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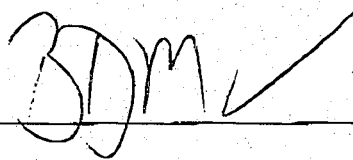
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FROM:

JOE LEVENTHAL *SL*

DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

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- **Faith- and Community-Based Groups:** The President is fully committed to empowering more of America's faith- and community-based charities to address some of our toughest social problems and help those most in need. He proposes to codify the executive order he signed that ends federal discrimination against these groups. And he announced a new plan to bring local and faith-based groups together with federal agencies to help recently released prisoners make a successful transition back to society – reducing the chance that they will be arrested again. This 4-year, \$300 million initiative will provide transitional housing, basic job training, and mentoring.

President Bush described the state of our Union as confident and strong and urged all Americans to move forward and complete the important work ahead.

EYES ON

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RESPONSE:

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Thanks.

EYES ON

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Ok - Phillip Swager CEA

RESPONSE:**CLOSE HOLD****EYES ONLY**

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RESPONSE:

Spoke to Brian.

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