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more to come. this is it, to date.

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Subject: Questions in letter from AFL-CIO to Harold Ickes

Jennifer O'Conner sent you, Bruce and others a note asking two questions.
Below are the questions, and the information we have.

(1) whether State legislative action would be needed to continue Medicaid for qualified legal immigrants. We understand that HCFA plans to make it a presumption that States will continue for such immigrants unless the State files a State plan amendment to deny Medicaid. I.e., the State must take positive action to end Medicaid eligibility for qualified aliens. I believe it would vary by State whether the legislature would have to approve such a policy prior to submitting a plan amendment to HCFA.

(2) whether legal immigrants being cut off SSI would also lose Medicaid. Yesterday, HCFA assumed they would lose Medicaid unless States took positive action to expand Medicaid coverage categories. (I do not know how this would work; someone from Health Division would need to provide that level of detail.) As you know, questions have been raised today concerning whether Medicaid eligibility could continue without positive State action. As a result, I do not believe there is a final answer yet.

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SUBJECT: telecom participants

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TEXT:

Thanks for the additional contact. I definitely get in touch with him. I just had an interesting conversation with Bob Pleasure at the AFL-CIO who is our contact for bringing CWA on board. He gave me the heads up on being sensitive to which telecommunications companies are unionized and which ones are not. Do you know if Ameritech has a good relationship with the CWA?

Your offer to keep helping with this is very generous and very welcome! I think the biggest challenge right now is identifying the right people to bring on board. I've ended up dealing with people in internal training departments who seem to feel threatened by the idea of externally developed CBT. Please feel free to circulate the pitch we've developed and select people to participate. We can then have a conference call with Henry. (FYI: The meeting with private sector folks is still TBD until we identify a core group.)

Let me know how this sounds to you.

Thanks,

Marjorie

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CREATOR: Gerald J. Hane (CN=Gerald J. Hane/OU=OSTP/O=EOP [OSTP])

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SUBJECT: NEC Meeting Summary

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TEXT:

Suzy,

I don't know how quickly you need a summary of the NEC meeting so I have provided one below. Would you like a formal memo for Dr. Gibbons or will this be satisfactory?

There were five items on the agenda.

1. Budget

Gene Sperling noted that although the broad guidelines were agreed to last Friday, important details remain to be negotiated. These include composition of the tax cuts, details on Medicare, and funding for project HOPE. There seemed to be satisfaction with the numbers for foreign operations, environment, and education. It is also expected that fire walls will be erected between the defense and nondefense accounts to protect the nondefense accounts (a change from the past.)

2. Comp Time

A bill is being introduced by Senator Ashcroft, apparently to allow comp time for working more than 80 hours over two weeks. There is some desire on his part to introduce this before Mother's Day. This was a short discussion and no bill details were given.

3. Fast Track/China MFN

Both are of high concern according to Tarullo. Although MFN status is supposed to be based on the allowance of emigration, Congress and the public bring in many other issues with respect to China: human rights, trade deficit, nuclear activities, treatment of Hong Kong, etc. The President's submission to allow MFN is due by June 3. A vote is likely before the August recess, but the prospects look tougher than in the past. The Christian Coalition and the AFL-CIO are both campaigning against granting MFN status.

Fast Track authority is caught up in this same environment. USTR

has been actively briefing the Hill. Gephardt has a proposal that would require labor and environmental issues to be addressed in all agreements. Not a good approach from the Administration's view. Former President Carter has offered mediating services.

- Tarullo also raised problems with the Civil Aviation Negotiations with Japan. He noted that Japan is not honoring its agreements, raising new barriers as others are settled. He is recommending a separate meeting on this issue.

4. Product Liability

The President has given guidance to renegotiate this issue (he vetoed a bill last year) in a manner consistent with the reasons stated for vetoing that bill: he does not want to reverse those positions. A bill moving through Congress has many of the problems as last year's bill (e.g., cap on punitive damages, abolition of joint and several liability for non-economic damages, short time limit, etc). However, there appears to be more willingness by certain members to find a solution. An interagency group is working on this issue with Bruce Lindsay also apparently involved.

Another issue raised was the treatment of Tobacco overseas. The U.S. is being criticized for promoting a product that it limits domestically. There is particular concern about treatment of children overseas and targeted advertising (apparently a couple of years ago a U.S. Ambassador posed with Joe Camel at a press conference.) Guidance to embassies and commercial attaches was raised as an important issue.

5. Securities Litigation Reform.

This was a brief discussion regarding the interface of Federal and State courts.

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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO working women event

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TEXT:

AFL-CIO working women dept. wants to organize a roundtable discussion for the VP with working mom's. Mrs. Clinton held a bunch of similar events last year (organized also by Karen Nussbaum -- the woman who now heads AFL-CIO women's dept) and they were great.

They're willing to organize it around any theme we want (e.g., the Family Conference theme of involvement in kids' schools) and willing to do it in any city and any time.

David Strauss thought this was a good event to do. Susan Liss met w/ Karen Nussbaum.

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SUBJECT: JHG's pending conversation with Pena

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TEXT:

Given that Todd Stern's schedule of future climate events and actions will come out Thursday night or Friday and it will definitely include Cabinet actions, I think JHG may want to discuss that overall strategy with Pena on Friday. (JHG and Pena might also want to refine the lists Henry and I develop for sector roundtables--see end of next paragraph.) The 2 West Wing climate meetings I covered today gave us the following info:

Todd will consult Business Coalitions and the AFL-CIO and Enviro's this week to say he's interested in their opinion and speaks for the President. In the next 3 weeks, he will orchestrate Roosevelt room mtgs with industry by sector (as OSTP recommended) with the relevant Cabinet and Admin folks--so, e.g., and Energy Supply meeting should include Pena (and EOP); Transportation sector should include DOC and DOT, plus EOP, etc. Henry and I will try to develop lists of important people by sector to include at these meetings (either in the Roosevelt Room or in subsequent events led by Cabinet officials or EOP leaders).

POTUS will have a Nobel event 7/24 ;OSTP will be heavily involved. It may focus just on the Science of climate change or include economists as well. We sorted the 2500 names of scientists that signed the letter to the President and identified the MOS recipients and NAS members today as possible additions to Rowland and Molina and got our suggestions to the Climate Task Force..

POTUS will do one event in August (as yet undefined), 2 in September, and the National Conference on 10/6. POTUS may wish to go to Glacier National Park and show how the glacier's gone.

More news as it breaks! Rosina

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Subject: JHG's pending conversation with Pena

JHG wants to go after the Cabinet leaders on climate change/technology one-on-one until he gets the go ahead to convene them as a group. He wants to start with Pena, using Aspen as an entree and talking about the labs study and other GCC stuff. Sue has them tentatively scheduled to get together some time Friday (this week). Can you prepare some talking points?