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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 26, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICCONI

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: DEB AMEND

RE: 1990 AGENDA

Jim, attached is the final version of the "Highlights of the President's 1990 Agenda". Two new categories have been added: civil rights and trade.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S 1990 AGENDA

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  - Every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.
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## Highlight of the President's 1990 Agenda -- Page Two

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- \* In addition to measures to address violent crime as it relates to drug use, the President last year proposed fundamental reforms to the entire criminal justice system. Several of the provisions were enacted into law last year. The President calls on Congress to enact the remaining provisions of his Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act this year.

### 6. Civil Rights

- \* Facilitating full access to society and independence, both personal and economic, for the disabled, is an important goal of the President in 1990. Every American must be permitted to participate in Society to the full extent of his or her abilities. The President is committed to passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act this year.

- \* The President is determined to help root out racial bias and bigotry and to guarantee equal opportunity for all Americans and supports a variety of measures to help combat discrimination and racial violence.

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\* The President has again proposed full funding -- and more -- for the homeless assistance programs under the McKinney Act.

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- \* The President is committed to bringing the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to a successful conclusion in December 1990. These ambitious negotiations aim to expand trade in agriculture, services, intellectual property and investment.
- \* At the Malta Summit, Presidents Bush and Gorbachev agreed to negotiate and sign a bilateral U.S.-USSR trade agreement by June. The agreement will open up the Soviet market to U.S. exporters.
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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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## Highlights

### Education

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Civil Rights

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*Important*

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRAD MITCHELL

FROM:

NANCY A. MALOLEY *NAM*

SUBJECT:

Highlights of President's Bush's 1990 Agenda

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February 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR DEB AMEND

FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *F.D.N.*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Highlights of President Bush's 1990 Agenda

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cc: James W. Cicconi  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Haun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David J. Haun  
Executive Assistant  
to the Director

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### Background

These goals are about excellence. They are about recognizing that every child, regardless of background or disability, can learn. They are based on a recognition that education is a life-long enterprise. They are about restructuring and revitalizing the education system of the United States. They are designed to encourage a renaissance in American education.

Meeting these goals will require that our education system boosts the performance of our highest achievers to levels that equal or exceed the performance of the best anywhere; substantially increases the performance of our lowest achievers to far higher levels than their current performance; and ensures that what our best students can achieve now, our average students be able to achieve by the turn of the century.

A strong education system is essential to maintaining a vigorous and responsible democracy and a prosperous and growing economy. The President and the Governors have developed a clear set of national education goals that they believe are worthy of our people and our times, and that will provide a measure by which our responsible leaders can be held accountable for results.

In order for national education goals to be meaningful, progress toward achieving these goals must be measured accurately and adequately, and reported to the American people on a timely basis. Present data collection efforts and activities in progress to improve assessment tools and statistics provide a solid foundation on which to build. However, more work is needed. The President and the Governors agree that this effort will require a substantial national commitment over several years to further develop and refine our national measurement capabilities.

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MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL GOALS

*Readiness for School*

**GOAL 1:** By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn.

Assessments indicating readiness for school generally are not administered by schools. Nor do the President and the Governors recommend that such an assessment, especially one that could wrongfully be used to determine when a child should start school, be developed for purposes of measuring progress toward this goal. Other current indicators of readiness may serve as proxies, and still others need to be developed.

The National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) National Household Education Survey will be designed to furnish as much useful data as possible on a child's early learning experiences and the extent of parental involvement. In addition, the Current Population Survey, the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, and other units of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services collect information on learning experiences and the social and physical status of young children that will provide essential data for measuring appropriate dimensions of readiness.

*High School Completion*

**GOAL 2:** By the year 2000, we will increase the percentage of students graduating from high school to at least ninety percent.

According to best estimates, approximately 72 percent of the nation's 18 to 19-year-olds had completed high school in 1988. Presently, national data on high school completion rates are available from the Current Population Survey. New measurement and collection efforts will be necessary to gather comparable state-level data on dropout and high school completion rates.

*Student Achievement*

**GOAL 3:** By the year 2000, American students will leave grades four, eight, and twelve having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter, including English, mathematics, science, history and geography.

Demonstrating competency is not merely a function of successfully completing courses. It involves mastering a meaningful level of knowledge and skills. Assessment tools must not simply measure minimum competencies, but also higher levels of reading, writing, speaking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. While the focus of this goal specifies competency in several subject areas, the list is not to be interpreted as exhaustive, nor as recommending a

national curriculum. Furthermore, in order to demonstrate a meaningful level of competency at certain points in the educational process, performance at every grade level and among all quartiles of achievement must increase substantially. Only in this manner will our entire educational system be lifted toward excellence.

Appropriate measures of achievement must be accurate, comparable and constructive. While comparable state-level data is not presently available, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be a principal mechanism for measuring student achievement in grades four, eight, and twelve in reading, writing, mathematics, science, history and geography on a national, and eventually state-by-state, basis. The National Center for Education Statistics is working with NAEP and others to extend and improve appropriate national assessments in a variety of subject areas. Thirty-seven states will participate in the NAEP pilot state-level assessment this year. It is expected that all States will participate in future state-level assessments.

### *Science and Mathematics*

**GOAL 4: By the year 2000, U.S. students will be first in the world in science and mathematics achievement.**

While no international comparisons of student achievement to date are considered adequate, available measures suggest that U.S. 13-year-olds perform near the bottom in science and mathematics compared to their peers in other industrialized countries. Significant work must be accomplished to ensure that international comparisons of achievement are reliable.

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A National Challenge

These national education goals are not the President's goals or the Governors' goals, they are the Nation's goals. Achieving them will require a strong commitment and concerted effort on the part of every sector and every citizen to improve dramatically our nation's education system and the performance of each and every student.

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Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Deb Amend, Rm. 122, x2930, by Noon on Thursday, 02/08, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

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\* The President's plan calls for a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 1993, and includes a proposal to then begin paying off the national debt.

\* The President will push to maintain our economic strength by encouraging increased investment and productivity, and reducing the deficit with no new taxes.

\* As part of his Savings and Economic Growth Act, the President will work to reduce tax rates for capital gains, create a new tax-exempt Family Savings Account to encourage individual savings, and modify the rules for IRAs to permit first-time home buyers to withdraw up to \$10,000 without penalty.

2. Social Security

\* The President has pledged he will maintain the integrity of the Social Security system.

3. Education

\* Agreement was reached at the President's historic Education Summit with the Governors to establish national education goals, which he announced in his State of the Union Address:

-- By the year 2000, every child must start school ready to learn.

-- The United States must increase the high school graduation rate to no less than 90 percent.

-- To make sure diplomas mean something we must check all our students progress at the critical grades -- 4th, 8th and 12th.

-- By the year 2000, U.S. Students must be first in the world in math and science skills.

-- Every American adult must be literate. The President's budget includes funds for adult education and creates a National Literacy Clearinghouse.

\* The budget request for education is the highest ever proposed. So, too, is the half billion dollar increase requested for the Head Start program.

\* The President has made enactment of his Educational Excellence Act a top priority.

4. Child Care

\* The President seeks to expand parental alternatives in child care by offering tax credits designed to allow low income parents -- not the government -- to decide what sort of child care best suits their needs.

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5. Drugs

\* The President's \$10.6 billion National Drug Control Strategy represents a 70 percent increase in government spending to fight drugs since President Bush took office. It is aimed at ending the scourge of drugs through a comprehensive program of drug treatment, education, law enforcement, interdiction, research, and cooperative international initiatives.

\* The second phase of the President's Drug Strategy calls for increases in federal law enforcement personnel, support for 75 additional federal judgeships, increased drug treatment services and research, comprehensive community prevention programs, the creation of a national drug intelligence center, and expanding the death penalty for drug kingpins. The President has also designated five locations as high intensity drug trafficking areas.

6. Environment

\* The President supports enactment this year of tough new Clean Air requirements to reduce acid rain, urban smog and air pollution in a cost effective manner. He has endorsed elevating the Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet level, and has proposed a major increase in EPA's operating budgets. This year's budget provides over two billion dollars in new spending to protect the environment and over one billion dollars for global change research.

\* The President's "America the Beautiful" initiative will expand federal parkland, wildlife refuges, forests and other public lands, and establish a new reforestation program that calls for the planting of more than one billion new trees a year.

7. Housing

\* The President has again proposed full funding for the homeless assistance programs under the McKinney Act.

\* The President has proposed a special initiative designed to develop innovative approaches to providing housing for homeless individuals and families. Additionally, this new "Shelter Plus" program would help the homeless who are mentally ill or substance abusers.

\* The President's HOPE initiative sets out a comprehensive new housing and urban development agenda. It will help low income families become homeowners and increase housing opportunities for other low-income families. Enterprise zones will help revitalize distressed low-income communities.

*for EPA and his Council on Environmental Quality.*

*It also establishes an awards program for teachers who incorporate environmental issues in their curricula.*

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**8. Investing in the Future and Competitiveness**

\* The President's plan to increase America's competitiveness in the world involves an expanded budget for space exploration, including programs such as the space station Freedom, and preparations for manned missions to the Moon and Mars; a record high \$71 billion budget proposal for research and development; and a permanent tax credit for research and experimentation. Our country's competitiveness will also be enhanced by the President's fiscal and education initiatives, and also by his proposal to reform product liability.

**9. National Defense**

\* In the wake of the dramatic changes that are taking place abroad, the President has proposed a defense budget that begins the transition to a restructured military.

\* To meet the continuing requirements of nuclear deterrence, the President will move ahead with strategic modernization programs such as the Strategic Defense Initiative, the Stealth Bomber, and ICBM modernization.

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