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- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 18, 1995

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1977, the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996."

This bill is unacceptable because it would unduly restrict our ability to protect America's natural resources and cultural heritage, promote the technology we need for long

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-term energy conservation and economic growth, and provide adequate health, educational, and other services to Native Americans.

First, the bill makes wrong

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-headed choices with regard to the management and preservation of some of our most precious assets. In the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, it would allow harmful clear

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-cutting, require the sale of timber at unsustainable levels, and dictate the use of an outdated forest plan for the next 2 fiscal years.

In the Columbia River basin in the Pacific Northwest, the bill would impede implementation of our comprehensive plan for managing public lands -- the Columbia River Basin Ecosystem

Management Project. It would do this by prohibiting publication of a final Environmental Impact Statement or Record of Decision and requiring the exclusion of information on fisheries and watersheds. The result: a potential return to legal gridlock on timber harvesting, grazing, mining, and other economically important activities.

And in the California desert, the bill undermines our designation of the Mojave National Preserve by cutting funding for the Preserve and shifting responsibility for its management from the National Park Service to the Bureau of Land Management. The Mojave is our newest national park and part of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act -- the largest addition to our park system in the lower 48 States. It deserves our support.

Moreover, the bill would impose a misguided moratorium on future listings and critical habitat designations under the Endangered Species Act. And in the case of one endangered species, the marbled murrelet, it would eliminate the normal flexibility for both the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to use new scientific information in managing our forests.

Second, the bill slashes funding for the Department of Energy's energy conservation programs. This is short

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-sighted

and unwise. Investment in the technology of energy conservation is important for our Nation's long

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-term economic strength and

environmental health. We should be doing all we can to maintain and sharpen our competitive edge, not back off.

Third, this bill fails to honor our historic obligations toward Native Americans. It provides inadequate funding for the Indian Health Service and our Indian Education programs. And the cuts targeted at key programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' are crippling -- including programs that support child welfare; adult vocational training; law enforcement and detention services; community fire protection; and general assistance to low

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Moreover, the bill would unfairly single out certain
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-governance tribes in Washington State for punitive treatment. Specifically, it would penalize these tribes financially for using legal remedies in disputes with non

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owners of land within reservations.

Finally, the bill represents a dramatic departure from our commitment to support for the arts and the humanities. It cuts funding of the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities so deeply as to jeopardize their capacity to keep providing the

cultural, educational, and artistic programs that enrich America's communities large and small.

For these reasons and others my Administration has conveyed to the Congress in earlier communications, I cannot accept this bill. It does not reflect my priorities or the values of the American people. I urge the Congress to send me a bill that truly serves the interests of our Nation and our citizens.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 18, 1995.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter G. Umhofer (UMHOFFER_P) (CEQ)

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-DEC-1995 16:16:05.50

SUBJECT: Southern Physicains

TO: Jill M. Pecunia

(PECUNIA_J) (WHO)

READ:21-DEC-1995 16:20:20.10

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===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:21-DEC-1995 16:15:00.00

ATT BODYPART TYPE:p

ATT CREATOR: Peter G. Umhofer

TEXT:

PRINTER FONT 12_POINT_ROMAN

December 21, 1995

Southern Physicians for Social Responsibility

P.O. Box 10518

Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Dear :

Thank you for your letter regarding the appropriations legislation from Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies, Department of the Interior and related agencies, and Department of Transportation. It was good to hear from you.

I vetoed both the Interior and VA

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-HUD appropriations bills.

They had inadequate funding and special interest riders and I could not sign them. I have enclosed copies of the veto message for those bills as well as the statement I issued upon signing the Transportation legislation. I know that bill was not all we hoped but to balance I felt I should sign it.

As my Administration works to preserve the environment, I am grateful for your leadership and welcome your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

BC

===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter G. Umhofer (UMHOFER_P) (CEQ)

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-DEC-1995 23:44:41.60

SUBJECT: Ltr

TO: Jill M. Pecunia (PECUNIA_J) (WHO)

READ:22-DEC-1995 09:27:52.96

TEXT:

Here is the letter to the Nevada Endangered Species Alliance. The President's Interior bill veto statement should be included also. I will red dot that to you.

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:21-DEC-1995 23:41:00.00

ATT BODYPART TYPE:p

ATT CREATOR: Peter G. Umhofer

TEXT:

PRINTER FONT 12_POINT_ROMAN

December 21 , 1995

Mr. Monte Belote and Ms. Susan Caplowe
Florida Consumer Action Network
4100 West Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 126
Tampa, Florida 33609

Dear Mr. Belote and Ms. Caplowe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the fiscal year 1996 Interior appropriations bill.
It was good to hear from you.

The Administration has listed several legislative riders including the Endangered Species Act (ESA) provision that would include unwarranted funding reductions and moratoria language for ESA critical habitat designations and listing. These would undermine the Administration's efforts to proceed with prelisting and other important activities under the ESA. To avoid potential costly economic and social disruptions in the future I hope the Congress will drop this and other riders and send me a bill I can sign.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

BC

===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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PRINTER FONT 12_POINT_ROMAN

Tuesday, January 2, 1996 (8:00 pm)

TO: ALICE RIVLIN

FROM: LISA KOUNTOUPES

SUBJECT: DAILY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

[The President signed HR 2539, Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Sunset Act, 12/29].

CONGRESS TODAY:

The House conducted no legislative business.

The Senate passed the following bills by unanimous consent:

(1) a clean CR that would extend through 1/12/96 the one that expired on 12/15/95 (attached to HR 1643 a bill to provide MFN status for Bulgaria); (2) an expanded mini CR which would extend funding through the end of the year for care for the elderly, child protection services, unemployment benefits, the SEC, DC, certain Native American benefits through the BIA, and Veterans benefits; and (3) a bill which would allow for any balanced budget agreement to be considered under the expedited procedure of a reconciliation conference report (debate limited to 15 hours). This measure was attached to S 1508, a bill which deems all federal employees ?emergency?.

SENATE FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Senate will convene on Wednesday, January 3 1996 for the second session of the 104th Congress. The Majority Leader announced today that he does not expect any roll call votes this week.

Not Completed:

- Start II Treaty consideration (under a time agreement)
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[SAP sent 12/20: Administrations full support is contingent on increase being deficit neutral within Social Security]

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[SAP being developed]

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HOUSE FLOOR SCHEDULE:

The House will convene on January 3, 1996 at noon for the Second Session of the 104th Congress. According to leadership offices, legislative business and votes should be expected, but no specific program has been announced.

Wednesday, January 3 (tentative):

(it is not clear that the Republican leadership has the votes to override these vetoes)

- Override the President's veto of HR 1530, Defense Authorization

- Override the President's veto of HR 2076, Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations

Thursday, January 4 (tentative):

- Override the President's veto of HR 1977, Interior Appropriations

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TO: ALICE RIVLIN

FROM: LISA KOUNTOUPES

SUBJECT: DAILY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

CONGRESS TODAY:
The House failed to override the President's veto of HR 1977,
Interior Appropriations (239- 177).

The Senate passed HJRes 153, a DC only CR through January 25
(voice).

[On Wednesday, January 3, the House Rules Committee approved a
measure to give the Speaker recess authority through January
23 and to waive the 2/3 vote requirement for considering
measures on the House floor on the same day they are reported
from the Committee. The ability to waive the 2/3 requirement
is for measures related to (1) FY 1996 appropriations, (2)
continuing appropriations for FY 1996, (3) increasing or
waiving the public debt limit and (4) providing for a balanced
budget. Similar authority expired at the end of the first
session of the 104th Congress. The House has not yet voted on
the rule.]

**The House Rules Committee was scheduled to meet Thursday
night at 10:00 pm presumably to grant a rule to consider a
partial CR that would provide pay to federal workers and allow
them to go back to work. It was unclear at 9:30 pm if a CR
will come to the House floor on Friday, January 5th.

SENATE FLOOR SCHEDULE:

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roll call votes this week.

Friday, December 5:

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- partial CR possible
- S 1514 military pay raise (not on schedule, but possible)
- HR 2677, National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge Systems Freedom Act (possible)

[SAP sent 12/12: Administration opposes]

- Override the President's veto of HR 2099, VA/HUD Appropriations (looking less likely that the House Republican leadership will bring this up for a vote)

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APPROPRIATIONS

The President has signed the Military Construction Bill (HR 1817), the Agriculture Bill (HR 1976), the Energy and Water Bill (HR 1905), the Transportation Bill, (HR 2002), the Treasury Postal Bill (HR 2020) and the Legislative Branch Bill (HR 1854). HR 2126, the Defense Appropriations bill has also been enacted into law. The President has vetoed the Interior Appropriations Bill (HR 1977), the VA/HUD Appropriations Bill (HR 2099) and the Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations Bill (HR 2076). Veto recommendations are indicated by an asterisk.

*Agriculture (HR 1976)

- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 6/21: serious objections.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/18: USDA/OMB veto recommendation.
- House passed-

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-OMB letter 8/11: USDA/OMB veto recommendation.
- Senate Committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 9/18: Administration could support if concerns addressed.
- House & Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 9/27: Administration could support if concerns addressed.
- POTUS signed 10/21 (PL 104

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-37).
*C/J/S (HR 2076)
- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 7/18: Attorney General/Commerce/OMB veto recommendation.
- House committee reported-

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-Rules SAP 7/20: Attorney General/Commerce/OMB veto recommendation.
- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/24: Attorney General/Commerce/OMB veto recommendation.
- House committee reported-

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-POTUS letter 7/25: "I would veto it because it would eliminate the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program."
- House passed-

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-OMB letter 8/12: Commerce/OMB veto recommendation.
- Senate subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 9/12: President would veto.
- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 9/14: President would veto.
- House & Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 11/6: President would veto.
- Conference Report-

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-House Floor SAP 12/6: President would veto.
- Conference Report-

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-Senate Floor SAP 12/7: President would veto.
- POTUS veto 12/19.

- Unsuccessful House vote to override veto 1/3.
- *Defense (HR 2126)
 - House subcommittee reported-
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 - OMB letter 7/20: Administration does not support.
 - House committee reported-
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 - Rules SAP 7/27: "the President will not support the bill unless... concerns are addressed."
 - House committee reported-
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 - Floor SAP 7/31: "the President will not support the bill unless... concerns are addressed."
 - Senate committee reported-
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 - Floor SAP 8/10: senior advisers veto recommendation.
 - House committee reported-
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 - Floor SAP 9/7: senior advisers veto recommendation.
 - House and Senate passed-
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 - OMB letter 9/18: senior advisers veto recommendation.
 - Conference Report-
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 - OMB letter 9/29: President will veto.
 - POTUS letter 10/18: President will veto.
 - Enacted 12/1 (PL 104
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 - 61).
- *DC (HR 2546)
 - Senate committee reported-
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 - Floor SAP 9/21: pleased with funding level, but strongly opposed to provision.
 - House subcommittee reported-
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 - OMB letter 10/24: strongly object to funding cuts
 - House committee reported-
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 - Rules SAP 10/30: senior advisers would recommend veto.
 - House committee reported-
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 - Floor SAP 11/1: President would veto.
 - House and Senate passed-
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 - OMB letter 11/15: as passed by the House, President would veto. Strong objections to Senate bill, but it is a significant improvement over House version.
- *Energy/Water (HR 1905)
 - House subcommittee reported-
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 - OMB letter 6/20: strongly

opposed.

- House passed-

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-OMB letter 7/20: strongly opposed.

- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/31: strongly opposed.

- House and Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 10/13: senior advisors

would recommend veto based on potential conference changes.

- POTUS signed 11/13 (PL 104

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*Foreign Ops (HR 1868)

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 6/22: difficulty

supporting if improvements are not made.

- Senate subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 9/14: raising

concerns.

- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 9/20: serious concerns.

- House and Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 10/19: State & Treasury

veto recommendation if low House funding & Senate earmarks are not corrected.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 10/31: Secretary of

State would recommend veto.

- Conference report-

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-House Floor SAP 12/13: Secretary of State

would recommend veto.

- Conference report-

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-Senate Floor SAP 12/15: Secretary of

State would recommend veto.

*Interior (HR 1977)

- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 6/21: serious

objections.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/12: OMB/Interior veto recommendation.

- House passed-

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-OMB letter 7/25: OMB/Interior veto recommendation.

- House passed-

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-Senate Floor SAP 8/4: OMB/Interior veto

recommendation.

- House and Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 9/18: OMB/Interior veto

recommendation.

- Conference committee-

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-VP statement 9/22: ?If Congress sends

the President the fiscal 1996 Interior Appropriations Bill as approved by the conference committee, he will veto it.?

- Conference report-

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-OMB letter 10/19: ?Vice President stated

on September 22 that if Congress sent the POTUS the FY 1996 Interior Appropriations Bill as approved by the conference committee, the President would veto it.?

- Conference report (of 10/31)-

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-House Floor SAP 11/6:

President would veto.

- Conference report (of 12/12)-

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-House Floor SAP 12/13:

President would veto.

- Conference report (of 12/12)-

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-Senate Floor SAP 12/14:

President would veto.

- POTUS veto 12/18.

- Unsuccessful House vote to override veto 1/4

*Labor/HHS/Ed (HR 2127)

- Panetta, 7/11: if subcommittee. chairman's mark reaches the President's desk in its current form, "he will veto."

- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 7/19: President would veto.

- House committee reported-

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-Rules SAP 7/27: President would veto.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 8/2: President would veto.

- House passed-

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-OMB letter 8/12: President would veto.

- Senate subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 9/14: President would veto.

- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 9/26: President would veto.

*Leg Branch (HR 1854)

- Conference report-

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-POTUS said on 8/1: "If the congressional

leadership follows through on its plan to send me its own funding bill before it finishes work on the rest of the budget, I will be compelled to veto it."

- Rivlin letter 9/6: "To avoid a veto, Congress should first make substantial progress in presenting other appropriations bills that the President can sign...?"

- POTUS veto 10/3: will not sign Leg. Branch Appropriations until Congress completes action on remaining FY 1996 Appropriations bills

- POTUS signed 11/19 (PL 104

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Mil Con (HR 1817)

- House subcommittee reported-

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- OMB letter 6/13: would support if modified.

- House committee reported-

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- Rules SAP 6/15: would support if modified.

- House

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- passed-

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- OMB letter 7/18: strongly objects to certain provisions.

- Senate committee reported-

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- Floor SAP 7/20: strongly objects

to certain provisions.

- House and Senate passed-

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- OMB letter 9/14: serious objections, position to be determined.

- POTUS signed 10/3 (PL 104

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- 32): disappointed that Act provides \$70 million for unneeded projects... would have used line

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- item veto authority had Congress completed action on line

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- item veto legislation.

Transportation (HR 2002)

- House committee reported-

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- Rules SAP 7/19: serious objections.

- House committee reported-

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- Floor SAP 7/21: serious objections.

- House passed-

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- OMB letter 8/1: serious objections.

- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 8/9: appreciate that several concerns are addressed, but have some remaining concerns.

- House and Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 9/13: outlines several remaining concerns.

- POTUS signed 11/15 (PL 104

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*Treasury/Postal (HR 2020)

- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 7/10: serious objections.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/17: OMB/Sr. WH officials/OPM veto recommendation.

- House

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-passed-

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-OMB letter 7/24: OMB/Sr. WH officials/Treasury/OPM veto recommendation.

- Senate subcommittee reported-

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-POTUS statement re: ONDCP

7/26: ?As this bill is now constructed, I will not sign it?.

- Senate subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 7/27: Treasury veto recommendation.

- Senate committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 8/3: President has stated he would not sign due to elimination of ONDCP; Treasury veto recommendation due to other concerns.

- House and Senate passed-

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-OMB letter 9/12: OMB, Treasury, OPM veto threat on House and Senate bills.

- POTUS signed 11/19 (PL 104

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*VA/HUD/Independent Agencies (HR 2099)

- House subcommittee reported-

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-Panetta statement 7/11: President will veto.

- House subcommittee reported-

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-OMB letter 7/17: senior advisors veto recommendation.

- House committee reported-

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-Rules SAP 7/24: President would veto.

- House committee reported-

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-Floor SAP 7/26: President would veto.
- House
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-passed-
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-POTUS stated 8/1: "The minute this polluter's protection act hits my desk, I will veto it."
- House
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-passed-
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-OMB letter 8/12: President would veto.
- Senate subcommittee reported-
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-OMB letter 9/13: President would veto.
- Senate committee reported-
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-Floor SAP 9/25: President would veto.
- House & Senate passed-
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-OMB letter 11/6: President would veto.
- Conference Report-
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-House Floor SAP 11/20: President will veto.
- Conference Report-
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-House Floor SAP 12/7: President will veto
- Conference Report-
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-Senate Floor SAP 12/14: President would veto.
- POTUS veto 12/18.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JAN-1996 13:16:45.78

SUBJECT: Gov. Dean letter

TO: John B. Emerson (EMERSON_J) (WHO)

READ:18-JAN-1996 13:28:20.14

TEXT:

Hi, John.

I've got another letter for you. If this draft is okay, should it be autopenned? Thanks. -- Diane

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about the funding for the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program and for the Conservation program as a whole. I appreciate your support for our position to veto the Interior and Related Agencies appropriation, and in fact we did just that. Like you, I am disappointed that the Congress has chosen to reduce funding for this worthwhile program. We are working to gain restoration of some of the funds cut from the Weatherization program; however, if we are unsuccessful, there should still be sufficient money to address the needs of the many low-income Americans who rely on weatherization assistance. We will soon start implementing the new formula for this aid, even if at slightly reduced levels of funding. Thanks, again, for writing about this appropriations bill. I send you my best wishes.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael T. Schmidt (SCHMIDT_MT) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JAN-1996 14:33:52.68

SUBJECT: RE: HR 1977 veto

TO: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

READ:19-JAN-1996 14:36:51.47

TEXT:

Looks OK to me as far as I can tell. Have you run it by OMB
(since they did the veto statement)?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JAN-1996 14:53:33.37

SUBJECT: HR 1977

TO: E. Irene James (JAMES_E) (OMB)

READ:19-JAN-1996 14:53:51.59

TO: Richard H. Kobl (KODL_R) (OMB)

READ:19-JAN-1996 14:55:30.90

TEXT:

Irene and Rich --

Per my voice-mail message to you both -- the following is a POTUS draft response in regard to the HR 1977 veto. Can you please let me know if it's okay? My draft is based on the statement that POTUS gave to the House of Reps. on the day he vetoed the bill. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

-- Diane

Thank you for your letter regarding the budget cuts targeted at Native American programs.

As you may know, on December 18, 1995, I vetoed H.R. 1977, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996. I did not sign the bill because it would unduly restrict our ability to protect America's natural resources and cultural heritage, promote the technology we need for long-term energy conservation and economic growth, and fails to honor our historic obligations toward programs that provide adequate health, education, and other vital services to Native Americans. Many of the cuts that have been proposed by the Congress would severely impede the health and welfare of Native American children and families including cuts targeted at key programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, programs that support child welfare, adult vocational training, law enforcement, detention services, community fire protection, and general assistance to low-income Indian individuals and families.

For these reasons and others my Administration has conveyed to the Congress in earlier communications, that the bill they presented to me was unacceptable. It does not reflect my priorities or the values of the American people. I urge the Congress to send me a bill that truly serves the interests of all our people.

Your views are important to me, and I appreciate knowing of your interest in this issue.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael T. Schmidt (SCHMIDT_MT) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JAN-1996 14:38:10.82

SUBJECT: RE: HR 1977 veto

TO: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

READ:19-JAN-1996 14:39:41.99

TEXT:

You could ask Rich Kodl or Irene James to start -- they would know
or may be the right people.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JAN-1996 14:27:12.52

SUBJECT: HR 1977 veto

TO: Michael T. Schmidt (SCHMIDT_MT) (OPD)

READ:19-JAN-1996 14:35:44.23

TEXT:

Hi, Mike --

How are you these days? I haven't bugged you about Native American letters for a while, so I thought this would be a perfect time to do so! Seriously, Mike, the following draft is a POTUS response regarding the H.R. 1977 veto. My draft is based on the statement that POTUS gave to the House of Reps. on the day he vetoed the act, Dec. 18. Thanks for your help.

-- Diane

Thank you for your letter regarding the budget cuts targeted at Native American programs.

As you may know, on December 18, 1995, I vetoed H.R. 1977, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996. The bill was unacceptable because it would unduly restrict our ability to protect America's natural resources and cultural heritage, promote the technology we need for long-term energy conservation and economic growth, and fails to honor our historic obligations toward programs that provide adequate health, education, and other vital services to Native Americans. Many of the cuts that have been proposed by the Congress would severely impede the health and welfare of native American children and families. The cuts targeted at key programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' are crippling -- including programs that support child welfare, adult vocational training, law enforcement, detention services, community fire protection, and general assistance to low-income Indian individuals and families. For these reasons and others my Administration has conveyed to the Congress in earlier communications, that the bill they presented to me was unacceptable. It does not reflect my priorities or the values of the American people. I urge the Congress to send me a bill that truly serves the interests of all our people.

I encourage and welcome your continued involvement.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Adam R. Kreisel (KREISEL_A) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-JAN-1996 15:50:59.45

SUBJECT: feinstein letter

TO: Tracy A. Beckett (BECKETT_T) (WHO)

READ:22-JAN-1996 16:08:54.82

TEXT:

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:22-JAN-1996 15:50:00.00

ATT BODYPART TYPE:p

ATT CREATOR: Adam R. Kreisel

TEXT:

PRINTER FONT 12_POINT_COURIER

December 19, 1995

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your following

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-up on
our conversation regarding funding for the Mojave National
Preserve.

The President shares your concerns on the Mojave National
Preserve. I have enclosed a copy of the President's veto
statement of H.R. 1977, the Interior Appropriations Bill. In
his statement, the President explicitly mentions the Mojave
provisions among his objections to the Bill.

Please be assured that I will keep your concerns in mind as
we continue to work with the Congress on the Interior
Appropriations Bill.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

"

Leon E. Panetta
Chief of Staff

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
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enclosure

===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael_Gauldin@ios.doi.gov@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-FEB-1996 17:11:00.00

SUBJECT: BIA thanks VP Gore

TO: JOHNSON_BJ

(JOHNSON_BJ@A1@CD) (CEQ)

READ: 1-FEB-1996 17:18:51.25

TO: mckiernan_k

(mckiernan_k@A1@CD) (WHO)

READ: 1-FEB-1996 17:25:48.00

TEXT:

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February 1, 1996

Michael Anderson (O) 202/208-5116

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

APPLAUDS EFFORTS OF

VICE PRESIDENT GORE

Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, today expressed her gratitude to Vice President Al Gore for directly intervening on behalf of Americans Indians in last week's intense negotiations over the Department of the Interior's (DOI) continued funding resolution.

"Vice President Gore once again demonstrated his strong leadership and concern over the devastating effect massive budget cuts would have on American Indian programs," said Ms. Deer. "His efforts will have a decisive and immediate positive impact on the Indian Community," she says.

The debate between President Clinton and Congressional Republicans over the federal government's fiscal year 1996 budget resulted in his veto of an Interior Appropriations bill he considered mean-spirited and unacceptable in cuts to Indian and environmental programs. In retaliation, many Bureaus were targeted by Congress to receive drastically reduced funding in the continuing resolution.

However, Vice President Gore championed the cause of Indian tribal governments in tough last-minute negotiations with the Congress. As a result, funding for Indian tribal governments will be provided at the agreed upon 1996 Conference level as opposed to announced cuts between 25 and 36 percent, as the Senate had supported.

Federal government funding for Indian tribal governments is critical because, unlike city, county, or state governments that typically have a non-federal tax base as a primary source of revenue, Indian tribes often rely on federal funds for service delivery.

Without this direct intervention, many Indian tribal governments face severe reductions in their ability to provide for tribal members, particularly the elderly and children who depend on these services.

Ms. Deer cautioned that tribes should not be too optimistic. "We're not out of the woods yet," she said. "This funding runs out on March 15th. The Senate is still threatening cuts of 25% or more in the future."

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Diane Ikemiyashiro (IKEMIYASHI_D) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-FEB-1996 17:45:33.52

SUBJECT: Gov. Dean

TO: John B. Emerson (EMERSON_J) (WHO)

READ:15-FEB-1996 17:51:27.71

TEXT:

Another gov. letter, and there'll be more coming your way!
If okay, auto or real sig? Thanks. -- Diane

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your kind words regarding my veto of H.R. 1977, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. You and I agree that assistance programs such as the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program are important to the citizens of Nebraska and our nation. I am disappointed that Congress has chosen to reduce funding for this worthwhile program in their fiscal 1996 budget, and as you know, my Administration has been working to restore some of this funding. We also hope to achieve some increase in the weatherization funds for fiscal 1997 and will continue to work with Congress to achieve this goal.
Thanks again for writing. You have my best wishes.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Dinah Bear (BEAR_D) (CEQ)

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-FEB-1996 18:30:31.97

SUBJECT: revised Tongass attachment

TO: Barbara C. Chow (CHOW_B) (WHO)

READ:26-FEB-1996 18:50:33.49

TEXT:

addition is to flag possibility that if the recent settlement discussions come up, Alaska del. may raise (unfairly) accusation that timber industry was cut out of the discussions.

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:26-FEB-1996 18:29:00.00

ATT BODYPART TYPE:p

ATT CREATOR: Dinah Bear

TEXT:

PRINTER FONT 12_POINT_ROMAN

CURRENT ISSUES ON THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

The Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska, the country's largest national forest, has long been a center of controversy regarding the appropriate allocation of the forest for timber harvest, fishing, recreation, wildlife protection and other uses and values. It is the largest temperate rain forest in the U.S., and protection of the Tongass has increasingly become a national issue.

The Tongass is the only national forest in the country on which long

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-term (50 year) timber contracts exist. At the beginning of this Administration, there were two 50 year contracts in existence (APC and KPC). The APC contract was terminated because USDA determined that there was a breach of contract. The Ketchikan Pulp Corp (KPC) still operates under an increasingly controversial 50 year contract. The Alaska delegation is extremely protective of KPC and other timber constituents and believes this Administration has inappropriately lowered the volume of timber harvest. However, Governor Knowles' office believes prior levels of timber harvest on the Tongass were unsustainable, that timber harvest sales should be increasingly shifted to existing small independent operators, and that tourism and commercial fishing are of increasing economic importance in the area.

The Forest Service is in the process of revising the Tongass Land Management Plan (known as T

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-LMP), a process which has been on

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-going for over a decade. Concern about the possibility of even lower timber levels emerging from that process has motivated the Alaska delegation to include a "Tongass rider" on the

Interior appropriations bill. In your veto message for that bill, you highlighted the Tongass rider as a principle objection. Since the veto, we have seen variations on the original rider, but none that have been deemed acceptable to the administration. In an effort to address genuine concerns about lack of timber harvest for small operators on the Tongass, the Administration negotiated and announced at the end of last week a proposed lawsuit settlement that will help ensure an immediate timber supply for small operators. If approved by the court, the settlement will release from injunction an estimated 105 million board ft. (mmbf) of timber. Approximately 92 mmbf would be available to small, independent timber operators and the remainder would go to KPC.

While we believe and Gov. Knowles believes that the proposed settlement is of significant benefit to small operators, you

should know that the delegation is likely to be critical of it as not offering sufficiently large units of timber for harvest. The delegation may also complain that the timber industry association, the Alaska Forestry Association, which intervened in the case, was cut out of the settlement negotiations. This is not the case; while the first round of negotiations were in fact between the plaintiffs and the government, as soon as there was a draft settlement offer, we opened discussions with the intervenors, who subsequently made a counteroffer that was rejected by the plaintiffs.

In addition, we plan to or will have sent by the time of your meeting a letter to the Alaska delegation a letter outlining other commitments regarding the Tongass and Southeast Alaska. These include:

- o publishing the draft EIS for the Tongass Land Management Plan this spring and the decision document by the end of this year; issuing the
- o meeting our contractual obligations for timber to KC;
- o in combination with the timber released from the proposed settlement discussed above, making available an estimated 90 and 100 mmbf for harvest to small operators in 1996;
- o working with the timber industry, the State, and other concerned parties to explore providing more certainty about out ways of
- -year timber supplies;
- o providing more than \$750,000 in grant money through the Forest Service's Rural Community Assistance program to resource
- -dependent communities in Alaska to enhance economic diversity and employment opportunities;
- o exploring opportunities for the federal government to assist in the economic diversification and revitalization of Wrangell (a community which we understand to be particularly hard
- -hit by the reduction in timber harvest due to the termination of the APC contract).

===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Mary Ellen Glynn (GLYNN_M) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME: 27-FEB-1996 17:32:29.20

SUBJECT: Today's Briefing

TO: Remote Addressee (jjenmoss@aol.com)

READ: NOT READ

TEXT:

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 27-FEB-1996 14:35:00.00

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PRESS BRIEFING

BY GINNY TERZANO AND DAVID JOHNSON

The Briefing Room

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MS. TERZANO: Hi. David and I are going to try to help you here today with any questions you may have. David is going to -- we'll just do a tag team, sort of. David will help you on the foreign policy issues and I will help you on everything else. And we're ready to begin. Any questions?

Q Can you give us a readout on the meeting that Panetta had this morning on the budget?

MS. TERZANO: Sure. Mr. Panetta went up to Capitol Hill today to meet with the Chairman, both the minority and majority's

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-Senator Hatfield and Senator Byrd, Congressman Livingston and Congressman Obey, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee -- to talk about the FY '96 appropriation bills. He had a very good

meeting with them where they reached an agreement where we would work toward one appropriations bill to resolve all of the differences on the appropriation bills, on all of the outstanding appropriation bills and to work towards those differences, and to also work toward meeting the President's priorities as far as investments and modifying some of the language concerns that the President had in various appropriation bills.

In doing so, they have agreed to designate staff, both here at the White House and OMB and at Capitol Hill to begin the necessary discussions to resolve the differences, and those discussions will start today.

Q Those are the five still unresolved appropriations bills?

MS. TERZANO: The unresolved ones are -- I will go through them -- Labor, HHS, education, which is one; V.A.

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-HUD, which also contains EPA; Commerce, Justice, State; the Interior appropriations; and D.C.

Q And does this mean that the President's giving up on the seven

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-year balanced budget negotiations?

MS. TERZANO: Oh, of course not. As Mike indicated yesterday, there are three moving targets as far as getting a budget and working toward a straightforward debt limit extension bill and resolving the FY '96 appropriation concerns. And we are all moving together on that front. As Mr. Panetta indicated himself this morning after the meeting, it was a good meeting, it was a productive meeting, and we are working toward resolving these three issues.

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Q Ginny, is there a feeling that with working toward an agreement on the appropriations bill to put them into a single mega

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-bill, that that could be done in time to avert the need of another CR, or will it take longer than March 15?

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MS. TERZANO: Well, that's certainly the President's hope. We don't want to move up against the mid

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-March deadline of having to go through the government shutting down again and imposing on federal workers. The meeting today -- we were encouraged by the meeting today and the progress that was made in the meeting in agreeing to work towards one appropriations bill. And as I've said,

the staff is going to begin to have the serious discussions to resolve the differences, and we hope that this can happen as quickly as possible.

Q So the emphasis is more on getting the appropriations resolved than on negotiating a CR at this point?

MS. TERZANO: At this point, yes.

Q One of the things they mentioned this morning was \$5 billion in add

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-backs. Could you explain what that is?

MS. TERZANO: It is my understanding, and I would also like to refer you to OMB and to -- we may have Barry Toiv just do some follow

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-up through phone calls later -- but it's my understanding that with the appropriation bills, in discussions that the President requested, for instance, in Oval Office meetings when the budget discussions were going on, these bills are already \$25 billion below the President's initial request. What happened today is that they have -- they are looking at \$8 billion add

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-back which would help restore some of those initial funds that are lost, which is not any different than what was discussed in budget meetings last fall and at the end of the year.

Q Was there any progress beyond the procedural notion of just lumping them all into one piece of legislation? Was there any substantive progress in resolving some of the unresolved issues behind the continued delay in passing these fiscal '96 bills?

MS. TERZANO: On the appropriations bills?

Q Yes.

MS. TERZANO: Yes. I mean, Mr. Panetta came out of that meeting very encouraged and is encouraged that both Republicans and Democrats involved in this meeting want to work together and resolve this, and going back to your question, Leo, hoping to resolve it before the mid

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-March deadline.

Q Following up on that, are there any issues that were not resolved going into this meeting that are now resolved other than the procedural question of let's put them in all the into --

MS. TERZANO: Well, there were many issues that were not resolved, but what Mr. Panetta did going into this meeting was hope to keep the investments that the President has in his priorities on the various appropriations bill. And we have certain concerns over legislative language, and there are many issues on the table on both of those fronts that are not yet resolved. But we feel optimistic that the members in this room want to work with us. We certainly want to work with them to get the appropriation bill passed.

Q Ginny, have there been any occasions in the last two or three weeks while Congress was in recess that the Republican leadership, both on the Appropriations Committee and elsewhere, was more and more tending to get rid of the '96 stuff, in other words to bury the hatchet with regard to '96 appropriations because they want to focus on '97 and they want to focus on the seven

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-year balanced budget -- in other words, the other targets? Did Leon in his discussion today with Livingston and Hatfield get the feeling that the Republicans are ready to sort of call it quits on '96 differences?

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MS. TERZANO: I can't help you directly with your question, but it is my impression that the primary focus of this meeting was to talk about the FY '96 appropriation bills, which they did address very specifically and within urgent mind

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-set to work on this prior to March 15th or mid

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-March. And the results of this meeting are good coming out of the meeting, which is why we are now working at the staff level to proceed on this at a fast pace.

Q Was a date set for another meeting?

MS. TERZANO: With the appropriation chairs and Mr. Panetta? No, not that I'm aware of.

Q I'm a little curious as to why you all wanted to lump everything together into one bill. It would seem that that would make it more difficult to deal with the things that you would object to. The Interior bill alone has enough stuff in it that you all don't like.

MS. TERZANO: I think in part, it is to move as quickly as possible on this. If you put all of the issues on the table with the six appropriation bills that are out there with the differences, discuss those, work those out and negotiate them and do it in one bill, I think the thinking is, in part, that we can do it more efficiently than we have in the past, and at a quicker pace.

Q You also run the risk of things that the President thoroughly dislikes.

MS. TERZANO: Well, that's part of the discussion that's on the table. Mr. Panetta indicated with the appropriators today that the President's investment should be restored and legislative language on certain bills needs to be changed. And those are the discussions that are now going to go forward with the various staff people involved in it.

Q Anything new on Chelsea's birthday?

MS. TERZANO: No. She's -- no, she's at school.

Q Do you know what their plans are for dinner?

MS. TERZANO: No, I think -- I believe that they've planned some type of birthday celebration and I don't have the specifics on that, and I'll refer you to the First Lady's Office.

Q How about Cuba? Do you have anything on Cuba?

MS. TERZANO: David, do you have an appropriations -- do you want to do this?

Q Did Leon find as much zeal on the part of the Republicans for a balanced budget as there was earlier? Are they fading in their zeal for the balanced budget --

MS. TERZANO: I did not ask him about that, but the President's commitment to reaching a balanced budget in seven years is still there, and we are working with Congress to move ahead on the issues that are not resolved and to get a balanced budget done.

Q Ginny, on another subject, there was a report released today that purported to uncover a continuing pattern of abuse of the don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue policy. Is the administration --

MS. TERZANO: Who was the report done by?

Q Service Members Legal Defense Network.

MS. TERZANO: Okay, that's going to be David. Let's do this budget question.

Q I have one other budget debt limit question. Did the debt limit come up this morning? Where are we on that?

MS. TERZANO: I am not aware that the debt limit came up specifically in the meeting, but as Mr. Panetta's letter indicated yesterday that went up to Senator Dole and Speaker Gingrich, is that the President does want to see a straightforward, long

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of the debt limit, and hopes to -- and we are prepared to work with Congress to ensure that we can get this done, as Republicans indicated in their February letter to the White House that they wanted to do so also -- one that would be acceptable both to Congress and to the President.

Q Ginny, on this point, Republicans today, I think Domenici and Gingrich, were also talking about either a straightforward debt limit extension or minimal qualification. Would the President object to merging his desire for a seven

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budget compromise with Congress and the debt limit so that the Republicans would get some political cover for their troops being able to say we are moving at the same time toward the balanced

budget, or is it absolutely a clean debt limit extension as far as the White House is concerned?

MS. TERZANO: It is the White House's preference that we have a straightforward, long

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-term extension, which has been our position from the beginning. You are going to see between now and when we have the various issues resolved, a lot of ideas put out on the table, such as Senator Domenici's this morning, and those are ideas that we will consider, we will look at. But the President's preference is to do a straightforward bill and to get that passed as quickly as possible.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Fournier, you had a question?

Q To what extent was the President restrained yesterday in his decision in the sanctions by his concern that any effort, any action would hurt the Cuban people?

MR. JOHNSON: I think that in evaluating all of the possible options for taking actions yesterday, there was a balance of decisions to be made. As some people have said, the decisions were easy. The steps that were taken were ones that we tried to focus in every way that we could to get the impact on the Cuban government and not on the Cuban people or on the American people. And while I wouldn't adopt your word "constrained," I would say that there was an effort to ensure that all of the actions that we took had the greatest impact on the government of Cuba and on its assets.

Q You may have heard that up on the Hill, of course, some of the South Florida legislators were saying nothing short of a naval blockade is needed at this point, and it's easy to, I guess, dismiss them as playing to their constituents, but was that ever seriously considered, and if you would say why you would not seriously consider it?

MR. JOHNSON: I think that others standing here have said that we considered -- the President considered and his advisors considered a full range of options. The President believed that the ones that he announced yesterday were the appropriate package in response to what was a heinous act, and we believe that it's the best package for moving our interests forward.

If I could just take this opportunity to tell you that something is going to happen later this afternoon in New York, we're going to release some additional material that we believe will indicate further that this was a deliberate act that will show that there's no question as to the command authorities being knowledgeable of what was going on, and that this cruelty was carried out with the full knowledge of the Cuban government.

Q David, how will the information have anything further to do with the question of whether any of the airplanes, or all of them, have violated Cuban air space?

MR. JOHNSON: I think a senior administration official outlined our position on that on Sunday afternoon, I believe. This information, I do not believe, will go to that question. But something I would like to underline that seems to be missing from

some newscasts which outline this problem, and that is, no matter where this took place, it was a clear violation of international law, and it was a case of a wanton killing -- no matter whether it took place inside of Cuban waters or outside of Cuban waters.

Q Excuse me a second, Wolf. When you put this out, are you going to have somebody brief on it, or are you just going to do it in the Security Council?

MR. JOHNSON: That remains somewhat undecided, but I have a feeling that we'll have Ms. Albright provide some commentary on it as well.

Q Out of New York?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

Q Are these taped intercepts of communications between the MiGs and ground control --

MR. JOHNSON: We'll see what happens in New York. Stay tuned.

Q When you say "deliberate act," do you mean that the Cubans knew that these planes would be coming in, that it was even something that premeditated in advance?

MR. JOHNSON: I would say that it's clear that the fighters, the pilots, the fighters requested and gained permission for their act before they carried it out.

Q How high did it go in the chain in Cuba?

MR. JOHNSON: That I can't --

Q Wait a minute, David. Has there ever been any doubt that they requested and gained permission? I mean, we knew that, didn't we, or did we?

MR. JOHNSON: I think we've outlined that before, but I think we're going to be providing you with some more concrete evidence this afternoon.

Q The fact that the shootdown of aircraft was approved up the chain of command, that's not exactly the kind of thing that would cause you to fall over in a swoon. That's not surprising, is it? How does that advance the cause that this was a premeditated act if that's what you're trying to advance?

MR. JOHNSON: What we will do this afternoon is that in addition to providing our assessment of what's going on, we will provide some actual evidence that we believe will make that more concrete and compelling.

Q David, what is the relationship of U.S. intelligence to Brothers to the Rescue? Is there one?

MR. JOHNSON: I made some inquiries on that based on your interest this morning, and I'm told that there is no

relationship between U.S. intelligence and Brothers to the Rescue.

Q How do you define that -- no relationship?

MR. JOHNSON: It's not a front organization, it's not funded by.

Q And are any CIA or FBI officers, officials, operatives working with or for or in support of Brothers to the Rescue?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm told that the folks who run those agencies don't give anybody any sort of green or red or yellow flags on that sort of thing whether you're talking about an organization in south Florida or one in suburban Virginia.

Q There's a report that Mr. Basulto who's the head of Brothers to the Rescue is going to do another flight. He says he's going to do another flight this weekend and take a priest with him aboard his plane.

MR. JOHNSON: And?

Q Is the U.S. government planning on doing anything to prevent another flight on behalf of Brothers to the Rescue getting close to Cuban air space?

MR. JOHNSON: I told you this morning that the FAA was considering what type of steps might be appropriate with respect to the individual pilots that are involved in this organization, and their considerations are ongoing, but I feel sure that they will have reached some conclusions before the end of the week.

Q And what do you expect will happen?

MR. JOHNSON: I expect them to announce those decisions.

Q The FAA?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

Q Is one option to revoke their license?

MR. JOHNSON: I expect them to announce those decisions.

Q To follow up on Chris's question earlier, when you said it was a deliberate act, this guy who left Brothers, the former Cuban pilot, is there some suggestion that this was a set

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-up, that the MiGs were out there and knew that these flights were coming in and were prepared to do what they did in advance?

MR. JOHNSON: You may draw that inference, but I don't have anything I can give you that would necessarily imply that.

Q David, you said that no matter where the shootdown took place it's a violation of international law. Just for the record, could you state why?

MR. JOHNSON: Because it is contrary to international law, specifically Chicago Convention 1944, for civil aircraft to be attacked by military aircraft.

Q What's going on with the administration's attempt to find a compromise on the Helms

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-Burton, what's taking place today?

MR. JOHNSON: This afternoon officials from the administration will be meeting on the Hill with committee staff in order to review the bill. We believe that one of the real strengths of our foreign policy with Cuba has been its bipartisan nature that's represented in the Cuban Democracy Act now. We'd like to move forward with the Congress now to craft a bill, to get it passed rapidly and get it into law that would further cement that policy and would show Castro that both parties, the entire administration and the Congress -- are behind our efforts to tighten up the sanctions on Cuba.

Q What will you do if Helms says, look, forget it, there's nothing to compromise, here's our bill, you sign it?

MR. JOHNSON: We believe we're going to be able to make a compelling case. We plan to try to work with the Congress and try to bring that forward. I'm not going to speculate on what's a hypothetical situation.

Q Dave, beyond the action you say the FAA is contemplating here, what, if anything, is the administration doing in the meantime to discourage these flights to the area around Cuba?

MR. JOHNSON: We've made clear to this organization in the past -- I believe that Glyn Davies at the State Department outlined some of those meetings that we had had -- that we believe that their attempts to enter Cuban air space in the past and leaflet was not in their best interests and was a dangerous thing to do. At the same time, we've made clear to the Cuban government that we expected them to act with restraint and act in accordance with law.

Q That's the past. What are you doing now, though, to discourage, if anything?

MR. JOHNSON: As I believe Wolf made clear, the announcement from Mr. Basulto came about five minutes before we came out here, so I think it's, for me to outline the steps that we are taking right now to talk to him about this act that had been just announced would be --

Q Well, not specifically that. I mean, this morning it was clear that they were talking about doing this again this weekend. What, if anything, does the administration intend to do to discourage these flights?

MR. JOHNSON: I am sure that we will be making our feelings known to the Brothers to the Rescue, letting them know again how dangerous we believe this practice is.

Q What does the President expect Cuba to do? Do we

have any deadline we're imposing on Cuba before he contemplates any possible further actions?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, we believe that we want to move forward with this package that he announced yesterday. We believe that part of that is going to be the compensation aspect of it. We would expect them to move forward promptly on compensation and to move forward on retracting their statements, and making a commitment not to engage in this behavior again. I'm not going to speculate on what sort of timetable we have for that.

Q David, is it the administration's view today what it was at the Sunday briefing that one of the downed planes was five miles north of Cuban space and the other 16 miles north?

MR. JOHNSON: I don't have in front of me the exact data that we used on Sunday, but it has not changed.

Q Members of Congress have said that Helms
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could be passed by next week. Do you think the administration could come up with a compromise by next week?

MR. JOHNSON: I think that depends a good deal on the outcome of the consultations that begin this afternoon. I can't foreshadow that for you.

Q Who's representing the administration on the deliberations this afternoon?

MR. JOHNSON: They're individuals from the State Department, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations; Rick Nuncio will be up there from the White House, and others as well.

Q David, to follow up on Leo's question, did the two planes downed ever enter Cuban air space at all?

MR. JOHNSON: I believe, as we told you on Sunday afternoon, we could not prove conclusively that they did not. But we had no evidence that they had.

Q That hasn't changed?

MR. JOHNSON: That has not changed.

Q Does the administration remain opposed to the provision on Helms

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-Burton on confiscated property and the right to sue?

MR. JOHNSON: We're going to work with the Congress on ways that we believe we can sharpen the scope of some of those measures so that they're narrowed in such a way that their impact is directed at the Cuban government, and that's the attempt that we're going to be making over the next several days.

Q And would the President veto Helms

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present state?

MR. JOHNSON: We haven't retracted our statement of administration policy, but I think it's erroneous to talk about its present state because it is "its present states." There's more than one version of the bill that's outstanding.

Q Is there any version of the bill outstanding that the President would now accept?

MR. JOHNSON: I think what we want to do over the next several hours anyway is to consult with the Congress on ways that we believe we can improve the measure.

Q Are you still waiting for a stronger declaration from the U.N., besides "deploring"?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, we got last night something that we were pleased that we obtained, and that is a clear statement from the Security Council that clearly deplored the action. We expect there to be further meetings today and tomorrow. As some of you know, the Cuban Foreign Minister asked to come to New York and present the Cuban government's version of events. We believe that that's an occasion that we can take full advantage of to underline our case to the international community that further steps need to be taken.

Q Which government agencies will make its feelings known to Brothers to the Rescue about not flying over or near Cuban air space?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, the most likely one will be the one that controls flight operations out of the United States, the FAA.

Q Is that the only one?

MR. JOHNSON: It may not be.

Q Do you think the FBI is one of those?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm not going to try to give you a list without knowing, Wolf.

Q But, David, in real terms, short of grounding them, you've warned them many times, they're prepared to go back again. Couldn't this just happen again this weekend?

MR. JOHNSON: I think that -- let's, before we jump to those conclusions, let's let the FAA make their conclusions known and the steps that they think are appropriate to take.

Q Well, David, without minimizing what the Cuban MIGs did, does the administration consider that there's any sort of fault or blame that attaches to Brothers for continuing --

MR. JOHNSON: I'm not going to stand here and blame a victim for his death in clear violation of international law. I can't do that, and I'm not going to.

Q I'm sorry -- you figure that having warned these pilots repeatedly as you said you've done about the dangers of going there and then continuing to do it anyway, you still say that it's only the Cubans fault that this entire episode took place?

MR. JOHNSON: I cannot blame them for having -- for the Cuban government, violating international law and killing people. Is that -- I'm having a hard time finding any other motivation, any other implication for your question.

Q Shouldn't they have known there was perhaps some risk involved?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, they certainly knew that there was some risk involved. We had explained to them that there was some risk involved, and they were operating, doing things which were potentially very dangerous. But I'm not going to blame them for their death.

Q Therefore, knowing the risk that was involved and taking the risk and then suffering a penalty, how much does the U.S. government owe in that situation? In other words, how much do you have to put on the line --

MR. JOHNSON: Well, I think the --

Q -- if they had agreed to take the risk?

MR. JOHNSON: The President made clear yesterday what steps the United States government was prepared to take and was going to take. And I think I would draw you back to two points that are, I think, very important here. There is no reason -- there is no excuse under international law for shooting down a civil aircraft anywhere, any time, anyplace. The second point I'd make is that as we made clear on Sunday afternoon, there is ample evidence that both of these aircraft, when they were shot down, were not in Cuban air space. They were well into international air space.

Q Do you think that, since you claim this was a violation of the Chicago Convention, aviation conventions, other countries should sever their air links with Cuba?

MR. JOHNSON: We have asked that for the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal to undertake an investigation of the incident, and that's certainly one of the outcomes that could occur based on their investigation.

Q But, in the meantime, do you think Canada or Mexico or other countries that service Cuba should stop flying there?

MR. JOHNSON: I think we're going to work through the processes we're in now. I certainly would not exclude us pushing for something like that.

Q David, is anyone in the administration looking into why it took the FAA so long to move to do something rather than just warn Brothers to the Rescue? You say the FAA, before the weekend, will take some steps. At that point, it will be a fair question to ask why those steps were not taken before the incident.

MR. JOHNSON: Well, you have to, I think, to get an appreciation for this, you have to look back at what the original purpose of an intent of Brothers to the Rescue was and is, and that is to rescue people who are in rafts at sea and to draw the attention of the United States Coast Guard and other rescue vessels to people who might be in distress. There's also the area that they were flying in is not just one that individuals who are engaged in trying to rescue rafters fly in. It's also one that numerous U.S. general aviation aircraft fly in under visual flight rules where they don't even have to file a flight plan if they do not wish to, although that's highly recommended for search and rescue purposes.

So I think that what has been done under the FAA's rules is to follow their procedures, to investigate incidents as they occur and to operate in accordance with due process of law to review pilot licenses when violations occur. I think they have not acted improperly.

Q Are you satisfied that somehow the coincidence of timing that went -- the final action that finally blossoms three or four days after a couple of planes are shot down, when it's been months and months since Brothers to the Rescue veered toward a more political anti

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-Castro stand as against saving people -- and the FAA itself had begun proceedings at least a couple of the pilots. The question still arises, why did it take the FAA as long as it did?

MR. JOHNSON: The FAA had not only begun procedures, they had completed those procedures and they were in an appellate stage. Under our law people have a right to due process of law, and that's exactly what these individuals had availed themselves of. We're clearly faced with a different situation now. We had a government kill four people flying on U.S. registered aircraft, two individual aircraft, over this past weekend. It's prudent now to take a look at the situation and see if there are changes that need to be made in order to address what is clearly a different situation.

Q David, can I change subjects?

MR. JOHNSON: Let's finish Cuba and I'll get to your

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Q One more question. On the President's directive to expand the reach of Radio Marti, why is that so important and how much money is going to be involved to stop jamming of Radio Marti?

MR. JOHNSON: It is not an extremely large amount of money. I don't know if we've identified an exact sum, but it's in the very few millions, instead of the tens of millions. The reason that that's important is that Radio Marti has become one of the very few sources of news that is unbiased and unvarnished that the Cuban people have access to. As more than one person has said, most of the Cuban people first heard of these killings on Sunday afternoon from Radio Marti. We believe that it is appropriate at this time to step up and increase its penetration into the island.

Q Why have you waited so long to -- if it's such a cheap cost -- to prevent the jamming of Radio Marti?

MR. JOHNSON: We just believe it's an appropriate thing to do at this point.

Q Why wasn't it appropriate three months ago or three years ago?

MR. JOHNSON: I think we're faced with a little different situation now than we were three months ago. Decisions have to be made, budgets have to be allocated. There are other competing interests for those funds, as well.

Q David, you said earlier there is no relationship between U.S. intelligence and this organization. Has there been any relationship at all?

MR. JOHNSON: None.

Q David, if there is -- if these flights go off this weekend, as they're threatening, are we considering a warning to Castro not to bother them?

MR. JOHNSON: I think we would -- given the timing of this recent announcement, I'd like to look into what the announcement is and what steps we're planning to take before I give you an off

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-cuff answer to something that may occur in 96 hours.

Q Is there any signs of a correlation between the Cuban attack and the recent announcement of U.S. government to compensate for the victims of the families aboard the Iranian airline shot down by the U.S. Navy?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm unaware of any connection between those two things.

Q Can we do "don't ask, don't tell" real quick?

MR. JOHNSON: We are, but let's --

Q What portion of the Helms bill would you be ready to accept now that you didn't accept before?

MR. JOHNSON: I think I said earlier that we're going to be consulting with staff on the Hill this afternoon. We're going to be developing an approach in consultation with them. I'm not going to try to foreshadow that for you.

And your question?

Q David, was this out of the blue from the point of view of the White House? Castro had been receiving some wider international acceptance recently, and these flights, apparently being gone on for some period of time. Is there any assessment as to why this happened over the weekend?

MR. JOHNSON: I don't think I can account for this type of killing, no -- its timing.

Q This report that was released today by the Service Members Legal Defense Network said that DOD discharged 722 people under its gay policy in '95, which was a four

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-year high, and they documented 363 violations of don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue in the past year. Is the administration concerned about what groups like this one are saying that there's really no change in the military's treatment of gay troops?

MR. JOHNSON: I'd like to make, I think, three points on that. The first is that, in the past, the Defense Department has met with this group, and when it's brought to the Department's attention's facts, it may have indicated a violation of the Pentagon's policy with respect to don't ask, don't tell. In each case, the Department has looked into those facts that they've presented and where they've been able to substantiate them, they've taken corrective action.

The second point I would make is that the discrepancy in numbers identified in the report is largely, if not exclusively, due to a change in the accounting rules that the Pentagon has adopted in the last year to account for discharges. Based on assessment of fiscal years '91 through '95, the discharges using consistent counting rules would indicate that they've fallen from a high of about 950 in 1991 to, using consistent accounting rules, down to about 610 in '95. There was a rather rapid drop

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-off at the beginning of the administration and then it's been level in the meantime.

The third point I would make is I think Dennis -- excuse me -- I think Ken Bacon at the Pentagon will be taking a number of questions on this during the course of the day, and he'll probably have a rather -- a much fuller explanation of the Defense Department's reaction to the report.

Q As far as the administration is concerned, is the administration confident that the policies that it enacted two years ago, in terms of don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, is being implemented the way that you wanted it to?

MR. JOHNSON: The administration and the Department of Defense believes that whenever anything that's inconsistent with this policy has been brought to its attention, it's investigated and, where substantiated, it's implemented changes to the policy and actions which compensate for any wrong

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-doing that was done. And that's been a very, very few incidents when investigations have in fact taken place.

Q Just a clarification on the numbers -- you're saying 950 were dismissed in '91; for what reason, what was given?

MR. JOHNSON: So

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homosexuality.

Q And then 610 in '95?

MR. JOHNSON: Right, using consistent counting rules.

Q Is there anything else that has to come from the administration, or does the administration intend to issue any directives, any clarifications in the near future on don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue?

MR. JOHNSON: Well, the administration will clearly take a very close look at this report, and if it indicates charges that can be substantiated where policy changes need to be made in order to

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ensure that the policy that's already been adopted is effective, those changes will be made.

Q You don't see a problem, the way that they --

MR. JOHNSON: I think we have to look into what they've laid out. But the numbers, which is the primary feature of their report, we find is largely, if not totally, a counting rule change.

Q Last question on Ireland? Lake said last week after the President's calls to Bruton and Major that both of them said they'd be back in touch with the President this week. Have they, and what's the status of Adams's visa?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm unaware of any contact at the presidential level this week. It's rather early in the week, and these calls just took place on Saturday. Our contacts with all the parties continue, but we have not yet made any decisions with respect to visas.

MS. TERZANO: I have one -- which is good news. With the exception of the travel pool, we have a lid. I think Kathy and April worked on getting all the paper out, and Marlene, also. We have a photo lid and a paper lid.

THE PRESS: Bravo.

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