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To: Cynthia A. Rice

cc:

Subject: Re: Date of Postal Service/Internet announcement

I believe it was July 22, 1996.

Original Text

From: Cynthia_A._Rice@oa.eop.gov, on 12/18/97 12:15 PM:

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You faxed me the two page "Moving Ahead on Child Support Enforcement" fact sheet from the Post Office "Wanted Lists" and the Web site. Can you find out what day in 1996 that was? It's not on the fact sheet.



Elisabeth Stock @ OVP
08/07/97 12:19:20 PM

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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

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Subject: Per your request...

CR,

You asked to me look into what has happened since the signing of the EO that requires agencies to post info on father's owing large amounts of child support in libraries, etc. I called David Segal who is out of town this week. Rob Cohen sent an email on his behalf giving us an update. This email is attached below.

See you Mon.

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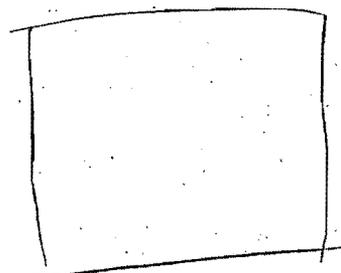
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In August of 1996 OCSE and USPS jointly developed procedures to implement this EO. In the 8-29-96 "Postal Bulletin" (official USPS publication) these procedures were announced throughout the USPS. On 9-4-96, OCSE distributed these procedures to the Regional Offices. In addition, this remedy was discussed in an article in the 10-96 edition of the Child Support Report.

In January of 1997, OCSE surveyed the States to see which were taking advantage of this remedy. Seven States (CA, CT, IN, KS, MA, OR and SD) were posting their "most-wanted" posters in the Postal offices located within those States. These findings were published in the 2-97 Child Support Report.

In April of 1997 the USPS CO requested another survey, to support a report they were preparing. At that time four additional States (MD, NC, NV, MS) were displaying their posters at Postal offices.

To date, there are at least eleven States participating in this project. Our ROs have even been able to provide us with some success stories attributable to the appearance of these posters in Postal offices.



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Re: child support/post office wanted lists

Cynthia,

Fact sheet announcing post office
wanted lists as per my voice
mail message.

Please call me with any questions.

Michael

MOVING AHEAD ON CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Today, President Clinton announced new initiatives to help strengthen child support enforcement efforts at the federal and state levels. The President announced that the U.S. Postal Service will work with states to display "Wanted Lists" of parents who owe support in post offices of states that have such lists, and he challenged all states to join the "Wanted List" effort. The President also announced that the Department of Health and Human Services's Office of Child Support Enforcement has created a home page on the Internet, expanding efforts to help find parents who owe support. The President announced executive action to instruct the Department of Justice to strengthen criminal prosecutions and penalties for parents who owe child support. The President announced that Colorado will join the 19 states that currently have their own web sites, and he challenged every state to link up and help create a nationwide electronic child support enforcement network. The President has also announced that visitors to the White House home page will be able to go directly to the Federal child support Internet site.

U.S. Postal Service Posts "Wanted Lists"

Today, the President announced that the U.S. Postal Service has agreed to work with states to display "Wanted Lists" of parents who owe child support in post offices. Each state that has such a list will be able to provide it to the Postal Service, and it will be displayed in post offices within that state. The President also challenged every state to create a "Wanted List" to expand efforts to track down parents who owe support and send the strongest possible message that evasion of child support responsibilities is a serious offense.

A Child Support Enforcement System Web Site

The Clinton Administration is using the Internet to help people access the child support enforcement system more easily and effectively -- and to help find those parents who are not paying the child support they owe. The federal Child Support Enforcement web page, run by HHS' Office of Child Support Enforcement, provides information on the child support enforcement program, tell parents where they can apply for child support assistance, and links them to the 19 states that currently have their own home pages (currently 19). The White House and the Justice Department's home pages are now also linked to this site. The OCSE home page address is:
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/ACFPrograms/CSE/index.html>.

Strengthening Criminal Prosecution and Penalties

Yesterday, the President directed the Attorney General to take actions to strengthen criminal law enforcement against child support debtors. First, the President instructed the Attorney General to convene a task force of federal, state, and local prosecutors to enhance criminal prosecutions of child support debtors. Second, the President directed the Attorney General to issue guidance on sentencing to federal prosecutors, including suggestions for using novel and effective sentencing options. Third, the President instructed the Attorney General to draft legislation establishing a felony offense for certain cases in which a person willfully avoids support payments to a child in another state. Fourth, the President directed the Attorney General to place on HHS' child support enforcement web page a list of persons indicted under the federal child support law who have fled from criminal prosecution.

Colorado Announces New Child Support Initiatives

Today, Colorado announced that it will create a new child support enforcement web site, making it the 20th state now linked up to the federal child support enforcement home page. Colorado also announced that it will begin a fully automated, statewide license revocation notification and referral program next month. Two thousand notices will be sent on a monthly basis to delinquent parents, warning them that they must contact their local child support office to make payment arrangements or risk losing their driver's license.

These initiatives build on Colorado's on-going successful efforts, such as its in-hospital paternity establishment program. Through a grant from HHS's Child Support Improvement Demonstration project, Colorado has simplified application procedures, eliminated fees and waiting periods, and streamlined administration -- resulting in a dramatic increase in voluntary acknowledgements. Since the program began, paternity establishment has increased by 150 percent. Colorado has also used a grant from HHS to create a model child support enforcement office.

In FY 1995, Colorado distributed over \$90 million in child support collections, up from about \$58 million in FY 1992 -- a 58 percent increase. The number of cases in which families received child support assistance rose by about 25 percent, and the number of paternitys established increased by 50 percent over this period.