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FROM: STEPHEN B. SILVERMAN / BIBB HUBBARD
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SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR POINTS OF LIGHT AWARDS
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President Clinton Announces Resumption of Daily Points of Light Award

Awards Recognize Outstanding Service and Build on Momentum of Presidents' Summit

WASHINGTON D.C. -- President Clinton today announced the resumption of the Daily Points of Light award, President Bush's program to recognize outstanding volunteer service. The program will be jointly administered by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, with funding provided by The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

"The Points of Light initiative was one of President Bush's most creative contributions to the cause of volunteer service," said President Clinton. "I'm delighted that once again we will recognize and hold up examples of ordinary Americans doing extraordinary service. These awards will give special recognition to those who advance the goals set at the Presidents' Summit that convened in Philadelphia last April."

"The era of big government is over but the era of big challenges is not," said Harris Wofford, CEO of the Corporation for National Service. "To meet our challenges, we need big citizens and effective citizen action. The Daily Points of Light awards will highlight success stories and spread the word that active citizens make a difference in their community."

Points of Light Foundation CEO Robert Goodwin said, "The Daily Points of Light were cherished by the more than 1,000 people who received the award during the Bush administration. Restoring this recognition is one very special way we can all say thank you to those who serve. By rolling up their sleeves and serving, America's volunteers are forging new connections with others in need. It's this spirit the award honors."

Created in 1993 with bipartisan support from Congress, the Corporation for National Service is a public-private partnership that administers three national service initiative -- AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, and Learn & Serve America -- programs that involve more than 1.2 million citizens of all ages and backgrounds in results-driven service. The Corporation was cosponsor of the April Presidents' Summit for America's Future with the Points of Light Foundation.

The Points of Light Foundation, established in May 1990, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Its mission is to engage more people more effectively in volunteer community service that helps solve serious social problems. The Foundation accomplishes this mission by working with a national network of about 500 Volunteer Centers; hundreds of corporate employee volunteer programs; other nonprofits; youth and family organizations; and the media.

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Harris Wofford, CEO

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November 3, 1997

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IMPORTANT

Dear Steve,

In case you can't get back to me by phone right away, I want you to know how urgent it is for the President to give his blessing to the resumption of the Daily Points of Light, and for us to let Bush know this.

I understand the problem some had calling it the "Presidents (plural) Points of Light." That problem I thought was solved by not calling it anything but the Points of Light award. Then, I would hope, the President and, together or separately, former President Bush could send a letter of congratulations to the award winners. We might want the first batch to come to Washington for the April Volunteer Week service awards. As you know, the Points of Light Foundation, in close collaboration with the Corporation, will administer this; the Knights of Columbus will contribute to the administrative costs; and we will be well represented on the selection committee.

Please remember, the resumption of the awards is part of our strategy for the Corporation and for the reauthorization of AmeriCorps. I've been pressing for it within the Points of Light Board, and am now deeply embarrassed by the delay. I wanted it announced at the Summit in April, and then at the major annual Volunteer Conference in June in New York. Every week or two I've had to try to explain the delay to Bob Goodwin or to his board chairman or others who are ready to go. Getting the Knights of Columbus involved was a coup and we've had to try to keep them aboard.

Most urgently, we want this to be cleared by the time of the Bush Library ceremony. For months that has been the target date. Bush has been awaiting word from me about President Clinton's support.

Bush was very happy when he learned about the Foundation's plan to resume the awards. He liked the idea of calling it the Presidents' (plural) Points of Light but is satisfied with just calling it the Points of Light award. I've just learned that he is now planning to announce the resumption as part of the ceremony whether or not President Clinton wishes to join in endorsing it. Neither he nor anyone connected with this would understand the lack of a Presidential blessing. I assume that Bush's goodwill is important for the President on a number of fronts, as it is to the Corporation on the vital front of our reauthorization.

What I want the President to say is simple. For example:

"I'm delighted that the Points of Light Foundation, in cooperation with the Corporation for National Service, will resume the daily Points of Light Award initiated by President Bush. That initiative was one of President Bush's creative contributions to the cause of National Service. Those awards – to more than a thousand Americans – provided outstanding examples of citizen service. The awards in the years to come will give special recognition to those who advance the goals set at the Summit for America's Future that President Bush and I convened in Philadelphia last April, with the help of our fellow Presidents and General Powell. By such citizen service, the individual Points of Light can be combined into the Communities of Light President Bush envisioned – communities that fulfill America's Promise for all their citizens."

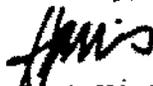
Steve, my credibility and that of the Corporation the President asked me to head are at stake here. From my first talk with the President about this job, I outlined the strategy of close collaboration with the Points of Light Foundation. The President concurred and said he was sorry he had not heard about the invitation to be honorary chair of the Foundation with President Bush. (The Foundation and President Bush never got an answer to that invitation.) The President said that he would have been happy to say yes, and that he thought the Points of Light was one of the best things Bush did. The President told me the one thing Bush asked him, at the Inauguration, was to take care of his Points of Light – and the President said he would.

Giving support to the resumption of the Points of Light awards is a small thing. Not doing so would be a big set back. It would seriously impair my own remarkably fruitful relationship with Bush, who has been paving a way of goodwill for me and the Corporation with many Republican and corporate leaders. I think the President's own relationship with Bush would be advanced by saying yes, and by doing it graciously in connection with the opening of the Bush Library.

For the Corporation's reauthorization campaign that begins as soon as Congress goes in recess, I've been counting on the support of key leaders of the Points of Light Foundation. This involves the Romney family, and the Mormon connection through them and the Points of Light Board chair, and the Foundation's supporters in the Senate. This fabric of support we've been weaving, with success, needs to get stronger, not to be unraveled.

If we can't get this resolved, I must press to see the President about this. I'd rather see him about the other steps forward we are proposing, not one we should have taken six months ago.

Sincerely,



Harris Wofford