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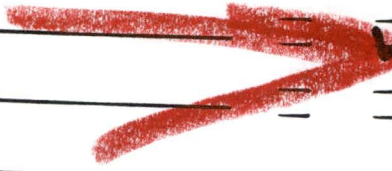
WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/4/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

SUBJECT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 10:00 a.m.

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SKINNER	—	✓	CALIO	—	✓
SCOWCROFT	—	—	PETERSMEYER	□	✓
DARMAN	—	✓	PORTER	□	✓
BRADY	—	✓	ROGICH	□	✓
BROMLEY	—	—	SMITH	□	✓
CARD	—	✓	BOSKIN	□	✓
DEMAREST	—	✓	KAUFMAN	□	✓
FITZWATER	—	✓	FINDLAY	—	✓
GRAY	—	✓	SNOW	—	✓
HOLIDAY	—	✓		—	—



REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1992

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 TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

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February 3, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications and Director of Speechwriting

FROM: JANET REHNQUIST *JR*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Rotary Club; San Diego,
California; February 7, 1992

This is in follow-up to my telephone call to your office today regarding the above-referenced matter. Counsel's Office has no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phil Brady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

92 JAN 3 P1:21



February 3, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW/CURT SMITH

FROM: John S. Gardner *J.S.G.*

SUBJECT: San Diego Rotary Club Speech

This is a good speech, but I would punch up the prevention angle a little more. Specifically, can we get the figure (CEA should have it) of the total cost to the economy (in productivity loss, hospitalization, etc.) from smoking, alcohol abuse, and drugs? I've heard it before, and it's very, very high. The implicit assumption here, of course, is that without these costs, national health care really wouldn't be so much of an issue, because these factors drive up insurance costs, drive up emergency room costs, and burden the health care system. The cost of health care would be sharply lower -- and more people would have ready access to care under our current private system -- if these steps could be taken on prevention.

I marked a couple of other comments. Thanks.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

(Smith/Grossman)
January 31, 1992
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(McClure) mention this costs jobs. 4/21

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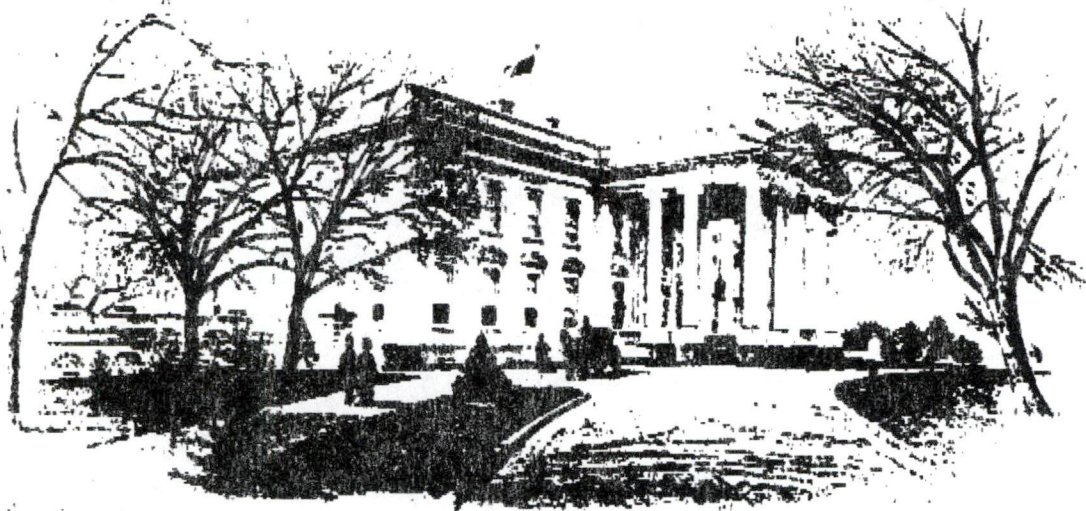
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

See comments Thanks.
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SECRETARY SULLIVAN. SURGEON GENERAL NOVELLO. ROTARY
CLUB PRESIDENT CRAIG EVANCO. MAYOR MAUREEN O'CONNOR.
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COMPETITION IN PROGRESS. // IF YOU RUN LOW ON WIND,
LET ME KNOW -- I KNOW WHERE THERE'S A SURPLUS.
WASHINGTON, D.C.)) //


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EARLIER TODAY, I VISITED A CATALYST OF CARING -- THE LOGAN HEIGHTS FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, FOUNDED BY LAURA RODRIGUEZ, ONE OF SAN DIEGO'S POINTS OF LIGHT. I SAW THE FAMILIES AND THE CHILDREN -- AND WATCHED THE LITTLE ONES BEING IMMUNIZED. / LATER, I TALKED WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ABOUT HOW GREATER IMMUNIZATION CAN INCREASE ILLNESS PREVENTION.

THIS MORNING, ((LIKE IMMUNIZATION, I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF -- AND ALSO LIKE IMMUNIZATION, I'LL TRY TO KEEP THE PAIN TO A MINIMUM.)) I WANT TO DISCUSS HOW PREVENTION CAN ACHIEVE A PRICELESS GIFT: GOOD HEALTH IN AMERICA. // LET ME BEGIN WITH AN EQUATION: GOOD HEALTH EQUALS A CHANGE IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PLUS A CHANGE IN THE WAY WE ACT. //

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THIS COUNTRY HAS THE BEST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA IS UNRIVALLED. THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM. RATHER, THE PROBLEM IS, FIRST, THAT TOO MANY AMERICANS ARE EXCLUDED -- LEAVING ONE-SEVENTH OF OUR PEOPLE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. SECOND, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS FEAR LOSING ACCESS TO COVERAGE WHEN THEY CHANGE JOBS, OR DEVELOP ILLNESS. // THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE -- AND IT'S GOT TO STOP. // FINALLY, HEALTH CARE COSTS TOO MUCH. THIS YEAR, AMERICANS WILL PAY MORE THAN \$800 BILLION FOR HEALTH CARE -- ONE-TENTH OF ALL WE SPEND. THE HEALTH OF OUR ECONOMY AND THE HEALTH OF OUR NATION CANNOT AFFORD IT -- WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. NOW'S THE TIME TO START.



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AFFORDABILITY -- ACCESS -- PORTABILITY -- THESE ARE THE ISSUES WE MUST ADDRESS. SO YESTERDAY, IN CLEVELAND, I ANNOUNCED A PIONEERING PLAN TO DO JUST THAT: TO STABILIZE COSTS / ENSURE ACCESS / AND FREE WORKERS FROM THE FEAR OF LOSING COVERAGE. // MY PLAN WILL PRESERVE WHAT WORKS AND REFORM WHAT DOESN'T. IT CONSISTS OF FOUR POINTS. I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN AND HELP ME MAKE THE BEST SYSTEM IN THE WORLD EVEN BETTER. //


FIRST, OUR PLAN WILL MAKE HEALTH INSURANCE MORE ACCESSIBLE BY MAKING IT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR MILLIONS OF LOW-TO-MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES. FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, I WANT A HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT OF UP TO \$3,750 A YEAR TO HELP THEM BUY INSURANCE: FOR MIDDLE-INCOME, A TAX DEDUCTION UP TO THE SAME AMOUNT. /

SECOND, WE WILL CUT HEALTH CARE COSTS BY MAKING IT MORE EFFICIENT. STUDIES SHOW THAT THE LARGER THE GROUP BEING INSURED, THE LOWER THE COST PER INDIVIDUAL. SO WE WILL CREATE HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORKS THAT HELP COMPANIES BAND TOGETHER AND CUT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. /


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THE THIRD POINT WILL ALSO LOWER COSTS. WE MUST REFORM MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LITIGATION. // TODAY WE HAVE TOO MANY MALPRACTICE SUITS DRIVING UP COSTS FOR A DOCTOR, A NURSE, OR A HOSPITAL STAY. A RECENT STUDY FOUND THAT IN 1989 THE COST OF DEFENSIVE MEDICINE -- JUST FOR PHYSICIANS' EXPENDITURES TO BE OVER TWENTY BILLION DOLLARS -- OR NEARLY EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL COSTS. // ((I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TROUBLE WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION, BUT I ONCE QUOTED TO SOMEONE THAT LINE, "AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY." HE SAID, "WHAT WORKS FOR LAWYERS?")) / HERE'S WHAT WILL WORK FOR AMERICA: LET'S SPEND AS MUCH TIME BUILDING A BETTER HEALTH SYSTEM AS WE DO WRESTLING WITH OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. WE'D DO BETTER CARING FOR EACH OTHER IF WE STOP SOLVING PROBLEMS BY SUING EACH OTHER. // THAT BRINGS ME TO POINT FOUR. WE WILL CUT THE OUTRAGEOUS GROWTH OF FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAMS LIKE MEDICARE -- SO THAT WE CAN PROTECT THE BENEFITS.

OUR REFORM PROGRAM WILL CUT COSTS / ENSURE CHOICE /
AND GIVE EVERYONE -- RICH OR POOR; SICK OR HEALTHY --
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. / YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO --
LIKE AN OLD DOG -- REFUSE TO LEARN NEW TRICKS. //
INSTEAD OF A BETTER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM -- THEY DEMAND A
NATIONALIZED SYSTEM -- VERY CANDIDLY, THAT MEANS A
SOCIALIZED SYSTEM. // LET ME TELL YOU STRAIGHT -- I
WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO GIVE AMERICA A PRESCRIPTION FOR
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ANYONE WHO'S SPENT MONTHS CHECKING THE MAIL FOR THAT INCOME TAX REFUND // OR TRIED TO TRACK DOWN A MISSING SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK // OR WASTED A DAY IN LINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS GOING TO THINK LONG AND HARD BEFORE THEY LET THE GOVERNMENT PLAY DOCTOR. // SOME SAY NATIONALIZED HEALTH CARE WOULD SERVE EVERYONE. SURE, IT WOULD -- LIKE A RESTAURANT THAT SERVES BAD FOOD -- BUT IN VERY GENEROUS PORTIONS. //

LOOK AT COUNTRIES WHERE SOCIALIZED MEDICINE VIOLATES THE NUMBER ONE RULE OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION: "DO NO HARM." // THEY CAN TELL YOU: NATIONALIZED HEALTH CARE IS A NATIONAL DISASTER. // IT'S TRUE SOCIALIZED MEDICINE PLANS HAVE INCREASED EXPORTS TO OUR COUNTRY. BUT WHAT ARE THE EXPORTS? I'LL TELL YOU: PATIENTS COMING HERE FOR PROMPT SURGERY AND THE FINEST CARE IN THE WORLD -- DOCTORS COMING HERE FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS. //

AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, WE WILL NOT GO DOWN THE ROAD OF NATIONALIZED HEALTH CARE. //

NOR WILL WE JUMP FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE. I OPPOSE THE OTHER GOVERNMENT-TAKEOVER PLAN KNOWN AS PAY OR PLAY -- WHERE EMPLOYERS ARE FORCED EITHER TO ACCEPT A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OR PAY A PAYROLL TAX AND JOIN THE GOVERNMENT PLAN. / THE "PLAY OR PAY" CHOICE COSTS JOBS AND MONEY, AND REMINDS ME OF THE GUY WITH THE GUN IN YOUR BACK WHO SAYS: "YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE." // JACK BENNY USED TO RESPOND BY SAYING, "I'M THINKING, I'M THINKING." / WE'D BETTER THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT A PAY OR PLAY PLAN THAT WOULD MAKE US PAY / AND PAY / AND PAY. // I WILL NOT LET CONGRESS TRY TO CURE AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE AILMENTS BY BINDING WOUNDS IN RED TAPE. /

Salute Sullivan

I HAVE PROPOSED A PLAN THAT IS SENSIBLE, AND WILL WORK. I ASK YOU TO HELP, TOO. // ONE OF THE BEST WAYS IS KEEPING PEOPLE HEALTHY. SO LET ME TALK ABOUT HOW WE MUST ALSO CHANGE THE WAY WE ACT. / IF YOU'LL FORGIVE ME FOR ALTERING AN OLD SAYING: "A POUND OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A TON OF CURE."//

MY GOOD FRIEND AND SECRETARY OF H.H.S., LOU SULLIVAN, HAS SAID: "BETTER CONTROL OF FEWER THAN 10 RISK FACTORS...COULD PREVENT [UP TO] 70 PERCENT OF PREMATURE DEATHS, ONE-THIRD OF ALL CASES OF ACUTE DISABILITY AND TWO-THIRDS OF ALL CASES OF LONG-LASTING DISABILITY" -- AND, YES, MANY, MANY AIDS CASES. / IF, YOU EXERCISE / EAT RIGHT / DON'T SMOKE OR ABUSE DRUGS / DRINK LESS / AND AVOID RISKY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR / YOU'LL LIVE LONGER -- AND AMERICA WILL LIVE BETTER. //

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SO LET'S ALSO ACT THROUGH ANOTHER PREVENTION MEASURE: IMMUNIZATION. // WITH HEALTH CARE COSTS STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT, WE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO IMMUNIZE OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN. //

LAST JUNE, SECRETARY SULLIVAN AND I ANNOUNCED OUR ADMINISTRATION'S IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVE. OUR GOAL WAS SIMPLE: TO BRING IMMUNIZATION TO EVERY AMERICAN CHILD. // THIS EFFORT PAYS HUGE DIVIDENDS: EVERY \$1 SPENT ON IMMUNIZATION NOW FOR MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA SAVES AN ESTIMATED \$14 LATER. //

CONSIDER TWO FACTS. / TWO YEARS AGO, MEASLES CASES SOARED TO A HIGH OF 27,000. IN 1989-90 ALONE, MEASLES CAUSED 130 DEATHS -- 60 PERCENT OF WHICH WERE CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE. BECAUSE OF OUR IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVE WE NOW HAVE A NATIONAL BLUEPRINT TO BRING THIS NEEDLESS, AND TRAGIC STORY TO A SPEEDIER END. WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON IMMUNIZATION'S EQUIVALENT OF "PUTTING A MAN ON THE MOON" -- THE ONE-TIME, ALL-IN-ONE VACCINE THAT IMMUNIZES A CHILD AGAINST ALL VACCINE-PREVENTABLE CHILDHOOD DISEASES.

YOU KNOW, SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 1991, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE REPORTED POLIO CASE IN THE AMERICAS. THAT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY IMMUNIZATION ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT WE MUST DO BETTER. THAT'S WHY WE'VE MORE THAN TRIPLED THE DOLLARS FOR FEDERAL IMMUNIZATION EFFORTS SINCE I TOOK OFFICE IN 1988 -- FROM 98 MILLION TO 297 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1992. AND OUR WORK WILL ONLY BE COMPLETE WHEN WE ERADICATE THESE TERRIBLE DISEASES NOT ONLY FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BUT FROM THE WORLD'S AS WELL.

((LET ME TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT A FAMILY RIGHT HERE IN SAN DIEGO. MICHAEL AND BARBARA BAINES HAD ALWAYS WATCHED CLOSELY OVER THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN. LAST YEAR, THEY WERE PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS, BUT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THE NEWS -- THEIR TWO LITTLEST, STRICKEN BY WHOOPING COUGH. // THANK GOD, 2 AND 1/2 YEAR-OLD KENSINGTON HAS NOW LEFT THE HOSPITAL. LITTLE 18-MONTH-OLD COLLEEN HAS STABILIZED. AS MICHAEL AND BARBARA PRAYED, THEY ASKED THAT OTHER PARENTS WOULD NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE. // SAID MICHAEL: "YOU CAN'T FIGHT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE . . . YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE THEM IMMUNIZED. GIVE THEM AS MUCH PROTECTION AS YOU CAN -- AS EARLY AS YOU CAN.")) //

IT'S BECAUSE OF FAMILIES LIKE THE BAINES THAT I PUT FORTH THIS MESSAGE: WE NEED IMPROVED IMMUNIZATION. WE ALSO NEED EARLIER IMMUNIZATION. / NOT MERELY OF SCHOOL-AGE KIDS -- WHERE IMMUNIZATION APPROACHES 100 PERCENT -- BUT OF OUR SMALLEST VICTIMS -- WHERE A YEAR OF WAIT CAN BE A YEAR TOO LONG. // KIDS NEED TO BE COMPLETELY VACCINATED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS OF LIFE. YET IMMUNIZATION RATES AT TWO YEARS OF AGE ARE ONLY 50 PER CENT IN MANY STATES -- AND OFTEN AS LOW AS 10 PER CENT IN SOME INNER CITIES. / WE HAVE TO CHANGE THAT -- AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE WILL. //

IT WON'T BE EASY TO IMMUNIZE EVERY CHILD. YET THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS PART. AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR NEEDS TO DO ITS PART. / WE NEED TO HELP IT TRY CREATIVE IDEAS LIKE "ONE-STOP SHOPPING" FOR HEALTH CARE, AND ESCORTED REFERRAL FOR "EXPRESS LANE" IMMUNIZATION AT CLINICS. // FINALLY, I ASK EACH OF YOU --MOTHERS, FATHERS, SPOUSES, FRIENDS. / CALL YOUR HEALTH OFFICIAL OR PHYSICIAN. JOIN GROUPS WHICH ENCOURAGE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION. PLEASE -- PLEASE -- MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IMMUNIZED. //

I HAVE OUTLINED TODAY A REFORM PROGRAM TO MAKE HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE. IT'S A PROGRAM WHICH REJECTS THE DEAD-END OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE -- A PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE GOOD MEDICINE FOR THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. // HELP ME TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS: "HE WHO HAS HEALTH HAS HOPE, AND HE WHO HAS HOPE HAS EVERYTHING." / I NEED YOUR SUPPORT. I NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT. LET'S BRING QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO EVERY AMERICAN. //

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I READ A QUOTE BY SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI. "GIVE ME A CHILD UNTIL HE IS SEVEN," HE WROTE, "AND YOU MAY HAVE HIM AFTERWARD." // THROUGH A BETTER SYSTEM AND BETTER BEHAVIOR, WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE FUTURE WILL HAVE OUR CHILDREN AFTERWARD -- HOPING / BUILDING / DREAMING / AS AMERICANS ALWAYS HAVE / AS AMERICANS ALWAYS WILL.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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