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April 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM KAREN A. TRAMONTANO
SUBJECT MEETING WITH JOHN J SWEENEY

PJT

Set out below is some background on the issues that President Sweeney may raise during your lunch and some suggestions for you to consider in your discussion.

- Organizing

The AFL-CIO and its affiliates are very please with your strong support both in words and actions about organizing. They understand that labor law reform is not possible at this time but believe that your words will change the tone and tenor of the public debate. Sweeney understands that you are trying to change the culture within the Executive Branch and that substantial change of this nature takes time. He is trying to do the same with his affiliates. You in turn want the Executive Branch to respect the rights of workers. We have made progress and not just within the Department of Labor. The Department of Energy's senior staff is meeting with the AFL-CIO to learn more about the organizing program. The Department of Transportation's senior staff has met with the AFL-CIO to implement project labor agreement throughout its regional offices. The USTR has agreed to hold a senior staff retreat where the rights of workers will be discussed. I will continue to push agencies to hold these meetings. My experience is that once they are exposed to the issues they have a better appreciation and shape their public policies accordingly. You should take credit for making this happen.

- Consultation

From the outset of the Clinton/Gore Administration the AFL-CIO has asked to be engaged in a dialogue on public policy issues before they are announced. They were somewhat resentful of the times when they were only brought in to discuss the political impact of issues long after they were decided. Much has changed in this regard. Almost every agency, the exception being the Department of Defense reaches out to the White House and to the AFL-CIO before major policy initiatives are launched. The AFL-CIO and its affiliates have been asking the Administration for this type of dialogue and consultation for a long time; Sweeney and his staff believe it is finally happening. We also do a better job both in your office and in the White House generally. You should take credit for changing this part of the culture as well.

- International Economic Policy and Trade

We have started two processes in this regard. Beginning with the IMF, I asked Secretary Rubin to engage in a dialogue with Sweeney and consider including core labor standards in some way. After much discussion and with help from Barney Frank core labor standards are included in

the House bill. Rubin also held a dialogue with George Becker and Sweeney; Secretaries Herman and Daley attended along with Charlene Barchevsky. The topic was Korean Steel and its impact on the domestic market as their currency continues to lose value. Last night Sweeney and Becker had dinner with Rubin and Sommers. This dialogue has opened up an NEC process on the Asian crisis and its impact on US workers.

Additionally, the NEC has begun a process on a number of core labor standards so that our policy is developed long before we engage in additional trade legislation. The AFL-CIO is very happy with this process.

- NLRB

The President will submit Laurence Cohen's nomination as General Counsel of the NLRB when Congress returns from recess. Cohen was one of the names the AFL-CIO submitted. He has been the general counsel of the Building and Construction Trades for 25 years. (b)(6)

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- Procurement

We are ready to go. Erskine asked that we wait until the IMF and NATO expansion were done. The AFL-CIO has been informed that we are in a holding pattern. They are fine with our timing.

- Avondale

Senators Breaux and Landrieu held a meeting with the Labor Department, OMB and Secretary Dalton. The Senators asked Dalton to consider ways to improve the situation. OMB was asked to continue to monitor the situation. Frank Raines met with Sweeney on Monday. Sweeney is very frustrated and will lead a demonstration of Avondale workers when he is in New Orleans on Thursday. We are continuing our discussions with the Navy; it has been very difficult and frustrating.

- Social Security

The AFL-CIO is very nervous about the process. The hearing in Kansas, as you know, leaned very heavily on "private accounts." The AFL-CIO is passionately opposed to this option. I have asked Gene Sperling and Sally Katzen to host a discussion with the AFL-CIO staff who are involved in this issue before the next town hall.

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Private Lunch with President of the AFL-CIO John Sweeney

Wednesday, April 15, 1998 -- 1 PM - 2 PM

The White House -- The Vice President's West Wing Office

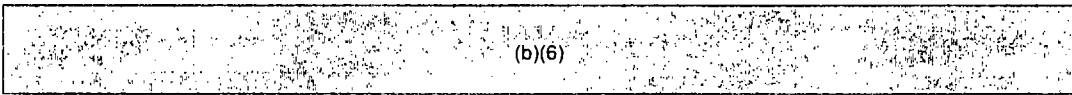
Event requested by John Sweeney and Monica Dixon

Briefing prepared by Paul Tuchmann

EVENT

- You will have a private lunch with John Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney would like to review the work you have done together, thank you for the efforts you have made on behalf of his members, and look at important issues which will arise during the coming year. He particularly wants to inform you of the positive impact you are having in the area of organizing.
- Mr. Sweeney will likely stress the importance of the issues of health care and equal pay for his members. Also, he is very concerned about the debate on Social Security -- he thinks that President Clinton did an excellent job in Kansas City, but he was alone against the privatizers. None of Sweeney's members favor private accounts, and he is requesting a meeting with Erskine Bowles and John Podesta to discuss this issue. He will also likely bring up the issues of procurement and NLRB appointments, both of which will cause contentious debates. Mr. Sweeney may ask you to speak out publicly on the issue of NLRB appointments.
- You should take this opportunity to ask Mr. Sweeney how best to approach UAW President Stephen Yokich, whom you will see in Detroit next month. Also, you should ask for his opinion of your appearance at the AFL-CIO convention in Las Vegas and the response to it.

BACKGROUND

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- Mr. Sweeney is also travelling to New Orleans on Thursday, but he is unable to travel with you since he is leaving later in the day.

LOGISTICS

Monica Dixon will brief you in your office at 12:45 PM. Mr. Sweeney will arrive at 1 PM, stewards will bring menus and take your order, and lunch will be served shortly.

ATTACHMENTS

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- Briefings from Karen Tramontano on Social Security, procurement, the NLRB, organizing, and international trade, and the AFL-CIO's positions on these issues.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Copy To
Kim Tilley

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE 08/27/98

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TO: Kim Tilley
Director of Scheduling and Advance for the Vice President.

FROM: Karen Tramontano
Deputy Assistant to the President.

REQUEST: Speech at Fifty-Second Convention of the Amalgamated
Transit Union (ATU).

PURPOSE: To address the delegates to the convention.

BACKGROUND: Founded in 1892, the ATU is the largest labor organization
representing transit workers in the US. It currently has over
160,000 members.

DATE AND TIME: Sometime during the day of September 28, 29, or 30, 1998.

BRIEFING TIME: N/A.

DURATION: At the discretion of VPOTUS.

LOCATION: Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, Illinois .

PARTICIPANTS: 1200 convention delegates.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: A speech during any session of the convention.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Mass transit and recent highway legislation.

MEDIA COVERAGE: N/A.

RECOMMENDED BY: Karen Tramontano.

CONTACT: Karen Tramontano x61906.

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Invitation.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: ATU.

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Amalgamated Transit Union

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Office of the International President

April 15, 1998

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Vice President Gore:

On September 27, 1998, the Fifty-Second Convention of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) will convene in Chicago, Illinois, at the Chicago Hilton.

We would be honored to have you attend the convention and address the delegates on either Monday, September 28, 1998, Tuesday, September 29, or Wednesday, September 30, 1998. Over 1,200 delegates and guests will be in attendance. If you are able to address our delegates, we would appreciate an appropriate photograph for inclusion in our convention program.

We also would be pleased if your schedule would allow you to attend a reception on Sunday evening, September 27, and a banquet on Wednesday evening, September 30.

The ATU is the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the United States and Canada, which was founded in 1892, as the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America. Today the ATU consists of over 160,000 members with 268 local unions in 44 states, the District of Columbia and nine provinces.

If we can provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Jim La Sala
International President

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Guest List for 6/15 Coalition to Defend America's Working Families Event

Abrelgon - Newark Teacher's Union, labor representative. Out of the NJ area

Auer, Ronald J. - Investment Research

Ayala, Bill - Sen. Lautenberg's staff

Badri, Sharda - Sen. Lesniak's Office Manager

Baldick, Nick - Former Vice Presidential Staffer

Bollwage, J. Christian - Mayor, City of Elisabeth

Brennan, Laurel - Secretary Treasurer New Jersey AFLCIO out of UNITE int'l union

Brunson, Richard David - Director of Mirage Resorts, event Co-Sponsor

Buitrago, Julian - Sen. Lesniak's Legislative Aide

Causfield, Kamille - Administrator, New Jersey Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust, guest of Ramond Pocino

Cernades, Al - International Longshoremen's Union

Codey, Richard J. - Senator, NJ 27th District

Connelly, Maryanne - Democratic Candidate for Congress, 7th Congressional District, NJ

Davis, Christy E. - Sen. Lautenberg's State Director

DeCotiis, Al C. - Attorney, major fundraisers, and party democratic party activist

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DeCotiis, M. Bob (Robert) - Attorney, major fundraisers, and party democratic party activists

DeCotiis, Michael - Attorney, major fundraisers, and party democratic party activists

DeFilippo, Charlotte - Union County Democratic Committee Chairman

Devanney, Margaret - Sen. Lesniak's sister, works for Traumatic Injury Consultants

Devanney, Suzanne - Sen. Lesniak's niece, SMD Consulting Firm

Diantonio, E. Frank - President & Business Manager, Construction & General Labor Union (NJ), guest of Raymond Pocino

Donnelly, Dennis - Attorney

Drakeford, Kellie - Director, Community Development for Sen. Torricelli

Dumphy, David - NJ UFCW Assistant Political Director

Eagler, Peter C. - *Freeholder Director for Pascaic County*

Eyer, Joe - VP's Leadership 98 Staff

Froehlich, Ralph - Sheriff, Union County (to be vetted Monday)

Giblin, Thomas C. - New Jersey Democratic State Party Chair & VP of Intern Union of Operating Engineers

Gibson, Kenneth - Democratic Candidate for County Executive in Essex County

Goldberg, Arthur - President, Hilton Gaming Corp., event Co-Sponsor

Guida, Arthur S. - works for Public Service Energy & Gas Co.

Hibbs, John - Guest of Pocino, President & Business Manager, Construction Laborers Local 472

Hodes, Harold - Lobbyist for Public Strategies/Impact



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Jackson, Timothy Scan - State Director, Sen. Torricelli

James, Sharpe - Mayor, City of Newark

Janiszewski, Robert - County Executive, Hudson County, NJ

Kealy, Stephen - Secretary/Treasurer, Construction Laborers Local 472

Kesoch, Angela F. - Vice President, Raytheon Engineers

Kinney, Dick (Richard) J. - Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals, Gov't Dept.

Kirk-Bollwage, Nancy - Wife of Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage

Knight, Peter - DC-based, Union Political Director

Koppe, Al - works for Public Service Energy & Gas

Kralowich, Michael - TOSCO Refinery

Kramer, Orin - Partner, Kramer & Spellman

Lausell, Miguel - Attorney, Democratic Party activist, DNC contributor

Lautenberg, Frank - NJ Senator (has Monday Spm vote)

Lesniak, Raymond - NJ, State Senator, Host

Lesniak, Stephanie - R. Lesniak's mother

Levinson, Paul - Attorney

Lucas, Dan - DNC Labor liaison

Lynch, John - Senator, State of NJ

Maher, Brian - Owner, Maher Terminals

McGrath, Lucy - Sen. Lesniak's law office staff

McGreevey, James E. - Mayor, City of Woodbridge

Menendez, Robert - NJ Congressman, 13th District

Mora, Sabine - Staff, Velasquez & Associates

Navarro, Juan Carlos - Panamanian Diplomat & international environmental activist, guest of Miguel Lausell

Norcross, George - Businessman

Payne, Donald - NJ Congressman, 10th District

Perrone, Anthony - District Director of NJ UFCW, Region 1 & International VP

Pocino, Raymond - Event Co-Chair, President of Labor Local 172

Pomerantz, Shelley L. - Sen. Lesniak's Law Office Administrator

Ring, George - Event Co-Sponsor, President of Wireless Cable Intnt'l., Inc.

Rosenthal, Steve - Political Director of National AFL-CIO

Rothman, Steven - NJ Congressman, 9th District

Sauter, Gary - President Coalition, Executive Vice President of UFCW

Shea, John - New Jersey State AFL-CIO

Singleton, Lisa L. - Sen. Frank Lautenberg's Scheduler

Sklar, Eric - Coalition Secretary & CEO Burrito Brothers

Sweeney, John - President, National AFL-CIO

Sweeney, Maureen - Sweeney's wife

Torricelli, Robert - Senator, New Jersey (has Monday Spm vote)

Tyrrell, Joseph Scott – Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Sen. Torricelli

Velasquez, Joe - Coalition Consultant & Former White House Staff



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Wade, Frank - Building Trades Council

Wowcanech, Charles - President of New Jersey State AFL-CIO