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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
OPENING REMARKS
WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 16, 2000

Good afternoon. It is clear: with nearly 21 million new jobs, unemployment at 4.0 percent, and solid income growth across all groups of American workers since 1993, we are now in the midst of the longest and strongest economic expansion in our nation's history. We have built a new economy.

One of the biggest mistakes we can make in this time of unprecedented peace and prosperity is to be lulled into complacency. There is important work to be done this year. And there is no better time to do it.

That means first and foremost, staying on the path of fiscal discipline that got us here. In 1993, we put in place a new economic plan focused on paying down the deficit while making targeted investments in our people and our future. When deficits fell, so did interest rates, mortgage payments, and car and student loan payments. Business investments took off, resulting in more jobs and more economic growth. Our commitment to fiscal discipline took us from record budget deficits and high unemployment to record budget surpluses and unimagined economic strength. If we stay on that path we can make America debt-free in just 13 years for the first time since 1835.

We can then use the benefits of debt reduction to preserve two of the most important guarantees we have made to the American people -- Social Security and Medicare. Specifically, we can make a bipartisan down-payment on Social Security reform by crediting the interest savings from debt reduction to the Social Security Trust Fund. That will keep it strong and sound for 50 years, beyond the life-span of all but the most fortunate Baby Boomers. But, as a first step toward a comprehensive solution, we should do something that I called for in my 1999 State of the Union address -- we should end the earnings limit for Social Security retirees between the ages of 65 and 69. If they are willing and able to work, we shouldn't penalize them for staying active and productive.

And to strengthen and modernize Medicare, I have proposed to dedicate more than half of the non-Social Security surplus to Medicare -- over \$400 billion to keep Medicare solvent for at least a decade, past 2025, and to add a voluntary prescription drug benefit. I am pleased that Congress is beginning to take up this issue and I urge them to move quickly to incorporate these long overdue Medicare reforms.

As we work together on the budget, we simply must resist the temptation to spend large portions of the nation's surplus before we have lived up to our commitment to prepare for the undeniable health and financing challenges facing Medicare.

We ought to also begin to complete the unfinished business of the 106th Congress. We need to pass a real patients bill of rights, campaign finance reform, hate crimes legislation, a raise in the minimum wage and common-sense gun safety legislation.

Unfortunately, hardly a day goes by without another grim reminder of why this is so important. Guns in the wrong hands continue to claim too many of our young people's lives. We saw it in Washington, DC last week with

the deaths of Andre Wallace and Natasha Marsh, two 17-year-old high school students who were gunned down in front of Natasha's home and were buried yesterday. We saw it in Littleton again just a few days ago with the shooting deaths of two teenage students from Columbine High School.

Today, HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, who is with us this afternoon, released the first-ever comprehensive analysis of gun-related violence in public housing.

This reports shows that while crime in public housing is declining, just like crime in other neighborhoods, gun-related crime in public housing remains a serious problem. In fact, residents of public housing are more than twice as likely to be the victims of gun violence as other members of society. This poses a direct and unacceptable threat to more than one million children and 360,000 seniors who live in public housing in this country. They deserve to be as safe as the rest of us.

We are determined to do everything in our power to keep guns out of the wrong hands by demanding more resources to fight gun crime, cracking down on suspect gun dealers, and calling on responsible gun manufacturers to work with us to change the way guns are marketed, distributed and designed.

Ten months after the tragedy at Columbine, it is way past time for Congress to pass common sense gun-safety legislation.

Before I take your questions, there's one more issue I want to address the impact of rising oil prices on American families.

In the Northeast from the Mid-Atlantic states to New England many families still rely upon home heating oil, a source of heating that is no longer used in the rest of the country. These families have been especially hard hit by the rise in oil prices. And that is a serious concern during these cold winter months.

Over the last month, we have released \$175 million to help lower-income families pay their heating bills. We have also asked refiners to keep producing at full throttle until this crisis is past. And we have directed the Coast Guard to expedite deliveries of home heating oil to the affected areas. These actions have helped ease the burden on our poorest citizens. Still, there are too many families with moderate incomes who have no option other than heating their homes with oil and they need our help too.

So there is more we must do. Secretary Richardson is in New England today, holding a summit with refiners, distributors, and major users of home heating oil to determine how the government and industry can work together to better meet the needs of consumers in the Mid-Atlantic States and New England.

Today, I am announcing additional steps to help families struggling to pay their heating bills. I have directed my budget office and the Department of Health and Human Services to release right now the remainder of this year's funding for emergency heating assistance. This money will be targeted toward the hardest hit states those with the highest usage of home heating oil. I will be meeting with Governors and Members of Congress from those states to ask them to use all their authority to expand the pool of people who receive those funds, making sure that as many people who need this help can get it.

We will also be requesting at least \$600 million in emergency supplemental funding for LIHEAP to help more families through this current crisis as well as others who may suffer during the rest of the year -- whether in the chill of winter or the heat of summer.

We will send that legislation to Congress in the next ten days; and we look forward to fast action by the Congress.

Meanwhile, we will continue our work toward a longer-term solution. I have asked Secretary Richardson to conduct a 60-day study on converting factories and major users from oil to other fuels -- which will free up future oil supplies for use in heating homes.

Americans have always pulled together to help their neighbors and fellow citizens in need.

Over the past seven years, we have stood together to help the victims of earthquakes in California, of the farm crisis in the Midwest, and, as we have seen again this week, of violent storms in the Southeast. Now, the families of the Northeast need our help, and it is time to act.

As I said in the State of the Union, our chance to do good has never been so great. I call on the Congress to seize this moment. Let's make this a year of progress for the American people. If we work together, we can build a future that is even brighter than our past. Thank you.

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Leanne A. Shimabukuro

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Sean:

Attached is a draft letter on the juvenile crime bill that needs to be circulated for clearance immediately. The intent is to release it to the press tomorrow. Bruce Reed asked for it to be circulated to Chuck Brain, Joel Johnson, Karen Tramantano, John Podesta, Beth Nolan, Joe Lockhart, Loretta Ucelli, Jack Lew, Steve Richetti, Maria Echaveste, and anyone else you feel is appropriate.

The letter is addressed to Senator Hatch, but it should also be sent to Chairman Hyde. We may need to cc: Dems as well, but I will talk to Leg Affairs about this. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks,
Leanne
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Maria --

We are not yet sure what which provisions will be in the conference report for the juvenile crime bill. However, there was a story that ran yesterday quoting Hatch that he is considering dropping out the gun provisions so they can pass a juvie-only bill. And while aren't certain about what would be in the juvie conference report, it is very likely to contain some of the more controversial "culture" provisions, such as the Ten Commandments provision (a Hyde and House leadership priority).

I have attached that story as well as a short document we wrote up for the President summarizing the provisions passed by the House and Senate.

Leanne
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ROLL CALL

Hatch May Strip Gun Provisions From Bill
Senator Might Move Juvenile Justice Legislation

Without

Weapons Language

By John Bresnahan

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is considering dropping controversial gun control provisions from a stalled juvenile justice bill in order to push the underlying legislation through Congress, according to GOP

sources.

Hatch told House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) of his proposal last week in a private meeting between the two. The maneuver would give the GOP a chance to say they have passed something - rather than nothing - on crime in this election year.

Hatch declined to talk about his negotiations with Hyde, although he admitted that stripping all the gun provisions from the juvenile justice bill was "one of the options we are looking at."

Hyde supports the idea of dropping all gun language from the teen legislation, saying he wants to save the juvenile justice bill, which has been stalled in a House-Senate conference since late last summer.

Hyde also suggested that the House could consider a separate gun bill if there appeared to be support to pass it. But even he admits that is unlikely, considering the likely opposition on both sides of the aisle to such a move.

"I don't want to lose [the] juvenile justice bill," said Hyde. "It's too important. It would be a shame to lose that in the perennial struggle over new gun legislation."

But Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) apparently doesn't like Hatch's idea, and he is privately worried that a well-publicized shooting during the election year could cost Republicans in tight House races, considering the GOP's strong ties to the National Rifle Association.

Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-Texas) and Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas), however, would rather see the entire issue fade away, fearing the political consequences of a new debate on the controversial matter.

"That would be a huge nightmare," one House GOP leadership aide said of Hatch's attempt to resurrect the issue. "We could probably pass the juvenile justice bill, but it would be a bloody debate."

House Democrats are also sure to pounce on their GOP colleagues for not moving on any new gun proposals.

House Democratic leadership aide of the idea of moving a stripped-down version of the juvenile justice legislation. "They would be hammered."

"The goal of this conference was to come up with comprehensive juvenile justice legislation," added Sue Harvey, a spokeswoman for Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.). "Gun safety is an essential part of that bill and any compromise that excludes that is unacceptable."

Hatch, who stressed that no final decisions have been made, may want to simply pass the underlying \$1.5 billion juvenile justice bill, which would impose stiffer penalties on teens convicted of weapons crimes, as well as allowing state governments to post the Ten Commandments in public buildings.

Hatch could strip out gun control provisions, such as restrictions on gun show sales, which were included in the Senate version of the juvenile justice bill last year.

Regardless of the spin that either party puts out, GOP leaders and party strategists know they will have to deal with the gun issue at some point this session, considering how politically explosive the topic was last year.

Senate Democrats are widely expected to offer gun control amendments to one of the year's 13 appropriations bills, although what the proposal will contain and when it will occur are still unclear.

In order to counter that effort, Republicans are trying to come up with a plan to neutralize the feared Democratic offensive.

One of the GOP ideas under discussion is to take selected portions of the gun provisions adopted by the Senate last year and offer them as individual bills in the House.

For instance, President Clinton has called for additional funding to enforce existing gun laws, a position House GOP leaders already support. Senior Republicans could offer that provision as a stand-alone bill and dare Democrats to vote against it.

The gun strategy would mimic the GOP plan on tax cuts, where the leadership has broken out the most popular parts of last year's unsuccessful \$792 billion tax cut and offered them as separate bills.

A senior House GOP aide cautioned that no decisions have been made yet, adding that a number of proposals are under consideration.

Spurred on by last April's horrific shooting at Colorado's Columbine High School, as well as other high-profile shootings, the Senate passed a teen crime bill last year that included new gun control measures. One key provision, authored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), required 72-hour background checks for those looking to buy guns at gun shows.

But the House refused to include any gun provisions in the teen justice bill it adopted in June.

GOP conservatives joined with a number of Democrats - led by Rep. John Dingell (Mich.) - in voting down the Lautenberg provision. The House then passed the juvenile justice bill over strong Democratic opposition.

Hatch and Hyde were unable to reach agreement on a compromise bill during House-Senate negotiations. Hyde at one point suggested that 95 percent of background checks for gun show sales occur within one day, but couldn't reach a deal with Hatch.

President Clinton himself weighed in late in the session, urging Congress to pass a bill in October, although the year ended with no movement.

With Hatch out running for President during the early part of this year, there seemed to be little chance that the teen-crime bill would move soon.

But with Hatch's presidential quest now over, he is now looking to score some quick victories on the legislative front. The Senate chairman is looking to free up the juvenile justice bill in particular, according to House GOP sources.

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Summary of Key Provisions in Juvenile Crime Bills Passed by Congress

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant: At the heart of the House and Senate juvenile crime bills is the \$1.5 billion Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). The JABG authorizes \$500 million over each of the next 3 years to promote graduated sanctions for juvenile offenders, and to help build juvenile corrections facilities. Unlike previous versions, the JABG also funds a range of other activities and has strong bipartisan support. Funds can now be spent on: more prosecutors, probation officers and court personnel; drug and gun courts; information-sharing programs; mental health screening and treatment; confidential, toll-free hotlines for students; and character education. We should strongly support the current version of the JABG in conference, but we should also be aware that it will be difficult to fully fund the JABG during appropriations. Over the past 2 years Congress has funded a similar juvenile block grant at about half this level, and the current Senate appropriations bill only includes \$100 million for the JABG.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Both the House and Senate bills reauthorize the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), which provides grants to states to improve their juvenile justice systems and prevent juvenile crime. The Senate version also includes a new \$200 million block grant dedicated to prevention activities, as well as a series of smaller programs that target gangs, early childhood training, alternative education, and improved parenting. We support all of these provisions.

Generally, both bills also preserve the "core mandates" in federal law that require states to keep juveniles offenders separate from adult inmates. This is a big victory for Democrats, and represents a significant shift in Republicans' previous position. However, the Senate bill does make one major change to these protections: it deletes the language in current law requiring states to work to reduce the disproportionate confinement of minority youth. We will need to work to amend this language in conference.

Reforms to federal juvenile justice system: The House and Senate bills also include a number of changes to the federal juvenile justice system. As with the Administration's juvenile crime bill, both bills provide law enforcement access to certain juvenile records, allow prosecutors (not judges) to determine whether juveniles who commit serious violent crimes should be tried as adults, and expand the list of crimes for which juveniles can be charged as adults. However, we have since worked with Senator Leahy to moderate these provisions by: (1) clarifying that only in very limited circumstances should juvenile cases be prosecuted at the federal level; and (2) providing for a "reverse waiver" that allows federal judges to review a prosecutor's decision to try serious violent juveniles as adults. We will need to push to have these provisions included in the final bill. Even if we do, however, some House members – especially members of the Black Caucus – will still oppose any language that makes it easier for federal prosecutors to try juveniles as adults.

Firearms provisions: Although the House failed to pass separate gun legislation, a number of firearms provisions that we support were included in its juvenile crime bill. These include: requiring background checks for the purchase of explosives; expanding the list of individuals prohibited from possessing explosives (including youth under 21); increasing from 37 to 75 the number of cities participating in the Administration's youth crime gun tracing initiative; and

raising penalties for individuals who engage in the firearms business without a license, illegally traffic over 50 firearms, or illegally transfer firearms to juveniles. Consistent with Republicans' message of tougher enforcement of our guns laws, the House bill also authorizes \$50 million for the increased federal prosecution of gun crimes, and establishes new mandatory minimum sentences for youth gun and drug crimes -- including tough penalties for adults who illegally transfer guns to juveniles that are later used in a school zone or to commit a violent crime. Since the Senate also passed provisions similar to these, they are all likely to be accepted in conference. Only the new mandatory minimums, which Democrats strongly oppose, are likely to be a sticking point

Religious expression in schools: In addition to passing a Senate amendment that expresses support for religious memorial services to take place on public school property (as was done at Columbine High School), the House passed two other amendments to promote religious expression in public schools: one to allow states to display the Ten Commandments in public buildings and schools; and one to bar plaintiffs from recouping attorneys fees in Establishment Clause lawsuits where public school officials acted to accommodate or facilitate students' religious expression. The Justice Department has serious constitutional concerns with both of these provisions, and we will work to have these provisions dropped in conference.

Media Violence: Although the House rejected amendments to prohibit the distribution of violent and sexually-oriented materials to minors, and to establish a labeling system for violent media, it did vote to require schools and libraries participating in the FCC's e-rate program to equip their computers with filtering software that blocks Internet access to material deemed harmful to minors. Similarly, the Senate voted to require Internet Service Providers to make such filtering technologies available to parents. [In conference, we will....]

Other Miscellaneous Provisions. Finally, both bills contain a variety of other provisions that -- although they passed with little debate or with overwhelming support -- are far-reaching and may need to be amended in conference. Some of these provisions include:

IDEA reform -- Both the House and Senate bills would amend IDEA to allow school officials to expel disabled students who bring a firearm to school, just as they Gun-Free Schools Act require them to do with other students. The Department of Education is strongly opposed to this change.

Crimes against children -- The House and Senate bills include a combination of three, tough new provisions to crackdown on crimes against children. Aimee's Law requires states responsible for releasing repeat murderers, rapists, or sex offenders that go on to commit similar crimes in other states to: (1) pay for the apprehension, prosecution, and imprisonment of such repeat offenders; and (2) transfer \$100,000 from their law enforcement block grant funds to compensate each victim of such a repeat offender. Mathew's Law directs the sentencing commission to increase penalties for violent crimes committed against children under the age of 13. And a "two strikes" amendment provides for the mandatory life imprisonment of sex offenders who commit crimes against children.

Gang recruitment penalty -- Both the House and Senate bill includes an amendment by Senator Feinstein that makes it a federal crime to recruit gang members, with a 4-year mandatory minimum for recruiting a minor. Although we were originally concerned about the amendment's scope, Senator Feinstein has since narrowed the provision.

School Safety -- The Senate bill includes a series of amendments that would allow schools to use their ESEA funds for a broad range of school safety measures, including increased security measures, school uniforms, school resource officers, and drug testing. The bill also authorizes background checks for prospective school employees.

Drug dealer liability -- The House bill creates a new federal, civil cause of action for anyone -- except a drug user who is unwilling to reveal the source of his or her drugs -- harmed by a person that manufactures or distributes a controlled substance in violation of federal law.

Limitation on teachers' liability -- The Senate bill includes a provision to limit the liability of school officials who -- acting consistent with their official duties -- make reasonable efforts to discipline students.

Limitation on prisoner release orders -- The House bill includes a provision that would bar federal courts from carrying out any prison release orders, and vitiate many of the existing consent decrees dealing with prison conditions. The Justice Department has expressed serious concerns with this language.

Suspension of Drivers' Licenses -- The House version of the JABG includes an amendment that conditions receipt of grant funds on states enacting laws mandating the suspension of drivers' licenses, until the age of 21, of any juvenile caught illegally possessing a gun.

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Last summer, the Senate passed reasonable gun provisions that would help do just this, to close the gun show loophole, require child safety locks for handguns, bar violent juveniles from owning guns as adults, and ban the importation of large capacity ammunition clips. These measures can help save lives and should be enacted without further delay.

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Sincerely,
BC

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CREATION DATE/TIME:29-FEB-2000 15:28:21.00

SUBJECT: From POTUS Remarks

TO: Stephanie A. Cutter (CN=Stephanie A. Cutter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Eric P. Liu (CN=Eric P. Liu/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Joel Johnson (CN=Joel Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We've got the crime rate down seven years in a row. It's the lowest it's been in 25 years. But nobody seriously believes this country is as safe as it ought to be. We can make America the safest big country in the world. Columbine happened a year ago, and I'm still waiting for Congress to close the gun show loophole, to stop the importation of these large capacity ammunition clips, and to require child safety locks on guns.

Today in Michigan, in a school, a six-year-old boy with a gun that his brother gave him, shot a six-year-old girl. And she died. The child was six years old. How did that child get that gun? Why could the child fire the gun? If we had the technology today to put in these child safety locks, why don't we do it?

I don't know what the facts were in this case, and I don't want to prejudge it or condemn anyone. But I know this: I know that the accidental gun death rate of children -- the accidental gun death rate of children in America is nine times higher than that in the other 25 biggest countries combined. Combined.

So we know what to do, we just don't have any excuses. Is that going to be a subject of this election, or not? You have to decide that. And the same is true with health care. The same is true with the environment and whether we can grow the environment and improve the economy. The same is true with our obligations around the world. How do we define America's responsibility to fight biological and chemical and nuclear warfare; to fight terrorism; to advance the cause of peace; to fight against the racial and ethnic and tribal turmoil around the world; to advance the cause of peace through expanding trade.

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CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAR-2000 14:18:50.00

SUBJECT: Scholastic and School Violence

TO: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Kris M Balderston
03/01/2000 01:55:27 PM
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Stephanie A. Cutter/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject:Scholastic and School Violence

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CREATOR: Eugenia Chough (CN=Eugenia Chough/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAR-2000 12:43:08.00

SUBJECT: re: re: re: CONFIRM: CS Gaming mtg with NIGA

TO: asmolkin@os.dhhs.gov (asmolkin@os.dhhs.gov [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

very serendipitous -- have been working with Debbie Rudy (she rules) and others at Ed's OSDFS (?) program on tobacco amendment to reauth of Elem and Secondary School Educ Act. sounds like there are alot of interesting issues since related to crime/drugs -- esp in light of columbine and MI shooting yesterday.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kris M Balderston (CN=Kris M Balderston/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAR-2000 13:55:35.00

SUBJECT: Scholastic and School Violence

TO: Thurgood Marshall Jr (CN=Thurgood Marshall Jr/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TO: Sonia G. Chessen (CN=Sonia G. Chessen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
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CREATOR: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAR-2000 18:16:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: Update on Agencies support to Buell Elementary

TO: Eric P. Liu (CN=Eric P. Liu/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: anna richter (CN=anna richter/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

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READ:UNKNOWN

CC: ann o'leary (CN=ann o'leary/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: sonia g. chessen (CN=sonia g. chessen/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I have all of the info. on the Scholastic kids issue and have talked to them numerous times. If we do a youth violence event, it would be very helpful to mention the letters and to possibly have a kid read a letter - they are pretty good.

Eric P. Liu

03/01/2000 06:14:26 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sonia G. Chessen/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc: bruce n. reed/opd/eop@eop, ann o'leary/opd/eop@eop, anna richter/opd/eop@eop, cathy r. mays/opd/eop@eop

Subject: Re: Update on Agencies support to Buell Elementary

Thanks Sonia. One other thing -- if Kris hasn't mentioned this yet, you might check in with him in the AM on a related piece involving Scholastic magazine -- they apparently have collected 6000 responses to a post-Columbine POTUS feature that asked kids to respond to the incident. Kris thinks maybe the YVC can do something with these, or with some subset of the kids.

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CREATOR: "Bleich, Jeffrey" <BleichJL@MTO.com> ("Bleich, Jeffrey" <BleichJL@MTO.com>

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-MAR-2000 10:48:27.00

SUBJECT: One more thing

TO: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Ann

Actually three more things.

(1) Someone at the White suggested that I contact Jay Dunn in the WH Business Liaison office with respect to: (1) finding donated office space in D.C.; and (2) identifying business contacts in Memphis. Would you know how I could contact him, and/or offer to make an introduction?

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Best,

Jeff

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CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-MAR-2000 18:37:54.00

SUBJECT: ugh -- adult supervision responsibility???

TO: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

From President's remarks today:

Over the last couple of days, I have once again asked Congress to meet and pass common sense gun safety legislation that they've been sitting on for eight months. Let me mention, in the aftermath of the Columbine shootings, I asked the Congress to pass legislation that would provide for child trigger locks on all guns, close the loophole in the Brady law which requires background checks for guns bought at gun shops but not at gun shows or urban flea markets, and ban the importation of large capacity ammunition clips, which are now illegal under the assault weapons ban that Senator Feinstein gave us if they're domestic. And I asked for also a national law on adult supervision responsibility if children were recklessly allowed to get guns -- and that's, of course, exactly what happened in the case, the tragic case in Michigan.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Eric P. Liu (CN=Eric P. Liu/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-2000 20:39:26.00

SUBJECT: Final Gun Background

TO: Broderick Johnson (CN=Broderick Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Charles M. Brain (CN=Charles M. Brain/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lauren K. Gillespie (CN=Lauren K. Gillespie/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Chuck/Brod -- I'm sending the document that you guys will attach to the briefing memo. Boy, it's almost like we planned it this way! Thanks.

Also, here are those two bullets we thought should be merged into the talking pts:

1. Given recent events, I hope you'll also agree it's time to pass my Child Access Prevention proposal, which would impose federal penalties on adults who knowingly or recklessly allow a child to have unlawful access to an unlocked gun that is used to cause death or serious injury. Sixteen states already have similar laws, and the prosecutor handling the recent Michigan shooting recently voiced support for it -- as did the NRA.

2. We need to get this done now. I ask you to make April 20, the anniversary of Columbine, the deadline for Congress to act..

----- Forwarded by Eric P. Liu/OPD/EOP on 03/06/2000
08:37 PM -----

Anna Richter

03/06/2000 08:37:22 PM

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cc: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP@EOP, Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP

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I. Overview of Senate and House Gun Provisions

A. Senate Provisions

As you know, the Senate passed a number of Administration gun provisions as part of its juvenile crime legislation, and we have used these provisions as a benchmark:

Requiring background checks at gun shows. The Lautenberg amendment requires all unlicensed sellers at gun shows to run sales through a federally-licensed firearms dealer (FFL) at the show. Most checks would be completed instantly, but law enforcement would have up to three business days to complete checks if any questions arose regarding a purchaser's prohibited status. Since many guns sold at gun shows are used (and thus difficult for law enforcement to trace), FFLs would be required to submit to Treasury limited gun tracing information on all firearms sold at gun shows. Any event where 50 or more firearms are sold would qualify as a gun show.

Requiring child safety devices for handguns. The Senate passed a Boxer-Kohl amendment to require all FFLs to provide a child safety device, such as a trigger lock, with every handgun sold.

Banning the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines. The Senate passed a Feinstein amendment to ban the import of all large capacity ammunition clips – ending the grandfather clause in the assault weapons ban for imported clips manufactured prior to 1994.

Banning violent juveniles from owning guns. The Senate bill contains a provision to bar juveniles guilty of serious violent offenses from owning guns as adults. This provision is significantly weaker than our proposal because it would apply only when the Attorney General is able to certify that juvenile records are “routinely available” to the NICS, which they are not.

Juvenile assault weapons ban. The Senate bill bars juveniles from owning semiautomatic assault rifles and large capacity ammunition clips. The Administration proposed a stronger version that would raise the age of possession of such firearms, as well as handguns, to 21.

Enforcement. The Senate bill also includes a Project Exile-type provision that requires the establishment of agreements between the Justice Department and state and local law enforcement on the referral of gun offenders for federal prosecution. It also requires that U.S. Attorneys charge referred individuals with the most serious federal firearms offenses possible. Justice has concerns with the proposal, which could federalize all gun violations in federal districts, and would infringe upon the prosecutorial discretion of U.S. Attorneys.

B. House Gun Provisions

As you recall, the House defeated a gun bill that included a flawed gun show provision and several other gun provisions similar to those the Senate passed. The House did, however, adopt a juvenile crime bill containing a number of additional firearms provisions. Those include: requiring background checks for the purchase of explosives; expanding the list of individuals prohibited from possessing explosives; increasing the number of cities participating in the Administration's youth crime gun tracing initiative; and raising penalties for licensed and

unlicensed dealers who illegally sell firearms, illegally traffic over 50 firearms, or illegally transfer firearms to juveniles and for offenses for stolen guns.

II. Overview of Proposed Compromises

To date, the conferees on the juvenile crime bill have met officially only once, and compromise discussions on gun shows have mainly been limited to Hyde and Conyers. Hatch and Leahy had remained quiet until two weeks ago when Hatch reportedly suggested dropping all gun provisions to get a vote on the underlying juvenile crime legislation. This idea was rejected by House and Senate leaders alike.

It is possible that House Republicans could accept many of the proposals outlined above. The key sticking point, however, remains the gun show proposal. The starting point for House GOP leaders has been the Dingell amendment, which would have required all gun show background checks to be completed within 24 hours. Unlike Lautenberg, Dingell did not have any provisions to help law enforcement trace crime guns purchased at gun shows. It also would have weakened current law on interstate shipment of firearms, and would have required FBI to immediately destroy records of NICS transactions. (Currently, the FBI maintains such records for up to 180 days to help ensure that the NICS is not used for unauthorized or illegal purposes). Last fall, Hyde and Conyers traded compromise proposals, but made no progress toward agreement.

There has been considerable focus on the so-called "waiting periods" of the varying proposals: Dingell's 24 hours versus Lautenberg's three business days. But it is critical to remember that these are not waiting periods but are in fact time limits for law enforcement to complete checks. In fact, the full three days are rarely needed since 95 percent of checks are completed by the NICS within two hours, and most 73 percent within minutes. More importantly, there is a strong law enforcement rationale for preserving the three business day time limit: individuals whose checks are not completed within 24 hours are almost 20 times more likely to be prohibited from owning a gun than the average buyer.

A. Hyde Compromise Proposal

Between September and November of last year, Hyde floated gun show compromises to Conyers that indicated some movement, but fell short of Lautenberg in a number of ways. This is a summary of the last version of Hyde's gun show compromise:

Time for background checks. Under Hyde's proposal, background checks at gun shows would be completed within 24 hours unless more time were needed to determine the disposition of arrest records or other "official" records, in which case up to three business days would be permitted. This change has major implications. Under current law, FFLs who sell at gun shows must conduct background checks not only to investigate arrest dispositions but also mental health histories and restraining orders. Under Hyde's proposal, restraining orders not yet finalized or communications between courts and law enforcement about mentally disturbed individuals -- as well as other "non-official" records -- could not be used to trigger an extra three business days for review. This essentially creates a new loophole for "non-official" records.

Instant check registrants. The Hyde proposal would create a new bureaucracy of “instant check registrants,” non-FFLs with access to the NICS who could run background checks at gun shows but be immunized from liability. In addition, it would impose limited recordkeeping requirements on registrants that would have no enforcement utility.

Tracing records. The Hyde proposal entirely eliminates the Lautenberg tracing record provisions. Since the Lautenberg provision is the only provision that would assist law enforcement with tracing crime guns sold at gun shows, this would be a critical weakening.

Gun show definition. The proposed compromise limits the definition of gun shows only to events “fostered” for a purpose related to firearms – effectively exempting flea markets, swap meets and other similar events from the background check requirements.

Roving vendors. The proposal would create a loophole by regulating only vendors who sell at a fixed location at a gun show. Roving vendors are a common presence at gun shows.

B. Conyers Counteroffer

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I. Overview of Senate and House Gun Provisions

A. Senate Provisions

As you know, the Senate passed a number of Administration gun provisions as part of its juvenile crime legislation, and we have used these provisions as a benchmark:

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Requiring child safety devices for handguns. The Senate passed a Boxer-Kohl amendment to require all FFLs to provide a child safety device, such as a trigger lock, with every handgun sold.

Banning the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines. The Senate passed a Feinstein amendment to ban the import of all large capacity ammunition clips – ending the grandfather clause in the assault weapons ban for imported clips manufactured prior to 1994.

Banning violent juveniles from owning guns. The Senate bill contains a provision to bar juveniles guilty of serious violent offenses from owning guns as adults. This provision is significantly weaker than our proposal because it would apply only when the Attorney General is able to certify that juvenile records are “routinely available” to the NICS, which they are not.

Juvenile assault weapons ban. The Senate bill bars juveniles from owning semiautomatic assault rifles and large capacity ammunition clips. The Administration proposed a stronger version that would raise the age of possession of such firearms, as well as handguns, to 21.

Enforcement. The Senate bill also includes a Project Exile-type provision that requires the establishment of agreements between the Justice Department and state and local law enforcement on the referral of gun offenders for federal prosecution. It also requires that U.S. Attorneys charge referred individuals with the most serious federal firearms offenses possible. Justice has concerns with the proposal, which could federalize all gun violations in federal districts, and would infringe upon the prosecutorial discretion of U.S. Attorneys.

B. House Gun Provisions

As you recall, the House defeated a gun bill that included a flawed gun show provision and several other gun provisions similar to those the Senate passed. The House did, however, adopt a juvenile crime bill containing a number of additional firearms provisions. Those include: requiring background checks for the purchase of explosives; expanding the list of individuals prohibited from possessing explosives; increasing the number of cities participating in the Administration's youth crime gun tracing initiative; and raising penalties for licensed and

unlicensed dealers who illegally sell firearms, illegally traffic over 50 firearms, or illegally transfer firearms to juveniles and for offenses for stolen guns.

II. Overview of Proposed Compromises

To date, the conferees on the juvenile crime bill have met officially only once, and compromise discussions on gun shows have mainly been limited to Hyde and Conyers. Hatch and Leahy had remained quiet until two weeks ago when Hatch reportedly suggested dropping all gun provisions to get a vote on the underlying juvenile crime legislation. This idea was rejected by House and Senate leaders alike.

It is possible that House Republicans could accept many of the proposals outlined above. The key sticking point, however, remains the gun show proposal. The starting point for House GOP leaders has been the Dingell amendment, which would have required all gun show background checks to be completed within 24 hours. Unlike Lautenberg, Dingell did not have any provisions to help law enforcement trace crime guns purchased at gun shows. It also would have weakened current law on interstate shipment of firearms, and would have required FBI to immediately destroy records of NICS transactions. (Currently, the FBI maintains such records for up to 180 days to help ensure that the NICS is not used for unauthorized or illegal purposes). Last fall, Hyde and Conyers traded compromise proposals, but made no progress toward agreement.

There has been considerable focus on the so-called "waiting periods" of the varying proposals: Dingell's 24 hours versus Lautenberg's three business days. But it is critical to remember that these are not waiting periods but are in fact time limits for law enforcement to complete checks. In fact, the full three days are rarely needed since 95 percent of checks are completed by the NICS within two hours, and most 73 percent within minutes. More importantly, there is a strong law enforcement rationale for preserving the three business day time limit: individuals whose checks are not completed within 24 hours are almost 20 times more likely to be prohibited from owning a gun than the average buyer.

A. Hyde Compromise Proposal

Between September and November of last year, Hyde floated gun show compromises to Conyers that indicated some movement, but fell short of Lautenberg in a number of ways. This is a summary of the last version of Hyde's gun show compromise:

Time for background checks. Under Hyde's proposal, background checks at gun shows would be completed within 24 hours unless more time were needed to determine the disposition of arrest records or other "official" records, in which case up to three business days would be permitted. This change has major implications. Under current law, FFLs who sell at gun shows must conduct background checks not only to investigate arrest dispositions but also mental health histories and restraining orders. Under Hyde's proposal, restraining orders not yet finalized or communications between courts and law enforcement about mentally disturbed individuals -- as well as other "non-official" records -- could not be used to trigger an extra three business days for review. This essentially creates a new loophole for "non-official" records.

Instant check registrants. The Hyde proposal would create a new bureaucracy of “instant check registrants,” non-FFLs with access to the NICS who could run background checks at gun shows but be immunized from liability. In addition, it would impose limited recordkeeping requirements on registrants that would have no enforcement utility.

Tracing records. The Hyde proposal entirely eliminates the Lautenberg tracing record provisions. Since the Lautenberg provision is the only provision that would assist law enforcement with tracing crime guns sold at gun shows, this would be a critical weakening.

Gun show definition. The proposed compromise limits the definition of gun shows only to events “fostered” for a purpose related to firearms – effectively exempting flea markets, swap meets and other similar events from the background check requirements.

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-2000 12:13:58.00

SUBJECT: presidential message

TO: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: Stephanie A. Cutter (CN=Stephanie A. Cutter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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CC: Daniel W. Burkhardt (CN=Daniel W. Burkhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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CC: Mary Morrison (CN=Mary Morrison/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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CC: Laura A. Graham (CN=Laura A. Graham/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As you know we are on target to have two students and one teacher at the radio address on March 11 representing Scholastic Magazine's Anti-Violence effort. You may remember that after Littleton the President asked school kids to send ideas in to the magazine on how to avoid future acts of violence.

Scholastic rec'd 6,000 letters on the topic. Attached is Scholastic's draft of the POTUS response.

This will run with a picture of the two kids and the teacher and the POTUS in the Columbine anniversary issue.

Dan /Sean - Does your shop approve this?

----- Forwarded by Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP on
03/06/2000 11:59 AM -----

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Subject: presidential message

Kris:

I hope you had a good weekend! I am attaching the draft presidential message which will be printed in our Scholastic News April 13th magazines (circ approx 4 million kids).

I have read the President say that our schools are statistically safer than ever (or soemthing like that), but didn't have the data, so that is not in there, but you may want to have the policy folks throw in a line about that.

Let me know if you need anything else (I will email you names, dob, ss#'s tomorrow morning).

Thanks again - this will be GREAT!

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Draft Presidential Message

To be published in *Scholastic News and Scholastic News, Senior Edition* April 13th issue
(Columbine Anniversary)

I want to thank each and every one of the more than 6,000 *Scholastic News* readers who took the time to share their thoughts and concerns about school violence with me. The responses were heartfelt, innovative and show that kids in America want a school environment where they can feel safe and secure. This Administration is committed to keeping our schools safe and most importantly, free of guns. I am encouraged and inspired that so many of America's school children are taking action in helping to solve the issue of violence in our schools.

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CREATOR: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-2000 14:19:06.00

SUBJECT: Columbine quote.

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I would direct the press office to: www.handguncontrol.com. The very first page of their website has Robin's full quote on how a background check would have prevented her from buying the guns for the shooters in Columbine. I'm sure SAFE Colorado's website may have the full testimony.

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-2000 18:06:24.00

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SUBJECT: Re: Colorado Gun Show Referendum.

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: leanne a. shimabukuro (CN=leanne a. shimabukuro/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

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CC: eric p. liu (CN=eric p. liu/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The President would be joining SAFE Colorado for the the kickoff to their signature drive. Ideally Mauser and other Columbine citizens become the first to sign it at the event. There may be one complication: While Handgun Control and SAFE Colorado believe that they can get final clearance on the referendum language (so that it is ready for official signatures) by early April, they said the only cause for delay would be stalling tactics by the gun lobby. There is a board in Colorado that must approve all of the referendum language and the gun lobby is certain to protest it. However, Handgun Control, at this point, doesn't believe that they will be able to stall it beyond early April. We're tracking this.

Bruce N. Reed

03/06/2000 01:08:13 PM

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To: Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc: eric p. liu/opd/eop@eop, leanne a. shimabukuro/opd/eop@eop

Subject: Re: Colorado Gun Show Referendum.

If we go out there in April, what will we be announcing? Our support for the referendum? That they have enough signatures? That they're kicking off their signature drive?

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CREATOR: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-2000 17:53:15.00

SUBJECT: Re: guns remarks -- 5:15pm draft

TO: Lowell A. Weiss (CN=Lowell A. Weiss/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Good work. A few things:

1. Don't assume they'll meet for over an hour.
2. Drop the sentence about "I explained what I could and could not accept in the final bill" -- which makes him sound unreasonable and too much like a SAP. You want the soundbite to be about April 20th -- see below.

Lowell A. Weiss

03/06/2000 05:24:48 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc: Terry Edmonds/WHO/EOP@EOP, Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

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We all know that the gun lobby is cranking up the pressure on

Congress. But that is no excuse for a failure to act. The public is not going to settle for half measures or fulsome excuses about NRA threats. They have every right to demand comprehensive gun-safety legislation now. Based on this morning's meeting, I have every reason to believe that the leaders understand the great urgency. They understand that 12 children a day are dying from guns. They understand that it's intolerable to stand idly by when first graders are killing first graders. And they understand that I'm absolutely committed to getting this done by April 20.

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READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TEXT:

only one change in bold -- Hill D's wary of explicit NRA hit, and anyway that was a harder segue into "good faith"

Lowell A. Weiss

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

REMARKS ON GUN VIOLENCE FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 7, 2000

Good morning. It seems fitting that I should be speaking to you this morning here in the briefing room we just named for James Brady.

Last spring, the brutal shootings at Columbine gave life-and-death urgency to our call for strengthening the nation's gun-safety laws. The Senate responded to that call, in spite of fierce pressure tactics by the gun lobby. With a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Gore, the Senate passed an amendment to close the gun show loophole and passed other common-sense provisions that require child-safety locks and that ban the importation of large-capacity ammunition clips.

Unfortunately, the House passed a much weaker bill. And for the past eight months, the leaders in Congress have done virtually nothing to complete a final bill. That is why I called upon Sens. Hatch and Leahy and Reps. Hyde and Conyers to come to the White House this morning. I met with them in the Oval Office for nearly an hour, and had a good discussion. My message to them was simple: Congress has kept the American people waiting long enough. I want Congress to finish the gun bill and send it to me by the anniversary of the Columbine tragedy on April 20th.

I told them a final bill needs to close the loophole that allows criminals

to buy firearms at gun shows) without opening any new loopholes in the process. I said I wanted a ban on the importation of ammunition clips that allow shooters) including those in Jonesboro and Littleton) to spray bullets across a wide killing zone in a matter of seconds. And I said a final bill needs to require child-safety locks and hold adults accountable when they allow young people to get their hands on deadly guns) two measures that are particularly relevant in light of the heartbreaking shooting of Kayla Rolland last week.

I know that the gun lobby is cranking up the pressure on Congress. But when first graders shoot first graders, it's time for Congress to do what's right for American families.

Sen. Hatch and Rep. Hyde expressed their desire to work with us in good faith. I am grateful for their willingness to meet today and to continue working together. But let me be clear: Eight months is long enough. There is no more time for delay. We owe it to our children and to the victims to get this job done by April 20.

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CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-MAR-2000 16:43:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: presidential message

TO: Kris M Balderston (CN=Kris M Balderston/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

Do you know who in correspondence is handling this? I want to make sure they get with the correct policy people about the text.

Kris M Balderston
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Subject:presidential message

As you know we are on target to have two students and one teacher at the radio address on March 11 representing Scholastic Magazine's Anti-Violence effort. You may remember that after Littleton the President asked school kids to send ideas in to the magazine on how to avoid future acts of violence.

Scholastic rec'd 6,000 letters on the topic. Attached is Scholastic's draft of the POTUS response.

This will run with a picture of the two kids and the teacher and the POTUS in the Columbine anniversary issue.

Dan /Sean - Does your shop approve this?
----- Forwarded by Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP on
03/06/2000 11:59 AM -----

BHubbard@Scholastic.com
03/06/2000 11:37:05 AM
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To: Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP
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Subject: presidential message

Kris:

I hope you had a good weekend! I am attaching the draft presidential message which will be printed in our Scholastic News April 13th magazines

Draft Presidential Message

To be published in *Scholastic News and Scholastic News, Senior Edition* April 13th issue
(Columbine Anniversary)

I want to thank each and every one of the more than 6,000 *Scholastic News* readers who took the time to share their thoughts and concerns about school violence with me. The responses were heartfelt, innovative and show that kids in America want a school environment where they can feel safe and secure. This Administration is committed to keeping our schools safe and most importantly, free of guns. I am encouraged and inspired that so many of America's school children are taking action in helping to solve the issue of violence in our schools.

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CREATOR: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-MAR-2000 11:51:43.00

SUBJECT: Re: Colorado Trip

TO: Matthew L. Bennett (CN=Matthew L. Bennett/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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CC: rachel a. redington (CN=rachel a. redington/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

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TEXT:

Matt --

This is the story on Colorado -- We have been working with Handgun Control and SAFE Colorado on potentially kicking off of their gun show referendum petition drive for this event. It would be a great event because we would have Tom Mauser be the first to sign it, and ideally have a line of other Columbine victims and concerned citizens all lined up ready to add their signatures as well. The only holdup for this angle is that there is an official certification process for referendums and the gun lobby may try to stall this one. . . . SAFE Colorado believes that they probably wouldn't be able to stall it past early April, but there is no guarantee. We're tracking this closely. Either way, I'm sure there are alternative angles, but we really like this one.

Deanne

Matthew L. Bennett

03/08/2000 11:29:12 AM

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To: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP@EOP, Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc: Rachel A. Redington/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject:Colorado Trip

See below from Mickey. Please let me know if you have any info.

----- Forwarded by Matthew L. Bennett/WHO/EOP on

03/08/2000 11:28 AM -----

Mickey Ibarra

03/08/2000 11:16:08 AM

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To: Rachel A. Redington/WHO/EOP@EOP, Matthew L. Bennett/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Colorado Trip

Are you both keeping an eye on the Colorado trip on the POTUS calendar for April 12 as a (T). Matt, we definately need to encourage the DPC group to keep us in the loop on any discussions. Bruce has talked to Governor Owens and I have talked to AG Salazar but I was not aware of the date until today. Thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-2000 20:34:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: DRAFT--NLC Remarks. Comments to Edmonds/Gottheimer by Sat Noon.

TO: Joshua S. Gottheimer (CN=Joshua S. Gottheimer/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Terry Edmonds (CN=Terry Edmonds/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I bolded and underlined a few suggested edits. If you have any questions
-- call me at 65574. Thanks, Leanne

Paragraph 5: "But in addition to building a new economy, we are also building a stronger American community. Crime is down seven years in a row, to its lowest level in 25 years; teen births are down seven years in a row; and welfare rolls have been cut in half to their lowest levels in 30 years.

-- Paragraph 15: In addition to Mayor Stanley, should he mention mayors from Memphis and Wilkinsburg (if represented)? Both had highly visible multiple shootings within last week and a half.

-- Paragraph 16: "Over ten months after the shootings at Columbine, and countless other tragedies, Congress has still failed to do right by our children ¶) and pass common-sense gun legislation..." (Eight months is in reference to when House and Senate had both completed action on bills. Columbine anniversary is next month.)

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Terry Edmonds

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES
WASHINGTON, DC
MARCH 12, 2000

Acknowledgements: Mayor Bob Knight, NLC President; Mayor Dennis Archer, NLC First Vice President; Mayor Karen Anderson, NLS Second Vice President; Don Borut, NLC Executive Director; Mickey Ibarra.

Good afternoon. Seven years ago, two months into my first term as President, I had the honor of addressing this group at a time of great uncertainty in our nation. Inflation was up, deficits were exploding, crime and unemployment were high, and citizens in towns and cities across our country were asking themselves, "America, What Went Wrong?"

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The results are clear: 20 million new jobs; the lowest unemployment rates in 30 years; the lowest poverty rates in 20 years; the lowest African American and Hispanic unemployment rates on record; the first back-to-back surpluses in 42 years. And with each passing day, we set a new record for the longest period of economic growth in our nation's history.

But in addition to building a new economy, we are also building a stronger American community. Crime is down by 20 percent to its lowest level in 25 years; teen births are down seven years in a row; and welfare rolls have been cut in half to their lowest levels in 30 years.

But everything cannot be measured in dollars and cents or statistics. Some things can only be measured in the heart. Building strong cities in the 21st century requires a greater understanding of the power and potential of America's growing diversity. It's about realizing that we're 99.9 percent the same; and that the most important fact of human existence is our common humanity. That's something you obviously understand with your call for cities and towns to take the lead in "undoing racism" in America. I want to applaud Mayor Knight for putting this at the top of his agenda for the year 2000. And I want to thank all of you for encouraging the people in your cities and towns to reach across the lines that divide us, to build that elusive One America.

I was reminded of how far we have come since the darkest days of segregation in America when I visited Selma, Alabama last Sunday. While we now have equal rights in public accommodations and voting, we all know, as Dr. King did 35 years ago, that we will never truly overcome until we bring economic opportunity and real hope to every corner of America.

That's why the Vice President and I have worked so hard to expand the

winner's circle so that every American can benefit from our nation's growing prosperity. One of the most important ways to do that, in this year of the census, is to make sure we count every citizen in every community.

America's cities and towns are on the move. You are creating new businesses, new jobs, training workers, building and rehabilitation housing. The 135 empowerment zones and enterprise communities we have designated are now pumping the lifeblood of commerce and capital. Federal seed money has leveraged more than \$14 billion in public and private investment during the last five years alone. And we want to do even more.

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But we can't have strong schools and strong communities if citizens are living in fear of crime -- especially gun violence. While the crime rate has fallen, too many of our citizens are still living under the daily threat of gun violence. And too many of them are innocent children. When children as young as six years olds have their lives cut short by gun violence, we are simply not doing enough. It's time, once and for all, to take action. [Mayor Stanley], again, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Kayla Rolland's family, to the students of Buell Elementary School, and to the entire Mount Morris Township community for the tragedy you have endured. For your sake, we must do all we can to make sure this never happens again anywhere in America.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
TOPPER ON GUNS
CLEVELAND, OH
March 13, 2000

Before I begin, I want to express my outrage at the NRA's latest assault on the American people's good faith efforts to stem the tide of gun violence. This chilling headline [from USA Today] represents a new low in special interest smear tactics. By suggesting that the tragic deaths of the teenagers in Columbine, the first grader in Michigan and those who died in the line of duty in Memphis last week are little more than political fodder, the NRA has offended every citizen who cares about this issue. And it is diverting attention from what really matters - stopping the epidemic of gun violence in America.

It is one thing to look into the eye of a camera and make such an outrageous statement. It is another to look into the eyes of grieving parents who are asking themselves over and over, why my child and what could have been done to prevent this tragedy? That's what I faced when I met with Veronica McQueen, the mother of six-year-old Kayla Rolland last week. That's what I've seen too many times before.

Let me be clear: I am not concerned about what the NRA says about me. This is not about me. This is about the 12 children who lose their lives to gun violence every day. It is about mothers, like Veronica McQueen and parents like those in Columbine who simply want the madness to stop.

Every member of Congress has a choice to make this year. Are you going to

side with the ugly extremism of the NRA or the basic decency of parents, police officers and ordinary citizens who just want to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children. For eight months Congress has been sitting on common sense gun legislation that would close the gun show loophole, require child safety locks, ban the importation of large ammunition clips and hold adults accountable when they knowingly or recklessly allow children access to guns.

This is about saving lives and making America a safer and better place to raise our kids. So I implore Congress to get to work this week. We don't have any more time or lives to waste.

Message Sent

To: _____

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CREATOR: Terry Edmonds (CN=Terry Edmonds/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-2000 09:28:32.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Joel Johnson (CN=Joel Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Before I begin, I want to express my outrage at the NRA's latest assault on the American people's good faith efforts to stem the tide of gun violence. This headline [from USA Today] represents a new low in special interest smear tactics. By insinuating that I, or any responsible American, would actually welcome more killings to make a political point, the NRA has offended every citizen who cares about this issue. And it is diverting attention from what really matters - stopping the epidemic of gun violence in American.

It is one thing to look into the eye of a camera and make such an outrageous statement. It is another to look in the eyes of grieving parents who are asking themselves over and over, why my child and what could have been done to prevent this tragedy? That's what I faced when I met with Veronica McQueen, the mother of six-year-old Kayla Rolland last week. That's what I've seen too many times before.

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Rather than name calling and heavy-handed political intimidation, the NRA should get out of the way and let Congress pass the common sense gun legislation that has been languishing for 10 months on Capitol Hill. Legislation that would close the gun show loophole, require child safety locks, ban the importation of large ammunition clips and hold adults accountable when they knowingly or recklessly allow children access to guns.

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CREATOR: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAR-2000 15:46:29.00

SUBJECT: Scholastic Letter

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think that this looks fine -- pretty innocuous.

----- Forwarded by Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP on 03/14/2000
03:46 PM -----

Catherine T. Kitchen
03/14/2000 03:40:49 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:Scholastic Letter

Thank you so much for looking at this. I'm going to page Ann O'Leary as you suggested. This has not been edited yet - it is just the first draft. As I said on the phone, the Scholastic people would like the letter mailed out tonight if at all possible. They do not want it to be policy heavy, mainly a thank you note. This is to be the message printed in their Columbine anniversary issue. Please call with questions x65428. Thanks!

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CREATOR: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAR-2000 16:51:15.00

SUBJECT: Re: Scholastic Newsletter

TO: Catherine T. Kitchen (CN=Catherine T. Kitchen/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Catherine -

My apologies for the delay. We do need to change the sentence about Columbine. I would suggest the bold changes below.

Please let me know if you have questions - 6-6275.

Thanks.

-Ann O'L

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To: Ann O'Leary/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:Scholastic Newsletter

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAR-2000 11:18:03.00

SUBJECT: Scholastic Newsletter

TO: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAR-2000 14:59:43.00

SUBJECT: Re: April 12 trip

TO: Matthew L. Bennett (CN=Matthew L. Bennett/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

No, but we will absolutely let you know when there are any meetings. At this point, we want to do the official kickoff of their referendum petition drive. Our only concern on this angle is that the gun lobby may, possibly, maybe find a way to delay the petition drive until May. If this happens, we will need another angle on the event. With the anniversary of Columbine on April 20th, I am sure we will find something else to do, however.

Matthew L. Bennett

03/14/2000 02:56:05 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:April 12 trip

Also, I heard the CO trip on April 12 is confirmed. Since the Governor and AG are so involved in the gun issue there, Mickey really wants us to be part of the planning. Do you know when the next meeting on that trip will be?

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CREATOR: Paul D. Glastris (CN=Paul D. Glastris/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-MAR-2000 09:52:12.00

SUBJECT: final guns

TO: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Loretta M. Ucelli (CN=Loretta M. Ucelli/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Final 3/15/00 9:25 a.m.

Glastris

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SUBJECT: not 500 words, but a few suggested deletions

TO: Paul D. Glastris (CN=Paul D. Glastris/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Draft 3/14/00 9:00 p.m.

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SUBJECT: One more thing

TO: Sonia G. Chessen (CN=Sonia G. Chessen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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"Bleich, Jeffrey" <BleichJL@MTO.com>

03/03/2000 10:39:30 AM

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To: Ann O'Leary/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: One more thing

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Best,

Jeff

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SUBJECT: a few technical edits

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Lowell A. Weiss

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Lowell: Looks great. I made a few very technical changes onto Eric's proposed edits. I bolded, italicized and underlined them. Call me if you have any questions. LS 65574

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

RADIO ADDRESS ON GUN VIOLENCE

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SUBJECT: april events

TO: Stephanie A. Cutter (CN=Stephanie A. Cutter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

I just got a call from the VP's scheduling office inquiring about what we've got planned for the OKC/Columbine anniversaries. I told him we have no idea yet, but we're thinking about the April 12th CO travel and other possible travel around the anniversaries. I also mentioned to him the National Campaign's city-by-city kickoff events in Memphis April 12-14. Anyway, the long and short of it is we should remind each other to keep the VP's office in the loop on the discussions about activities around those anniversaries.

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CREATOR: Jeffrey A. Shesol (CN=Jeffrey A. Shesol/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-2000 09:16:33.00

SUBJECT: REVISED GUN REMARKS -- CHANGES IN BOLD -- COMMENTS TO JEFF SHESOL ASAP

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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Jeff Shesol

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

DEPARTURE STATEMENT ON GUN LEGISLATION AND THE BUDGET

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 16, 2000

Good afternoon. I'd like to say just a few words before I depart.

Yesterday, the House took a small but significant step down the long road toward a common-sense gun bill. At long last, House members from both parties have loosened the grip of the gun lobby enough to say: It's time to get to work. It's time after eight months, after so many senseless shootings it's time for House and Senate conferees to resolve their differences on this crucial legislation.

The American people have spoken clearly and consistently about the need to protect our children from gun violence. The House, it now appears, is listening. I hope Republican leaders will listen, too. Yesterday's vote

leaves them no more excuses for stalling; no more excuses for holding this process hostage; no more excuses for keeping the conferees from meeting and working together to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

Of course, a meeting is just a beginning. Congress should keep working until it sends me a bill I can sign -- legislation that closes the gun show loophole, requires child safety locks with all new handguns, and bans the importation of large-capacity ammunition clips.

The bipartisan vote yesterday is proof that attack ads, name-calling, and threats will not deter us from carrying out the will of the American people. But there are further tests ahead. We are just a month away from the anniversary of Columbine, and Congress has yet to send me a common-sense gun bill. The clock is ticking. America is waiting -- to see whether Congress will answer to the interests of our children and not intimidation by the NRA.

I also want to say a few words about the budget that House Republicans proposed yesterday. A budget, of course, is more than a balance sheet. It's a blueprint for America's future. For seven years, our administration has worked to build that future on a solid foundation of fiscal discipline. But the budget proposed by Republican leaders would erode our fiscal discipline. It would weaken, not strengthen, the foundation that Americans have worked so hard to build for our future.

Before devoting a single dollar to pay down the debt, or extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, or provide a voluntary prescription-drug benefit, or invest in our children's education, Republicans in Congress have already spent almost half a trillion dollars in irresponsible tax cuts. Almost half a trillion dollars, and -- as the Republican budget now makes clear -- they're just getting started.

This Republican budget is unrealistic; its enormous tax cuts are unwise; and the risks it poses are simply unconscionable. It is every bit as risky and costly as the budget they tried to pass last fall. Once again, their budget would undermine our ability to make America debt-free by 2013, or to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, or to add a voluntary prescription-drug benefit. It would also slash our most pressing priorities across the board -- from education to the environment; from law enforcement to public health; from scientific research to basic nutrition.

This, as I have said, is the wrong path for America. It would lead us straight into a fiscal dead-end. Again, I urge Republican leaders to change course -- and write a budget that maintains our fiscal discipline, meets our most pressing priorities, and makes the most of this moment of prosperity. Thank you.

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CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-2000 12:04:23.00

SUBJECT: april

TO: Stephanie A. Cutter (CN=Stephanie A. Cutter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I know things are a little crazy right now, however, do you think we get a meeting scheduled to regroup about what we're doing in April around Columbine? I think it would be helpful to get Bruce and Eric, Loretta, Jen or Joe, Joel, Tom, et.al. together to resolve:

- a. 4/12 Colorado trip
- b. Columbine anniversary
- c. whether we do anything with the National Campaign.

What do you think?

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CREATOR: Sonia G. Chesson (CN=Sonia G. Chesson/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: April violence events

TO: Eric P. Liu (CN=Eric P. Liu/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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CC: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TEXT:

We are trying to plan for April. Jeff and the Campaign are really hoping to do a Board Meeting/Presidential Event on April 18th. It looks like that is a down day for the President. But there might be possibilities on the schedule for the 19th, 20th or 21st. Jeff is lining up his people, so he is very anxious to know if we can do this. I think they have some nice deliverables, want to launch a PSA, etc. They seem to be on the verge of moving forward on several big items and could really use the boost at this juncture (it will be important to their firming up fundraising commitments they've received.)

We will be ready to announce 23 new Safe School sites and the Early Warning Guide II. We will also have a nice inventory of "Federal Activities Addressing Violence in Schools" that CDC was going to publish in a Journal. I've asked them to hold off on any announcement so that we can use it if you want. It's got over 100 school violence related pieces, with a nice front-end.

I know the President will probably do a gun thing on the 12th, and that we will do a video for Jeff on the 14th Memphis deal.

Do you have thoughts about the Columbine week?

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CREATOR: Deanne E. Benos (CN=Deanne E. Benos/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAR-2000 14:56:05.00

SUBJECT: Re: Colorado Trip in April

TO: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It is my understand that we wanted to do something on the Colorado Gun Show Referendum in Denver with SAFE Colorado. Ideally, we hope that they will be ready to kickoff their petition drive that day with the President -- the only holdup is if the gun lobby finds a way to delay the official petitions. In that instance, we would have to find something else to do. The point was to link it to Columbine in some way. We didn't choose a specific location as far as I know. What is going on?

Anna Richter

03/20/2000 02:53:40 PM

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To: Deanne E. Benos/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Colorado Trip in April

Do you know where we decided to go on April 12th?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Joshua S. Gottheimer (CN=Joshua S. Gottheimer/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-MAR-2000 16:17:22.00

SUBJECT: revised draft

TO: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sonia G. Chessen (CN=Sonia G. Chessen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Eric P. Liu (CN=Eric P. Liu/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Draft 03/28/00 4:15pm

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VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

AGAINST YOUTH VIOLENCE

MEMPHIS, TN

April 14, 2000

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CREATOR: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-MAR-2000 15:09:29.00

SUBJECT: DRAFT -- Violence Video

TO: Lindsay R. Drewel (CN=Lindsay R. Drewel/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Because I didn;t see your name...

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Karin Kullman
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To: Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP, Ann O'Leary/OPD/EOP@EOP, Sonia G.
Chessen/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:DRAFT -- Violence Video

Please let Anna and I know if you have any comments ASAP.
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Joshua S. Gottheimer
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To: Eric P. Liu/OPD/EOP@EOP, Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP@EOP, Loretta M.
Ucelli/WHO/EOP@EOP, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP@EOP
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Subject:DRAFT -- Violence Video

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SUBJECT: DRAFT -- Violence Video

TO: Ann O'Leary (CN=Ann O'Leary/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sonia G. Chessen (CN=Sonia G. Chessen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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TO: Anna Richter (CN=Anna Richter/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

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CREATOR: Sonia G. Chessen (CN=Sonia G. Chessen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-MAR-2000 17:06:19.00

SUBJECT: Re: revised draft --- violence camp

TO: Joshua S. Gottheimer (CN=Joshua S. Gottheimer/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: loretta m. ucelli (CN=loretta m. ucelli/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: karin kullman (CN=karin kullman/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: anna richter (CN=anna richter/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: eric p. liu (CN=eric p. liu/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [OPD])

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TEXT:

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