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Press Guidance

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5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES RIOTS

- Approaching the 1-year anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, President Clinton called upon the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown to chair an Interagency Task Force to work closely with local elected officials in their recovery efforts. The Task Force identified priorities emphasizing a public/private partnership focusing on private sector involvement addressing the needs of Los Angeles as well as all of CA.
- FEMA, SBA, Commerce, Labor and HUD played a large role in these efforts through job training, Community Development Banks and empowerment zones. The federal government continues to work with state and local officials to ensure the full urban revival of Los Angeles.

Background: Immediately following the riots, President Bush put forward a supplemental for \$995 million in additional funding for Los Angeles and Chicago (Chicago flooding happened at the same time).

- job training
- economic empowerment

Silverman

Conversation w/ Cabinet Affairs

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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

4/14/97

*Vice President Al Gore will host the third annual White House Community Empowerment Conference: "Empowering Communities" in Detroit, MI from Monday, April 14 to Wednesday, April 16, 1997. The conference is an example of the Administration's commitment to community revitalization and returning opportunity to America's distressed neighborhoods.

*The Conference will bring together senior Administration officials and key leaders of the 15 empowerment zones (ez) and enterprise communities (ec) to discuss the progress of the President's EZ/EC initiative and to exchange successful ideas of public/private partnerships in the ez/ec zones.

*Delegations representing Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, KS/Kansas City, MO, Kentucky Highlands, Los Angeles, Mid-Delta Mississippi, New York, Oakland, Philadelphia/Camden, and Rio Grande Valley, TX will be present in Detroit.

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