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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1994

Ms. Marianne Valle
United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County, Inc.
8814 Kennedy Boulevard
North Bergen, N.J. 07047

Dear Ms. Valle:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Health Security Act. I have shared it with my aides as we work to fine-tune this legislation.

The Act, now before Congress, offers many positive features for individuals with disabilities. Universal coverage will provide health benefits for those who were not insured in the past or whose coverage might otherwise be at risk in the future. The Act also offers a variety of safeguards to ensure quality care and to protect the civil rights of persons with disabilities by extending the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act to our health care reform proposal. In particular, the Act specifically recognizes the importance of outpatient rehabilitation services. Many outpatient rehabilitation services will be provided in either existing Medicaid programs or in our new long-term care benefit. We are also reviewing the extent of outpatient rehabilitation coverage in the basic benefit to ensure an equitable result. We also appreciate concerns and suggestions about durable medical equipment.

The Health Security Act will not cover all health and rehabilitation needs. Yet I would like to emphasize that, like you, this Administration places a premium on continuing to improve services to people with disabilities in a manner designed to foster independence. We urge you to work with us to support this Act as it goes through the legislative process to ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families receive a fair share of health-care resources.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Rasco
The Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

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Ms. Judy Foil

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This bill, now before Congress, provides for residential care under existing Medicaid programs and also includes a new long-term care benefit.

In regard to your inquiry about who to contact for further information and how to assure continued funding for the type of program your daughter receives, I recommend that you write to Mr. Paul Marchand at the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), 1522 K Street, N.W. #516, Washington, DC, 20005. Mr. Marchand would be well versed to answer those types of questions you may have.

Again, thank you for your encouraging letter. Please continue to work with us to support the Act as it goes through the legislative process to ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families receive a fair and equitable share of health-care resources. We appreciate your help and dedication.

Sincerely,


Stanley S. Herr
Kennedy Public Policy Fellow

cc: Carol H. Rasco

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

11-Mar-1994 05:35pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: SAGE meeting

Between computer virus keeping me off this all day and the fun and games of the new phones, its been an odd day.

Just wanted to let you know that this Monday at 1:30 I'm taking that meeting at your request with the SAGE group of parents interested in inclusionary spec ed. Their leader is ok with that, but expressed a little disappointment at not having a few minutes of your dropping by. I note this only because your scheduled for the same room (211 OEOB) up to 1:30 so your paths might cross, and I didn't want you to be surprised. I expect about 12 folks from this coalition from different parts of the country. They are then planning to go visit with Judy Heumann.

Paul Miller today sent me addresses and names of proposed invitees for the disability appointees meetings that I can go over with you next week.

Have a good weekend.

Stan

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WASHINGTON

February 24, 1994

Mr. Ralph Crawson
New Horizons for the Handicapped
346 Shetland Square
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Dear Mr. Crawson:

Thank you for your letter and accompanying information describing your idea of building a recreation and rehabilitation center for the physically and mentally handicapped. I would like to commend you for your dedication and hard work in improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

Although the demands of my schedule preclude me from meeting with you, I hope you will feel comfortable discussing your idea with my assistant, Stan Herr, one of my aides. I know he has called you already, and will be in touch with you again.

Again, thank you for bringing your interests to my attention.

I extend my best wishes to you and your colleagues.

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The Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

February 28, 1994

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cc: Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

MEMORANDUM TO CAROL H. RASCO

FROM: Stanley S. Herr

SUBJ: ARC Communication on the November meeting with you

DATE: December 22, 1993

FYI, I attach The Arc Government Report of Nov. 29, 1993 which summarizes their staff's meeting with you. It is basically quite positive for the Administration. The one sentence on page 3 that I lined in the margin seems a bit overstated and I let Paul Marchand know that I did not recall that type of comment coming out of our meeting. His explanation is that President Clinton said something to that effect in his meeting with disability leaders last summer, and there was nothing we said to rebut it at our meeting. He acknowledged that this shorthand might not be apparent to the average reader. Telling him that I personally thought of our meeting as a consultation not an argument, I pointed out that health care reform and other recent initiative certainly indicate that despite a tough budget picture progressive change is not being stifled.

Our conversation was cordial, and I do not recommend any followup. He thanked me for the feedback.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

22-Nov-1993 01:33pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: RE: health care & disabilities conference

Please tell him I am still very interested in meeting, that I can't commit right now to a meeting prior to the December holidays because of the intense budget work we will be doing and the serious chance we would have to cancel on the spur of the moment. If he finds he will be here anyway in Dec. he should let Rosalyn know and we'll look at the schedule to see if possible at all. Otherwise, he should contact us the first of the year.

Thanks!

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

11-Feb-1994 11:50am

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: homelessness and disability/ health care

I hitch-hiked in for the health care and disability hearing before Sen Kennedy's committee, but alas it was cancelled. Did get a useful chat with Sen. Harkin, his staff, and some of the witnesses to be. In group discussion, Sen. Harkin continues to assert that the First Lady assured him that the "illness and injury" limitation would be fixed to avoid even the appearance of a conditions exclusion. Will write up for you the issues that emerged.

Since you had asked me to look at disability and homelessness issues, I am willing to look at the draft homelessness plan with particular reference to those set of issues. However, no one has yet shared the plan with me. Please advise as to what you would like me to do. Thanks.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

24-Jan-1994 11:42am

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: PCMR

Thanks for the response on the call to Sasser's office, sounds like you did fine. I think you must put in a tickler file to bring up the Sasser interest in this guy when this goes to Pres. Personnel so that the appropriate damage control can be handled ahead of time if necessary...just can't be too cautious around here....you might even ask Personnel now how we should be handling this although it sounds to me like you handled it just right.

February 22, 1994

TO: Bill Galston and Stan Herr
FROM: Rosalyn Miller *RAM*
SUBJECT: Briefing Material

Carol will be interviewed on Friday by Tom Heustis of Education Daily and has asked the two of you prepare briefing materials. Tom promised to get to me a list of the questions that he plans to ask. Once I receive them (hopefully today) I will copy the two of you.

Thanks.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

18-Feb-1994 01:28pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: Excellent memo!

Thank you so much for the feedback. It really helps!

I'll be delighted to brief you after the Tuesday meeting and can also get a little further guidance from you when we have our previously scheduled meeting at 11:15 on Tuesday.

On the separate topic of National Disability Policy Goals that we raised yesterday, the answers are:

- Congress has mandated a statement of National Disability Policy
- It was due from the National Council on Disability no later than October 31, 1993
- They have missed that timeline
- The subject of their taking steps to move forward on this came up at their meeting in San Diego
- The Council (all of whose members are still holdovers) delayed giving the go ahead for work on this project to the Acting Executive Director who had submitted a very preliminary 5-page discussion paper on this in January
- The somewhat lame explanation for this inertia is that the old council doesn't want to preempt the prerogatives of the Council to be.
- However, regardless of the political appointees' composition, the staff could -- wants and needs to -- move ahead!
- Ed Burke suggested that a letter or memo from you inquiring about this task could get them going
- I told Ed who is their Acting Director that he could regard this call as such an inquiry and not oblige us to send a written inquiry. He said he would contact the Acting Chair about this and seemed glad to have this reason to reopen the topic.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

- If we do not receive some response in a week, I could draft a memo from you to the Acting Chair and Acting Director asking about the status and timetable for fulfilling this legal obligation
- We need our new appointees in place who have more sense of urgency and energy
- I will send you over the discussion paper which contains the statutory language re the required report to the President and Congress.
- Other suggestions and advice?

Healthcare -- work documents

1-27-94

Kathie Way --

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Mar
David

- 1) Badly accurate
- 2) inclusion of exclusion DP in inclusion of exclusion argument
- 3) Child with disability option → idyllic to stay opt
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- 5) Sources available
- 6) MD -- energy level
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unbiased arguments
case-by-case --

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- Psychiatric

- Hearing

- Mobility

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- Paraprofessionals

- PD

Coleon --

9) Medicaid ⊖ Attendant/PAS ⊕

→ Tax Credit

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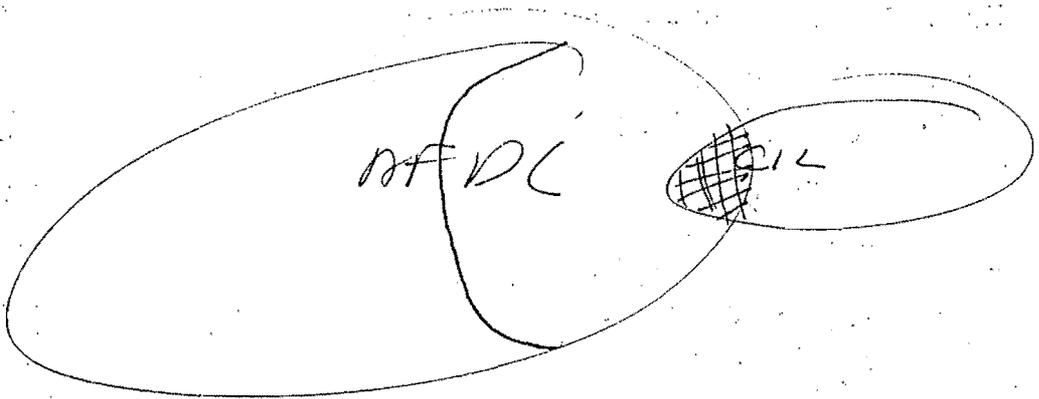
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- PD

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 attached to ^{or} ^{buses} --
 - aides
 - consumer control -- force the PAS



Kathi - FYI

Stan

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

12-Jan-1994 04:13pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: Max Starkloff's request for a visit

Carol, Kathi and I will meet with Starkloff and colleagues on Jan. 27th per your preferred option. He was very gracious about it.
Stan

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09-Feb-1994 10:48am

TO: Carol H. Rasco
TO: Rosalyn A. Miller

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Waldron letter

February 9, 1994

Ms. Jo Waldron
Phonix Management, Inc.
5195 Fontaine Blvd.
Fountain, Colorado 80817

Dear Ms. Waldron:

Thank you for your recent telefaxed communication concerning HATIS and its potential impacts on the Information Highway and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) implementation.

I am delighted to learn that this hearing aid telephone interconnect system has produced such positive results for its users. I will share your information with aides in the White House who are working on disability policy and the Information Highway.

You may also wish to write directly to the Federal Communication Commission which has ADA responsibilities in this field. I am informed that Kathleen Levitz, Acting Chief, Common Carriers Bureau (1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554) is the relevant official.

I appreciate your bringing this development to my attention. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Rasco

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Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

Carol: Do you want to cc or bcc to Levitz?
Dr. Elizabeth Cohen, on the NEC staff is working on these
Information Highway and disability issues, and I'm in contact
with her so can copy Waldron's materials for her background
information.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

11-Jan-1994 09:45am

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: RE: Max Starkloff's request for a visit

I see two options on this scheduling matter:

1. The people can come meet with you and Kathi Way to cover disability policy and welfare reform.

or

2. We can look after mid-February at my schedule. With the State of the Union on Jan. 25, governors in town last of Jan./first of Feb., the budget presentation on Feb. 7 and the start up of Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community workshops in February I cannot schedule any heavier than I now have prior to mid-February. It would be around the first of February before I could choose the date as we have to keep a great deal of time free in advance because of uncertainties of Presidential scheduling.

If they are insistent on a meeting with me we need to make sure they know it will be 30 minutes max., that we will try to call them early Feb. with a time. I have forwarded your last memo to Roz to put in the scheduling file, if the appt. is to be with me, get her a phone number for the file. thanks.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

17-Feb-1994 10:03am

TO: Christine M. Heenan
TO: Lynn M. Margherio
TO: Mike Lux

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJECT: possible endorsement of health care plan

Yesterday I was told that the Academy of Neurology may be on the verge of endorsing the Health Security Act and may need some stroking.

George Zitnay, Exec Dir. of the National Head Injury Foundation, Ins, was the source. At our meeting on a variety of topics, he stressed that Dick Vergel, Esq, a local lawyer for this doctors' organization, was this group's local liason; that the Academy is almost ready to endorse; that they might need a briefing from someone in the WH; and that their national meeting is coming up in DC soon. He also mentioned the name Jack Wisnet as one of their officers. He suggested I pass this info on to Carol, who in turn suggested I inform the three of you.

If you need any further background from me, my extension is 62372

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

09-Feb-1994 11:19am

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Rosalyn A. Miller

SUBJECT: RE: Waldron letter

Roz: This letter can be prepared while I am gone and I will sign when I return. Thanks, Stan.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

07-Feb-1994 04:45pm

TO: Rosalyn A. Miller
FROM: Stanley S. Herr
 Domestic Policy Council
CC: Frances E. Walden
SUBJECT: RE: Eunice Shriver

Per our call, I think the letter going out first with a follow-up call to Steve Eidelman, as CHR proposed, 202- 393-1250 would be most effective. Thanks very much.

bcc: Carol Rasco
Stan Herr ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

October 1, 1993

Ms. Marilyn Hamilton
Senior Vice President
Quickie Designs Inc.
2842 Business Park Avenue
Fresno, California 93727

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

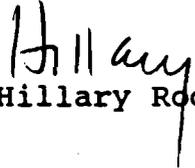
Thank you for your letters. I am sorry my schedule of the last two weeks precluded me from meeting with you, but I hope you enjoyed your visit to the White House for the Women's International Forum tea.

I agree wholeheartedly that if we provide the disabled with the necessary rehabilitative services and equipment, there will be long-term benefits for them and all Americans. We believe the President's health care reform initiative, by combining tax credits, community-based long-term care, and comprehensive insurance without life-time limits, will not only provide disabled Americans with the care that will empower them, but with the peace of mind they rightly deserve.

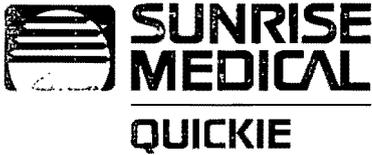
Marilyn Hamilton
October 1, 1993
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I have forwarded your letters to the Office of Policy Development for its consideration. In the meantime, it was good to hear from you, and I hope we can count on your support in the months ahead. I deeply admire your ingenuity and courage.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Kathie Berlin



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September 10, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I heartily applaud your efforts to bring about healthcare reformation. I believe this effort comes at a critically important juncture in our nation's history. At Kathie Berlins' suggestion, I am writing you to share some thoughts.

As a person who has first-hand knowledge of and an active participation in the needs of people with disAbilities, I am a staunch advocate of integrating the wide spectrum of healthcare needs into what will be our country's healthcare plan. Needs include prevention and rehabilitation—both acute and long-term. I believe it is absolutely essential for our healthcare system to address the full continuum of these needs—especially if people with disAbilities are to contribute to society and not just take from it.

Providing coverage for rehabilitation services and equipment for people and families in needs is not a "charitable" act—it is a responsible and economically sound approach to healthcare. It makes good economic sense to pay up front for services and equipment that will empower people and give them the opportunity to make their contribution to the world. In my opinion, this is the absolute essence of the matter—enabling people to utilize their skills and abilities in order to benefit the world in which they live.

When a long-term, value-added approach is used in rehabilitating our citizens who are disAbled, it turns long-term tax users into long-term tax payers. The result is that everyone will eventually pay lower taxes while becoming an integral part of society.

I will be in Washington, D.C. for two weeks from September 20-October 1 for the Women's International Forum and NAMES Health Care Legislative Conference. I would be honored to have the chance to speak with you personally.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Hamilton".

Marilyn Hamilton
Senior Vice President/Marketing

cc: Kathie Berlin, MGM



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Marilyn Hamilton has a zest for life that defies man-made barriers and brings dignity and hope into the lives of people with disAbilities. Her ingenuity and self-propelled spirit of invention has earned her pioneer status in the wheelchair industry. An accomplished athlete and business woman, Marilyn is relentless in her pursuit of excellence—both in her own life and in the lives of people with disAbilities, whose cause she champions, as evidenced below:

- One year after a hang-gliding accident that left her a paraplegic, Marilyn spawned the idea of designing and building a lightweight wheelchair, using the same materials used in making hang-gliders. In 1980, she founded Motion Designs Inc., and with the help of two hang-gliding friends, began manufacturing Quickie wheelchairs from a Fresno, California backyard garage. Just four years later, the company won the prestigious Small Business of the Western US Award.
- Marilyn was named a 1993 National Victory Award recipient, for her tenacious and pioneering spirit, and for her marked contributions to the wheelchair industry.
- Her story is featured in two books: *Companies with a Conscience*, by Mary Scott and Howard Rothman, and *No Pity*, by Joseph Shapiro.
- Her latest contribution is the launching of Winners on Wheels (WOW)—of which she is currently president—a nonprofit, coed, scouting-type program, whose purpose is to bring together kids in wheelchairs and challenge them to reframe their lives, go after dreams and confidently contribute to the world.
- Other notable accomplishments include induction into the Good Shepherd Hall of Fame in 1990 and the California Governor's Hall of Fame for People with Disabilities, in 1988.
- Marilyn's business prowess was recognized when she received the National Women's Economic Alliance Business Leadership Award in 1986, and when she was selected as the 1985 California Business Woman of the Year.
- As an athlete, Marilyn is equally impressive on the court as she is on the slopes. She has won 2 Silver Medals in the Paralympic Ski Championships and has twice won the U.S. National Women's Wheelchair Open Tennis Championships. She is a 6-time National Disabled Ski Champion.
- Marilyn's community contributions include involvement in organizations such as the Fresno Economic Development Corporation (board member), National Handicapped Sports, (board member) and Social Venture Network.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

04-Feb-1994 06:38pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr
FROM: Rosalyn A. Miller
 Economic and Domestic Policy
CC: Carol H. Rasco
SUBJECT: Request for Meeting

I just spoke with Justin Dart, who says he speaks with you regularly. He wanted to endorse a meeting request made to CHR by Paul Marchand on behalf of the disability community. I vaguely remember there being such a request, and if I remember correctly, this is one that you were going to try to handle for CHR. I have simply told Mr. Dart that I would need to call him back on Monday, but that I couldn't promise him a meeting at this point...please advise.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

19-Jan-1994 04:49pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: RE: George Zitnay

I appreciated the humor in your last message ... I needed a good smile today...although I am very sorry it was at the expense of you and the others over there who are freezing....and it sounds like going home is not going to solve things for you!

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

19-Jan-1994 04:42pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Rosalyn A. Miller

SUBJECT: RE: PCMR/ inadvertent transmission --Wall St. only 1st two p
SUBJECT: _____

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I sent a fax to Tom Smith (the Ed you called him I guess was because I put in parenthesis after his name that he is an Ed.D. meaning doctorate....) yesterday and Rosalyn will follow up with him to make sure he is sending the resume I requested. Thanks...he would be great!

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

21-Jan-1994 01:56pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: RE: George Zitnay

Thanks! I'll plan to do a memo to Chief of Staff in next couple of weeks.

Letter to the Editor for the Wall Street Journal

ANOTHER MOTHER TALKS TO MRS. CLINTON

Like Marianne M. Jennings, I too have the privilege of raising a child with multiple disabilities and so I feel a good deal of empathy for the frustration with bureaucracies she describes in her January 3 Op-Ed piece, "A Mother Talks to Mrs. Clinton." I also have the privilege of assisting the Clinton administration to reform health care and other systems in ways sensitive to the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

The administration's health care plan seeks to eliminate some of the frustrations -- and fears -- that parents like Ms. Jennings now experience in the delivery and reimbursement of health-related services. Under the President's plan, parents will no longer face exclusion based on a child's (or their own) pre-existing condition or life-time limits on the coverage of medical expenses. Universal coverage and the portability of this benefit will be a source of real reassurance to the parents of children with disabilities. The onerous income reviews and periodic renewals of eligibility for health-care benefits that Ms. Jennings describes will also be a thing of the past under our plan of employer-based, universal health insurance coverage.

Ms. Jennings is on the mark with her description of the undue complexity, the duplication of caseworkers' reviews, and the lack of user-friendly information approaches that too often characterizes the situation at present. She and her family have faced first-hand the crazy-quilt, patchwork system that we have in America today because we have no national system of health insurance.

As a mother in Arkansas of a son with multiple disabilities, I had my share of similar experiences. I vividly recall the caseworker who saw my son Hamp as a baby crawling on my floor and still asked where was my disabled child, and the worker who rejected my application because in reciting 18 years of Hamp's medical history I had omitted one doctor's zipcode from years ago. And the worker who abruptly terminated an eligibility interview because her lunch hour was at the stroke of noon still leaves me shaking my head. But the Medicaid program (the Title XIX program to which Ms. Jennings refers), with all its flaws, will continue to be the only resource for many people until we have a system of guaranteed private insurance in place.

Health care reform will not cure all the ills of our disjointed federal, state and private systems of delivering various services to persons with disabilities. The Clinton administration is also working to encourage innovations in unifying case management and sharing information. Through

demonstration projects, we hope that coordinated case reviews can replace multiple visits by legions of caseworkers from separate agencies.

Our health care plan will indeed produce administrative simplification and reduce the hassles of determining and tracking coverage through a guaranteed comprehensive benefits package. More standardization will mean fewer obscure turns and twists to getting benefits. The President's plan seeks at every level of design of health care reform to end such horror stories as Ms. Jennings's, to put patients over paperwork, to offer "report cards" that give consumers meaningful information on which locally available health plans are more responsive and consumer friendly to persons both with and without disabilities.

Parents of disabled kids will also have to mobilize to make health-care programs work properly. A grass-roots movement of mothers and fathers of children with disabilities (see U.S. News & World Report, Jan. 10, 1994) is doing just that and bringing its expertise to bear on these complicated, but vital issues.

Still, parents of children with disabilities shouldn't need the legal training and communication skills that Ms. Jennings possesses to be able to access services for their children. We are committed to fashioning a system in which the race is not won by only the fittest or the most ardent battler of bureaucracies. Ms. Jennings eloquently describes some of the ills and unevenness of the status quo. As a mother and a policy maker, I will continue to talk to Mrs. Clinton and to the President, knowing that they believe that we must do a better job of preserving the health and tapping the potential of all our children.

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

Washington

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHI WAY

FROM: Stan Herr

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for Jan. 13-19, 1994

THE WEEK AHEAD

I will address the National Council on Disability at their quarterly meeting.

At Carol's request, I will make the plenary speech to the TAPP (National Parent Network on Disabilities) before an expected audience of 800 parents and other specialists concerned with children and youth with disabilities.

I will attend the meeting of Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee which deals with disability issues.

I will continue my ongoing work on the health-care reform, the ADA and other disability-related matters.

WEEK IN REVIEW

With the assistance of Chris Heenan, I drafted a reply to the Wall Street Journal for Carol to the Ed-Op piece, "A Mother Talks to Mrs. Clinton" on administrative simplification in the delivery of health care and others services for persons with disabilities.

I reviewed the Wright State University disability support issue and drafted a reply to a parent of disabled college student on that issue.

With Chris, I drafted talking points for Carol's use in dealing with the media on health care reform.

I reviewed a social security disability matter and offered appropriate assistance.

I attended a meeting of a parent advisory group and offered feedback on a concept paper for proposed legislation on Family support Services that Sen. Harkin may introduce.

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CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

Washington

TO: CAROL H. RASCO
FROM: Stan Herr P6/(b)(6)
cc: Chris Heenan (Please forward to Chris for her review and input)
RE: Requested draft letter to the editor

second revised draft 1-19-94 11:19 am

Letter to the Editor for the Wall Street Journal

ANOTHER MOTHER TALKS TO MRS. CLINTON

Like Marianne M. Jennings, I too have the privilege of raising a child with multiple disabilities and so I feel a good deal of empathy for the frustration with bureaucracies she describes in her January 3 Op-Ed piece, "A Mother Talks to Mrs. Clinton." I also have the privilege of assisting the Clinton administration to reform health care and other systems in ways sensitive to the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

The administration's health care plan seeks to eliminate some of the frustrations -- and fears -- that parents like Ms. Jennings now experience in the delivery and reimbursement of health-related services. Under the President's plan, parents will no longer face exclusion based on a child's (or their own) pre-existing condition or life-time limits on the coverage of medical expenses. Universal coverage and the portability of this benefit will be a source of real reassurance to the parents of children with disabilities. The onerous income reviews and periodic renewals of eligibility for health-care benefits that Ms. Jennings describes will also be a thing of the past under our plan of employer-based, universal health insurance coverage.

Ms. Jennings is on the mark with her description of the undue complexity, the duplication of caseworkers' reviews, and the lack of user-friendly information approaches that too often characterizes the situation at present. She and her family have faced first-hand the crazy-quilt, patchwork system that we have in America today because we have no national system of health insurance.

As a mother in Arkansas of a son with multiple disabilities, I had my share of similar experiences. I vividly recall the caseworker who saw my son Hamp as a baby crawling on my floor and still asked where was my disabled child, and the worker who rejected my application because in reciting 18 years of Hamp's medical history I had omitted one doctor's zipcode from years ago. And the worker who abruptly terminated an eligibility interview because her lunch hour was at the stroke of noon still leaves me shaking my head. But the Medicaid program (the Title XIX program to which Ms. Jennings refers), with all its flaws, will continue to be the only resource for many people until we have a system of guaranteed private insurance in place.

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19-Jan-1994 02:48pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Christine M. Heenan
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Carol H. Rasco
CC: Rosalyn A. Miller

SUBJECT: RE: revised Wall Street Journal response

Stan:

I think this letter is very good. The change I thought most important was that Carol reference both the President and First Lady, which you've made.

The reason I suggested cutting the last paragraph was because I thought the end of the previous paragraph: "...they believe we must do a better job of preserving the health and tapping the potential of all our children." is a strong ending to the whole piece.

Maybe a compromise is putting what is now the last paragraph as the second to last. Then you would lead from talking about what parents are doing, and you could begin the final paragraph: "Still, parents shouldn't need the legal training and..". Up to you.

Anyway, this is a go.

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CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President
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17-Jan-1994 05:14pm

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: Thank you for the faxed draft for the WSJ response

The only paragraph where I think there needs to be a change is paragraph five. Because we don't know that any communities will include this type change in their strategic plans submitted in the empowerment zone/enterprise community process I would suggest the paragraph read something like:

Health care reform will not cure all the ills of our disjointed federal, state and private systems of delivering various services to persons with disabilities. The Clinton administration is also working to encourage innovations in unifying care management and sharing information. We hope through demonstration projects that coordinated case reviews can replace multiple visits by legions of caseworkers from separate agencies.

Why don't you take a crack at this paragraph, edit if you feel it needs it and then you and Christine look at the full draft together, have her start running something you all can agree upon by the health care message team....I'll look forward to seeing something once it has first been run by the team.

Many thanks! (How nice, you're the only person who said something like Happy Martins Day!)

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18-Jan-1994 04:38pm

TO: (See Below)

FROM: Rosalyn A. Miller
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: see attached for distribute

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TO: Rosalyn A. Miller

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: attached for distribution

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18-Jan-1994 03:33pm

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FROM: Jeffrey L. Eller
 Office of Media Affairs

SUBJECT: For Internal Use Only

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IS THERE A HEALTH CARE CRISIS IN AMERICA?

Q: Some Republicans, and even Senator Moynihan, say there is no health care crisis in America. Do you agree?

A: We disagree, but if they seriously believe that there's no problem, let's have a real debate. Unfortunately, this is apparently just a political strategy of some Republicans. And it's very sad because there are many Republicans who are very committed to a real, bipartisan solution to this health care issue, and health care is not an issue that anyone should be using to play politics with.

[Background:

Republican strategist William Kristol has written a widely-circulated memo saying the only way to defeat the President's plan is to flat-out oppose it. And the only way to justify that opposition is to deny that a health care "crisis" exists in America. Dick Cheney and others have picked up this line in the last few weeks, and Sen. Moynihan repeated it on Sunday's "Meet the Press." And a recent Wall Street Journal item said that Kristol's "follow-up strategy" is to get Gingrich and Dole to introduce a "limited set of insurance and malpractice reforms and tax incentives."]

Now, you can argue over whether or not the current health care system is in a state of "crisis" per se. But we do know this: our health care system is seriously broken, and the President is committed to fixing it. And those who deny there are serious problems don't understand the lives of middle-class Americans who live in fear that their health care won't be there when they need it.

The Health Security Act proposes a system of guaranteed private

November 3, 1993

Polly Arango
Family Voices
P.O. Box 769
Algodones, NM 87001

Dear Polly,

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the American Health Security Act and how it affects individuals with disabilities. I appreciate hearing your concerns and those of other members of Family Voices from across the nation. I will share your document with my aides who work on this issue as we fine-tune the legislation.

The draft Act offers many positive features for the families of children with special health needs. Universal coverage will provide health benefits for those who were not insured in the past. Families will always be covered regardless of their employment situation. Many families will also enjoy reductions in their medical care costs.

Since the September 7th draft plan to which your letter refers, we have made a number of positive changes in the American Health Security Act. We have eliminated the I.Q. limitation in the eligibility definition for long-term care. We have preserved children's Medicaid benefits under the early intervention program, known by the acronym EPSDT. In addition, the Act calls for a new long-term care initiative to expand and improve home and community-based services.

The American Health Security Act will not be able to cover all health and rehabilitation needs. However, we can each work to support this Act as it goes through the legislative process to ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families receive a fair and equitable share of health-care resources.

I hope that Nick enjoyed Halloween as much as Hamp and Mary-Margaret did. Again, thank you for sharing your concerns and the helpful views of your individual members.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Rasco
The Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

13-Jan-1994 11:40am

TO: Stanley S. Herr
FROM: Patricia E. Romani
Domestic Policy Council
SUBJECT: Phone call - CHR - request you handle

Stan,
Carol received a call from Pat Runsehold

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1-13
9:20am

She is the parent of a young disabled adult. She has been active on the Protection and Advocacy Board of the state of TN. She has concerns re. the federal oversight of this board and in particular the role of a Marie Strahan. She learned of CHR and her advocacy role from the recent issue of U.S. News and World Report.

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Person involved:

CHR asked that you follow up on this call for her.
Thanks, Pat

Ray Samley --

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"Personal opinion" --
continued stress

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24-Jan-1994 10:09am

TO: Stanley S. Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Christine M. Heenan

SUBJECT: I have seen on the list of DC activities for today that

at 12 noon, 8 year old cerebral palsy victim Philip Cacho and his parents will discuss the good and bad points of the President's health care reform plan following their appearance before the House Energy and Commerce, Health and Environment Subcommittee, outside 2123 RHOB. Wanted you and Christine to be aware...we might ought to check out with health reform team if anyone will be listening...thanks.

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21-Jan-1994 04:48pm

TO: Patricia E. Romani

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: Phone call from Melody Ligon

Pat -- I spoke with Ms. Ligon about 45 minutes ago, got a referral for her to a Colorado lawyer, and called her back back shortly thereafter to give her the name of Kristin Kutz, Esq. I can only assume that the second call was before my round with her or she would have asked for me. She had seemed satisfied with the help I was able to offer. In any event, I cant think of anything else we can or should do at this time.

Stan

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL H. RASCO
PAUL WEINSTEIN

15 FEB 1994

FROM: Stanley S. Herr
SUBJECT: Cleveland EZ/EC Workshop

1. I represented the DPC at this workshop attended by some 350 persons. About two-thirds seemed to be from Cleveland, with the remainder from other Ohio cities, and a smattering from other states (NY, IN, MD).
2. Initially the organizers wanted to sit me in the audience where I would have been an unidentified spectator. Recalling Mike Schmidt's experience in Chicago, and to avoid defeating the purpose of this trip, I did get seating on the podium for the program's second session, an introduction, and the chance to give a two-minute greeting, etc. from Carol and the DPC.
3. To make things go more smoothly for those DPC representatives who take part in future meetings, I suggested to Brent Mundt P6/(b)(6) (the private contractor handling logistics for all the workshops meetings) that he contact Paul to get the names of the DPC representatives for the remaining workshops. Brent will be happy to do so and said he would then be able to put up "table tents" (his phrase for name identifiers) and get our folks properly recognized.
4. Roy Priest, the HUD official who played MC for the morning session, was helpful. He also added some liveliness to the proceedings, as did Joe Reid, an Athens, Georgia planning official with a strong "get poor people involved" message and charismatic down-home style.
5. In the afternoon, Rep. Stokes and Cleveland's Mayor White did fine jobs introducing Sec. Cisneros and pitching Cleveland's credentials. The Secretary did an outstanding job of putting the EZ/EC program into the context of many strands of the Administration's urban policy. He did inadvertently refer a couple of times to the Presidents Community Empowerment Board but I don't think the audience noticed or cared. He hit all the highpoints and deftly made our major domestic initiatives -- from healthcare to homelessness, and from welfare reform to crime fighting -- seem like pieces in a puzzle linked to EZ/EC goals.

6. He highlighted Flint, Michigan as a city with the potential to gain one of these designations. He also hinted that if the EZ/ECs project succeeded, they might get a second round, and hence the hard work of applying might not be wasted to those not initially successful.

7. Reactions were very favorable by the audience to the Secretary's presentation. People also seemed to appreciate the White House presence and the workshop seemed to reinforce audience intentions to submit applications.