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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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9-23-96

September 22, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HELEN HOWELL *Hele*

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

- 10/1*
- (A) **Tyson/Stiglitz memo on The State of Working America, 1996-97.** The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) will publish its biennial volume on wages, income, and labor markets in December. This year's volume is fairly negative, suggesting that although the economy is in transition, it is headed in a undesirable direction. The authors conclude that, "wage deterioration and increased economic insecurity will continue, absent a major shift in government and management strategies." Laura and Joe believe that the negative statements in the book may be quoted as "evidence" that the Administration's economic strategy is not working for the majority of American families. Their memo describes the major claims of the book, and provides a more balanced view of the evidence in response.
- 10/1*
- (B) **Rasco/Jennings memo on the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality, and Hill actions on health initiatives you have endorsed.** Despite the misleading NY Times story about the establishment of the Commission, it has received a very positive response, including endorsements from business organizations, insurers, managed care representatives, health care providers, and consumer groups. *List is attached.* Your September 11 letter to Speaker Gingrich on consumer protection health care initiatives also achieved its desired effect. As you know, the House passed (392 to 17) a motion to instruct the VA/HUD Appropriations Conferees to accept the Senate-passed provisions that included the 48-hour post-delivery rule, the Domenici mental health parity compromise, and a VA initiative to provide treatment assistance to the children of Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange who are born with spina bifida.
- 10/1*
- (C) **Rasco/Jennings follow-up on FEHBP reimbursement for audiologists.** Barry Freeman of the American Academy of Audiology recently asked if you would consider supporting legislation adding "audiologists" to the list of health care personnel FEHBP insurers are directed to reimburse. In the past, we have not supported bills directing FEHBP plans to reimburse specific providers, and OPM recently testified against bills mandating direct reimbursement for audiologists and acupuncturists. To take a contrary position would: 1) undermine our philosophy of allowing the market (health plans and their customers) to decide which providers can best deliver FEHBP-required services; 2) make it difficult to say no to numerous other providers who would also like to be added to a mandatory provider reimbursement list; and 3) alienate the managed care community and lend credence to their

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fears that we want to micro-manage the health system. There is no statutory or regulatory prohibition against plans reimbursing audiologists or any other providers. Theoretically, if they provide a service that is in demand cost effectively, the market will force plans to add them to their list of covered health professionals. Carol and Chris recommend that OPM continue it's quiet opposition, but if the legislation passes, they suggest that you not oppose it.

✓ (1) **Tyson/Herman memo on corporate citizenship.** Laura and Alexis have been following-up with the CEOs on post-conference ideas and activities including bringing a group of CEOs to the White House in the next month to meet with you and accept your challenge to hire more people off welfare and put them to work. The meeting will build on your Kansas City initiative and be modeled after the sweat shop event -- substantive pre-briefs on our welfare-to-work proposals, an hour-long meeting with you, and a media availability. The Administration is also cooperating in 3 regional corporate citizenship conferences. Laura and Alexis worked with Sosnik to compile a list of corporate sites that showcase the best corporate practices in the nation for you and cabinet members to consider visiting this fall. And, they are expanding the Labor Department's job referral program to include a public/private partnership between the government and a network of leading trade associations and private corporations.

✓ **Herman memo on CIA cocaine allegations.** Allegations of a CIA connection to drugs were a topic of major concern at the Congressional Black Caucus, particularly at Maxine Waters' "brain trust" session which was attended by over 5,000 people. Although long rumored, the San Jose Mercury News recently published a 3-part series, "Dark Alliance," detailing how a Bay Area drug ring sold tons of cocaine to street gangs in South-Central Los Angeles and funneled drug profits to a CIA-run guerrilla army. The issue has become a hot topic in California's African American communities. Sen. Boxer and Rep. Waters sent letters to John Deutch calling for an investigation, and Deutch has directed his IG to investigate the charges. Most recently, Dick Gregory and Joe Madison, a Washington, D.C. talk show host, were arrested trying to deliver documents (mainly news articles) to Deutch. Upon their release from jail, the CIA agreed to meet with them.

✓ **Wendy Smith memo on crime roll-out events.** She forwards a sampling of local press clippings on the events held recently in 46 states.

✓ **Clyde Prestowitz NY Times op-ed entitled, "Dole's Supply-Side Delusion."** Via Leon. A lifelong Republican reconsiders his party's legacy.

✓ **Robert Redford L.A. Times op-ed entitled, "This Land is Your Children's Land."** Via Katie McGinty.

✓ **Assemblyman Joe Baca Invitational Golf Classic.** Via Leon. Friday, October 18 at El Rancho Verde Country Club, Rialto, CA.

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the reply.

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We also received the following items:

✓ Letter from Rep. Pete Peterson on your trip to Panama City. He thanks you for making the trip. "Your visit was a smash! People were stopping me on the street, in the supermarket, at the gas station, at church, and everyplace you can think of, telling me how much they enjoyed your visit and what a great job you are doing..... Given your very strong favorable reception in Florida's Republican heartland, I would suggest that if we continue to work hard throughout the state, you will have a winner."

✓ Letter from Rep. Sonny Montgomery about your remarks at the National Guard Conference. "Many thanks for your very warm and gracious remarks about me.... You were most kind to note that the Conference this year was in my honor. The next time I speak with my good friend Jim Watts in Arkansas, I will let him know you made mention of our friendship."

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