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CREATOR: Woyneab M. Wondwossen (CN=Woyneab M. Wondwossen/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-MAR-2000 13:27:58.00

SUBJECT: language re: prayer in schools

TO: Edward W. Correia (CN=Edward W. Correia/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Eddie,

Is this language still accurate? Thanks.

Thank you for expressing your concerns about prayer in public schools.

In response to the tragic events at Columbine, my Administration launched a national grassroots campaign to prevent youth violence. Several religious leaders are participating in this effort, which is examining, among other issues, the role of religion in public schools. Like you, I am a strong proponent of religious freedom and expression. Nothing in our Constitution requires schools to be faith-free zones, where children must leave their religion at the schoolhouse door. In 1998, my Administration issued comprehensive guidelines to clarify what kind of religious activity is and must be permissible in public schools. According to our laws, students have the right to pray privately and individually at school. They have the right to meet in religious groups on school grounds and to use school facilities, just as any other club. They also have the right to read the Bible or any religious text during study hall or free class time.

Again, thank you for writing.

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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

Catherine T. Kitchen

03/14/2000 11:17:57 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Ann O'Leary/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:Scholastic Newsletter

Ann,

I left a voicemail for you yesterday re: a letter to the Scholastic News readers for the anniversary issue about Columbine. They would like to have the text of the letter by tomorrow in order to meet their printing deadline. As you know, this newsletter has a very wide distribution and is going to be the President's response to all of the letters on gun violence the students wrote to him last fall. Could you please take a look at this draft and let me know if the policy is correct? In specific, the line that says "our communities our safer." Thank you...if you are unable to look at this today, could you refer me to someone who has authority to clear? Thanks.

I would like to thank each and every one of the more than 6,000 Scholastic News readers who took the time to write me with their thoughts and concerns about school violence. The responses were heartfelt, innovative, and show that America ,s young people want a school environment where they can feel safe and secure.

While I am heartened by recent reports showing that overall school

violence and crime is going down, I am saddened that since Columbine the Nation has continued to witness tragic school shootings. Since the tragic shooting at Columbine, we have had success in making our communities safer. However, I know that more must be done. Like you, I want to do more to make sure that no child is in danger at school. My Administration will continue to fight to make our schools safe and, most importantly, free of guns. I am encouraged and inspired that so many of our nation ,s young people are taking action to help solve the issue of violence in our schools, and I hope that you will continue your involvement. Working together, we can make a difference.

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CREATOR: Lindsay R. Drewel (CN=Lindsay R. Drewel/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-2000 12:32:03.00

SUBJECT: Re: april

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

TEXT:

just let me know - i could work on this next week - setting it up sometime for the week of march 27th . . .

also - frampton's asst just emailed me w/ two possibilities for earth day mtg.

1. we could have the mtg on march 27th w/out frampton which frampton suggested and is fine with (LU might like this option better!)
2. or . . can't have the mtg until friday, march 31st due to frampton is now testifying all day on thursday

Stephanie A. Cutter
03/16/2000 12:27:42 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Lindsay R. Drewel/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:april

put this on your radar screen

----- Forwarded by Stephanie A. Cutter/WHO/EOP on
03/16/2000 12:27 PM -----

Karin Kullman
03/16/2000 12:02:37 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Stephanie A. Cutter/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:april

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: Mike Romano <RomanoM@SHNS.com> (Mike Romano <RomanoM@SHNS.com> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-2000 13:38:46.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Elizabeth R. Newman (CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elizabeth:

First, I want to thank you for keeping me apprised of gun-control issues. I'm also sending along my formal request for an interview with the president to precede the April 20 anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School.

Since the massacre at Columbine, the Denver Rocky Mountain News -- the dominant daily newspaper in Colorado, and the 18th-largest in the nation -- has been at the forefront of coverage of gun control and a whole range of topics related to cultural issues and youth violence.

Gun control has obviously become a huge political issue -- I've focused on it for months, most recently with a major story in mid-December detailing how and why the NRA won its political victory, followed by a more recent story about the new political muscle of Handgun Control. Gun control now occupies a considerable amount of my time as a reporter for both the Rocky Mountain News and Scripps Howard News Service, which has several hundred clients across America.

I requested an interview with the president -- or a response to written questions -- shortly after the tragedy at Columbine. I thought an interview in Denver's leading newspaper might be an appropriate forum for the president to discuss the massacre.

I'd like to make that same request again. I'm requesting a very brief interview, or the submission of a series of questions. In addition to my questions about the legislative process, the progress of the conference committee and issues like gun registration, I would like to ask the president to answer several questions posed by the parents of the victims of Columbine -- and, perhaps, by several of the 24 students injured in the rampage. I believe this would allow the president to personally address many of the issues of gun control and youth violence.

Please pass this along to Joe Lockhart and let me know if I can follow up in any way.

I recognize this is something of a long shot -- the Rocky Mountain News, of course, is not "Today" or the New York Times -- but I believe that an interview in the local newspaper would have a dramatic resonance that even network television or a national newspaper couldn't match.

Thanks in advance.

Mike

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAR-2000 17:52:43.00

SUBJECT: Re: Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You have to read every paper in the country to know what the hell is happening around here.

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SUBJECT: Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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----- Forwarded by Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP on
03/30/2000 05:51 PM -----

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03/30/2000 04:30:50 PM

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To: Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP@EOP, Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP@EOP,

Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP@EOP

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CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAR-2000 18:05:20.00

SUBJECT: Re: Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Bill Marshall in the Counsel's office never heard of it. he will check with some of the others in the office

good catch

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CREATOR: William Marshall (CN=William Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-MAR-2000 17:58:47.00

SUBJECT: Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

TO: Sarah Wilson (CN=Sarah Wilson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by William Marshall/WHO/EOP on 03/30/2000
05:58 PM -----

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03/30/2000 05:52:06 PM
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cc:
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CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 18:05:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: ABC

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: james e. kennedy (CN=james e. kennedy/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Someone at Justice called me & told me Columbine families have already received \$1.5 million from the victim's compensation fund that Justice operates; they sounded skeptical about the feasibility of this "disaster" concept. I've spoken briefly with Beth about it at Counsel's office, and I'll follow through with Paul Oetken there.

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CREATOR: Charles_M._Brain@who.eop.gov (Charles_M._Brain@who.eop.gov [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 12:35:10.00

SUBJECT: Columbine

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kay Casstevens (CN=Kay Casstevens/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karen Robb (CN=Karen Robb/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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TO: Marty J. Hoffmann (CN=Marty J. Hoffmann/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Matthew T. Schneider (CN=Matthew T. Schneider/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Rebecca Hunter (CN=Rebecca Hunter/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

In case we go to columbine (4/12), Daschle and Gephardt would like to go with us. Steve is aware of this and wants to facilitate.

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CREATOR: Sarah Wilson (CN=Sarah Wilson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 10:22:39.00

SUBJECT: Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

TO: Meredith E. Cabe (CN=Meredith E. Cabe/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I heard about this for the first time yesterday & none of my gun contacts in DPC know anything about it. Bill was going to give you a call -- are you working on this?

----- Forwarded by Sarah Wilson/WHO/EOP on 03/31/2000
10:21 AM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro
03/30/2000 06:01:16 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Sarah Wilson/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:Columbine Disaster Relief Aid Request

FYI
----- Forwarded by Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP on
03/30/2000 06:01 PM -----

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03/30/2000 04:30:50 PM
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CREATOR: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 12:00:29.00

SUBJECT: Youth Violence

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here are the announcements I know we would have available around the
Columbine Anniversary:

\$65 million in DOJ COPS grants to fund approximately 400 school resource
officers

\$40 million in Safe Schools-Healthy Students grants for 23 new sites
Early Warning Guide II

Possible report on federal activities addressing violence in schools

I'm also checking into whether the National Campaign would have any
deliverables that could be announced around this time.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 11:55:17.00

SUBJECT: john's meeting

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

TEXT:

Here are the issues to get clarity on in John's meeting. The items not locked down are in bold, and issues we aren't taking care of with this schedule are listed at the bottom. I will revise this following Karen's meeting if necessary.

Monday -- 4/3: DLC speech -- China: Governors Letter, Cong. Endorsement

Tuesday -- 4/4: Digital Divide Kickoff

Wednesday -- 4/5: Economic Summit
Hill Budget event with Cabinet. (No POTUS involvement)

Thursday - 4/6: Arrival statement on gun procurement (or Annapolis trip?)

Friday - 4/7: Signing of Retirement Earnings bill, and Announcement of SSA Retirement Planner Website. (or Annapolis?)

Saturday - 4/8: Radio Address -- maybe 3rd world debt relief (HIPC)

Monday 4/10: Arkansas/down (T)

Tuesday 4/11: D.C. -- message event TBD. (Presc. Drugs??)

Wednesday 4/12: Guns -- Colorado/NBC

Thursday 4/13: ASNE -- topic: privacy legislation or china

Friday 4/14: EWA -- education report

Saturday 4/15: Radio Address. Topic: Youth Violence package or privacy.

Earth Day event in California.

Monday 4/17: East Palo Alto -- New Markets
New Mexico -- New Markets

Tuesday 4/18: North Carolina -- New Markets

Wednesday 4/19: Oklahoma City
Departure Statement on Youth Violence (Columbine)

Thursday 4/20: No public event. (Columbine)
Press interviews.

Friday 4/21: Down

Saturday 4/22: Earth Day -- Radio address on environmental issues.

Monday 4/24: Easter Egg Roll

Tuesday 4/25: Million Moms March/Grassroots meeting.

Wednesday 4/26: Open. Possible Travel. (Note: This is the day of the congressional events on prescription drugs)

Thursday 4/27: Arkansas

Friday 4/28: Hate Crimes/Attorney Generals

ISSUES TO FIT IN:

Prescription Drug Report: possible event on the 11th?

Prescription Drug Congressional event: what is our involvement?

Patients Bill of Rights: need to be prepared to play into developments (i'm checking with Chris on key dates, etc..)

Earth Day: we are only doing one event. Do we need to do an additional event the week of the 17th, and do we need to do anything on climate given vp speech on the 21st?

Minimum Wage: i'm checking on any potential developments we need to think about.

China: do we need to do the religious meeting in April? if we do DLC and ASNE on China, we may not have to.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 14:36:21.00

SUBJECT: ABC

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: James E. Kennedy (CN=James E. Kennedy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Tamara Lipper from ABC left a message with a question on the proposed Columbine disaster fund. I believe she wants to know who is handling the request. I think Bill Marshall or Bruce Lindsay are familiar with this. Can one of you please call her back? Her number is 222-7715.

Thanks,
Leanne

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-APR-2000 15:26:04.00

SUBJECT: Message for Columbine Memorial Service

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

What office is Maureen from?

----- Forwarded by Anna Richter/OPD/EOP on 04/17/2000

03:25 PM -----

Maureen A. Hudson

04/17/2000 02:14:49 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP@EOP, Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc: Daniel W. Burkhardt/WHO/EOP@EOP, Delia A. Cohen/WHO/EOP@EOP,

Jason H. Schechter/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject:Message for Columbine Memorial Service

Here's our proposed draft for the message that Jason Schechter has requested ASAP for an event later this week. I normally would not put this much policy in something for a memorial service, but in view of the President's last radio address, I thought it best to include what I could. Feel free to delete any of it that you think is inappropriate in tone, and please let me know if there is anyone else on the WH staff who should review the text as well. Thanks! (I can be reached on ext. 65902 if you need to discuss anything.)

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===== ATTACHMENT      1 =====
ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:    0 00:00:00.00
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TEXT:

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The following is a HEX DUMP:

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April 13, 2000

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(4.columbine.msg)
(Event: 4//20)
cc: Presidential Messages, 91 OEOB
SENT TO:
Return to Jason Schechter

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91 OEOB, FOR DISPATCH ***

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-APR-2000 15:23:55.00

SUBJECT: Re: Message for Columbine Memorial Service

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks!!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 17:22:45.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I hadn't seen this final version. I think it's much better than what I originally circulated, except I'm not fond of the "flowers" part in the first paragraph. I had originally worded that as "all those who lost their lives a year ago during the tragic shooting at Columbine High School."

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 09:11:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: Message for Columbine Memorial Service

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thank you!!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles J. Payson (CN=Charles J. Payson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 10:40:48.00

SUBJECT: Columbine vigil

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: maureen t. shea (CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

See below. Do we even want to re-reaise this?

----- Forwarded by Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP on

04/18/2000 10:40 AM -----

Sonia G. Chesson

04/18/2000 09:47:10 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:Columbine vigil

The Thursday night candlelight vigil for Columbine will take place at the

Imani Temple. Contact name is Claudette Perry 262-2500 or 882-0417.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lotus Pager Gateway (Lotus Pager Gateway [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 08:39:49.00

SUBJECT: Re: 9:30am thurs anniv. of columbine mtg in loretta's office - x62640 (Sen

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

To:

cc:

From: Lindsay R. Drewel/WHO/EOP

Date:

Time:

Subject:9:30am thurs anniv. of columbine mtg in loretta's office -

x62640

Body:

Priority:

Message history for recipient MAUREEN SHEA [Pager]

Tuesday 18 Apr 2000 08:38:43 Eastern Standard Time - Message received by
Pager Gateway

Tuesday 18 Apr 2000 08:39:40 Eastern Standard Time - Message received by
Paging Service

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 18:50:28.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Carolyn E. Cleveland (CN=carolyn e. cleveland/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jason H. Schechter (CN=jason h. schechter/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=maureen a. hudson/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sean P. Maloney (CN=sean p. maloney/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

from what I understand, the press office is the lead on this one.

Lisel Loy

04/18/2000 06:45:25 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jason H. Schechter/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: sean p. maloney/who/eop@eop, carolyn e. cleveland/who/eop@eop,

Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP, Maureen A. Hudson/WHO/EOP@EOP

bcc:

Subject: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

Sean has made a couple of minor edits and Maureen is revising the

[illegible]

[illegible]

April 13, 2000

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles J. Payson (CN=Charles J. Payson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 11:03:48.00

SUBJECT: Columbine vigil

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: maureen t. shea (CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI. See below. I just found out about this. We recommend against doing

it.

----- Forwarded by Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP on

04/18/2000 11:02 AM -----

Sonia G. Chesson

04/18/2000 09:47:10 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:Columbine vigil

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 19:35:33.00

SUBJECT: Columbine message

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can I come get a copy for our files when you have it? Just give a shout
and I'll run down or you can fax it. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Anna Richter/OPD/EOP on 04/18/2000

07:34 PM -----

Maureen A. Hudson

04/18/2000 07:14:16 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jason H. Schechter/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP, Anna
Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP

Subject:Columbine message

Sean Maloney made some final small edits to the text, and I am having it
retyped in final tonight for signature. We'll be in touch with you first
thing in the morning to pick it up. (I'll be here another 30 minutes or
so if you need to call/page me.)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 17:11:59.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=maureen a. hudson/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Yes, this is what DPC has signed off on. Thank you for checking.

Lisel Loy

04/18/2000 05:09:52 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Maureen A. Hudson/WHO/EOP@EOP, Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:Re: columbine message - pls sign off

Here's what I received from press; please let me know if this is the version you saw/cleared and/or if you have additional changes. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP on 04/18/2000 05:09

PM -----

Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 04:42:23 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

it's a message - i don't think it will be released to the press unless there's coverage during the memorial (i'll check). it was written by a combination of speechwriting (check with mara silver on who worked on it), maureen hudson (pres. letters and messages) and dpc (bruce reed and eric liu). thanks.

Lisel Loy

04/18/2000 04:17:29 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jason H. Schechter/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

Is this a press statement or a message? When do you all plan to release?

Who wrote/cleared? Thanks.

Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 03:16:31 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Carolyn E. Cleveland/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject:columbine message - pls sign off

for the columbine memorial service in littleton april 20 - (might be read
but not sure yet) - thanks

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

TEXT:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 13:26:08.00

SUBJECT: FYI -- ADVISORY: CUOMO ANNOUNCES BUYBACK AMERICA IN MEMORY OF THE TRAGEDY

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi -- Cuomo is unbelievable. do you think we can get mayor's here?

----- Forwarded by Stephanie A. Cutter/WHO/EOP on

04/18/2000 01:25 PM -----

Stephen N. Boyd

04/18/2000 01:13:01 PM

Record Type: Record

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

cc: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP@EOP

Subject:FYI -- ADVISORY: CUOMO ANNOUNCES BUYBACK AMERICA IN MEMORY
OF THE TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

Note: HUD public affairs indicates that Martin Luther King III will not be
at the newsconference due to last minute schedule problem.

HUD

Department of Housing and Urban Development) Andrew Cuomo, Secretary

Office of Public Affairs, Washington, DC 20410

2:30 PM

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

CUOMO ANNOUNCES BUYBACK AMERICA IN MEMORY OF THE TRAGEDY AT COLUMBINE

Washington - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo will launch an unprecedented nationwide effort to buy back unwanted guns and raise awareness about gun safety at a press conference on Tuesday, April 18.

Cuomo will be joined by the Political Director of SAFE Colorado, Tom Mauser, whose son Daniel was killed in the Columbine High School massacre on April 20, 1999. Also joining the Secretary is Martin Luther King III, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Both Mauser and King have experienced firsthand the tragedy of losing a family member to gun violence. Mayors and police chiefs from communities taking part in this effort will also attend.

Cuomo will announce that nearly 90 communities have already signed on to participate in BuyBack America. These communities will utilize HUD funds to host local gun buy back efforts in their communities, as well as to participate in the first national BuyBack America drive.

WHO: HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo

Tom Mauser, SAFE Colorado, father of slain Columbine student

Martin Luther King III, Executive Director SCLC

Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Schenectady Mayor Al Jurczynski, Kansas City

Mayor Carol Marinovich, Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith, Columbus Mayor Bobby

Peters and Annapolis Mayor Dean Johnson.

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18

WHERE: HUD Headquarters

Cafeteria

7th and E St. , SW

For more information, call HUD Public Affairs at (202) 708-0685.

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Message Sent

To: _____

Jennifer M. Palmieri/WHO/EOP@EOP

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anne W. Bovaird (CN=Anne W. Bovaird/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 14:18:32.00

SUBJECT: Columbine/Gun Safety

TO: ewaxman (ewaxman@cns.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think we're OK on this for now. Thanks for your help in tracking down this info for Thursday - no need to do too much more digging, but please let me know if you hear of anything further. I'll let folks around here know about the press conference tomorrow on the Hill as well. Thanks very much!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 09:47:10.00

SUBJECT: Columbine vigil

TO: Charles J. Payson (CN=Charles J. Payson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Imani Temple. Contact name is Claudette Perry 262-2500 or 882-0417.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles J. Payson (CN=Charles J. Payson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 11:13:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: Columbine vigil

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: maureen t. shea (CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI.

----- Forwarded by Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP on

04/18/2000 11:13 AM -----

Stephanie A. Cutter

04/18/2000 11:11:56 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Columbine vigil

we recommend against it too.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lotus Pager Gateway (Lotus Pager Gateway [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 09:33:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: 9:30 am columbine mtg in loretta's ofc - x62640 (Sent to: TOM FREEDMAN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

To:

cc:

From: Lindsay R. Drewel/WHO/EOP

Date:

Time:

Subject:9:30 am columbine mtg in loretta's ofc - x62640

Body:

Priority:

Message history for recipient TOM FREEDMAN [Pager]

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles J. Payson (CN=Charles J. Payson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 10:40:23.00

SUBJECT: Re: Columbine vigil

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thank you! I will pass it on.

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cc:

Subject:Columbine vigil

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 17:09:52.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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Here's what I received from press; please let me know if this is the
version you saw/cleared and/or if you have additional changes. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP on 04/18/2000 05:09

PM -----

Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 04:42:23 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

it's a message - i don't think it will be released to the press unless
there's coverage during the memorial (i'll check). it was written by a
combination of speechwriting (check with mara silver on who worked on it),
maureen hudson (pres. letters and messages) and dpc (bruce reed and eric
liu). thanks.

Lisel Loy

04/18/2000 04:17:29 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jason H. Schechter/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

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Who wrote/cleared? Thanks.

Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 03:16:31 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Carolyn E. Cleveland/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject:columbine message - pls sign off

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lindsay R. Drewel (CN=Lindsay R. Drewel/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 08:38:04.00

SUBJECT: 9:30am thurs anniv. of columbine mtg in loretta's office - x62640

TO: 4018@WHCA (4018@WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: 4485@WHCA (4485@WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 11:56:59.00

SUBJECT: Re: Columbine Message

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thank you.

Mara A. Silver

04/18/2000 11:42:37 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Columbine Message

We just edited it -- I'm sending it along to Jason, and I'll CC you. It reflects your edits as well. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lotus Pager Gateway (Lotus Pager Gateway [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 08:39:48.00

SUBJECT: Re: 9:30am thurs anniv. of columbine mtg in loretta's office - x62640 (Sen

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

To:

cc:

From: Lindsay R. Drewel/WHO/EOP

Date:

Time:

Subject:9:30am thurs anniv. of columbine mtg in loretta's office -

x62640

Body:

Priority:

Message history for recipient CHRISTINE STANEK [Pager]

Tuesday 18 Apr 2000 08:38:43 Eastern Standard Time - Message received by
Pager Gateway

Tuesday 18 Apr 2000 08:39:39 Eastern Standard Time - Message received by
Paging Service

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 19:14:16.00

SUBJECT: Columbine message

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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

CC: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sean Maloney made some final small edits to the text, and I am having it retyped in final tonight for signature. We'll be in touch with you first thing in the morning to pick it up. (I'll be here another 30 minutes or so if you need to call/page me.)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 16:17:29.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 03:16:31 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Carolyn E. Cleveland/WHO/EOP@EOP

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 18:45:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Jason H. Schechter (CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Carolyn E. Cleveland (CN=carolyn e. cleveland/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sean P. Maloney (CN=sean p. maloney/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sean has made a couple of minor edits and Maureen is revising the
message. Who's handling this for Thursday?

Jason H. Schechter

04/18/2000 03:16:31 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Carolyn E. Cleveland/WHO/EOP@EOP

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TEXT:

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The following is a HEX DUMP:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 17:24:12.00

SUBJECT: Re: columbine message - pls sign off

TO: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It just occurred to me that they spelled out "13 flowers" so as to leave
out the 2 shooters who also died that day.

April 13, 2000

Hillary and I extend warmest wishes to everyone gathered at Trinity Christian Center in Littleton, Colorado. Our hearts are with you as you remember all those who lost their lives a year ago during the tragic shooting at Columbine High School and as you come together in a spirit of prayer and compassion to comfort their families on this sad anniversary.

Though a year has passed, time has not dimmed our memory of the students who died or of their gallant teacher. It has not softened our grief at the loss of so many young lives, cut off in the promise of youth, or of a man whose character and values brought so much strength to the school and community he served. But neither has the passage of time weakened our resolve to do all we can to prevent another such tragedy.

~~Each of us has a role to play in making our homes, schools, and neighborhoods safe places for kids to learn and grow; each of us has a role to play in making our culture one of values rather than one of violence. I will do my part by continuing to work with the Congress to ensure the passage of commonsense gun safety legislation. My Administration is also providing additional grants under our Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative; additional funding for police officers assigned to work in schools in more than 220 communities; and a new initiative to support counseling programs for elementary school students.~~

Last year, in the midst of the heartbreak and devastation of the Columbine tragedy, we saw what is best in the American people in the spontaneous outpouring of sympathy and support for the Littleton community and in the determination to prevent such tragedies in the future. The healing process is not over yet; but today we stand together as a national community, stronger than ever in our resolve to keep faith with all those who lost their lives at Columbine -- and all those whose lives were forever changed that day -- by making America a safer, better place for our children.

Hillary and I continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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Return to Jason Schechter

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91 OEOB, FOR DISPATCH ***

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 10:55:37.00

SUBJECT: Columbine Message

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Loretta called for Eric (he is in a meeting, though) and asked that he send Terry the Columbine message, which I imagine they discussed in the 9:30 meeting. Can you pass along what I sent you to Terry?

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions--

Anna

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: See, John ("See, John" <John_See@ed.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 19-APR-2000 21:35:28.00

SUBJECT: Education's Weekly Report - April 23-29

TO: Wendy Arends (CN=Wendy Arends/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ: UNKNOWN

CC: William T. Glunz (CN=William T. Glunz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

April 19, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: Richard W. Riley

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for April 23-29

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Columbine Lawsuit: On April 18, a suit was filed on behalf of victim
Isaiah

Shoels. Many more were likely from parents who accuse the sheriff's
department of ignoring warnings of potential violence by the killers,
mishandling their response to the attack, and then stonewalling information
requests. State law requires that suits against government agencies be
filed within one year of the disputed action. Twenty or more notices of
intent to sue the sheriff, school board, or Jefferson County government
have
been filed.

Supreme Court Agrees to Hear ADA Case: On April 17, the U.S. Supreme Court

announced that it will take up the question of whether public universities and other state agencies can be sued in federal court under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). If the Court accepts the argument that the 1990 federal disabilities law infringes on states' rights, public-college employees and students with physical or mental impairments could be precluded from using the ADA to extract accommodations from their institutions. The case before the justices involves two lawsuits, filed by AL state employees, which had been consolidated by a lower court. One of the complaints was brought by a University of Alabama employee who charged that her supervisors had discriminated against her after she developed cancer. The plaintiff in the other lawsuit is a state correctional officer.

The Court agreed to take up the question of whether the 11th Amendment effectively shields states from lawsuits filed under the ADA. The decision is expected this summer.

International Education: In accordance with the executive memorandum announced by Secretary Riley on April 19, DOEd will work with the State Department to promote study abroad by a broader and more diverse group of U.S. students. DOEd and the State Department will develop ways to encourage more young people to come to the U.S. as exchange students; strengthen support for foreign language learning at all levels; and make sure that international education is an integral component of U.S. undergraduate education.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Mathematics/Teacher Quality: May 8-9, the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, chaired by former

U.S. Senator and astronaut John Glenn, will hold its fourth meeting.

GRANTS, ECONOMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLICATIONS

Tax Credit Bonds Booklet: On April 27, DOEd plans to release Fixing Our Schools Now! which will include explanations of how Qualified Zone Academy Bonds work and examples of how communities have used them to modernize schools. The release will be in conjunction with Secretary Riley's school construction events in late April.

School Safety Guide: On April 28, in Chicago, at a conference of the city's public school counselors, Secretary Riley is expected to announce the release of Safeguarding of Children: An Action Guide. The publication is designed to help ensure that every school in the nation has a comprehensive violence prevention plan in place.

SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, April 26, Secretary Riley will join Rep. Maloney in CT for school visits.

On Thursday, April 27, Secretary Riley will join Rep. Holt for a school visit in New Brunswick, NJ, and Rep. Crowley for a school visit in Queens, NY.

On Thursday, April 27, Secretary Riley will be in New York City to deliver a speech at a school construction summit.

On Friday, April 28, Secretary Riley will be in the Chicago area for school

visits, an event to announce a new education stamp, and a speech at a gathering of Chicago's public school counselors. The Council of Educational

Facility Planners International has designated April 28 International School

Building Day, so one of the school events will focus on school modernization.

On Monday, May 1, Secretary Riley is scheduled to meet with Michael Saylor, the MicroStrategy CEO who recently announced he would donate \$100 million to establish an endowment for a free Internet university.

On Tuesday, May 2, Secretary Riley will be in New York City to deliver a speech to DOE's nationwide partners.

On Tuesday, May 2, Secretary Riley will deliver remarks at the White House Conference on Teenagers.

On Wednesday, May 3, Secretary Riley will meet with the Japanese Education Minister.

On Wednesday, May 3, Secretary Riley will deliver remarks at a charter school conference.

On Thursday, May 4, Secretary Riley will be in Philadelphia to deliver a speech on school construction and design to the American Institute of Architects National Convention and Exposition.

On Thursday, May 4, Secretary Riley will speak at DOE's 20th anniversary celebration.

On Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, Secretary Riley will attend political events in SC.

On Sunday, May 7, Secretary Riley will deliver a commencement address at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

On Monday, May 8, Secretary Riley will speak about business-education

partnerships and workforce issues to a group of small business representatives invited by members of the House Democratic Caucus.

On Tuesday, May 9, Secretary Riley will participate in a dialogue for Principal magazine.

On Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 11, Secretary Riley will participate

in White House events related to the National Teacher of the Year award.

On Thursday, May 11, Secretary Riley will speak to the Florida Council of 100, a business leadership group.

On Saturday, May 13, Secretary Riley will deliver a commencement address at St. Mary's College in MD.

SUB-CABINET SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 20, through Saturday, April 22, America Reads Director Carol

Rasco will participate in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Convention in Orlando, FL. Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for two-year colleges.

On Monday, April 24, Mike Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, will deliver remarks to the Close-Up Foundation, which promotes civic education.

On Tuesday, April 25, Scott Fleming, Assistant Secretary for Legislation and

Congressional Affairs, will join Rep. Schakowsky in Chicago for a school visit to highlight the need for school modernization.

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Congressional Affairs, will join Rep. Visclosky in Merrillville, IN, at a

workshop for school superintendents.

On Wednesday, April 26, Trish McNeil, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and

Adult Education, will join Rep. Obey for a Smaller Learning Communities Program workshop in Wausau, WI.

On Tuesday, May 2, Mike Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, will highlight the Administration's Hispanic Action Plan during a panel discussion on educational reform at the Cuban-American National Conference.

Sunday, April 30, through Tuesday, May 2, America Reads Director Carol Rasco

will participate in the International Reading Association annual meeting in Indianapolis.

On Wednesday, May 3, Judith Heumann, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, will deliver remarks to the Annual Spring Leadership Conference sponsored by DOE's Office of Special Education Programs.

In April and May, as part of his Agenda Project, an effort to reach out to those with a stake in American postsecondary education, Lee Fritschler, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, will hold public meetings in Dallas (April 26), San Francisco (May 2), and Atlanta (May 10). Dr. Fritschler will also lead a discussion on the Agenda in New York City (April 25).

On Thursday, May 11, Judith Heumann, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, will deliver remarks during the New England Teachers' Forum in Fitchburg, MA.

WEEKEND CONTACT INFORMATION

Diane Rossi: 703-836-8171 (Home), 703-472-8903 (Cell)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lisa Ferdinando (CN=Lisa Ferdinando/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-2000 15:09:26.00

SUBJECT: Statement by the Vice President on the Annivesary of the Shooting at Colum

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jamie E. Amir (CN=Jamie E. Amir/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Lisa Ferdinando/WHO/EOP on 04/20/2000

03:09 PM -----

Kristina Wolfe@OVP

04/20/2000 03:05:43 PM

Record Type: Record

To:

cc:

Subject:Statement by the Vice President on the Annivesary of the
Shooting at Columbine High School

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Vice President

For Immediate

Release

Contact:

Thursday, April 20,

2000

(202) 456-7035

STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SHOOTING AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

One year ago today, America was stunned beyond comprehension by the shootings at Columbine High School. One young boy lost his life because of the color of his skin, and another boy was shot in the back as he rushed to help a girl bleeding on the curb. We saw horror and heroism.

Today, we still search for some meaning behind these tragedies. But as I said at Columbine just days after the shootings, we must all change our lives to honor these children. Every one of us is responsible for the culture we raise our children in. I promised the parents at Columbine that I would do everything I could to prevent that kind of tragedy from happening again. That means we must not only change our lives -- we must change our laws, and we must all take greater responsibility for stopping the violence, in our schools and across America.

As you in Littleton, Colorado gather to remember those who lost their lives and suffered from this tragedy--know that you are not alone-- for the heart of America aches with you. We hold your agony in the center of our prayers. The young killers of Columbine do not stand for the spirit of America. This country is a decent place and the goodness of this community has helped show that goodness to the world.

Tipper and I offer our prayers and wishes to the families of Columbine as they

continue to heal.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kristina Wolfe (CN=Kristina Wolfe/O=OVP [OVP])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-2000 12:05:17.00

SUBJECT: Re: Memorandum from the President: Report to the Congress Regarding Condit

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thank you, but do you have the one on columbine?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maureen A. Hudson (CN=Maureen A. Hudson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-2000 09:41:08.00

SUBJECT: Columbine Message

TO: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI, Jason Schecter just called to ask me to change the Columbine message slightly (deleting mention of the Trinity Christian Center) to make it slightly broader in reach, and then he wants to release it to the press as a message to the Littleton community. I told him he needs to run this by you before releasing it, which he said he will do. I'm having the new azure prepared now and then will email him the text for setup as a press release, but wanted to give you a heads up.

[illegible]



Department of Health & Human Services

Department of Education

Department of Justice

**For Release:
April 20, 2000**

**Contact:
Erica Lepping, ED, (202) 401-3026
(202) 401-3026
Estelle Rondello, SAMHSA
(301) 443-9848
Gretchen Michael, DOJ
(202) 514-2007**

**Statement on the Commemoration of the Tragedy at Columbine High School
from U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley,
U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala, and
U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno**

On April 20, in public ceremonies and private moments of reflection, we join all Americans in honoring those who lost their lives at Columbine High School. As we remember the victims, our thoughts and prayers will be with their families and the Columbine community. We are reminded that life is precious and that all Americans share the responsibility for the safety, health, and well being of every child in our nation, and to foster healthy youth development.

This is also an appropriate time to recognize the hard work of parents, law enforcement officials, mental health experts, school leaders, and teachers who have been successful this past year in preventing violence in schools. Their success stems from their commitment to listen to young people, encourage good citizenship among students, and do everything possible to keep weapons away from our children.

Statistics tell us that America's schools, where children spend up to eight hours a day, are safer than other environments in which children find themselves. But incidents and commemorations of school violence focus our attention on how important it is for Americans to continue our work to make schools and other environments safe for children to learn and thrive.

The U.S. Departments of Education (ED), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Justice (DOJ) have pooled our resources, and communities are receiving unprecedented federal support to reduce youth violence, and promote healthy development. With the support of the Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative, communities are giving troubled children the help they need, strengthening local law enforcement, and establishing greater connections among adults, schools, and students. This year, we will continue to work toward smaller classes in smaller schools and

safe after-school programs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services (within HHS) will soon announce the availability of \$6 million in grants to States, Territories, and Native American Tribal Governments to support coalitions to prevent violence.

Later this month, ED and DOJ will release *Safeguarding of Children: An Action Guide*, a joint effort to make sure that every school in the nation has a comprehensive violence prevention plan in place. Research shows that violence prevention strategies that build on children's strengths and promote healthy development produce better results and are more cost-effective than measures that are strictly punitive.

By themselves, these initiatives will not eliminate violence by children. But strong federal support can help communities make incidences of violence rare and allow our country to live up to our most basic obligation: protecting our children.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jennifer M. Palmieri (CN=Jennifer M. Palmieri/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-2000 19:13:58.00

SUBJECT: potus called columbine principal at 4 pm. jennifer

TO: 4261@WHCA (4261@WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elizabeth R. Newman (CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Womens Office (CN=Women's Office/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-APR-2000 17:52:11.00

SUBJECT: White House Women's Office Update 4/20/00

AM_Blake (AM_Blake@hotmail.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

amy.millman (amy.millman@sba.gov [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

amyb (amyb@prestongates.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

AmyTom1 (AmyTom1@aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

anacalif (anacalif@pacbell.net @ inet [UNKNOWN])

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anderson (anderson@leadershipamerica.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

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andrea_larue (andrea_larue@daschle.senate.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])

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angela218 (angela218@aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

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angelaj (angelaj@excite.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

anjim (anjim@hotmail.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

ann (ann@weaveincorp.org @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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April 19, 2000

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

AT THE

OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

6:05 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Governor Keating. I wanted to be here today, and I was grateful to be asked. I wanted to thank you and Kathy for all you have done. Thank you, Senator Nickels and members of the congressional delegation. Thank you, Mayor Humphreys, and I thank your predecessor, Mayor Norick. Thank you, Chairman Johnson; thank you, Karen Luke.

I thank all of the federal leaders who are here today who lost their employees and worked so hard -- Attorney General Reno and our Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and Transportation; the leaders of the Office of Personnel Management; the Customs, the ATF and the Secret Service and many others. I thank Bob Stanton and the Park Service for making sure this place would be well cared for, forever.

I thank the unknown number of people who contributed to the building of this magnificent monument and to the scholarship fund. I thank General Ferrell and all those who are working and will work here from now on to combat terrorism. I congratulate the young couple who designed this magnificent memorial and I think we should give them a round of applause. (Applause.)

I thank the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Brass and the Memorial Community Choir and Shawntel Smith for their ringing and wonderful music today.

Most of all, I thank the families who lost your loved ones; the survivors and your families, the rescue workers and the family of Oklahoma

for setting an example for America. I can add little now to the words and music, even more to the silence and amazing grace of this memorial. Its empty chairs recall the Mercy Seat of Old Testament scripture -- a place for the children of God to come for renewal and dedication.

So this is a day both for remembrance and for renewal. Hillary and I will never forget being with you at that first memorial service while the rescue teams were still searching. I know the last five years have not been easy. I hope you can take some comfort in knowing that, just as I said five years ago, America is still with you, and that with this memorial you can know America will never forget.

As the Governor said in alluding to Gettysburg, there are places in our national landscape so scarred by freedom's sacrifice that they shape forever the soul of America -- Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Selma. This place is such sacred ground.

I think you should all know that it was on this exact day 225 years ago that the American Revolution began. What a 225 years it has been. The brave Americans we lost here 220 years later were not fighting a war, but they were patriots in service to their fellow citizens, just as much as the police and fire and other public servants are here among us today. And they were children whose promise keeps our old democracy forever young.

Five years ago, the cowards who killed them made a choice -- a choice to attack this building and the people in it, because they wanted to strike a blow at America's heartland, at the core of our nation's being. This was an attack on all America and every American.

Five years later, we are here because you made a choice; a choice to choose hope and love over despair and hatred. It is easy for us to say today, and even, perhaps, easy for you to clap today -- but I know that this wise choice was also a very hard won, especially for the families of the victims. I know there are still days when the old anger wells up inside you; still days when tears fill your eyes, when you think your heart will surely break. On those days in the future, I hope you can come here and find solace in the memory of your loved ones, in the honor of your fellow citizens.

I hope you can find the strength to live a full and loving life, free of hatred, which only cripples. I believe your loved ones would want you to have that life. And though you have given too much, you still have so much to give.

The great writer, Ralph Ellison, who was a native of this city, once said, "America is woven of many strands...our fate is to become one, and yet many." On April 19, 1995, our many strands became one -- one in love and support for you, and in our determined opposition to terrorism. You taught us again how much stronger we are when we all stand together in our common humanity, to protect life, liberty and the rule of law for all.

We may never have all the answers for what happened here. But as we continue our journey toward understanding, one truth is clear: what was meant to break has made you stronger.

As I left the White House today, I looked, as I often do, at your tree -- the beautiful dogwood Hillary and I planted on the South Lawn five years ago for those who were lost here. Five years later, that tree stands a little taller, its spring flowers are a little fuller, its roots

have dug in a little deeper. But it's still a young tree.

Five years isn't a very long time for trees to grow, or for wounds to heal and hearts to mend. But today, like your beautiful dogwood tree on the White House lawn, Oklahoma City clearly is blooming again. For that, all your fellow Americans -- and, indeed, decent, good people all over the world -- are grateful to you. And grateful to God for the grace that led you on.

In Romans it is said, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

May you keep on your armor of light -- may you keep your light shining on this place of hope -- where memories of the lost and the meaning of America will live forever.

May God bless you, and God bless America. (Applause.)

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STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY
BOMBING

Five years ago today, our nation was rocked by one of the cruelest acts of terrorism America has ever seen. The lives of one hundred sixty-eight men, women, and children were destroyed senselessly by individuals twisted by hate and evil. And today, we still struggle to heal.

The memorial that is being dedicated today demonstrates to America the strength of the people of Oklahoma City. In the wake of this tragedy we must remember that the truest course is not only to honor those who were lost, but to embrace the future that was in their hearts. The renewal that we find in this place symbolizes a rebirth of hope in a place that has seen too much pain.

May the memory of those who were lost continue to live in our hearts and
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memorial dedicated today.

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STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SHOOTING AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

One year ago today, America was stunned beyond comprehension by
the shootings at Columbine High School. One young boy lost his life
because of the color of his skin, and another boy was shot in the back as
he rushed to help a girl bleeding on the curb. We saw horror and heroism.

Today, we still search for some meaning behind these tragedies. But as I said at Columbine just days after the shootings, we must all change our lives to honor these children. Every one of us is responsible for the culture we raise our children in. I promised the parents at Columbine that I would do everything I could to prevent that kind of tragedy from happening again. That means we must not only change our lives -- we must change our laws, and we must all take greater responsibility for stopping the violence, in our schools and across America.

As you in Littleton, Colorado gather to remember those who lost their lives and suffered from this tragedy--know that you are not alone--for the heart of America aches with you. We hold your agony in the center of our prayers. The young killers of Columbine do not stand for the spirit of America. This country is a decent place and the goodness of this community has helped show that goodness to the world.

Tipper and I offer our prayers and wishes to the families of Columbine as they continue to heal.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE LITTLETON, COLORADO COMMUNITY

April, 2000

It is written in Scripture: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Hillary and I are with you in the spirit of comfort and prayer as you gather to remember those who lost their lives one year ago today.

You do not mourn alone. What happened in Littleton pierced the soul of America. Though a year has passed, time has not dimmed our memory or softened our grief at the loss of so many, whose lives were cut off in the promise of youth. It has not caused us to forget their gallant teacher -- a man whose character and values brought so much strength to the school, sports teams, and community he served.

Last year, in the midst of the heartbreak and devastation of the Columbine tragedy, we saw the American spirit at its best -- in the spontaneous outpouring of support for the Littleton community and in the determination to prevent such tragedies in the future. Our hearts have not yet fully healed, but today America stands together as one to keep faith with all those who lost their lives at Columbine -- and all those whose lives were forever changed that day. We must continue to honor their memory and your courage by resolving to make America a safer place for all our children.

Hillary and I continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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TEXT:

FYI - the President called Frank DeAngelis this afternoon, (the principal of Columbine) to let him know that his thoughts and prayers are with them today

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CREATOR: Lauren K. Gillespie (CN=Lauren K. Gillespie/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: Re: Hyde Letter for Review

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Anna Richter

04/20/2000 08:05:47 PM

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Subject: Re: Hyde Letter for Review

Another option for a closing sentence that references Columbine is:

"We owe it to the victims of Littleton and the thousands more that lose their lives in gunfire every year in America to get this done now."

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07:57 PM -----

Anna Richter

04/20/2000 06:24:57 PM

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Subject: Re: Hyde Letter for Review

In response to this suggestion, Eric Liu suggests closing the letter with

We owe it to the families of Littleton to get this done now.

Loretta M. Ucelli

04/20/2000 06:11:27 PM

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Subject: Re: Hyde Letter for Review

we should consider adding a brief final push paragraph that again references the anniversary and urges congress to do the right thing and pass legislation instead of ending the letter with the conference.

Anna Richter

04/20/2000 05:01:03 PM

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Ucelli/WHO/EOP@EOP
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Subject: Hyde Letter for Review

Here is our draft letter to Hyde on guns. We've consulted with Conyers
staff and also incorporates comments from Broderick . Please send
comments asap so we can send tomorrow. Thanks.

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April 21, 2000

The Honorable Henry Hyde
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Hyde:

As you know, yesterday marked the anniversary of the tragic shootings at Columbine High School -- and the date by which I had called on Congress to enact common sense gun safety legislation. The passing of this deadline is a deep disappointment. When nearly 12 of our nation's children killed by gunfire every day, we have an urgent responsibility to do all we can to reduce gun violence. That is why I am grateful for your good-faith efforts to seek agreement, despite tremendous pressure on Congress from the gun lobby. I was also glad to see that you joined Representative Conyers last week in urging Chairman Hatch to promptly convene the juvenile justice conference and to move forward at last on this legislation. And I appreciated receiving your most recent proposal to reach a compromise.

Unfortunately, while I share your goal of reaching an agreement on closing the gun show loophole and other common sense measures, I have serious concerns about your latest proposal and the effect it would have on public safety. The proposal purports to close the gun show loophole, but it would actually weaken existing laws and create new loopholes that make it easier for criminals to acquire firearms

Your latest offer, like the proposal you advanced last fall, would let criminals buy guns at flea markets; cut short existing background checks on persons with certain mental health histories and domestic violence restraining orders; effectively nullify the Senate-passed ban on importation of high-capacity ammunition clips; and fail to require vital recordkeeping provisions needed by law enforcement to trace guns sold at gun shows that later turn up in crimes.

In addition, your latest proposal would limit law enforcement's ability to enforce the Brady Law by requiring the immediate destruction of National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) records. The retention of these records for a limited period of time is critical to the ability of federal law enforcement to assure that Brady checks are being run, and to prevent unauthorized uses of the system and violations of privacy by unscrupulous firearms dealers. Your proposal also contains a provision that would significantly weaken controls on interstate firearms sales. These controls are the foundation of the 1968 Gun Control Act.

Despite these significant outstanding issues, I believe we can reach an agreement. I was especially encouraged by your recent commitment to ensure that persons under felony indictments remain subject to full, three-day background checks. As a gesture of good faith, I would like to meet you halfway on the destruction of NICS records, by requiring records to be

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destroyed within 90 days, instead of 180 days. With this compromise, we can address your concerns while preserving this significant law enforcement tool. And because we both place a high priority on ensuring that our nation's gun laws are fully enforced, I also hope you will work with me to address the concerns of federal law enforcement agencies about the weakened gun show definition, interstate firearms sales, and gun tracing provisions of your proposal.

It is my sincere hope that we can work together to address our common goal of closing the gun show loophole and ensuring that our nation's gun laws are fully enforced. Neither of us is interested in a compromise that would serve only to compromise public safety and the effectiveness of law enforcement. I look forward to working with you to pass this common sense legislation, and encourage you to continue urging Chairman Hatch to allow the conferees to meet and consider this legislation. As you have stated, our efforts will come to nothing until that happens. Only by allowing an open and honest debate in conference and by working out our differences can we do right by the American people on this vital issue.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

April 21, 2000

The Honorable Henry Hyde

Chairman

Committee on the Judiciary

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Hyde:

As you know, yesterday marked the anniversary of the tragic shootings at Columbine High School -- and the date by which I had called on Congress to enact common sense gun safety legislation. The passing of this deadline is a deep disappointment. When nearly 12 of our nation's children are killed by gunfire every day, we have an urgent responsibility to do all we can to reduce gun violence. That is why I am grateful for your good-faith efforts to seek agreement, despite tremendous pressure on Congress from the gun lobby. I was also glad to see that you joined Representative Conyers last week in urging Chairman Hatch to promptly convene the juvenile justice conference and to move forward at last on this legislation. And I appreciated receiving your most recent proposal to reach a compromise.

I still have serious concerns about aspects of your latest proposal that I fear would create new loopholes for criminals to buy guns. But I am confident that if we can keep working together in good faith, we can reach agreement on a strong, common-sense bill that I can sign into law.

I was especially encouraged by your recent commitment on "Meet the Press" and in your letter to Mr. Conyers to ensure that persons under felony indictments remain subject to full, three-day background checks. It is critical that we make the same effort to stop criminals from buying guns at gun shows that we already make at gun stores.

In order to prevent fraud, protect privacy, and fully enforce the nation's gun laws "goals we both share" I believe we must make National Instant Criminal Background Check System records available for a sufficient period of time rather than immediately destroy them. However, as a gesture of good faith, I am willing to meet you halfway on this important issue, by requiring records to be destroyed within 90 days, instead of 180 days as provided under current law. With this compromise, we can address your

concerns while preserving this significant law enforcement tool. I hope this step will help break the current logjam, and bring your colleagues back to the conference table.

We still have other important issues to resolve. I remain concerned about aspects of your proposal that would leave open the gun show loophole by letting criminals buy guns at flea markets and by cutting short existing background checks on persons with certain mental health histories and domestic violence restraining orders; undermine the ban on importation of high-capacity ammunition clips; weaken longstanding controls on interstate firearms sales; and fail to require vital recordkeeping provisions needed by law enforcement to trace guns sold at gun shows that later turn up in crimes.

Despite these significant outstanding issues, I believe we can reach an agreement. It is my sincere hope that in the coming weeks, we can work together to address our common goal of closing the gun show loophole and ensuring that our nation's gun laws are fully enforced without weakening current gun laws in the process. Neither of us is interested in a compromise that would serve only to compromise public safety and the effectiveness of law enforcement. I look forward to working with you to pass this common sense legislation, and encourage you to continue urging Chairman Hatch to allow the conferees to meet and consider this legislation. As you have stated, our efforts will come to nothing until that happens. Only by allowing an open and honest debate in conference and by working out our differences can we do right by the American people on this vital issue. We owe it to the families of Littleton, and the thousands more who lose their lives in gunfire each year in America, to get this done now.

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VIDEOTAPED REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH VIOLENCE

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening. I'm so pleased to join you as the
National Campaign Against Youth Violence kicks off its City-by-City

initiative.

Seven years ago, I had the honor to speak at the Church of God in Christ in Memphis. That morning I spoke about the awful toll of youth violence and gun crime in our communities. On that day, I said, unless we deal with the ravages of crime and violence, none of the other things we seek to do will ever take us where we need to go.

Together, we have come a long way in the last seven years. With our strategy of putting more cops on the beat and getting more guns off the street, overall crime has fallen for the seventh year in a row. The juvenile violent crime arrest rate is the lowest in 10 years. And with 100,000 new community police officers and the Brady law, we've kept guns out of the hands of a half-million felons, fugitives and stalkers.

But while we've made great progress, one act of violence is still one too many. Nearly a year has passed since the awful tragedy at Columbine, and gunfire continues to take the lives of nearly a dozen young people every single day.

If we're going to reach our goal of making America the safest big country on Earth, all of us have a responsibility to act. And Congress has to do its part, too, by sending me common-sense gun legislation that mandates child safety locks; closes the gun show loophole; bans the importation of large ammunition clips; and holds adults accountable when they allow young people to get their hands on deadly guns.

Our administration is trying to do its part, by strengthening the enforcement of our gun laws, supporting more after-school programs, more mentoring and more conflict resolution and peer mediation. Last year, we

helped to launch the National Campaign Against Youth Violence, and we established a new White House Youth Violence Council to coordinate the wide-ranging efforts of the federal government.

We're also working hard to ensure that all Americans are treated with dignity, and that no American is victimized by violence because of his or her race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. That's why we've fought so hard to pass a strong hate crimes law, to promote diversity, to end discrimination in the work force. We must all recommit ourselves to respecting one another, to seeing our diversity as our greatest strength, and to recognizing the fundamental values that define us as one America.

Ultimately, this effort begins on the ground, at the grass roots. You can reach out to troubled youth. You can help to change a culture that too often glorifies violence and hate. You can talk to your children, teach them to resolve their conflicts peacefully, and raise them with the right values. I'm grateful, because in Memphis, you're doing these things. And there's no mission more important for our nation.

Your work in Memphis, and the work of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, is a testament to the fundamental goodness of the American spirit. It sets an example I hope cities all across our land will follow.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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CREATOR: Lisel Loy (CN=Lisel Loy/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-APR-2000 12:48:36.00

SUBJECT: Hyde letter edit

TO: Christine K. Baer (CN=Christine K. Baer/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

a few other edits from DPC -- we've got the first one; other two, in para 2, are fine, but again change destroy to destroying -- if you would, why don't you make these and hold it; wait to print again until i get final sign off. thanks.

----- Forwarded by Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP on 04/21/2000 12:47 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro

04/21/2000 12:44:01 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP, Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

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

Subject:Hyde letter edit

Still waiting on one thing. These are from Justice.

Graph 1:

As you know, yesterday marked the anniversary of the tragic shootings at Columbine High School -- and the date by which I had called on Congress to

enact common sense gun safety legislation. The passing of this deadline is a deep disappointment. When nearly 12 of our nation ,s children are killed by gunfire every day, we have an urgent responsibility to do all we can to reduce gun violence...

Graph 4:

In order to prevent fraud, protect privacy, and fully enforce the nation ,s gun laws) goals we both share) I believe we must make National Instant Criminal Background Check System records available for a sufficient period of time rather than immediately destroy them. continue to give law enforcement sufficient time to review NICS records rather than destroy them immediately. However, as a gesture of good faith, I am willing to meet you halfway on this important issue, by requiring records to be destroyed within 90 days, instead of 180 days as provided under current law. With this compromise, we can address your concerns while preserving this significant law enforcement tool. I hope this step will help break the current logjam, and bring your colleagues back to the conference table.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sean P. OShea (CN=Sean P. O'Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-MAY-2000 08:43:44.00

SUBJECT: New Version of Columbine Tape

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Sean P. O'Shea/WHO/EOP on 05/02/2000

08:43 AM -----

"Gess, Nicholas M" <Nicholas.M.Gess@usdoj.gov>

05/02/2000 09:35:04 AM

Record Type: Record

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

cc:

Subject: New Version of Columbine Tape

Heads up--

The "new" version (no music soundtrack) goes back on sale today @
Jefferson County, CO for \$25.

Nick Gess

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: David Belsky (CN=David Belsky/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-MAY-2000 14:26:33.00

SUBJECT: Letter from NEA president

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Dan,

Bob Chase, president of the NEA, wrote to the President recommending that Columbine High teacher Dave Sanders be awarded the "Presidential Medal of Honor posthumously" for saving the lives of over 200 students. How would you like me to handle?

David

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: David Belsky (CN=David Belsky/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-MAY-2000 14:47:48.00

SUBJECT: Re: letter from NEA president

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Below you will find Debi Alexander's draft that we used in responding to previous letters recommending that the President honor Dave Sanders. Do you want to send the same to the NEA president or should he receive a Presidential letter in response?

----- Forwarded by David Belsky/WHO/EOP on 05/03/2000

02:42 PM -----

Debra D. Alexander

06/22/99 04:47:01 PM

Record Type: Record

To: David Belsky/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: DB draft

On behalf of President Clinton thank you for sharing your suggestion to honor _____. His heroic acts during the tragic events at Columbine High School will always be remembered. The President appreciates knowing your

thoughts about this subject, and we will keep your suggestion in mind.

David Belsky

06/22/99 04:09:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Debra D. Alexander/WHO/EOP@EOP

CC:

Subject: Re: DB draft

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for sharing your views on the tragic events at Columbine High School. The President appreciates knowing your thoughts on this sensitive subject, and we will keep your ideas in mind.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Danielle G. Valentino (CN=Danielle G. Valentino/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAY-2000 13:09:39.00

SUBJECT: re:suicide of H.S student @ Columbine-from Goody

TO: 2103263@SkyTel (2103263@SkyTel [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: 4940@WHCA (4940@WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT: