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FROM: Jeremy Ben-Ami

SUBJECT: D.C. Forum Format and Witness List

DATE: August 2, 1993

This memo addresses several items pertaining to the D.C. forum including agenda, format and witnesses. I would appreciate your reviewing these materials and giving me your comments and thoughts by c.o.b. Tuesday August 3rd.

Witness List

Attached you will find a list of approximately sixty (60) possible organizations to be invited to participate in the D.C. forum. Our current goal is to have approximately 45-50 organizations involved. The list, therefore, needs to be cut by about a third. Invitations are also being extended to the six intergovernmental organizations and to Congressional leadership. Also attached is a lengthier list of groups that were considered. You may wish to refer to that list to spark your thinking.

Please review the list and indicate those groups that you do not think need to be included. Please also make suggestions of specific people at organizations listed and of additional people or organizations that should be included -- bearing in mind time and space limitations.

Format

Based on the recommendations of the Communications Group, the following describes a first cut at a format for the day. Please give me your thoughts on this as well:

- o The forum will run one full day from 9:00 to 5:00. It will take place at the Mellon Auditorium on 14th and Constitution.
- o The room will be set up in a traditional hearing style with Working Group members being addressed by panels of witnesses.
- o We currently envision nine panels with five presenters each. Each panel will last forty-five minutes. Presenters will have five minutes each to present a prepared statement, and there will be twenty minutes of discussion with the Working Group. Presenters will have the option of submitting additional testimony in writing.
- o Panels will be asked to address particular questions -- broadly phrased to direct the testimony and to give shape to the day. (Suggested questions come later in this memo.) The only thing that particular panels will have in common is that they are addressing the same question. We will not attempt, for instance, to group all unions on one panel or all child advocates.
- o There will be individuals testifying, telling personal stories at the beginning of each new section, to illustrate the question being asked and to provide focus for the discussions with the panels.

Proposed Questions

At the Communications Group meeting on Friday, there was fairly strong consensus in favor of providing each panel of presenters with a particular question to address. The goal is to give their testimony some direction and to prevent an entire day of presentations that fly wildly all over the map. This suggestion is made recognizing that groups will use their time to say whatever it is they want to say anyhow -- but that we can have some impact on drawing parameters and focusing remarks by at least suggesting questions.

The following is one idea for language to be sent to presenters to guide their testimony:

The Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support and Independence has been charged by the President to develop a welfare reform plan based on four guiding principles (see

attached charge to the Working Group --not attached here, you know them).

At its Washington, D.C. forum on welfare reform, the Working Group is asking national organizations to address one of the following questions about how to translate these principles into a concrete welfare reform proposal:

1. Supporting Work: How do you recommend that the Working Group consider improving the supports provided to the working poor and to people leaving welfare to go to work? [Two Panels]
2. Strengthening Child Support: How should the child support system be changed to ensure that both parents fulfill their responsibility to their children? How should the needs of noncustodial parents be met in such a system? [One panel]
3. Educaiton, Training and Support Services How should services to help people get off and stay off welfare be structured? What particular aspects of current programs serving these populations should be maintained, dropped, or changed? [Three panels]
4. Time Limited Assistance and Work Requirements How should a program of time limited assistance followed by work be structured? [Three panels]

Please give me your reactions to both the general framework for these questions and to the particular wording.

Thank you for reviewing all of this material quickly. I appreciate your help.

cc: Jim Hickman
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Attachment: D.C. Witness List (Draft #1)Political/Intergovernmental

Eleanor Holmes Norton
Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly (possibly representing NLC or USCM)
Invitations to Congressional leadership
National Governors Association
American Public Welfare Association
National Conference of State Legislators
National Association of Counties
US Conference of Mayors
National League of Cities

Groups

NAACP

Rainbow Coalition

National Urban League

Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies

National Council of Negro Women

ASPIRA

National Puerto Rican Coalition

La Raza

NOW

Women's Legal Defense Fund

National Women's Law Center

Center for Policy Alternatives

Institute for Women's Policy Research

Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Children's Defense Fund

Jewish Poverty Conference

Catholic Charities

National Council of Churches

National Alliance of Business

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Small Business United

AFL-CIO

AFSCME

SEIU

Child Welfare League of America

Food Research Action Council

Community Service Society

National Association of Social Workers

Center for Law and Social Policy

National Coalition for the Homeless

Progressive Policy Institute

Employment Policies Institute

CATO Institute

American Enterprise Institute

Heritage Foundation

Empowerment Network

Democratic Leadership Council

American Bar Association

Legal Assistance Foundation

Center for Law and Education

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Association of Maternal and Child Health

National Association of Community Health Centers

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Planned Parenthood

Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Coalition

NEEDED

Child Support advocates

Fathers' Rights groups

Limited number of key academic experts

Outreach

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN

NAACP

NAACP- Legal and Education Fund

National Urban League

National Urban Coalition

A. Philip Randolph

PUSH

SCLC

CORE

Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies

Congressional Black Caucus

National Association of Black Social Workers

National Association of Black County Officials

National Black Caucus of State Legislators

National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

National Conference of Black Mayors

National Political Congress of Black Women

National Association of Black Women Attorneys

National Council of Negro Women

Black Women's Health Project

National Political Congress of Black Women

Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change

Democratic National Committee Black Caucus

Rainbow Coalition

Association of Black Sociologists

Coalition of 100 Black Women

National Caucus and Center on Black Aged

LATINO

ASPIRA

MANA

League of United Latin America Citizens

Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

National Council of La Raza

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

National Hispanic Bar Association

Forum of National Hispanic Organizations

Hispanic Coalition for Economic Recovery

Latino Institute

Mexican-American Women's National Association
Migrant Legal Action Program
National Association of Cuban Women and Men
National Association of Farmworkers Organizations
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human
Services Organizations
Democratic National Committee Hispanic Caucus
Hispanic Nurses Association
National Hispanic Leadership Agenda
Labor Council of Latin American Advancement
U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
National Puerto Rican Coalition

ASIAN

Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition
Association of Asian/Pacific Community Health Organizations

JEWISH

American Jewish Congress
B'nai B'rith
National Council of Jewish Women

WOMEN

NOW
NWPC
Women Legal Defense Fund
National Women's Law Center
Center for Policy Studies
League of Women Voters
Business and Professional Women
YWCA
Institute for Women's Policy Research

RELIGIOUS

Jewish Poverty Conference
Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
National Council of Churches
Catholic Charities
Catholics for Free Choice
Church Women United
United Methodist Church and Society
United Methodist Women
Catholic Social Justice Lobby

BUSINESS

National Alliance of Business
Small Business United
Pioneer Hybrid International
Committee for Economic Development
U.S. Chamber of Commerce - Educ. & Training

LABOR

AFL-CIO
CWA
SEIU
Teamsters
AFSCME
Machinist
Bricklayers
AFT
NEA
United Steelworkers of America
United Auto Workers
Sheet Metal Workers International Assoc.
International Assoc. of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Iron
Workers
International Assoc. of Machinist & Aerospace Wkers.
Laborers International Union of America
Airline Pilots Association
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Marine Engineers Beneficial Association
United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
National Association of Letter Carriers
Hotel & Restaurant Employee's International Union
American Federation of Government Employees

CHILDREN

Children's Defense Fund
Child Welfare League of America
Coalition for America's Children
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Psychiatric Association

Children's Rights Council
Association of Child Advocates
Children Now
For the Children
Benton Foundation
Children's Advocacy Institute
National Black Child Development Institute
National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting &
Prevention
National Network of Runaway and Youth Services

SENIORS

AARP
OWL
National Council on Senior Citizens

HUNGER/POVERTY

FRAC
Bread for the World
Public Voice for Food Policy and Health
Community Service Society

SOCIALWORKERS/WELFARE ADVOCATES

American Public Welfare Association
National Association of Social Workers
Sasha Bruce
Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare

THINK TANKS

Center for Community Change
Center for Law and Social Policy
National Coalition for the Homeless
Coalition on Human Needs
Center on Budget and Policy
Center for Population Options
People for the American Way
Urban Institute
Progressive Policy Institute
Employment Policies Institute

THINK TANKS- CONSERVATIVE

Cato Institute
American Enterprise Institute
Heritage Foundation
Empowerment Network
Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies
Democratic Leadership Conference

THINK TANK - PARTISAN

Empowerment Network
Coalition for Democratic Values
Americans for Democratic Action
Citizen Action
Campaign for New Priorities

LEGAL

American Bar Association
LAMDA Legal Defense Fund
Legal Aid
Legal Assistance Foundation
BET TZEDEK
NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund

STUDENTS

United Student Association

FAMILY

National Council of Family Relations
National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Assoc.

EDUCATION

National Coalition of Advocates for Students
Coalition on Quality Education
Education Law Center
Center for Law and Education
Institute for Citizen Involvement in Education
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
American Association of School Administrators
American Association of University Women

Committee for Education Funding
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Ed.
National Associations of State Boards of Education
National Pan Hellenic Council
National Public Health Information Coalition
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Sex Information and Education Council
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

EMPLOYMENT

9 to 5

HEALTH/AIDS

Aids Action Council
Gay Men's Health Center
American Foundation for Aids Research
National Community AIDS Partnership
National Minority AIDS Council
National Organization Responding to AIDS

HEALTH/MEDICAL

American Medical Association
American Nurse Association
American Pediatric Society
American Psychiatric Association
Association of Maternal and Child Health Professionals
Campaign for Women's Health
Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association
National Abortion Rights Action League
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of County Health Officials
National Medical Association
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Society for Adolescent Medicine
U.S. Conference of Local Health Officials
Healthy Moms Healthy Babies

GAY AND LESBIAN

Human Rights Campaign Fund
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
National Gay and Lesbian Health Foundation

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- League of Cities
- NACO
- NCSL
- NGA