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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 24, 1990

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DURING CEREMONY CELEBRATING
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**25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START \ THE ROSE GARDEN
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1990 \ 11:00 A.M.**

GOOD MORNING. IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING. CONNIE (HORNER) IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU, AND LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE GREAT JOB YOU'RE DOING AT HHS.

FIRST OF ALL, HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY TO HEAD START! LIKE ALL BIRTHDAY PARTIES, TODAY WE CELEBRATE BOTH WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE WILL BE TOMORROW.

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IN MAY 1965, ON A BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY RIGHT HERE IN THE ROSE GARDEN, A GREAT IDEA CAME INTO BEING -- PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON FIRST SPOKE OF A NEW INITIATIVE HE WOULD SOON PROPOSE -- HEAD START. HE SAID THEN THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD "RESCUE THESE CHILDREN FROM THE POVERTY WHICH OTHERWISE COULD PURSUE THEM ALL THEIR LIVES. THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO PUT THEM ON AN EVEN FOOTING WITH THEIR CLASSMATES AS THEY ENTER SCHOOL."

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EVERYONE AGREES HEAD START IS A PROGRAM THAT WORKS FOR CHILDREN -- BY ENHANCING THEIR EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND FOSTERING SUCCESS IN LIFE. HEAD START ALSO WORKS FOR FAMILIES --BY OFFERING CHILD CARE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS, WHICH BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE, AND BY ENCOURAGING A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

AND IT WORKS FOR THE THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE WHERE HEAD START "GRADUATES" GIVE SO MUCH BACK TO SOCIETY, BY HELPING TO BUILD STRONG FAMILIES AND SOLID NEIGHBORHOODS.

TODAY, ALMOST A THIRD OF THE 80,000 HEAD START STAFF MEMBERS ACROSS AMERICA ARE CURRENT OR FORMER HEAD START PARENTS THEMSELVES. PARENTS LIKE EUGENIA BOGGUS [BO-GUS], HERE WITH US TODAY, WHO IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION.

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SEBA JOHNSON, FOR EXAMPLE, ATTENDED HEAD START AS A CHILD IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND, AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN, BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN SKIER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS, REPRESENTING THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. TODAY SHE LIVES IN NEVADA, WHERE SHE IS TRAINING FOR THE NEXT WINTER OLYMPICS -- AND IS VOLUNTEERING HER TIME TO HELP CELEBRATE HEAD START'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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THERE ARE SO MANY STORIES TO TELL, AND SO MANY AMERICANS TO THANK IN HEAD START CENTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY. IN FACT, OVER 600,000 COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS -- EACH ONE A "POINT OF LIGHT" -- ARE GIVING THEIR ALL TO MAKE HEAD START A NATIONAL TREASURE.

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FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *cm for MKG*
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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Ext. 2702

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May 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *cm for MKG*
SUBJECT: 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START REMARKS

I. SUMMARY:

On Thursday, May 24, at 11 o'clock in the morning you will host an audience of approximately 150 in the Rose Garden to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Head Start. Your remarks will be seven minutes in length and will be prepared on speechcards.

II. DISCUSSION:

The proposed text highlights various aspects of the Head Start program, identifies exemplary Head Start parents -- some present in the audience -- and calls on Congress to pass Head Start legislation.

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May 23, 1990
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BRIEF REMARKS: 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START
THE ROSE GARDEN
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1990
11:00 a.m.

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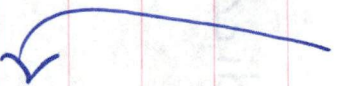
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4. page 2, pp. 1
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to be employed by HHS; but
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracey Taylor or Robert Marbut
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Seba Johnson, for example, attended Head Start as a child in the Virgin Islands and, at the age of fourteen, became the first black woman skier to participate in the winter Olympics,

representing the Virgin Islands. Today she lives in Nevada, where she is training for the next winter Olympics -- ((presumably with the Jamaican bobsled team)) -- and is volunteering her time to help celebrate Head Start's twenty-fifth anniversary. And Carlos Jimenez who was a Head Start student in Pennsylvania in 1977. This year, Carlos is graduating from high school, third in his class of 320. A National Honor Society member, Carlos will attend college in California this fall. Or Carl Brenner, also a Head Start alumnus, who graduated first in his high school class and is now a senior cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

These kids earned a lot of attention with their brilliant success stories. But there are also the quiet ones, special cases that otherwise might get overlooked. Take the example of Timothy Combs, a child born with Down's Syndrome who wasn't yet talking when he enrolled in Head Start at the age of three. Head Start provided Timothy with speech therapy and help for his ear problems. Two years later, Timothy was able to enroll in public school, where he continues to get the special attention that began in Head Start.

There are so many stories to tell, and untold numbers of Americans to thank in Head Start centers around the country. These committed individuals have given their all to make Head Start a national treasure. The kids we have with us today are from Head Start programs throughout the Washington area, and by

getting them "ready to learn" today, we ensure that they too will have success stories to share tomorrow.

It is because of children like these -- and parents and staff like you -- that at the historic Education Summit last September, I asked every Governor in the Nation to join in our commitment to Head Start. We proposed the largest one-time funding increase in the history of Head Start -- a half billion dollars. I know that the Congress will join me in giving Head Start the best twenty-fifth birthday present possible -- enough money to enroll as many as 180,000 more children in Head Start.

As they say, that's a gift that "keeps on giving" -- by enriching the lives of our children, strengthening our families, and building our communities. To everyone who has supported Head Start for so many years, thank you, and God bless each one of you.

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