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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVID THOMAS

RE: Phone call to Congressman John Baldacci (D-ME)

DATE: November 18, 1998

PHONE CALL

You are returning a call to Congressman Baldacci. He would like to discuss Secretary Cuomo's decision to allocate of \$2.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to repair Maine's utilities that were damaged in an ice storm earlier this year.

BACKGROUND

As you will recall, the Northeast, and particularly Maine, were extremely hard hit by an ice storm at the beginning of this year. You traveled with FEMA Director James Lee Witt on January 15th to personally survey the damage. Baldacci and the entire Maine Congressional delegation joined you on this survey.

Maine's utilities were severely damaged in the storm, and FEMA estimated the costs of repairs to be approximately \$57 million dollars. Some have argued that this dollar amount could be much greater. Because Maine's utilities are private, they are not eligible for FEMA disaster relief. As a result, Maine's congressional delegation worked with other Northeastern Members of Congress to add \$130 million to the emergency supplemental appropriations bill, which was directed to HUD's CDBG program.

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Despite this, the delegation is not satisfied with this allocation, and is frustrated with Cuomo's decision. They feel that more of the money should have gone to Maine because of their work in

getting additional funds to HUD. They feel that the floor debate clearly dictated the intent of Congress to allocate more fund to the Northeast. There are different levels of anger towards Cuomo in the delegation. Baldacci is somewhat frustrated with him, while Olympia Snowe is livid and yesterday asked Attorney General Reno to review the legality of Cuomo's decision.

Baldacci reports that he had a good phone conversation with Cuomo yesterday. Cuomo agreed to review the situation and see if there was a legal way to allocate more funds to the Northeast. Baldacci is trying to cool the heated debate between Cuomo and Snowe, and he also wants to show that he is involved in the resolution of this problem. It is likely that he will review the situation for you and ask for your assistance in getting HUD to review all possible options that will get more funds to Maine.

YOUR ROLE

You should listen to Baldacci and reiterate to him that you want to do everything you can to help Maine get back on its feet. **You should not commit to anything**; however, you can tell him that you will ask Secretary Cuomo to explore every available option at HUD and that you will direct your staff to search for other federal funding options that may help to resolve this situation.

You should also ask him about the best way to engage Senator Snowe in this issue (she has a phone call in to you on this issue too).

OTHER INFORMATION

- Baldacci was schedule to attend a political meeting at your residence on Tuesday morning with approximately 20 other Members of Congress. The meeting has been postponed due to your trip, and will be rescheduled in December or early January.

BIO INFORMATION

REP. JOHN BALDACCI

(D) Maine - 2nd District

Of Bangor - Elected 1994; 2nd term

Born: January 30, 1955; Bangor, Maine.

Education: U. of Maine, B.A. 1986.

Occupation: Restaurant owner.

Family: Wife, Karen Weston; 1 child

Political Career: Bangor City Council, 1978-81; Maine Senate, 1982-95.

Committees: AGRICULTURE (15th of 23 Democrats); TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE (33rd of 34 Democrats)

ATTACHMENTS

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TALKING POINTS FOR CONGRESSMAN BALDACCI

- Hello, John. How are you? How's Mama Baldacci's? (*Mama Baldacci's is Baldacci's family run restaurant*).
- I know how concerned you are with securing funding for the recovery efforts resulting from last February's terrible ice storms.
- John, Congress has only appropriated \$130 million for FY 1998 in emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for HUD to respond to disaster requests. Secretary Cuomo has assured me that HUD will continue to work with you and the State of Maine to do everything within their power and the letter of the law to help you rebuild and recover. Our limitation is simply that these monies are formula driven and we have little discretion beyond what was already allocated.
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- Please know that I will do everything I appropriately can to ensure that Maine receives the attention it deserves.
- Please give my regards to Karen and Jack, and I will talk to you again soon.

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FROM: DAVID THOMAS

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Snowe knows that you have discussed this matter with Governor King and Congressman Baldacci, and as a result, she feels that she must talk to you ASAP.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1998

The Honorable Olympia J. Snowe
United States Senate
250 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Snowe:

Thank you very much for your letter and for bringing to my attention the issues surrounding the release of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies.

Tomorrow, HUD is announcing \$2.18 million in Emergency Supplemental CDBG funding for the State of Maine for the damages sustained from the January, 1998, ice storm. This funding can be allocated by the state to its recovery priorities, provided it complies with the published federal regulations.

As you know, Congress mandated that HUD assist with the recovery of all states impacted by natural disasters in 1998. There were more than 60 declared disasters that amounted to several billion dollars in unmet needs across the country, including the ice storms, El Nino flooding, mudslides in California, the fires in Florida, tornados and flooding that hit the Southeast and Midwest, and the many other natural disasters that devastated portions of our nation.

In addition, HUD's funding is designated for long-term recovery — not immediate response. Only after FEMA and other emergency response agencies have disbursed their funds and insurance companies have disbursed their proceeds does HUD assistance become available.

Again, thank you for writing. The President and I look forward to working with you and the State of Maine to maximize the impact of this money on your recovery operations.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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October 30, 1998

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

More than eight months after the historic January 1998 Ice Storm, Maine's electric utilities have not received assistance to meet \$81 million in Maine utility infrastructure costs, even though Congress appropriated funds for this unmet need in the fiscal 1998 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations legislation signed by the President in May.

I am writing to ask for your assistance in securing the immediate release of this funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program so that these recovery efforts may be concluded.

As you saw for yourself during your visit to Maine on January 15, the damage to the utility infrastructure was immense and more than 80 percent of the State's population went without power, in some cases for more than two weeks. During your visit, you noted your willingness to work with the State and the Congressional Delegation to "do everything we can to speed up this recovery." So I am calling on you for your assistance, given the long delay in the release of this CDBG money.

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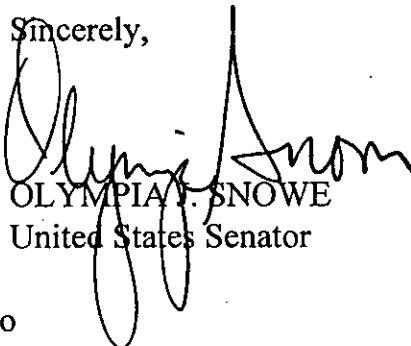
The Maine Delegation worked with the delegations of Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York to provide CDBG funding in the FY98 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations legislation in order to assist our states in the recovery process. We were successful in securing \$130 million in the final bill that was expressly intended for the purpose of addressing unmet needs of disasters as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA's February bluebook on the Northeast Ice Storm identified energy and infrastructure loss as the number one unmet need and area of concern regarding long-term recovery from the Ice Storm.

Unfortunately, today -- more than eight months after the ice storm -- we still have not seen one penny of the CDBG money, and we are now being told that this money will be divided up to go to pay for items that do not fall into the unmet needs category specified in the Supplemental. The result of such a move would leave the Northeast states with only a minuscule portion of this money, although in the legislation this funding is specifically designated to meet for "unmet needs" as defined by FEMA.

I am asking for your help in obtaining from HUD a fair share of that \$130 million that was specifically designated for those areas of need that FEMA could not cover, and to immediately release these funds through the CDBG program so that the Northeast ice storm recovery effort may be brought to a close.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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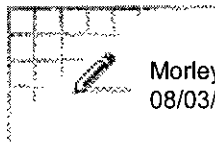
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Record Type: Record

To: Thurgood Marshall Jr/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Ron Klain/OVP@OVP
Subject: HUD in Chicago

Goody:

Mayor Daley asked the Vice-president to be helpful in arranging the structure under which the city would take over the Chicago Housing Authority as he Mayor had committed to during his campaign. The Mayor had it in his mind that he wanted Chicago to be one of the five pilot cities authorized to have "home rule" under last year's law. Unfortunately, that was a commitment that Sec. Cuomo could not make since only Indianapolis was scheduled to be so designated. Since this was a "reinvention" issue, I was asked to broker a meeting between the two staffs to find an alternative acceptable solution. Julie Stash, the CHA head, met with Howard Glaser, Cuomo's Asst. Sec., and then with the Secretary to come to an agreement.

Essentially, Cuomo agreed to designate Chicago as one of ten cities that he can give special flexibility in administering HUD programs through waiving regulations, etc. The regulations permit this when the city's housing is well on its way to meeting HUD standards and detailed supervision is not considered necessary. Since CHA was in receivership because they have so many projects that do not meet standards, this was a stretch on the Secretary's part, done based on the commitments and good will the Mayor had expressed to manage the properties in a way that would now benefit the residents. Everyone signed off on the agreement in June and Chicago felt it had received the flexibilities it requested.

Six weeks into their new arrangement, the CHA held a press event at the CHA warehouse showing it filled with computers, bicycles and other equipment ordered by the staff that had worked under HUD's receivership for use by its employees in the project. The purpose of the event was to announce that all procurements in the amount of \$250 or more would now have to be approved by the new head. It was the only way he said to get "clean audits." Asst. Sec. Glaser and other HUD officials feel this was not only a cheap publicity stunt, but that it totally undermined the Secretary's ability to give them the flexibility they wanted, since to do so requires "clean audits" from HUD.

I received the fax from Glaser on July 19. I have not heard further as to whether or not they were able to 'work it out' as he said they wanted to. The President should be aware of this lack of trust on both sides as he enters into any discussions on this issue in Chicago.

Morley