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Joe is briefing early today . Please have guidance in on time. Thanks

Medicare

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Gun Lawsuits and Legislation - Barr, Schumer, Boxer

Medical Marijuana

Police Brutality

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from toiv -- we are very very eager to hear what general will say today --
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Q: When is the President going to unveil his plan?

A: The President has made no decision on any final policy, nor has he decided on a specific timetable for unveiling his proposal. However, he will send it to Capitol Hill early enough to ensure that the Congress has the opportunity to pass it this year.

Q: What will be in this proposal?

A: Consistent with the principles the President laid out earlier this year, his proposal will include a provision to dedicate surplus dollars to strengthen the financial status of the program and to prevent excessive increases in out of pocket costs for beneficiaries or harmful provider payment reductions to strengthen the Medicare program's financial state. In addition, it will no doubt include a meaningful prescription drug benefit and a number of provisions that modernize the program and make it more competitive. These provisions were highlighted as important elements within the principles the President outlined earlier this year. No further details are, or will be available, until the President unveils his proposal.

Q: You've indicated that the President wants to modernize the program and make it more competitive. Does that mean that his proposal will include a premium support mechanism?

A: Not necessarily. That is one possible option, but the President has made no final determination in this area. As he indicated yesterday, he would want to make certain that such an approach would not impose significant cost barriers to beneficiaries wishing to remain in the traditional fee for service program.

Q: Senator Kerrey, one of the few Democrats to vote for the Commission's recommendations, was particularly critical of the President's insistence on the use of the surplus. He also disagreed with the President's stated concerns about the Commission's recommendation to increase the age of eligibility to 67. How do you respond?

A: These are issues where we clearly disagree. Every independent Medicare expert has recognized that the program needs an independent infusion of financing to ensure the financial health of the program for any length of time. We believe that using the surplus is a much better course of action than a payroll tax increase. The alternatives to new

revenue are excessive cuts in provider reimbursement or benefits. The President strongly believes that raising the eligibilty age to 67 without a viable policy that insures the number of the uninsured does not increase is unwarranted and ill-advised. There are already over 3 million, uninsured people just under age 65, and this is the most rapidly growing age group of the uninsured. Without Medicare or some accessible, affordable alternative, many of the 65 to 67 year olds who would have Medicare would become -- or remain -- uninsured.

Q: Last night, a number of the members of the Commission expressed resentment that the President preempted the Commission's vote in his statement today by acting as though their work had been completed even before the final vote had been taken. How do you respond?

A: The President wanted to acknowledge the work of the Commission on the day it was to make its final vote. He certainly explicitly acknowledged in his statement that the vote had not taken place. In addition, Senator Breaux and Congressman Thomas had made clear that the recommendations of the Commission were likely to fall short of the votes necessary to report to Congress. Moreover, the President was highly complimentary of the work of the Commission and in fact, indicated that it had made important contributions that he hoped could lead to eventual consensus.

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Here's a slightly revised version of your draft. We need to put it into rapid clearance today. Podesta hasn't given final sign-off yet, but wants us to have it ready to go.

DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE ED-FLEX CONFEREES

Dear

I am deeply concerned by the action taken by the Senate in its version of the Ed-Flex bill, S.280, to undermine the bipartisan commitment the Congress and I made last fall to help the nation's schools begin hiring 100,000 teachers to reduce class size in the early grades.

As parents and teachers across America understand, smaller classes can make a profound difference for our children. Studies show that teachers in smaller classes give more personal attention to students and spend less time on discipline; as a result, students in these classes learn more and get a stronger foundation in the basics. Across the country, students in smaller classes outperform their peers in larger classes. And reduced class size makes the greatest difference for minority and disadvantaged students.

The Senate's action would allow local school districts to opt out of class size reduction altogether by shifting the \$1.2 billion appropriated for new teacher hiring into special education. It is divisive and wrong to pit one group of students against another in this way. Both class size education and special education programs make unique contributions to helping students achieve high standards and deserve our strong support.

The extension of the Ed-Flex authority permits States to waive certain Federal laws when doing so can help them raise educational achievement -- a concept that has strong bipartisan support. The Conference should not imperil that support with an amendment that undermines our previous commitment on reducing class size.

If the Congress sends me a bill that includes the Senate provision to undermine Class Size funding, I will veto it.

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Attached:

- 1. Gun legislation/lawsuits
- 2. Medical marijuana
- 3. Police brutality-- from this weekend.

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**Legislation on Gun Lawsuits
March 17, 1999**

Q: What is your response to Representative Barr's NRA-supported legislation to block lawsuits that cities have filed against the gun manufacturers? Do you have a position on legislation proposed by Senator Boxer which give cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors? And do you have a position on the bill introduced by Senator Schumer yesterday which would regulate the sale of guns on the Internet?

A: The Barr legislation is an attempt by the gun lobby to avoid the very serious issues about gun trafficking and gun safety raised by the cities' lawsuits. We are watching these suits closely, and will do all we can to resist efforts that would prevent the cities from presenting their evidence. Similarly, we would be supportive of efforts such as Senator Boxer's that specifically allow cities to put such evidence before the courts.

While we have not yet had a chance to review the Schumer legislation, the President does have a policy of no background check, no handgun. That is why among our top firearms-related priorities for the year are to extend the Brady waiting period, and to ensure background checks at gun shows. We will review the Schumer legislation with this position in mind.

At the same time, of course, we will continue to press forward on our own efforts to stop gun trafficking, ban violent juveniles from buying guns, and promote gun safety. We will not -- and we hope individual states and cities will not -- back down to the gun lobby on these issues.

**Police Integrity Radio Address
Questions and Answers
March 13, 1999**

Q: What more can you tell us about the policies you are announcing today?

A: The policies announced today will be contained in the President's 21st Century Policing Initiative, which will soon be sent to the Congress as part of a larger crime bill. They are:

(1) Integrity and ethics training. Currently, the COPS Office provides about \$40 million to assist in the training of state and local law enforcement, including \$24 million for some 30 Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs). The President's crime bill will provide an increase of \$20 million so that all our RCPIs will be able to provide police integrity and ethics training. Currently, only two of the centers specialize in this crucial training.

(2) Education assistance for police. The President's crime bill will authorize a new \$20 million scholarship program for current state and local police officers. This will provide needed assistance to officers already on the force, who are seeking to advance their education and skills. The crime bill also will extend the Police Corps program, which offers college scholarships in exchange for service in law enforcement.

(3) Improved minority recruitment. The President's bill will provide a \$1 million increase for targeted police recruitment and outreach efforts. Last year, we provided \$1 million for innovative recruitment strategies to community organizations in New York, Los Angeles, and Memphis. The grant to New York, for example, involves a partnership between East Brooklyn Congregations and CUNY/John Jay College where they are developing a police magnet high school for youth, as well as evening programs for adults in the largely Hispanic and African American neighborhoods of East Brooklyn, New York.

(4) More citizen police academies. The President's crime bill will also propose \$5 million to establish more citizen police academies around the country. In addition to instructing residents on important police procedures, these academies can also help to teach residents problem-solving skills that will help them address their local crime problems. The citizen academies are part of an overall effort within the President's new policing initiative to engage all sectors of the community to come together to fight crime.

All of the policies announced today are fully funded in our FY 2000 budget.

Q: New York City has hired thousands of officers with COPS funds. As a result, they've put more police on their streets who in turn have engaged in more

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aggressive policing tactics. In view of the Diallo shooting, how can you say that your COPS initiative is part of the solution to police brutality and misconduct?

A: Many cities have hired hundreds of law enforcement officers through COPS and have not had similar problems. And the community policing strategies that this Administration has encouraged have resulted in reduced community complaints against law enforcement officials. For instance, large cities such as San Diego and Boston have significantly increased the size of their police forces through COPS while increasing citizen satisfaction with the police. Another good example is in nearby Prince George's County. In P.G. county, they have increased their police force and even, substantially increased traffic and investigative stops, while dramatically decreasing citizen complaints: excessive force complaints are down by half, and officer/citizen contacts that result in citizen injury are down by 70 percent compared to 1995.

Q: The President announced that the Attorney General would be convening a series of meetings with law enforcement and community leaders. Who will be involved in these meetings and what do you expect will come out of these meetings?

A: The meetings will bring together police chiefs, representatives of rank and file police officers, and experts on police practices, along with civil rights and other community leaders who know the concerns of the community regarding police misconduct. The purpose is to discuss the best practices for preventing misconduct and excessive use of force, develop recommendations for additional actions, and build greater trust between the police and the communities they serve.

Q: The tragic shooting death of Amadou Diallo by members of the New York Police Department has focused the nation's attention on the problem of police brutality. Is the federal government investigating that matter?

A: The FBI, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division have been working closely and actively with the Bronx District Attorney's Office on the investigation. Further questions about the federal government's role in these investigations should be directed to the Justice Department.

Q: Is the Justice Department investigating the entire New York Police Department?

A: After the incident involving the beating of Abner Louima, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Zachary Carter, began a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the Justice Department should invoke its pattern or practice authority against the New York Police Department. This inquiry is ongoing, and the Department has had discussions with the United States Attorneys for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York concerning the appropriate scope of the inquiry in light of the issues raised by

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the Diallo shooting.

Q: What is the Justice Department's pattern or practice authority?

A: Under the President's 1994 Crime Act, the Justice Department has the authority to file civil suits against police departments that engage in a pattern of police misconduct. Using that authority, the Department is currently investigating several law enforcement agencies across the country. Those investigations may result in court orders or settlements requiring police departments to change the way they operate -- so the problems of the past are not the problems of the future.

Q: Is that what the Justice Department is doing with the New Jersey State Police?

A: Yes. The Justice Department is actively reviewing the New Jersey State Police to determine whether state troopers have engaged in a pattern or practice of discriminatory traffic stops.

Q: What can the Justice Department do against individual police officers who engage in misconduct?

A: The Justice Department has the authority under criminal law to prosecute law enforcement officers who engage in misconduct, including the use of excessive force. At any given time, the Justice Department investigates several hundred allegations of criminal police misconduct around the country. Since 1993, the Justice Department has criminally prosecuted more than 300 law enforcement officers who have engaged in police misconduct, resulting in over 200 convictions.

Medical Marijuana Study
March 17, 1999

Q. Today, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) is releasing its study on medical marijuana. Can you tell us what it says and whether you will adopt its recommendations?

A: Earlier this morning, IOM released its report on medical marijuana. The ONDCP Director McCaffrey asked for the study in January 1997, and we have been awaiting the report for some time. IOM was asked to conduct a review of the scientific evidence to assess the potential health risks and benefits of marijuana. The report contains six specific recommendations that address:

- Continued research into the physiological effects of cannabinoids (marijuana components);
- Clinical trials of cannabinoid drugs for symptom management;
- Evaluation of the psychological effects of cannabinoids in clinical trials;
- Studies of individual health risks in smoking marijuana;
- Clinical trials of marijuana use under limited circumstances for medical purposes; and
- Short-term use of smoked marijuana under strict conditions for patients with debilitating symptoms.

While we will carefully review the findings and recommendations of the report, we would note that the IOM stresses the need for more research into the effects of using marijuana. In particular, IOM emphasized in its report that smoked marijuana is a crude drug delivery system that delivers a significant number of harmful substances, and that research may yield alternative delivery systems of cannabinoids that are safer and more reliable for some conditions.

More generally, however, our primary focus in this area must be to prevent youth use of marijuana by ensuring that youth know about this drug's dangers. We will continue our youth drug prevention efforts, including the Anti-Drug Media campaign, and continue to send the clear message to kids that drugs are wrong, dangerous, and can kill you.

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Courtney -- please make sure Elena or Bruce review these and get the changes to Kate Donovan by noon today.

TANF

C \$350 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds deferred until FY 2002, which could force States to reduce their own critical investments in their critical programs and reduce services and benefits to poor families who are trying to make the transition from welfare to work.

Tobacco

C A provision that would completely relinquish the Federal taxpayers, share of the Medicaid-related claims in the comprehensive State tobacco settlement without any commitment whatsoever by the States to use these funds to stop youth smoking. Federal taxpayers paid a significant share -- the majority in most cases -- 57 percent of Medicaid smoking-related expenditures. The Administration believes that the States should retain these funds and make a commitment that the Federal share of the settlement's proceeds will be spent on shared national and State priorities: to reduce youth smoking, protect tobacco farmers, improve public health, and assist children. promote public

health and children's programs, and assist affected rural communities.

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Please review the draft SAP for S. 544, the Senate Supplemental Appropriations bill. The position is "senior advisors veto recommendation." It is possible that the Senate will take up the bill Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. We aim to release the SAP tomorrow (Wed. 3/17) afternoon. Please provide comments/clearance by noon tomorrow. Thank you.

S. 544 -- EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 1999 (Sponsor: Stevens (R), Alaska)

This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on S. 544, a bill making FY 1999 emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters and for foreign assistance, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill as reported by the Committee provides \$1.89 billion in urgently needed funding to assist in Central America's recovery from recent natural disasters, to provide resources to promote stability in Jordan, and to fund the emergency needs of farmers and ranchers in the United States.

The Administration appreciates the Senate Committee's prompt action to ensure that urgently needed funding is provided quickly. Providing essential assistance to victims of natural disasters and helping our farmers at home with vital financing clearly fall in the category of needs that are urgent, unanticipated, and essential -- that is, emergency requirements. Therefore, they clearly deserve to be funded quickly, fully, and without requiring offsets that could force unacceptable reductions in important programs. In addition, it is essential that this bill remain free of extraneous provisions that could slow its progress.

Unfortunately, the Committee bill includes a number of such provisions.

Were the bill to be presented to the President with the Senate Committee's proposed offsets and several objectionable riders discussed below, the President's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill. We urge you not to take actions that could result in gridlock and delay, and that would be detrimental both to our allies abroad and our citizens at home in their time of need.

Emergency Relief for Central America

The bill provides \$977 million for Central America, \$21 million more than the President's request. The President's request for International Assistance Programs, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Justice would provide essential emergency disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch, which inflicted severe damage on several Central American nations. The package also provides aid to the Caribbean nations struck by Hurricane Georges, including Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The Administration commends the Committee for its prompt action in approving the President's request.

Regrettably, the Majority Leadership of the Senate has decided that these funds must be offset. Hurricane Mitch, the worst natural disaster in the history of the Western hemisphere, left more than 9,000 dead and drove millions from their homes. Serious economic dislocation has resulted from the destruction of schools, hospitals, businesses, farms, and roads. Together, Hurricanes Mitch and Georges have caused \$10 billion in damages. The President's Central America package is urgent, unanticipated, and essential and should be funded as an emergency request.

Funds must be provided swiftly to prevent the spread of disease and to buy seed and plant crops in the fast-approaching Spring planting season, thereby providing food and jobs to many communities, and to demonstrate to Central Americans that they can find jobs and security in their own recovering economies. Much of the rural road system farmers and small merchants depend on for their livelihoods was destroyed. Water and sanitation systems have been disrupted, which can result in disease. Economic destruction and dislocation threaten to undermine the region's achievements of the past decade, as these nations have made tremendous strides toward settling conflicts, strengthening democracy, promoting human rights, opening economies and alleviating poverty. Emergency assistance for reconstruction aid will ensure that their transformation continues and will deter illegal migration by assuring that Central Americans have cause to view their own futures in the region with hope.

Jordan

The Administration appreciates the Committee's providing the full \$100 million for Jordan, fully funding the FY 1999 request. These funds will provide financial support to help promote stability in Jordan and the region during the period of transition subsequent to King Hussein's death. While the Administration appreciates the full funding of the FY 1999 request, we are disappointed that the \$200 million requested in advance appropriations for FYs 2000 and 2001 has not been provided. In the context of promoting peace in the Middle East, the Administration will continue to press for these advance appropriations.

Department of Agriculture

The Committee bill provides \$308 million in emergency funds for the

Department of Agriculture (USDA), \$156 million above the President's request. The Administration appreciates the Committee's support for the President's request for emergency farm loans and administrative costs. This additional loan authority would provide vitally needed financing for the Nation's farmers in light of the significant increase in demand for USDA loans, due to projected continuing low commodity and livestock prices. The Administration is reviewing the other farm-sector funds included in the Committee bill.

Offsets

The President has proposed that this package of essential emergency disaster assistance be funded consistent with the budget rules that apply to emergency spending. Regrettably, the Majority Leadership has decided that the funds for Central American disaster aid must be offset. The proposed offsets would result in unacceptable reductions in funding in areas of crucial importance to Americans, including: disaster relief funds in response to Hurricane Georges and other domestic disasters; funds for anti-terrorism to protect U.S. citizens at our embassies overseas; funds to fight the war on drugs; and, with less than 300 days before December 31, 1999, funds to solve the Y2K problem.

Some examples of the reductions that would result from the Committee's action include the following:

C \$75 million from anti-terrorism programs to protect our citizens at our embassies and facilities abroad;

C \$65 million in disaster relief, which would deprive FEMA, SBA, and other agencies of resources they need to continue their work in response to domestic disasters in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, North and South Carolina, North and South Dakota, West Virginia, Texas, California, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Alaska and most other States ;

C \$33 million in drug war programs of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Coast Guard, the Customs Service, and other agencies;

C \$113 million in Y2K funding for domestic Federal Government agencies, which could harm systems needing further computer conversion adjustments;

C \$25 million in INS citizenship and immigration programs and \$40 million in enforcement and border affairs, which would have negative consequences on INS's immigration benefit programs, ongoing investigations, and land border inspection operations;

C \$16 million from the Department of Energy to execute crucial nonproliferation activities with the Russian Federation and private Western companies to reduce the availability of weapons-grade uranium;

C \$43 million for International Organizations and Peacekeeping that would increase U.N. arrears and would jeopardize the ability of the United States to respond to increased or new requirements for international peacekeeping operations;

C \$100 million from revised inflation assumptions for domestic, non-defense programs, which could result in cuts in inflation-sensitive programs such as WIC and other essential programs;

C \$60 million from the Global Environmental Facility and \$10 million from

the EPA climate change program that develops the technology needed for a fuel efficient, less polluting vehicle;

C \$350 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds deferred until FY 2002, which could force States to reduce their own investments in their critical programs and reduce services and benefits to poor families who are trying to make the transition from welfare to work.

Objectionable riders

Unfortunately, the Committee bill includes a number of strongly objectionable provisions, including the following:

C A provision that would completely relinquish the Federal taxpayers' share of the Medicaid-related claims in the comprehensive State tobacco settlement without any commitment whatsoever by the States to use these funds to stop youth smoking. Federal taxpayers paid a significant share -- the majority in most cases -- of Medicaid smoking-related expenditures. The Administration believes that the States should retain these funds and make a commitment that the Federal share of the settlement's proceeds will be spent on shared national and State priorities: to reduce youth smoking, promote public health and children's programs, and assist affected rural communities.

C A provision that would extend the current moratorium on publishing a final Interior Department rule revising the method by which crude oil from Federal leases is valued for purposes of calculating Federal royalties. The existing FY 1999 rider imposed an eight-month moratorium (until June 1, 1999) and was the outcome of negotiations with the Congress at the end of the last session. This provision would cost the Treasury about \$15 million in FY 1999.

C A provision that would extend the current moratorium on publishing a final Interior Department rule concerning surface management and reclamation requirements at hardrock mine sites on Federal lands. The existing FY 1999 rider imposed a moratorium on publishing the final rule until September 30, 1999, and requires a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study by July 31, 1999, examining the need for the new rule. The provision in this bill would prohibit publishing the final rule until after a minimum 120-day comment period following the completion of the NAS study. Therefore, the earliest the rule could be published would be December 1999. The new rule is needed to update the existing 1980 regulation to take into account changes in mining practices and technology since then. Interior issued for comment and review a proposed hardrock mining rule in February 1999. This rule-making process should not be delayed further.

C A provision that would prevent the Secretary of the Interior from implementing a recent reorganization of Interior's Office of Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) for the remainder of FY 1999. The Secretary took the step of reorganizing this office to address deficiencies in day-to-day management of OST's field operations. In order for the Administration's efforts to reform management of tribal and individual Indian trust funds to succeed, this reorganization needs to remain in effect.

Other Issues

C On March 10, 1999, the President transmitted a request for \$15 million

in additional supplemental funding for the Department of the Interior to support the requirements of the Cobell v. Babbitt class-action lawsuit alleging mismanagement of individual Indian money accounts. These additional funds would allow the Department to conduct critical activities, including court-ordered document production and statistical sampling needed this year in defense of the suit. This request is fully offset from other Interior appropriation accounts.

C The Administration objects to a provision that would transfer \$100 million from the Department of Agriculture's Wildfire Management Operations -- primarily firefighting funding -- to its Knutson-Vandenberg Fund (K-V Fund), which funds reforestation and timber stand management and improvement on national forest lands. A transfer of this magnitude is unnecessary and inappropriate. Transferring the funds from the appropriated fire operations account would likely require that available Forest Service emergency contingency funds be used to fight fires in FY 1999, even if FY 1999 is a normal fire year. Should a significant fire season occur and the contingency funds be exhausted, the Forest Service would have to transfer funds back from the K-V Fund.

C The Administration would like to work with the Committee to respond to their concerns about the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant disaster relief program.

Message Sent

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Sally Katzen/OPD/EOP
Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
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Jeffrey M. Smith/OSTP/EOP
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Charles Konigsberg/OMB/EOP
Elizabeth Gore/OMB/EOP
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Judy Jablow/CEQ/EOP
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 11:15:13.00

SUBJECT: patients' bill of rights statement

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON
THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS
March 17, 1999**

Today, the Congress is beginning its first mark up on patients' rights legislation. I am pleased that we are moving forward this issue that is critical to assuring Americans high quality health care. Unfortunately, the Chairman's mark appears to fall far short of providing patients with the protections they need.

First, the current legislation only applies these rights to those in self-insured plans. This approach leaves 100 million Americans without the guarantee of critical protections. While these Americans may be protected by state laws, not one state has passed all of these protections. Moreover, as many as thirty states have not passed continuity of care protections to assure that patients do not have to change doctors in the middle of a critical treatment such as cancer or a pregnancy and more than twenty have not passed any type of provisions giving patients access to specialists. Patients should not be left vulnerable by a patchwork of protections. We need strong Federal legislation to assure all health plans provide patients these important rights.

Moreover, the Chairman's mark also leaves out many of the most fundamental protections. For example, it does not have an adequate enforcement mechanism to assure patients are compensated when they are injured or die as a result of a health plans' decisions; it does not assure patients access to specialists, such as oncologists or heart specialists; and it leaves out continuity of care protections. **That is why every major patient, doctor, and nurse advocacy organization has concluded that the Chairman's mark is simply inadequate.**

Today represents the first test of this new Congress to see if it is serious about providing Americans with a strong enforceable patients' bill of rights to assure high quality health care. I urge the Committee to do everything it can to pass this test and give Americans the protections they need.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ora Theard (CN=Ora Theard/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 11:36:11.00

SUBJECT:

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READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

11:30 mtg in Chuck's office has started.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 11:42:25.00

SUBJECT: Short Term meeting to begin in Ucelli's office -tp

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TEXT:

MEDICARE

Q: When is the President going to unveil the Medicare reform plan that he said yesterday he would submit to Congress?

A: The President is determined to work with the Congress in a bipartisan way to enact Medicare reform legislation this year. While he has not decided on a specific date for submitting his proposal, he will send it to Capitol Hill early enough to ensure that the Congress has the opportunity to pass it this year.

Q: What will be in this proposal?

A: The President has been very consistent about the principles he believes must guide any Medicare reform legislation this year. His own proposal will certainly follow these principles:

A) It will include a provision to dedicate surplus dollars to the program. This will:

**1) strengthen the program's financing and extend the life of the trust fund;
and**

2) prevent excessive increases in out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries or excessive reductions in payments to providers.

B) It will include a meaningful prescription drug benefit.

C) It will include a number of provisions to modernize the program and make it more competitive.

We won't have further details for you until the President unveils his proposal.

Q: You've indicated that the President wants to modernize the program and make it more competitive. Does that mean that his proposal will include a premium support mechanism?

A: The President believes that the premium support mechanism in Senator Breaux's proposal was deficient because it had the potential to lead to excessive premium increases in the traditional fee-for-service program. The President is committed to introducing greater competition into the Medicare program, but his proposal will do this without imposing significant cost barriers to beneficiaries wishing to remain in the fee-for-service program.

Q: Senator Kerrey, a Democrat who voted for the Commission's recommendations, was critical of the President's insistence on the use of the surplus. He also disagreed with the President's concerns about increasing the age of eligibility to 67. How do

you respond?

A: We clearly disagree with Senator Kerrey on these issues.

First, on the issue of the surplus, every independent Medicare expert has recognized that the program needs additional revenues to ensure the long-term financial health of the program: the only alternatives to new revenues are excessive cuts in benefits or provider reimbursements. And using the surplus is a far better way to obtain additional revenues than increasing the payroll tax.

As to the eligibility age issue, the President opposes raising the age to 67 without a viable policy to prevent the number of uninsured from increasing. There are now over 3 million uninsured people just between the ages of 55 and 65: they are the most rapidly growing group of the uninsured. Without Medicare or some accessible, affordable alternative, many 65 to 67 year-olds would be uninsured as well.

Q: Last night, a number of the members of the Commission complained that the President preempted the Commission's vote by making a statement before their final vote. How do you respond?

A: The President made his statement after Senator Breaux and Congressman Thomas had made public remarks on what the Commission would do. The President wanted to respond to the Breaux-Thomas proposal as soon as it was final. He was in no way expressing disrespect for the Commission's work; to the contrary, he believes that the Commission performed a very valuable service, which he will attempt to build on.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 11:49:46.00

SUBJECT: Msg Meeting

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message meeting has started in White House Counsel's Office

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 12:02:07.00

SUBJECT: I've also made some changes in this -- pls check ASAP to make sure it's ok

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/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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PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS
March 17, 1999

Q: What is the President's response to the Patients' Bill of Rights legislation that will be marked up by the Senate Labor Committee this Wednesday?

A: Today represents the first test of this new Congress to see if it is serious about patient protections. The President is urging that the Committee take the steps it needs to take to pass this test.

Unfortunately, while we have not seen the details of the legislation Senator Jeffords intends to mark up today, all indications are that it will fall far short of passing the test of seriousness when it comes to meeting the needs of patients in a rapidly changing health care system. We understand that the Chairman's plan:

1. leaves tens of millions of Americans without protections because they will not be covered by the legislation;
2. does not have a standard to prevent HMOs from making arbitrary coverage decisions; and
3. has a wholly inadequate mechanism for enforcing patients' rights.

This helps explain why every major patient, doctor, and nurse advocacy organization has concluded that Chairman Jeffords' proposal is flawed and will not adequately protect patients.

Senator Kennedy and the rest of the Committee Democrats are planning on offering amendments that, if passed, would make this legislation acceptable to the President by addressing these issues. It is our hope that Senator Jeffords and the rest of the Committee will work toward passing a strong, comprehensive, and bipartisan Patients Bill of Rights that the President can sign.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 12:13:32.00

SUBJECT: tobacco q&a

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

the press office is waiting for the tobacco q&a--the draft should be in your orange folder from this morning.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 13:01:04.00

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TEXT:

This is an update as of this morning's short term message meeting. Please note that there are several changes.

Also note Crime events on March 20 and April 1, and possible Health Care events on March 26 and April 9.

Thursday, March 18

NO MESSAGE EVENT
 Rabin Center Event (5pm)
 Radio & TV Correspondents' Dinner

Friday, March 19

Possible Press Conference

Saturday, March 20

Live Radio Address
 Topic: Gun Directive
 Location: Oval Office

Monday, March 22

NO MESSAGE EVENT

Tuesday, March 23

Address AFSCME Biennial Convention
 (Tentative Topic: Budget Cuts)

Wednesday, March 24

Ron Brown Awards Ceremony
 (Possible venue to talk about

Census)

Thursday, March 25
 Event

Consumer Financial Right to Know
 (rescheduled from Thursday, Mar.

18)

Travel to Cincinnati and Las Vegas

Friday, March 26

Travel to Las Vegas and Los Angeles

Tape Radio Address
 Las Vegas, NV

talking about the

NOTE: There was interest in
 Nursing Home bill -- possibl
 President sign the bill
 address on

and then tape the radio
 that topic.

Saturday, March 27	Travel to Sacramento, CA Speech to CA State Party
Monday, March 29	No Message Event
Tuesday, March 30 Trustees Report	Release 1998 Social Security
Wednesday, March 31	USA Accounts Event
Thursday, April 1 from Wed.,	Unveil 21st Century Crime Bill Location: TBD NOTE: This event has been moved March 31
Friday, April 2 Constituency Groups	Hate Crimes Meeting with Tape Radio Address Topic: TBD
Monday, April 5	Easter Egg Roll
Tuesday, April 6 Travel (T)	Possible 2 Stop Agriculture Tour
Wednesday, April 7	Equal Pay Event Location: TBD
Thursday, April 8 Rongji of China	Official Visit of Premier Zhu
Friday, April 9 Event (T)	Patients' Bill of Rights Tape Radio Address Topic: TBD

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TEXT:

Sosnik/Ucelli will be hosting a meeting today at 5:45 pm in Loretta's Office to discuss Budget Message Amplification.

PLEASE BE PROMPT - as some folks have commitments at 6:15 pm.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 16:56:21.00

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TEXT:

Loretta Ucelli would like to hold a meeting tomorrow, March 18 at 11:00 am in her office to discuss the Patients Bill of Rights, what the Hill is doing , what they want from us & and common goals.

Please let me know if you will be able to make it.

Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1999 17:18:56.00

SUBJECT: press conference Q&A

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03/17/99 05:20 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro
03/17/99 01:45:16 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

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Subject: press conference Q&A -- due to Laura/Paul at 3:00pm

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Legislation on Gun Lawsuits
March 19, 1999

Q: What is your response to Representative Barr's NRA-supported legislation to block lawsuits that cities have filed against the gun manufacturers? Do you have a position on legislation proposed by Senator Boxer to give cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors? And do you have a position on the bill introduced by Senator Schumer yesterday which would regulate the sale of guns on the Internet?

A: The Barr legislation is an attempt by the gun lobby to avoid the very serious issues about gun trafficking and gun safety raised by the cities' lawsuits. We are watching these suits closely, and will do all we can to resist efforts that would prevent the cities from presenting their evidence. Similarly, we are supportive of efforts such as Senator Boxer's that specifically allow cities to put such evidence before the courts.

While we are still reviewing Senator Schumer's legislation, my policy continues to be: no background check, no handgun. That is why some of my top firearms-related priorities for the year are to extend the Brady waiting period and to ensure background checks at gun shows. We will review the Schumer legislation with this position in mind.

At the same time, of course, I will continue to press forward on our other efforts to stop gun trafficking, ban violent juveniles from buying guns, and promote gun safety. I will not -- and I hope individual states and cities will not -- back down to the gun lobby on these issues.

Q: Recently, there have been a number of stories on police brutality and misconduct, and a lack of citizen trust in law enforcement. What do you propose to do about this?

A: Last weekend, I devoted my weekly radio address to announce a number of steps I will take to help strengthen police integrity and to build greater trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The policies I announced will be part of my 21st Century Policing Initiative contained in the crime bill which I will soon send to the Congress. They include:

(1) \$20 million increase for integrity and ethics training. My crime bill will provide an increase of \$20 million so that all 30 of our Regional Community Policing Institutes will be able to provide police integrity and ethics training. Currently, only two of the centers specialize in this crucial training.

(2) \$20 million to promote the best educated police force possible. My crime bill will authorize a new \$20 million scholarship program for current state and local police officers who are seeking to advance their education and skills. The crime bill also will extend the Police Corps program, which offers college scholarships in exchange for service in law enforcement.

(3) \$2 million for improved minority recruitment. As we work to better educate and train our police, we must also do more to make sure police departments reflect the communities they serve. My crime bill will provide a \$1 million increase for targeted police recruitment and outreach efforts such as police magnet high schools for youth, and partnerships with local colleges.

(4) \$ 5 million to expand citizen police academies. My crime bill will also propose \$5 million to establish more citizen police academies, which help to instruct residents on important police procedures -- and also help to strengthen the bond between law enforcement officers and their communities.

Q: The tragic shooting death of Amadou Diallo by members of the New York Police Department has focused the nation's attention on the problem of police brutality. Is the federal government investigating that matter?

A: The FBI, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division have been working closely and actively with the Bronx District Attorney's Office on the investigation. Further questions about the federal government's role in these investigations should be directed to the Justice

Department.

Q: What can the Justice Department do against individual police officers who engage in misconduct?

A: The Justice Department has the authority under criminal law to prosecute law enforcement officers who engage in misconduct, including the use of excessive force. At any given time, the Justice Department investigates several hundred allegations of criminal police misconduct around the country. Since 1993, the Justice Department has criminally prosecuted more than 300 law enforcement officers who have engaged in police misconduct, resulting in over 200 convictions.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 17, 1999

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today, the Congress is beginning its work on patients' rights
legislation.

This issue is critical to assuring Americans high quality health care in
the

21st Century, so I am pleased that we are moving forward.

Unfortunately, the proposal by the Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee falls far short of the legislation the American people deserve. Because it applies patients' rights only to those in self-insured plans, this proposal leaves 120 million Americans in insured and individual plans without the guarantee of critical protections. Millions of Americans should not be held hostage to the hope that their state might pass legislation providing these protections. In fact, while states have the authority to pass patient protections for these plans, not one has enacted all of these protections. That is why we need strong Federal legislation to ensure that all health plans provide patients these important rights.

Even for those it does cover, the Chairman's proposal leaves out many of the most fundamental protections. For example, it does not have an adequate enforcement mechanism to ensure that patients are compensated when they are injured or die as a result of a health plan's decisions; it does not assure patients access to specialists, such as oncologists or heart specialists; and it leaves out continuity of care protections. That is why every major patient, doctor, and nurse advocacy organization has concluded that this proposal is simply inadequate.

Today represents the first test of whether this new Congress is serious about providing Americans with a strong, enforceable patients' bill of rights to assure high quality health care. I urge the Committee to do everything it can to pass this test and give Americans the health care protections they need.

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

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SUBJECT: Proposed Gun Directive for Saturday

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

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TEXT:

BR/EK, et.al.:

Attached please find a draft of the proposed gun directive for Saturday's radio address. Justice and Treasury have pretty much signed off on it, though something else is bound to come up. Reactions? I'll also send over a copy of the report DOJ intends to release.

Jose'

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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March 20, 1999

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

SUBJECT: Deterring and Reducing Illegal Gun Crime

Since the start of our Administration, we have developed and implemented a number of effective national strategies to reduce crime: we have helped over 11,000 communities hire and redeploy more than 92,000 local law enforcement officers; we have prevented more than a quarter of a million illegal handgun sales through Brady background checks; and we have developed a coordinated attack on the illegal sources of crime guns. Additionally, through the leadership and dedicated efforts of state and local police and prosecutors, Mayors, U.S. Attorneys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), and other community leaders, dozens of smart, tough, crime-fighting strategies have been put in place throughout the country.

During this period, the nation's crime rate has dropped by more than 20 percent, and crime committed with guns has dropped 27 percent. In certain communities, where federal, state, and local law enforcement have been able to work together with other community leaders, violent crime rates have been reduced dramatically. In Boston, Massachusetts, for example, when law enforcement and community leaders worked together to reduce violence by youth gangs, they were able to reduce the number of homicides among youth by 70 percent in just two years. In Minneapolis, Minnesota, through unique public and private partnerships, effective law enforcement and prevention efforts have reduced homicides by 30 percent, and summer homicides by 75 percent. And in Richmond, Virginia, effective, coordinated law enforcement has brought the homicide rate down dramatically.

But the number of people being killed with firearms remains unacceptably high: more than 14,000 people were murdered with guns in our nation in 1997. We must redouble our efforts to deter and further reduce gun crime -- and work to make every neighborhood and community free of serious gun crime.

I therefore direct you to develop an integrated firearms violence reduction strategy that draws on the proven measures and other innovative approaches being demonstrated by communities throughout the country. Because we know that gun violence issues in each community differ, and that no single program or strategy will be right for every community, your strategy should be based on close consultation with the U.S. Attorneys and ATF Division Directors/Special Agents in Charge, as well as state and local law enforcement, officials, and other leaders. You should consider the special needs of local communities and strike an appropriate balance between federal and state law enforcement. I ask that your strategy specifically consider the following elements:

- (1) Intensive investigation and prosecution of significant firearms violations, including

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illegal possession, use, and trafficking of guns;

(2) Comprehensive crime gun tracing, analysis and mapping, expanded use of ballistics identification technology, and coordinated use of crime gun information to identify illegal gun markets, gun “hot spots,” and illegal gun traffickers;

(3) Coordinated law and regulatory enforcement efforts to ensure strict compliance with all applicable laws by federally-licensed gun dealers and prospective gun purchasers;

(4) Targeted deterrence of violent offenders through improved coordination with probation and parole officials; and

(5) Innovative strategies to work more closely with the community to search for and seize more crime guns, to better identify gun criminals, to remove weapons illegally in the hands of juveniles, and to increase the public’s knowledge of their community’s gun-related crime and violence problem.

Finally, as you develop this strategy, I ask that you make recommendations on how best to allocate federal resources to support the goals of the strategy.

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SUBJECT: Single Sex Education and Admissions

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

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TEXT:

Chuck wants White House staff, DOJ and ED to meet to discuss our enforcement policy positions in the areas of single sex education and college admissions standards. Any thoughts before we convene these meetings?

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CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

This meeting will now take place at 3:00 pm. Please let me know if there are any conflicts.

Thank you.

Loretta Ucelli would like to hold a meeting tomorrow, March 18 at 11:00 am in her office to discuss the Patients Bill of Rights, what the Hill is doing , what they want from us & and common goals.

Please let me know if you will be able to make it.

• Thank you.

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CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz (CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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Loretta will be hosting a Radion Address Meeting - tomorrow, March 18, at 1:00 p.m. in her office.

Thanks!

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Debate Opens Over HMO Rights

By LAURA MECKLER Associated Press Writer

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- Partisan differences over how

Congress should go to protect patient rights

Wednesday as the year's debate began in earnest

HMOs and other managed health care plans.

Democrats were sure to lose on every major point

deliberations began Wednesday in the Senate

Labor and Pension Committee. The panel was

approve a GOP-backed bill as soon as Thursday.

President Clinton said the GOP bill ``falls far

needed.

``Today represents the first test of whether

serious about providing Americans with a strong

patients' bill of rights to assure quality

a statement. ``I urge the committee to do

this test and give Americans the health care

need.''

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But Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was already
the committee vote, promising reporters: ``We'll
of the Senate.''

Indeed, the committee's delibera