in making sure people from all walks of life feel more safe and secure in our country,**

**whatever their race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. I implore you to move this vital piece of legislation without delay.**

Sincerely,

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TEXT:

The Senate began consideration of the Agriculture FY99 Appropriations bill and will resume debate tomorrow, Friday, June 19. Please review and provide comments/clearance by 10:30am tomorrow (5-4790). Thank you.

S. 2159 -- AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, FY

1999

(Sponsors: Stevens (R), Alaska; Cochran (R), Mississippi)

This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on S. 2159, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 1999, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Your consideration of the Administration's views would be appreciated.

The Administration appreciates efforts by the Committee to

accommodate the President's priorities within the 302(b) allocation. However, because the Congress has not adopted the President's user fee proposals, the allocation is simply insufficient to make the necessary investments in programs funded by this bill. As a result, a variety of critical programs are underfunded, as discussed below.

The only way to achieve the appropriate investment level is to offset discretionary spending by using savings in other areas. The President's FY 1999 Budget proposes levels of discretionary spending for FY 1999 that conform to the Bipartisan Budget Agreement by providing savings through user fees and certain mandatory programs to help finance discretionary spending. In the recently enacted Transportation Equity Act, Congress -- on a broad, bipartisan basis -- took similar action in approving funding for surface transportation programs paid for with mandatory offsets. We want to work with the Congress on mutually-agreeable mandatory and other offsets that could be used to increase high-priority discretionary programs, including those funded by this bill. In addition, we urge the Congress to adopt the user fee proposals included in the President's budget, which would enable over \$600 million to be directed to important initiatives such as those proposed for food safety, nutrition programs, rural development, and conservation.

Below is a discussion of our specific concerns with the Committee-reported bill. We look forward to working with you to resolve these concerns as the bill moves forward.

#### Civil Rights

The Administration is working to include in the bill a provision that waives the statute of limitations for individuals who have previously filed a discrimination claim against USDA. The President is personally committed to righting any wrongs committed by USDA employees in years past, and a great many individuals who were discriminated against will have no recourse unless the statute of limitations is waived for them. We will continue to work to identify appropriate offsets for the cost of this waiver.

In a number of areas, the Committee has reduced funds to assist the most needy farmers and members of the rural community. The Committee does not provide the requested increase for the Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers program, which was a key recommendation of the Civil Rights Action Team (CRAT) report last year. With the additional \$7 million requested, USDA could support 35 projects to assist 10,000 small family farms and stem the continuing reduction in the number of minority farmers and ranchers.

Another recommendation in the CRAT report is to increase the amount of farm ownership loans, a portion of which are targeted to minority and beginning farmers. The Administration urges the Senate to provide the additional \$3 million requested for this program by the President, which would permit another 290 limited-resource farmers to finance real estate purchases. This increase could be offset by eliminating the Forestry Incentives Program, which promotes timber production on private lands. The elimination of this program was requested and included in the House bill.

#### Food Safety Initiative

The Administration is deeply concerned that the Committee has not

fully funded the President's request for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and USDA activities to enhance food safety, providing only \$2.6 million out of the \$101 million the President has requested for these activities, \$96 million of which is requested in this bill. American consumers enjoy the world's safest food supply, but too many Americans get sick, and in some cases die, from preventable food-borne diseases. The President's budget increase would expand food safety research, risk assessment capabilities, education, surveillance activities, and food import inspections. We want to work with the Congress to explore user fee options within FDA and USDA that can be used to offset the cost of the needed increases in these programs as well as provide funds to modernize further the meat and poultry inspection system.

#### Women, Infants, and Children

The Committee bill would freeze funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) at the FY 1998 level of \$3.9 billion, \$157 million below the President's request. This would only support a participation level of between 7.3 and 7.4 million women, infants, and children, and, based on FY 1998 year-end projections, would mean cutting off over 100,000 needy participants from the program. The President's request would maintain participation at 7.5 million, fulfilling the bipartisan commitment to fully fund WIC. The Administration strongly encourages the Senate to fund WIC at the President's requested level.

#### Arms Export Control Act Modification

The Administration supports section 738, which will ensure that American farmers can continue to export wheat and other commodities to India and Pakistan through USDA export assistance programs. As the President recently announced, in the sanctions the U.S. is applying toward those countries, we are attempting within the constraints of the Act to minimize the humanitarian impact on their people and adverse effects on American agriculture. Cutting off the supply of U.S. wheat would only hurt the citizens of Pakistan and India, as well as American farmers, without furthering the goal of nuclear nonproliferation.

#### Rural Development Funding

The Administration strongly objects to the Committee's blocking the mandatory Fund for Rural America from being used in FY 1999. The Fund provides additional resources for rural development and innovative agricultural research that are vitally needed to improve the quality of life in rural America and increase the productivity of U.S. farmers. The intent of Congress in creating the Fund in 1996 was to boost the overall Federal investment in these activities, not to offset discretionary spending in them. Furthermore, Congress recently passed by overwhelming margins the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, which extended the authority for the Fund while increasing its resources. We urge the Senate to strike this provision.

In addition, the Committee has not fully funded the President's request for the Rural Community Advancement Program (RCAP), underfunding direct loans for water and wastewater and for community facilities. These loans provide the community infrastructure needed to improve the quality of life of rural Americans, and often finance the vital ingredient for diversifying the rural economy. The Committee bill would result in an estimated 35 fewer water and wastewater facilities serving 50,000 rural residents, and 75 fewer rural health clinics, police and fire stations,

and child care facilities being built. Furthermore, for the RCAP program to be adaptable to unique local economic development needs, as envisioned in its 1996 Farm Bill authorization, the Senate should strike the Committee's limitation on the flexibility to transfer funds among programs and allow the program to be implemented as authorized.

#### Food and Drug Administration

The Administration strongly urges the Congress to provide the full \$1,251 million in resources to fund the program level proposed for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the President's budget. The Administration is deeply disappointed and concerned that the Committee has not funded the President's request for FDA's tobacco enforcement activities. This funding is vital to the Administration's plan to reduce youth smoking. [We understand that Congress's delay in passing comprehensive tobacco legislation is constraining the totals available for the Committee's spending allocation and has also deferred serious consideration of alternative solutions. We will continue to work aggressively with the Congress to enact comprehensive tobacco legislation and to find ways to fund the Administration's request for high priority programs.] Needs to be updated.

#### Agricultural Research

The Committee bill includes over \$50 million in unrequested earmarks for lower-priority research while funding competitive grants through the National Research Initiative (NRI) at \$33 million below the President's request. The rejection of additional funds for competitive research grants for national and regional priorities, in favor of earmarked grants for more local or industry-specific requests, will slow progress toward addressing the most pressing needs of American agriculture and food consumers, and we urge the Senate to reverse this course of action. It can do so not only by reducing earmarked grants in the bill, but by reducing the \$9 million in unrequested increases for the Agricultural Research Service's buildings and facilities program. A task force created by the 1996 Farm Bill to review the Nation's agricultural research facilities comprehensively is due to report to Congress next year, and further construction should be minimized until the Administration and Congress have had the opportunity to review the report.

#### Other Issues

Additional funds are needed for the farm labor housing program to improve the living conditions many farm labor families endure. The Committee's level of \$16 million in direct loans is more than 50 percent below the Administration's request and, when coupled with the bill's \$3 million reduction below the request for farm labor grants, would mean that over 350 fewer housing units would be built compared with the request. We urge the Senate to increase funding to assist these needy members of our society. This could be achieved by shifting \$11.5 million from the amount in the bill that is in excess of the President's request for multi-family housing direct loans.

The Committee bill includes a \$20 million reduction to the President's request for the mandatory Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which purchases commodities for individuals greatly in need of assistance. Given reported increases in need for food assistance through food banks and soup kitchens, the Administration is concerned that this reduction from the authorized level would mean less food will reach the most vulnerable Americans.

The Administration is opposed to the Committee's elimination of funds to carry out a Conservation Farm Option program. This program provides technical assistance for full farm planning to eligible farmers and ranchers to address wetlands, wildlife habitat, soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. This program will achieve solutions to natural resource issues related to farms, ranches, and rural lands through implementation of conservation program practices on eligible lands. The Administration urges the Senate to allow the program to go forward this year as authorized.

The Administration objects to section 721 of the Committee bill, which would limit Executive Branch review of USDA responses to congressional inquiries. Congress expects the Administration to be responsible for agency activities. This provision erodes that responsibility and is contrary to the widespread congressional view that more, not less, accountability is needed for improved management results. The Administration urges the Senate to delete the provision.

The Administration objects to section 735 of the Committee bill, which would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from consolidating laboratory operations. The proposed consolidation offers the opportunity for better efficiency and mission coordination, and it is part of FDA's overall streamlining goals. This provision would force FDA to spend funds on infrastructure that could otherwise be used more directly to protect public health. The Administration urges the Senate to delete this provision.

The Committee has provided none of the requested \$22 million increase for the Inspector General as part of the Administration's law enforcement initiative. This USDA initiative would save taxpayers millions of dollars lost through fraud in the food and nutrition programs, in USDA disaster, multi-family housing, and other programs, as well as improve the integrity of USDA programs. The Administration urges the Senate to increase funds for this important initiative.

The Committee bill provides funding for research on nutrition programs within the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The Administration is very pleased that funding for these activities is returned to the FNS, where research on nutrition programs will occur in the context of the program's administration.

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TEXT:

The Weekly Tobacco Strategy Meeting is scheduled for today, June 18, at 2:45 in Room 211 OEOb.

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Of the Administration's \$96 million food safety initiative for USDA and FDA, we received only \$16.8 million in the House full committee and only \$2.6 million in the Senate full committee. The full Senate is considering the Agriculture bill, but is not expected to begin voting until Monday. Senators Leahy, Harkin, and Daschle are willing to work with us to offer amendments, but have indicated that they will only do so if we present an offset. On Thursday, we offered an offset involving user fees which was rejected by Harkin's staff. OMB is continuing to work on some other offset proposals. DPC is working on a possible event for Wednesday which will highlight the problem of food safety and focus on some nonlegislative solutions already being undertaken. Because summer is the most dangerous time of year for food safety, we believe that the July 4th radio address may be an appropriate time to raise the budget and other food safety issues that are currently pending in Congress. In addition to your FY1999 budget, there are other legislative proposals involving food safety currently pending. These proposals include mandatory recall for meat and poultry, civil fines for violations, and increased FDA inspection authority for imported foods.

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TEXT:

Several of us have discussed needing to get together internally and make sure we're on the same page sense so many abortion related issues are

surfacing. Chris and I talked this morning and felt we should all get together and discuss, at least the following:

Medicare/Abortion

Insurance Coverage of Abortion

And possibly another item or two.

We'd like for as many of us as possible to get together in Ann's office at 2pm on Friday.

Hope you can make it. thanks

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
Washington, D.C. 20503-0001

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer - See Distribution below

FROM: Janet R. Forsgren (for) Assistant Director for Legislative  
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OMB CONTACT: Melissa N. Benton

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SUBJECT: Statement of Administration Policy on HR3725 Postal  
Service Health and Safety Promotion Act

DEADLINE: 2 p.m. Friday, June 19, 1998

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President. Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

COMMENTS: H.R. 3725 was ordered reported by the House Education and the Workforce Committee on June 11, 1998. Floor action has not yet been scheduled. The Administration has not taken a position on this bill to date.

The attached draft SAP was developed in anticipation of House floor action.

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RESPONSE TO  
LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL  
MEMORANDUM

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You may also respond by:

- (1) calling the analyst/attorney's direct line (you will be connected to voice mail if the analyst does not answer); or
- (2) sending us a memo or letter

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 16:09:24.00

SUBJECT:

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Rahm made some changes to PRIDE stmt; please call Laura or Jose 65568 to approve ASAP

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CREATOR: Andrea Kane ( CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 10:23:33.00

SUBJECT: Poverty Measure--next steps

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/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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CC: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

Sally Katzen convened a small meeting on Tuesday with OMB, CEA, and DPC to make sure we're on the same page about guidance to give Commerce and to lay out plan for getting more information about program and budget implications of various poverty measures.

Guidance to Commerce

Kathy Wallman from OMB will meet with Commerce (statistician to statistician) to convey EOP guidance:

1. annual CPI adjustments--make sense
2. geographic adjustment--don't spend a lot of time on it (Census will run various experimental measures which may be interesting, but while the concept of geographic adjustment makes sense, there is considerable concern about how to do it. May just result in massive formula fights and could open door to adjustments in other programs).
3. MOOP--explore adjusting on both the threshold and resource side
4. benchmarking--run some measures without benchmarking so we have alternatives (Sally is trying to talk to Bruce to make sure he's comfortable with that)

Timing: if it takes more time to do these things, OK for schedule to slip 1-2 months (til Feb-March 99).

Analysis of Program/Budget Implications

DPC/NEC process over next several months, with OMB taking lead on analysis. Plan is to set up regular meetings every 2 weeks--next one is Friday 6/26 at 2pm. Elena, Sally is hoping you'll be able to participate so you might want to let her know what time works best for you on a regular basis. OMB will start with biggest programs (medicaid, food stamps), but don't ignore smaller ones. Analysis is complex given that we don't know what alternatives are. Need to be careful of unintended consequences and interactions among programs. Keep this an EOP process for now--OMB may need to get data from agencies, but they shouldn't be brought in yet. Sally continues to mention assessing impact through some outreach (Bruce, I conveyed to Ceci your feeling that we shouldn't but I don't know if this has gotten to Sally yet--I don't think any outreach is imminent, but I'll make sure we discuss this at our next meeting).

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 16:54:58.00

SUBJECT: Hate Crime Letter

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

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

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

TEXT:

Here is a letter that we drafted, along with Richard Socarides, addressed to Senator Lott urging him to pass our hate crimes legislation. Tracy Thornton and Legis Affairs wanted to try to send this out today. Thanks, Mary  
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**DRAFT: 6-18-98**

June 18, 1998

Honorable Trent Lott  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6125

Dear Senator Lott:

As you know, there have been some recent tragedies across the country that involve hate crimes. Last week a man in Jasper, Texas, was dragged behind a pickup truck, dismembered and killed. While this tragic event serves to focus America's attention on the problem, every week scores of our fellow citizens are subjected to violence on account of **their race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.**

In America we hear too many stories like the 13-year-old African American boy nearly beaten to death when he rode his bicycle through the wrong neighborhood, the gay American murdered as he walked home from work, the Asian American who lost her store to a firebomb hurled by a racist, the Jewish American whose house of worship was desecrated by swastikas.

We hear too many of these stories -- stories of violent acts which are not just despicable acts of bias and bigotry, they are crimes. They strike at the heart of what it means to be an American. They are the antithesis of the values that define us as a nation. They have nothing to do with freedom or equality or respect for differences of opinion, and most importantly, they prevent us from respecting one another. I believe -- and I hope you will agree -- that now is the time for us to unite as Americans and take strong and decisive action to fight these hate crimes and to stop intolerance.

I am thus writing you today to restate my deeply-held belief that the Senate must act quickly this year to pass S. 1529, the "Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998." This crucial legislation, sponsored by Senators Specter and Kennedy, would expand the ability of the Justice Department to prosecute hate crimes by removing needless jurisdictional requirements for existing crimes and by giving federal prosecutors for the first time the power to prosecute hate crimes committed on account of a bias against a person's sexual orientation, gender or disability.

**Mr. Majority Leader, there is no problem more important to the future of this country than attacking the divisive issue of intolerance, prejudice and violent bigotry. This legislation will lead the way in making sure people from all walks of life feel more safe and secure in our country, whatever their race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. I look forward to working with you in a bipartisan**

**fashion to get this important piece of legislation passed expeditiously and signed into law.**

Sincerely,

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CREATOR: Kate P. Donovan ( CN=Kate P. Donovan/OU=OMB/O=EOP [ OMB ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 19:53:50.00

SUBJECT: POTUS Hate Crimes Letter

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/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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**Draft: June 18, 1998**

Honorable Trent Lott  
Majority Leader

Honorable Tom Daschle  
Minority Leader

Honorable Newt Gingrich  
Speaker

Honorable Richard Gephardt  
Minority Leader

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**disability. I implore you to move this vital piece of legislation without delay.**

Sincerely,

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 17:38:20.00

SUBJECT: philadelphia inquirer story for tomorrow

TO: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/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: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Jose Cerda III ( CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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cc: Michelle Crisci/WHO/EOP  
Subject: philadelphia inquirer story for tomorrow

the philly inquirer is calling me for a response to the fact that mayor  
rendell and gary lapierre have been exchanging letters to make  
philadelphia a case city for the nra's plan to combat gun violence --  
sounds oxymoronic--anyways, according to the reporter, rahm responded to  
this on meet the press. is there any guidance to provide for response? let  
me know. thanks

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 13:19:18.00

SUBJECT: EEOC -- update and question

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 ] )  
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TEXT:

Elena,

Ellen Vargyas (EEOC legal counsel) had a conversation with Fawell's staffer (David Frank) this morning. The CJS appropriations subcommittee folks + the Speaker's folks have authorized him to begin discussions with EEOC about a letter as compromise. As long as they are assured that EEOC is trying to work with them on this in good faith, they will not include any "no tester" legislative language at the subcommittee mark-up (next Tuesday). Frank indicated that: (1) the letter should not indicate why a compromise is being made; and (2) there may also want report language that the issue of testers was resolved with a letter from EEOC.

Frank would like resolution on the letter issue by July 1st. The full committee mark-up could be as early as July 14th. Ellen is going to begin to work on a draft letter; however, Frank was still not clear on whether they would be satisfied with a commitment to not employ testers with FY99 money or whether they would also want to preclude the agency either from using FY99 money (staff time, really) to analyze their pilot OR from bringing cases that are based on tester evidence. It is also not clear what precisely the "quo" would be on this deal -- an agreement that Gingrich (and others) would support the full appropriation? plus an agreement of no rider and no language?

According to Don Payne's staffer (ranking member on the authorizing subcommittee), Payne has had conversations with Dixon, Stokes, Clay, Lewis and Gephardt to inform them of the issue and that he is engaged. Payne's general position is: (1) we can defeat a "no tester" rider in the House; and (2) Congress should not dictate to agencies how best to enforce the law. Payne's staffer's gut is that he would be opposed to any compromise on testers. Rep. Norton has strongly indicated that she does not want a floor fight on testers. Her position is that we would lose, so we should (as quickly as possible) have EEOC send a letter to Fawell assuring no use of testers.

Martha and Broderick want to spend a little more time today figuring out whether Payne or Norton has a better read on our strength in the House (including a better read on the CBC folks) and on what the Dem. rxn. would be to a compromise. They are still of the view that we will either end up with a letter that does not signal a lack of faith in the testing enterprise OR with a rider on the appropriations bill that we fight on the floor.

Martha and Broderick would like us (DPC) to call a meeting tomorrow to finalize the Administration's view on the balance between getting the money and the issue of testers (in the context of the broader CJS appropriations bill, the PIR, etc.). They recommend that this meeting

include: DPC (us) , Leg. Affairs (Martha & Broderick); COS (Maria?);  
Counsel (Eddie and/or Chuck?); and PIR (Judy). Should I ask Laura to set  
this up? Are there others that should be included? Thanks.

Julie

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 12:05:08.00

SUBJECT: PRIDE Statement for review

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

### **Statement of the President**

Today's survey released by PRIDE is the third study since last summer indicating that younger students are getting the message on the dangers of drugs. While this news is encouraging, we must not let up the fight to protect our children from drugs. That is why in the coming months, we will take our anti-drug media campaign nationwide, fund more community anti-drug coalitions and work to enact our long-term drug strategy. And we will do everything else we can to reach our ultimate goal -- cutting teen drug use in half.

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

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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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FYI -- email from Josh late yesterday

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Richard J. Turman/OMB/EOP  
Subject: A day late and a half-dollar short...

Per your request. Sorry it's not going to be useful.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUN-1998 12:48:50.00

SUBJECT: press paper for family conference for your review

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE ANNOUNCE NEW INITIATIVES  
TO IMPROVE HEALTH FOR CHILDREN AND OLDER AMERICANS AT FAMILY  
REUNION CONFERENCE HOSTED BY VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE  
June 22, 1998**

Today, at the seventh Family Reunion Conference in Tennessee hosted by Vice President and Mrs. Gore, the President and Vice President announced a series of new initiatives to improve health for older Americans and children, and to make the health care system more responsive to the needs of families.

**Children:** issued an Executive Memorandum that directs eight Federal agencies to implement over 150 new initiatives to help enroll the millions of uninsured children eligible but not enrolled in health insurance programs, illustrating how a responsive, flexible government can meet the evolving needs of families; **Older Americans:** developed a multi-faceted national health initiative for older Americans, which includes: new preventive benefits for Medicare beneficiaries; more usable information to help make critical health care choices; and a new nationwide public/private Medicare council with over 80 organizations to ensure older Americans have the information they need to select health plans and encourage prevention and wellness; **Families:** renewed the call on Congress to pass a patients' bill of rights.

**CHILDREN: SIGNED EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM TO IMPLEMENT OVER 100 NEW  
FEDERAL COMMITMENTS TO ENROLL ELIGIBLE BUT UNINSURED CHILDREN.**

Over 4 million uninsured children are eligible for Medicaid but are not enrolled, and as the new Children's Health Insurance Program is implemented, even more families will have children who are eligible for State/Federal health insurance programs. Today, the President signed an Executive Memorandum that cuts across jurisdiction and traditional agency inflexibility by directing eight Federal agencies -- ranging from HUD to SSA to the Education Department -- to implement over 100 new Federal initiatives to help sign up the millions of uninsured children eligible but not enrolled in health insurance programs. This illustrates how a responsive flexible government can meet the evolving needs of families. These initiatives include:

- **Sending letters to 350,000 Federal workers, including Head Start teachers, school nurses, child support workers, and community health center directors** asking them to ensure that all of the families they work with whose children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP are enrolled in these programs.
- **Working With National Organizations and Programs That Reach Millions of Families to Help Enroll Children in Health Insurance Programs**, including educating grandparents through the Medicare program, holding a conference with Historically Black Colleges to identify new strategies, and ensuring that sites, including 15,000 public housing projects, 400 IRS walk-in centers, and 113 job centers, have information for families about how to enroll children in health insurance.

- **Releasing a New Guide to Help Child Care Workers Enroll Uninsured Children.** Child care centers are one family friendly setting where parents can learn about how insurance programs they may be eligible for. There are already many efforts underway to link child care centers with the health needs for the millions of children in child care. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services is releasing a new child care handbook "Child Care and Medicaid: Partners for Healthy Children" to ensure that child care workers understand how to identify and enroll families with uninsured children.

**OLDER AMERICANS: ANNOUNCED NEW NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE HEALTH OF OLDER AMERICANS.** One of the greatest concerns for families is the health of older family members. Today, the President and Vice President:

- **Implemented Historic New Preventive Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries.** The President and Vice President announced that starting July 1st, for the first time, Medicare will cover two critical preventive benefits -- bone mass measurement tests to detect osteoporosis and diabetes education. The President enacted these new benefits, as well as a series preventive screening benefits to detect cancer, implemented earlier this year, as part of the historic Balanced Budget Act of 1997. These benefits underscore how Medicare is trying to encourage better health outcomes for families.
- **Unveiled New Nationwide Public Service Announcement on Osteoporosis Featuring the First Lady and Mrs. Gore.** One in two women will have osteoporosis fracture during her lifetime. However, millions of these women are not aware they are at risk until they have a fracture or broken bone. The Vice President unveiled a new public service announcement featuring the First Lady and Mrs. Gore to inform women about the new osteoporosis Medicare benefit and to ensure that all women, particularly older women, get bone mass measurement tests to detect osteoporosis.
- **Launched a New Internet Site for Medicare Beneficiaries.** Families need good information to help make the best health care decisions for older family members. Today, the President and Vice President launched a new nationwide Internet site ([Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov)) so that families can understand the options and services Medicare provides. This information will be even more critical as the historic changes the President enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 are implemented this fall. These reforms give beneficiaries new plan choices that could improve care for older Americans but also have the potential to cause confusion.
- **Created a Nationwide Public/Private Medicare Education Council , Including over 80 National Organizations to ensure families receive good care.** The President and Vice President announced that over 80 organizations, including the AFL-CIO, American Association of Retired Persons, the Older Women's League, National Rural Health Association, and the American Association of Family Physicians, are joining with the Health Care Financing Administration, the Administration on Aging, and the National Institutes of Health to launch a new National Medicare Education Program that will work to ensure that families have the information they need to make critical health decisions including: assuring that Medicare beneficiaries are aware of the new preventive benefits and other prevention and wellness strategies; understand new plan options so they can select the health plan that best meets their needs; and know the consumer protections available under Medicare.

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- **Renewing Call on Congress to Pass a Patients' Bill of Rights.** The President also urged Congress to stop delaying and pass a patients' bill of rights that would ensure that all families have the patient protections they need in a rapidly changing health care system. This patients' bill of rights should contain a range of protections, including guaranteed access to needed health care specialists, access to emergency room services when and where the need arises, an assurance that medical records are confidential, and access to a meaningful **internal and external appeals process for consumers to resolve their differences with their health plans and health care providers.**

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To what extent should the radio address talk about the consequences of the Senate killing the tobacco bill, eg., less money for cancer research? Please advise.

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TEXT:

if she is fine- we should put it out asap- let me know

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Jose Cerda III

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To: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP, Michelle Crisci/WHO/EOP, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: PRIDE -- Take II

Laura:

Rahm had some edits. Can you run this by EK again? jc3

Michelle: Have I accurately incorporated Rahm's comments?

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### **Statement of the President**

Today's PRIDE survey shows that American families can impact adolescents' attitudes and behaviors when it comes to drugs. This is a small step in the right direction. But we must all continue to warn our youth that drugs are wrong; that drugs are dangerous; and that drugs can kill you. That is why in the coming months, we will take our anti-drug media campaign nationwide, fund more community anti-drug coalitions, and work to enact our long-term drug strategy. These and other steps will help us to reach our ultimate goal -- cutting teen drug use in half.

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SUBJECT: prostate cancer

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

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**PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HISTORIC PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS AT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND  
HIGHLIGHTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S AMBITIOUS AGENDA TO FIGHT  
PROSTATE CANCER  
June 19, 1998**

Today, in his Father's day radio address, the President announced the release of \$60 million at the Department of Defense for prostate cancer research. These largest-ever grants will be awarded by DoD to promising researchers making important contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

These efforts will complement exciting developments in prostate cancer research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This year over 180,000 men are expected to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, accounting for 30 percent of cancer in men, and nearly 40,000 men are projected to die from this disease (virtually the same number of women who die from breast cancer). The President also renewed his call on Congress to pass his budget proposals for historic, multi-year increases in cancer research at NIH and coverage of cancer clinical trials for Medicare beneficiaries. These proposals complement the President's strong record in the war against cancer. Highlights of the President's ambitious prostate cancer agenda include:

- ◆ **Releasing the Largest-Ever Grants at the Department of Defense (DoD) for Prostate Cancer Research.** The President announced that approximately \$22 million in grants for prostate cancer are being awarded today and another \$37 will be announced in the next month. Before awarding these grants, the DoD conducted a multi-month consultative process with prostate cancer experts, patients, and advocates to find the best ways to fund encourage top-of-the-line research and received over 600 grant proposals. The President also announced that DoD is posting the recipients of these new grants on the Internet. This new prostate cancer research program builds on the widely-acclaimed peer-review breast cancer research program at DoD.
  
- ◆ **Proposing Unprecedented Multi-year Increases in Cancer Research at the National Institutes of Health.** The President's budget includes a historic 65 percent increase in cancer research at NIH over the next five years. Since the President took office, research in prostate cancer at the NIH has increased by 100 percent to \$122 million in FY1999. This year alone there are 450 research projects at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) on prostate cancer, including prevention research studying the environmental, dietary and other influences on this disease; and research to develop more effective interventions and design more effective screening techniques. There is also new genetic research in this area, as scientists recently located the first gene that predisposes men to prostate cancer. Also, prostate cancer was the first cancer studied as part of NCI's recently launched Cancer Genome Anatomy Project, which resulted in the discovery of dozens of new genes that may be associated with the development of prostate cancer. NCI will support many times that amount to other cancer, human genome, and other biomedical research that will help expand out base of knowledge about the diagnosis and treatment of prostate and other cancer.

- ◆ **Supporting Coverage for Cancer Clinical Trials for Medicare beneficiaries.** The President's budget includes a three-year, \$750 million demonstration to cover Medicare beneficiaries' patient care costs associated with certain Federally-sponsored cancer clinical trials. Medicare currently does not cover cancer clinical trials. This proposal is particularly important for prostate cancer patients because: most of men with prostate cancer are Medicare beneficiaries, as fully 80 percent of those diagnosed with this disease are over age 65; the lack of participation of elderly men in trials has undermined clinical research for the treatment, prevention, and screening for this disease; and given promising new findings in research, NCI expects there may be an increase in clinical trials for prostate cancer, creating a need for even more participants.
  
- ◆ **Proposing \$25 Million to Raise Awareness About Prostate Cancer Prevention, Treatment, Screening for Minorities.** African-American men have an incidence rate over 30 percent higher than white men and a mortality rate over 50 percent for prostate cancer. The President's race and health initiative includes \$25 million over the next five years at the Center for Disease Control to promote awareness about who is at risk for prostate cancer, current screening options, and the best treatment options for those who are diagnosed with this disease. This investment, in addition to clinical trials underway at the NIH, will also help determine why there is such variation in the prevalence and mortality of prostate cancer.

**These Proposals Build on the President's Strong Record in the War Against Cancer Including:**

- **Advocating for a Federally-Enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights.** The President has called on Congress to pass Federally enforceable consumer health care protections before it adjourns this fall. This patients' bill of rights contain a range of protections that are particularly important to people with cancer, including guaranteed access to needed health care specialists, continuity of care if a health provider is dropped in the middle of treatment, and access to a meaningful **internal and external appeals process for consumers to resolve their differences with their health plans and health care providers.** The nation's health care system has changed dramatically, with 160 million Americans now in managed care plans. **This legislation will ensure that whether Americans have traditional health insurance or managed care, they are assured quality care.**
  
- **Pushing for Legislation Preventing Health Insurers and Employers from Discriminating on the Basis of Genetic Discrimination.** Scientists recently discovered the first gene related to prostate cancer and more progress in understanding the genetic basis of this disease is expected in the near future. However, progress in genetics has the potential to be undermined by fear of genetic discrimination. One study showed that 63 percent of Americans would not take a genetic test if their health insurers or employers could get access to the results. **To ensure that new advances in genetics are used to improve health rather than to discriminate against individuals, the President has called for legislation prohibiting the use of genetic screening to discriminate in health insurance and employment.**
  
- **Enacted New Prostate Cancer Screening Benefit for Medicare Beneficiaries.** As part of the historic Medicare reforms in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the President signed into law a series of new preventive benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, including coverage of prostate cancer screening. Starting in 2000, Medicare will cover prostate cancer screening.