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This is today's uncleared and very selective portion of our press guidance for your noon conference call.

Following this cover sheet, there will be 00 pages.

**ARA Press Guidance
October 19, 1994**

HAITI: NAMING OF NEW PRIME MINISTER

Q: Do you expect that Aristide will name a new prime minister and cabinet today?

A. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATION IN PORT-AU-PRINCE RIGHT NOW ON THIS, OUR EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL WORD THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE TODAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT ARISTIDE PLANS TO GIVE AN ADDRESS AT 11:00 A.M. FOR THE STATED PURPOSE OF URGING THE PEOPLE TO REFRAIN FROM BANDITRY AND DESTRUCTION ("DECHOUKAGE", LITERALLY MEANS UPROOTING). AT THIS POINT, WE CANNOT SAY THAT HE WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE A NEW PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET. WE CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER, AS PRESIDENT ARISTIDE BEGINS TO REBUILD THE INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN HAITI, AND PROMOTE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION.

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HAITI: PACIFICITY OF U.S. TROOPS

Q: What is your reaction to criticism that the U.S. troops are acting with too much pacificity toward the "attaches?"

A: U.S. MILITARY FORCES ARE PRESENT IN HAITI AS PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE (MNF) COALITION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 940. THAT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTES THE PRIMARY LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR OUR MILITARY ACTIONS IN HAITI. OUR ROLE IN HAITI IS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SECURE AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT IN HAITI THAT WILL PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ISLAND AGREEMENT. BUT, WE ARE NOT THERE TO ARREST ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS UNLESS INCIDENT TO AN UNLAWFUL ACT OR AN ACT OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED AGAINST US OR OTHER AMERICANS OR HAITIANS.

IN RECENT DAYS, CROWDS OF ARISTIDE SUPPORTERS IN THE PORT-AU-PRINCE AREA, MOSTLY ARMED WITH STICKS, HAVE ROUNDED UP DOZENS OF SUSPECTED ATTACHES AND TURNED THEM OVER TO MNF TROOPS AND U.S. MILITARY POLICE. THE MORE NOTORIOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWN BY OUR FORCES TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMES ARE HELD IN A U.S.-RUN DETENTION FACILITY. BUT IN MOST CASES

**WHEN ATTACHES ARE TURNED OVER THEY CANNOT BE
DETAINED BY OUR FORCES FOR LACK OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE,
AND THEY ARE RELEASED.**

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HAITI: STATUS OF FRAPH LEADER CONSTANT

Q: Why have U.S. forces in Haiti not taken FRAPH leader Emmanuel Constant into custody?

A. THE GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH U.S. FORCES OPERATE WITH REGARD TO DETAINING INDIVIDUALS ARE CLEAR. THEY MAY DETAIN PERSONS OBSERVED COMMITTING SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTS. THESE INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, ARSON, RAPE AND ROBBERY. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI WISHES TO DETAIN MR. CONSTANT IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMES WHICH IT BELIEVES HE MAY HAVE COMMITTED, THEN IT IS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI TO PURSUE THAT.

**INM Press Guidance
October 19, 1994**

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HAITI: POLICE TRAINING

Q: How is the police training in Haiti progressing? Are you having any problems?

A: -- PREPARATIONS FOR POLICE TRAINING IN HAITI ARE UNDERWAY WITH FEW UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS.

-- THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR ITS NEW POLICE FORCE WITH INPUT FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

-- AN INTERIM POLICE TRAINING FACILITY IN HAITI TO PROVIDE TRANSITION TRAINING TO SCREENED MEMBERS OF THE HAITIAN SECURITY FORCES SHOULD BE OPERATING SOON. THE FIRST CLASS WILL BEGIN TRAINING SHORTLY.

-- A NEW, PERMANENT POLICE TRAINING FACILITY SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR NEW TRAINEES IN DECEMBER.

-- IF ASKED: MORE THAN 1,000 POLICE TRAINEES IN GUANTANAMO ARE UNDERGOING A VERY BASIC POLICE TRAINING COURSE. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT BY THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WHEN THEIR TRAINING IS COMPLETED.

-- IF ASKED: THE POLICE PROGRAM IN CAP HAITIEN INVOLVING FORMER FADH MEMBERS, THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE MONITORS, AND GUANTANAMO POLICE TRAINEES, IS NOW PROCEEDING AND LAW

ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

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**PM & S/AL Press Guidance
October 19, 1994**

U.S.-DPRK NUKE AGREEMENT: HARDLINE QUESTIONS

Q. Doesn't this agreement demonstrate that proliferators can benefit from their actions by waiting to be bribed into acceptable behavior?

A. -- WE REJECT SUCH A CHARACTERIZATION.

- WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN WINNING NORTH KOREA'S AGREEMENT TO MEET ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS FULLY.**
- IN ADDITION, NORTH KOREA HAS AGREED TO FREEZE ITS PRESENT NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES AND TO DISMANTLE ITS EXISTING NUCLEAR FACILITIES; THIS GOES BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE IAEA AND NPT OBLIGATIONS.**
- IN CONNECTION WITH THESE ACTIONS, THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO HELP NORTH KOREA OBTAIN REPLACEMENT LIGHT-WATER REACTORS THAT POSE LESS OF A PROLIFERATION THREAT AND TO OBTAIN FUEL SUPPLIES TO REPLACE THE ENERGY GENERATING CAPACITY LOST BY ABANDONING PRESENT REACTOR ACTIVITIES.**

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- IN VIEW OF NORTH KOREA'S AGREEMENT TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS, WE AGREED TO MOVE TOWARD IMPROVING BILATERAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

- THESE STEPS ARE ALL IN THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. AS WELL AS NORTH KOREA.

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Q. How much will this deal cost the U.S.?

A. -- IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TWO LIGHT-WATER REACTORS MAY COST AS MUCH AS \$4 BILLION; WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUEL PROVIDED TO FILL THE DPRK'S ENERGY NEEDS IN THE INTERIM PERIOD.

-- MOST OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING THE LWRS WILL BE BORNE BY OTHER CONSORTIUM MEMBERS, SPECIFICALLY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN.

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Q. Don't you expect North Korea to cheat on this agreement?

A. -- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, VERIFICATION OF THIS COMPLIANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT BASED ON TRUST. A VIGOROUS ON-SITE INSPECTION PROGRAM BY THE IAEA WILL VERIFY NORTH KOREAN COMPLIANCE.

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Q. Why couldn't Iraq and Iran and other states sit back and wait to be "bribed" to meet their international commitments as well?

A. -- WE REJECT THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA AS A "BRIBE."

- THIS AGREEMENT IS WITH THE DPRK AND DEALS WITH CIRCUMSTANCE RELATED TO THAT STATE'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR EXTRAPOLATE FROM THIS AGREEMENT HYPOTHETICAL ACCORDS WITH OTHER STATES, WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT.**
- THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA DOES NOT DIMINISH THE OBLIGATIONS OF ANY COUNTRY TO FULFILL ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS, NOR OUR DETERMINATION TO SEE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FULFILLED, AS OUR RECENT ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ MAKE CLEAR.**

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October 19, 1994

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U.S.-DPRK NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Q. Is there a need for formal action by the UN or by the IAEA to allow for the delay in special inspections specified in the agreement?

A. -- NO UN ACTION IS NECESSARY ON THE TIMING OF SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

-- THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE UN ENDORSE THE AGREEMENT AND TO REQUEST THE IAEA TO CARRY OUT VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES CALLED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT, WHICH ARE OUTSIDE ITS NORMAL SCOPE OF INSPECTION ACTIVITIES.

Q. What countries are in the consortium that will build the two light-water reactors?

A. -- THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAD THE CONSORTIUM. ~~THE~~ ~~LARGEST BLOCK~~ OF RESOURCES WILL COME FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN, WHO WILL PLAY CENTRAL ROLES IN THE PROJECT

-- THERE ARE OTHER EUROPEAN AND ASIAN STATES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE

**CONSORTIUM. WE ARE CONSULTING WITH THEM AT THIS
TIME.**

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Q. --Do you have a text of the agreement available?

**A. -- WE WILL DISSEMINATE THE TEXT OF THE ACCORD
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SIGNING IN GENEVA.**

EAP Press Guidance
October 19, 1994

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NORTH KOREA: NEXT STEPS

Q. What are the next steps in normalization of relations and relaxation of trade restrictions?

- A. -- UNDER THE AGREED FRAMEWORK WE WILL OPEN A LIAISON OFFICE IN PYONGYANG, AND NORTH KOREA WILL OPEN A LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. THAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE RESOLVE SOME CONSULAR AND TECHNICAL ISSUES.**
- WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR EMBARGO ON NORTH KOREA AND WILL REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS AS THE AGREED FRAMEWORK IS IMPLEMENTED.**

Q. What is the status of Jimmy Carter's visit to Korea?

- A. -- THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER. AT THIS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FORMER PRESIDENT HAS NOT SCHEDULED A TRIP TO KOREA.**

Q. Are we concerned that some of the fuel oil which is to be supplied to North Korea by the United States may be diverted for military use?

- A. -- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS AGREED TO NORTH KOREA'S REQUEST FOR HEAVY FUEL OIL TO SUPPLY A SPECIFIC POWER PLANT IN NORTHEAST NORTH KOREA.**
- HEAVY FUEL OIL IS OF LITTLE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.**
- WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT EFFORTS TO DIVERT THAT HEAVY FUEL OIL TO MILITARY USE OF ANY KIND WOULD QUICKLY BECOME APPARENT.**
- (If Pressed): WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN, BUT IF IT SHOULD, WE WOULD INITIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION.**

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IO PRESS GUIDANCE

October 19, 1994

YUGOSLAVIA -- ATTACK ON UN RELIEF CONVOY

Q. Why wasn't a NATO airstrike authorized yesterday in response to the Bosnian Serb attack on the UN relief convoy? What do we know about the attack itself?

A. -- UNPROFOR REPORTS THAT THE ATTACK BY KARADZIC SERB FORCES WAS MADE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (BOSNIA TIME).

-- ^{WE ARE TOLD THAT}
^ CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO REQUESTING NATO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, BUT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UNPROFOR GEN. ROSE AND THE BOSNIAN SERB MILITARY, THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED BECAUSE THE UNPROFOR APC'S HAD STABILIZED THE SITUATION.

if asked:

-- CONDITIONS FOR AN AIR STRIKE: UNDER STRICT ENFORCEMENT DID NOT OBTAIN BECAUSE HEAVY WEAPONS WERE NOT USED.

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YUGOSLAVIA -- SARAJEVO DMZ

- Q. What is the status of negotiations between UNPROFOR and the Bosnian government on the status of the demilitarized zone west of Sarajevo?**
- A. -- TALKS ARE CONTINUING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF BOSNIA AND UN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF BOSNIAN TROOPS IN THE MT. IGMAN AREA WEST OF SARAJEVO.**
- THAT AREA FALLS WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHICH WAS AGREED ON IN AUGUST 1993. THE BOSNIAN SERBS WITHDREW FROM THAT AREA UNDER THREAT OF NATO AIR STRIKE.**

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IO PRESS GUIDANCE
October 19, 1994

YUGO AIRSTRIKES - UNPROFOR / NATO DISCUSSIONS

Q. Does the US have a position on the talks between NATO and the UN on strict enforcement?

A. -- THE US SUPPORTS NEW STRICT ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE BOSNIAN SERBS AND TO PROTECT NATO AIR CREWS.

-- DISCUSSION ON THESE STANDARDS CONTINUE BETWEEN NATO AND THE UN.

-- Seville standards (NATO defense ministers)

IO PRESS GUIDANCE
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 1994

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ARMS LIFT RESOLUTION: STATE OF PLAY

Q. Has the U.S. begun campaigning for a Security Council resolution to lift the arms embargo?

A. WE ARE CONTINUING WORK ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE UN ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.

WE ARE CONSULTING WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.
WE WILL FORMALLY CIRCULATE OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK AND A HALF.

Q. Will it take into account the Bosnian desire to pass a resolution now but have the actual lifting of the arms embargo come into effect only after six months?

A. IN THE RESOLUTION, WE WANT THE ACTUAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS LIFTING THE ARMS
EMBARGO ON BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA TO TAKE EFFECT
AFTER SIX MONTHS.

NEA PRESS GUIDANCE
Wednesday, 18 October 1994

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ISRAEL: BOMB ATTACK

(If asked only)

Q: Do we think Hamas was responsible for this attack?

A: THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT HAMAS' CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY. AT THIS STAGE, WE DON'T KNOW WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

Q: Doesn't this kind of attack underline Yasir Arafat's vulnerability? Is he really capable of controlling Palestinian resistance groups?

A: CHAIRMAN ARAFAT HAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED THIS BRUTAL ATTACK ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS. HE HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ISRAEL FOR PEACE AND AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF PEACE.

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DRAFT**18**US STATEMENT: TERRORISM

On behalf of the United States and the American people, I want to express my outrage and horror at the murderous act of terror committed this morning against Israelis in Tel Aviv. I want to extend my condolences and support to the families of those who perished and were wounded in this attack. I also want the people of Israel to know that the United States stands with them during this tragedy and will continue to stand with them in the fight against terrorism and extremism.

This attack was designed for one purpose and one purpose only: to kill and to maim Israelis, and in doing so to extinguish the hope for peace in this region. It is no coincidence that this attack came within days of the announcement of an Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty. These extremists who falsely claim to act in the name of religion and who sow this terror operate outside the standards of civilized behavior. Their terror is indiscriminate; they have no ethics, no conscience, and no moral standards. And it is impossible to compromise with them.

Thus, the fight against their terror must be comprehensive and absolute. Words, however, are not enough. The best antidote against terror is the pursuit of peace. And we will not be diverted from this goal.

At the same time, we must take action to fight terror now. We must work to extinguish these groups' sources of funding, to deny them support and sanctuary, and to ensure that they are denied any measure of legitimacy inside and outside the region. Governments inside the region and outside must condemn these attacks and muzzle the statements of those who support them. We will be coordinating closely with our friends in the region to achieve these objectives. We will also be working with appropriate government agencies here to determine how best to put a halt in the United States to their activities and sources of funding that relate to support of terrorism.

Finally, the fight against terror is not Israel's fight alone. It is a collective responsibility which transcends national and geographic boundaries. Indeed, this challenge is the responsibility of all decent people and governments who seek peace. And the United States calls upon all those who are committed to this goal to join our efforts to combat this extremism in every way possible.

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NEA PRESS GUIDANCE
Wednesday, 19 October 1994

ME PEACE PROCESS: PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY/AID TO JORDAN

Q: Can you tell us anything more about the President's travel? Does he plan to meet with President Asad? What about President Mubarak? Any plan to stop in Saudi Arabia?

A: [THE WHITE HOUSE IS STILL WEIGHING THE OPTIONS. WHEN A FINAL ITINERARY HAS BEEN DECIDED, THE WHITE HOUSE WILL MAKE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT.]

refer you to the WH for info on President's travel.

Q: Is Jordan going to receive a "peace dividend" from the U.S. In exchange for signing this treaty with Israel?

A: WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE CLEAR OUR ^{Readiness} [PREPAREDNESS] TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST ~~[IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE]~~ THOSE PARTIES WHO ARE TAKING RISKS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE.

Q: How much are we talking about?

A: I DO NOT HAVE ANY DETAILS FOR YOU AT THIS TIME.

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**S/S-EX PRESS GUIDANCE
OCTOBER 19, 1994**

**WASHINGTON POST FEDERAL PAGE ARTICLE
"WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS OWES BACK TAXES, IRS SAYS"**

Q: Are excise taxes levied against members of the press who travel with Secretary Christopher? If not, should such taxes be levied?

A: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOES NOT CHARTER PLANES FOR PRESS TRAVEL. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WHO TRAVEL WITH SECRETARIES OF STATE TRAVEL ON DOD AIRCRAFT. THEY ARE BILLED COMMERICAL COACH FARE FROM POINT TO POINT. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER TO VERIFY THAT OUR BILLING PRACTICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. TAX LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(IF ASKED: PRESS WHO TRAVEL WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ARE BILLED AT THE RATE OF COACH FARE PLUS ONE DOLLAR. PRESS TRAVELING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO REIMBURSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST OF THEIR GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND THE PRESS ROOM. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY INSTANCE WHERE A PRESS CHARTER HAS BEEN USED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ACCOMPANYING A SECRETARY OF STATE.)



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ROMER HOLDS BIG LEAD; CHILES GOES ON THE ATTACK

COLORADO: Democratic Governor Roy Romer holds a commanding lead over his Republican challenger, according to a poll released Tuesday. The Rocky Mountain News-KUSA survey showed Romer supported by 52 percent, compared with only 29 percent support for Republican Bruce Benson. The poll showed voters believe Romer would do the better job of improving schools, keeping the economy healthy, reforming the welfare system, fighting pollution, fighting crime and providing the leadership Colorado needs.

FLORIDA: Democratic Governor Lawton Chiles turned up the heat on Republican nominee Jeb Bush Tuesday, charging during their second debate that Bush's businesses had failed to pay taxes and accusing Bush of distorting the Governor's record. Chiles said that Bush's business record raises "very legitimate questions, of judgment, of leadership, of integrity." The Chiles campaign also unveiled a new television advertisement questioning Bush's business practices and his work in support of the state's largest tax increase in history during the administration of GOP Governor Bob Martinez.

PENNSYLVANIA: Democratic nominee Mark Singel described Republican Congressman Tom Ridge as "the king of the plea bargains" during Ridge's tenure as a district attorney. During a televised debate, Singel criticized Ridge for agreeing to a plea bargain that let a defendant walk away from rape charges. The man later sexually assaulted a 9-year-old girl. "That's not being tough on crime," said Singel, the lieutenant governor. "It seems to me, congressman, you owe the people of Pennsylvania an apology."

NEVADA: Several well-known Nevada Republicans have endorsed Democratic Governor Bob Miller for re-election. The group, including a state senator and former U.S. attorney, said they were setting aside partisan politics to support Miller. "This is a choice between performance and promises, record and rhetoric," said state Senator Hal Smith.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I will do everything I can to see that Florida elects the proper person."

--Governor Lawton Chiles, during a debate Tuesday.

Governor Evan Bayh - 1994 DGA Chair

Katie Whelan - Executive Director

The Daily Briefing -- Wednesday, October 19, 1994

ELECTION UPDATE:

• **BARBOUR CONCEDES "CONTRACT" CALLS FOR MEDICARE CUTS**

Having spent the last three weeks calling Democratic attacks on the "Contract with America," the "big lie," RNC Chair Haley Barbour folded his hand this weekend, conceding that Republicans are indeed proposing to cut Medicare. This leaves the Republican Party with something of a problem: several of their candidates, including Senate nominee Bill Frist, continue to insist -- in the face of logic and modern accounting practices -- that the Republicans can offer tax cuts, spending increases and balance the budget without cutting either Social Security or Medicare. This claim, patently ridiculous to budget experts and even Republican economists, has been Barbour's principle contention since the contract was signed on September 27th. Now, in an apparent effort to save face, the RNC Chair has conceded what everyone knew: the Republicans are proposing to cut Medicare just as they did in the 1980s.

• **DEMOCRATIC SENATORS IN STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION FOR STRETCH RUN**

The Washington Post reports today that incumbent Democratic Senators and Democratic nominees in key open seat races enjoy sizeable cash-on-hand advantages over their Republican opponents. Senators Wofford, Kennedy and Lautenberg all have at least \$1 million more cash-on-hand than their challengers (Wofford \$2 million to Santorum's \$1 million, Kennedy's \$2 million to just \$155,000 for Romney and Lautenberg's almost \$3 million to Haytaian's \$1.6 million.) In open seat races in Minnesota and Michigan, Ann Wynn has outtrailed Rod Grams and now has 60% more on hand and Bobb Carr has twice as much remaining as Spencer Abraham. And challenger Charlie Oberly continues to outraise incumbent Bill Roth of Delaware.

• **THOSE WHO KNOW HUFFINGTON BEST SUPPORT FEINSTEIN**

Key Republicans in Michael Huffington's adopted home of Santa Barbara are lining up to support Senator Dianne Feinstein. Conservative Republicans who have supported Nixon, Reagan and Wilson for years, can't stomach the prospect of Michael Huffington as a U.S. Senator. Though Huffington is the elected Representative from Santa Barbara, he was unable to carry Santa Barbara County in the Senate primary earlier this year, losing to former Rep. William Dannemeyer. Said one Republican, Richard Randolph, "He's a carpetbagger." Republican Barney Klinger, the host for a recent Feinstein fundraiser in Santa Barbara, offered, "*The bottom line is, he doesn't have the intelligence to run for the U.S. Senate. He would make a good assistant manager trainee for McDonald's.*"

• **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"The 'Contract with America' Newt Gingrich cobbled together for House Republicans to sign is beginning to look more like a noose than a lifeline." (Wayne Woodlief writing in the Boston Herald, 10/18/94)

• **HEADLINE OF THE DAY**

"Democrats Find a Target in GOP 'Contract'" (New York Times, 10/19/94)

THE PRESIDENT TO CHIEFS OF POLICE:

"There are 550,000 police officers in this country. If you add 100,000 and they all go into beat work, if they actually go into working to prevent crime and to catch criminals, it'll be about a 20-percent increase in the presence of police on the street. It will work ... We've had only a 10 percent increase in police officers in the last 30 years, while we've had a 300 percent increase in violent crime. This was a critical component of the Crime Bill." [October 17, 1994]

THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE INFO HIGHWAY:

"We must make sure that our national information highway bypasses no one. We cannot allow this country, or any community within our country, to become a communications ghost town. For to be left off the beaten track in the information age is to be cut off from the future." [October 17, 1994]

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Dear Ms. Myer:

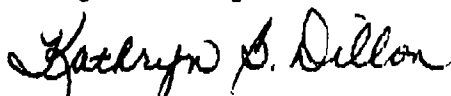
I am attending Iona College located in New Rochelle, New York. Presently, I am taking a course entitled, "Publicity Campaigns". There was a class discussion as to how press conferences are handled, and, in particular, White House press conferences.

I would very much appreciate any information you can provide with regard to the White House holding press conferences. Several topics which came into discussion were: How does one attend a White House press conference? Is an individual reporter chosen by lottery or invitation? How many reporters attend an average press conference? Are the reporters' questions screened prior to the press conference? How does the President refrain from answering certain "off-limit" questions which may be asked by reporters?

Any and all information you can provide me would be greatly appreciated. My professor stated if any one of us was able to receive a reply prior to December 13, 1994, extra credit points would be applied toward the semester grade and the rest of the class would benefit from this information.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,


Kathryn B. Dillon

KBD/me

Clinton appalled at GOP

'Bitterly partisan' tactics denounced on visit to Seattle

By Joel Connelly
P-I National Correspondent

The Republican Party in Congress has run "the most bitterly partisan operation I have ever seen," giving a new Democratic administration no period of bipartisan harmony in which to begin governing, President Clinton said yesterday.

"It's just appalling to me what they've done. It's just amazing. The surveys show they may be rewarded for it," Clinton said in an interview with the Post-Intelligencer.

Clinton used Republicans' themes of a "war on the West" as an example of what he described as a disinformation campaign being pursued against his administration.

"I don't think what I did to help Boeing get the Saudi plane contract, or to open the Japanese market to Washington apples, or to take the controls off high-tech exports, was a 'war on the West,'" Clinton said.

The president was interviewed as he drove to Boeing Field at the end of a 16-hour Seattle visit, his fourth Northwest trip since taking office.

Clinton defended his achievements, said his administration has been good for the West, and lashed out at Republican campaign themes.

The trip was aimed at raising money for Democrats and boosting Democrat Ron Sims in his challenge to Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

Clinton will be back in the Seattle area for a major public rally on the weekend before the Nov. 8 election. Vice President Al Gore will defend the administration's accomplishments with a Nov. 1 appearance in Tacoma.

The Seattle visit was part of a weekend campaign swing on the eve of Clinton's trip to the Middle East.

Clinton has recently enjoyed a string of foreign policy successes, notably

restoring Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in Haiti and facing down the latest military threat to Kuwait from Iraq's President Saddam Hussein.

Clinton will touch down in six Middle East countries. He will witness the signing of peace accords between Israel and Jordan, address the Jordanian and Israeli parliaments, and visit U.S. troops in Kuwait.

His riskiest stop will be in Syria, which has not yet reached a peace agreement with Israel. President Hafez Assad is, by reputation, the region's most tenacious negotiator.

Clinton said he has "no precut deal" with the Syrians. Nor, he said, is there any agreement that would produce a splashy breakthrough announcement in peace talks.

"Since I'm going to be there, in the region, I think not to go (to Damascus) and run the risk of setting the peace process back because of a perceived lack of interest or commitment by the United States would be a serious mistake," he said in the interview.

"I think it's worth going, and I would caution the American people not to expect immediate miracles."

Recent successes have bolstered Clinton's foreign policy ratings. But there has only been a modest uptick in his overall approval rating. Nor have generally good economic times translated into good poll numbers for the president.

In his appearances yesterday, Clinton expressed frustration over an inability to turn around what he called "a negative frame of mind" among voters. The frustrations produced the angriest presidential rhetoric heard in the Northwest since another beleaguered Democrat, Harry Truman, visited the region to recharge his 1948 campaign.

On that trip, a man in Bremerton gave the year its most famous theme by shouting, "Give 'em hell, Harry."

Yesterday, as Clinton walked out of a morning service at University Presbyterian Church, the first words he heard on the street were a shouted "Give 'em hell, Bill."

Guantanamo could become permanent, self-sustaining city for refugees

By Roberto Fabricio

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WASHINGTON In the not-too-distant future, the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could have hotels to house Cuban-American tourists and American business people.

It could have light manufacturing plants to provide jobs for Cuban refugees detained there. It could have an emerging self-government to provide for the refugees' health, sanitation and education, much as any small city anywhere.

Even as the U.S. government tries to decide whether to allow some refugees to come to the United States, it is making long-term plans to keep thousands of other detainees there permanently, and to give them something to do.

"As the structures of routine life evolve, it becomes clear that we are going to need mailmen, doctors, teachers, all of which we have on hand among the refugees," a U.S. official said. "The time will come where it will make sense to start paying them a salary so they can become self-sustaining."

An estimated 30,000 Cuban rafters sit in Guantanamo and a similar safe haven in Panama. Despite mounting pressure from the Cuban-American community and human rights groups, the Clinton administration is reluctant to let the refugees come to the United States, fearing an anti-immigration backlash and the possibility that Cuban President Fidel Castro would launch another exodus.

While officials do not say exactly what they will do with the camps, it appears likely that at least 6,000 to 12,000 of the refugees will slowly gain freedom through a variety of formulas.

"The children will come out, the elderly will come out, the sick and other severe cases will come out, all in due time," a U.S. official said. "Then we are making the case with friendly countries like Spain, Venezuela, Costa Rica and others to take some more."

Eventually, and hopefully quietly, many of the families will be processed and will make their way out.

But the Clinton administration is unlikely to free all the refugees. The core of young, single men—about 16,000 to 18,000—may never be paroled into the United States or other countries. Although some of them are asking to return to Cuba, many will refuse to do so.

"These are the ones that will likely stay around for a long time," a State Department official said.

The long-range plans to turn Guantanamo into a self-sustaining community are being drawn up primarily for those men, and for any others who do not qualify for U.S. visas or choose to stay.

Clinton proceeded to tell a cheering crowd at a Seattle Center fund-raising rally that Republicans are pursuing a cynical mind game with American voters in the 1994 campaign.

"They figure if they can make people mad enough and disoriented enough, they will just lash out at whoever's in," he said.

Clinton cited prosperity in the

West as an example of positive news that is going unrecognized in the angry climate of the 1994 midterm elections.

"It's like a lot of things in the national atmosphere these days," he said in the interview. "Since the American people are exposed to so much information, the victory sometimes goes to those who talk loudest and longest, not those who tell the truth."

The president took note of Oregon's 5 percent unemployment rate and what he said was a 27 percent reduction in Washington's jobless rate since he took office.

Clinton said his forest plan has begun to let loggers work again and that small towns are getting money to attract new, high-quality industry.

The president made no apologies for efforts by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to reform mining laws that give away federal land, or federal grazing fees that are a fraction of those charged on private land.

"You know, some people like the fact that we had to give away billions of dollars of America's natural resources recently under our antiquated mining laws," he said. "I don't think that's right. Some people believe there should be no reform at all of the grazing laws. What we have proposed is a modest reform."

With controversy focusing on mining and ranching battles, Clinton said, no attention is being paid to what he has done to promote exports of the West's farming, manufacturing and high-tech products.

"We have completely changed the focus of the Commerce Department and State Department to get them much more aggressively involved in promoting the sales of American products overseas," he said.

"You see the results in the Boeing sale to Saudi Arabia, to the fact we are selling rice from California and apples from Washington in Japan for the first time. You see the results in the high-tech sales we have in Latin America right now."

The president's fund-raising trip took place two years and a day after a triumphant 1992 campaign stop at the

Pike Place Market. A crowd of 15,000 turned out to hear Clinton. A phalanx of Democratic politicians stood behind the candidate expected to break the party's losing string in presidential elections.

The Democrats put on a similar show of unity yesterday, in tougher times.

The national media played up the

absence of House Speaker Tom Foley, a Spokane Democrat who rarely has crossed the Cascades for political rallies in Seattle. Yesterday, he begged off because of preparation for a debate with Republican challenger George Nethercutt.

In the interview, Clinton identified Gorton as a Republican who has stood in the way of needed reforms.

The president cited as a major success the paring of 70,000 jobs from the federal work force since he took office. He said the federal payroll will be reduced by 270,000 jobs by the end of his term.

"The Democrats are bringing down the federal government to the smallest size since Kennedy, and Senator Gorton opposed that," Clinton said. "He opposed decisions that reduced the federal government."

Clinton insisted his administration has heard Americans' frustrations with the size, cost and remoteness of government. The president said states are getting permission to experiment with programs to get people off welfare. He said procurement reforms will end

horror stories about \$500 hammers and \$50 ashtrays being bought with taxpayers' dollars.

"I am giving the American people what they say they want," Clinton said. "A less intrusive federal government, one that is trying to advance the interests of ordinary Americans and costs less."

Again and again, Clinton returned to a Republican opposition he described as bent on undoing his administration from the moment he arrived in Washington, D.C.

"I thought the Republicans would take a little time off to help govern," he said. "You know, I thought they would honor what Democrats have always honored with Republican presidents, giving about six months at least to work together and get the government together."

"Instead, they reasoned that if they could keep the American people all torn up and upset — if they and their organized, well-financed interest groups could keep information channels clogged with negative and distorted stuff — they could literally keep the people from knowing if we ever made any progress."

The president's political missions yesterday did not end with putting \$300,000 in Sims' coffers, and raising \$75,000 for the Democrats' coordinated campaign.

Along with deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes, Clinton met quietly with about 40 leaders of his 1992 presidential effort. It was the first step toward putting together the president's 1996 re-election campaign.

"The White House is going to be in touch with people from now on," said Jay Pearson, who managed the president's general election campaign in the state.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
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THE PRESIDENT: I've been -- when I gave my statement over there one of you asked me a question -- and I left -- about Mr. Gingrich's charge that it was hypocritical for someone to have a memo which speculated about the recommendations that the Kerrey Commission and others might have.

Now, I've told you what my position is. And my position is, I haven't and don't support cuts in Social Security, and I would support savings in the Medicare program only if they're used to advance the cause of health care.

Now, Mr. Gingrich has leveled a charge which is not right. It doesn't have anything to do with how the list came about. But he can solve this whole problem if he would say what I said. So just ask him if he and Senator Dole will say what I said. Will they say they support -- they don't support cuts in Social Security and they won't support using Medicare savings for anything other than helping health care?

If they have the same position, they can make this issue go away. Then they have to answer, what about their trillion dollar contract, because they will explode the deficit by a trillion dollars and start sending jobs overseas again.

The answer to this is for him to say what I have said to you today. So ask him if he'll take the same position. And then the only question is whether he's going to abandon his contract for all these tax cuts and spending increases.

Thank you.

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Basic Answer

The accounts in the news stories do not reflect my understanding of what happened two weeks ago, when Mr. Potter and Mr. Schmidt spoke. At that time, while we were still reviewing Mr. Potter's qualifications and background, Mr. Schmidt raised with Mr. Potter the question of whether his activities might make him a controversial choice for the job -- and whether that controversy might impact the new COPS program. Mr. Potter, very early into this conversation, told Mr. Schmidt that he shared this concern, and that he wanted to withdraw from consideration. The decision to withdraw was Mr. Potter's.

Q. If Potter had not withdrawn, would he have been considered? Would he have been selected?

A. Had Mr. Potter not withdrawn, we would have finished our review of his background and qualifications. Since we did not finish that review, I cannot tell you if we would have ultimately selected him or someone else.

Q. Potter says that Schmidt used the word "problem" to describe Potter's views on gay rights. Is that correct?

A. The "problem" that John was raising was the question of the controversy surrounding Mr. Potter's views and practices -- not Mr. Potter's views themselves -- and whether that controversy might impact upon the implementation of this new and important program. Again, it was John's sense that Mr. Potter shared this concern, and very quickly into the conversation, withdrew from consideration.

Q. Was this material from the FBI report that raised this issue?

A. No. The FBI report had not been completed, and was not in, at the time that Mr. Potter and Mr. Schmidt spoke.

Q. Isn't it discrimination, or at least hypocrisy, for this administration to deny someone a job because they are pro-gay rights?

A. We did not deny a job to Mr. Potter, he withdrew.

Q. Are you saying that if Mr. Potter were still interested, he would still be considered at this point?

A. In the two weeks since Mr. Potter withdrew, we have progressed with the review of the remaining candidates, and are near a final announcement. And I have no reason to think that Mr. Potter wants to be re-considered for this full-time post -- in fact, he has instead expressed interest in serving on a group that advises the COPS program.

Q. But if Potter called today, and said, "I want to be considered," would you consider him?

A. Yes.

Q. You portray this as Potter's decision. But Mr. Potter says he withdrew only because he knew he was going to be rejected.

A. John Schmidt told me that day, and again this morning, that had Mr. Potter not withdrawn, we would have proceeded to complete the review of his candidacy. Again, my understanding is that, early on in his conversation with John, Mr. Potter indicated that he shared the concern that he could become a lightning rod for criticism of the COPS program, and that he no longer wished to be considered for the Director position.

Q. What changed? Potter says that early on, he had been told that his activities were not a problem. What changed between his initial interview in August, and the Schmidt-Potter conversation in October.

A. As with all the candidates for this position -- or any other -- we gathered more information on Mr. Potter as the review proceeded. Again, though, we did not reject Mr. Potter -- it was his decision to withdraw.

Q. Did the White House tell the Justice Department not to pick Potter? Did it weigh in on this?

A. The White House reviewed Mr. Potter's and several others that we submitted as potential candidates, and approved them all, including Mr. Potter.

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Nancy,

Tony asked to see this this morning (SB cleared it yesterday). He then made a few changes, notably in the recommendations. We need the President's response, of course, as soon as you can.

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