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Fed not encouraging business to
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✓ Radio Free China ??

✓ Kemp wants another Cab. Post?

Rep. Santa Rosa - stolen
money by judge ??

✓ Jack Morris Abraham letter NYT
J.V.R. to General

Martin Liebovitz ??
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HEALTH CARE

1992 Campaign Issue: Health Care -- "During the 1988 election campaign, President Bush called for 'access to health care for all Americans.'... Yet two and a half years later, the White House is mired in a task force study that is unlikely to publish its findings until the 1992 presidential election year. As is the case on so many domestic issues, Mr. Bush appears content with the status quo or only incremental change.... President Bush himself should have come up with some definite proposals long ago instead of leaving it to his opponents in Congress." (Baltimore Sun, 6/7)

SOVIET AID

Bush Did Right Thing by Extending Credit to USSR -- "The President's action, right before the summit meeting...buys good will from not only the Soviet leader but from American farmers who tired long ago of being the industry picked on when it came to U.S. government solutions to diplomatic problems." (Kansas City Star, 6/11)

START TREATY

Stop-and-START Diplomacy -- "Prolonged haggling over START risks slowing the recent momentum of U.S.-Soviet detente.... Arms control is not a favor the U.S. does for the Soviet Union; it is in the West's self-interest to stabilize the peace at a lower level of risk. The Bush Administration can best launch its 'New World Order' by ensuring drastic cuts in the stockpiles of U.S. and Soviet weapons of mass destruction." (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/8)

CHINA

China's Most Favored Export -- "President Bush's 'constructive engagement' with Beijing has not influenced the regime's policy of peddling all weapons to all buyers.... It is right for Washington to honor the Tiananmen victims by seeking to protect their brothers and sisters from future acts of state terror. But there is an even greater obligation to stop the proliferation of China's unconventional arms." (Boston Globe, 6/7)

ABORTION

Bush's Change of Heart -- "As U.S. representative to the United Nations, Bush understood the family planning obstacles facing women in this country and abroad.... But somehow in his quest for the presidency, Bush conveniently forgot what he knew about family planning and decided that abortion was anathema -- a political position that includes hostility to family planning as well... Obviously Bush knows -- or at least he once knew -- that the best way to prevent abortions is to make them unnecessary. Unfortunately, since he wrote this piece, that obvious truth apparently became less important."* (Baltimore Evening Sun, 6/7)

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Threlkeld continues:

(Stanley Hoffman, political scientist: "What we discovered was that even though we achieved the objectives that we had officially set for ourselves and the coalition, we couldn't cope with the aftermath.")

(Schlesinger: "Saddam Hussein is still in there and he shows no sign of disappearing. Indeed ironically, we are now relying on those sanctions that the Administration disdained before the war.")

(Gen. George Crist, retired: "One has to wonder if it was necessary to destroy the economic infrastructure of Iraq in order to liberate Kuwait, because it's really like World War II -- total war.")

(Megan Passey, medical researcher: "What we are predicting is that there are going to be 170,000 children under the age of 5 dying as a direct result of this conflict.")

And there was another casualty of the war: America's high hopes that after it, the world, especially in the Middle East, would be a kinder, gentler place.

(President Bush, in Sept. 11, 1990, speech: "A new era -- freer from the threat of terrorists, stronger in the pursuit of justice and more secure in the quest for peace.")

(Schlesinger: "I think we had certain illusions about the war. First was that the war would bring stability and security to the gulf. It clearly has not brought stability to the gulf.")

If the polls are correct, while Americans are as proud as can be...they're now anxious to have done with the Persian Gulf, despite all those loose ends.

(Hoffman: "This is true of almost all wars. They accomplish a few things and then they leave others in just as bad shape as before, if not worse.") (CBS-14)

Chung reports Iraq pleaded today for a five-year grace period before it must begin paying war reparations. (CBS-4)

CBS's Bob McKeown reports more than 100 people in Kuwait have been tried for crimes during the Iraqi occupation, and 600 suspects are now being prosecuted. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of other prisoners are being held without charges against them. (CBS-3)

ABC's Jim Bittermann reports post-war Kuwait is a mess. The government is isolating thousands of residents who don't have Kuwaiti citizenship. About two-thirds of the citizens are still living outside Kuwait. Persecution of foreign residents has become such a problem the crown prince has warned the police and army that human-rights violations must stop. (ABC-5)

ABC's Bob Zelnick reports on the 28,000 reservists still in the gulf. Many of their families argue the reserves should come home before the full-time soldiers. The Pentagon's answer is that most reserves are trained to perform special support duties and are not interchangeable with active-duty units. Nearly all reserves still in the gulf have received estimated departure dates. (ABC-2)

ABC's Dennis Trout reports the Disabled Veterans of America warn that Gulf War veterans have reason to worry. The Veterans Administration has been gradually cutting back on medical benefits. The Bush Administration argues despite the cuts, veterans still get the care they deserve. (ABC-3)

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KEMP: NEW CABINET POST AFTER '92?

Secretary Kemp said Monday he'd like a new Cabinet post after the 1992 election. Kemp...went out of his way in an interview with the AP to say he planned to support the Bush ticket next year. "I do want to help Bush and Quayle, President and Vice President, the Bush-Quayle ticket, get reelected in '92," Kemp said. He did not say what he'd like to do next.

"Obviously, you serve at (the President's) pleasure, so you have to do pretty much what he asks you to do," Kemp said. "I have also said parenthetically I don't want to spend the rest of my life at HUD, so I guess that was kind of a signal that in the second term of Bush's Administration I might like to do something equally exciting and challenging." He also didn't rule out the possibility of running for office again. "I would..., if it were the right thing to do," he said. ("Talking Points," Washington Post, A19)

COURT'S RULING PUTS THORNBURGH ON HOLD

Attorney General Thornburgh Monday put on hold his plans to resign and run for the unexpired term of the late Sen. Heinz after a federal judge ruled that Pennsylvania's method for filling the vacancy is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Edward Cahn struck down the state law under which the state Republican and Democratic parties planned to choose the Senate candidates for a November general election. The judge said substituting nominations by party officials for a primary deprives voters of their right to participate "at all stages of the electoral process" and puts too much control in the hands of party activists.

Unless the ruling is overturned, the state must either enact a new election law until 1994 to elect a successor to Heinz, according to a spokesman for the Pennsylvania attorney general's office. The spokesman said the state's lawyers have not yet decided whether to appeal.

The unusual ruling...raises the prospect that Harris Wofford...could serve the three years left in Heinz's term....

A spokesman for Thornburgh, Dan Eramian..., said, "You can't run for something if there is no election."... Another Thornburgh aide said, "If there is an election this November, he intends to be a candidate, but there is no guarantee that there is going to be an election." (Sharon LaFraniere, Washington Post, A1)

FORMER POW SAYS HE WOULD FIGHT AGAIN IF ASKED

FALLON, Nev. -- Gulf War POW Jeffrey Zaun said Tuesday that the reality of combat and captivity had tempered his feelings about war, but he could get back in his plane and bomb Baghdad if necessary.

"There's times for peace and there's times for war," Zaun said in a telephone interview with the AP from his training base. "We did what we had to do. What we had to do is make a better world and we did make a better world."...

Zaun said earlier reports by the AP incorrectly characterized his statements by saying he had second thoughts about war. (AP)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Court To Rule On 'Hate' Laws Vs. Free Speech," by Dawn Ceol, appears in The Washington Times, page A1.

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DON'T BAR DOCTORS WITH HIV, CDC SAYS

Federal AIDS researchers will oppose placing restrictions on AIDS-infected health care professionals who perform surgery or other invasive procedures, lining up with AIDS activists and numerous medical and public health groups, knowledgeable sources say. Officials of the NIH...have told the CDC that they see no scientific basis for limiting the work of such people, since the risk of their transmitting the AIDS virus is remote, the sources say.

This point of view was outlined in a recent memo to the CDC from Dr. Bernadine Healy, the NIH director. NIH officials also have said they are concerned that imposing restrictions on some health professionals could contribute to the creation of two classes of patient care -- one for the uninfected and another for those who are infected....

Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary for health, has told officials on both sides of the issue to "sit down and work out a compromise" on the proposed guidelines.

(Marlene Cimon, Los Angeles Times, A10)

AMA ASSAILS MEDICARE PAYMENT SCALE

The American Medical Association sharply attacked a new Medicare payment scale for doctors Monday, saying it is being used to cut the budget rather than to make payments between different medical specialties more fair. The AMA pledged an all-out effort by organized medicine to restore \$3 billion a year in payments that the scale would eliminate by 1996.

"If these proposals are finalized in their present form, physicians can only conclude that the federal government has broken faith with the medical profession and its patients," said James Todd, AMA executive vice president.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A6)

HEALTH INSURANCE IS A HOT ISSUE, BUT NOT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

One of these election years, national health insurance is going to become an issue that can swing votes -- but the White house seems to be wagering that it won't be 1992.

The Administration is handling health care with a study and silence, except for President Bush's proposal to control spiraling medical malpractice costs by seeking to limit damage awards.

Bush will discuss his domestic agenda in a White House address Wednesday night, but an Administration health care proposal is not expected to be part of it.

(News analysis, Walter Mears, AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "The Squeeze On Small Businesses," by Constance Matthiessen, appears in The Washington Post's Health insert, page 10.

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SENATE COMMITTEE SKEPTICAL OF BUSH SCHOOL-CHOICE PLAN

President Bush's plan to give parents a choice of where to send their children to school found a skeptical, sometimes hostile audience Monday during the first congressional hearing on the proposal.

Members of the Senate Labor and Human Services Committee demonstrated by their questioning that the Bush proposal for educational choice could sink the entire bill if he insists it remain part of the package.

Sen. Simon warned against getting "bogged down in the choice battle" and wind up doing nothing on education reform. "I hope that we do not focus entirely on the choice issue."

Secretary Alexander defended the Administration's proposal and at one point called it "absolutely fundamental" to the President's school-reform effort.

Sen. Metzenbaum expressed the hope that the Administration would be willing to separate the choice issue from others so that other important education changes could be considered. "It could jeopardize the proposal," he said..., adding that if Bush's choice plan were adopted, more dollars would be drained from public schools as students opted for private schools....

Though Metzenbaum spoke forcefully against the proposal, the quiet doubt expressed by Sen. Kassebaum might carry more weight at the White House because she is one of the sponsors of Bush's legislation. Kassebaum told Alexander she would be sympathetic to the idea of parent shaving a choice of where to send their children to school "if I could be sure that the other, public, school would not be diminished." Alexander responded by saying that if public schools began to lose students and resources, communities would put up such a fuss that politicians and school officials would have to go to work fixing the schools....

Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said the choice issue had the danger of "poisoning the atmosphere on the other issues" and preventing reform.

(William Neikirk, Chicago Tribune)

HILL CUT IN AIDS FUNDS THREATENED
OVER SIZE OF CONTINGENT TO ITALY

Congressional leaders have threatened to cut federal funding for AIDS unless the HHS Department reduces the number of scientists it is sending to the International AIDS Conference next week in Italy from 300 to 100.

In a meeting last week of the House subcommittee that appropriates money for health services, Democrats and Republicans voted almost unanimously to demand that Secretary Sullivan trim 200 scientists from the roster. The request sparked an angry exchange between subcommittee members and senior federal health officials, sources said. Many senior government scientists were infuriated by the action, calling it a shortsighted measure that could jeopardize the success of the most important annual conference for AIDS research and hamper the exchange of information necessary to fight the worsening epidemic.

HHS officials also pointed out that, at this late date, preventing scientists from attending the meeting will save only a fraction of the \$1.35 million allotted for the conference.

(Malcolm Gladwell, Washington Post, A19)

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**BUSH TO PRESS LEADERS ON BANK REFORM PLAN
Dingell Says He Doesn't Like Rescue Bill**

President Bush has called key members of Congress to the White House Tuesday to deal with new threats to the Administration's bank rescue and restructuring plan, which Monday slammed into its first formidable legislative obstacle.

The President is expected to urge quick action on his plan to borrow \$70 billion to pay for bank failures and to rewrite federal banking regulation in hopes of restoring the health of the nation's banks. Bush is scheduled to meet not only with House Banking Committee leaders, who generally support his plan, but also with Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Dingell, who served notice Monday that he does not like the White House bill and will demand a voice in rewriting it.

The White House meeting was prompted, in part, by Dingell's move, a senior White House official said. Bush plans to tell the lawmakers that "he's committed to getting a comprehensive reform bill through the House, hopefully before the August recess," the official said.

Dingell, however, vowed that "this complex and dangerous proposal should not be railroaded through" the House. He directly attacked the Administration argument that the health of the banking industry can be revived if Congress will give banks new powers, including the authority to sell stocks, bonds and insurance.

(Jerry Knight & John Yang, Washington Post, D1)

SENATE DEMOCRATS OUTLINE EDUCATION DIFFERENCES WITH BUSH

Key Senate Democrats outlined their differences with President Bush's education bill Monday in a hearing with Secretary Alexander. Key among the objections was an Administration idea to use federal funds at private elementary and secondary schools.

Sen. Kennedy and other senior Democrats on the panel also are uncommitted to President Bush's proposal to launch a "New American Schools" with \$1 million grants to each of 535 innovative schools, one for every congressional district and senator.... Kennedy said "New American Schools" is a reform idea that "merits serious consideration."

Kennedy said he would soon schedule a committee meeting to act on the President's proposals to create professional development academies in every state for teachers and school administrators and to provide incentives to make it easier for professionals to switch to teaching careers.

Hearings on the more controversial proposals will be postponed.... Sen. Coats pressed Alexander to insist on choice as part of any education reform bill. But Sen. Simon warned Alexander against getting "bogged down" in a partisan battle over choice.

(James Brosnan, Scripps Howard)

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**BUSH BROTHER SAID TO AID FIRM TIED TO JAPAN MOB
Help Reportedly Given In Buying Company**

President Bush's elder brother Prescott Bush was a paid consultant who helped arrange the purchase of a U.S. financial services company by a Tokyo firm with strong ties to Japanese gangsters, according to government documents and other sources.

To facilitate the deal, which took place 3 1/2 years ago, Prescott Bush guaranteed half of a \$5 million investment by West Tsusho, a firm that is an arm of a company controlled by Susumu Ishii. Japanese police say Ishii headed one of the three largest mob syndicates in Japan before retiring last October, according to Japanese press reports.

There is no indication that Prescott Bush was aware of Ishii's alleged ties to organized crime. Neither Bush nor Ishii could be reached for comment....

The Japanese government also is investigating a separate deal in which Prescott Bush recommended that a senior official of West Tsusho invest in a Houston-based computer software firm, Quantum Access Inc., according to the Japanese press reports. The investment may have violated Japan's foreign exchange regulations, according to the reports....

White House spokesmen have said they do not know anything about the business transactions and had no comment Monday.

(Kathleen Day & Paul Blustein, Washington Post, D1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Thatcher Accused Of Undermining Successor," by William Schmidt, appears in The New York Times, page A13.

"Opponents Closing In On Wild Bird Trade," by John Lancaster, appears in The Washington Post, page A1.

EPA CHIEF: HEALTH IMPACT OF OIL FIRES REMAINS LIGHT

The environmental devastation wreaked by the Iraqis in Kuwait is "almost literally sickening," but the immediate health impact of the smoky oil fires appears surprisingly light, EPA Administrator Reilly said Monday.

Reilly, just returned from Kuwait, said he has never seen such concentrated environmental damage in any one region.... But Reilly said Kuwaiti hospitals had not reported any big increases in admissions for breathing problems.

He added that U.S. troops in Kuwait were well-protected from adverse effects because the main American base was upwind from the oil well fires.... He said air monitoring had not detected any high concentrations of toxic gases that could threaten an average healthy adult.

(George Lobsenz, UPI)

BUSH AND SHAMIR BLUNTLY SHOW THEIR DIFFERENCES ON PEACE CONFERENCE

Excerpts from letters exchanged last week between President Bush and Prime Minister Shamir, published Monday in an Israeli newspaper, reveal the leaders' bluntly expressed differences over efforts to convene an Arab-Israeli peace conference.

Bush...depicted the Administration as giving Israel the chance to directly negotiate peace with its neighbors. He said that Israel "needs an atmosphere of peace" if it is to absorb the immigrants.

However, Shamir wrote bitterly of Arab efforts to avoid direct negotiations with Israel and rejected the President's compromise proposals for convening an international conference. He warned Bush not to issue invitations to a conference without coordinating U.S. moves with Israel....

State Department sources and Israeli diplomatic sources Monday confirmed that the excerpts were correct.... Diplomatic sources in Washington predicted Monday that Foreign Minister Levy, who will visit here later this week, would face some tough questioning from Secretary Baker.

(Mary Curtius, Boston Globe)

ARAFAT CALLS FOR END TO KILLINGS

JERUSALEM -- Family members Monday recovered the body of another Palestinian killed as a suspected collaborator with Israeli officials, within hours of a call by PLO leader Arafat for Arabs to stem violence against fellow Arabs....

On recent days, several Palestinian journalists writing in East Jerusalem's Arabic newspapers charged the excessive zeal of young masked "shebab" gangs in killing collaborators was instilling a "great fear" among Palestinians and calling into question the future success of the uprising.

Israeli officials, meanwhile, said they would support an increase in aid to the Palestinians in the occupied territories from the EC, but would insist on being involved in how the money gets distributed.

(Ben Lynfield, UPI)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: "Baghdad Rebuilds But Has Far To Go," by Alan Cowell, appears in The New York Times, page A10.

SENATORS WANT GULF WEAPONS GIVEN TO ISRAEL

Two influential U.S. senators are pressing Secretary Cheney to give Israel priority over other allies in receiving "excess" war equipment from the Gulf.

A Pentagon official said Monday that the military expects to turn up "significant amounts" of excess gear as it leaves supplies behind in the Gulf rather than pay shipping costs home. But the official said the equipment has not yet been identified and he questioned whether Israel would get priority over other allies.

Another Defense Department official said Israel may not even qualify for the aid, since the legislation authorizing it requires recipient countries to have committed troops against Iraq.

In a June 2 letter, Sens. Inouye and Stevens called on the Pentagon to take the unusual step of setting up a special "working group" to identify extra materiel for Israel.... The senators said the equipment is "now available." But a Pentagon official said, "I don't know of any stocks at this time that are headed for Israel."

(Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times, A3)

IRAN ACCUSES IRAQ OF ATTACKING SHIITES

Clashes Said To Occur In Two Southern Towns

ANKARA -- Iran Monday said that Iraq had launched an offensive against anti-regime Shiite Muslims trapped in the marshlands of southern Iraq and quoted "diplomatic sources close to the United Nations" as saying tanks, other armored vehicles and helicopter gunships were used in the attack.

Iranian officials, including President Rafsanjani, have warned for days that such an attack was imminent. There was no independent confirmation of the Iranian reports and no comment Sunday from Iraq officials. On Sunday, Iraq denied suggestions that any such attack was being planned.

In Washington, Pentagon officials said they had seen "no evidence" of an escalation in Iraqi military activity in the southern region. "There has been some continued low-level activity in that area between Iraqi military and the Shiites," said Pentagon spokesman Williams. "This is nothing new. There is no evidence of a large-scale attack."

However, in an interview over the weekend with the BBC, Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger warned Saddam Hussein not to use military force against the Shiites in southern Iraq and suggested the U.S. was in position to respond with military force.

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A14)

Bush Nearing Decision On Food Credits For Moscow

President Bush is said to be near a decision on \$1.5 billion in food assistance to the Soviet Union while haggling over arms control has dimmed if not dashed his hope of a summit this month in Moscow.

Administration officials said Monday that Bush has received recommendations from his advisers on how to grant the Soviets up to \$1.5 billion in requested export credit guarantees for the purchase of U.S. grain products...and added that an announcement could come in the next few days. Bush is expected to phase in the credits, perhaps \$500 million at a time, for legal as well as political reasons....

[Meanwhile], an Administration official said the absence of a summit date after the Baker-Bessmertnykh talks came as no surprise. After analyzing the latest proposals, the official said, each side will respond at the bargaining table in Geneva.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

U.S. Says It Won't Give Soviet Union Massive Aid

The Bush Administration said Monday it would not provide massive financial aid to the Soviet Union, rejecting the "grand bargain" aid proposal made by Harvard professors....

While the White House assumes President Gorbachev will not ask for financial grants in London, the Administration is considering the possibility of such assistance in the future. The Administration is deeply divided over the issue, with some officials arguing that an aid package tied to reforms could lead to a historic remaking of the Soviet state, and others arguing that any aid would only perpetuate the Communist regime.

A year ago, when Rep. Gephardt proposed lifting trade restrictions and providing aid, President Bush ridiculed the idea.... But now..., Bush is trying to come up with ways to aid Gorbachev and push him toward reform. A senior Administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged the evolution of Bush's position, saying: "A lot has changed in the last year. Now it makes more sense to be trying to help." However, the official said Bush still opposed the kind of major aid package Rep. Gephardt urged....

Robert Blackwill, Bush's former top Soviet adviser and a co-author of the Harvard Plan, in an article he co-authored for the upcoming issue of Foreign Affairs proposed that the U.S. lead an effort at the London economic summit to offer the Soviets "a bargain of Marshall Plan proportions." While the White House has dismissed that idea..., one White House official said, "We will be providing opportunities for funding and loans and credits."...

However, Rep. Cox said the loan guarantees under consideration by Bush were just as untenable as direct financial aid.... Cox is urging an amendment to foreign aid legislation that would forbid U.S. assistance to the Soviet Union unless a series of conditions on the Baltics, human rights and free elections are met.

(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SAYS MOSCOW SUMMIT IS UNLIKELY BEFORE LATE JULY

President Bush said Monday that he and President Gorbachev have all but given up on having a summit this month and that he probably will not meet in Moscow before late July.

"START problems," Bush said in a comment to Los Angeles Times.... "To have this meeting, we don't have to have every 'T'...crossed and every 'I' dotted, but we've got to get a little closer than we are now."...

Earlier, many Administration officials had assumed that Bush would go to Moscow before the London G-7 meeting and present some kind of economic aid package to Gorbachev along with an arms control agreement. Now, however, "I think that's getting very complicated because of the complexity of the remaining issues" in the arms control talks, Bush said.

(David Lauter, Los Angeles Times, A1)

White House Talking About Late July Summit

The White House played verbal chess with Moscow Monday as it began the endgame of nuclear arms negotiations by saying that only immediate agreement on up to 100 issues could rescue a planned June summit.

Press Secretary Fitzwater took pains to warn reporters his words were a gambit that could not be taken literally, however. He said it now seems likely the Moscow summit will be held late in July.... It seemed that Fitzwater was candidly trying to coax faster action [on START] by jawboning.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A3)

No Bush-Gorbachev Summit Before Late July, White House Indicates

The superpower summit probably will be delayed until late next month, the White House said Monday....

But Soviet Defense Minister Yazov said a strategic arms treaty could be signed before the end of [June]. "All issues have been resolved, there are no problems left," he said Monday during a visit to Stockholm. "I think that by July we will be ready to sign an agreement to reduce our strategic forces by 50 percent."

(Christopher Connell, AP)

MADIGAN: SOVIETS ARE CREDIT-WORTHY

President Bush will decide whether to offer new food credit guarantees to the Kremlin independent of White House concerns about other U.S.-Soviet issues, Secretary Madigan said Monday.

"I think that the Soviets are credit-worthy," Madigan said, but he declined to say how much assistance should be offered....

"I would think they are separate," Madigan said when asked if there was a link between arms talks or the summit and a credit decision.... "Obviously, the things are divorced in his (President Bush's) mind."

Administration officials said an interagency review produced no objections to the credits.

(Charles Abbott, UPI)

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THE NEW YORK TIMES NATIONAL TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1991

It's Hard to Draw Blanks in Michigan Gun Test

By ISABEL WILKERSON

Special to The New York Times

DETROIT — It is every college student's dream, the answer to the prayers of anyone who has ever picked up a No. 2 lead pencil and stared at a test: 10 simple true-false questions with the answers on the back, to which the test-taker can refer at any time; the chance to take the test again, right then and there, if you fail, and, best of all, the comfort of knowing that the answer to each question is "true."

That is the test to be allowed to buy a handgun in Michigan.

After undergoing fingerprint and criminal-history checks, anybody who wants to buy a handgun legally in Michigan must also pass the test, which was devised in March by a board appointed by Gov. John Engler.

The questions are riflery's equivalent to "What do you do at a stop sign?" Potential gun owners are asked whether statements like these are true or false: "You should treat every pistol as if it were loaded" and "You should always keep the barrel of a pistol pointed in the ground."



Robert Killips for The New York Times

...ou the test to get a handgun in Michigan. "They shouldn't call it a test." With him was Sgt. David Mays, a licensed officer.

Pennsylvania Parties' Hold On Senate Contest Is Upset

By MICHAEL deCOURCY HINDS

Special to The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA, June 10 — A Federal judge threw Pennsylvania's special election for the United States Senate into chaos today by ruling that the way candidates are picked for special elections is unconstitutional.

A state law had permitted elected representatives in political parties to nominate candidates for special elections rather than letting voters elect their nominees in primaries.

The judge, Edward N. Cahn Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, affirmed Gov. Robert P. Casey's appointment of Harris Wofford, the former state Secretary of Industry and Labor, to serve as Senator for six months, until a general election in November to complete the term of the late Senator John Heinz. Mr. Heinz was killed April 4 in a plane crash.

But the judge's ruling also requires the state to hold primaries. The ruling, at least theoretically, endangers the candidacy of Mr. Wofford, who is expected to be the Democratic candidate, and the Republican front-runner, Dick Thornburgh, the United States Attorney General and former two-term Governor of Pennsylvania.

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The ruling came on a complaint filed by a bankrupt Republican developer from suburban Philadelphia.

three-judge panel of the court.

Christopher J. Bravacos, the political director for the state Republican Committee, said: "I think it is the wrong ruling and should be appealed."

The State Attorney General's office had asked the court to dismiss the suit as frivolous.

In his ruling, Judge Cahn said the Legislature "must provide for popular election of the new Senator." He said the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution "does not authorize an election that infringes upon the fundamental right to vote of Pennsylvania citizens," adding that Pennsylvania's laws on special elections "cannot stand."

The 17th Amendment provides that, in the case of a Senate vacancy, "the legislatures of any state may empower

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Ron Kaufman



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Rick -

Interesting Cuomo
analysis - Noone here takes
re-election for granted.

May Thanks.

Great seeing you GB,

RICHARD N. BOND

6/6/91

Dear Mr President,

Enjoyed our visit the other evening. I won't tell you how much it means to me to be able to see you and Mrs Bush occasionally.

I prepared the attached as a result of our conversation on 1992.

I hope its helpful.

Yours friend,
Rich

CUOMO ELECTORAL STRATEGY

Here's how Mario Cuomo could win the Presidency:

First, target the eleven states Dukakis won in 1988.

<u>State</u>	<u>Electoral Votes</u>	<u>Bush %</u>
New York	33	47.5
Massachusetts	12	45.4
Minnesota	12	46.0
Washington	11	48.5
Wisconsin	11	47.9
West Virginia	10	46.0
Iowa	7	44.6
Oregon	7	47.6
Hawaii	4	44.8
Rhode Island	4	43.9
Washington, D.C.	3	14.4
TOTAL	110	

Second, target the three large states Dukakis narrowly lost in 1988.

<u>State</u>	<u>Electoral Votes</u>	<u>Bush %</u>
California	54	51.1
Pennsylvania	23	50.7
Illinois	22	50.7
TOTAL	99	

* These narrow margins represent a swing of only 552,000 votes out of 18 million cast in these three states.

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Third, target a mix of medium size states that Dukakis nearly won:

<u>State</u>	<u>Electoral Votes</u>	<u>Bush %</u>
Maryland	10	51.1
Vermont	3	51.3
Missouri	11	51.8
New Mexico	5	51.9
Connecticut	8	52.0
Montana	3	52.1
South Dakota	3	52.9
Colorado	8	53.1
TOTAL	51	

The combination of the above 22 states would give Cuomo 260 electoral votes, just ten short of a win. He would then need to be creative and pull one or two states out of the GOP column to go over the top.

Option 1:

Target Louisiana (or other Southern states) if David Duke runs a Third Party candidacy and splits the vote. Louisiana's 10 electoral votes would give Cuomo the Presidency.

Option 2:

Make Michigan a battleground state with a revved-up labor and minority coalition and swing its 20 electoral votes. The 1988 Bush percentage was only 53.6, so this would not be impossible.

Conclusion

A realistic electoral strategy does exist for Cuomo to win the Presidency. With the exception of the West Coast, it is not a regional strategy. Instead, Cuomo would "tip-toe" around Bush/GOP strongholds and exploit weaknesses apparent from the 1988 election.

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Brent - Am I ever sorry. I
apologize - You are right I am
wrong. I am sorry I accused
you of not studying this memo??!!
I feel horrible - ^{lost} ~~anxious~~ about
this. I ask to be forgiven for
thinking you hadn't studied this issue

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5 June 1991

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via LGen Secwroft

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cc: Gov. ~~Sundt~~

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR REED
FROM CHRISTINE HATHAWAY
SUBJECT EL SALVADOR - PRESIDENT CRISTIANI
OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT
June 12, 1991

The following gifts will be presented on the occasion of this visit:

For President Cristiani from President Bush

Tiffany "Monteith Bowl"

Sterling silver bowl with
notched rim design.
A facsimile of the
President's signature is
on the underneath side.

For Mrs. Cristiani from Mrs. Bush

Judith Leiber "Handbag"

Black karung, three section bag
trimmed with strips of purple,
green and gold--the bag is
finished with a rope handle and
tassels in corresponding colors.

cc: Governor John H. Sununu/Mrs. Patty Presock
Mr. Bill Farish/Mrs. Nikki Richnow/Mr. George Van Eron

Mrs. Susan Porter Rose/Mrs. Laurie Firestone/Ms. Peggy Swift
Ms. Jean Becker

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George Bush

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People meeting
last week
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TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH SEN. RIEGLE

- o Now that comprehensive banking reform is moving in the House, I want to seek your advice and assistance in securing similar action in the Senate.
- o The House Banking Committee is scheduled to report banking legislation prior to the July Fourth recess, with floor action anticipated before to the August recess.
- o I understand that you have set a similar timetable for the Senate Banking Committee.
- o We want to work with you to ensure that such legislation does indeed receive floor consideration prior to the August recess.
- o The Administration places a high priority on comprehensive banking reform. It's time to fix the banking problem, not just fund it. That means a complete overhaul of our banking laws to make our banks both safer and more profitable.
- o If we don't do the job right, we may be back again in a few years to recapitalize the bank insurance fund again, the next time perhaps with taxpayer funds.
- o I know you and your committee supported securities activities in 1988. We believe that the time is right to address these critical structural problems of the industry, and that the failure to do so could be disastrous for the long run health of the economy.
- o We want to work with you to move this critical legislation forward expeditiously.

BACKGROUND FOR MEETING WITH SENATOR RIEGLE

The objective of this meeting is threefold: 1) to impress upon Riegle the priority the Administration places on banking reform; 2) to underscore the need for comprehensive banking reform, including interstate, new activities, and new sources of capital, and not just a narrow bill that does little more than provide a short term recapitalization of the bank insurance fund (BIF); and 3) to set a schedule to move forward expeditiously with banking reform legislation so that a conference could be completed prior to adjournment.

A comprehensive bank reform bill would include: deposit insurance reforms, early intervention, interstate branching, new financial activities (Glass-Steagall reforms) and new sources of capital (commerce and banking).

Chairman Riegle has held an exhaustive series of hearings on all aspects of the Administration's banking reform proposal. Earlier he indicated his desire to move forward with a Committee markup prior to the July Fourth recess. That timetable now appears to be slipping past the July Fourth recess. We need to impress upon him the importance of moving forward with the objective of completing Senate floor consideration prior to the August recess.

There is a bipartisan group of Members on the Senate Banking Committee who support comprehensive reform. However, so far, Riegle has done little to try to develop a coalition to move comprehensive legislation forward. Riegle has recently begun contacting his Democratic colleagues to discern their interests, but he appears to be moving toward a minimalist bill dealing with deposit insurance, early intervention, BIF recap and interstate branching.

While few of the Banking Committee members have stated their specific intentions with comprehensive reform, the following members have indicated a desire to act on a broader package: Senators Garn, Gramm, Bond, Mack, Domenici, Chafee, Cranston, Dodd, Dixon, and Sanford. Other members who should be amenable to various aspects of a broader package include: Senators Shelby, Graham, Kerry, Wirth, Bryan and D'Amato.

The important issue to stress with Riegle is securities activities. He has already expressed a willingness to address interstate issues, while there is almost no hope of getting him to support banking and commerce or banking and insurance activities. Securities issues are different. Although a longtime ally of the securities industry, Riegle played a key role in brokering a compromise in 1988 that would have let bank holding companies engage in broad new securities activities. With his support, the compromise sailed through full Committee (18-2) and the full Senate (94-2) before dying in the House.

While he has not been anxious to take this issue on again this

time, he has not ruled it out -- and there remains bipartisan support on the Committee, led by Senator Dixon, to go at least as far on this issue as they did in 1988. A signal that the Senate is prepared to take up securities issues would also help tremendously in trying to persuade the House to move forward with a broader bill.

NOTE TO: FRED McCLURE
FROM: STEVE KELMAR
SUBJECT: HEALTH CARE REFORM

- o Sens. Mitchell, Rockefeller, Kennedy and Riegle introduced S. 1227 on June 5 as a comprehensive Democratic Health Care Reform bill.
- o Key features include:
 - a mandate on employers to either provide workers with health insurance or pay a new tax estimated at 8 percent of payroll; and
 - a new Federal Health Expenditure Board to set national health care spending targets.
- o Though billed as a Senate "leadership" proposal, this is really from the liberal wing. Examples:
 - Finance Chairman Bentsen not on bill and did not participate in drafting; no commitment yet.
 - Sen. Pryor dropped off because of effect on small business.
 - Chairman Rostenkowski has said that major health care reform will not happen this year.
 - Rep. Waxman and Rep. Stark are deeply at odds over reform: Waxman supports the Mitchell approach but Stark wants to expand Medicare to cover (gradually) all Americans.
- o When will the President have a plan and show some leadership on the health care issue?
 - There is no artificial deadline or date certain here.
 - Secretary Sullivan will be coming forward with some options when he has confidence that the changes will produce a clear improvement in the health care system and that it is an approach the public will support.
 - Don't want to repeat catastrophic health insurance -- that is, enact a new government benefit that the public does not want to pay increased taxes to support.

- o Isn't our current system a disaster: unfair, costs out of control, many without coverage?
 - System does have problems, but 87% of Americans have private or government coverage. Even of those without insurance, very few are actually denied care.
 - We have the best technology and biomedical research in the world.
 - We have to build on our strengths, be careful not ruin them.
- o Shouldn't President get behind this plan, after all it is essentially the same as President Nixon's 1971 plan? If he doesn't, might end up with something worse like real national health insurance from Canada.
 - Things are a lot different now than they were in 1971.
 - We know that wage and price controls, which Nixon tried, didn't work either.
- o Meanwhile, we are making important steps forward in health care.
 - President's Medical Malpractice legislation transmitted to Congress -- to control costs, improve access by poor to obstetricians.
 - Highlighting cost-effective prevention programs, especially for children:
 - \$171 million in new money requested in President's budget for healthy start infant mortality initiative.
 - \$250 million to improve immunization of poor preschoolers. Rose Garden Ceremony this morning to catalyze private sector involvement.

Extended unemployment benefits program ends for 48,000 workers

DETROIT NEWS STAFF AND WIRES

LANSING — About 48,000 jobless Michigan residents will lose extended unemployment benefits this week, Michigan Employment Security Commission Director F. Robert Edwards said Tuesday.

The extended benefits program, which has paid out nearly \$95 million since March 11 at an average weekly amount of \$200 to some 65,800 workers, is ending because unemployment claims have fallen.

U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., said the funds shouldn't be cut off yet.

"It makes no sense for the government's No. 1 anti-recession program to be shutting down in the middle of this

recession," he said. "With nearly 10-percent unemployment, Michigan faces severe economic hardship. Today's announcement is a dramatic example of why Congress has to fix the unemployment insurance system."

Riegle is expected to introduce a bill later this week that would make the unemployment insurance system more responsive during a recession. In Michigan, it might provide a jobless worker with up to a year's worth of benefits.

Michigan recorded a jobless rate of 9.6 percent for May, tying with Massachusetts for highest among industrial states.

The standard unemployment system allows a person to receive benefits for 26 weeks. Extended benefits provide another 18 weeks of payments.

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Tuesday
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1. Chase Untermeyer returned your call
(you were calling him re JAF and protocol....?)
2. Steve Hart (w/ Fred McClure) was told by David Dreier
that you invited him to fly to California w/ you this
week -- is this o.k.????

*told Steve
ok p.*

3.



(b)(6)

I told Mrs. Bush.

4. Lou Walker would like to talk to you today -- between 5 & 7 p.m.
(if that's a good time for you) -- or call tomorrow.
207-967-5759

✓
*got him
6/3/91*

Patty P.

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Dear Billy Mc.:

Thanks for your May 31 letter. Your enthusiasm for the library is matched only by our own. Barbara and I are excited at the thought that we will spend time up there and the thought of a simple, yet beautiful, library on that marvelous setting you described. Of course I want to see the area. The only question is when.

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McKenzie and Baer
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cc: IN & OUT
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ATTORNEYS

1525 ELM STREET, SECOND FLOOR

DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

WILLIAM A. MCKENZIE

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"MCKENZIE-DAL"

FAX: 214-954-0989

May 31, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

First let me thank you for, number one, appointing Sally to the Board at West Point, and secondly for allowing her to have the wonderful opportunity to fly on Air Force One from Washington up to Stewart Air Force Base. I have asked Sally that, if she could, I would appreciate her suggesting to you that during some future trip to Texas (in some unobtrusive way, without fanfare, and in line with your schedule) you might like to visit the site where your Presidential Library will be situated.

At present, it is a densely wooded area with a creek running through it and, as agreed, it will consist of not less than ninety acres. It is immediately south of an area where Texas A&M has developed its research park and a little bit to the east. Prior to development, the research park was a densely wooded, nearly impassable tract of land, but is now one of the most beautiful parks of its nature in the country. I believe that you will be pleased when you see one area as compared to what the other one will become. I promise to you that it will be a beautiful location with great assessability.

Thank you and Barbara, one more time, for your tremendous service to our nation and in particular I thank you for the many kindnesses toward the McKenzie family. Please give Barbara my love, my best wishes to you, and tell Millie Texas A&M's Vet School can put her in first-class shape.

With great appreciation, I am

Sincerely,



William A. McKenzie

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Tuesday
June 11, 1991

*Call call
Wednesday*

1. Chase Untermyer returned your call
(you were calling him re JAF and protocol....?)
2. Steve Hart (w/ Fred McClure) was told by David Dreier
that you invited him to fly to California w/ you this
week -- is this o.k.????

OK

3.

(b)(6)

*Talked to
her tonight*

I told Mrs. Bush.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

Mr. Robert W. Blake
Post Office Box 2584
Lubbock, TX 79408

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PERSONAL



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Bob,

Barbara shared with me the
note you sent her. She loved
her visit to Lubbock and came
back raving about the job
you did. Thanks for your

comments re Strauss.

That appointment is
going down well. Corby will
never be the same

Love to Marion —

done
ms

bcc: Mrs. Bush

Dear

Robert W. Blake

6-5-91

Dear Barbara,

Many thanks for the details for "Miller's Book".
The children were very glad to hear them.
Since you were here the antique store
couldn't wait for Susan & Anne to
pick up furniture.
Also I have received 25 or 30 letters telling
me how much they enjoyed "An Evening with Barbara
Blake" and how much the people of Antioch
appreciated & admired you.
(over)

P.S. Thanks again for coming to Antioch.

Bob

Sincerely,

Please tell the President that I thought
his appointment of Pat. Strout as Amb. to Korea
was a stroke of genius.
I hope that you & The President are
feeling well - Love to all.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Reverend James D. Ford
Chaplain
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of the Chaplain
Washington, D.C. 20515



THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1991

Dear Tim —

You were fantastic.
Exactly the right touch.
Everyone, especially the Bishops
felt uplifted and, in that
lovely setting, close to God. Your Friend
Cap B

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Gary Klein
Post Office Box 409
Montgomery, TX 77356



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Gary,

Your letter just
got here - "Postal Reform."

I loved being at
Pintala - Great seeing all
you star anglers "Bass Wisher??"
Good Luck Cy Bred

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

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18 DEAR PRESIDENT Bush,

I ENJOYED SEEING YOU
AGAIN AT THE EAGLES OF ANGLING
TOURNAMENT. IT TRULY WAS
AN HONOR TO SHARE RAY'S LAKE
WITH YOU AND GENERAL SLOWCRAFT.

AS I STATED DURING THE
WEIGH-IN, I'M PROUD TO LIVE
IN A COUNTRY WHERE I'VE
BEEN ABLE TO PURSUE MY DREAM!

"
BASS WISHES"
Gary Klein

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Doug Sanders
8100 Washington Avenue
Suite 115
Houston, TX 77007



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Doug -

Sorry to miss the
big event but glad it
was a good one.

Thanks for your good
letter. Whenever you, Lee and Tom
are up this way we can sure

have lunch

Love to Scotty -

Cy B /

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

IN & OUT

DOUG SANDERS KINGWOOD CELEBRITY CLASSIC
DEERWOOD CLUB, KINGWOOD, TEXAS



GB's 5/6/91
response
attached

May 20, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The tournament has come and gone and I'm just now getting back into the swing of things. Everything was wonderful, except that you weren't there. Everyone asked "When is the main man coming back?" You were missed, but hopefully you'll find a way to schedule it again.

I was delighted to read in your note that you are feeling better. I've heard of a man doing a lot of things in order to get an extra stroke and I've also had to pull the old ill health routine to see if I could get something extra from Scotty or extra strokes on the course, and, it does work from time to time!!!

In all sincerity, I am thrilled that you're feeling good. I know your exercise has been limited, but if you can play golf and have a day, give me a call — have clubs will travel.

Arnold Palmer told me that he truly enjoyed spending some time at the White House. We're working on some dates with Lee Trevino and Tom Watson to find a convenient time to have lunch with you and maybe play some golf.

The pictures you sent with the "grunts" are wonderful. Those little fellows are a lot of fun and most of the time one travels with me.

Scotty joins me in sending our love to you and Barbara.

Your pal,

Doug Sanders

GDS:irs



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Ashley Gray
59 Cheskton Road
Fulham
London SW6



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Ashley,

Your letter just
got to my desk; but I was
so very pleased to see it.
Your Grand-dad was a
wonderful person - Barbara
& I were proud to be his
friends.

Thanks for that
kind letter.

Sincerely,

Cy Bunt

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

IN & OUT

apprec

59 Chesham Road

Putnam

London SW6 5SL

19th March 1991

Walter

(my)

Dear President Bush,

I am writing to thank you very much indeed for your warm and kind comments, which were published in the 'Daily Mail' following the death of my Grandfather Lord Cromer. I was with my Grandmother on Monday and your words made us both very proud. He was a gentle and kind man and a wonderful Grandfather and we miss him very much.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Ashley Gray

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Pete -

I just can't tell you
how touched I was by your
hand-written letter. It means
a great deal to me, especially
since it comes from a guy for
whom I have so much respect.

Thanks, Pete, for the
special touch of
thoughtfulness and generosity
of the spirit -

Your Friend,

bcc: IN & OUT

Governor Sununu
Fred McClure
Bridget Montagne ✓

Dear Mr. Brewster,
This is your friend Otto Remmer and as you
must writing a note to say thank you for
all you do. Anne & I don't hear you
in your house for a while & thought
I should tell you that in my grand
those days of your visit you are doing
and what you stand for. Clearly
things that great men make are
overlooked in you. Family life
you don't have to talk about it, you
and I can live it. Parents, right,
you and I believe are right.
Clearly Mr. Brewster of the problems

facing our country are value problems.

Loss of family values, Loyalty, honesty, integrity, discipline are burdening us with drugs, ~~alcho~~ alcohol, single parent households. Clearly most of these things will not be solved by Government but your moral leadership can have an impact.

I just reminded a bit an effort to say keep on doing what you're doing.
Your friend
Bete D.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. L. William McNutt, Jr.
Collin Street Bakery
Post Office Box 79
Corsicana, Texas 75151



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Bill -

Got yours of June 6th
My "pace" is back to normal
and I feel fine.

Love to Josephine and have
a great trip to Ireland.

Our Ambassador
in Dublin is our very
close friend Dick

Moore - a great guy -

If you meet him at some
event say "Hi"

All Best

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

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COLLIN STREET BAKERY

L. WILLIAM MCNUTT, JR., PRESIDENT

CORSICANA, TEXAS 75151

June 6, 1991

Dear Mr. P....,

Thanks for returning my telephone call last week. Sorry we missed one another - it's been too long since our last chat.

Please think about Dr. McNutt's advice to slow your pace a bit. You and I are the same age and must acknowledge that 66 year old guys are not indestructible. We'd rather have you in the White House than across the river in Arlington.

Josephine and I are off today for a quick 9 day holiday in Ireland, our first trip there.

We haven't been to DC since we visited with you there about 18 months ago. Next trip maybe we can sneak you and Barbara out to the Palm for dinner, or for a plate of spaghetti somewhere.

Love to your bride.

Warmest best wishes,



L. William McNutt, Jr.

LWM/scn

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. J. Maxwell Moore
Apartment 1203
400 Madison Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

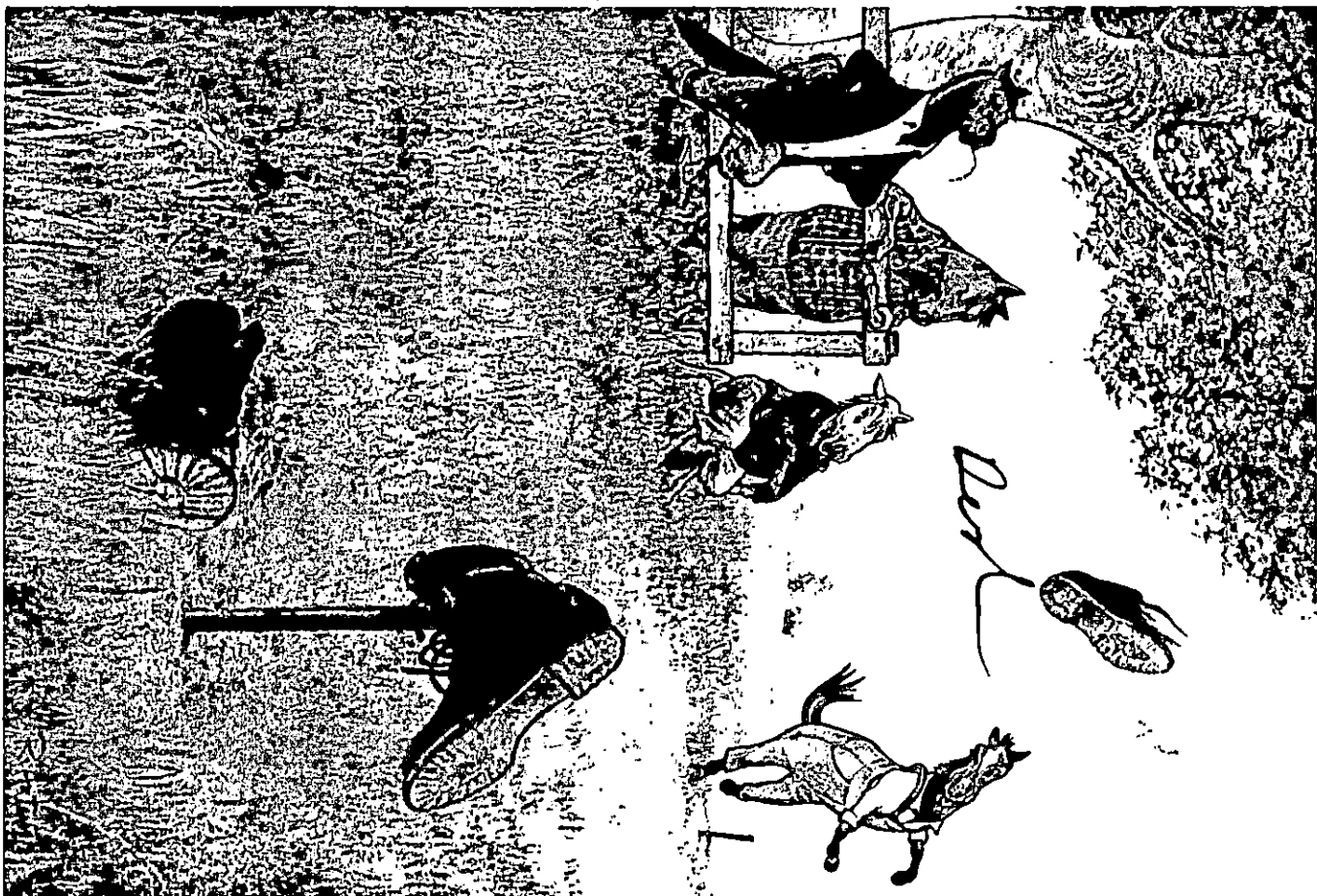


THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Max - I cheated and looked
at my "shoe" card early -
before the 12th.

Thanks, old friend.
Bar sends her love too. P.S.
67 doesn't hurt, honest Love *Ag*



Happy Birthday;
I this bit of "Thursday"
has brought a smile
to your face, Then the
burden of your duties
will seem lighter.
Enjoy your day! Best
wishes, Max Moore

4 June 91

Phil

I'll try to work out
a time TODAY for you
to discuss w/ the
President.

Patty
6/12/91

[Handwritten signature in red ink]

[Handwritten text "Done?" in black ink]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

Counsel's memorandum (attached) recommends ~~against~~ your holding a White House dinner for the United Negro College Fund because it would give the impression of using the office to support a private foundation. (The UNCF could not pay for the dinner in any event, since the White House does not have legal authority to accept gifts.)

We would be happy to draft a response if you wish.

Thank you.

Phil
Phillip D. Brady

- ① who pays - when we have Team 100 for dinner or reception for RNC or RNCC ??
- ② Sumner tells me, ^{today} we can do this - ③ let's discuss

6-11

P
tell Phil to talk with me on this

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GEN:Gang-Bush

Bush's Brother Dealt With Japanese Underworld Boss+

KOBE, June 7 Kyodo - A brother of U.S. President George Bush helped Japanese gangsters penetrate the American market by supplying a 2.5 million dollar corporate guarantee to a real estate company run by a Japanese underworld leader, according to documents obtained Friday by Kyodo News Service.

The documents obtained from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission show that the president's 68-year-old brother, Prescott Bush, issued the guarantee to Hokusho Sangyo Co., controlled by since-retired underworld boss Susumu Ishii, 67, as part of a deal involving the purchase of a U.S. financial services firm.

Ishii headed the powerful nationwide gang Inagawakai, among the three largest underworld syndicates in Japan, until his retirement in October last year.

He set up Hokusho Sangyo in 1985, allegedly to engage in speculative stock dealings. He also has under his control the trading company West Tsusho, the overseas investment arm of Hokusho Sangyo.

Bush, who manages a consulting firm and a real estate company, could not be reached for comment, and a senior adviser at the White House refused to comment on the matter.

Investigations by Japanese authorities indicate that Bush also recommended West Tsusho President Sampei Koyanagi to invest in a U.S. software company in an operation that involved the alleged violation of Japanese foreign exchange regulations.

==More

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GEN:Gang-Bush 2 KOBE:

The two Japanese companies bought into the New York-based international financial services company Asset Management, International Financing and Settlement (AMIFS) in July 1989.

The documents show that, between July and November 1989, West Tsusho acquired 40.1 percent, or about 5 million dollars worth, of shares in AMIFS.

Bush was a senior advisor to AMIFS at the time.

Hokusho Sangyo President Munenobu Shoji and Koyanagi, who served as directors of AMIFS, bought an additional 2.05 million dollars worth of AMIFS shares the following year, allowing them to buy the company out.

Notes attached to consolidated financial statements from AMIFS show a firm owned by Bush -- Prescott Bush and Company -- received a finder's fee of 250,000 dollars for an AMIFS stock purchase agreement with West Tsusho.

The notes also say that, under the terms of the agreement, the Bush company "has the right to pay up to one-half of any fee received" to West Tsusho "or any such affiliate."

The documents also note that Bush provided a "corporate guarantee" to West Tsusho providing that "if by July 12, 1994, West Tsusho has been unable to recoup 2.5 million dollars of its investment by the sale of common stock, Bush shall pay to West Tsusho an amount equal to the amount by which the value at the market price at that time of West Tsusho's 2,413,450 shares of common stock is less than 2.5 million dollars."

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GEN:Gang-Bush 3 KOBE:

Hyogo Prefectural Police investigators say that in December 1988, when West Tsusho was seeking outlets for overseas investment, Koyanagi was introduced to Bush by a jewelry dealer who was a friend of Koyanagi's wife. The two met in Bush's office.

On Bush's recommendation, Koyanagi then bought shares in AMIFS and Quantum Access Inc., a Houston, Texas, software company, and deposited money for the purchases in an American bank designated by Bush.

Hyogo police say they are investigating Ishii, along with West Tsusho and Hokusho Sangyo, for infringement of foreign exchange regulations over their suspected failure to properly declare the purchase of 1 million Quantum Access shares, valued at 547 million yen.

When questioned in February 1990, Koyanagi said he had been introduced to Bush by an acquaintance. Bush resigned from AMIFS last year.

When a Kyodo reporter visited the Lexington Avenue address of Bush's company listed in the New York telephone book, there was no company sign and the office appeared to have moved.

Ishii is currently under investigation over his alleged receipt of 38.4 billion yen from Mitsuhiro Kotani, now facing trial on charges of blackmailing Janome Sewing Machine Co., in exchange for questionable golf club membership certificates.

Inagawakai is strongest in the area around Tokyo, and, as of December 1990, it also had 335 subsidiary organizations from Hokkaido in the north to Kyushu in the south with an estimated 8,200 members.

==Kyodo

*Patty
save
9/16/90
Boyer*

Gift Unit



THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1991

Dear Tim,

Howard Coble gave me those sun glasses from you and your company. That was thoughtful of you, and I appreciate it.

I was especially grateful for the warm words of support from Mr. Palmisano, and I've written him to tell him so.

Thanks again, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

G. B. L.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Tim Martin

4328 Sullivan's Lake Drive

Greensboro, North Carolina 27410

bc:

Howard
Coble

bc:
w/inc
to
Gift
Unit

cc: *Jan Burmeister*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Ashley Gray
59 Cheskton Road
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London SW6



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

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IN & OUT

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Montgomery, TX 77356



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6-11-91

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I loved being at
Pintala - Great seeing all
you star anglers "Bass Wisher??"
Good Luck C. Bush

bcc: Bridget MONTAGNE

IN & OUT



THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1991

Dear Mr. Palmisano,

Thanks so much for the sun glasses you sent through Tim Martin. They have just arrived, and I wanted you to know I am especially grateful for the supportive words you wrote on behalf of your company.

The congratulations belong to so many.

Sincerely,

A. B. L.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Robert J. Palmisano
Bausch & Lomb
42 East Avenue
Post Office Box 743
Rochester, New York 14603-0743

bc:

Howard
Coble

bc:
w/inc
to
Gift
Unit

cc: Jan Burmeister

✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1991

Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for your update on the work of the President's Drug Advisory Council. I'm glad to hear that you are proceeding so well, particularly with the Workplace Committee and the National Coalition Committee. Your involvement of private sector leaders in both these efforts is crucial. I encourage you to continue working closely with Governor Martinez and ONDCP, and please know that my commitment to do everything I can to achieve a drug-free America remains absolutely firm. Your Council has an important role to play, and I am grateful.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



The Honorable William Moss
Chairman
President's Drug Advisory Council
708 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20503

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Pete V. **Domenici**
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Pete -

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how touched I was by your
hand-written letter. It means
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whom I have so much respect.

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thoughtfulness and generosity
of the spirit -

Your Friend,

bcc: IN & OUT

Governor Sununu
Fred McClure
Bridget Montagne

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THE PRESIDENT

6-11-91

Dear Bill -

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and I feel fine.

Love to Josephine and have
a great trip to Ireland.

Our Ambassador
in Dublin is our very
close friend Dick

Moore - a great guy -

If you meet him at some
event say "Hi"

All Best

bcc: Bridget Montagne

IN & OUT

POOL REPORT

SEAFORD, DEL.

ANDREWS AFB

JUNE 11, 1991

.BITS AND PIECES ONLY.

YOU HEARD BUSH EXTOL THE VIRTUES OF LEARNING TO THE 56 ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN SEAFORD, DELAWARE, AND OF STEALTH TECHNOLOGY TO MORE THAN A DOZEN SENATORS AND ASSORTED AIR FORCE TYPES IN A HUGE ANDREWS HANGAR.

BUSH TOURED THE STEALTH EXHIBIT FOR 30 MINUTES BEFORE HIS REMARKS, WHICH WERE PIPED IN. HE CLIMBED INTO THE COCKPITS OF ALL THREE AIRCRAFT SHOWN, THE F-117A STEALTH FIGHTER-BOMBER, THE B-2 STRATEGIC BOMBER AND THE F-22Y ADVANCED TACTICAL FIGHTER PROTOTYPE.

ACCORDING TO AIR FORCE MAJOR GREG FEEST (CO) OF RACINE, WISC., BUSH ASKED ABOUT THE F-117'S FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS, WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO FLY A MISSION AND WHAT HE THOUGHT OF STEALTH TECHNOLOGY. FEEST, WHO DROPPED THE FIRST BOMB ON BAGHDAD -- A 2,000 POUND PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITION UNIQUE TO THE F-117, HE SAID -- SAID HE TOLD BUSH HE DIDN'T KNOW AT THE OUTSET IF STEALTH WOULD WORK, BUT AFTER A FEW OF HIS 21 MISSIONS, BECAME A BELIEVER. "STEALTH WORKS, HE SAID HE TOLD BUSH, "AND WE'RE HAPPY WITH IT." HE SAID ONLY THE F-117 WAS ALLOWED TO FLY MISSIONS OVER WHAT HE TERMED "DOWNTOWN BAGHDAD."

THE F-117 IS EVERY BIT AS ANGULAR AS IT LOOKS IN ITS PHOTOS, WITH EXTREME SWEEPED-BACK WINGS; THE VERSION WE SAW WAS ALL BLACK AND DISPLAYED A SMALL U.S. FLAG ATOP ITS INSTRUMENT PANEL. IT ALSO CARRIES A SECOND 2,000 POUND BOMB AND A 500 POUNDER, ALL PRECISION GUIDED. THE WORD "LASER" WAS USED ONCE AND BITTEN BACK. THE COCKPIT OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLANKED WITH BROAD LADDERS, AND BUSH WAS FOLLOWED IN ITS COCKPIT BY BRENT SCOWCROFT.

THE B-2 DOMINATED THE HANGAR AND DWARFED THE OTHER TWO AIRCRAFT. ITS BOTTOM IS BLACK MATTE, THE TOP A SHINY GREY. BUSH ENTERED THE AIRCRAFT VIA AN INTERIOR STAIRWAY AND DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS. A FAINT IMAGE IN THE PILOT'S SEAT APPEARED TO BE THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT NEXT VIEWED THE BATTLESHIP GREY F-22, CLIMBING INTO ITS COCKPIT WITH SOME DIFFICULTY FROM A NARROW LADDER AND NEEDING HELP TO EXIT BECAUSE OF THE LOW COCKPIT CANOPY. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROTOTYPE BY GENERAL JAMES FAIN, ADVANCED TACTICAL FIGHTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AND ITS PILOT, MAJOR MARK SHACKELFORD (NO HOME TOWN AVAILABLE).

BUSH SKIPPED A DISPLAY OF ENGINES FOR THE PLANES, AND PAUSED BRIEFLY TO INSPECT THE ADVANCED CRUISE MISSILE. HE TOUCHED ITS OLIVE-DRAB FIN, PEERED AT ITS STABILIZERS, BUT IGNORED A VIDEO SHOWING THE MISSILE IN FLIGHT; IT LOOKS LIKE A FIGHTER FLYING UPSIDE DOWN.

THE PRESIDENT WAS JOINED AT ANDREWS BY SCOWCROFT, GATES, CHENEY, AF SECRETARY RICE AND AF CHIEF OF STAFF MC PEAK. MORE THAN A DOZEN SENATORS FROM THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES, INCLUDING DOLE, NUNN, WARNER, INOUE, GARN, WERE PRESENT FOR THE INSPECTION TOUR. YOUR POOL WAS TOLD THE CLASSIFIED NATURE OF THE WEAPONRY PREVENTED US FROM ACCOMPANYING BUSH; WE WERE HELD BEHIND A ROPELINE.

BUSH CAME TO ANDREWS FROM SEAFORD, WHERE HE IGNORED A QUESTION ABOUT ELDER BROTHER PRESCOTT'S BUSINESS DEALS, AND SAID SENATOR MITCHELL'S DISMISSAL OF THE 100 DAYS CHALLENGE AS PARTISAN WAS "INTERESTING...WE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY."

MARINE ONE LANDED ON THE SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD, AND BUSH WAS GREETED BY GOVERNOR CASTLE, SENATOR ROTH AND SEAFORD MAYOR GUY LONGO, TOGETHER WITH THE 14TH, 19TH AND 26TH POINTS OF LIGHT. (NAMES AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED.) SOME 200 RESIDENTS, MANY OF THEM KIDS, GREETED BUSH WITH "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. PRESIDENT" SIGNS AND A SERENADE OF "HAPPY BIRTHDAY." YOUR POOL COULD HEAR ONLY THE USUAL "GOOD TO SEE YA" PLEASANTRIES, AND A "THANK YOU" FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES.

IN THE PALE GREEN AND CREAM SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM USED FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, YOU HEARD BUSH SIGNAL OUT VICTORIA EASTBURN AND WILLIAM GIBBS, WHO SPOKE AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 56 GRADUATES PRESENT. BUSH GAVE EASTBURN A KISS AS SHE GOT HER DIPLOMA AND HAD AN EXTRA WORD FOR GIBBS AS HE CAME THROUGH THE LINE. THE GRADUATES WERE DRESSED IN TRADITIONAL CAP AND GOWN, WHITE FOR THE FEMALES, BLACK FOR THE MALES. BUSH JOINED IN A STANDING OVATION FOR THE GRADS, AND DELIVERED A BIG SMILE AND A "THUMBS UP" AS HE LEFT THE STAGE.

EDUCATION SECRETARY ALEXANDER REVEALED BUSH IS PROGRESSING WITH HIS COMPUTER LESSONS, "TERRORIZING" THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, ALEXANDER SAID, WITH COMPUTER-GENERATED MEMOS. ALEXANDER SAID BUSH MIS-SPELLED SEVERAL WORDS WHEN HE FIRST STARTED ON THE COMPUTER, BUT HAS SINCE OVERCOME.

FITZWATER TOLD THE POOL THE SOUTH LAWN SPEECH JUNE 12 WILL BE 15 MINUTES LONG, WITH ADDITIONAL TIME TAKEN FOR PRESENTATIONS AND A BIRTHDAY-RELATED EVENT. THE AUDIENCE WILL REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF AMERICA, HE SAID, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH INTERESTS AS AGRICULTURE AND VOLUNTEERISM, AS WELL AS OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BUSH DOMESTIC AGENDA.

SULLIVAN

USIA

POOL REPORT

BUSH MEETS CONGRESSMEN

JUNE 11, 1991

THE PRESIDENT MET IN THE CABINET ROOM WITH A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN TO PLUG HIS BANKING REFORM LEGISLATION. ASKED IF THE BILL WILL PASS, HE REPLIED, "I'M GONNA FIND OUT," NOTING HE'S FULLY BEHIND THE PROPOSAL. HE SAID SECRETARY BRADY WOULD EXPLAIN IT TO THE ASSEMBLAGE, WHICH INCLUDED SPEAKER FOLEY TO BUSH'S RIGHT AND MINORITY LEADER MICHEL TO HIS RIGHT.

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11:00 A.M. NEWS UPDATE

100 DAYS/MITCHELL (AP) -- Sen. Mitchell said the government would be better served if President Bush gave Congress more cooperation and fewer arbitrary deadlines. Mitchell made the remarks to reporters after being told that Bush plans a speech Wednesday night to mark the passing of a 100-day deadline the President set for Congress to pass his crime and transportation bills. "The so-called 100-day deadline has no legal or policy basis," Mitchell said. "It is a purely arbitrary date picked by the President for what, it is now obvious, was a political reason." "It would represent a new low in political cynicism for the president to make up a date" by which a bill should be passed, have Republican senators block action by that date and then have the President criticize the Senate for not meeting the deadline, Mitchell said. Mitchell suggested a deadline of his own. "Mr. Bush has been president for 871 days and he has yet to make even a proposal for dealing with health care," Mitchell said. "Before the 900th day of his presidency he ought to present a comprehensive plan" for health care, Mitchell said.

EDUCATION/TESTING (UPI) -- Before students are forced to take more tests, other educational reforms should be tried first, a coalition of educators and civil rights groups said. "Congress should not legislate or fund national testing and should not allow the administration to develop tests with appropriations intended for other purposes," the Campaign for Genuine Accountability in Education said in a letter to all members of Congress. "Politicians cannot simply mandate new tests and expect education to magically improve," said Monty Neill, associate director of the National Center for Fair and Open Testing. "Other reforms...must be in place first."

KING HUSSEIN (Amman/AP) -- King Hussein has been hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat and is in satisfactory condition, the royal palace announced.

(Amman/Reuters) -- King Hussein is being treated in a military hospital for an irregular heartbeat but is in excellent condition, the palace said. He is expected to be released soon. Sources said he suffered from arterial fibrillation resulting in an irregular heartbeat. "We are not sure whether he will be released today or not, but he is in excellent condition," a palace spokesman said.

CFE (Brussels/Reuters) -- The Soviet Union has agreed to destroy more than 10,000 pieces of military hardware it moved out of Europe as part of a compromise to end a controversy blocking a landmark arms treaty, NATO sources said. Giving the first details of a deal recently worked out between Washington and Moscow, the sources said final agreement among the NATO and Warsaw Pact nations on the CFE treaty was likely in the next few weeks. "This will unblock the way to more arms control in Europe. We seem very close to final agreement among all the countries," said one anonymous NATO source.

BAKER-BESSMERTNYKH MEETING (Moscow/AP) -- Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh and Secretary Baker will meet in Germany on Wednesday, a Soviet spokesman said. "I think that each meeting gives us progress.... I think that the Bonn meeting will also be fruitful, very fruitful," said spokesman Ignatenko in announcing the meeting.

SOVIET POLITICS (Moscow/AP) -- On the eve of elections in Russia, candidates basked in celebrity endorsements, bickered in the media and checked with pollsters in a Western-style scramble for votes. Opinion polls cited by Tass put Yeltsin ahead with the support of between 39 percent and 52 percent of voters. Ryzhkov was running second with 14 percent to 25 percent, Tass said.

SOVIET AID (Prague/Reuter) -- Massive Western aid -- with or without preconditions -- cannot solve the Soviet Union's economic problems and would not be welcome, a senior adviser to President Gorbachev said. Alexander Yakovlev told a news conference the West should not try to make the Soviet Union feel inferior by offering handouts or aid with strings attached.

NUKES/NORTH KOREA (Tokyo/Reuter) -- North Korea, which says it will allow international inspection of its nuclear plants, insisted that U.S. bases in South Korea must be investigated simultaneously. "If the nuclear inspection should be made, it must not be forced upon us alone," a North Korean statement said. "The U.S. nuclear bases in South Korea must be opened to the public and an international inspection of them (must) be made at the same time," said the statement.

PAKISTAN (Islamabad/AP) -- President Ishaq Khan, apparently moving to patch up ties with the U.S., named a new army commander who is considered to be pro-Western. Ishaq Khan appointed Lt. Gen. Nawaz as the next army chief of staff and promoted him to full general. Nawaz openly criticized former army chief of staff Beg for praising Iraq's "strategic defiance" of the U.S. in the Gulf war, and for alleging that Pakistan would be Washington's next target because of its nuclear program.

REILLY/KUWAIT (AP) -- EPA Administrator Reilly says the environmental damage to Kuwait from the war with Iraq is the worst he's ever seen. Reilly, who returned last week from a trip to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, told reporters he found looking at dozens of oil fires set by retreating Iraqi troops "almost a literally sickening experience." "I've not seen any one place before where there was so much compressed environmental degradation, and I've been to Eastern Europe and seen a number of other problems in different parts of the world," Reilly said.

TRADE BALANCE (UPI) -- The U.S. trade balance was \$10.2 billion in the black during the first quarter of 1991, the first time in nearly nine years that the nation has had a trade surplus, the Commerce Department reported. The surplus was largely due to cash contributions of \$26.2 billion from U.S. allies in the Gulf war, a Commerce Department spokesman said. A shrinking deficit on goods, services and income also helped balance the books.

SKULL AND BONES (New Haven/AP) -- The alumni board of Skull and Bones has quietly voted to admit women, two months after an embarrassingly public quarrel over the issue among members of Yale University's elite secret society. Bonesmen will soon receive ballots in which they will be asked to ratify the vote.

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3:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

100 DAYS (UPI) -- Top Democrats accused President Bush of seeking to "score political points" with his attacks on Congress for not passing highway and anti-crime legislation in 100 days. Rep. Foley said Bush had been "very ill-advised to attempt to impose an artificial and extra-constitutional deadline on Congress." Making an issue of the deadline "raises in my mind" the possibility that the deadline is "just a political gimmick" in preparation for the 1992 election, Foley said. Sen. Byrd joined the criticism, saying, "Whether this is completed on the 100th day, the 99th day or the 125th day is not important. I don't think it helps to toy with this number of 100. What people will remember is the bill we pass." During a visit to Seaford, Del., Bush shrugged off the criticism from Sen. Mitchell. "I heard him say that. That's interesting. He's a good guy. We see things differently."

THORNBURGH (Reuter) -- Dick Thornburgh would stay as attorney general if the special election cannot be held, a Thornburgh aide said. "Sure, he would stay as attorney general if there is no election. What's he going to do?" the aide said.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP (Seaford, Del./Thomas Ferraro, UPI) -- President Bush, putting on hold his battle with Congress over his crime and highway bills, pushed his education proposals while praising graduates of the Groves Adult School. "With your drive and determination, you are just the kind of people who will help lead us ahead into the next American century," Bush said. He told the adult graduates that he is working with the governors, education and business leaders and many others "to challenge each community across the country to make" his program "a national crusade to improve our schools."

PRESIDENT/ECONOMY (AP) -- President Bush said the recession has lasted longer than he expected but that "a turnaround in the economy appears to be in the making." "I think there's reason to be optimistic," Bush told the convention of the American Advertising Federation via satellite. "...I am bullish on the economy, not overly optimistic..." Bush said. "But while some sectors are still sluggish, on the whole a turnaround in the economy appears to be in the making."

S&L BAILOUT (AP) -- Another \$50 billion to \$75 billion in new taxpayer funds will be needed next year to continue bailing out failed and ill S&Ls, Congress was told. "You're looking at \$150 billion through 1992 as the bailout's total cost," GAO chief Boushner told the Senate Banking Committee. Rep. Gonzalez said the GAO report "makes it clear the RTC lacks even the most basic controls. RTC is an unguided missile headed for certain disaster," he said.

B-2/ASPIN (UPI) -- With President Bush threatening to veto a defense bill if it drops the B-2 Stealth bomber, Rep. Aspin recommended giving the plane a conventional bombing role, but limiting the program to 15 planes. Rep. Aspin said a case can be made for giving the plane a job of carrying munitions.

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SOVIET AID/JAPAN (Tokyo/UPI) -- Japan remains undecided whether it will agree to extend aid to the Soviet Union at the G-7 summit, government officials said. Foreign Minister Watanabe in a news conference denied reports that the government has reached a decision to withhold financial assistance from the Soviet Union, saying in part that it is not clear whether the topic will be on the summit's agenda.

(Tokyo/Reuter) -- Japan is determined not to be drawn into giving large-scale aid to the Soviet Union at the G-7 summit and does not fear being isolated by taking such a stand, officials said. "Without fundamental reform, aid would have no lasting effect," said a Foreign Ministry official. "[Reform] has not yet begun. We are not going to give financial assistance."

MIDEAST ARMS (Damascus/Reuter) -- The Mideast's two most powerful Arab countries said that Israel's military machine was a major threat to Washington's plans to make the region safer. Egypt and Syria said Israel should give up weapons of mass destruction, including its nuclear arsenal, if President Bush's arms reduction proposals are to have any chance of success.

ABORTION (UPI) -- Two key groups supporting legal abortion announced they are launching major lobbying campaigns to seek Senate reversal of a Supreme Court ruling barring family planning clinics from abortion counseling. "This ruling threatens our right to choose, our freedom of speech and the sanctity of doctor/patient relationships," said Kate Michelman, executive director of NARAL, announcing the "Emergency Campaign to Overturn the Gag Rule." Planned Parenthood is expected to announce its own campaign later today to overturn the so-called "gag rule."

ANTI-DRUG WAR (Reuter) -- The U.S. has its priorities in the war on drugs upside-down and is wasting more than \$1 billion a year on strategies that do not work, according to a report produced by the Inter-American Commission on Drug Policy, a high-level private group of experts. The report said Washington had spent huge amounts of money on trying to seal U.S. borders to drugs, with little impact on the price and availability of drugs in the U.S. "Nationally and internationally, authorities should give greater attention and funding to what is working: programs to reduce demand and treatment for drug abusers, street-level enforcement and the disruption of criminal networks."

IRAN/IRAQ (U.N./Reuter) -- Iran asked Secretary General Perez de Cuellar and the Security Council to take immediate action so Iraq does not launch a general offensive against Shiite Moslems hiding in the south of Iraq. Iranian Ambassador Kharrazi said there was "credible evidence" Iraq's army was preparing for a "general mopping up" operation in the south of Iraq.

KURDISH AUTONOMY (Istanbul/Reuter) -- Kurdish rebel leader Jalal Talabani said that talks on Kurdish autonomy with Saddam Hussein could drag on for months. "There are still difficulties and obstacles on the way to final agreement," Talabani said. "I'm sure the talks will take more time. I'm sure we'll need months to discuss this." In contrast, the Iraqi Defense Ministry newspaper said that an agreement with the rebels would be announced soon and the talks were going on in a positive atmosphere.

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TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
TO SUSSEX JAMES H. GROVES ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

Seaford High School
Seaford, Delaware

June 11, 1991

The night school at Groves High School is one of the few of its kind in the country: A night school fully-accredited to grant a regular high school diploma.

This should teach something to all of us who care about American education. Groves provides a shining example of the kind of innovative approach to education I have in mind when I challenge communities all across this country to create the New American School.

Many of you may know that back in April, we unveiled a new National Education Strategy -- America 2000 -- to help our schools and students reach the six ambitious education goals we've set for the year 2000. That strategy moves toward the future on four tracks. First, we start with building better and more accountable schools for today. Second, we want to create a new generation of American schools for tomorrow. Third, we've got to build a consensus that education doesn't end when your high school days are over: Young and old, we must become a nation of students. Fourth, we must focus beyond the four walls of the classroom and cultivate communities where learning can and will happen.

We're working with the Governors, with education and business leaders and many others to challenge each community across the country to make this a national crusade to improve our schools.

I'm here today to celebrate your choice to become students again. Each one of you made the choice to take on tremendous odds and triumph over indifference: You found your way back to school and a way forward in life.

We're doing a better job getting the message out that our young people should stay in school. But we sometimes forget to keep reaching out to those who don't stay in school. Too often, without intending to, we as a society act almost as if when you drop out you drop off the end of the Earth.

That's just not true, and you prove it.

You know first-hand that when you drop out, you can almost hear the doors to opportunity slamming shut. But one door never closes. You can always return to school.

One study shows that almost half of all students who drop out return to the classroom within four years. In between, they learn the hard way that the world of work has little to offer for those who don't have diplomas. Most of the time, the good jobs and the promotions go to people with the degree.

Programs like this one offer a way back to school -- a way up in the world. In a world of too many dashed hopes and dead-ends, schools like Groves can open doors to a better future.

The diploma you receive today tells the world that you have done more than meet the prescribed State requirements. You've returned to the classroom. You've cracked the books. You've stayed up late studying and learning. And, you've made the grade. This diploma tells the world of your self-discipline and drive, and it testifies more eloquently than anyone ever can to the power of your will and your dreams.

Many of you have travelled a tough road to get here. We've heard today from Vicki Eastburn and Bill Gibbs: How Vicki came here to get a good education, and how her husband and children taught her the true value of family. We heard how Bill dropped out before most of today's graduates were even born -- how he came back to school nearly 30 years, six kids and one heart attack later. Bill came back to finish that degree. But the best thing about Bill's story is not what he's managed to do, but where he's going from here: He's won a scholarship to study at Delaware Technical and Community College.

Each one of you has a story. Consider Kathy Tucker. Fourteen years ago Kathy got married. She went to work. She had a child and she left school. Kathy promised herself she'd come back to finish high school when her own son started kindergarten. It took a little longer, but she kept that promise. Today, Kathy collects her diploma, and she shows her three kids just what happens when you set a goal and refuse to let circumstance stand in your way. She is a living portrait in self-determination --- in what it means to want an education so much that you'll work for it, you'll sacrifice for it, and you'll get it.

I know many of the parents graduating today believe becoming students again has helped them become better teachers of their own children, and that is true. But I want to say to Kathy Tucker and to all the parents in the Class of '91 who have worked so hard to get here: You've already taught your children a lesson in the value of learning.

Finally, let me share a story about Rosemary Everton. Rosemary does not belong to today's class. She graduated with the Groves Class of '72. But her story ought to give you a glimpse of possibilities to come.

Today, while you look back with quiet pride on all you've done to get here, Rosemary's story lets you know that the doors you've opened may lead to a destiny even you cannot imagine.

Rosemary Everton got married and dropped out at the age of 15, even before she got to high school. At 16, with a baby and a full time job, she decided to go back to school. For two years, she took classes at Groves, four nights a week. She cared for a baby, held down a job, built a sturdy marriage, and she got her degree.

Rosemary says: "To this day, I still do not know how I did it. I do know that after receiving a high school diploma this way, I felt that there was nothing I could not do. That is what kept me going even when I felt there was no way I could do everything at once, because I had already done everything at once."

Today, Rosemary Everton and her husband have their own company, and they employ more than 200 people. Rosemary has this to say about what Groves taught her: "(I) learned math, English and history -- but something more important. I learned that there is nothing I can't do with patience and perseverance."

For Rosemary, today's success began with a small but sensible dream: To get that diploma. You will have to decide what lies over your own horizon. You already have taken the first, great step. As Rosemary said, there's nothing you can't do.

Everyone here today has made it to this place with the help and encouragement of others: Parents who gave up a few evenings a week to babysit. Husbands or wives who did a few extra chores to let you go to class. Even children who worked extra hard to keep quiet around the house, so you could study for that big test. Today, your family and friends share your joy and the pride you quite rightly feel.

But today, you stand at center stage. You made it through school -- for one reason, and one reason alone: Because you came back. When it would have been easy to make excuses, you made demands on yourself. You made it your mission to learn.

Once again, my thanks for this warm welcome, and for this opportunity to share this special day. Let me extend a special invitation: Tomorrow, on the South Lawn of the White House, I'll be talking to some other extraordinary Americans about the challenges we face as a nation. It would be an honor to have today's graduates join us tomorrow evening at the White House. With your drive and determination, you are just the kind of people who will help lead us ahead into the next American century.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT IN TELECONFERENCE
TO NATIONAL ADVERTISING CONFERENCE OF
THE AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION

Old Executive Office Building

10:05 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. My heavens, what a welcome. I can see you all -- the backs of your heads here. Oops, I can see you turning around. (Laughter.)

Thank you all very much. What a marvelous technology. Howard Bell, ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to join you today on a medium you understand so well and to address this, the 23rd Annual National Advertising Conference of the Federation -- of the American Advertising Federation.

Normally in these speeches, you say "I wish I were with you." I will say I wish I were there in Opryland. This week -- I'm a country fan -- and this week we had Barbara Mandrell up at Camp David. We've had Mo Bandy up there, Jimmy Dean, the Gatlins, Lee Greenwood, and just last week we were privileged to have Alabama singing for our congressional barbeque. So I'm a fan of country music. And I just wish I were there to not only hear your proceedings, but to catch a little of that act later on.

But I was thinking this morning that there's one advantage to addressing an audience from the advertising industry. If my remarks cause a headache or upset stomach, you'll know how to get fast, fast relief -- click it.

But, look, this is reasonably short -- reasonably short because in a few minutes I'm going over to Seaford, Delaware, to a GED graduation. These night school guys -- old and young -- and it's exciting what's happening in education.

But back to the subject at hand. We tend to forget in this age of instant communication that your profession has informed Americans for more than two centuries -- two centuries. You probably know that Thomas Jefferson once noted that advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper. You agreed with Thomas, hey? I'm not sure I don't agree with Thomas. As a matter of fact, I think I do.

Today, you transport facts and proclamations, pleas and arguments to every corner of America. And the Federation's more than 52,000 members -- advertisers, advertising agencies, media companies, advertising professionals and college students majoring in advertising -- you all study and refine the arts of informing and persuading the public. Together you've done more than take aim at the bottom line. You've shown that any definition of a successful life must include serving others.

And I believe so very strongly in the historic concept of one American helping another. We call it, as I'm sure you know, a Thousand Points of Light. You have enhanced the Points of Light Foundation, donating millions and millions of dollars a year in multimedia public service announcements. Your chapters and members have served communities nationwide.

Atlanta's Advertising Club established a minority relations program. Houston's Advertising Federation reached out to

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those afflicted by the terrifying disease, AIDS. And in Arkansas, advertisers poured their time and talent into a campaign that combats child abuse. And way out in Honolulu, you promoted the lifesaving cause of organ donation. You've taken on projects as vast and various as our great land, helping people in more than 220 communities and 200 college campuses. No one should underestimate the power of your deeds or the importance of your profession.

You know, there's an old story of how an ad salesman was trying to convince a store owner to do some advertising. And the owner said, "Look, I've been in this location for 50 years and I've never needed to advertise." And the salesman said, "The town church has been in the same location for 100 years, but they still ring their bells."

Two years ago this month, our administration recognized the AAF with the Private Sector Initiative Commendation. Last year, another presidential award testified to your belief that, as Emerson said, "The only gift is a portion of thyself."

Today, let me close by praising a man who has given much of himself and much to our nation. Howard Bell makes his final appearance as AAF President at this convention. And he has served as an advertising evangelist and trailblazer. And he's built the AAF into the megaphone of the ad industry. Under his leadership, membership tripled, AAF established new means and standards of self-regulation. And perhaps most important of all, the Federation under Howard's leadership acted upon the axiom that prosperity without purpose means nothing.

And for that I thank him and commend him. And I thank you. You've made a big difference in this nation's life. But let's go further still. Let's build a better and more focused future for ourselves, our families, our communities and our great country.

And now, Howard, since I've traveled so far to be with you, I'm glad to take a few questions, but that's the end of the formal part -- end of the speech.

Thank you. (Applause.)

MR. BELL: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. President. And we appreciate your willingness to answer a couple of questions. And the first question, sir, is, as you know, the economic downturn has affected all areas of business and particularly the communications and the media industries. Do you see, Mr. President, any positive signs in the economy that signal the beginning of an upturn?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Howard if I can borrow a term from Wall Street, I am bullish on the economy. Not overly optimistic, not Pollyannic about it. But while some sectors are still sluggish, on the whole, a turnaround in the economy appears to be in the making. I don't want to be in the prediction business. What a President says on this can adversely affect markets and all of that. But according to the just-released May unemployment report, over half of all industries added to their payrolls. Industrial production has also been rising. And such upward trends will continue according to the Index of Leading Indicators.

The Index has risen for three consecutive months, a strong signal that the economic future looks bright. Now, I don't want to sound, as I say, euphoric because, frankly, some people are still hurting in this country and they're hurting badly. And this worries me, this concerns me. But things are beginning to move forward. And as far as your industry is concerned, I'm optimistic that it, too, will pick up as the rest of the economy gathers steam. Increased factory orders will have an impact on the advertising industry as businesses begin to move their products.

So I think there's reason to be optimistic. This recession has lasted perhaps longer than we would have thought. It

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hasn't been as deep as many have predicted. Let's see where we go. I think things are looking much more promising as I speak to you here.

Q Well, thank you. Mr. President, I'd like now to introduce David Bell, the President of Bozell and AAF's National Chairman, who will ask the next question.

Q Mr. President, the American Advertising Federation is currently working with the private sector division of the United States Information Agency to develop advertising and marketing data with respect to the free market economic system that will be made available to embassies around the world. Now, these data and expertise will provide access to proven methodologies to the Eastern European countries, among others, as they move toward a market economy. Do you see additional ways that the advertising industry can help foster these important developments in such countries?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, what is it about the Bell name that is just dominating that convention? But anyway, I know no nepotism is involved, I've been told that. Look, it's a good question. Let me say that I was just over at USIA last week at the swearing-in of Henry Catto, our new Director, former Ambassador. I know that Henry is very excited about AAF's volunteer work with the Private Sector Market Resource Committee.

The important skills that our Eastern European friends acquire through your generosity will help provide the building blocks to establish a productive economy. David, I think the advertising community can show these nations how to transform -- transmit, I should say, information swiftly and creatively. With the many public service announcements your industry produces, you help teach people about these important issues. In fact, as I recall, you helped create and produce the production of the Department of Energy's "Do Your Part, Drive Smart" energy efficiency campaign. Now that campaign showed us all how a few simple steps would help us become more energy efficient.

And also, let me speak about a personal friend here. Look at the wondrous success of Jim Burke and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. What a fantastic job Jim and the others -- many of them with you today there -- are doing. The advertising they've produced has helped stem the tide of illegal use of drugs by powerfully illustrating the often-fatal consequences of drug use. The ads are superb.

And every country has problems that can be addressed with effective public affairs advertising. And as countries begin to realize that they need help to communicate information, they'll do it with advertising.

So a good question and a good way to end this teleconference. Thank you. Thank you all for what you're doing. Thank you for having me in Nashville and God bless you all. Thank you so much. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN TELECONFERENCE TO ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE

Old Executive Office Building

9:39 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for that kind introduction and for your generous comments about our approach to education. And I'll tell you, the Points of Light concept -- something new with us -- we're trying to put some focus on it, But believe me, it is taking hold across this country, and I think it's a wonderful thing. And I appreciate your interest in all of that.

I must confess I wish I were with you in Orlando. Instead, I'm stuck up here in Disney World North. (Laughter.)

I love the idea of talking with you in this manner in a teleconference. Nothing could be more appropriate. Everyday, PBS transforms ideas, lessons and information from one side of this country to the other -- big cities, small towns and back again.

And some of us remember when PBS was called "Educational television." Your name's changed. But, of course, that we understand -- but your mission hasn't. And today, your 300 affiliates serve 63,000 elementary and secondary schools across this country. And your broadcasts reach 30 million kindergarten through 12th grade students. And some of your programs sustain inquisitive adults. And others go straight to college and university campuses.

Personally I'd like your help. I'm looking for a good computer instruction course. But you probably need to find a truly qualified seven-year-old to make it credible.

I was out in Milwaukee the other day. And you should have seen -- maybe you all have seen this -- but you should have seen the competence of these young kids as they move into the computer age -- their competence on computers. It's fantastic. We've got to do more.

In the past year, enrollment, if you want to call it that, in your electronic college classroom has grown 20 percent. These and other programs fit right into our America 2000 education strategy. As you know, that strategy follows a four-track path to achieving our six national education goals: creating better and more accountable schools for today's students; inventing a new generation of American schools; becoming a nation of students, young and old; and making our communities places where learning can happen.

We've talked a bit about how you improve today's schools -- track one: Everyone should get involved. For instance, I'm happy to see that PBS will be donating a satellite dish to Slanesville, West Virginia, home of the Teacher of the Year Rae Ellen McKee. Is that she I see smiling away on the monitor, maybe? And she'll be talking to you in just a few minutes. And what a person she is. You know, I visited her school in April and I think you'll agree when you hear her, that she deserves and has earned the high honor that she's received.

State-of-the-art hardware is just one way you help our schools step into their future. My kids tell me they used to dread

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it when a teacher rolled a television into the classroom because they knew they'd have to look at a black and white videotaped lecture from a teacher in a room with bad acoustics. Now, no one makes those complaints anymore. You've changed with the times. You've developed new programming. You've pioneered new broadcasting techniques, including closed-captioning for deaf students and the descriptive video service for blind students.

And now, as we prepare to create new American schools, you look to the heavens. Telstar 401, due to race into orbit in 1993, will let you transmit television signals nationwide. And that certainly won't hurt when it comes to developing new audiences for your shows.

Track three of America 2000, developing a nation of students, runs right through your studios. You mentioned Barbara and I'm grateful for your very kind comments about her. But she and I cannot thank you enough for your work in giving previously illiterate Americans the gift of reading. Project Literacy U.S. Plus helps turn Americans submerged in the darkness of illiteracy into beaming points of light. You offer refresher courses, practical courses in programs that cause the viewer to pause, think and explore the universe of ideas.

I can't think of any series that has done more to advance the study of American history, for instance, than Ken Burns' series, The Civil War.

I'll be visiting some very special students just in an hour or so, in Delaware later today -- a group of night school students who've worked hard to gain high school diplomas. And frankly, I'd be surprised if they didn't owe some of their inspiration in education to you.

So my point is simple: The days of the little red schoolhouse are over. We find ourselves in an era of competition. And education, like any other vital industry, will benefit from the constant tug and pull of new ideas, new products. You push everyone in the education industry to do more, to do better. For years, your efforts -- and I've talked only about a few of them -- have promoted respect for learning and an appetite for education.

In launching our America 2000 project, I have asked each state and every American community to join in an ambitious effort, a crusade -- and this one is -- a crusade for educational excellence.

In many communities across this country, individuals have already stepped forward to be the spark plug that energizes businessmen, parents, community leaders and educators to make America's schools better and more accountable.

I believe our schools will change for the better when parents and communities make change their mission. And so as the America 2000 project takes root in communities across this country, I would ask each of you to join us, to become involved in this enormously important revolution to transform American education.

Well, thanks for listening to my lecture. It is a pleasure to be with you in this marvelous electronic manner. And now, with no further ado, I would once again say thanks, and I'd be glad to take a question or two. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Q Thank you very much, Mr. President. We appreciate your remarks to us. You talked about change. How will the role of the states and local educational organizations change in the next century?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, state governors and legislatures, along with local school districts, are absolutely crucial to the success of our America 2000 strategy. Those who think that education problems can be solved in Washington ought to know better, because the American people know better. The federal government provides

roughly seven percent -- seven percent -- of the total dollars spent on education; state and local governments provide 93 percent. At the national level, we can set goals and standards that every community, every school and every student can try to achieve.

That was the beauty of the Charlottesville conference with the governors. But it is in our states, it's in our communities that we must become part of the crusade to invent a new generation of American schools, to figure out better ways of teaching and learning. The states will have to agree to hold themselves and their schools to much higher standards. This simply cannot be done from Washington. I am not anti-Washington, but that can't be done from Washington.

The Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and I are committed to lead, to exhort everyone to a higher standard and to travel this country and highlight models of what works. Next week we'll join Governor Romer, for example, the Governor of Colorado who's very active in education. I might say here, look, this is a totally nonpartisan effort. And Governor Romer, we'll be with him when he kicks off Colorado 2000, the first statewide effort to adopt the national education goals and develop the strategies to meet them. The state role is crucial as communities across the nation compete to be America 2000 communities. Our new breed of education governors -- and they are fantastic -- is essential to the success of our revolutionary new program, America 2000.

Q And in addition to what you see as you go around the country, you often also meet with world leaders. Have you seen any education initiatives in other countries that you'd like to see incorporated in your educational goals for the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, yes, some are doing certain things better than we are. In Japan and Korea, the parents are actively involved in their children's schools. I'd say more so than here. Students do much more homework. This will go over well down there in Orlando with the public schools, but they do much more homework than the average student in American schools. In China, students routinely learn two or three languages. I happen to think we need to do better in multilingual disciplines.

In the Soviet Union, students are learning algebra in elementary school. You saw the reports the other day from this nationwide study, and it was appalling what we're not achieving in mathematics. Government leaders around the world tell me that students are learning math in different ways than American youngsters. They aren't just learning to use computers, but are applying math to everyday problems, everyday situations.

So there is a lot to learn from other countries. I am not apologizing and saying that they're all right and we're wrong. But we should remember that we want to have American schools that countries everywhere are trying to emulate. Japan, for instance, is trying to introduce more creativity and get away from just learning by rote. And wherever we go, we're the world's grand champions in scientific research and technology. So we can learn from them and they can learn from us.

But the main point is, we're involved here in something that is really revolutionary. For it to succeed -- America 2000 to succeed, we've got to think anew, as Lincoln said. We've got to do it in a way that approaches these problems with no fixed conclusions as to how to solve them, but with innovative ideas. And that is why I am so delighted with the participation of the governors. That's why I'm so delighted with what you referred to, sir, as the points of light approach where communities and public media and everybody are involved in innovating, in putting the focus where it needs to be put -- and that is on getting this country better educated.

And we can do it. This isn't just a lot of hot air rhetoric out of Washington. Believe me, as I go around this country, I sense a determination in the communities to get the job done, to improve our educational system. And it's not simply a desire of

Americans to be number one again, although I think we've got an awful lot that lends that description to us right now. It's a desire to see -- it's an understanding -- put it this way -- that a better educated young people guarantees the future of this country.

So, look, thanks for letting me drop in on you from about 22,000 miles out there in space by satellite. And thank you all for all that you are doing to make America smarter. Thank you all, and I hope you have a wonderful meeting there. (Applause.)

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