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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 29, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: EVELYN LIEBERMAN
GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS
RAHM EMANUEL
MICHAEL MCCURRY
LORRIE MCHUGH
MARY ELLEN GLYNN
GINNY TERZANO

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *thy*

SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES

The Agencies reported the following press inquiries last week:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Every major news organization continues to ask about various aspects of the TWA plane crash.
- There have been questions from the *Miami Herald* and *Potomac News Organization* regarding reports that Castro and other Cuban officials have assisted in transporting cocaine into this country.
- There have been inquiries from *Potomac News Organization* on the White House's influence on the agreement between the DOJ and Arthur Coia.
- *NBC News* have asked about the Sixth Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- The *Christian Science Monitor* requested information on precision farming.
- *Indianapolis Star* requested any audit reports concerning food stamp fraud in Indiana.

- *Time and U.S. News & World Report* requested information on the sugar program, the farm bill, and the sugar program's economic effects on the corn milling industry.
- *ABC News* requested information about microbial testing required by the Administration's new rules on meat and poultry inspection.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- A number of media inquiries have been directed to FAA and OST regarding the TWA crash and the general issue of aviation security.
- *NBC-News* and *CNN* inquired about commuting times in major cities.
- *Houston Chronicle* asked for pipeline incident data and causes.
- *American Shipper* called to check information contained in a newspaper report related to Brooksville's operating-differential subsidy contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIVE AGENCY

- There continues to be significant media interest in the progress of Food Safety Legislation.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- *WKXQ Radio*, Rushville, IL, requested information on disaster aid application deadlines.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- There are many inquiries about the privatization of OPM's background investigations unit and the creation of US Investigations Services (USIS), Inc., the first employee stock ownership plan created by the privatization of a federal operation.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- The *Fort Lauderdale Star-Sentinel* has requested information regarding the unreleased Inspector General report on Radio and TV marti.
- *WJLA* has inquired about the official designation and any complaints on the EF Education organization.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- *Rutland, VT Herald* inquired about an issue involving space for courts.

- *The Oregonian* inquired about the Pioneer Courthouse in Portland, OR.
- *Journal American-Bellevue* inquired about the screening process as related to the U.S. Coast Guard Housing Site in Redmond.
- *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* inquired about the status of the U.S. Courthouse in Seattle, WA.

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SUBJECT: FOIA REQUESTS

The Agencies reported the following FOIA requests last week:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- *ABC News* requested information concerning correspondence between USDA and Senator Dole.
- A New Mexico citizen requested information about USDA animal damage control work done on lands leased by Representative Skeen.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- A private citizen requested information of correspondence between the DOC and Senator Wellstone.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- The City of Cleveland, OH sent a follow-up FOIA request for copies of correspondence between four sponsors of union apprentice training programs. The first request, for documents pertaining to these programs, was completed by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training with disclosure of all but four of the requested

documents. These four documents were not released due to objections from the previously mentioned sponsors.

- *USA Today* has requested copies of all documents related to enforcement regarding Delta Air Lines.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- *U.S. News and World Report* requested an assessment of security at Hellenikon International Airport in Athens, Greece.
- *WUSA-TV* (Washington, DC) requested a copy of taped radio contact between the control tower and U.S. Air Shuttle Flight 6500 at Washington National Airport on June 24, 1996.
- *Newsweek* requested the NASIP and RASIP inspection reports on Tower Air.
- *Chicago Sun-Times* (Washington DC) requested correspondence from the city of Chicago and the State of Illinois to FAA regarding Meigs Field.
- *The Palm Beach Post* requested suspension or dismissal of Palm Beach International Airport air traffic controllers in the last three months (Southern).
- The following requests were made about ValuJet:

The Los Angeles Times requested information about purchases or pending purchases of aircraft from the date of ValuJet's inception.

Business Week requested the professional background, work experience, and qualifications of a FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector for ValuJet.

- There were many requests for copies of the Airport Security II Report by various television networks and stations, newspapers, magazines.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

- *The Los Angeles Times* has requested copies of patient incident reports for the last two years (these reports cover such incidents as patient abuse, suicides, medication errors, patients missing from wards) and copies of reports issued by the Veterans Health Administration's Medical Inspector for the last three years.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- A private citizen requested information on all correspondence between ONDCP and Senator Wellstone from January 1991 to July 1993.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- A Washington DC citizen requested all information on any correspondence since 1983 between OPM and Senator McCain, Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge, and South Carolina Governor, Carroll Campbell.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- *The Oregonian* requested information regarding the courthouse in Portland and directed questions regarding the Law Enforcement Center in Portland.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- Theodore Kaczynski, the alleged unabomber, authorized SSA to send his attorney, Gary Swords, of the Center for Capital Assistance in San Francisco, copies of all records pertaining to him.

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JOHN HILLEY

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Agency Testimony for June 29, 1996-August 1, 1996

The following is a list of Cabinet/Sub-Cabinet testimony for the coming weeks.

Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Schedules

Date of Event:	07/29/96	Location:	Butler County, PA
Person Attending:	OPM Director Jim King		
Event:	House Civil Service Subcommittee		
Event Description:	Re: U.S. Investigative Service (USIS)		
Date of Event:	07/30/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	State Assistant Secretary Robert Gelbard		
Event:	Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control		
Event Description:	Re: International drug trafficking and money laundering		
Date of Event:	07/30/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOE Thomas Gross		
Event:	House Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment		
Event Description:	Re: PNGV program goals, activities and priorities		
Date of Event:	07/30/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USTR Deputy Ambassador Jeff Lang		
Event:	Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control		
Event Description:	Re: International drug trafficking and money laundering		
Date of Event:	07/30/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	Treas Commissioner - US Customs George Weise		
Event:	Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control		
Event Description:	Re: International drug trafficking and money laundering		
Date of Event:	07/31/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA AMS Administrator Lon Hatamiya		
Event:	House Agriculture General Farm Commodities Subcommittee		
Event Description:	Re: Soybean Checkoff Program		
Date of Event:	07/31/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOT Secretary Federico Peña		
Event:	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee		
Event Description:	Re: Legislation to reauthorize the Department's highway construction, highway safety, and transit programs		
Date of Event:	08/01/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Michael Dunn		
Event:	House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry		
Event Description:	Re: Animal Welfare Bills		
Date of Event:	08/01/96	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA Secretary Daniel Glickman		
Event:	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee		
Event Description:	Re: Timber Salvage Sale Directive		

Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Schedules

Date of Event: 08/01/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOT Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson
Event: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Event Description: Re: Aviation security issues

Date of Event: 08/01/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOT Secretary Federico Peña
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August 12, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: EVELYN LIEBERMAN
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The Agencies reported the following press inquiries last week:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- *Legal Times* asked why Drug Courts in Washington, DC, had not received their funding.
- *CBS, UPI, NBC, ABC* and *Media General* inquired about the release of new numbers showing a reduction in youth violence.
- *ABC* asked if the decision to announce the youth violence numbers just before the Republican convention was politically motivated.
- *UPI* asked if there had been an increase in the number of children prosecuted as adults.
- *Newsday* and *Media General* inquired about a University of Chicago report showing that concealed weapons laws deter violent crime.
- *Knight Ridder* asked about the role of the FBI overseas as they open new offices in foreign countries.

- *Los Angeles Times* and *Legal Times* asked about a letter from Representative Livingstone to Dir. Freeh requesting an OPR investigation of Howard Shapiro FBI General Counsel Shapiro's Office of Professional Responsibility letter regarding the prosecution of Gary Aldrich.
- *ABC* and *UPI* asked whether the recent FBI files incident affected the decision by Congress to deny the FBI additional authority to employ wiretaps.
- *Newsday* asked whether the FBI was removing agents from the TWA crash investigation because an aspect of the case had been determined.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- *WNBC* in Washington, DC, has requested any audit or investigative files concerning Mark Godec, a former NIH employee.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- On August 1, *CNN Business News* requested information on transit new starts included in the transportation appropriations bill in the Senate.
- On August 1, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* asked about improvements in the Olympic transportation system.
- On August 2, *Belleville News-Democrat* inquired about the status of Metrolink extension.
- *New York Times* called concerning airport security training based on an August 5, article in the *Washington Times*.

FEMA

- *ABC Evening News* inquired about the flash points/vapor points for jet fuel.
- *Good Morning America* inquired about hazard mitigation and proper construction for hurricane-resistant buildings.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- On August 2, *The Washington Post* requested information on the Asia Pacific Network.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- There have been several inquiries regarding the August 5, issuance of the Federal

Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report to Congress which covers the period of October 1, 1994, to September 30, 1995.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- *WBAA-TV*, the *ABC* affiliate in Dallas, TX, requested information from GSA's Federal Protective Service regarding an AMA report recommending use of laminates on windows to minimize damage caused from explosives.
- *Los Angeles Times* inquired about GSA's personal property donations program and allegations of misuse of an aircraft.
- *CITY News Service* in San Diego, CA, requested background regarding security at federal buildings during the GOP Convention.
- *KPWP-TV* in Sacramento, CA, inquired about the agencies' evacuation process for federal buildings in case of bomb threats.
- *California Aggie* in Davis, CA, inquired about a USDA lease consolidation in Davis.
- *Reno Gazette* inquired about the completion date and construction of the courthouse in Reno, NV.
- *Springfield Union News* in Springfield, MA, requested general information on security in federal buildings.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- On August 7, a hearing was held on the release of documents concerning Secretary Brown's international trade missions. Judge Lamberth denied the government's motion for summary judgment and for a protective order against further discovery. Although, DOC officials claimed that they made every effort to search for responsive documents, Judge Lamberth expressed skepticism concerning the adequacy of DOC's search efforts. He focused principally on the purported inadequacies in Secretary Brown's affidavit, other affidavits concerning documents from his office and U.S. Attorney Bruce Hegyi's conduct in terminating the deposition of Anthony Das, Brown's Executive Secretary. He also raised a question about allegations in the *Washington Times* that documents from Secretary Brown's office had been shredded on the day of his death.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- *The New York Times* requested a copy of ValuJet's application for recertification.

- *The Patriot News Company* in Harrisburg, PA requested Inspection reports operated by Allegheny Airlines from 1992 to the present.
- *WJLA-TV* in Washington, DC requested information of all security incidents and/or breaches of security at Dulles Airport, Baltimore Washington International Airport and National Airport from 1990 to the present.
- *WorldNews* in Washington, DC requested databases of pilot deviations, operations and error deviations, near-midair collisions, runway incursions, accident/incident system, and FAA Aviation Safety Analysis Systems.
- *USA Today* requested information concerning airport and airline security violations.
- *The Los Angeles Times* requested information about the enforcement action taken against a pilot involving a flight from Los Angeles to St. Louis on January 2, 1996.
- *Gannett Suburban Newspapers* requested information about the security inspections at Westchester County Airport, in White Plains, NY, for the past five years.
- *The Kentucky Post* requested information about the Security Operations inspections at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.
- *The Dallas Morning News* requested information about security violations or security breaches during the last 12 months at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.
- *WNBC-TV* in New York requested a transcript of control tower involving the near-midair incident of American Flight 699 and American West Flight 329 on June 10, 1996.
- *Star Tribune* in Minneapolis, MN requested correspondence to Northwest Airlines within the past two years regarding flight recorders.
- *Milwaukee Magazine* requested maintenance reports and investigations of Midwest Express Airlines.
- *Knight Ridder* requested the outages of the Terminal Doppler Weather Radar at Charlotte, NC Airport since December 22, 1995.
- *Daily News* requested a transcript of the accident of Air Force F-16C Falcon jet in Pensacola, FL on July 11, 1996.
- *The Daily Times* and *The Albuquerque Journal* requested inspection records of Mesa Airlines.

- *AP, USA Today, 60 Minutes, and Aviation Week* have submitted a FOIA request for the OIG report on FAA oversight of aviation security.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- On July 28, OPM received a request from a private citizen for records of all correspondence between OPM and Senator Connie Mack of Florida.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- *The Washington Post* requested information on missing items from the 1992 Presidential Inaugural Committee.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- Benjamin Netanyahu, through his attorney, requested copies of all records pertaining to him.
- *The Executive Intelligence Review* has requested a copy of information of all identities associated with a Social Security number purportedly assigned to Benjamin Netanyahu.



August 2, 1996

NOTE TO: **LEON PANETTA**
 GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

FROM: **KITTY HIGGINS** *KH*

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DRAFT - PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT

U.S. SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
HEARING ON AVIATION SECURITY

AUGUST 1, 1996

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Senator McCain: [Reports in Time magazine about White House influence in Athens posting decision?]

Secretary Peña: Let me answer that question because I was very much involved in the Athens issue. I had a conversation with the National Security staff about Athens. They wanted to have a separate briefing of what steps we were taking in Athens, for obvious reasons, it is a major ally of ours, but in no way did anyone in the White House tell us what to do about Athens. And, in fact, after the FAA reviewed the Athens airport, I posted Athens. The American people knew it, we issued a press release to that effect and we found the Athens airport to be out of compliance with our international standards.

Senator McCain: So the quote in here that the 'White House then pressured the Transportation Department to lift the warning as quickly as possible because newly elected Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos was visiting Washington in May' that is not correct?

Secretary Peña: That's not true.

Senator McCain: Thank you. I wanted to give you an opportunity to respond to that in a public hearing...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS 
SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
April 26 - May 3

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Church Fire Update:** ATF continues to investigate the southeastern church fires. On April 26, a fire destroyed the Hebron United Methodist Church in Vail, NC, which has a white congregation, and the Effingham Baptist Church in Effingham, SC, which is a predominantly African-American church.
- **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development:** A brochure describing the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development was created with letters included from the First Lady and Secretary Rubin. A master mailing list is also being developed to disseminate information about this new Presidential Award program. The Association for Enterprise Opportunity's (AEO) annual meeting featured the videotaped formal announcement of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development by the First Lady and the Secretary.
- **SAIF:** Efforts to include legislation to recapitalize the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF) in the next continuing resolution continue. Treasury is scheduling meetings with House and Senate Leadership to ensure that they are aware that this remains a top Departmental priority.
- **District of Columbia:** The District's \$4.994 billion FY 96 budget passed in the Budget Reconciliation Bill. The budget bill also enables the District's CFO to have full control over the financial operations of the District. It appears that both the District and the Authority now realize that it is unlikely that the District could finance its deficit or capital needs with market borrowing. Legislation will be required for any medium or long-term Treasury financing.
- **Natural Disasters:** On April 30, Senator Stevens released a draft of comprehensive legislation for natural disasters. The draft includes an auction program for the Treasury that provides reinsurance coverage to the insurance and reinsurance industries. The draft also proposes the creation of a quasi-regulatory commission under the

supervision of the Treasury for the determination of "loss costs" for natural disaster insurance.

- **Adoption Promotion and Stability Act:** On May 1, the House Ways and Means Committee marked up legislation which would provide tax incentives for adoption. The bill contains non-tax provisions and would prohibit a state or other entity that receives Federal assistance from denying to any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Defense Conversion:** BXA Deputy Under Secretary Carter will lead a small interagency delegation to Tashkent on May 16 - 17 to hold the first meeting and sign the Statement of Principles establishing the new committee on defense conversion with Uzbekistan chaired by him and Prime Minister Sultanov. Allied Signal and several other U.S. companies will travel with the U.S. delegation.
- **U.S. Russia Business Conference:** BXA Deputy Under Secretary Carter will also lead a U.S. Delegation of almost 40 U.S. business representatives to a conference in Yekaterinburg, Russia on May 21 - 24. ITA has taken the lead in organizing this event which will both promote U.S. business interests in the region and help train Russian defense enterprise managers in such areas as attracting capital, commercializing Russian technology, and establishing a regional market niche.
- **FY 97 Appropriations:** On May 8, Secretary Kantor will testify before the Appropriations Committee in the Senate and before the House on May 9.
- **G-7 Conference:** The G-7 Conference on the Information Society and Developing Countries, are scheduled for May 13 - 15 in Midrand, South Africa, and will include over 40 developed and developing countries. NTIA Assistant Secretary Irving is coordinating U.S. preparations for the Conference and will lead the delegation.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Immigration and Olympic Guestworkers:** The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) has not applied for foreign guestworker certification for Olympic guestworkers. If the Department does not receive applications soon, there will not be sufficient time to process the submissions. In addition, ACOG has indicated that it will pursue non-guestworker visas from the State Department. Employee organizations representing broadcasting workers -- the AFL-CIO, IBEW, and CWA -- strongly oppose any such action. The Vice President's Office is aware.
- **AFL-CIO Town Halls:** Last week, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Trumka held "town hall" meetings in Birmingham, AL, and Los Angeles, CA. The meetings are part of a 30-city effort to highlight the federation's "America Needs A Raise" campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to focus political debate on the increasing wage gap between rich and poor. One of the federation's top officers will chair each meeting.

- **United Food and Commercial Workers:** Difficult negotiations between the United Food and Commercial Workers and Denver, CO, area supermarkets are continuing. Current agreements covering some 17,000 clerks and meat cutters expire May 11. Union members are expected to vote on contract offers on May 14.
- **G.I. Bill for America's Workers:** The conference negotiations are continuing on workforce development legislation modeled after your G.I. Bill for America's Workers. The conferees have identified about 600 items of contention. Conferees plan to proceed through each item individually until all items are settled. A joint letter to the conferees from Secretaries Reich and Riley is being prepared.
- **FY 97 Budget:** On May 7, the Secretary will testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee about the FY 97 budget. On May 9, the Secretary will appear before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee about the FY 97 budget.
- **Commencement Message:** On May 7, the Secretary will tape a radio actuality of a graduation message to American students. He will focus his remarks on how students can succeed in the new economy.
- **Low Wage Women:** The Department is currently working with the First Lady's office to schedule an event with the Secretary, the First Lady, and low wage women. The event may occur on May 8.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Secretary's Travel:** On May 9, in Denver, Secretary Peña will announce the signing of a full funding grant agreement for \$178 million to the Regional Transportation District for an 8.7 mile extension of the Southwest Corridor Light Rail line to Littleton. The light rail line is projected to carry over 8,400 passengers daily and is scheduled to be completed by the year 2000. On May 10, while in Los Angeles, he will award a Livable Communities grant announcement and then travel to San Francisco and award a \$250,000 community safety grant to the Mission District with Mayor Brown.
- **Aviation Inspection Program:** On April 30, the Senate held a hearing on the training and supervision of FAA inspectors. Administrator Hinson testified. The Committee heard testimony on deficiencies in the FAA inspection program, including testimony from an FAA inspector whose identity was shielded for his protection. In response to this, the FAA is reviewing the entire program to see what improvements are necessary. The hearing received wide media coverage.
- **Child Pilots:** On May 1, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on legislation regarding the piloting of aircraft by children. Administrator Hinson testified on Chairman Duncan's proposal to prohibit any non-pilot from manipulating the controls of an aircraft during a record-setting event. Secretary Peña has indicated his general support for the legislation, but has proposed strengthening it to include a ban on non-pilots from making take-offs and landings.

- **Athens Airport:** FAA teams have continued to train screeners, supervisors, and members of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). They have also assisted the CAA to implement long-term improvements. FAA hopes to conduct the reassessment May 6-10 and a determination regarding the travel will be made soon thereafter.
- **U. S. - Japan Aviation Agreement:** On May 1, the Department issued a statement that the following services would be permitted to operate during this summer season: United Airlines' Osaka-Seoul services; United's increase of capacity on its Los Angeles-Tokyo service for five weeks commencing May 2; Japan Airlines' Tokyo-Kona, Hawaii; Japan Airlines' Sendai-Honolulu service for up to seven weekly frequencies for five weeks commencing May 2. The two sides agreed to meet again in Tokyo June 3 - 4 to discuss other passenger issues currently outstanding, including the Japanese requests for consultations on passenger services. This is a significant development that has been closely watched.
- **Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña:** This week the United States filed a motion for summary judgment in the Adarand case, which is before the federal district court in Colorado on remand from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's decision announced that all federal programs using racial classifications must be reviewed under a new standard of "strict scrutiny." The government's motion argues that Congress had a compelling interest in remedying discrimination in highway construction and governmental contracting, and that the SCC is a narrowly tailored program that furthers this interest.
- **Court Injunction Against Houston Metro's DBE Program:** On April 22, a federal judge in Houston issued an injunction against Houston Metro's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The Houston Contractors Association have alleged that the DBE program is unconstitutional because it unfairly discriminates against its members by using race and gender as criteria in the contracting process. On April 26, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) advised Houston Metro that failure to implement its FTA-approved DBE program, pending the outcome of DOT's review of its regulation, will constitute noncompliance and subject Houston Metro to sanctions, including possible suspension of authorization to draw down FTA funds.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Extension of Global Telecommunications Service Negotiations:** On April 30, Ambassador Barshefsky announced that basic telecommunications services negotiations conducted at the World Trade Organization would be extended until February 15, 1997. These negotiations were scheduled to conclude on April 30. The U.S. was a leader in these negotiations and had the strongest offer on the table, however, a critical mass of quality offers from our trading partners in the WTO talks was not forthcoming. Rather than accept a bad deal -- or walk away from the good offers tabled by many countries -- the U.S. won support for the February 1997 extension. U.S. industry and Congressional reaction to the extension was positive.

- **WTO Reformulated Gasoline Dispute:** On April 29 in Geneva, the WTO Appellate Body released its report in the case involving EPA's regulation on imports of reformulated and conventional gasoline from Venezuela and Brazil. It affirmed the panel's finding that EPA's regulation is not in conformity with our obligations under the WTO, but at the same time it corrected the panel's fundamental misinterpretation of the scope of the GATT exception for conservation of natural resources. By mid-June USTR will have to announce our intentions with respect to the recommendation that we come into compliance.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Confirmation Hearing:** On May 1, the Senate Small Business Committee considered your nomination of Ginger Lew to be SBA Deputy Administrator. Assuming that a few remaining background issues could be cleared up quickly, Members expressed a desire to vote on her nomination soon.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Government To File Its Brief On May 7, In Case Challenging Defense Department Program To Collect DNA Samples:** Mayfield v. Dalton. Plaintiffs, two members of the U.S. Marine Corps, challenge a Department of Defense program to collect and store specimens of DNA from members of the armed forces for use in identifying remains in future conflicts. Plaintiffs claim that the samples may be used for improper purposes and lead to discrimination in obtaining employment and insurance based on genetic traits. The district court granted the government's motion for summary judgment and plaintiffs appealed. During the pendency of the appeal, the Department of Defense refined its policy expressly limiting the purposes for which the samples may be used to identification of remains, responding to a proper judicial subpoena and providing a means for the service member to request that his sample be destroyed upon completion of his military service. The Department's brief is now due May 7. In an independent proceeding, plaintiffs were court-martialed on April 16, for refusing to obey a lawful order that they provide a sample.
- **Police Hiring Grants:** The COPS Office expects to announce approximately \$600 million in police hiring awards, as well as grants under the Community Policing to Combat Domestic Violence Program within the next few weeks.
- **After District Court Denies Temporary Restraining Order, INS Releases Native Of Togo Seeking Asylum On Account Of Her Fear Of Female Genital Mutilation:** Fauziya Kasinga v. Blackman, et al. After Judge Conaboy denied a TRO to require INS to release Kasinga for purposes of a medical exam and to allow easier access to a telephone, the INS released petitioner from detention pending the administrative asylum determination. The INS had stated in its appeal brief to the Board that female genital mutilation ("FGM") may be a valid ground for asylum and that remand may be appropriate for the Judge to consider new evidence weighing on Kasinga's credibility. The Immigration Judge denied asylum finding that Kasinga's story was not credible and that, even if true, was not a valid ground for asylum.

- **National Credit Union Administration (NCUA):** On April 23, Robert H. Swan filed suit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you and two others in connection with his termination from the NCUA Board, effective April 9, Swan v. Clinton, et al. The suit also challenges the recess appointment of Yolanda Townsend Wheat, made on April 12, to fill Swan's seat on the Board. Plaintiff's suit was accompanied by a motion for a preliminary injunction which seeks to require you to reinstate him and to refrain from removing him without cause.
- **Delaware Affirmative Action Program Is Challenged:** Kochen, et al. v. United States, et al. On April 15, several white law students sued the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney Gregory Sleet, the Delaware State Bar Association, and a number of private Delaware law firms. In one of the first challenges to an affirmative action program filed against the federal government after the Supreme Court's 1995 decision in Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña, plaintiffs claim that a fellowship program for first-year law students violates their equal protection and due process rights as well as the anti-discrimination provisions of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act. This fellowship program, which was established by the Delaware State Bar Association to recruit minority law students, provides minority first-year law students summer internships in Delaware law firms and some government offices, including the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware.
- **Georgia Redistricting Plan Upheld:** On April 30, the three-judge court in Johnson v. Miller ("Johnson III"), upheld, with some modifications, a redistricting plan proposed by Georgia that would reduce the number of legislative districts in the state with black majorities. The plan approved by the court is an interim measure, to be used for the 1996 state legislative elections. The DOJ had objected to the Georgia plan under the pre-clearance procedures of the Voting Rights Act, and subsequently intervened in the case seeking to preclude Georgia from implementing the plan. Some of the court's modifications to Georgia's plan were consistent with the Department's objections. The Department is studying the ruling and considering its options.
- **Defendant Convicted for Threatening Your Life:** In Utah, a defendant was sentenced to 24-years in prison and fined \$5,000 for threatening your life. The defendant was arrested as he tried to mail you a destructive device.
- **House Judiciary Committee Marks Up of Crime-related Bills:** The House Judiciary Committee marked up ten crime-related bills on April 24. Among the bills on the agenda which were approved by voice vote were: "Megan's Law"; the "Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996"; the "Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act of 1995"; and the "United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995." DOJ generally supports all of the bills and has been successful in modifying some of the provisions.
- **Cabinet Secretaries Commencement Speeches:** AP is doing a story on all of the Cabinet Secretaries commencement speeches. AP asked for a list of all the speeches the AG is doing, the invitations regretted and how the schools were chosen. They also asked for the topic of the speeches.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Operation Restore Trust:** On May 3 marks the 1-year anniversary of Operation Restore Trust (ORT), an HHS initiative to combat health care fraud and abuse in 3 of the fastest growing areas of Medicare -- home health care, nursing home care, and durable medical equipment. ORT is currently targeting 5 states: California, Florida, New York, Texas, and Illinois. Together these states account for 40% of the nation's Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. In recognition of the progress made under ORT, HHS is working to schedule several media events around the initiative's anniversary.
- **South Carolina Welfare Waiver:** On May 3, the Department approved South Carolina's "Family Independence Act" welfare reform demonstration project, the 60th welfare waiver approved during the Clinton Administration. The proposal, the State's second, is quite extensive and includes requirements for applicants to participate in job searches and sign self-sufficiency plans. The project would also establish a family cap statewide; time limit benefits; allow recipients to deposit up to \$10,000 into an Individual Development Account; extend Transitional Child Care and Medicaid to 24 months and require all school age AFDC recipients to attend school or participate in job search and training.
- **Los Angeles County:** On April 26, Los Angeles County submitted an amendment to its section 1115 Medicaid demonstration project. HCFA approved the original project on April 15. The amendment constitutes a financial proposal for fiscal years 1997 through 2000 of the five-year demonstration. The County projects that during the five-year project period, the County health care system will experience a budget shortfall of \$1.6 billion below the overall operating needs of \$11 billion. The County estimates that approximately half (\$804 million) of the shortfall could be addressed by continuation of some of the funding elements that are currently permissible for only the first year of the project. To make-up the additional shortfall, the County has proposed several funding mechanisms that Federal representatives have previously informed County and State officials would not be approved, such as waiver of the OBRA 1993 disproportionate share hospital limitations and a change in the Federal matching rate.
- **CA Medicare Contractor Enters Into Criminal Plea Agreement:** On April 17, the Medicare carrier for northern California, California Blue Shield notified the HCFA that it would not renew its Medicare contract for FY 97. Last week, the California Blue Shield entered into an agreement with the Department of Justice in San Francisco to plead guilty to two felony counts of obstruction of Federal audit and one felony count of conspiracy to obstruct federal audit. It has agreed to pay \$1 million in fines; civil negotiations are underway, with the Government demanding \$41.3 million. This will be the first criminal conviction of a Medicare contractor, and is the primary factor in the mutual agreement of California Blue Shield and HCFA not to renew the contract. HCFA will select a new contractor by the end of May, and will transition the work performed by California Blue Shield at the close of its contract through the following March.

- **Write-In Campaign Questions Medicare Payment for Physician-Assisted Suicide:** Congressional offices have been receiving form letters that ask whether physician-assisted suicide would be covered under Medicare if allowed in a state or would be permitted as a result of your balanced budget proposal. Some Congressional offices have forwarded letters to HCFA for response. HHS has responded that physician-assisted suicide is not "reasonable and necessary," therefore, Medicare would be prohibited from making payment.
- **Hispanic Women's Health Conference:** On May 9 - 10, an FDA-sponsored conference on Hispanic women's health will be held in Miami. The conference will provide a forum for health care and social service professionals, community leaders, and academia to exchange information on health issues that affect Hispanic women.
- **Head Start Expansion:** An announcement is expected in May to select grantees to expand services in New York City. The total amount of money available is \$4.2 million, and there has been significant interest in this RFP. Eighty-six applications were received and are being reviewed.
- **FY 97 Budget:** On May 15, Secretary Shalala will testify before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the FY 97 budget proposal.
- **Report on Well-Being of America's Children to be Released:** During the month of May, HHS will release a new reference document entitled "Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth." This report will serve as a key resource on up-to-date trends on how the Nation's children are faring. It will contain a collection of annotated tables of indicators of child and youth well-being in five key areas (population, family and neighborhood; economic security; health conditions and health care; social development, behavioral health, and teen fertility; education and achievement) and an essay on family and population changes over the last century written by Dr. Donald Hernandez of the Census Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Response to Dole's Voucher Proposal and Attack on Clinton Housing Policies:** On April 29, Majority Leader Dole, in his remarks before the National Association of Realtors, criticized HUD and the current public housing system and instead proposed a plan to voucher out public housing. HUD is primarily working with columnists and editorial writers to respond to Dole's remarks. *Time* and *Newsweek* are working on stories to be printed in the next two weeks. Secretary Cisneros will interview with *Washington Post* columnist Richard Cohen in the next several days and is expected to appear on PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on May 8th, possibly with Senator Dole. The story will also be featured on *ABC's Weekend News Tonight*.
- **Administration's Campus of Learners:** On May 6, HUD will join the Show Coalition, a leading group in Hollywood for involving the entertainment industry in political and social change, Channel One, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors in hosting the "Youth at the Crossroads: The Info-Highway Summit." The summit will

launch a major public-private sector initiative to establish media literacy centers in distressed communities across the country. These centers will help underserved children get the training and access they need to learn in the new media and technology age of the 21st century. As a co-sponsor and partner in that effort, Secretary Cisneros will highlight the Administration's initiative to convert public housing communities into Campuses of Learners, where residents will be linked to computer-based education, job training and supportive services so they can become self-sufficient and successful in today's schools and workforce. Corporate sponsors of the summit include Microsoft, Revlon, Viacom, and Simon & Schuster. At the conclusion of the event, an accord will be signed by the summit co-sponsors, pledging to build computer access to low-income children nationwide.

- **New Haven, Connecticut:** On May 11, Secretary Cisneros will join New Haven Mayor John DeStefano in several events that demonstrate the Administration's visible achievements, in partnership with cities, to transform public housing into attractive communities of opportunity.
- **1996 Authorization Bill:** On May 9, the House is expected to take floor action on the U.S. Housing Act of 1996. The House bill repeals and completely rewrites the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. HUD has serious concerns about many of the provisions in the authorization bill.
- **FY 97 Budget:** On May 8, Secretary Cisneros will testify before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee and, on May 9, before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the FY 97 budget.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Investigative Research Center for Environmental Reproductive Hazards:** On May 1, VA issued a news release which announced plans to establish a research center to investigate potential environmental reproductive hazards of military service. The Department is finalizing a "request for proposals" and hopes to distribute the announcement this month. The establishment of the center follows a report by the National Academy of Sciences, which found new "limited or suggestive evidence" of an association between herbicides and spina bifida in the children of Vietnam veterans, although not enough to imply a cause-and-effect relationship. VA is looking into the evidence on which this finding was based. Studies to date of Persian Gulf War veterans and their families have shown no abnormal rate of birth defects, pediatric illnesses, or unusual contagious disease patterns, VA believes that more research is needed in this area, and further epidemiological studies are in progress.
- **Sexual Abuse/Assault To Women in the Military:** 20/20 is wrapping up a segment on sexual abuse/assault in the military and programs to treat women veterans who are suffering from the psychological effects of these incidents. VA has provided information to producers and arranged background interviews with several VA employees who are involved in treatment and research. DoD has provided 20/20 with a copy of their 1988 sexual harassment survey. The exact air date is not yet known.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **GAO Report on Supplemental Security Income:** On April 30 GAO released a report on "Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Some Recipients Transfer Valuable Assets to Qualify for Benefits". This report is a spinoff of an earlier GAO survey dealing with fraud, waste and abuse in the SSI program. A recent GAO report found that resource transfers are increasing, recipients are transferring resources worth millions of dollars, and recipients are transferring resources while qualifying for millions of dollars in SSI and other benefits.

GAO concluded that eliminating the SSI transfer of resource restriction has resulted in increased program costs. GAO further concluded that an SSI restriction, similar to the current medicaid restriction, could save millions in SSI program expenditures by delaying individuals' date of eligibility for benefits.

GAO recommends that Congress consider reinstating an SSI transfer-of-resource restriction. The restriction could be calculated in a way that takes into account the value of the resource transferred so that individuals transferring more valuable resources would be ineligible for SSI benefits for longer periods of time than those who transfer less valuable resources.

- **Public Pension Reform Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives:** The Public Pension Reform Caucus has asked that Commissioner Chater meet with them on May 14 to discuss the upcoming Advisory Council Report. The Caucus, formed approximately 18 months ago, is comprised of 20 Republican Members of Congress and nine conservative Democrats who favor privatizing the Social Security program. Former Commissioner Dorcas R. Hardy also is scheduled to meet with this group the same day. The meeting is informal and not open to the press or the public.
- **Custody Dispute:** Sometime in the next several weeks, *60 Minutes* may air a segment involving a custody dispute over two children receiving Social Security survivor's benefits. The children currently live with their stepmother in London, England, where she has been receiving Social Security checks on their behalf. The children had previously been removed from the natural mother's home in the United States following allegations of neglect.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **FY 96 Land Acquisition Projects:** As required in the Interior section of the Omnibus Appropriations Act for 1996, Secretary Babbitt has submitted to Capital Hill, his list of priorities for 1996 land acquisition projects for the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management. The list totals \$69 million of which \$11 million is for various projects in California. He has included \$1 million to purchase properties from willing sellers to protect vistas surrounding Point Reyes National Seashore as recently announced in the Parks for Tomorrow initiative. He has included \$2.9 million for acquisitions for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. He has also included \$1.7 million for a project in the Otay

Mountains east of San Diego and \$1 million for lands in Riverside County. The House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees will have to review and approve this list before the acquisitions can be undertaken. It is likely that changes will be made.

- **Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listing Program Update:** On April 26 you signed a memorandum to the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce waiving the legislative rider which would have continued the moratorium on certain activities under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, including adding species to the list of endangered species. Secretary Babbitt has asked to setup a senior policy level group charged with starting up the listing program in the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). As a result of the moratorium and severe budget restrictions during the continuing resolution period, the FWS faces a large backlog of pending actions and court orders. The FWS plans to devote virtually all its resources to finalizing existing proposals to add species to the lists of endangered or threatened species. Courts are likely to require the FWS to proceed with the listing determinations for the red-legged frog, found primarily in CA, and the Barton Springs salamander, found only in Barton Springs near Austin, TX, in the near future. The FWS will be briefing congressional and constituent groups on the implementation strategy in the next two weeks.
- **Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Hearing:** May 9, John Duffy, Counselor to the Secretary will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Seminole Tribe v. Florida* on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988
- **Secretary's Schedule:** On May 2, the Secretary went to AZ to join federal firefighting crews in the Tonto National Forest. On May 6, the Secretary will participate in the signing of the Guatemalan Peace Accord in Mexico City. On May 8, the Secretary travels to Riverside, CA to participate in the formal event commemorating the completion of the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Plan. On May 9, the Secretary will address the Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference in Boise, ID.
- **Mining Patent:** The Secretary signed another mining patent for a billion-dollar gold property in NV. In a radio actuality used to announce the signing, the Secretary was harshly critical of the outdated Mining Law of 1872 that forces sale of public land for a pittance.
- **Outdoor Writers Fishing Tournament:** Interior is are planning a fishing tournament with Secretary Babbitt and attendees of the Outdoor Writers Conference in June in Duluth, MN. The event will take place shortly before you speak to the Outdoor Writers Conference and will focus attention on the Administration's environmental efforts that benefit sportsmen.
- **Conservation Fund:** The *San Jose Mercury News* is preparing a national story on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for *Knight-Ridder* wire service. The story will focus on the amount of those funds were actually appropriated; whether the

surplus (on paper) in the fund would ever be available; and what the funds that have been appropriated have purchased for Americans.

- **Mojave National Preserve:** *The Washington Post* is preparing a major story on the Mojave National Preserve, focusing on multiple use management versus park protection status.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Cattle Prices:** Trade data indicates that beef exports are up 29% from a year ago and have benefitted from lower prices. U.S. actions taken to help cattle producers have been key to expanded purchases. Leading the advance was a 37% increase in Japanese beef purchases. Sales to top buyers Canada, Korea, and Mexico also rose, but at a more moderate pace. Big increases occurred in shipments to Europe, the Middle East, and Colombia.
- **Australia Bans Karnal Bunt Products:** Australia has suspended imports of commodities and machinery that might be contaminated with the wheat fungus, Karnal bunt. The suspension will be in force until Australia is satisfied that data is available to show that the United States knows the precise distribution of the disease and the extent of contamination.
- **USDA Negotiates VT Forest:** On April 29, Under Secretary Lyons and Governor Dean met about Forest Service negotiations with the John Hancock Company to purchase a conservation easement on 31,493 acres of timberland owned by the company in northeast VT. Agreement was reached where the Forest Service will extend a \$3.3 million block grant to VT from obligated Forest Legacy funds for the state to acquire conservation easements or fee title on desired tracts.
- **Mad Cow Update:** The United Kingdom has announced a proposed Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy policy that proposes the slaughter of around 42,000 cattle considered to be high risk and represents 2 percent of the total national dairy herd. Indications are that the proposal is not enough to result in a lifting of the EU export ban.
- **Exports Strong:** Trade statistics place the value of U.S. agriculture, fish, and forest product exports in February at \$6.1 billion, a 5 percent increase over the February 1995 level. Exports to six of the top U.S. markets rose, with sales up sharply in Russia, Egypt, and Mexico, and moderate gains in Japan, the European Union, and Canada.
- **USDA Reports:** USDA will release a report on how the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has become a major source of income support for low-income rural workers, especially in the South, where the rural poor are concentrated. Proposed changes to improve the targeting of benefits would exclude many farmers from the program.

- **Release Food Cost Review:** USDA will release a *Food Cost Review* on May 10, which will reveal that the prices farmers received for commodities, as measured by the farm value of USDA's market basket of foods, fell 3.7 percent. The farm value share of the food dollar spent in grocery stores in 1994 was 24 percent, a decline of 2% from 1993. The farm-to-retail price spread of the Department's market basket of foods rose 4.5%, partly reflecting higher prices of inputs, such as labor.
- **Food Stamp Fraud Sweep:** On May 1, Secretary Glickman announced that USDA undercover investigators, working intensively in Tidewater, VA, Jacksonville, FL, and Seattle-Takoma, WA in April, caught 331 merchants in the act of committing food stamp fraud. A press conference was held in Jacksonville, FL on May 1 to announce the results of the sweep, known as Operation Trident. The stores caught in violations redeemed over \$11 million worth of food stamps last year, and the 82 caught trafficking redeemed more than \$3.2 million.
- **Arkansas Grant:** On May 6, USDA officials will be in Jasper, AR, a Champion Community, to participate in a ground breaking ceremony for a \$1.3 million expansion of the community sewer system. The improvements will add 140 people to the system, which currently serves more than 500 residents.
- **Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Procurement:** On May 8, the House Agriculture Committee will hold an oversight hearing on Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services procurement policies. Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Ellen Haas will testify on the allegations that Celinda Lake's firm used a government food stamp project to get political data.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Royalty Reduction to Increase CA Oil Supply:** A new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rule reducing the royalty rate for heavy oil produced on Federal leases is expected to result in the increase in economically recoverable reserves. The BLM action encourages operators to place back in production oil wells, implement enhanced oil recovery projects, and delay well plugging until maximum recovery is achieved. Most of the projected reserves' increase will take place in CA, which produces 91 percent of U.S. heavy oil, nearly one-sixth of the total U.S. domestic production.
- **Tech Transfer - Cancer Treatment Development:** The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) will license Boron Neutron Capture Therapy technologies to a newly formed ID company to develop cancer treatment and perform clinical trials. In similar news, INEL is producing a new medical isotope, to be used as a pain reliever for cancer patients. This is the second new medical/industrial isotope produced at the lab in the past 90-days under their new business initiative.
- **Cleanup Savings:** On May 2, the environmental restoration report, "Expediting the Cleanup," was delivered to Congress. The report describes an allocation of \$60 million to six DOE Field Offices to accelerate the cleanup at 14 geographic sites in

nine states. It states that this investment enabled the Department to complete the 40 activities on the average one year earlier, and should result in a life-cycle cost savings of \$48.5 million.

- **North Korea Safeguards:** On May 6, DOE is scheduled to deliver the first 20 of 100 unattended monitoring sensors to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). These sensors are urgently needed by the IAEA and will be the sole IAEA verification method of monitoring spent nuclear fuel reprocessing in North Korea.
- **Gasoline Price Hearings:** On May 8, House Commerce Committee Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Schaefer will hold a hearing on the recent rise in gasoline prices and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve drawdown. Associate Deputy Secretary Kyle Simpson will testify. Also, Chairman Murkowski will hold hearings on May 9, before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the recent rise in gasoline prices. Secretary O'Leary will testify at the Senate hearing.
- **National Science Bowl Awards Luncheon:** On May 6, Secretary O'Leary will present the National Science Bowl Awards. Eight thousand high school students representing 43 States will compete for top honors during the sixth annual National Science Bowl. The competition will be held from May 3-6. The top four winning teams will each receive a one-week, hands-on science experience at a National Laboratory.
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU):** On May 8 Secretary O'Leary will host an awards ceremony where the Office of Nuclear Energy will award two grants. The first will go to Howard University to establish a cooperative internship program under which six Howard students will work in DOE's nuclear energy program offices. The second will go to Morgan State University.
- **Washington Post Magazine:** On May 5, the cover story of the Sunday *Washington Post Magazine* will be "Half-Lives: Government, Poison, Lies, and the Splitting of Atomic America." The article is about the environmental legacy of the Cold War at DOE's Hanford Site. The article contains a significant factual inaccuracy -- an estimate for the cleanup of the Hanford site of \$230 billion with a potential of \$500 billion. DOE contends that cleanup at Hanford will cost \$50 billion. The article misused the \$230 billion figure used by DOE as the projected total expenditure for all nuclear weapons facilities cleanup. DOE is also concerned because the research stopped in 1992 and does not credit this Administration's initiation and completion of numerous cleanups at Hanford as well as significant cost savings amounting to nearly \$2 billion over the next five years. DOE has spoken to the editor and reporter and will submit a response.
- **FOIA Request:** On October 5, 1993, Greenpeace submitted a FOIA request to DOE's Oak Ridge Office for three documents concerning technology jointly being developed between the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Japanese Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation (PNC). Two of the documents were provided immediately. The last document contained technical information regarding a fuel

system. While the information was not classified, PNC requested that the information not be released. State Department requested that the document be denied in full because it contains Foreign Government Information. Greenpeace is expected to appeal the denial and, if the appeal is denied, they may choose to seek judicial review in the Federal courts.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Secretary's Travel:** On May 4 and 5, the Secretary will travel to Los Angeles for the Educator Awards Luncheon and to address the gathering "Youth at the Crossroads." On May 6, the Secretary will be in Mexico City for the meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Commission. On May 10 and 11, the Secretary will deliver commencement speeches at Midlands Technical College (SC) and Southeast Missouri State University.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Major Victory in Community Right-to-Know:** In a major victory for your Administration's stronger Community-Right-to-Know program, a federal court has dismissed a chemical industry lawsuit challenging an EPA rule that nearly doubled the number of chemicals industry is required to report. Under the Right-to-Know program, companies must report on the chemicals that they release into their communities. In 1994, Administrator Browner nearly doubled the number of toxic chemicals which must be reported to 615. The industry litigants challenged the legality of expanding the list, seeking to curtail the public's access to information on toxic chemicals. In its decision issued on May 1, the Court upheld EPA's final rule expanding the list of chemicals covered by the Toxics Release Inventory -- an annual listing of chemical hazards industries have released into the environment. Chemical companies must begin reporting the use of any of the 615 chemicals this year. Press reports indicate the industry will appeal.
- **Takings:** Majority Leader Dole may bring the Omnibus Private Property Rights Bill to the Floor the week of May 6. Senator Biden has promised to filibuster the overly-broad bill.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **Missing Childrens Postings:** Beginning on May 19, GSA will roll-out events nationwide showcasing the successful implementation of your Executive Order requiring the posting of missing childrens posters in federal buildings. By May 24, GSA expects all federal facilities to post pictures and descriptions of missing children on electronic kiosks or bulletin boards. GSA is working with DOJ and other agencies involved to coordinate national activities recognizing Missing Childrens Day here in Washington, D.C.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** Federal funding for state roads leading to and connecting with the new Calexico border station project in California continue to receive statewide

media attention. State officials recently visited the site and declared their outrage that the Federal Government is not funding new and improved roads/highways. Although the State's Department of Transportation has been aware of the Federal governments expansion plans along the border for years, they have not set aside funds for highway upgrade in the areas. Other sites targeted in CA are Tecate and Otay Mesa stations.

- **The Red Cross:** *ABC News*, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* have requested information on the American Red Cross's authority since 1992 to use the full range of GSA supply programs, services and federal supply schedule. Authority for the access of these services was established under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT

- **Investigations Privatization:** On May 2, 706 OPM Investigations Service employees received separation (RIF) notices. By the terms of our Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) agreement, all of these people will receive job offers, at comparable pay and benefits, from the new U.S. Investigations Services, Inc. (USIS). Those who accept offers will become owners of the company through the first ESOP initiated by privatization of a Federal activity. Another 40 investigations unit employees are staying with OPM for oversight of USIS. OPM entered into a contract with USIS in April to conduct background investigations. OPM is working with the NPR to place ESOP stories in business publications.
- **Career Transition for Federal Employees Facing Downsizing:** On May 14, there will be an official opening event at the new interagency career-transition center in D.C.. Officials from OPM, DOL, and local governments will participate.
- **Hearing on Veterans' Preference in Federal Employment:** On April 30, the House Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on veterans' preference in Federal employment. Administration witnesses were not invited to testify, but OPM did submit a statement for the record. OPM is making follow-up calls to reporters to get out accurate data about the hiring of veterans during this administration.
- **Buyout Legislation Hearing:** On May 8, the House Civil Service Subcommittee will hold a hearing on proposed buyout legislation. The members who have introduced buyout, "soft landing", or other separation incentive legislation will be invited to testify. A second hearing may be held on May 14 for Administration and other witnesses to testify.
- **FY 97 Budget:** On May 15, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on OPM's FY 97 budget request. Director King will be invited to testify.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- **Disaster Activities:** This week you declared disasters in 2 counties in AR and 3 counties in IL; flooding occurred in the Midwest in IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI. Preliminary damage assessments are underway in CT and IL for flooding, and in ME

for a severe storm. Preliminary flood damage assessments have been completed for MT and NJ.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- **Travel to Mexico:** Secretaries Christopher, Glickman, Shalala, Peña, Riley, Babbitt, Cisneros, Attorney General Reno, Administrator Browner, Director McCaffrey, Director Duffey and other sub-cabinet officials will be in Mexico from May 6-7 for the 13th Meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Commission, headed by Secretary Christopher. This is the annual meeting among Cabinet officials of the U.S. and Mexico to discuss cooperative activities and other matters of mutual interest.
- **Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus:** During a recent visit, Assistant Secretary-Designate Kornblum found considerable interest in finding a solution to the long-standing problem in Cyprus. Both Athens and Ankara encouraged the U.S. to act as the facilitator in resolving the impasse. Greek and Turkish experts will meet in Geneva this month to prepare for a Foreign Ministers meeting in June in Berlin.
- **Vietnam Certification:** The State Department is in the process of drafting a Presidential certification that Vietnam is "cooperating in full faith" on POW/MIA issues. This is in response to last week's inclusion of language in the Omnibus Appropriations Act freezing our diplomatic presence in Vietnam at July 11, 1995, levels unless you sign such a certification within sixty days.
- **Burundi:** Hutu insurgent groups have carried out attacks in 14 of the country's 15 provinces; only the capital has been spared. The attacks have sparked an extremist Tutsi backlash where several senior Hutu officials and Tutsi moderates have been assassinated in the past week. Efforts by former Tanzanian President Nyerere to broker a negotiated settlement have been unsuccessful. Nyerere now believes that he must bring the leading Hutu insurgent leader into the talks in Tanzania on May 22.
- **Bosnia/Iran:** On May 1, the House Government Oversight and Rules Committees considered a resolution establishing a Select Subcommittee of HIRC to investigate the alleged U.S. role in shipment of Iranian arms to Bosnia. Floor action may come next week. On April 30, at a closed SSCI hearing Embassy Zagreb DCM Nietzke, along with CIA and DoD witnesses, responded in detail to Sen. Specter's questions concerning the roles of Ambassadors Redman and Galbraith.
- **MFN Status for China:** Whip calls are revealing stronger opposition than last year, with many Members feeling "betrayed" that last year's compromise legislation criticizing China's human rights abuse was never taken up by the Senate. The group asked that the Administration cease predictions that the House will disapprove MFN and urged a public NAFTA-like effort by you. They also recommended small group meetings at the White House, as soon as possible, and that we seek an early vote in the House.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- **China:** The Chinese have agreed to host a delegation of National Defense University (NDU) faculty members and students, and is likely to invite a second NDU group. These are strong signs that the PLA wishes to proceed cautiously with Sino-American relations at the working-level, while still hoping for a PRC Minister of Defense visit here later this year.
- **Landmine Issues:** During the first week of the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) Review Conference in Geneva, participants reached broad support for most aspects of a working text of the main articles of the landmines protocol. It meets many of the USG negotiating objectives, providing for no exception to the detectability requirement for anti-personnel landmines (APLs), a requirement that 90% of APLs self-destruct at 30 days and 99.9% of APLs self-destruct or self-deactivate at 120 days, and an eight year transition period to implement these APL requirements. Most delegations regard this as a balanced package, but the Chinese and Russians continue to insist on a 10 to 12 year transition period that would begin when the CCW enters into force.
- **Fleet Week '96:** Secretary Perry is pleased and grateful that you have decided to join the Fishers aboard the *Intrepid* to formally open Fleet Week '96 in New York. Zach Fisher is one of the military's greatest benefactors and your willingness to attend this event sends a strong message of the Administration's appreciation.
- **Haiti:** On May 7, Deputy Secretary White will visit Haiti to meet with President Preval and U.S. Forces there. Defense is trying to resolve the FRAPH documents issue prior to his trip.

UNITED NATIONS

- **60 Minutes:** On May 5, *60 Minutes* will run a piece on Iraq in which Ambassador Albright is interviewed by Leslie Stahl. Stahl spent a week in Iraq during which she asked tough questions regarding the impact of our sanctions policy, focusing on humanitarian problems. Ambassador Albright outlined our policy for continued support of U.N. against Iraq.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- **60 Minutes:** On May 5, *60 Minutes* will air a segment on "The Lost Commandos." The commandos were South Vietnamese who were trained by CIA and dropped into North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Currently, a lawsuit is in progress, with unit survivors requesting reparation money from the U.S. Government. The *60 Minutes* report will include an interview with former DCI Colby.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- **Chernobyl:** Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, VOA aired several special reports, including expert analyses by humanitarian, medical and social activists, and by U.S. and foreign officials.
- **Middle East Peace Process:** In the midst of the serious tensions fueled by the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict in southern Lebanon, USIS Amman claimed a cultural "first" when Israeli and Jordanian musicians performed together on the same stage in a concert with the Apple Hill Chamber Players, an American ensemble from New Hampshire. Israeli and Jordanian alumni of the AHCP's summer music camps performed before an audience of 200 at the Royal Cultural Center in Amman in an event sponsored by USIS, the Jordanian National Music Conservatory and the Marriott Hotels.
- **Bosnian Survey:** Highlights of a just completed study of Bosnian Muslims indicate that support for the Dayton accords not only remains widespread, but has deepened substantially since December 1995. The percentage strongly supporting the accords has more than doubled in the last four months (from 33% to 69%), suggesting a strong commitment to the peace agreement. Similarly, nine in ten voice a favorable opinion of IFOR, and 96% back the inclusion of American troops in IFOR.

cc: The Vice President
Leon Panetta
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: LEON PANETTA
EVELYN LIEBERMAN
HAROLD ICKES
GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS
DON BAER
JOHN HILLEY

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS 

SUBJECT: Agency Testimony for May 7, 1996 - May 24, 1996

The following is a list of Cabinet/Sub-Cabinet testimony for the coming weeks.

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOL Assistant Secretary Tim Barnicle
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee
Event Description: Re: Veterans Employment and Training Service's FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: GSA Administrator Dave Barram
Event: Testimony before Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Environment and Public Works Committee
Event Description: Re: GSA's 1997 capital improvement and lending program

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOT Admiral Robert Kramek
Event: Testimony before Senate Commerce Coast Guard Subcommittee
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget priorities

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOL Secretary Robert Reich
Event: Testimony before House Appropriation Committee's Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOL Secretary Robert Reich
Event: Testimony before Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/07/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOL Assistant Secretary Preston Taylor
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee
Event Description: Re: Employment and Training Administration's FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA-HUD
Event Description: Re: FY '97 budget

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: USDA Assistant Secretary Ellen Haas
Event: Testimony before House Agriculture Committee
Event Description: Re: Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services procurement policies

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOC Secretary Mickey Kantor
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee

Event Description: Re: FY 97 appropriations

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Kenneth Kizer
Event: Testimony before Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee
Event Description: Re: proposals to change the eligibility requirements for veterans' health care

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOE Director of the Office of Energy Research Martha Krebs
Event: Testimony before House Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
Event Description: Re: FY 97 authorization on Energy Research

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Inspector General John Martin
Event: Testimony before House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs
Event Description: Re: Management of Superfund Program

Date of Event: 05/08/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOE Associate Deputy Secretary Kyle Simpson
Event: Testimony before House Commerce Committee Energy and Power Subcommittee
Event Description: Re: recent rise in gasoline prices and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve drawdown

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA and HUD
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOI Counselor to the Secretary John Duffy
Event: Testimony before Senate Indian Affairs Committee
Event Description: Re: the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in Seminole Tribe v. Florida on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Reform Act of 1988

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Deputy Commissioner for Operations, FDA Michael Friedman
Event: Testimony before House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry
Event Description: Re: Implementation of Hazards Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) standards

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOC Secretary Mickey Kantor
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Committee
Event Description: Re: FY 97 appropriations

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: SBA Administrator Phil Lader
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee/ Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State
Event Description: Re: SBA's proposed FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: Testimony before Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Event Description: Re: recent rise in gasoline prices

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOL Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Geri Palast
Event: Testimony before Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee
Event Description: Re: Oversight on the Family and Medical Leave Act

Date of Event: 05/09/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: Educ Secretary Richard Riley
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget

Date of Event: 05/10/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: SBA Act. Assoc. Dep. Dir. for Econ. Dev. Patricia Forbes
Event: Testimony before Senate Small Business Committee
Event Description: Re: Small Business Investment Company (SBIC)

Date of Event: 05/10/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Deputy Commissioner for Operations, FDA Michael Friedman
Event: Testimony before House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations
Event Description: Re: veterinary medicine and food safety, specifically Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow" disease) and food-borne illnesses

Date of Event: 05/15/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Secretary Donna Shalala
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and other related agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 97 budget proposal

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant for International Activities William Albert Nitze
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Administrator Carol Browner
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re; FY 97 Agency budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning and Evaluation David M. Gardiner
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances Lynn Goldman
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Research and Development Robert J. Huggett
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response Elliott P. Laws
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation Mary Nichols
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

Date of Event: 05/24/96 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Robert Perciasepe
Event: Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies

Event Description: Re: FY 1997 Agency Budget

CABINET AFFAIRS ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 2/29

FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Amb. Albright Speech in NC

COMMENTS: Speech at Request of Helms.

LEON PANETTA (PALMIERI)	<u>1FL WW</u>
HAROLD ICKES (SUTTON)	<u>1FL WW</u>
EVELYN LIEBERMAN (WILDMAN)	<u>1FL WW</u>
KITTY HIGGINS	<u>2FL WW</u>
JOHN ANGELL	<u>178 OEOB</u>
DON BAER	<u>GFL WW</u>
DAVID BEAUBAIRE	<u>160 OEOB</u>
JEREMY BEN-AMI	<u>218 OEOB</u>
EMILY BROMBERG	<u>106 OEOB</u>
GABRIELLE BUSHMAN	<u>196 OEOB</u>
REBECCA CAMERON	<u>1FL WW</u>
PHIL CAPLAN	<u>GFL WW</u>
JOHN EMERSON	<u>148 OEO</u>
RAHM EMANUEL	<u>1FL WW</u>
JANICE ENRIGHT	<u>1FL WW</u>
ERIC EVE	<u>115 OEOB</u>
T.J. GLAUTHIER	<u>246 OEOB</u>
MARY ELLEN GLYNN	<u>GFL WW</u>
JASON GOLDBERG	<u>2FL WW</u>
MARCIA HALE	<u>2FL WW</u>
KAREN HANCOX	<u>GFL W</u>
LARRY HAAS	<u>253 OEOB</u>
NANCY HERNREICH	<u>1FL WW</u>
ALEXIS HERMAN	<u>2FL WW</u>
LEEANN INADOMI	<u>160 OEOB</u>
LORI KELLER	<u>160 OEOB</u>
RON KLAIN	<u>276 OEOB</u>

GORDAN LI	<u>GFL WW</u>
BOB LITAN	<u>246 OEOB</u>
RAY MARTINEZ	<u>115 OEOB</u>
GAYNOR MCCOWN	<u>210 OEOB</u>
MIKE MCCURRY	<u>1FL WW</u>
ANNE MCGUIRE	<u>160 OEOB</u>
LINDA MOORE	<u>115 OEOB</u>
JENNIFER O'CONNOR	<u>1111/2 OEOB</u>
TOM O'DONNELL	<u>2FL WW</u>
JACK QUINN	<u>2FL WW</u>
LEE SATTERFIELD	<u>124 OEOB</u>
STEVE SILVERMAN	<u>160 OEOB</u>
WENDY SMITH	<u>115 OEOB</u>
DOUG SOSNIK	<u>GFL WW</u>
GENE SPERLING	<u>2FL WW</u>
GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS	<u>1FL WW</u>
TODD STERN	<u>GFL WW</u>
STEPHANIE STREETT	<u>GFL WW</u>
GINNY TERZANO	<u>GFL WW</u>
BARRY TOIV	<u>178 OEOB</u>
MICHAEL WALDMAN	<u>214 OEOB</u>
ANNE WALLEY	<u>GFL WW</u>
DAN WEXLER	<u>117 OEOB</u>
KATHI WHALEN	<u>139 OEOB</u>
MARYILYN YAGER	<u>121 OEOB</u>

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB 1/1

Andy Sens ✓ NSC

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION: ✓

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(prepared for delivery)

AMBASSADOR MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE U.S. TO THE UNITED NATIONS
WOMEN'S FUND -- NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 4, 1996

I am delighted to be here with Governor Hunt, Chairman Helms, Ambassador Hyde and all of you. Although this is a political year, this is clearly not a political event.

Governor Hunt is respected around the nation for his commitment to quality education and to building in North Carolina a strong economy that creates good jobs. Senator Helms is a living legend, and one of the true gentlemen of the U.S. Senate. He and I do not always see eye to eye, but as I have heard him say many times--one can always disagree without being disagreeable.

One thing about which we all agree is the Women's Fund of North Carolina. Yours is a vigorous organization with a purpose as old as our Constitution--ensuring equal rights and equal opportunities for women and girls. I salute you, and I am pleased to be down here to share some time with you.

In preparing my remarks, I considered limiting my discussion to what are commonly called "women's issues". I chose not to do so, because I believe every important issue of public policy is a woman's issue--and a man's. Certainly, there is no distinctly male or female role in deciding or implementing the foreign policy of the United States.

So today, with that in mind, and with Senator Helms more or less held captive here until I finish, I thought I would talk about the UN; and about America's role in it. I will outline why I believe our interests are served by our participation and leadership at the UN. I will summarize our effort to reform that organization so that it works better and costs less. And I will describe the Administration's plan for meeting our obligations to it.

The UN was designed primarily by Americans--of both genders. But despite that, we have always been of two minds about it. We recognize the need for an institution that helps countries work together, but we do not accept--and will never submit to--the idea of world government. Fortunately, President Truman understood that, and in shaping the UN Charter, he was careful to protect American interests.

As a result, the only part of the UN with the authority to compel anyone to do anything is the Security Council, of which we are a permanent member, with the right to veto any proposal we don't like.

So do not fear. The UN is no threat to our Constitution. It has no power to tax us. It has no authority to entangle us in foreign conflicts. And despite the fantasies of some, it is not going to descend upon us in black helicopters in the middle of the night and steal our lawn furniture.

As Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg said a half century ago: under the UN Charter:

America retains every basic attribute of its sovereignty...In a word...the flag stays on the (Capitol) dome.

So for the past fifty years, that is where the flag has stayed, while Administrations from both parties have found value to the United States in a UN that works.

Over time, the UN has made our world more safe by helping to prevent outbreaks of violence in strategic regions, such as Cyprus and the Middle East; and by working to prevent nuclear weapons from falling into the hands of outlaw states.

It has made our world more just by invoking sanctions against countries that support terrorism, such as Libya and Iraq, and by denouncing Cuba's criminal shootdown of civilian aircraft nine days ago.

It has made our world more free by helping nations like South Africa, El Salvador, Cambodia and Haiti to make the great leap from civil war to democracy and peace.

And it has made our world more humane by caring for refugees, providing food for children and preventing the spread of epidemic disease.

The UN's specialized agencies also perform indispensable services. You may think you have never benefitted personally from the UN, but if you have ever traveled on an international airline or shipping line; or placed a phone call overseas; or received mail from outside the country, or been thankful for an accurate weather report--then you have been served directly or indirectly by one part or another of the UN system.

In addition to all this, the UN provides a means for building a global consensus about right and wrong.

In the UN's early days, a great American First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This past fall, at the Fourth World Conference on Women, our current First Lady reaffirmed America's commitment to that Declaration in eloquent and memorable terms.

All Americans could take pride in the message Mrs. Clinton brought to Beijing: the message that violence against women must stop; that the life of a girl should be valued equally with that of a boy; that there should be equal access to education, health care and the levers of economic and political power; and that women's rights are neither separable nor different from those of men.

Our goal now, in the aftermath of the Women's conference, is to make this message a reality, and let no one doubt what is at stake.

Today, around the world, appalling abuses are being committed against women: including coerced abortions and sterilizations, children sold into prostitution, ritual mutilations, dowry murders and official indifference to violence.

Some say this is all cultural and there's nothing we can do about it. I say it's criminal and it's the responsibility of each and every one of us to stop it.

Despite recent gains, women remain an undervalued and underdeveloped human resource. This is not to say that women have trouble finding work. In many societies, in addition to bearing the children, women do most of the work. But often they are barred from owning land, excluded from schools, denied financial credit, provided less nourishment and permitted little or no voice in government.

The Women's Conference could not solve these problems overnight, but it could--and did--outline a plan for addressing them. This matters not only to women, but to all of us. For when women are empowered, families are strengthened, socially-constructive values are taught, sexually-transmitted disease is slowed and the global economy--upon which so many Americans jobs depend--expands.

In summary, the UN system, and the services it provides, allow us to accomplish many things that matter to our families and to our country, but which we could not do, or could not afford to do, on our own.

That is why former President Reagan urged us to "rely more on multilateral institutions". It is why President Bush called the UN a key instrument in enforcing international security and peace. And it is what President Truman meant when he said that:

We have tried to write into the Charter of the United Nations the essence of religion. The end of aggression, the maintenance of peace, the promotion of social justice and (the defense of) individual rights and freedoms--by these principles, the UN...laid the groundwork of the Charter on the sound rock of religious principles.

So the UN has accomplished much. Its goals are the right ones. Its success matters to America. But as I am sure Senator Helms would agree, the UN of today does not work as well as it should.

Down here in North Carolina, and throughout our country, citizens are demanding a dollar's worth of value for every tax dollar we spend. Our contributions to the UN should be no exception. Unfortunately, the UN developed wasteful habits during the Cold War that have yet to be fully cured.

Part of the problem is that the UN, because it has so many members, is inherently hard to manage. I have often compared it to a business with 185 members of the board; each from a different culture; each with a different philosophy of management; each with unshakable confidence in his or her own opinions; and each with a brother-in-law who is unemployed.

As a result, the UN bureaucracy has grown to elephantine proportions. Now, that the Cold War is over, we are asking that elephant to do gymnastics and--as we know from the Republican Presidential race--elephants doing gymnastics is not always a pretty sight.

That is why the Clinton Administration has been pushing so hard for UN reform.

That effort has already produced results. To avoid problems such as those we had in Somalia, the Security Council has established rigorous guidelines for the approval of new UN peacekeeping missions.

A UN Inspector General has been appointed to crack down on fraud and waste.

The UN's Undersecretary General for Management is an American, a former CEO of Price-Waterhouse, who is applying fiscal discipline learned in the corporate world.

Last December, the General Assembly approved a "no-growth" budget that will result in a ten percent reduction in the number of UN staff. And a high-level group on reform has been created to develop a blueprint for the UN of the 21st century.

In recent weeks, we have proposed a host of additional steps to make the UN smaller, better organized and more productive.

It is becoming clear, however, that we will not be able to gain support from other countries to make the kind of far-reaching changes we want unless we are able to pay the UN what we owe it for past bills. Currently, we are almost \$900 million behind in our payments.

Now, I get very righteous at the UN when other countries fail to meet their legal obligations. If anyone doubts that, they can ask the Cubans or Saddam Hussein.

But in recent months, when I have tried to focus my colleagues on the reform agenda, I have found instead that the United States has become the agenda. Whenever I talk about how we can make the UN work better, I am told by friendly and not-so-friendly nations alike: if you care about the UN, why doesn't the U.S. pay its bills?

The situation is so bad that the British Ambassador, in a sound bite his countrymen have been waiting 200 years to use, has accused us of seeking "representation without taxation."

Now, there are some in Congress who will never support funding for the UN; but I am convinced that the majority would like to see us meet our obligations. As one Senate Committee chairman told me, "the sanctity of contracts is fundamental to Republican philosophy. It's only those liberals who think you can have something for nothing."

Accordingly, we will be asking Congress to approve this year a five year plan for paying our arrears to the UN. The actual payment of those funds will depend on whether the UN reforms, keeps its budget down and cuts unnecessary staff. We will also be asking the UN to reduce from 25% to 20% the U.S. share of the UN's regular budget. The way the UN works, this would also reduce our peacekeeping rate to less than 25%.

The result of all this for the UN would be a better and more dependable system of financing. For the American people, it would enable our continued leadership within the UN at a reduced cost consistent with our effort to balance the budget. Over five years, UN assessments to the United States would go down as much as a billion dollars.

In the weeks ahead, we will be working in Washington with key leaders such as Senator Helms to gain their support, and in New York with other UN members to gain ~~their~~ support. And we will be working around the world to sustain momentum behind serious and sustained UN reform.

With strong American leadership, the UN can remain a valuable force for peace, law and the extension of political freedoms. Although the outlook today is cloudy, I am confident that--in the end--we will have bipartisan support for providing that leadership. The nature of the world today demands it. Most Members of Congress understand it. The American people expect that kind of burdensharing. And our participation in the UN has always had strong support from both parties.

We should never forget that the UN emerged not from a dream, but a nightmare. In the 1920's and 30's, the world squandered an opportunity to organize the peace. The result was the invasion of Manchuria, the conquest of Ethiopia, the betrayal of Munich, the depravity of the Holocaust and the devastation of world war.

It was not enough to say, after World War II, that the enemy had been vanquished--that what we were against had failed. We had to build the foundation of a lasting peace. And together, the generation of Truman, Marshall, Eisenhower and Vandenberg designed a framework of principle and power that would one day defeat Communism and promote democratic values and respect for human rights around the world.

Today, under President Clinton, we are called upon to develop a new framework for protecting our territory, our citizens and our interests. In devising that framework, we will make necessary use of our own military and economic power. We will invite help from old friends and new. We will strengthen and reform the UN. And, because we are Americans, we will not shy from the responsibilities of global leadership.

My own family came to these shores as refugees. Because of this nation's generosity and commitment, we were granted asylum after the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia. The story of my family has been repeated in millions of variations over two centuries in the lives not only of immigrants, but of those overseas who have been liberated or sheltered by American soldiers, empowered by American assistance or inspired by American ideals.

I will never forget something the then-Foreign Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres, said during the Middle East peace signing ceremony on the White House lawn two years ago:

When the history books are written, he said:

Nobody will really understand the United States. You have so much force and you didn't conquer anyone's land. You have so much power and you didn't dominate another people. You have problems of your own and you have never turned your back on the problems of others.

This generation, our generation, of Americans has a proud legacy to fulfill.

We have been given an opportunity, at the threshold of a new century, to build a world in which totalitarianism and fascism are absent, in which human liberty is expanded, in which human rights are respected and in which our people are as secure as we can ever expect them to be.

Let us, together, welcome that opportunity, not as Republicans or Democrats, not as men or women, but as Americans.

And if we are together, you may be sure that we will succeed.

Thank you very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Aug 2

George -

Kitty wants me to
send you the
relevant VETS
Admin / Globe letters.

~~Kris~~
BALDWIN

To: Kitty
Kris

Fri: GS

I'm afraid the letter
is unresponsive. Need
more work w/ VA

(GS)

Dear Congressman Frank:

We have contacted the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the concerns expressed to you by Mr. Richard Settle, President of VA GLOBE.

VA officials assured us that, through word and action, they are clearly communicating that a diverse workforce is valued and that employment decisions based on non-merit factors, including sexual preference, will not be tolerated. As evidence that VA's practices and teachings embrace and protect all employees, VA officials mentioned the following:

- VA has recently begun a nationwide training program on workplace diversity. Training materials stress that successful management of diversity goes beyond the protected EEO classes and includes the full spectrum of differences; sexual orientation is specifically identified. A statement of support from the Secretary is included in the Participant's Workbook.
- VA GLOBE representatives have been assured in writing that their organization will be accorded all the rights and privileges of other employee groups. This includes use of VA space for meetings and use of bulletin boards to publicize their activities.
- A "Courtesy and Caring" training program has recently been conducted throughout VA. This training program promotes respect not only for the veterans served, but also among all members of VA's diverse workforce.
- VA officials have met with representatives of VA GLOBE on several occasions, most recently to explain the protections against non-merit employment decisions already provided in statute (Title 5).

Clearly, some differences of opinion exist over the appropriate steps for addressing employee issues. Still, it appears that the goals of VA GLOBE and VA top management are the same, i.e., creating an organizational culture that values and maximizes the potential of all employees -- regardless of any individual characteristics, including sexual preference.

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July 07, 1995

The Honorable Barney Frank
United States House of Representatives
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Congressman Barney Frank

Dear Congressman Frank,

We would like to introduce ourselves and ask for your assistance with a human rights issue. We are VA GLOBE, Veterans Affairs Gay, Lesbian Or Bisexual Employees, a non-profit organization, incorporated in the District of Columbia. The goals of our organization are to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs management to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against gay men, lesbians, or bisexuals within the Department of Veterans Affairs. We educate employees, managers, veterans and the general public about issues of concern to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. And we work to facilitate good work relationships between Department employees of all sexual orientations.

In May 1994 we sent a request to VA Secretary Jesse Brown requesting that VA include sexual orientation within its EEO/diversity policies, as so many other federal departments and agencies have done. Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober met with us on July 25, 1995 and stated that adding sexual orientation to VA's EEO/diversity would not be a problem. After nine months, we received a reply in January 1995, from Deputy Secretary Gober. He stated in his letter that VA "at this point believes it is inadvisable to establish certain rights and guarantees" on the basis of sexual orientation. The Deputy Secretary suggested that we meet with Deputy Assistant Secretary for Equal Opportunity, Gerald Hinch.

On April 5, 1995 we meet with Deputy Assistant Secretary Hinch. In our meeting we pointed out that other Department and Federal agencies have amended their EEO policies. He restated VA's position of refusal to include sexual orientation into VA's EEO/diversity policies until forced to do so. He highly encouraged us to contact our Congresspersons, thus the reason for this letter.

We now ask for any assistance you may provide us with this matter. We have included copies of other Department and agencies updated policies that include sexual orientation. VA remains the only cabinet level department not to institute a revised policy to include sexual orientation.

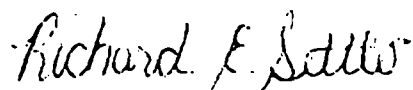
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The Honorable Barney Frank

We are not seeking any "special rights" or privileges. We only ask for freedom to be who we are, and not fear for our jobs because of it. Thank you in advance for any help or support that you could provide. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at: (W)202/745-8695, (H)703/642-6121.

Sincerely,

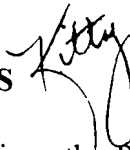
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Richard E. Settle
President, VA GLOBE

May 8, 1996

NOTE TO: **DON BAER**
 ANN LEWIS

FROM: **KITTY HIGGINS**

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The attached memo suggests actions the President could take to follow up on the positive findings of the Family Leave Commission. Many of these proposals are consistent with next steps suggested by the Commission. These ideas could form the basis for an announcement by the President in a radio address or an event on the road.

This memo is intended to serve as a catalyst to stimulate creative thinking. If there is an interest in doing more with Family Leave we should involve Donna Lenhoff, DoL and perhaps, Sen. Dodd.

cc: Melanne Verveer
 Gene Sperling
 Rahm Emanuel
 Bruce Reed
 George Stephanopoulos
 Vicky Radd



WOMEN'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

TO: Kitty Higgins
FROM: Donna Lenhoff
RE: Possible Presidential Action to Expand Family Leave Access
DATE: May 7, 1996

As you know, the "good news" report that the bipartisan Family Leave Commission (FLC) released last week affords an excellent opportunity for the President to reiterate his commitment to family and medical leave and explain how he plans to build on the policy success of the FMLA by making it more available to more people. We think this initiative makes sense whether he does this on Mother's Day (as I had heard was under consideration) or later this spring or summer.

The premises for this initiative are these:

(1) The FLC report proves that family and medical leave has been an extraordinarily successful policy. In just the three years since its implementation, it has already helped millions of American working families; and costs and burdens on employers have been nonexistent to small.

(2) At the same time, the research shows that many people whom the FMLA was intended to help are not able to take advantage of it. Over 40% of employees who are covered by the FMLA don't know that family leave is available to them.¹ And 45 percent of working Americans are excluded from the Family and Medical Leave Act because of strict eligibility and coverage requirements. Appallingly, those who are most likely to be ineligible for FMLA protection, even though they work for covered employers, include mothers.

(3) That's why it makes eminent sense for us as a nation to try to build upon this successful policy -- to make family and medical leave more available to more employees: those who work for small employers, those who are recently hired, those who work few hours, those who can't afford unpaid leave.

How could the Administration build upon the FMLA? Here are some ideas in the areas of public education, policy directions, model federal programs, and research and development to consider. They are not primarily legislative, but rely mostly on Presidential directives ordering action government agencies can take now;

¹ All statistics cited in this memo are from the May 1, 1996, Family Leave Commission Report unless otherwise noted.

public-private partnerships that the administration can undertake; and leadership by example through federal-sector programs. In addition, I have included legislative proposals that can be sent up to Congress.

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I. **Presidential Directives.** The President can direct appropriate agencies to:

Inaugurate a new, national, 1-800 number for employers and employees who have questions about family and medical leave. The Labor Department already answers over 100,000 information requests about FMLA a year; the new number will ensure that both employers and employees have access to the information they need.²

Continue to encourage corporate responsibility in this area -- praising good corporate citizens whose family-friendly policies include expanded and paid family and medical leave.³ [The upcoming May 16 Conference for Corporate Citizenship is a venue at which this issue could be worked in.]⁴

² Background: the Labor Department has, unfortunately, resisted this idea because of the expense. However, as noted above, the Wage & Hour Division now answers literally 100,000 calls about FMLA a year; people call, leave a message, and Wage & Hour staff call them back. The chief expense that an 800 number would add to this system would be that the government would absorb the cost of the initial phone call, in which all the caller does is leave her or his name and number. Surely money can be found for this.

³ Specifically, good corporate citizens should voluntarily expand their family and medical leave policies to employees who would not otherwise have such protection in as many cases as possible; and provide employees with full or partial wages during periods of leave -- through use of temporary disability insurance, paid sick leave, or other programs -- as many employers already do.

⁴ Other possible, but less attention-catching, public education initiatives would be:

on-going PSAs

distribution of information to libraries and hospitals

distribution of materials to employers and employees on the interaction of FMLA with state laws and with other federal laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ensure that agencies update the Family Leave Commission's research legacy by collecting data on family and medical leave routinely, building (and improving) on the Commission's two surveys.

Establish a mechanism (perhaps another blue-ribbon Commission, or a required report due back to the President by a date certain) to study the costs and benefits of a uniform system of wage replacement for periods of family and medical leave.⁵

II. Public-private Partnerships. The President can direct appropriate agencies to:

Undertake special partnerships with doctors, social workers, and other health professionals to help them help their clients use the FMLA.⁶

Undertake special partnerships with business and employee representatives and software companies to develop model systems for recordkeeping and for personnel practices that could be widely distributed to businesses to assist them in complying with FMLA.⁷

⁵ This is NOT the same as recommending federally mandated paid leave. It is, however, what the bipartisan Family Leave Commission talked about.

Here are the kinds of questions this commission or research would look into: five states and many employers already provide temporary disability insurance that covers employees' salaries when they are temporarily out of work for a personal medical condition. What would it cost to extend those systems to cover periods of family leave? Similarly, Canada covers the wages of employees on family leave through its unemployment compensation system; what would it cost to extend our unemployment system in that way?

⁶ Background: although this was a unanimous Family Leave Commission recommendation, some employers may react negatively because they don't want doctors helping more people get FMLA. However, that's a rather unsympathetic argument, I think.

Note that this idea has not yet been broached with the AMA, American Association of Pediatrics, National Association of Social Workers, select medical schools, etc.

⁷ Lotus Software Co. has already developed a computerized leave-request and recordkeeping system. (They testified before the Family Leave Commission.)

Create a business/employee representative roundtable to address corporate and general cultural barriers that prevent employees, male and female, from taking advantage of available family and medical leave policies.

Establish a mechanism to help coordinate academic and other private research on family and medical leave, including development of better tools to measure the impact of family-leave policies on productivity, child development, and family well-being.

III. Federal Government Leading by Example. The President can ask the Office of Personnel Management to:

Grant FMLA rights to federal employees who are not presently covered by the regulations -- for example, certain part-time employees.

Cover federal employees' wages (at least partially) when they are out on family leave, even after they have exhausted their sick and annual leaves. And allow federal employees to use up all of their outstanding sick leave when they are on family leave (now OPM limits the amount of sick leave they can use when they are out to care for family members to 10 days).

Make the same court procedures and remedies available to employees of the federal government as are available to other employees.⁸

Make the federal government a model "family-friendly" employer in other ways as well, by providing flexible work schedules; part-time jobs; telecommuting; adoption benefits; facilities for nursing mothers to use for pumping during work hours; on-site child care; and emergency dependent care benefits.

⁸ The reason for this recommendation is that (unbelievably) the FMLA does not explicitly provide for a right of action and damages when the employer is the federal government. I believe OPM has the authority to fix this problem by regulation, at least in part (it may have to be done by Congress). Alternatively, the President could call on the Attorney General to research whether OPM has this authority, and if not, to include it in his legislative proposals.

IV. **Legislative Proposals.** The President can ask Congress to:

Include more people in the FMLA by lowering the threshold for coverage⁹ and reducing the period-of-work eligibility criteria.

Expand the categories of family members to care for whom leave is available.

Increase the budget allocated to the Department of Labor for FMLA enforcement.

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⁹ Lowering the threshold to 15 would make the FMLA consistent with other major employment laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There is no doubt that this would provoke a major outcry from small business, however. An ultimate threshold of 35 was accepted by many Republicans (e.g., Marge Roukema) during the years the FMLA was debated in Congress, and would be easy to justify based on the FLC's findings.

CABINET AFFAIRS ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 5/6

FROM: **KRIS BALDERSTON**
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Done Comments RE: Administration

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EVELYN LIEBERMAN (KULLMAN)	<u>1FL WW</u>	BOB LITAN	<u>246 OEOB</u>
KITTY HIGGINS	<u>2FL WW</u>	RAY MARTINEZ	<u>115 OEOB</u>
JOHN ANGELL	<u>178 OEOB</u>	GAYNOR MCCOWN	<u>210 OEOB</u>
DON BAER	<u>GFL WW</u>	MIKE MCCURRY	<u>1FL WW</u>
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Dole Blames Clinton for Aggravating Grain Shortage, Cattle Slump

WASHINGTON (AP) Senate Majority Leader and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole blamed decisions of the Clinton administration for aggravating grain shortages and worsening the plight of cattle ranchers.

In a Senate floor speech, Dole said the administration restricted corn plantings in 1995 and waited too long this year to release crop land idled under a conservation program. He also said the administration had been tardy in fighting a European ban on U.S. beef and shouldn't have tried to raise grazing fees on federal land.

"Through government manipulation of the markets and a series of harmful decisions, the administration has worsened the crises now facing farmers and ranchers," he said.

Dole made the remarks three days after President Clinton announced steps endorsed by Republican lawmakers to help the cattle industry, in its worst price slump in 10 years.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Dole launched the attack because of "growing and significant support for the administration's implementation of farm policy."

"I think that's causing the senator and others in his party some political concern" because agriculture has been a "natural historical base" for the Kansas Republican, Glickman said.

Dole said the Republican-passed farm bill, which ends mandatory acreage-idling and other planting controls, would prevent future shortages. Corn growers, he noted, will be able to plant 15 percent more acres this year.

The administration has defended its decision to restrict corn plantings in 1995 because the nation had just harvested a price-depressing record crop in 1994.

Glickman said that the department announced in mid-March it would free land idled under the Conservation Reserve Program. But early release of other CRP land had to await passage of the farm bill.

The administration just last week announced it would make a formal complaint against Europe's ban on U.S. beef, forbidden because of hormones used in this country. The ban has been in place since 1989.

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White House policies have worsened ag crisis -Dole

WASHINGTON, May 3 (Reuter) - The administration's past policies have worsened the situation of low grain stocks and low cattle prices facing farmers and ranchers. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said Friday.

Accusing the White House of "government manipulation of the markets and a series of harmful decisions," Dole charged that the Clinton administration aggravated the current situation by its feed grain acreage reduction program in 1995, not approving early releases from the Conservation Reserve Program in a timely manner, and delaying action on Europe's import ban on hormone-treated beef.

"The Clinton administration announced a program which idled nearly five million corn acres in 1995," said Dole "In other words, the administration told farmers that Washington is better at making planting decisions than they are."

An aide to Dole said that the senator supports this week's action by the White House to aid livestock producers by speeding up government beef purchases and allowing emergency grazing on CRP land, but said that market manipulation in the past by the administration has hurt U.S. agriculture.

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CABINET BRIEFING

May 2, 1996

Roosevelt Room -- 5:00 p.m.

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