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THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM: Carol H. Rasco  
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DATE: January 12, 1994

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Ruscio

FROM: Ricki Seidman  
Assistant to the President  
Director of Scheduling and Advance

DATE: 11/5/94

RE: 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation Ceremony of California Academy  
of Mathematics +  
Science

I. PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING ACTION

- Pending decision
- If you think that the President should attend please do a scheduling proposal.
- President will not be attending

II. SCHEDULING CORRESPONDENCE

- "PENDING" response to be sent
- "REGRET" response to be sent

III. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- Please advise if the President should attend.
- The President will not be attending. Please determine if a representative of the President should be sent and coordinate.
- Please coordinate a representative of the President to attend.

IV. REMARKS/SURROGATE SUGGESTION(S)

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**Frank Mankiewicz**  
Vice Chairman

December 17, 1993

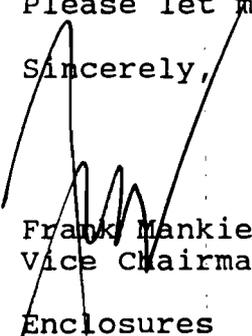
Ricki Seidman  
Assistant to the President &  
Director of Scheduling & Advance  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ricki,

I am enclosing a request for the President to make an appearance in Los Angeles on June 11, 1994. The request comes from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, a new four-year public high school offering accelerated education and math to minorities and young women, but in fact the request comes from our client, Hughes Aircraft Company, which is heavily involved in supporting this school and its objectives.

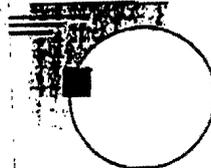
It seems to me, from the material attached, this would be a solid plus for the President, on one of his visits to southern California. As you know, Hughes has been a major supporter of the President's initiatives, including the stimulus package, the budget, health care reform and NAFTA. Please let me know if this is at all possible.

Sincerely,



Frank Mankiewicz  
Vice Chairman

Enclosures



**California Academy of  
Mathematics and Science**

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September 20, 1993

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write to you on behalf of the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, a four-year public high school in Los Angeles which offers accelerated education in mathematics and science to minorities and young women.

On behalf of the Academy, I would like to request the honor of your presence at the school's first graduation ceremony, to be held on Saturday, June 11, 1994. We would be most honored if you would consider being our keynote speaker for this very special occasion. You were selected by our students, the Class of 1994, as the first choice for keynote speaker.

The Academy is truly symbolic of the new spirit you have brought to our nation: a spirit of cooperation, of rethinking the way all of us work and live. Please allow me to summarize some of the Academy's attributes which reflect this vision:

- o In Los Angeles, which continues to hold the national spotlight on issues of racial equality, economic viability (particularly in high-tech and engineering fields) and education, the Academy is a symbol of success: a school which is 85 percent minority, with a drop-out rate of less than three percent, with students recruited from "ordinary" public schools who win national competitions in science and perform at or above the standards set by many of the nation's private secondary schools.
- o The Academy is among the most ethnically-balanced and diverse schools in the United States, with a student body which is 26 percent African American, 28 percent Latino, 29 percent Asian American, 15 percent Caucasian, and about two percent Native American. Many of the school's students live in the most severely-impacted areas of the 1992 riot curfew zone, including South-Central Los Angeles, Compton and Watts.
- o The Academy continues to be the only high school in the United States which enrolls a large population of underrepresented minorities and women who are interested in pursuing careers in math and science. As the nation loses ground in high technology and science, and as the nation's workforce becomes increasingly composed of minorities and women, it is all the more apparent that the school's mission is vital to the future of the nation.

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- o The Academy has been featured in national media, including the Los Angeles Times and New York Times and in a 1991 ABC prime-time special titled "Revolution At Work," where the Academy was one of three programs chosen to symbolize revolutionary and successful approaches to revitalizing the American economy.
- o The partnership between eight public school districts (including L.A. Unified), private industry, the state of California, and the nation's largest university system (the CSU) represents a new and successful model for improving public education in the United States.
- o The June 1994 graduation will be the first in the Academy's history. The school is scheduled to graduate 90 percent of those students who began at the Academy as freshmen, an almost unparalleled statistic in the Los Angeles area. All 116 of these seniors are planning to attend college. Recruiters from Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Columbia and Stanford have scheduled visits to the school this fall.
- o In 1992, the Academy was one of ten programs in the United States selected as models of educational reform by the Business-Higher Education Forum, an organization which includes representatives of the nation's top universities and industries. The Academy has also received support from the National Governor's Association.

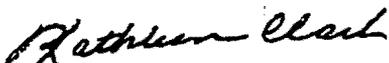
Corporate support for the Academy has been strong, particularly from the aerospace, refining and computer industries, whose contributions to the school total more than \$3 million. The support of these and more than two dozen other corporations, including 13 in the Fortune 500, underscores the integrity and success of the Academy.

All of us fully understand the magnitude of your position, and your busy schedule. Still, we urge you to consider our request, which would mean so much to our students, their families and the greater Los Angeles community. In addition, the Academy is a shining example of the possibilities of your vision. The school is a proven and successful means of addressing crucial national issues in pre-college science, mathematics and minority education: issues which directly affect our nation now, and will be increasingly important in the future.

I have enclosed additional materials for your review, and would enjoy an opportunity to visit with your staff to further discuss our request. I have asked my colleague Greg Klerix to call your office soon to discuss your interest in our request.

Mr. President, thank you for your consideration. All of us at the Academy wish you the best in your continuing efforts to effect positive and lasting change in our nation, and the world.

Cordially,



Kathleen Clark  
Principal

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OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

THE WHITE HOUSE

CAROL H. RASCO  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR DOMESTIC POLICY

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DRAFT RESPONSE FOR POTUS AND  
FORWARD TO CHR BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DRAFT RESPONSE FOR CHR BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE WRITER  
(COPY TO CHR) BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ADVISE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

LET'S DISCUSS: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY USING FORM CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SEND COPY TO (ORIGINAL TO CHR): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE ? : ACCEPT                      PENDING                      ~~REGRET~~

DESIGNEE TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Pass along to Malston  
as requested in letter.  
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*2/15/94  
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Center for Public Policy Education

February 10, 1994

Ms. Carol Rasco  
Assistant to the President for  
Domestic Policy  
Executive Office of the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

I am writing to invite you to speak to our seminar "Inside Washington: Business and Public Policy, " to be held in Washington, D.C., the week of March 20-24, 1994.

Specifically, we would like you to meet with this group on Wednesday, March 23, 1994, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. to discuss "The President's Domestic Agenda." If you are able to meet with us, might we impose upon your office to arrange a meeting room at OEOB from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon as we are also inviting an OMB staffer to follow you.

This program is designed for mid-level corporate and government managers. During informal, off-the-record sessions, they meet with Members of Congress, Administration officials, and other experts on American government in an intensive look at the policymaking process, focusing primarily on health issues. We ask our speakers to talk informally for 15 minutes and then take questions for the balance of the time. I know that this is a terribly busy time for you and if you are unable to talk to this group, we would appreciate your passing this invitation along to Bill Galston.

I do hope you will be able to meet with this group. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Delaney at (202)797-6094.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Korb  
Director

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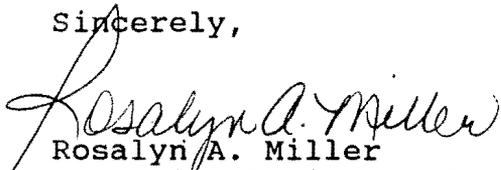
March 1, 1994

Rick Douglas  
Executive Director  
President's Committee on Employment of  
People with Disabilities  
1331 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005-1107

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Carol Rasco has received your kind letter of invitation to address the plenary session of the 47th Annual Conference of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities on Wednesday, May 19 in Atlanta, Georgia. In most instances, it is impossible to schedule more than 4-6 weeks in advance. We will keep your letter on file and contact you at least one month in advance. Should you need to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202)456-2216.

Sincerely,

  
Rosalyn A. Miller  
Executive Assistant for  
Domestic Policy

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President's Committee on Employment  
of People with Disabilities

February 18, 1994

Ms. Carol Rasco  
Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Policy  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

It is my pleasure to invite you to deliver a major address at the plenary session of the 47th Annual Conference of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities on Wednesday, May 19, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Specifically, the President's Committee would like you to discuss the Administration's policy toward people with disabilities, including the areas that the President consistently stresses: inclusion, empowerment, independence, implementation and enforcement of the ADA, and universal health care. By appointing people with disabilities to key positions in various agencies, the President has demonstrated his own commitment to empowerment and inclusion and provided the base for fundamental change in the federal system -- both in programs and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

We believe this message is an important one to share with the 4,000 attendees expected at the conference. These attendees include corporate CEO's and other prominent business executives, labor union leaders, educators, federal, state and local government officials, representatives of veterans' organizations, national, regional and state leaders of the disability community and others who work in partnership with the President's Committee to promote employment of people with disabilities.

This conference is the largest and most significant forum for the exchange of information on employment opportunities for the nation's 49 million Americans with Disabilities. To give you a sense of the depth and breadth of topics, I am enclosing an outline of this year's program and a copy of last year's program.

The approximate length of your remarks would be 20 minutes. We hope you will accept this invitation and will be contacting your office shortly by telephone to confirm.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Douglas  
Executive Director

cc: Stan Herr

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President's Committee  
on Employment of  
People with Disabilities

1993  
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PROGRAM

# 1994 President's Committee Annual Conference

## Program At A Glance

### Tuesday, May 17, 1994

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Standing Committee Meetings  
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Registration  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Orientation for New Attendees

### Wednesday, May 18, 1994

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration  
8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Opening Session  
11:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Visit the Exhibit Hall  
12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)  
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
2:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Health Care Symposium  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Reception  
6:30 p.m. "Welcome to Atlanta" Reception

### Thursday, May 19, 1994

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration  
8:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. General Session  
11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
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2:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Legislation Symposium  
2:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Personal Assistant Services Symposium  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
6:00 p.m. Awards Dinner

### Friday, May 20, 1994

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshops  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Business/ADA Implementation Symposium  
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Your Ideas for the 1995 Conference



1994 PCEPD ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP TITLE

SET

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT: HOW WELL DO THEY FIT?  
EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH IN TRANSITION THROUGH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
LEARNING DISABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE: THE HIDDEN TRUTH  
GETTING THE WORD OUT: SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES USED BY VR AGENCY TO INFORM  
YOUR IDEAS FOR THE 1995 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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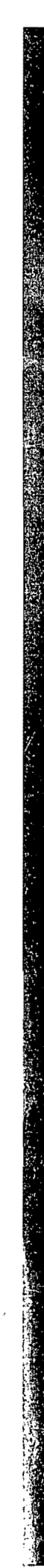
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May 27, 28, 29  
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Washington, D.C.

*ADA: Working Together...For a Change*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1994

TO: Christine Heenan  
FROM: Carol H. Rasco *CH*  
SUBJ: Rakoksky letter *my name*

Attached is a letter mailed to the First Lady last year. Because it was sent so soon after the inaugural we don't know if it ever reached Mrs. Clinton, and we have no record of my copy arriving. In the meantime, in recent months Mrs. Rodham met this woman when Mrs. Rodham was in Florida helping her sister who has a seriously disabled adult son. Stephanie Rakofsky was the social worker who assisted Mrs. Rodham, her sister Isabelle Dowdy and the son, Max. Mrs. Rodham could not say enough nice things about the assistance Stephanie gave them. After knowing each other some time, Stephanie realized Mrs. Rodham was Hillary's mother and asked to share a copy of the letter which Mrs. Rodham has brought to me. I have had a great conversation with Stephanie. I am now asking you to have someone appropriate on the White House Reform Team to call her to talk about the role of social workers in the plan. I have also asked Bruce Vladeck to have someone appropriate call her from HCFA in regard to her questions/concerns about Medicare in its current form.

Thanks!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1994

TO: Bruce Vladeck

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

SUBJ: Letter from Stephanie Rakofsky

Attached is a copy of a letter sent here last February shortly after the inaugural. I did not receive the copy listed to me, not sure whom, if anyone, in the Administration received their copy. Hillary's mother met this woman when Mrs. Rodham was in Florida with her sister, who has a seriously disabled adult son. After several days/weeks into visiting together, Stephanie realized Mrs. Rodham was Hillary Rodham Clinton's mother and asked if Mrs. Rodham would share this letter with someone on the staff. I have visited with Stephanie by phone regarding her concerns and in order to fully follow up to Mrs. Rodham's and Hillary's desires, I am asking that you have someone appropriate on your staff call and listen to Stephanie on her Medicare concerns.

Thank you.

Stephanie Lane Rakofsky, M.A., M.S.W.  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
77 Arvida Parkway  
Coral Gables, Florida 33156

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February 12, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton,  
Director, Health Care Reform Task Force  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Congratulations to you on your appointment to lead the Health Care Reform Task Force and, of course, on the long awaited election results!

I am writing to you today, because I, like many other professional women in the health care arena, want desperately for you to succeed in creating a workable and just universal health care system. I am hopeful that the plan you propose will avoid the pitfalls of some of the current programs which deemphasize the needs of the patients in deference to those of the providers.

As the Director of Social Work Departments for the past twenty years in both private corporate hospitals and not for profit facilities, I would like to share with you some of the ways in which patients with insurance have been slighted as they move through the health care continuum. My experience in the trenches as well as in the board rooms compels me to highlight the abuses I have personally witnessed.

Accepting the fact that resources are scarce and that a national health plan cannot offer each person unlimited options, I fear that a profit driven system, underpinned by predominantly economic incentives for the providers will continue to encourage the erosion of those benefits which are included in any given insurance package.

Glaringly abusive trends have emerged in today's health care scene which have proven effective in short circuiting the care of the very patients they were supposedly designed to serve. Despite the allocation of funds and the appropriateness of treatment, patients are prevented daily from receiving the services they need.

**1. Prohibitions against obtaining care outlined in policy due to financial incentives to limit cost by gatekeepers.** Examples abound: Authorization refusals to rehabilitation units, creating delays in recovery and in some cases, permanent dependence and poor functioning. Refusals to send patients to specialists, resulting in strokes, blindness and

other avoidable and costly conditions. Prescribing hospice care for a patient, who could benefit from aggressive treatment, because it is the least expensive mode of treatment.

Just today we were instructed to facilitate the discharge of an 86 year old woman, two days following surgery to repair a fractured hip. The managed care company which had absorbed her Medicare benefits, refused to authorize extended care for her, even though she required oxygen, cardiac monitoring and rehabilitation to permit her to return to the boarding home where she had previously functioned independently. Had she not joined the managed care company, Medicare would have allowed such a discharge plan. She was told that under the managed care plan, Medicare guidelines would be followed. Obviously, this was not the case.

**2. Utter lack of choice among treatment plans of comparative cost, due to arbitrary and whimsical decisions or informal prearranged agreements to use certain suppliers.** Examples: Insisting that a patient with attentive family be transferred to ventilator unit an hour away, when the identical unit of the same corporation is ten minutes from the patient's home. Similar scenarios are repeated with extended care facilities, equipment companies, specialists, etc. even though the members' provider directory lists several choices in each category. Patients and families lose their sense of control over their own destinies and simultaneously, their feelings of dignity and self worth.

**3. Total deletion or severe limitation of mental health benefits, both on an inpatient and outpatient basis.** Potentially debilitating mental illnesses are left to fester until they become unmanageable physical disorders, costing much more than relatively inexpensive psychotherapy as an outpatient. Many well known studies corroborate the notion that mental and physical well being are inextricably linked and that the inclusion of mental health benefits is a cost effective method to reduce expensive hospitalizations, accidents, and absences from work. (Dr. Jeffrey Burak, University of California-1985-89; Dr. Howard Burton, Journal of Psychosomatic Medicine 1986; Dr. Jesse Wright, University of Louisville Medical School; Dr. James Strain, American Journal of Psychiatry, August, 1991; Dr. Perry Nicasso, Journal of Abnormal Psychology; Dr. Michael Von Korff, Archives of General Psychiatry, February, 1992; Dr. Sheldon Cohen, Carnegie Mellon University, The New England Journal of Medicine, 1991; Dr. David Spiegel, Stanford University, The Lancet, 1989.) Psychiatrists and psychologists are necessary components of any mental health plan, but clinical social workers can provide many of the services at the most cost effective level, yet they are omitted from many plans if benefits exist. Equally unclear is the provision of inpatient psychiatric hospitalization benefits where no outpatient arrangements exist.

**4. In addition to these deliberate omissions, the patient must cope with the shortsighted Medicare regulations regarding outpatient medication and transportation.** Patients who can function well at home, instead receive intravenous medication in extended care facilities, because the high cost of medication, which the patient must pay, prohibits their administration at home. The patient, who cannot linger in the hospital as soon as treatment can be provided in a setting with a lower level of care, suddenly finds him/herself in the nursing home, an unexpected and demoralizing detour on the road to recovery. Likewise, transportation authorized under Medicare is

exclusively emergency level. Many patients who are forced to utilize basic life support vehicles would also qualify for stretcher or wheelchair level, which is incontestably more economical. How wasteful for Medicare and how unnecessarily traumatic for the patient!

The gradual disappearance of the medical social worker from hospitals throughout South Florida can be directly correlated with the increase of the blatantly unfair and discriminatory treatment of the patient with managed care and in some cases Medicare benefits. Medical social workers have been systematically and methodically eliminated from many for profit corporate hospital chains as other independent hospitals scramble to emulate the profit only motive. The strategy is clear--Remove the patient's advocate and there is no one left to insist that the patient have the most appropriate treatment and, by the way, the one which is included and funded in his/her benefit plan. So called "case managers", without social work training and orientation, who may not share the "patients' rights ethic", are ill prepared and poorly motivated to evaluate the total needs of the patient which can be met by the plan. Further complicating the picture, they may not be permitted to exercise judgement independent of the financial goals of their immediate employers.

Contrary to popular myth, medical social workers are not bleeding hearts who are unaware of financial constraints. Rather, they have historically worked within systems of limited resources to creatively stretch available materials in a fiscally responsible, problem solving, patient-oriented approach.

I am writing to you today, not because I am concerned about how hospitals or physicians will fare in the new system. They have political organizations, lobbyists, specialists, who will guide them through in order to survive. I am writing because someone must oversee the rights of the patients once the plan is in place. There is no group better qualified than the medical social workers. I believe that there should be a place in the health plan for social workers, either mandated in the discharge planning process or independently funded by the government, to ensure that, as the other players scurry to protect their interests, patients' rights are not forgotten.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns further with any members of your staff. I can be reached at (305)662-8106 during the day or P6/(b)(6) at home.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Rakofsky, M.A., M.S.W., L.C.S.W.  
Director, Social Work Services  
South Miami Hospital  
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Miami, Fl. 33143

cc: Donna Shalala, Secretary, Health and Human Services  
Carol Rasco, White House Domestic Policy Advisor  
Ira Magaziner, Senior Policy Advisor  
Judith Feder, Health Care Transition Team  
Leon Panetta, Secretary of the Office of Budget Management  
Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor  
National Association of Social Workers  
Society for Hospital Social Work Directors

To Carol Pasco  
White House Domestic Policy  
(west wing) Advisor