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***DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL***  
***OVERVIEW***

PRESENTED TO EDE HOLIDAY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR EDE HOLIDAY

FROM: KEN YALE  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Domestic Policy Council Background

Attached for your review is background material on the Domestic Policy Council. It includes the following:

- TAB A: Organization. The DPC structure is described, including the press release which created the original DPC in 1985 and the most recent version of that release.
- TAB B: Meetings. A list of the DPC meetings to date.
- TAB C: Working Groups. A list of current working groups.
- TAB D: Annual Report. A summary of the DPC Annual Report, which was compiled by DPC staff for transmittal to the President by the Attorney General.
- TAB E: Working Group Reports. Reports to the Attorney General on working groups under the DPC which were active in 1989.
- TAB F: Issues. The issues status chart, which gives a summary of issues currently under development.
- TAB G: Calendar. A sample schedule giving projected DPC meetings.

**TAB A**

*Organization*

## DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

The Domestic Policy Council is comprised of the Attorney General, the Secretaries of the Interior, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Energy, Education, and Veterans Affairs, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The President chairs the Domestic Policy Council. In his absence, the Attorney General serves as Chairman Pro Tempore.

The Vice President and the Chief of Staff to the President are ex officio members of the Domestic Policy Council. The Secretary to the Cabinet, the Assistant to the President for Economic and Domestic Policy, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and the Counsel to the President have been regular participants.

The Council invites the attendance of those Cabinet departments and agency heads who are not members of the Council when it considers issues involving their departments or agency.

To utilize fully the expertise and resources of the departments and agencies, the Council relies heavily on interagency subcabinet-level working groups.

Council staff serve under the Cabinet Secretary, David Q. Bates. The six, full-time staff members include Kenneth P. Yale, Executive Secretary; Daniel R. Heimbach, Associate Director and Deputy Executive Secretary; John A. Schall, Associate Director and Deputy Executive Secretary; Sara R. Sumner, Staff Assistant; Dean Schultheiss, Staff Assistant; and Mary Tsivgoulis, Staff Assistant. In addition, support is provided by William Myers, Assistant to the Attorney General; Stephen I. Danzansky, Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs; and the Associate Directors and staff of the Office of Cabinet Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

February 8, 1989

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today, I am announcing that I will use the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council to advise me in the formulation, coordination, and implementation of economic and domestic policy.

Along with the National Security Council, the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council will serve as the primary channels for advising the President on policy.

The close interrelationship between the U.S. and international economies illustrates the need to review economic policy issues in a comprehensive manner that best serves the national interest of the United States. The Economic Policy Council will serve as the primary channel for advising me on the formulation, coordination, and implementation of economic policy, both domestic and international.

The important social issues facing our Nation require thoughtful and creative solutions. The Domestic Policy Council will serve as the primary channel for advising me on the formulation, coordination, and implementation of domestic and social policy.

My commitment to this cabinet council structure reflects my conviction that effective decision-making depends on the President receiving the best information available from his senior advisers. I believe that these policy councils will effectively coordinate advice from the various departments and agencies.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Santa Barbara, California)

For Immediate Release

April 11, 1985

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today I am announcing the creation of two cabinet-level bodies -- the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council -- to assist me in the formulation and execution of domestic and economic policy. I will chair both Councils. These two Councils will replace the seven existing Cabinet Councils and the Senior Interagency Group-International Economic Policy. The new entities will streamline policy development and decision making. Together with the National Security Council, they will serve as the primary channels for advising me on policy matters.

The Economic Policy Council will be composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, the Director of Office of Management and Budget, the United States Trade Representative and the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. It will provide advice to me concerning all aspects of national and international economic policy. The heads of the national security community departments and agencies and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will participate in Council meetings whenever international policy or budget matters are discussed. In my absence, the Secretary of the Treasury will serve as Chairman Pro-Tempore.

The Domestic Policy Council will be composed of the Attorney General, the Secretaries of the Interior, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, \*Transportation, Energy and Education, and the Director of Office of Management and Budget.\*\*It will provide advice to me on domestic and social policy. In my absence the Attorney General will serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

The heads of non-member departments and agencies will be invited to participate in either Council's deliberations whenever matters affecting their organizations are on the agenda. The Vice President and Chief of Staff will serve as ex-officio members of both Councils.

The new, streamlined decision making process enhances my commitment to cabinet government. It will provide for added accountability and efficiency in formulating and implementing policy.

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\*The Secretary of Transportation was assigned to the Economic Policy Council in April 1985.

\*\*The Administrator of EPA was assigned to the DPC in April 1987.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Santa Barbara, California)

For Immediate Release

April 11, 1985

FACT SHEET

Economic Policy Council  
Domestic Policy Council

In order to provide better policy coordination, formulation and implementation, the President today announced the creation of two new cabinet-level councils, the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council, to advise him on economic and domestic policy issues.

The Economic Policy Council will consider those policy issues that are primarily economic in nature; the Domestic Policy Council will consider those policy issues that are not primarily economic in nature.

These new councils build on the President's commitment to cabinet government and to the inclusion of department and agency heads in the Administration's decision-making process.

General Features

The streamlined, consolidated system will help clarify responsibility and enhance accountability for formulating and implementing economic and domestic policy.

- o The two new councils will replace the following:

- Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade
- Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs
- Cabinet Council on Food and Agriculture
- Cabinet Council on Human Resources
- Cabinet Council on Legal Policy
- Cabinet Council on Management and Administration
- Cabinet Council on Natural Resources and the Environment
- Senior Interagency Group on International Economic Policy

- o The Economic Policy Council, the Domestic Policy Council and the National Security Council will serve as the primary channels for advising the President on policy.

- o The Vice President and the Chief of Staff will serve as ex-officio members of both the Economic and Domestic Policy Councils.

- o Executive department and agency heads who are not members of a council will be invited to attend the Council's meetings when issues involving their department or agency are under consideration.

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## Economic Policy Council

The increasing interrelatedness of the U.S. and international economies illustrates the importance of establishing a process that will examine economic issues in a comprehensive integrated way. The Economic Policy Council will provide the President with a single entity to advise him on domestic and international economic policy.

### Membership

The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Secretary of Labor  
Director, Office of Management and Budget  
The United States Trade Representative  
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors

Heads of the national security community departments and agencies and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will participate in council meetings when international policy or budget matters are discussed.

### Chairmanship

The President will chair meetings of the Economic Policy Council. In his absence, the Secretary of the Treasury, who will serve as Chairman Pro Tempore, will preside at meetings of the Council.

### Responsibilities

The Council will have the responsibility for advising the President on all aspects of national and international economic policy, and for overseeing the coordination and implementation of the Administration's economic policies.

### Staff

The staff of the Council shall be headed by an Executive Secretary who will report to the Chief of Staff through the Cabinet Secretary.

Like the current cabinet councils, the Economic Policy Council will rely heavily on interagency subcabinet level Working Groups. This will enable it to utilize fully the expertise and resources of the departments and agencies, and to provide a structure through which departmental initiatives can be considered fully.

## Domestic Policy Council

The Domestic Policy Council will provide the President with a single entity to advise him on domestic and social policy. By focusing decision making and advice through a single channel for domestic policy issues, this will enhance the prospects for developing such policies in a comprehensive and integrated way.

### Membership

The Attorney General  
The Secretary of the Interior  
The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
\*The Secretary of Transportation  
The Secretary of Energy  
The Secretary of Education  
Director, Office of Management and Budget  
\*\*Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
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\*Reassigned to EPC in April 1985

\*\*Assigned to DPC in April 1987

Chairmanship

The President will chair meetings of the Domestic Policy Council. In his absence, the Attorney General, who will serve as Chairman Pro Tempore, will preside at meetings of the Council.

Responsibilities

The Council will have responsibility for advising the President on all aspects of domestic policy issues, and for overseeing the coordination and implementation of the Administration's domestic policies.

Staff

The staff of the Council shall be headed by an Executive Secretary who will report to the Chief of Staff through the Cabinet Secretary.

Like the current cabinet councils, the Domestic Policy Council will rely heavily on interagency subcabinet level Working Groups. This will enable it to fully utilize the expertise and resources of the departments and agencies, and to provide a structure through which departmental initiatives can be considered fully.

Overall Coordination

The White House Chief of Staff will have responsibility for ensuring that the activities of the National Security Council, the Economic Policy Council, and the Domestic Policy Council are fully coordinated. He will also have the responsibility for assigning topics to a particular Council.

TAB B

*1989 Meetings*

## Domestic Policy Council 1989 Meetings

<u>Meeting Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1*	2-14-89	Organization and Structure
2	3-2-89	Hazardous Waste CFCs
3	4-20-89	Environmental Issues and Policy
4	5-4-89	Clean Air: Acid Rain
5	5-5-89	Clean Air: Acid Rain
6	5-9-89	Clean Air: Air Toxics
7	5-11-89	Clean Air: Non-Attainment
8	5-15-89	Clean Air: Acid Rain Clean Air: Air Toxics
9*	5-16-89	Clean Air: Acid Rain Clean Air: Air Toxics
10*	5-17-89	Clean Air: Air Toxics
11	5-24-89	Clean Air: Non-Attainment
12*	6-5-89	Clean Air: Non-Attainment
--	6-16-89	Disabilities
--	6-20-89	Disabilities
--	6-29-89	Enhanced Rescission Authority
13	7-6-89	Adoption Disabilities Welfare Reform
14	7-25-89	Welfare Reform

15	8-4-89	Drug Policy Strategy
16	8-10-89	Drug Policy Strategy
17*	8-15-89	Drug Policy Strategy
18	9-14-89	Food Safety
19	11-16-89	Anti-Poverty Agenda
20	11-30-98	Anti-Poverty Agenda Infant Mortality
21	12-20-89	Math/Science Education
22	12-21-89	Volunteer Liability Medical Professional Liability
23	1-9-90	Drug Policy Strategy
24*	1-11-90	Drug Policy Strategy
25	1-17-90	Immigration
26	1-17-90	Medical Malpractice Liability
27	2-9-90	Immigration
28	2-20-90	Math/Science Education Literacy

\* = meetings with the President

**TAB C**

*Working Groups*

# Domestic Policy Council

## Working Groups and Task Forces

### Working Group on Agent Orange

Chairman: Dr. James O. Mason  
Assistant Secretary for Health  
Health and Human Services

### Working Group on Children and Family Policy

Chairman: Mary S. Gall  
Assistant Secretary for Human Development Services  
Health and Human Services

### Disabled Americans Working Group

Chairman: Kenneth P. Yale  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Policy Council

### Working Group on Drug Control Policy

Chairman: William J. Bennett  
Director  
Office of National Drug Control Policy

### Working Group on Education Policy

Chairman: Lauro F. Cavazos  
Secretary of Education

### Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Working Group

Chairman: Teresa Gorman  
Associate Director for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Office of Policy Development

### Task Force on Federal Employee Health Benefits


Chairman: Constance J. Horner  
Undersecretary  
Health and Human Services

### Working Group on Global Change

Chairman: Dr. D. Allan Bromley  
Assistant to the President for Science and Technology  
Office of Science and Technology

### Health Policy Working Group

Chairman: Constance J. Horner  
Undersecretary  
Health and Human Services



Task Force on Hispanic Education

Chairman: Lauro F. Cavazos  
Secretary of Education

Immigration Working Group

Chairman: William Myers  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
Department of Justice

Task Force on Infant Mortality


Chairman: Dr. James O. Mason  
Assistant Secretary for Health  
Health and Human Services

Low Income Opportunity Board

Chairman: Vacant

Working Group on Responsible Budget Reform

Chairman: William M. Diefenderfer III  
Deputy Director  
Office of Management and Budget



Working Group on Tort Reform

Chairman: Stuart M. Gerson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice

Wetlands Task Force

Chairman: Teresa Gorman  
Associate Director for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Office of Policy Development

TAB D

*Annual Report*  
*of the*  
*Domestic Policy Council*  
*1989*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 1989 Annual Report of the Domestic Policy Council

This first annual report of the Domestic Policy Council (DPC) contains a summary of activities and accomplishments of the DPC during 1989, and plans for the next few months.

I. Meetings:

Between January 20, 1989 and January 20, 1990, the DPC met 26 times (see Tab B). The subjects of these meetings have been wide-ranging and have included: environmental issues, such as the Clean Air Act; the anti-poverty strategy; drug control policy; and volunteer liability.

In addition, several meetings have been held on an ad hoc basis with only interested Cabinet members. These meetings have addressed issues such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and enhanced budget rescission authority.

II. Presidential Decisions:

You have made decisions on several issues presented to you, following consideration by the DPC. Such issues have included: hazardous waste exports; phaseout of chlorofluorocarbons; the Clean Air Act; adoption; food safety; negotiating a framework treaty on global climate change; a White House Conference on Global Change; and National Drug Control Strategies I and II.

III. Working Groups:

Fourteen DPC Working Groups or Task Forces were established in 1989 (see Tab C). All have presented status reports (see Tab E).

IV. 1990 Plans:

Issues to be addressed by the DPC and its Working Groups during the first few months of 1990 have been identified in the summary of Working Group Activities. Several of these issues will eventually require your decision and approval.

V. Summary of Working Group Activities:

A. **The Working Group on Children and Family Policy**

1989: The Working Group on Children and Family Policy has held six meetings since it first met on May 18, 1989 to develop a Presidential Adoption Initiative and the 1990 Annual Report on the Family pursuant to Executive Order 12806. The Presidential Adoption Initiative proposal was presented to the DPC on June 30, 1989, approved by the DPC on July 6, and signed by you on July 24. On September 12, you transmitted to Congress two legislative proposals to encourage adoption of special needs children.

1990: The Working Group is currently drafting the annual family report. The final report is due to the DPC in March. The Working Group began policy discussions on substance abuse and the family in February 1990.

B. **The Working Group on Americans with Disabilities**

1989: The Working Group on Americans with Disabilities was formed on April 13, 1989 to implement your commitment to improving the lives of persons with disabilities. The Working Group met at least monthly during most of 1989 to discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1990: The Working Group will continue its assessment of Federal programs that affect persons with disabilities and identify ways to improve these programs and will present an interim report to the DPC in early March.

C. **The Working Group on Drug Control Policy**

1989: The Working Group on Drug Control Policy has concluded its draft and review of the National Drug Control Strategies I and II, which you subsequently approved.

1990: No further Working Group activities are currently planned in the next six months. The next National Drug Control Strategy report is mandated by Congress to be completed by February 1991. In addition to development of that report, activity will focus on implementing Strategies I and II.

D. **The Working Group on Education Policy**

1989: The Working Group on Education Policy has been working to develop both an options paper on an Administration literacy strategy and another options paper on the Administration's math and science initiative for consideration by the DPC in early 1990.

1990: The Working Group will coordinate Federal activities among the agencies that promote education in the areas of literacy and math and science.

#### **E. Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Working Group**

1989: The Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Working Group met numerous times from March to June 1989 to discuss proposals to overhaul the Clean Air Act. On June 12 you announced proposals to reduce emissions which cause acid rain, urban ozone and toxic air pollution and submitted a comprehensive Clean Air Bill to Congress on July 21, completing work on this issue. The Working Group also presented options to the DPC on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and the export of hazardous waste. Pursuant to the group's activities, you called for both an international phase-out of CFCs by the year 2000 and a ban on the export of hazardous waste shipments, unless the receiving country agrees to its proper disposal through a bilateral agreement.

1990: Environmental issues will continue to receive attention. Your clean air proposal, developed with the assistance of the DPC, is now undergoing consideration by the Congress.

#### **F. The Global Change Working Group**

1989: The Global Change Working Group was formed on October 20, 1989 to serve as the central forum for development of Administration policy on global change and related issues. During the months following its creation, the Working Group dealt with issues such as the U.S. participation in the Hague Ministerial meeting and the U.S. position at that meeting, U.S. proposals for the February 1990 meeting of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, and the development of the agenda for the White House Conference on Science and Economics Research on the Environment. The Working Group also created three sub-groups on economics, legal structures and private sector involvement, each of which has concluded its work and presented a report to the Working Group.

1990: Global climate change is another major issue the Administration will face. A number of activities related to global change are planned by the Administration. They will require further study and policy development. These activities include: participation in the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; the G-7 Economic Summit; the White House Conference on Science and Economics Research on the Environment; the Second World Climate Conference; the proposal to host the first negotiation session on a climate change framework convention; a meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on CFC reductions; and various other Administration proposals.

#### **G. Health Policy Working Group**

1989: After work by the Health Policy Working Group, a Presidential decision was announced on October 26, 1989, presenting the Administration's framework for considering food safety issues. Working Group activity will continue until the legislation is resolved.

1990: The Department of Health and Human Services is exploring various proposals to improve the health care system, including proposals to cover long term care for the chronically ill and access to health care for the uninsured. They will be monitoring activities of the bipartisan Congressional Pepper Commission and the Social Security Advisory Council. Both groups will make recommendations this year on ways to reform the health care system. In your State of the Union Address, you announced that Secretary Sullivan will lead a Domestic Policy Council review of recommendations on the quality, accessibility and cost of our nation's health care system.

#### **H. Task Force on Hispanic Education**

1989: On December 6, 1989 you directed Secretary Cavazos to form a Task Force on Hispanic Education to assess how well Federal education programs serve Hispanics, and then recommend ways to enhance the Federal role.

1990: The Task Force will submit an interim report to you by the end of February 1990. All activities are being coordinated with ongoing work on the National Education Goals.

#### **I. Immigration Working Group**

1989: Since its first meeting on October 30, 1989, the Immigration Working Group has presented the options paper to you and the principals, thus completing its primary duties.

1990: There has been an expression of interest among Working Group members that the Working Group retain its vitality so that future issues can be addressed in the same forum. The Working Group may address other immigration concerns, including refugee, asylum, and parole issues, as well as issues regarding temporary workers.

#### **J. The Task Force on Infant Mortality**

1989: The Task Force on Infant Mortality was charged with developing options for action designed to improve maternal and infant health outcomes and reduce infant mortality. The Task Force presented its initial report to the DPC at the end of November 1989.

1990: Task Force activity will focus on developing coordinating mechanisms for activity requiring interagency cooperation and analysis leading to options refinement.

#### **K. Low Income Opportunity Board**

1989: The principal activities of the Low Income Opportunity Board (LIOB) are to facilitate the consideration of State welfare reform proposals by providing the Governors with a point of coordination at the Federal level; and to provide a focal point within the Federal government for developing and coordinating policies which aid low income individuals and families. On November 30, 1989, the LIOB presented a proposed low income opportunity strategy for the Bush Administration. The DPC asked the LIOB to think more broadly and to develop a strategy that goes beyond welfare reform.

1990: The principal activity of the Board over the next six months will be to develop this strategy. Proposals for a comprehensive, conservative anti-poverty agenda are being developed by the Low Income Opportunity Board. Options may be ready for initial consideration by the Council in the spring.

#### **L. The Working Group on Responsible Budget Reform**

1989: The Working Group on Responsible Budget Reform focused its activities on formulating proposals for enhanced budget rescission authority and for a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget and a line-item veto. The Working Group's activities culminated with your August 4, 1989 endorsement of the enhanced rescission bill (S. 1553). Although a specific balanced budget amendment proposal was drafted, it was decided not to pursue introduction of the bill at this time. The Working Group has completed its assigned tasks, but can be subject to call should it be warranted by legislative developments.

#### **M. Working Group on Tort Reform**

1989: The Working Group on Tort Reform developed recommendations for tort liability reform, in an attempt to alleviate the burden placed on individual and organizational volunteer activities.

1990: The Working Group is developing options for medical malpractice insurance cost reform to recommend to the DPC. The Working Group has begun to formulate a long-term project looking at costs and delays in the civil litigation system.

## N. The Wetlands Task Force

1989: The Wetlands Task Force has held meetings to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers, outlining your no net loss policy; how the MOA affects the State of Alaska; NOAA's legislative proposal on "Coastal Zone Management as a Tool to Achieve No Net Loss of Wetlands;" and has held briefings on issues to consider for implementing the no net loss policy.

1990: Over the next six months to a year, the Task Force will work towards developing a comprehensive federal policy to realize your goal of no net loss of wetlands and will continue soliciting public input and working to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to achieve that ambitious national objective. The Task Force is considering a broad range of issues, including both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to protecting the Nation's wetlands resources.

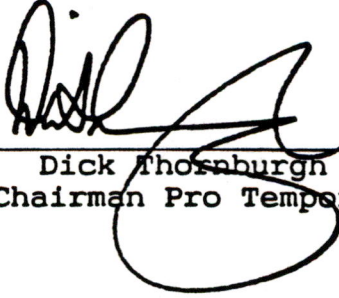
### VI. Proposed Working Groups:

#### A. Working Group on Border Control

1990: An interagency working group is being formed to assist in the implementation of recommendations from the Task Force on Border Control.

#### B. Federal Facilities Working Group

1990: A Federal Facilities Working Group will be formed to develop environmental policy options for federal facilities and determine possible mechanisms to advance the Administration's policy.



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Dick Thornburgh  
Chairman Pro Tempore

**TAB E**

*Working Group Reports*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK THORNBURGH

FROM: KENNETH P. YALE

SUBJECT: Disabilities Working Group Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

The Working Group on Americans With Disabilities was formed on April 13, 1989. It was tasked to implement the President's commitment to improving the lives of persons with disabilities, outlined in the book Building A Better America. That statement oriented the activities of the Working Group towards assessing and improving Federal policies and programs with respect to persons with disabilities.

ACTIVITIES

Before it was even chartered, the Working Group met twice to begin discussions on the Americans With Disabilities Act (the Act). Although the Act dealt with improving access for persons with disabilities in the private sector, not with Federal programs, the Working Group was a logical place to consider this major legislative proposal.

The Working Group met at least monthly during the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1989 to discuss the ADA. A smaller, strategy group comprised of key Federal agency representatives met more frequently.

A "mini-DPC" met with Governor Sununu on June 16 and again on June 20 to consider options for an Administration position on the ADA. Subsequently, a position was developed for testimony in front of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee by the Department of Justice on June 22, 1989.

Subsequent to the June 22 hearing, there were numerous meetings of the strategy group through the Summer and Fall to chart strategy and develop positions for a team doing negotiations with the Hill. The Working Group also met during this process to remark on different versions of the ADA.

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The next activities for the Working Group will be an assessment of Federal programs that affect persons with disabilities and identification of ways to improve these programs. This was the original task given to the Working Group. Because it was necessary to focus efforts on the ADA, consideration of this task was delayed.

This project is divided into two parts. The first will consist of a review by the agencies of Federal policies, laws, regulations, programs and research plans, with respect to persons with disabilities and identification of options to strengthen work incentives, remove barriers to employment, and reduce dependency. After this initial stage is completed, the Working Group will identify ways to improve Federal coordination and identification of programs which have proven effective.

## TIMETABLE

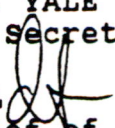
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| January 12    | - | strategy group meeting  |
| January 15    | - | Memorandum mailed to Working Group members requesting a review of the current activities of their agencies. |
| February 15   | - | compilation of agency responses   |
| Late February | - | Working Group meetings to assess information  |
| Early March   | - | interim report to the DPC   |
| March         | - | begin work on options to improve Federal programs   |



OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
Washington, D.C. 20500

January 11, 1990

MEMORANDUM TO KENNETH P. YALE  
Executive Secretary, Domestic Policy Council

FROM: DAVID TELL   
Deputy Chief of Staff, ONDCP

for

JOHN P. WALTERS  
Chief of Staff, ONDCP  
Chairman, Domestic Policy Council Working Group  
on Drug Control Policy

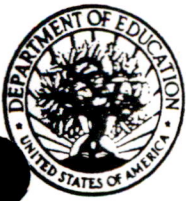
SUBJECT: Status report on Working Group Activities

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This is in response to Attorney General Thornburgh's December 21 memorandum requesting status reports on DPC working group activities. I apologize for the slight delay of this submission.

The Domestic Policy Council Working Group on Drug Control Policy has today concluded its review, clearance, and approval of the 1990 National Drug Control Strategy, and has delivered its recommendation concerning that document to the President for his consideration.

The 1991 National Drug Control Strategy will be due for submission by the President to Congress on February 1, 1991, and will later this year be reviewed, as above, by the Domestic Policy Council Working Group on Drug Control Policy. No further Working Group activities are currently planned in the next six months.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

THE UNDER SECRETARY

January 5, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR KENNETH P. YALE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Status report on Working Group on Education Policy

As requested by Attorney General Thornburgh and on behalf of Secretary Cavazos, this memorandum provides a status report on the activities of the Working Group on Education Policy in the six months since its creation. The report consists of three elements: (1) a list and description of current activities, and (2) a list and description of planned activities and issues for the next six months, along with (3) a tentative timetable.

(1) List and Description of Current Activities

**Preparation of Literacy Options Paper:** An executive committee of the group has met frequently since September to review numerous drafts of an options paper on literacy policy. The paper has been circulated recently among members of the group for their comment.

**Working Group Briefings:** In two meetings, the group has received three briefings on policy. Briefings on the Education Summit and literacy were provided at the first meeting, September 8th. A background paper accompanied the briefing on literacy. On December 15, the group received a briefing on Secretary Watkins' Math and Science Education plan.

**Task Force on Hispanic Education:** As you know, on December 6th the President directed the group to form a task force to focus on Hispanic education. At the December 15th meeting, the group was polled to determine which agencies should participate. The Departments of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and the Office of Management and Budget agreed to join the task force.

(2) & (3) List and Description of Planned Activities/Issues with Timetable

**Literacy Options Paper:** Members of the group were asked to make comments on the options paper by December 29, 1989. Not all members have commented to date. When most members have responded, the chairman will propose a new draft, in consultation with Cabinet Affairs. The group will be asked to meet to consider the new draft and to forward it to the Domestic Policy Council. It is possible a paper could be forwarded in January.

**Task Force on Hispanic Education:** The participating departments were asked to name a representative by January 5, 1990. Once the task force is formed, it will meet to establish a plan of action and a tentative timetable. The President did not set a date for the task force to report to him, though it is the intention of the Chairman to move forward promptly.

**Ongoing Responsibilities for Literacy Policy:** The literacy options memorandum includes certain responsibilities for the Working Group to continue policy development in the literacy area. Should the President approve such steps, the group will continue to be engaged by the issue.

These activities do not preclude the group from taking up new issues in the next six months. In his charge to the group, the Attorney General included issues such as school choice, basic skills education, the drop out rate, education quality and private sector assistance, as well as literacy. At present, though, the group is occupied with the literacy and Hispanic education issues. Once there is some resolution of these, then new activities can be identified in consultation with Cabinet Affairs.

  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: NANCY MALOLEY  
Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Working Group Chair

SUBJECT: Status Report on Clean Air Working Group Activities

The working group met numerous times from March to June, 1989. And then, on June 12, the President announced proposals to reduce emissions which cause acid rain, urban ozone and toxic air pollution. The proposals are the first major overhaul of the Clean Air Act to be proposed by an Administration in over a decade. They call for a 10 million ton reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by the year 2000, a 2 million ton reduction in NO<sub>x</sub>, a 40 percent reduction in emission of volatile organic compounds which cause urban smog, and a reduction of 75 to 90 percent in toxic air emissions. These reductions will also help to curb an increase in global warming resulting from fossil fuel combustion. The proposal also calls for the use of alternative fuels in one million vehicles by 1997. Alternative fuels, while reducing ozone precursors, will also reduce the toxic aromatics which come from conventional gasoline.

The President submitted a comprehensive Clean Air Bill to Congress on July 21, embodying the proposals announced on June 12.

The Working Group on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources, and the Domestic Policy Council, have thus completed their work on this issue.


In addition, the Working Group on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources presented options to the Domestic Policy Council on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and the export of hazardous waste. Pursuant to the group's activities, the President called for both an international phase-out of CFCs by the year 2000 and a ban on the export of hazardous waste shipments, unless the receiving country agrees to its proper disposal through a bilateral agreement.

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WASHINGTON

January 18, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: WILLIAM L. ROPER, Chairman   
Health Policy Working Group

SUBJECT: Status Report on Working Group Activities

The Health Policy Working Group provides a forum for the developing options to resolve health policy issues with inter-agency implications and to develop options for the Administration's health policy.

Current Activities

The working group continues an interest in issues which have reached an initial resolution:

Food safety - The working group's work culminated in a Presidential decision announced on October 26, 1989. That announcement presented the Administration's framework for considering food safety issues. Informal activity has continued since then relating to the legislative language to implement the framework. Activity, mostly informal, will continue until the legislation is resolved.

Infant mortality - The Infant Mortality Task Force, a task force of the working group, presented its initial report to the Domestic Policy Council (DPC) at the end of November, 1989. DPC consideration implied a continuing role for the working group as the task force develops an analysis of strategies to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

Planned activities

As a follow up to the DPC's consideration of the Infant Mortality Task Force's report, the working group will consider what activity may be undertaken as part of ongoing programs in the current fiscal year. The Administration is required to report to the Congress in February on options for reforming the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP). If consideration by the agencies involved does not produce a consensus, the issue may be taken up by the working group.

Timetable

- May Discussion of the Infant Mortality Task Force's work in response to previous DPC consideration.
  
- May Possible activity relating to United States role in June's International AIDS Conference to be held in San Francisco.



Office of the Attorney General

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January 4, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: BILL MYERS *WJM*  
ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Status Report on Working Group Activities

In your December 21, 1989 memorandum to Domestic Policy Council Working Group chairmen, you asked for a status report on all Working Group activities. I submit this report as chairman of the Immigration Working Group.

Current Activities

The Working Group has completed its draft of the options paper. The process began with the first meeting on October 30, 1989, followed by seven additional meetings. The next planned activity is the presentation of the options paper to the Cabinet members (Justice, State, Labor) and top White House staff for consideration and decision in developing the Administration policy on legal immigration reform. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 1990. The Administration needs to formulate its policy in anticipation of hearings in the House on legal immigration bills.

The Working Group achieved a consensus on most of the major reform issues. Those issues will be set forth in the options paper so that the principals can review the consensus decisions. Briefly, those issues include (1) the establishment of an overall immigration ceiling target of 630,000 immigrant visas, (2) the agreement that 150,000 of those visas should be made available for skill-based immigrants every year, (3) that a lottery system should be proposed, as an alternative to the proposals in the current Senate bill, which will provide the method and criteria for selecting these skill-based immigrants, and (4) that the President should have the authority to waive the overall ceiling on visas in order to address extraordinary foreign policy or domestic concerns.

One issue which requires resolution by the principals is the treatment of the current family-connection immigrant visas which go to "fifth preference" applicants (brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens and their spouses and children). There is a proposal to eliminate the fifth preference and to provide for the expedited admission of the currently backlogged fifth preference applicants

through a separate program. There is disagreement over the value of these proposals and they have been set forth with pros and cons in the options paper.

#### Planned Activities for the Next Six Months

Following the presentation of the options paper to the principals and the President, the Working Group will have completed the primary duties pursuant to your charter -- preparation of Administration policy options in anticipation of hearings in the House. No future activities or issues are contemplated at this time. There has been an expression of interest among working group members, however, that the Working Group retain its vitality so that future issues can be addressed in the same forum. Such issues within the scope of the charter may include policy options affecting refugees, asylees and parole. Other immigration issues such as temporary workers or Eastern Bloc immigration would be beyond the charter as it currently exists.

#### Tentative Timetable


As indicated above, the principals are scheduled tentatively to consider the options paper on January 16. The need for additional meetings will be determined by the success of the first meeting. It is anticipated that the House will convene hearings on this issue very early in the second session of the 101st Congress. Consequently, any additional meetings will have to be held on rather short notice in order to finalize the policy in time.

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WASHINGTON

January 18, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: WILLIAM L. ROPER, Chairman  
Health Policy Working Group 

SUBJECT: Status Report on Task Force Activities

In mid-1989, the Health Policy Working Group constituted a Task Force on Infant Mortality to develop options for action designed to improve maternal and infant health outcomes and reduce infant mortality. The Task Force has been chaired by James O. Mason, M.D., Dr.P.H., and includes members from twelve agencies. The task force's initial report was considered by the Domestic Policy Council in November.

Current Activities

The task force is considering what activities outlined in its initial report can be undertaken as part of current programs. The task force is also developing strategic options that can serve as a means to prioritize among the activities laid out in the initial task force report.

Planned Activities

Task force activity will focus on developing coordinating mechanisms for activity requiring interagency cooperation and analysis leading to options refinement.

Timetable

February	Identification of issues involving interagency coordination and key staff necessary to accomplish coordination.
May	Presentation to Health Policy Working Group of strategic options.



Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 5, 1990

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Kenneth P. Yale  
Executive Secretary to the  
Domestic Policy Council

**FROM:** Stuart M. Gerson *SMG*  
Chairman, Working Group on Tort Reform

**SUBJECT:** Status Report

Pursuant to the Attorney General's request, this is a status report on the work of the Tort Reform Working Group. It is a pleasure to note that the Working Group already has vigorously tackled several liability issues of critical importance to our nation as described below:

1. **Current Activities.**
  - a. **Volunteer Liability**

Description: The Domestic Policy Council has endorsed the Working Group's recommendations for three initiatives intended to allay the potentiality of inordinate tort liability which is precluding important individual and organizational volunteer activities. The three initiatives are:

- Establishment of a National Center to assist non-profits with liability concerns;
- Promulgation of a model state statute to protect volunteers; and
- Review and revision of the Federal Risk Retention Act to encompass volunteer groups.

We are awaiting Presidential action on these recommendations with an eye towards the Working Group's facilitating the implementation of those recommendations that might be approved.

Implementation will require additional decisions on the precise form of the National Center. Also, the Working Group will need to develop model state legislation and review the Risk Retention Act.

**b. Medical Malpractice Cost Reform**

Description: The Tort Reform Working Group is developing options for Medical Malpractice Insurance Cost Reform to recommend to the Domestic Policy Council. Our aim is to have a recommendation ready for consideration by the Domestic Policy Council by January 13, 1990.

**2. Planned Activities And Issues For The Next Six Months.**

**a. Volunteer Liability.**

Description: See (a) above.

**b. Medical Malpractice Cost Reform.**

Description: See (b) above.

**c. Justice Reform.**

Description: The Working Group has begun to formulate a long-term project related to the reform of disputes processing and resolution in the Federal content. The issue is emerging as a focus of attention, having been given impetus by a Federal Courts' Study Committee established by the Chief Justice. The focus will be upon jurisdictional and procedural issues rather than upon the substance of the matters resolved by courts.

**3. Tentative Timetable For The Working Group's Activities.**

A tentative timetable for further action on Volunteer Liability must await the President's decision on the Working Group's recommendations as forwarded to him by the Domestic Policy Council. As to Medical Malpractice Cost Reform, the Working Group expects to complete its formulation and review of options by January 15 for consideration of the issue by the Domestic Policy Council. The Group will consider a timetable for the Justice Reform project soon thereafter.

The next Working Group meeting is set for today, January 5, 1990, at 1:00 p.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: WILLIAM L. ROPER, Chairman, *Bill Roper*  
Low Income Opportunity Board

SUBJECT: Status Report on Working Group Activities

The Low Income Opportunity Board (LIOB) is a working group of the Domestic Policy Council (DPC). The principal activities of the Low Income Opportunity Board are to: 1) facilitate the consideration of State welfare reform proposals by providing the Governors with a point of coordination at the Federal level; and 2) provide a focal point within the Federal government for developing and coordinating policies which aid low income individuals and families.

Current Activities

Passage of the Family Support Act of 1988 affected the operation of several State welfare reform demonstrations which had been approved after going through the LIOB process. Negotiations are underway to modify these proposals, while maintaining budget neutrality and sound evaluation.

The following information is being collected and updated for the DPC: 1) initiatives targeted to high-poverty areas; and 2) programs and demonstration projects directed at low-income individuals or areas.

Planned Activities

On November 30, 1989, the LIOB presented a proposed low income opportunity strategy for the Bush Administration. This consisted of: 1) articulating the principles behind the Administration's existing initiatives; 2) supporting strategies that empower local communities and the poor themselves; 3) simplifying the welfare system; 4) targeting assistance to people and areas that need it most; and 5) proposing a major new legislative initiative under which the Federal government would undertake, through a limited number of demonstrations, a radical, concentrated effort directed at high poverty areas. The DPC asked the LIOB to think more broadly and to develop a strategy that goes beyond welfare reform. The principal activity of the Board over the next six months will be to develop this strategy.

Timetable

To fulfill the DPC's directive, the LIOB has formed a steering

group, under the direction of Richard Schamalensee, a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, to develop this new anti-poverty strategy. The following tasks will be undertaken:

- o Develop background papers on key poverty-related issues, to be completed by January 31.
- o Solicit papers from a select group of outside experts to outline their vision of what a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy should look like, to be completed by February 16.
- o Convene steering group, February 21, to: 1) draft the principles and goals of an anti-poverty strategy; 2) review papers submitted by experts; and 3) begin development of strategy paper.
- o If deemed necessary, convene outside experts.
- o Develop strategy and present to full LIOB by April; with presentation to the DPC in May.

In conjunction with this effort, the LIOB will more fully develop its proposal of November 30, 1989, to target high poverty areas, through a limited number of demonstrations, for a radical, concentrated anti-poverty effort.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 3, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR KENNETH P. YALE  
Executive Secretary to  
the Domestic Policy Council

FROM: William M. Diefenderfer III *WMD*  
Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Status Report of Working Group on Responsible  
Budget Reform

This responds to the Attorney General's memorandum of December 21, 1989, requesting a brief status report on the activities of DPC working groups. This is the report for the Working Group on Responsible Budget Reform.

The working group focused its activities on formulating proposals for enhanced rescission authority and for a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. The group's activities culminated with the President's August 4, 1989, endorsement of the enhanced rescission bill sponsored by Senators Coats, McCain and others, S. 1553, "The Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 1989." At about the same time, it was decided not to pursue introduction or endorsement of a specific balanced budget amendment proposal.

Based on the foregoing, I believe that the working group has completed its assigned tasks. It may be necessary, however, to take action during the year to follow up on the Administration's endorsement of S. 1553. I would propose, therefore, that the working group be subject to call should it be warranted by legislative developments.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: NANCY MALOLEY  
Wetlands Task Force Chair

SUBJECT: Status Report on Task Force Activities

I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The group meets approximately twice a month and is dealing with four major issues:

- A. Memorandum of Agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corp of Engineers, outlining the President's no net loss policy.
- B. How the MOA effects the state of Alaska which has a particularly high percentage of wetlands.
- C. NOAA legislative proposal on "Coastal Zone Management as a Tool to Achieve No Net Loss of Wetlands."
- D. Briefings on issues to consider for implementing the no net loss policy.

II. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

On January 16, the implementation of the EPA-Corps MOA was delayed for fifteen days so as to informally solicit public comment. The MOA has already been substantially modified to address the concerns of some federal agencies and the Alaska delegation. The decision on how to implement the MOA is the next scheduled event.

III. SIX MONTH TIMETABLE

Over the next six months to a year, the Task Force will work towards developing a comprehensive federal policy to realize the President's goal of no net loss of the wetlands.

The Task Force will consider a broad range of issues, including both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to wetlands

protection. The major vehicle for implementing the findings and conclusions of the Task Force will be a recommendation to the President regarding strengthening Executive Order 11990, which concerns wetlands protection.

The Task Force will accomplish its work through the use of small interagency groups, each of which will develop options on a particular issue, for consideration by the full Task Force. These groups will address such issues as the scope and meaning of the no net loss goal, specific Executive Order language required to ensure that federal policies assist in achieving the goal, the means for implementing the broad directives of an Executive Order, the role of states, local communities, private conservation groups and citizen participation, the role of market based incentives in wetlands protection, agricultural, energy and transportation issues, international cooperation, and additional steps that may be necessary to implement the no net loss goal, including whether legislative changes are required.

In addition, the Task Force will pay particular attention to the unique geographic, topographic and hydrologic circumstances found in certain areas of the United States.



Assistant Secretary  
Washington DC 20201

January 4, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE RICHARD THORNBURGH  
CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE  
WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: MARY SHEILA GALL *MSG*  
CHAIR, WHITE HOUSE WORKING GROUP  
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY POLICY  
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Status Report on Working Group Activities

SUMMARY

The White House Working Group on Children and Family Policy met for the first time on May 18, 1989. We have held six meetings to date. Our activities include the development of a Presidential Adoption Initiative and the 1989 Report for Executive Order 12806, The Family. Our next policy discussion will focus on substance abuse and the family.

ADOPTION

The first assignment given to the Working Group was the development of a Presidential Adoption Initiative. Our proposal was presented to the DPC on June 30, 1989, approved by the DPC on July 6, and signed by the President on July 24.

Major Components: The plan is designed to remove barriers to adoption and to promote adoption. The major components of the plan are:

Legislation: The legislative package for special needs adoption includes a proposal to allow up to a \$3,000 tax deduction for those one-time expenses incurred in the adoption of a special needs child, and an OPM four-year demonstration program under which federal agencies reimburse their employees up to \$2,000 for one-time adoption expenses per special needs adoption. The principal co-sponsors for this legislation are Senators Bentsen and Packwood.

Intergovernmental: We are working, on an on-going basis, with the National Governors' Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Council

of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Federal Executive Board, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the United States City Human Services Officials and state adoption specialists.

Public Awareness: We have generated an aggressive media attention on adoption. An example would be the cover story of Time magazine in the October 9 issue. We are also working with voluntary organizations to increase adoption awareness at the community level.

Public/Private Partnerships: Many private sector businesses and other organizations are developing actions plans to promote adoption. A national fast food chain, a national sports organization, network affiliates, the motion picture industry, and Fortune 500 companies are just a few of the organizations involved. Details of the plan will be announced by the President on January 26.

White House/Federal Participation: The President sent a memorandum to department and agency heads on July 24 announcing his adoption initiative. In the memorandum, the President encouraged the department and agency heads to work with their employees in assisting them in their efforts in the adoption process.

The President held a legislative transmittal ceremony for the special needs adoption package on September 13.

On November 21, President Bush met with adoptive families and Members of Congress and signed a proclamation for National Adoption Week. The President will meet with adoptive families and public/private partnership participants on January 26.

Mrs. Bush has taped a public service announcement and has attended a number of public adoption events.

Department/agency activities related to adoption are extensive, and a complete report will be submitted under separate cover.

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 12806, THE FAMILY

Executive Order 12806, The Family, requires that the rights of the family are considered in the formulation and implementation of policies by executive departments and agencies. An annual report from each agency and department is requested, citing regulatory and

statutory provisions that may have significant potential negative impact on the family well-being and provide adequate rationale on why such proposal should be submitted.

As per the Domestic Policy Council's request, we are currently drafting the annual family report. The final report is due to the DPC in March. We will submit a draft report on February 5 for internal White House clearance prior to DPC submission.

The Working Group members were asked to submit proposed language for their department's contribution. We are now reviewing the reports. A proposed outline was provided to the White House on December 22 and has been approved. We have scheduled a Working Group meeting on January 18 to review the draft report.

FUTURE ACTIVITY: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE FAMILY

Because of the President's strong commitment to an effective national drug policy, and because substance abuse has a dramatic impact on policies and programs of every department and agency, we will begin a policy discussion on this issue in February (date not yet set).

The Office of National Drug Control Policy actively supports our participation in this activity.

**TAB F**

*Issues*

DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL STATUS CHART

Updated May 9, 1990

DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKING GROUP STATUS</u>	<u>DPC MEETING S</u>
Agent Orange	To coordinate interagency review of agent orange studies and issues.	A Task Force, reporting to the Health Policy Working Group, is currently reviewing the selected cancers study and a 1990 status report on existing Agent Orange studies. Both are developed by the Centers for Disease Control in HHS.	A DPC meeting is May or June.
Anti-Poverty	To develop a broad-based anti-poverty and low income opportunity agenda.	The Low Income Opportunity Board (LIOB) has prepared an initial discussion paper on low income opportunity. It should be reiterated that this is a discussion paper and the issue has not yet reached the decision stage.	The DPC met twice and directed the LIOB to prepare a comprehensive anti-poverty agenda for the Administration. DPC will consider the paper.
Border Control	Implementation of recommendations from the Task Force on Border Control.	A draft charter has been prepared.	Development over the next few months. Status report is an ongoing process.
Budget Reform	Development of an initiative on enhanced rescission authority, a constitutional amendment for line item veto, and balanced budget.	Action completed.	Action completed.
Civil Justice Reform	Survey of costs and delays in the civil litigation system.	Monitoring ongoing work at DOJ.	Long term project.



Health Care Reform

To review recommendations on the quality, accessibility and cost of health care.

Monitoring ongoing work at HHS. A full working group meeting May 16 may consider the infant mortality workplan, the Census statistics, a Medicare Trustee report and the Health Objectives for the year 2000.

Congress may move to highlight the health is developing options for initiative the budget review p

Hispanic Education

The President directed Secretary Cavazos to create a Hispanic Education Task Force and make recommendations to improve Hispanic education.

The Task Force forwarded a status report to the President on February 28 and is now holding five public regional hearings.

DPC consideration recommendations i

Temporary Immigration

Policy development on visas and regulation of temporary workers.

The Immigration Working Group has postponed consideration of this issue until there is further Congressional action, which is not anticipated until next year.

Long term project.

Infant Mortality

Administration strategy to address infant mortality issues.

A Task force, reporting to the Health Policy Working Group, is developing a work plan and cost analysis. The work plan will be discussed at a Health Policy Working Group meeting on May 16.

The DPC met on and recommended Task Force in light Administration poli already being cons review process.



Literacy MBO

Development of the joint HHS-Education-Labor literacy MBO.

The Literacy Task Force has been created and begun development of the Literacy MBO.

The DPC met on and made recomm Administration liter DPC can consider beginning in June.

Medical Liability

Proposals for an Administration initiative to help restrain liability costs and speed settlement of medical claims.

The interim report has been prepared for DPC consideration.

The DPC met on 1/14 and recommended the development of three options. An interim report was prepared and presented to the DPC on May 14, 1990 at a later meeting.

OCS Task Force

Develop options for prudent, environmentally sound OCS leasing and development.

An internal White House working group met to finish an options paper on May 1.

Principals met with the Task Force on January 22, 1990 and the Task Force recommended three options.

Pollution Prevention

Develop a legislative package of pollution prevention initiatives.

EPA and OMB are negotiating on an EPA legislative proposal. Further action is pending.

Medium term project.

Science and Technology

To consider domestic and social science policy issues and develop Administration policies.

A combined EPC/DPC working group chaired by Dr. Bromley. Monitoring activities in the FCCSET science advisory group.

Long term project.

Volunteer Liability

Develop options for an Administration initiative to reduce barriers to volunteerism created by the current tort system.

The Tort Reform Working Group has completed development of detailed options.

The DPC met on 1/14 and approved an options report. President approved the options. A meeting is scheduled for May 1990 to discuss actions to implement the options.

Wetlands

Determine ways to implement the goal of "no net loss."

A work plan on public meetings is under development and has been distributed to task force members. The first public meeting is planned for the first week in June, 1990.

Long term project. Status report is planned for the future.

Crime Statistics

To monitor and coordinate current reports and activities on criminal justice.

Monitoring development of the concept and appropriate materials by DOJ.

Medium term project. Cabinet is anticipated.

Disabilities

To review federal agency activities and programs and identify ways to improve federal efforts, including reducing program overlap and promoting independence.

Questionnaire has been circulated for comment. A full working group meeting is anticipated for the week of May 14.

Long term project. Asked to review a questionnaire the departments and

Drug Control Policy

Develop the National Drug Control Strategy III.

The Working Group on Anti Drug Policy will consider Strategy III during the summer.

Long term project. Status of policy discussion scheduled in the near future. Will consider Strategy III Summer/early Fall.

Family Report

The Executive Order on the Family requires an annual report of the impact of Federal programs and regulations on the family.

The Children and Family Policy Working Group developed and cleared a draft family report.

The Executive Order will present the Family Report to the President through consideration will

Federal Employee Health

To develop a comprehensive reform proposal of the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

The Task Force is developing reform details and will meet again on May 16.

Principals met twice and directed development of reforms and instructions to develop the details. Anticipated in Fall.

Food Labeling

To monitor and coordinate among affected Federal agencies the FDA initiative for a comprehensive overhaul of food labeling regulations.

A strategy group met on March 22, 1990 and a timeline for development of regulations was proposed. FDA will continue its work and the group will meet for a status report in May or June 1990.

Long term project. DPC may be necessary Summer. The issue will be discussed in Congress.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Bergen Conference

U.S. responses to this international conference.

A strategy group developed U.S. delegation instructions and representation for the meeting, held from May 8 to 16, 1990.

Short term project

Montreal Protocol Finance

U.S. position on funding mechanisms under the Protocol.

An informal strategy group developed U.S. delegation instructions to present at a May \_\_\_ meeting.

Principals meeting  
Decisions made of  
framework for dele

NEPA E.T.

Reevaluation of E.O. 12114 to ensure pertinent environmental aspects of all major U.S. actions abroad are fully considered.

A CEQ interagency task force is currently considering this issue.

Legislation is movi  
Task Force plans  
an Administration  
end of June 1990.

Montreal Protocol Controls

U.S. position on new chemical controls under the Protocol.

A PCC Working Group developed position proposals and sent them to the White House. The issue is also under negotiation in the Clean Air Act. An informal strategy session will be scheduled by OPD.

The DPC consider  
approved, initial po  
March 1989.

Framework Convention

Steps leading to, and scheduling of, the first negotiation session on a climate change framework convention.

A strategy group is considering timing, substantive issues, and White House conference follow-up.

Long term project.

**TAB G**

*Calendar*

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DPC MEETING PROJECTED SCHEDULE MAY/JUNE (May 11, 1990)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	11
14 2:00 Medical Liability Interim Report (Volunteer)	15	16	17 2:00 Anti Poverty Agenda	18
21	22 (T) Medical Liability Report	23	24 (T) Family Report	25
28	29 (T) Agent Orange	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15