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WASHINGTON

November 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR PATTI SOLIS

FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON *KMB*

SUBJECT: IDEA Proposal

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Cabinet Affairs, Political Affairs (Doug Sosnik), Office of Public Liaison (Marilyn Yager, Debbie Fine), and the Domestic Policy Council (Carol Rasco) all agree that this would be a very important event for the First Lady to attend.

Feel free to contact me at 456-2572 if you have any questions.

cc: Kitty Higgins
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November 3, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR KIM TILLEY

FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON *KTB*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR PEGGY CUSACK

FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON

SUBJECT: IDEA Proposal

Attached is a copy of the Department of Education's proposal for one of the principals to attend the IDEA breakfast or reception on November 15, 1995. Since POTUS is not available, we would like Mrs. Gore to consider this event.

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Schedule Proposal

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Director of Scheduling and Advance

Anne Walley
Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Kitty Higgins
Assistant to the President and
Secretary to the Cabinet

REQUEST: Justin Dart and a coalition of national organizations in support of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act have requested that Mrs. Clinton speak at the IDEA 20th Anniversary Celebration.

PURPOSE: The purpose would be to show the Administration's ongoing commitment to assuring that all students with disabilities receive quality educations. This most important piece of legislation has resulted in millions of children with disabilities receiving educations which are now resulting in individuals obtaining meaningful employment opportunities and the ability to live in their communities. Additionally, this will be an opportunity to discuss the Administration's commitment to Medicaid and to Medicare. The audience will be primarily composed of individuals who are gravely concerned with the Congressional proposals in these two areas.

BACKGROUND: In November of 1975 Gerald Ford signed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) into law. This landmark piece of legislation has had strong bipartisan support. It is administered by the Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Today more that 5 million children are benefitting from this legislation.

This celebration is being organized by a cross section of national organizations of and for disabled people, some of whom are the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), Justice for All, the National Parent Network, United Cerebral Palsy, the ARC, and the National Council on Independent Living Programs. Justin Dart

is one of the prime organizers.

Judy Heumann, Assistant Secretary for OSERS, has spoken with Mr. Dart. Should the First Lady be available to speak, there will be significant advance publicity provided and a commemorative book published after the event.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The Administration has worked closely with many of these organizations on health care reform, the Administration's IDEA reauthorization proposal, Medicaid and Medicare reform and children's SSI programs, to name a few.

DATE AND TIME: The event is taking place on November 15th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

DURATION: The First Lady's remarks would be from 10-12 minutes.

LOCATION: The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

PARTICIPANTS: Mrs. Clinton's presentation would be at a reception with a minimum of 500 people. The audience will be composed of parents, children who are currently in public schools, students who have benefited from the law and are now working, advocates and a bipartisan audience of congressional representatives and staff.

Because this legislation has historically had bipartisan support we can assume that Senators Harkin, Kennedy, Frist, and Dole, Congressmen Kildee, Miller, Owens, Payne, Hoyer, Cunningham, Goodling, et al will do their best to come.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: There will be activities going on all day in celebration of the law. There will be a breakfast on the Hill in the morning and various events during the day, including parents and their children visiting Members in support of the reauthorization. This evening event will be the culmination of the day's activities.

REMARKS REQUIRED: This event should be seen as giving the First Lady the opportunity to show the Administration's commitment to the IDEA. In the eyes of many who will be at the event without Medicaid and Medicare and children's SSI the objective of the IDEA will not be fulfilled.

The Department of Education will prepare such remarks in cooperation with the White House Communications Staff.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes

FIRST LADY'S

ATTENDANCE: Yes

RECOMMENDED BY: Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education
Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary
Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services.

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ATTACHMENTS: Invitation attached

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You Are Cordially Invited to Celebrate the
20th Anniversary and the Heroes and Heroines of the

IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

at a Buffet Reception

Wednesday evening, November 15, 1995

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Regency Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C.

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MESSAGE: Kris per Terry Dozier, this is a teleconference
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**DRAFT OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS FOR
THE 1995 GOALS 2000 TEACHER FORUM VIDEO**

I am delighted to bring greetings to all of the teachers gathered here in Washington, D.C., and in communities across the nation, who are participating in the Goals 2000 Teacher Forum Teleconference. I am sorry that I cannot be with you today, but want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your dedication and hard work. In my visits to schools across America, I see large numbers of highly skilled teachers who are hard at work in our schools, inspiring and challenging students, but whose exceptional work often goes unrecognized and unrewarded. Therefore, I am proud that this is the third year that my administration has chosen to honor what teachers know and listen to what they say through the Goals 2000 Teacher Forum.

Education is something I care deeply about and am committed to improving for all children in America. But I know we can't do it without you. In order to implement educational reform in this country, we need your help and guidance every step of the way. If we are to succeed in building a high-performance education system for the 21st century, we must tap the knowledge, experience, and insight that you have gained as classroom practitioners. That is the purpose of this Forum, and why I am delighted that the Department of Education is honoring and promoting teacher leadership in such a substantive way. The single biggest resource we have in American education is teacher expertise and wisdom. Through this Forum, we intend to make you full partners in our reform efforts.

Now more than ever, we need to build a partnership for education. The bipartisan support for education that characterized the first two years of this Administration is now being threatened. The Republican leadership in Congress has placed vital education programs on the chopping block: Title I to help poor and disadvantaged students; the Goals 2000: Educate America Act designed to help schools raise academic standards; professional development for teachers; resources for technology; programs to keep schools safe and drug free; and programs to help students finance a college education.

Tragically, this assault comes at the worst possible time, when a tidal wave of new students is about to hit our schools. By 1997, a record 53 million students will be in our classrooms, and the number will grow every year for the next 10 years after that. While the House of Representatives proposes to cut \$36 billion out of education in the next seven years, my budget plan would increase investments in education by over \$40 billion over the same seven years and still balance the federal budget. Our children did not create the national debt, and they should not have to pay for it with their education.

I want you to know that I am totally committed to fighting these devastating cuts and to maintaining a national focus on improving teaching and learning in America. However, while government can provide leadership in educational reform, you and I know that real reform must come from the classroom. All of you participating in this Forum have demonstrated your commitment to excellence in education. You are a powerful group and our nation's future success hinges on your energy and enthusiasm. I urge you to step forward and to be the leaders

of change -- to take an active role in helping to shape reform efforts at the local, state, and national levels so that they make sense for children and address the real issues, not just the politically popular or easy ones.

Never forget the incredible power that you wield. Remember that a child's life can be transformed forever by a single teacher. Thank you again for dedicating yourselves to teaching and to building young minds. And thank you for giving so generously of your time over the next three days to share with us your insight on how we might improve education in America. While I cannot be with you today, you have my full support as, together, we work to provide a first-class education for every child.