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THE TRIP
of
THE PRESIDENT
to
DENVER, COLORADO

May 20, 1999

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DENVER, COLORADO

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**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1999**

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Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Mostly sunny and breezy. Winds
northwest at 8 to 15 knots. Low 52 to 57.
High 71 to 76.*

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

*Partly cloudy, occasionally mostly cloudy
with a chance for afternoon and evening
thunderstorms. Winds northeast to
southeast at 8 to 15 knots. Low 45 to 50.
High 70 to 75.*

**Schedule of the President
for
Thursday, May 20, 1999
Final Schedule**

8:30	am-	MEETING WITH GENERAL HUGH SHELTON
9:00	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:00	am-	FOREIGN POLICY MEETING
10:00	am	CABINET ROOM Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:00	am-	BRIEFING
10:15	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:15	am-	STATEMENT
10:25	am	ROSE GARDEN Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz OPEN PRESS
10:35	am-	BRIEF MEETING WITH FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
10:40	am	WILLIAM PERRY OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
10:40	am-	RADIO ACTUALITY TAPINGS (TWO)
10:45	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart, Megan Moloney
11:00	am	THE PRESIDENT proceeds to South Lawn
11:05	am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route the Reflecting Pool [drive time: 5 minutes]
11:10	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives the Reflecting Pool
11:20	am	THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 10 minutes]
11:30	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

11:45 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Denver International Airport
[flight time: 3 hours, 25 minutes]
[time change: -2 hours]

1:10 pm MT **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Denver International Airport

Note: The First Lady will join the President at this time.

Greeters: Former Secretary Federico Pena
 Mrs. Ellen Hart Pena
 Pena Family
 Jim Lyons
 Marcia Lyons
 Marjorie Seawell
 Attorney General Ken Salazar
 House Minority Leader Ken Gordon
 Denver Deputy Mayor Butch Montoya (Acting)
 Denver City Council President Pro-Tem Cathy Reynolds
 Rick Weiland, Federal Emergency Management
 Administration
 Joan Coplan, Small Business Administration
 Polly Baca, General Services Administration
 Joseph Garcia, Housing and Urban Development

1:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Denver International Airport via Marine One en route Jefferson County Landing Zone
[flight time: 15 minutes]

1:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Jefferson County Landing Zone

Greeter: Park Superintendent

1:50 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Jefferson County Landing Zone via motorcade en route Light of the World Catholic Church
[drive time: 5 minutes]

1:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Light of the World Catholic Church

Greeters: Jerry Rohr, Pastor, Light of the World Catholic Church
 John DeStefano, President, Jefferson County School Board
 Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District
 Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School

2:00 pm-
3:30 pm

**MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS
SANCTUARY**
Light of the World Catholic Church
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
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Note: The families of 12 victims will be in attendance.

-- Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School, escorts the
President and the First Lady to each table.

3:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Light of the World
Catholic Church via motorcade en route Dakota Ridge High
School
[drive time: 5 minutes]

3:40 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Dakota Ridge High
School

Greeters:

- Dave Thomas, District Attorney
- John Stone, Sheriff
- Richard Sheehan, Commissioner
- Michelle Lawrence, Commissioner
- Ron Holiday, Manager
- Ed Perlmutter, State Senator
- Tom Blickensderfer, Senate Majority Leader (T)
- Norma Anderson, State Senator
- Rob Fairbanks, State Senator
- Don Lee, State Representative
- Sue Windels, State Representative (T)
- Pat Cronenberger, Mayor, Littleton
- Tori Merritts, First Vice President, Jefferson County
School Board
- Dave DiGiacomo, Second Vice President, Jefferson
County School Board
- Vice Chowdhury, Treasurer, Jefferson County School
Board
- Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine
High School
- Dinkel Family
- DeAngelis Family
- Tim MacDonnell, Principal, Dakota Ridge High School
- Sally Blanchard, Principal, Chatfield High School

3:45 pm-
5:15 pm
[5:45-7:15pm ET]

**REMARKS TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
GYMNASIUM**

Dakota Ridge High School

Remarks: Jeff Shesol

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

POOL PRESS

Note: There will be a pre-program.

Note: There will be approximately 2000 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of the President and the First Lady, accompanied by Superintendent Dr. Jane Hammond, Principal Frank DeAngelis, and Heather Dinkel.
- Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Frank DeAngelis.
- Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces Heather Dinkel.
- Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

5:20 pm-
5:25 pm

**POLICE AND DRIVER PHOTOGRAPHS
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Dakota Ridge High School

5:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Dakota Ridge High School via motorcade en route Jefferson County Landing Zone [drive time: 5 minutes]

5:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Jefferson County Landing Zone

5:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Jefferson County Landing Zone via Marine One en route Denver International Airport [flight time: 15 minutes]

6:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Denver International Airport

Note: The First Lady will proceed to separate plane upon arrival. The President will hold aboard Air Force One until the First Lady has departed.

6:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Denver International Airport via Air Force One en route the Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 3 hours]
[time change: +2 hours]

11:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base

11:45 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 10 minutes]

11:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrive the Reflecting Pool

12:05 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

12:10 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

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May 19, 1999

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MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

DATE: May 20, 1999
LOCATION: Light of the World Catholic Church
Jefferson County, Colorado
TIME: 2:00-3:30p.m.
FROM: Kris M. Balderston
Sean P. O'Shea

I. Purpose

To meet the families who lost children from the recent school shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

II. Background

On April 20, two students opened fire inside Columbine High School killing 12 students and one faculty member. After the incident, most of the families went into seclusion. The federal government, through the Departments of Treasury, Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services, have provided various forms of assistance to local school and law enforcement officials. Federal assistance has included financial assistance for funerals, mental health counselors, and technical assistance.

On April 25, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore attended a memorial service for the victims of the shooting at Columbine High School and laid flowers for the victims' families at a makeshift memorial site.

On April 22, Attorney General Reno visited Columbine to meet with students, federal and local law enforcement officials, victims' advocates, counselors, school officials, and family members. In addition, she spoke at the Light of the World Catholic Church at a community meeting that same day.

After the shootings, the students of Columbine moved to nearby Chatfield High School to resume classes. Columbine seniors will graduate on May 22. The local community came together in the wake of these tragedies to help the students move forward with their lives and cope with their emotional loss. The families of the victims have each been assigned individual liaisons to assist them with any needs. The church has served as a major community center throughout the aftermath of this tragedy.

These family members, including parents, grandparents, siblings, and other close relatives will

meet you at the church.

III. Participants

YOU

The First Lady

Frank DeAngelis , Principal of Columbine High School

Parents and Families of Victims (See Attached Sheet)

Victims' Advocates (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Press Plan

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V. Sequence of Events

- YOU and the First Lady are greeted by Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, Jon DeStefano, School Board President, and Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School.
- YOU and the First Lady are accompanied by Principal DeAngelis into the Sanctuary.
- Principal DeAngelis introduces YOU and the First Lady to the families.
- YOU and the First Lady sit and meet with the family members.
- YOU and the First Lady move from table to table to meet with each of the 12 families.
- YOU and the First Lady depart.

Note: Frank DeAngelis will move YOU and the First Lady from table to table.

VI. Remarks

None.

VII. Attachments

- Agency Recovery Efforts on Behalf of Columbine School Shootings
- Background on Columbine High School Victims
- List of Shooting Victims' Families

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BACKGROUND ON COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL VICTIMS

Cassie Bernall, 17

- Two years ago, Cassie became a born-again Christian. She was active in church youth programs, Bible study groups, and recently visited Britain. Her favorite movie was Mel Gibson's "Braveheart." Cassie was asked whether she believed in God, answered yes, and was then shot.

Steven Curnow (KUR-NOW), 14

- A freshman, Steven dreamed of being a Navy top gun F-15 pilot. He watched "Star Wars" movies so often he could recite dialogue. He played soccer as a boy and learned to referee to earn pocket money.
- Bob Curnow, Steven's father, is a Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) employee. Secretary Richardson called the Curnow family to express his condolences.

Corey DePooter (DEH-PUTER), 17

- Corey loved to golf, fish, and hunt, was a former wrestler, and recently took a maintenance job at a golf club to save money for a boat.

Kelly Fleming, 16

- Kelly was an aspiring songwriter and author, and wrote scores of poems and short stories based on her life experiences. She was learning to play the guitar and had just moved to Colorado from Phoenix, ten months ago. She was eager to get her driver's license and obtain a part-time job.

Matthew Kechter (KEK-TER), 16

- Matthew was a junior, who hoped to start for the football team. He lifted weights, played offense and defense, and maintained an "A" average in class.

Daniel Mauser, 15

- A sophomore, Daniel excelled in math and science, earned straight A's on his last report card, ran cross-country, and joined the debate team. He recently returned from a two-week trip to Paris with his French club.
- His father, Tom, has been very active as an advocate for Handgun Control, spoke at the White House event with the First Lady on May 8, and attended the anti-NRA rally in Denver, CO.

Daniel Rohrbough (ROAR-BAW), 15

- Dan helped at his father's electronics business and worked on family farms in Kansas during the summer. He enjoyed computer games, stereos, and home theater systems. He was shot while holding the exit door open for fleeing students.

Rachel Scott, 17

- Rachel played the lead in a student-written school play, "Smoke in the Room." She was also active in Celebration Christian Fellowship Church and liked photography. During the shootings, her younger brother Craig, 16, played dead in the library and helped lead others to safety.

Isaiah Shoels, 18

- Isaiah was due to graduate in May. He suffered health problems as a child and had undergone heart surgery twice. He wanted to attend an arts college and become a music executive. Though small in stature, he lifted weights, played football, wrestled, and could bench-press twice his weight. According to witnesses, he was shot in the head because he was black and an athlete.

Lauren Townsend, 18

- Lauren was a senior and captain of the girl's Varsity volleyball team coached by her mother; Other players said that she was "consumed" by the sport. She was a member of the National Honors Society, a candidate for class valedictorian, and wanted to major in biology in college.

Kyle Velasquez, 16

- A sophomore, Kyle idolized his 21-year-old brother Daniel. He dreamed of being a firefighter or a Navy pilot. He spent Sundays in the fall watching the Denver Broncos play.

William "Dave" Sanders, 47

- A computer and business teacher for 24 years, "Dave" coached girl's basketball and softball. During his first year (1997-98) the basketball team posted a winning record after finishing next to last the year before. He was married with three daughters and ten grandchildren. He was shot twice in the chest while directing students down the hallway to safety. He survived at least three hours until students were rescued.

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AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

The Department of Justice

- **The Office for Victims of Crime(OVC):** OVC provided supplemental funding to Jefferson County totaling \$1.5 million to assist in their efforts to meet the extraordinary burdens imposed upon Littleton victims and their families. The Victims of Crime Act grant funds, which amounts to half of the total funds, will be used to support compensation for up to \$20,000 per victim. This money will be used to pay for costs associated with funeral expenses, medical and hospital care, lost wages by parents needing time off work for childcare, and mental health services.
- **Supplemental Grant:** A victim assistance supplemental grant will be used to partly fund the Columbine Resource Assistance Center, a new center that will offer mental health counseling, victim assistance services and a teen drop-in site. This grant will account for the other half of the total DOJ funding.
- **Overtime and Other Assistance:** DOJ has also agreed to reimburse the Jefferson County Sheriff's office, the Jefferson County Schools, and the other affected law enforcement agencies for overtime accrued in the immediate aftermath of the incident. Additionally, funding for additional security required at Jefferson County schools and victim counseling centers will be provided. These funds will be distributed through the Colorado Department of Public Safety. This understanding was reached with the State on April 24 and has enabled the Jefferson County School District to secure increased security services that they would otherwise have had no ability to fund. Recent estimates from the Colorado Department of Public Safety total approximately \$1.4 million. DOJ is currently reviewing the potential for additional funds that may be used for increased security within the school district during the 1999-2000 school year. These funds would be used to help ensure appropriate security and reassurance for the district's students during the process of long term planning.

The Department of Education

- **Technical Assistance:** DOEd linked several school security experts with the Jefferson County school security officer in charge and helped facilitate a visit by the Superintendent of Springfield, OR to Colorado. These experts helped Jefferson County Schools' security staff identify steps they need to ensure security for all students.
- **Recovery Efforts:** DOEd staff continue to work closely with Jefferson County School officials to secure resources necessary for recovery. Jefferson County Public Schools have submitted a request for approximately \$850,000 (costs incurred from April 20-May 31, 1999).

The Department of Health and Human Services

- The Center for Mental Health Services of SAMHSA is the primary agency working with Justice and Education on the Department response to the Columbine shootings. During the week of May 17-25, a State-to-State needs assessment team will meet in Jefferson County consisting of representatives from HHS, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, the National Technical Assistance Center, and representatives from the State Mental Health Agencies of California, Louisiana and Colorado.
- Their task was to assess both the short and long term mental health needs of the community impacted by the shooting. The team expects to submit a report to the school district, based on their findings, in the next few weeks.

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LIST OF SHOOTING VICTIMS' FAMILIES

Cassie Bernall (17)

Brad and Misty Bernall (parents)

Chris Bernall (brother, 15)

Hal and Laura Jones (grandparents)

Lee and Jasmine Jorgensen (grandparents)

Steven Curnow (KUR-NOW) (14): You will separately with the mother and father.

Bob Curnow (father)

Bill and Kathy Curnow (grandparents)

Jill Curnow (aunt)

Ryan Curnow (uncle)

Sue Curnow (mother)

Nancy Curnow (sister, 19)

Ray and Charlotte Brandenburger (grandparents)

Richard Brandenburger (uncle)

Jim Brandenburger (uncle)

Corey DePooter (DEH-PUTER) (17)

Neal and Patricia DePooter (parents)

Jena DePooter (sister, 16)

Kelly Fleming (16)

Don and Dee Fleming (parents)

Erin (sister, 18)

Matthew Kechter (KEK-TER) (16)

Joe and Ann Kechter (parents)

Adam Kechter (brother, 12)

Daniel Mauser (15)

Tom and Linda Mauser (parents)

Christine (sister, 13)

Daniel Rohrbough (ROAR-BAW) (15)

Sue and Rich Petrone (mother and stepfather)

Brian Rohrbough (father)

Lisa Mauer

Matt Petrone (brother, 21)

Nicole Petrone (sister, 17)

Andrew Petrone (brother, 13)

William "Dave" Sanders (47)

Linda Sanders (wife)

Angela Sanders (daughter)

Connie Sanders (daughter)

Cindy Thuiroin (daughter)

Melody Smith (Linda's sister)

Rich Jarman (nephew)

Rachel Scott (17): You will separately with the mother and father.

Beth Scott and Larry Nimmo (mother and stepfather)

Dana Scott (sister)

Betheny and Don McCandless (sister and spouse)

Craig Scott (brother, 16)

Michael Scott (brother)

Darrell Scott and Sandy Hollingshead (father and stepmother)

Cory Hollingshead (brother, 20)

Tyler Hollingshead (brother, 17)

Billy Eperhart (family counselor)

Larry Scott (brother)

Jeff Scott

Isaiah Shoels (18)

Michael and Vonda Shoels (parents)

Melissa Shoels (sister)

Michelle Shoels (sister)

Anthony Shoels (son)

Baka Shoels

Sam Riddel (advisor)

Lauren Townsend (18): You will separately with the mother and father.

Rick and Sue Townsend (father and stepmother)

Dawn Anna and Bruce Beck (mother and stepfather)

Josh Townsend (brother)

Kristin Townsend (sister)

Shane Frakes (Kristin's fiancée)

Kyle Velasquez (16)

Al and Phyllis Velasquez (parents)

Daniel Velasquez (brother, 21)

Rose Cordova (aunt)

Gloria Alire (aunt)

Krista Velasquez (Daniel's fiancée) and baby, Andrea (2)

Victim Advocates:

Betzy Bknase

Beverley Wiese

Danielle Rice

Paula Kittay

Karen Joyce-McMahon

Carrie Wecker

Rachael Nelson

Diana Breuske

Carol Malegiza

Superintendents:

Jane Hammond

Gene Huddle

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1999

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REMARKS TO THE COLUMBINE COMMUNITY

DATE: May 20, 1999
LOCATION: Dakota Ridge High School
Jefferson County, Colorado
TIME: 3:45 - 4:15p.m.
FROM: Kris M. Balderston
Sean P. O'Shea

I. Purpose

To deliver remarks to the Jefferson County, Colorado, community after the recent school shootings.

II. Background

The Columbine High School students recently joined students at nearby Chatfield High School to resume classes after the shooting. Although the Columbine students are attending classes at Chatfield, you will be speaking at Dakota Ridge High School since classes will be in recess during your remarks. Dakota Ridge expressed interest in helping the students of Columbine and they feel this is their opportunity.

This gathering will include a variety of groups who have been dealing with the Columbine school shootings throughout the last month. Those in attendance will anticipate a forward-looking message. Seniors from Columbine, who will be in the audience, will graduate in two days, on May 22. The commencement is continuing as planned and will also have a similar theme of looking toward the future.

III. Participants

YOU

The First Lady

Jon DeStefano, School Board President, Jefferson County School District

Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District

Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School

Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School

IV. Press Plan

POOL PRESS

V. Sequence of Events

- Off Stage Announcement of YOU, the First Lady, Dr. Jane Hammond, Jon DeStefano, Frank DeAngelis, and Heather Dinkell.
- Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, welcomes and introduces Principal Frank DeAngelis.
- Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine High School, delivers brief remarks and introduces Ms. Dinkel.
- Heather Dinkel, Columbine High School Student Body President, delivers brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady delivers brief remarks and introduces YOU.
- YOU deliver brief remarks.
- YOU work a ropeline.
- YOU depart.

NOTE: John Cougar Mellencamp will have performed prior to your arrival.

VI. Remarks

To be prepared by speechwriting.

VII. Audience

Injured Columbine Students With Whom You Spoke over the Telephone:

Sean Graves

Patrick Ireland

Groups:

Columbine High School Students

Columbine Student who have recovered from their physical injuries (seated in separate section)

Families of Shooting Victims

Emergency Workers and Police

Columbine High School Faculty

Chatfield and Dakota Ridge Student Government Representatives

Elected Officials:

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar

Colorado Senate Majority Leader Tom Blickensderfer

Colorado State Senator Ed Perlmutter

Colorado State Senator Bryant Sullivan

Colorado State Senator Jim Congrove

Colorado State Senator John Evans

Colorado State Senator Norma Anderson

Colorado State Representative Mark Paschall

Colorado State Representative Penn Pfiffer

Colorado State Representative Glenn Scott
Colorado State Representative Scott McKay
Colorado State Representative John Witwer
Colorado State Representative Don Lee
Colorado State Representative Maryann Keller
Colorado State Representative Sue Windels
Littleton Mayor Pat Cronenberger
Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas
Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone
Jefferson County Commissioner Richard Sheehan
Jefferson County Commissioner Michelle Lawrence
Jefferson County Manager Ron Holiday

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Revised Draft 05/19/99 4:00pm
Jeff Shesol

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO STUDENTS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
DAKOTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
May 20, 1999**

Acknowledgments: the First Lady; Gov. Bill Owens; Rep. Diana DeGette [de-GET]; Rep. Scott McInnis TBD; Jon DeStefano, Jefferson County School Board Pres., Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent; Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine H.S.; Heather Dinkle, Student Body Pres., Columbine H.S.; student council reps. from Chatfield H.S. & Dakota Ridge H.S.; emergency workers; all the students & faculty of Columbine; the families of those killed and injured.

I want to thank everyone here for inviting Hillary and me to join you here in Jefferson County, to talk and to listen and to spend time with you. I particularly want to thank the families we met with earlier today at the Light of the World Catholic Church.

This has been a long, difficult month for them, for all of you and for all America. You have suffered losses of the most terrible kind. You've lost friends, and family, and a certain kind of innocence that no young person should have to part with so soon or so suddenly. And what you're left with is a lot of unanswered questions. There may be some truth to some of the easy answers, but ultimately, we don't really understand much beyond how badly we feel. Lately I've been thinking of an old hymn I used to hear in Arkansas. It goes: "Further along we know all about it. Further along we'll understand why. Rise up, my brothers, and walk in the sunshine. Further along we'll understand why."

You've heard a lot of condolences in the past month, and there's little I can add to the many thoughts and prayers that, I hope, have reached you from around the world. But I have come to Colorado because I want you to know how much America cares about you, and how very much we have learned from all of you. This kind of incident is like a flash of lightning: it can blind us, but it can also illuminate. When we look at Jefferson County, many of us see a community that looks like our own; and we know that if acts of evil can happen here, they can happen elsewhere. But we also see a community that is fundamentally sound and strong. I think most Americans would hope that if they had to face the terrible trials you have faced, they would respond with the same compassion and courage.

Like the hymn says: you are rising up, walking in the sunshine, moving forward. You've returned to school. You've returned to sports, like the remarkable Girls' Soccer team I've heard so much about. Even though you didn't win the championship, the important thing is that you were out there playing. All of you, in your own ways, are looking toward the future, whether it's

commencement and college or, right now, just a summer job. These may sound like ordinary things, the stuff of life, and that's what they are; but under the circumstances, they take an effort that is truly extraordinary. Even though the worst has happened, you have reached within yourselves and summoned what is best. I am proud of you -- and you should be proud of what you've done.

I think what has impressed me the most these past weeks is the way you have held fast to your faith. It is a remarkable thing. Just watching these events on television, or reading about them in the papers, a lot of people have been shaken to their foundations. And still -- despite all you've endured -- you still believe in the goodness and grace of a loving God. The rest of us can see how your faith anchors you. It strengthens and sustains you. It is a powerful thing, and a powerful thing to behold.

I know many of you are still hurting. You are in mourning, and that's going to hurt for a long time. But while we mourn, we can also learn. We can learn and -- more important -- we can act. There is no better way to transcend this tragedy, or to honor the lives you have lost, than to use what you have learned to create a better future. A future where hatred and distrust no longer distort the mind or corrupt the soul. A future where what we have in common is more important than what drives us apart. A future worthy of our full potential as individuals, as communities, and as a nation. If you build that future, it would be the most powerful monument you could make to the lives you've lost.

Across America, we've already started building that better future. You've had a lot to do with that. I'm not sure if you know how true that is. You're at the epicenter of an enormous shockwave, and it's changing a lot of the American landscape -- the way we think about our schools, our families, ourselves. You've touched our hearts and stirred us to action. We've even set up a national campaign to make sure we seize this moment and make it a time of real and lasting change. I know that after meeting all of you, I'll return to Washington even more convinced that there is more we must do to replace the culture of violence with a culture of values; more we must do to keep guns out of the wrong hands; and more we must do to ensure that every vulnerable child is identified early, and gets the help they need.

Two days from now is Columbine's commencement. I know it will be bittersweet -- not everything you hoped it would be when you first walked through those doors as freshmen. For one thing, you couldn't have imagined that your rivals at Chatfield would be cheering you on. Even for those of you who have another year or two -- or three -- to go, I urge you to think of graduation day as another important step you take together, walking in that sunshine, moving forward through life's journey. In the Book of Isaiah, it says: "Your sun shall set no more, and your moon no more withdraw; for the Lord shall be a light to you forever, and your days of mourning shall be ended." Thank you and God bless you.

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May 19, 1999

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Minyon Moore and Craig Hughes, Office of Political Affairs

SUBJECT: Colorado Background

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

1992

Clinton/Gore	629,681	40%
Bush/Quayle	562,850	36%
Perot/Stockdale	366,010	23%

1996

Dole/Kemp	691,846	46%
Clinton/Gore	671,150	44%
Perot/Choate	99,628	7%

MOST RECENT PRINCIPAL TRAVEL

The Vice President was in Littleton on April 20, 1999, to meet with the families of the Columbine High School shooting victims and speak at the memorial service.

The Vice President was in Denver on January 23, 1999, to address the Latin American Educational Foundation Gala.

The Vice President was in Denver on October 6, 1998, for a forum on planned growth and a joint fundraiser to benefit the Dottie Lamm for U.S. Senate (D), Gail Schoettler for Governor (D), and Mark Udall (D) for Congress campaigns.

The First Lady was in Denver on September 24, 1998, for a joint Dottie Lamm for Senate/Gail Schoettler for Governor fundraiser and a class size reduction event.

The President was in Aspen for a DNC retreat July 26-28, 1998.

UPCOMING PRINCIPAL TRAVEL

The First Lady will be in Mesa Verde on May 20, 1999 as part of her Southwest Treasures Tour.

The Vice President is scheduled to be in Denver for Gore 2000 events on June 22.

You are scheduled to be in Aspen for a DNC retreat July 23-24.

1998 ELECTION RESULTS

U.S. Senate

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R) easily defeated former Colorado First Lady and *Denver Post* columnist Dottie Lamm. Campbell received 63% of the vote compared to Lamm's 35%.

According to exit polling, Campbell won support from more than 90 percent of Republican voters, 65 percent of unaffiliated voters, and 20 percent of Democrats. Campbell has become the first statewide office holder since Henry Teller in 1903 to be re-elected as a senator after switching parties.

Governor

In the race to replace Governor Roy Romer (D), State Treasurer Bill Owens (R) narrowly defeated Lt. Governor Gail Schoettler (D) 49% to 48%.

Lt. Gov. Schoettler narrowed the gap during the last two weeks after trailing as much as 12% but could not quite catch Owens, who is the first Republican to serve as governor of Colorado in over two decades.

Attorney General

Attorney Ken Salazar (D) defeated El Paso County District Attorney John Suthers (R) 50% to 49% to become the first Hispanic to hold statewide office in Colorado history. He was also the only Colorado Democrat to win statewide in 1998.

First Congressional District

The first district is made up of the city and county of Denver, plus small parts of Adams and Arapahoe counties. Incumbent Rep. Diana DeGette (D) easily defeated Republican opponent Nancy McClanahan, 67% to 30% to retain the seat once held by Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D).

Second Congressional District

The second Congressional District extends north from the Denver suburbs, and includes most of Jefferson County and all of Boulder County. State Rep. Mark Udall won this coveted district seat with a narrow victory over Republican challenger Bob Greenlee, 50% to 47%.

Udall solidified his win by carrying the city of Boulder, the liberal stronghold where Greenlee had been a councilman for 15 years, and Gilpin and Adams counties. The seat was open due to the retirement of Rep. David Skaggs (D).

Sixth Congressional District

Colorado's sixth district encompasses the suburbs to the south, east, and west of Denver, including Lakewood, Cherry Hills, and Wheat Ridge. Former think tank director Tom Tancredo (R) defeated Democratic activist and real estate developer Henry Strauss (D), 55% to 43% to keep the seat in Republican hands after the retirement of Rep. Dan Schaeffer (R). Representative Tancredo refused to attend the traditional White House reception for newly elected Members, and also boycotted the President's State of the Union Address.

BALLOT ISSUES

Private School Tax Credits

Voters rejected Amendment 17, 60% to 40%, which would have provided a \$2500 tax credit for parents to send their children to private schools. The defeat of Amendment 17 marked the second time in six years that Coloradans have rejected a ballot initiative concerning tuition tax credits or school vouchers.

Parental Notification

This measure, which requires the notification of one parent and a waiting period of at least two days after parental notification before anyone under the age of 18 could receive an abortion, passed by a 55% to 45% margin. The measure also stipulates that doctors who perform an abortion without notification would face misdemeanor criminal charges. Abortion-rights activists have vowed to file with the courts to challenge its constitutionality.

Late-Term Abortions

A measure that would have made it a crime punishable by up to eight years in prison for any doctor to perform a late-term abortion was defeated by a narrow 51% to 49% margin.

Stadium Referendum

Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was handed a new \$360 million stadium by voters in the metro area. Metro area residents voted to extend the collection of the one tenth of a cent sales tax that was initially passed to pay for the Coors Field Baseball Stadium through the year 2012 to help pay for a new football stadium for the Denver Broncos. Residents will shoulder 75 percent of the cost of the stadium. Bowlen will pay 25 percent, or about \$100 million, excluding interest.

1999 MAYORAL RACE

Mayor Wellington Webb (D) was easily re-elected to a third term on May 4, 1999, garnering 81% of the vote. Webb defeated Reverend Gil Ford (D), Richard Grimes (D), and Stephannie Huey (D). By gaining a majority of the vote in the nonpartisan primary, Webb was able to win the general election without a runoff. The last time that happened in Denver was 1979, when incumbent Mayor Bill McNichols won by a landslide.

HOT ISSUES

1999 Legislative Session

With control of the Governor's office and both chambers of the legislature for the first time since 1975, Republicans were expected to enact sweeping changes in state law. Instead, the legislative session will be remembered as the year that a horrific crime abruptly ended the progress of a package of gun-rights bills.

The highlights of the legislative session were:

- A reduction of the state income tax from 5% to 4.75%, cutting state revenue by more than \$220 million.
- Elimination of the "marriage penalty" in state income tax.
- The failure of numerous pieces of social legislation, including a ban on late-term abortions, banning official recognition of same-sex marriages, and banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- The abandonment of two pro-gun measures in the wake of the Columbine shootings. The bills would have over-ridden local gun control laws and made it easier to carry concealed weapons. "Our total focus should be with those families," said state Senator Ken Chlouber (R), sponsor of the concealed weapons bill. "Anything this General Assembly could discuss is insignificant compared to that loss." However, not all Republicans are on that message. Majority Leader Doug Dean (R) said "I would feel safer knowing that there was a teacher at my kid's school who was a concealed weapons permit holder who could intervene in a situation like this."

- Failure to pass "right-to-work" legislation banning compulsory membership in a union as a condition of employment.
- Failure, in a full Senate vote, to pass a "paycheck protection act," which would have prohibited government entities from deducting funds from the paychecks of public employees – including union dues – that could be used for political purposes.
- Authorization of a voter referendum on whether to issue \$2.3 billion in revenue anticipation bonds for highway projects (see more comprehensive briefing below).

Transportation Issues

Led by Governor Bill Owens (R), the Colorado legislature approved a transportation referendum to go before the voters in 1999. The referendum asks whether the state should issue \$2.3 billion in bonds in anticipation of future revenue. The highly controversial proposal, which relies heavily on anticipated federal funding, received a blow in early May when the Federal Transit Administration released its annual funding report. Denver's request for federal assistance on an \$847 million light-rail line between Denver and Douglas County was one of 22 projects classified as "not recommended." That means residents will be in a position of voting on whether to borrow against federal grants that may not come through.

The \$2.3 billion bond also includes widening Interstate 25, which was one of Owens' major campaign promises.

NRA Convention

The National Rifle Association held its annual gathering in Denver on April 30, just days after the tragedy at Columbine. The NRA significantly scaled back on the event, including canceling of their most popular segment -- a demonstration in which guests can view hundreds of different kinds of weapons, including assault rifles. Local community leaders, including Denver Mayor Wellington Webb (D), asked the NRA to move the conference out of Denver or cancel it in light of the tragedy at Columbine High School. At the conference, protesters outnumbered participants nearly two-to-one.

Gun Control Organization Founded

A bipartisan group launched a gun-control lobbying effort on May 13 in an effort to "end the atrocious proliferation of firearms." Honorary chairman of the group include former Governor's John Love (R) and Dick Lamm (D), and board members include former Secretary of State Mary Estill Buchanan (D) and former Attorney General J.D. MacFarlane (D).

Tom Mauser, the father of a 15-year-old sophomore killed at Columbine, joined Lamm and Love in attacking the NRA and Colorado's Republican Senators, Wayne Allard and Ben Campbell, for opposing legislation that would have required criminal background checks at gun shows. "When I heard the news about what happened in the Senate, I felt like I had been kicked in the stomach," Mauser said. "I could not understand, how, after what happened in Columbine, we would not remove the gun-show loophole."

Colorado Avalanche

The Avalanche defeated the Detroit Red Wings four games to two to advance to the Eastern Conference Finals of the NHL playoffs. The Avalanche stormed back with four consecutive wins after losing the first two games at home.

Democratic National Convention

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and former Governor Roy Romer enthusiastically supported Denver's ultimately unsuccessful bid to host the Democratic National Convention in the year 2000. Although Denver did not get the Convention, they believe that by being one of the finalists they are in a strong position for a future bid.

POLITICAL DATA

U.S. Senate: 2R
U.S. House: 4R, 2D
State Senate: 20R/15D
State House: 40R/25D

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	Senator Wayne Allard (R)
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-01)	Rep. Mark Udall (D-02)
Rep. Scott McInnis (R-03)	Rep. Bob Schaffer (R-04)
Rep. Joel Hefley (R-05)	Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-06)

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Governor:	Bill Owens (R)
Lt. Governor:	Joe Rogers (R)
Secretary of State:	Victoria Buckley (R)
Attorney General:	Ken Salazar (D)
State Treasurer:	Mike Coffman (R)

COLORADO AT A GLANCE

- The estimated 1998 population of Colorado was 3,971,000, making it the 25th largest state.
- Voter registration is 35.7% Republican, 30.5% Democrat, and 33.6% Other.
- 10% of residents are 65 years or older.
- Average age of residents is 35 years old and the average income is \$30,140.
- The region is 80.7% White, 3.9% Black, 1.7% Asian, 1% American Indian, 12.9% Hispanic origin.
- In 1996, Voter turnout was 1,510,704, 53% of the voting age population.

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May 19, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.
IRMA MARTINEZ *IM*

SUBJECT: HOT ISSUES—LITTLETON AND DENVER, COLORADO

State Education Board Gives District Grant for Part of Columbine Costs: On May 13, the Jefferson County School District won a \$597,000 grant from the state board of education. The money, which comes from the board's contingency fund, will help cover unanticipated expenses related to the shootings. DOEd and DOJ are working together to find sources of funds that could be used to satisfy the district's request for an additional \$850,000 to cover expenses incurred between April 20 and May 31. DOEd and DOJ are also working to determine additional costs beyond May 31 and identify possible sources of funding. The school district has established a separate fund for all expenses related to Columbine, which the superintendent has estimated at \$50 million. (DOEd)

County Sets up School Security Task Force: On May 13, at its first meeting since the shootings at Columbine High School, the Jefferson County school board voted to establish a task force to explore ways to improve school safety. DOEd helped the district contact school safety experts to help determine the best approach for formulating a new school safety plan. (DOEd)

Victims of Columbine High School Shooting: Bob Curnow, a DOE Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) employee, lost his 14-year-old son, Steven Curnow, in the Columbine shootings. Five other families at WAPA had children at Columbine High School on April 20; the wife of an employee at DOE's Rocky Flats Facility also works at the high school. Secretary Richardson called the Curnow family to express his condolences and sent notes to all the DOE families involved with the high school. (DOE)

Shattuck Chemical - Denver Radium Site: The City of Denver and numerous community groups have raised concerns with EPA's cleanup of the Shattuck Chemical - Denver Radium Superfund Site. The city and residents argue that EPA should have transported the contaminated waste offsite to a remote hazardous waste disposal facility instead of treating it on site. Both EPA and the State of Colorado are confident that the actions taken at the site fully protect public health. However, EPA has met with and will continue to meet with Denver Mayor Webb, Representative DeGette (who supports the city), and the community to address their concerns. The group will next meet on May 22. (EPA)

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: *Colorado***

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

- **Unemployment Down to 2.7%:** The unemployment rate in Colorado has declined from 6.1% to 2.7% since 1993.
- **455,300 New Jobs:** 455,300 new jobs have been created in Colorado since 1993 -- an average of 73,832 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 43,900 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **424,400 New Private Sector Jobs:** Since 1993, 424,400 new private sector jobs have been created in Colorado -- an average of 68,822 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 37,050 private sector jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **18,100 New Manufacturing Jobs:** 18,100 manufacturing jobs have been created in Colorado since 1993 -- an average of 2,935 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 725 manufacturing jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- **59,900 New Construction Jobs:** 59,900 construction jobs have been created in Colorado since 1993 -- an average of 9,714 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of only 4,850 construction jobs were created each year during the previous administration.
- **Poverty Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.3% in 1997. In Colorado, the poverty rate has fallen from 9.9% in 1993 to 8.2% in 1997--down 1.7% under President Clinton. [Census Bureau]
- **75,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 37,000 Colorado workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 38,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget included a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. **Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 409,000 families in Colorado.**
- **Home Ownership Has Increased In Colorado:** Home Ownership in Colorado has increased from 63.5% to 66.4% since the fourth quarter of 1993.
- **Homebuilding Up 12.7%:** Home building in Colorado has increased 12.7% per year since 1993.
- **Over \$25,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will \$1.7 trillion lower in fiscal year 1999 than projected in 1993 -- that's \$25,000 less debt for each family of four in Colorado this year.
- **4.1% Growth in Total Bank Loans and Leases:** Colorado has seen a 4.1% average growth rate in total bank loans and leases per year since 1993. In contrast total bank loans and leases fell over 4.7% during the previous administration.
- **0.9% Growth in Commercial and Industrial Loans and Leases:** Since 1993, Colorado has experienced a 0.9% annual growth rate in commercial and industrial loans and leases. In contrast, commercial and industrial loans and leases fell over 11.8% during the previous administration.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- **Nearly 9,000 Children in Head Start:** Nearly 9,000 Colorado children were enrolled in Head Start in 1998. In FY99, Colorado will receive \$46.4 million in Head Start funding, an increase of \$20.8 million over 1993.
- **More High-Quality Teachers With Smaller Classes for Colorado's Schools:** Thanks to President Clinton, the final FY99 budget provides for the first year of the President's new initiative to hire 100,000 new, well-prepared teachers, to reduce class sizes in the early grades to a national average of 18. Colorado receives \$13.2 million in 1999 to hire about 339 new public school teachers. And, under President Clinton's proposal, Colorado would receive \$ 15 million in fiscal year 2000 to support a total of 418 teachers.

- **\$5.4 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY99], Colorado receives \$5.4 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **Nearly \$4 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY99], Colorado receives \$3.9 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **Over \$70 Million for Students Most in Need:** Colorado receives \$70.3 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families. [FY99]
- **\$96.7 Million in Pell Grants:** This year [FY99], Colorado will receive \$96.7 million in Pell Grants for low-income students going to college, an additional \$4.5 million over last year. With this increase, a total of 51,700 Colorado students will benefit.
- **Expanded Work-Study To Help More Students Work Their Way Through College:** The FY99 budget includes a significant expansion of the Federal Work Study program. Colorado will receive \$11.7 million in Work-Study funding in 1999 to help Colorado students work their way through college.
- **Over 1,000 Have Served in Colorado through AmeriCorps:** Since the National Service program began in 1993, 1,347 AmeriCorps participants have earned money for college while working in Colorado's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. [through 11/98]
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget included both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. **101,000 students in Colorado will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 124,000 students in Colorado will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**
- **Expanded Job Training to Colorado's Dislocated Workers:** Thanks to President Clinton, the FY99 budget includes a significant expansion in the dislocated worker program. Colorado will receive \$7.2 million in 1999 to help 4,290 of Colorado's dislocated workers get the training and reemployment services they need to return to work as quickly as possible.

FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- **Crime Falls 12% in Colorado:** Since 1992, serious crime in Colorado has fallen 12%. Violent crime and property crime have also declined 30% and 11% respectively. In Denver, between 1992 and 1997, serious crime, as indicated by the crime index, has declined 24%, with a 27% drop in murder and a 31% drop in robbery. [1992 and 1997 Uniform Crime Reports]
- **Juvenile Arrests Down in Colorado --** Colorado's juvenile violent crime arrests have decreased 54% between 1992 and 1997, with Colorado's juvenile murder arrests dropping 33%. [FBI, Uniform Crime Report, 1992 and 1997]
- **1,083 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,083 new police officers in communities across Colorado. [through 5/99]
- **Reducing Crime with Drug Courts:** Working to reduce drug-related crime in Colorado, the Clinton Administration has awarded Drug Court grants to the communities of Denver and Fort Collins. Drug courts use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to combine drug testing, sanctions, supervision and treatment to push nonviolent, drug-abusing offenders to stop using drugs and committing crimes.
- **Over \$5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Colorado received \$5.4 million in federal funds in FY98 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services.

- **Over \$800,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In FY98, Colorado received over \$800,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse, an additional \$153,000 increase over FY97.
- **Over \$5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Colorado's Schools:** Colorado has received over \$5 million in FY99 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

MOVING COLORADO RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK

- **81,634 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 81,634 fewer people on welfare in Colorado now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 64% decrease. [through 12/98]
- **Child Support Collections Up 142%:** Child support collections have increased by nearly \$82 million -- or 142% -- in Colorado since FY92. [through FY98]
- **Breaking the Cycle of Dependency -- Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Colorado:** Since 1993, President Clinton has supported innovative and promising teen pregnancy prevention strategies, with significant components of his strategy becoming law in the 1996 Personal Responsibility Act. The law requires unmarried minor parents to stay in school and live at home or in a supervised setting; encourages "second chance homes" to provide teen parents with the skills and support they need; and provides \$50 million a year in new funding for state abstinence education activities. Efforts are making a difference, adolescent pregnancy rates for teens aged 15-19 decreased between 1992 and 1995 and fewer teenagers gave birth from 1991 to 1996. Teen abortion rates are also declining. **Notably, between 1992 and 1996, teen birth rates declined 15.2 percent in Colorado.**
- **\$21.2 Million for Colorado Welfare-to-Work:** In 1998, Colorado received \$9.9 million in Federal welfare-to-work state formula grants (the state matched \$4.9 million in funding), helping Colorado welfare recipients get and keep jobs. In addition, \$6.4 million in competitive grants were awarded to Colorado localities to support innovative welfare-to-work strategies. Part of the President's comprehensive efforts to move recipients from welfare to work, this funding was included in the \$3 billion welfare to work fund in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.

INVESTING IN COLORADO'S HEALTH

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget included the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 72,000 uninsured children in Colorado the balanced budget provided more than \$41 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 50,200 children in Colorado.
- **Helping Over 74,000 Colorado Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). In FY98, Colorado received \$39.8 million in total WIC grant funding, helping 74,700 women, infants and children in need receive health and food assistance, 6,000 more than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, by 1996, 90% or more of America's toddlers received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Colorado in 1997, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 88% received the vaccine for polio; 94% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **Increased Funding for Ryan White by \$43.8 Million** Between 1993 and 1998, Colorado communities received \$43.8 million in Ryan White formula and other HIV/AIDS program funds.

This funding provides people living with HIV and AIDS medical and support services, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program which helps those without insurance obtain much needed prescription drugs. [HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, 12/98]

- **Tobacco Plan Will Cut Smoking and Premature Deaths by 43% in Colorado:** The Clinton Administration's tobacco proposal, combined with the recently enacted state tobacco settlements, will cut youth smoking and resulting premature deaths 43% in Colorado by 2004. Between 2000 and 2004, 54,500 of Colorado's youth will be kept from smoking and 17,400 will be spared a premature tobacco-related death. [Treasury Dept., 2/99]
- **1,810,000 Americans in Colorado Cannot Be Assured They Have Patient Protections.** Even if Colorado enacted all the protections in the Patients' Bill of Rights, 1,810,000 people in Colorado cannot be assured they have the comprehensive patient protections recommended by the President's Advisory Commission. This is because the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) may preempt state-enacted protections. That is why the President has called on Congress to pass a federally enforceable patients' bill of rights so that everyone enrolled in managed care may have a basic set of protections. Notably, 890,000 Colorado women are in ERISA health plans and are therefore not necessarily protected. Women are particularly vulnerable without these protections because they are greater users of health care services, they make three-quarters of the health care decisions for their families, and they have specific health care needs addressed by a patients' bill of rights.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **4 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 4 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Colorado. These sites are found in Denver, Boulder, Commerce City and Aspen [through FY98]. There was only one site cleaned up in Colorado during the previous twelve years combined.
- **\$11.3 Million in Safe Drinking Water Funding:** This year [FY99], thanks to President Clinton, Colorado will receive \$10 million for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to provide low-interest loans to municipalities to build, improve, and prevent pollution of drinking water systems. In addition, Colorado will receive \$1.27 million in Public Water Supply Supervision grants to help monitor drinking water quality and enforce health standards.
- **Revitalizing Brownfields in Colorado:** As part of the Clinton-Gore Administration's efforts to clean up Brownfields, the EPA has awarded grants to communities in Colorado -- Englewood, North Stapleton, Lakewood and Sand Creek Corridor-- for environmental clean-up and economic revitalization. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS

- **Revitalizing Colorado's Communities:** Denver was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents.
- **Expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Will Help Develop 1,500 To 1,800 New Affordable Housing Units in Colorado Over the Next 5 years:** Last year, the President and Vice President pushed for a 40-percent expansion in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. This year, the President and Vice President will try again to enact tax incentives to develop affordable housing. In Colorado alone, this proposal would mean an additional 1,500 - 1,800 quality rental housing units for low-income American families during the next five years.

PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:

- **\$17.7 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Colorado has received \$17.7 million in disaster relief. [FEMA, 12/98]

EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

- **Over \$1.4 Billion in Federal Highway Aid:** Since 1993, Colorado has received over \$1.4 billion in federal highway aid. Included in this funding is \$15.6 million for emergency relief in response

to natural disasters and \$4.7 million for scenic byways. These funds have helped generate 59,428 jobs. [through FY98]

- **Over \$341 Million in Aviation Funds:** From FY93-FY98 Colorado received over \$341 million in Airport Improvement Program funds to help build and renovate airports, and, when necessary, to provide funds for noise abatement to improve the quality of life for residents who live near airports.
- **Transit Funding:** The Federal Transit Administration has provided approximately \$238 million in funding since 1993 to support public transportation in the State of Colorado.

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May 19, 1999

**TELEPHONE CALL TO STUDENTS INJURED DURING THE COLUMBINE HIGH
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

MARK TAYLOR

TO: Mark Taylor (16)

DATE: May 19, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Kris M. Balderston

PURPOSE: To talk with students injured during the Columbine High School
shootings who are still recovering from their wounds at local
hospitals in Colorado.

BACKGROUND: On April 20, two suspects opened fire on the student body at
Columbine High School killing 12 students and one faculty member.
Of the 23 injured students, five are still recuperating from their
injuries in local hospitals.

Mark will be joined by his parents Donna and Mark Taylor. Mark
was readmitted to the hospital yesterday due to an infection in his
lung. He is recovering from two gun shot wounds to the chest. He
is developmentally disabled and will be attending a school for special
needs after his recovery.

CONTACT PERSON AND Mark Taylor, 303-738-7777
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Littleton Adventist Hospital

Note: Ask for Donna Taylor (mother).

DATE OF SUBMISSION: May 19, 1999

ACTION: _____

May 19, 1999

**TELEPHONE CALL TO STUDENTS INJURED DURING THE COLUMBINE HIGH
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

PATRICK IRELAND

TO: Patrick Ireland (17)

DATE: May 19, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Kris M. Balderston

PURPOSE: To talk with students injured during the Columbine High School shootings who are still recovering from their wounds at local hospitals in Colorado.

BACKGROUND: On April 20, two suspects opened fire on the student body at Columbine High School killing 12 students and one faculty member. Of the 23 injured students, five are still recuperating from their injuries in local hospitals.

Patrick will be joined by his parents Kathy and John Ireland. As vividly depicted on the national networks, Patrick escaped from Columbine by jumping from the second story of the high school after being shot three times; two bullets entered the left side of his forehead and a third hit him in the foot. He remains paralyzed on the right side of his body and remains in a wheelchair. Despite his injuries, both he and his parents are optimistic about his return to school. Patrick plays many sports including golf, snowboarding, and water skiing. He is an excellent student and speaks Spanish fluently. During his recovery, he has become good friends with Sean Graves who is in the same hospital.

He will attend **YOUR** speech at Dakota Ridge High School.

CONTACT PERSON AND Patrick Ireland, 303-789-8000 ext. 2121
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Craig Hospital

Note: Ask for Patrick Ireland directly.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: May 19, 1999

ACTION: _____

May 19, 1999

**TELEPHONE CALL TO STUDENTS INJURED DURING THE COLUMBINE HIGH
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

RICHARD CASTALDO

TO: Richard Castaldo (17)

DATE: May 19, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
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ACTION:

May 19, 1999

**TELEPHONE CALL TO STUDENTS INJURED DURING THE COLUMBINE HIGH
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

SEAN GRAVES

TO: Sean Graves (15 ½)

DATE: May 19, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
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Sean will be joined by his parents Randall and Natalie Graves. Sean enjoys golfing and loves to cook; he made soup for the nurses on Tuesday. He is recovering from four gunshot wounds; one to his back and three to his abdomen. His condition is improving. During his recovery, he has become good friends with Patrick Ireland who is in the same hospital.

Sean really wanted to attend your speech at Dakota Ridge High School and will be in the audience.

CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Sean Graves, 303-787-7007
Craig Hospital

Note: Ask for Randy Graves (father); Sean will be able to speak with you.

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May 19, 1999

TELEPHONE CALL TO STUDENTS INJURED DURING THE COLUMBINE HIGH
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

ANNE MARIE HOCHHALTER

TO: Anne Marie Hochhalter (HOKE-HALL-TER) (17)

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Anne Marie will be joined by her parents Ted and Carla Hochhalter. Anne Marie is a member of the school band, plays the piano and clarinet, and plans to learn the violin down the road. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. She is in serious condition at this time and suffers major pain from a gunshot wound to the chest. Her parents are very proud of her and have remained in the hospital room around the clock.

Since she is in serious pain, **YOU** may need to speak with her father, Ted. Anne Marie's brother, Nathan (16), who is also a student at Columbine High School, may be in the room with his parents.

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Anne Marie Hochhalter, 303-788-7023
Swedish Hospital

Note: Ask for Ted (father) or Karla (mother); since Ann Maries is very sick she may not be able to speak.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: May 19, 1999

ACTION:

Craig Hughes

05/20/99 08:21:19 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Kris M Balderston/WHO P@EOP

cc:

Subject: POTUS call

Clinton calls boy wounded
at Columbine

By Kevin Vaughan
Denver Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

LITTLETON -- When the telephone in Mark Taylor's hospital room rang at 4:18 Wednesday afternoon, he asked everyone to leave.

Taylor, a 16-year-old Columbine High School student recovering from five gunshot wounds, didn't want any distractions as he talked.

After all, it isn't everyday that a teen-ager gets a call from the president of the United States.

"He wanted to talk to him," Taylor's mother, Donna Taylor, said after the four-minute call. "He got his wish."

Taylor, who is battling a staph infection, didn't immediately discuss the chat with his mother, so she wasn't sure what they talked about.

But she was grateful the connection was made.

"It was nice," Donna Taylor said outside Littleton Adventist Hospital. "He shows consideration and care."

Her son was one of 12 people wounded in the April 20 assault on Columbine that left 15 dead.

Dr. Jodi Chambers, trauma surgeon, said the goal is to manage the infection without operating.

"If we can get away with it, in the long run, he'll have a much easier recovery," she said.

As he fights the infection, his emotions shoot "up and down," his mother said, as he remembers the shootings.

"There's good days and bad days," she said.

He was released from the hospital earlier, but the infection sent him home last Friday so he won't be able to attend meetings today with Clinton.

Clinton will meet privately today with families of Columbine victims at Dakota Ridge High School.

He'll also go to Light of the World Catholic Church to talk to victims and families.

None of the president's stops is open to the public.

**Schedule of the President
For
Thursday, May 20, 1999**

Final Schedule

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

STEPHANIE STREETT

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OFFICE: 202-456-2823

WHCA PAGER: 4824

PRESS DESK:

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HOME: 703-548-6466

OFFICE: 202-456-5771

WHCA PAGER: 4844

EVENT COORDINATOR:

LAURA GRAHAM

HOME: 703-212-7642

OFFICE: 202-456-2349

WHCA PAGER: 4809

ADVANCE LEAD:

SETTI WARREN

STAFF OFFICE: 45-220

CELL PHONE: 202-607-6213

WHCA PAGER: 5233

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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northwest at 8 to 15 knots. Low 52 to 57.
High 71 to 76.***

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

***Partly cloudy, occasionally mostly
cloudy with a chance for afternoon and
evening thunderstorms. Winds
northeast to southeast at 8 to 15 knots.
Low 45 to 50. High 70 to 75.***

**Schedule of the President
for
Thursday, May 20, 1999
*Final Schedule***

8:30 am- 9:00 am	MEETING WITH GENERAL HUGH SHELTON OVEN OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:00 am- 10:00 am	FOREIGN POLICY MEETING CABINET ROOM Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:00 am- 10:15 am	BRIEFING OVEN OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:15 am- 10:25 am	STATEMENT ROSE GARDEN Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz OPEN PRESS
10:35 am- 10:40 am	BRIEF MEETING WITH FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY OVEN OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
10:40 am- 10:45 am	RADIO ACTUALITY TAPINGS (TWO) OVEN OFFICE Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart, Megan Moloney
11:00 am	THE PRESIDENT proceeds to South Lawn
11:05 am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route the Reflecting Pool [departure time: 5 minutes]
11:10 am	THE PRESIDENT arrives the Reflecting Pool
11:20 am	THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 10 minutes]
11:30 am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
11:45 am	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force

On en route Denver International Airport
[flight time: 3 hours, 25 minutes]
[time change: -2 hours]

1:10 pm MT TH **PRESIDENT** arrives Denver International Airport

Notes: The First Lady will join the President at this time.

Guests:
Former Secretary Federico Pena
Mrs. Ellen Hart Pena
Pena Family
Jim Lyons
Marcia Lyons
Marjorie Seawell
Attorney General Ken Salazar
House Minority Leader Ken Gordon
Denver Deputy Mayor Butch Montoya (Acting)
Denver City Council President Pro-Tem Cathy Reynolds
Rick Weiland, Federal Emergency Management
Administration
Joan Coplan, Small Business Administration
Polly Baca, General Services Administration
Joseph Garcia, Housing and Urban Development

1:25 pm TH **PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Denver International Airport via Marine One en route Jefferson County Landing Zone
[flight time: 15 minutes]

1:40 pm TH **PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Jefferson County Landing Zone

Guest: Park Superintendent

1:50 pm TH **PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Jefferson County Landing Zone via motorcade en route Light of the World Catholic Church
[drive time: 5 minutes]

1:55 pm TH **PRESIDENT** arrives Light of the World Catholic Church

Guests:
Jerry Rohr, Pastor, Light of the World Catholic Church
John DeStefano, President, Jefferson County School Board
Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District
Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School

2:00 pm-
3:30 pm

MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS
SANCTUARY
Light of the World Catholic Church
Site Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
CLOSED PRESS

Note: The families of 12 victims will be in attendance.

-- Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School, escorts **the President** and the First Lady to each table.

3:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Light of the World Catholic Church via motorcade en route Dakota Ridge High School
[duration: 5 minutes]

3:40 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Dakota Ridge High School

Guests:

- Dave Thomas, District Attorney
- John Stone, Sheriff
- Richard Sheehan, Commissioner
- Michelle Lawrence, Commissioner
- Ron Holiday, Manager
- Ed Perlmutter, State Senator
- Tom Blickensderfer, Senate Majority Leader (T)
- Norma Anderson, State Senator
- Rob Fairbanks, State Senator
- Don Lee, State Representative
- Sue Windels, State Representative (T)
- Pat Cronenberger, Mayor, Littleton
- Tori Merritts, First Vice President, Jefferson County School Board
- Dave DiGiacomo, Second Vice President, Jefferson County School Board
- Vice Chowdhury, Treasurer, Jefferson County School Board
- Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School
- Dinkel Family
- DeAngelis Family
- Tim MacDonnell, Principal, Dakota Ridge High School
- Sally Blanchard, Principal, Chatfield High School

3:45 pm-
5:15 pm
[5:45-7:15pm ET]

REMARKS TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
GYMNASIUM
Dakota Ridge High School
Remarks: Jeff Shesol
Stage Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
POOL PRESS

Note: There will be a pre-program.

Note: There will be approximately 2000 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Superintendent Dr. Jane Hammond, Principal Frank DeAngelis, and Heather Dinkel.
- Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent, Jefferson County School District, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Frank DeAngelis.
- Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces Heather Dinkel.
- Heather Dinkel, Student Body President, Columbine High School, makes brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

5:20 pm-
5:25 pm

POOLCE AND DRIVER PHOTOGRAPHS
HIGHWAY
Dakota Ridge High School

5:30 pm

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Thursday, May 20, 1999

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Note The First Lady will proceed to separate plane upon arrival. The President will hold aboard Air Force One until the First Lady has departed.

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BC RON THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC

May 19, 1999 (8:15 PM)



The Denver Post / Lyn Atwell

SHEETS ON GLASS: Herb Sheets cleans the wall of glass at the south end of Denver International Airport's main terminal on Monday. Sheets' coworkers say rather than the more mundane 'window washers,' they can be called 'transparent-wall technicians.'

Fund sets priorities for healing

Columbine money to aid victims, families first

By Beth DeFalco 5/13/99
Special to The Denver Post

Organizers have decided how to distribute \$2.3 million in donations from the biggest fund for victims of the Columbine High School massacre.

Priority for use of the Healing Fund will go to the 13 dead, the 23 injured and the other students, faculty and staff of Columbine.

Donations then will go to other agencies that provided services or helped with the tragedy, with \$150,000 set aside for establishment of a new community counseling and resource center aimed at preventing similar violence in the future.

The fund, overseen by United Way, operates independently of 14 other groups that are collecting money for scholarships, memorials and other victim relief.

And that worries a lawyer for two of the injured students, who said those who face continuing medical bills should have priority.

"I am concerned about siphoning funds into scholarships and memorial funds



The Denver Post / Karl Gehring

Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas announces Monday that The Healing Fund has more than \$2 million to aid victims of April's school shooting.

when one month after it happened there are still kids in need, still kids hospitalized," said Anthony Sturniolo, attorney for injured Columbine students Lance Kirklin and Mark Taylor.

"Families who lost children in the tragedy, while they have suffered a great loss, don't have as many bills as those who were injured," Sturniolo said. "The injured can expect to be paying these bills for many more years to come."

Kirklin, 16, was shot in the face and neck. He and four other students remain hospitalized. Kirklin's medical bills have topped \$1 million, and he has no medical insurance, his lawyer said. He still faces five to six surgeries and years of rehabilitation.

Money raised by The Healing Fund, including \$500,000 from the McCormick Tribune Foundation, will be distributed first

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a.m. on Jan. 19, 1998, to report that his wife Lisa, 37, and her parents, David and Mary Ann Hanschu, 64 and 62, had been shot in the Hanschus' Lone Tree home.

All three were shot point blank in the face. Mary Ann died a day later, never regaining consciousness. The Garners' 1-month-old girl was grazed in the head by a bullet.

The Garners' other daughters, Sydney, 5, and Sayde, 3½, were un-

thumb print found on the unlocked bolt of the Hanschus' front door. Then he said investigators will never find the gun used in the slayings.

"The gun went with the thumb with the person who killed his family," Wymore said.

Likewise, a palm print in the Hanschus' master bathroom also has gone unidentified, he said.

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Site of fatality dangerous area for rockslides

By Kit Miniclier
Denver Post Staff Writer

GEORGETOWN — The site of a fatal rockslide on Interstate 70 between Georgetown and Silver Plume on Sunday was on a 2-mile cliff-side stretch of highway that has a long history of rock-vehicle accidents, an expert said Monday.

In the past 20 years, the stretch has had more than 100 accidents involving vehicles and falling rocks, according to Rick Andrew.

Andrew, a senior engineering geologist who managed rockfall and landslide programs for the Colorado Department of Transportation for more than a decade, now works for a private firm in the same field and was part of an inspection team at the site Monday.

There were 20 vehicle-rockfall encounters at the site in 1992 alone, Andrew said. The four-lane highway carries a daily average of 21,000 vehicles, or 7.6 million annually, said Dan Hopkins, spokesman for the Colorado Department of Transportation.

The stretch will be intermittently closed in both directions today to permit rock climbers to "scale," or knock down, loose rock from the adjacent cliff and mountainside in hopes of averting further slides,

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the interstate by one lane in each direction between Georgetown and Silver Plume, officials said.

Highway officials had agreed last week to send climbers up the

Turkey Creek Canyon for five days. That rockfall problem was solved as part of the ongoing \$80 million project to widen the road between Tiny Town and Conifer.

Clinton to meet privately with families, students

By Janet Bingham
Denver Post Education Writer

When President Clinton comes to Jefferson County on Thursday — the one-month anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre — he will meet with victims' families, students and teachers at a local church and a nearby high school.

"The president wants the opportunity to show his concern in the least intrusive way and by people's choice," Jefferson County schools Superintendent Jane Hammond said Monday.

Families of the one teacher and 12 students killed in the April 20 rampage have been invited to an early afternoon private meeting with the president at Light of the World Catholic Church in Littleton.

Later in the afternoon, all Col-

umbine High students and faculty members can meet with the president at Dakota Ridge High School on West Coal Mine Road at C-470.

"We're very honored that he is visiting," said school Board President Jon DeStefano.

The board had invited Clinton to visit soon after the Columbine tragedy.

Students who wish to participate will be able to take buses from Chatfield High to Dakota Ridge.

Both Clinton appearances will be closed to the public, although limited media coverage is planned for the Dakota Ridge event.

The meeting at Dakota Ridge will take place after its students are dismissed. Dakota Ridge and Chatfield each will be invited to send 17 to 20 representatives to the session.

Healing Fund sets priorities: Victims, families to come first

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to the so-called primary victims included those killed and injured and other Columbine students, staff and faculty. Altogether, that could number 2,000 people Thomas said.

Requests for less than \$1,000 can be filled within one business day, Thomas said. Qualifying expenses include lost wages, temporary housing, child care, food, utility or rent assistance and insurance deductibles.

Requests for more than \$1,000 must be reviewed by an advisory committee before approval but can be completed within a week.

"We plan to use the funds in a way that respects the wishes of the donors," said Thomas.

And the \$2.3 million raised so far won't be enough to meet needs, he said.

"Even though \$2.3 million sounds like a lot of money, it's the beginning of our fund-raising process, not the end," Thomas said.

After those directly affected by the shooting receive contributions,

the Columbine community and metro-area agencies, including counseling centers, can apply for funding.

"The need for counseling will continue," said Harriet Hall, chief executive director for the Jefferson County Center for Mental Health.

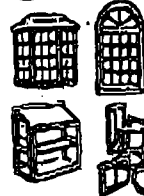
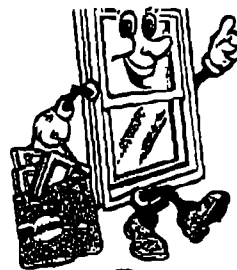
"Mental health services provided early on helps prevent problems in the future."

The fund, established within hours of the shooting, already has spent nearly \$150,000 on travel expenses for victims' families, Thomas said.

The Healing Fund has also set aside \$150,000 for a resource and drop-in center for the Columbine community and high school students.

Students contend that they need a place to feel safe both inside and outside school.

The center, to open in early June, will be in the complex that houses the old Ascot Theatre on Bowles Avenue.



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Swedish Hospital

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ACTION:

*Will be at
School-Luxor
to see her and her
husband -
Grant to help on
guns and special
coordination.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1999

MEETING WITH FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

DATE: May 20, 1999
LOCATION: Light of the World Catholic Church
Jefferson County, Colorado
TIME: 2:00-3:30p.m.
FROM: Kris M. Balderston
Sean P. O'Shea

I. Purpose

To meet the families who lost children from the recent school shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

II. Background

On April 20, two students opened fire inside Columbine High School killing 12 students and one faculty member. After the incident, most of the families went into seclusion. The federal government, through the Departments of Treasury, Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services, have provided various forms of assistance to local school and law enforcement officials. Federal assistance has included financial assistance for funerals, mental health counselors, and technical assistance.

On April 25, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore attended a memorial service for the victims of the shooting at Columbine High School and laid flowers for the victims' families at a makeshift memorial site.

On April 22, Attorney General Reno visited Columbine to meet with students, federal and local law enforcement officials, victims' advocates, counselors, school officials, and family members. In addition, she spoke at the Light of the World Catholic Church at a community meeting that same day.

After the shootings, the students of Columbine moved to nearby Chatfield High School to resume classes. Columbine seniors will graduate on May 22. The local community came together in the wake of these tragedies to help the students move forward with their lives and cope with their emotional loss. The families of the victims have each been assigned individual liaisons to assist them with any needs. The church has served as a major community center throughout the aftermath of this tragedy.

These family members, including parents, grandparents, siblings, and other close relatives will

meet you at the church.

III. Participants

YOU

The First Lady

Frank DeAngelis , Principal of Columbine High School

Parents and Families of Victims (See Attached Sheet)

Victims' Advocates (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Press Plan

CLOSED PRESS

V. Sequence of Events

- YOU and the First Lady are greeted by Dr. Jane Hammond, Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, Jon DeStefano, School Board President, and Frank DeAngelis, Principal, Columbine High School.
- YOU and the First Lady are accompanied by Principal DeAngelis into the Sanctuary.
- Principal DeAngelis introduces YOU and the First Lady to the families.
- YOU and the First Lady sit and meet with the family members.
- YOU and the First Lady move from table to table to meet with each of the 12 families.
- YOU and the First Lady depart.

Note: Frank DeAngelis will move YOU and the First Lady from table to table.

VI. Remarks

None.

VII. Attachments

- Agency Recovery Efforts on Behalf of Columbine School Shootings
- Background on Columbine High School Victims
- List of Shooting Victims' Families

BACKGROUND ON COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL VICTIMS

Cassie Bernall, 17

- Two years ago, Cassie became a born-again Christian. She was active in church youth programs, Bible study groups, and recently visited Britain. Her favorite movie was Mel Gibson's "Braveheart." Cassie was asked whether she believed in God, answered yes, and was then shot.

Steven Curnow (KUR-NOW), 14

- A freshman, Steven dreamed of being a Navy top gun F-15 pilot. He watched "Star Wars" movies so often he could recite dialogue. He played soccer as a boy and learned to referee to earn pocket money.
- Bob Curnow, Steven's father, is a Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) employee. Secretary Richardson called the Curnow family to express his condolences.

Corey DePooter (DEH-PUTER), 17

- Corey loved to golf, fish, and hunt, was a former wrestler, and recently took a maintenance job at a golf club to save money for a boat.

Kelly Fleming, 16

- Kelly was an aspiring songwriter and author, and wrote scores of poems and short stories based on her life experiences. She was learning to play the guitar and had just moved to Colorado from Phoenix, ten months ago. She was eager to get her driver's license and obtain a part-time job.

Matthew Kechter (KEK-TER), 16

- Matthew was a junior, who hoped to start for the football team. He lifted weights, played offense and defense, and maintained an "A" average in class.

Daniel Mauser, 15

- A sophomore, Daniel excelled in math and science, earned straight A's on his last report card, ran cross-country, and joined the debate team. He recently returned from a two-week trip to Paris with his French club.
- His father, Tom, has been very active as an advocate for Handgun Control, spoke at the White House event with the First Lady on May 8, and attended the anti-NRA rally in Denver, CO.

Daniel Rohrbough (ROAR-BAW), 15

- Dan helped at his father's electronics business and worked on family farms in Kansas during the summer. He enjoyed computer games, stereos, and home theater systems. He was shot while holding the exit door open for fleeing students.

Rachel Scott, 17

- Rachel played the lead in a student-written school play, "Smoke in the Room." She was also active in Celebration Christian Fellowship Church and liked photography. During the shootings, her younger brother Craig, 16, played dead in the library and helped lead others to safety.

Isaiah Shoels, 18

- Isaiah was due to graduate in May. He suffered health problems as a child and had undergone heart surgery twice. He wanted to attend an arts college and become a music executive. Though small in stature, he lifted weights, played football, wrestled, and could bench-press twice his weight. According to witnesses, he was shot in the head because he was black and an athlete.

Lauren Townsend, 18

- Lauren was a senior and captain of the girl's Varsity volleyball team coached by her mother; Other players said that she was "consumed" by the sport. She was a member of the National Honors Society, a candidate for class valedictorian, and wanted to major in biology in college.

Kyle Velasquez, 16

- A sophomore, Kyle idolized his 21-year-old brother Daniel. He dreamed of being a firefighter or a Navy pilot. He spent Sundays in the fall watching the Denver Broncos play.

William "Dave" Sanders, 47

- A computer and business teacher for 24 years, "Dave" coached girl's basketball and softball. During his first year (1997-98) the basketball team posted a winning record after finishing next to last the year before. He was married with three daughters and ten grandchildren. He was shot twice in the chest while directing students down the hallway to safety. He survived at least three hours until students were rescued.

AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

The Department of Justice

- **The Office for Victims of Crime(OVC):** OVC provided supplemental funding to Jefferson County totaling \$1.5 million to assist in their efforts to meet the extraordinary burdens imposed upon Littleton victims and their families. The Victims of Crime Act grant funds, which amounts to half of the total funds, will be used to support compensation for up to \$20,000 per victim. This money will be used to pay for costs associated with funeral expenses, medical and hospital care, lost wages by parents needing time off work for childcare, and mental health services.
- **Supplemental Grant:** A victim assistance supplemental grant will be used to partly fund the Columbine Resource Assistance Center, a new center that will offer mental health counseling, victim assistance services and a teen drop-in site. This grant will account for the other half of the total DOJ funding.
- **Overtime and Other Assistance:** DOJ has also agreed to reimburse the Jefferson County Sheriff's office, the Jefferson County Schools, and the other affected law enforcement agencies for overtime accrued in the immediate aftermath of the incident. Additionally, funding for additional security required at Jefferson County schools and victim counseling centers will be provided. These funds will be distributed through the Colorado Department of Public Safety. This understanding was reached with the State on April 24 and has enabled the Jefferson County School District to secure increased security services that they would otherwise have had no ability to fund. Recent estimates from the Colorado Department of Public Safety total approximately \$1.4 million. DOJ is currently reviewing the potential for additional funds that may be used for increased security within the school district during the 1999-2000 school year. These funds would be used to help ensure appropriate security and reassurance for the district's students during the process of long term planning.

The Department of Education

- **Technical Assistance:** DOEd linked several school security experts with the Jefferson County school security officer in charge and helped facilitate a visit by the Superintendent of Springfield, OR to Colorado. These experts helped Jefferson County Schools' security staff identify steps they need to ensure security for all students.
- **Recovery Efforts:** DOEd staff continue to work closely with Jefferson County School officials to secure resources necessary for recovery. Jefferson County Public Schools have submitted a request for approximately \$850,000 (costs incurred from April 20-May 31, 1999).

The Department of Health and Human Services

- The Center for Mental Health Services of SAMHSA is the primary agency working with Justice and Education on the Department response to the Columbine shootings. During the week of May 17-25, a State-to-State needs assessment team will meet in Jefferson County consisting of representatives from HHS, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, the National Technical Assistance Center, and representatives from the State Mental Health Agencies of California, Louisiana and Colorado.
- Their task was to assess both the short and long term mental health needs of the community impacted by the shooting. The team expects to submit a report to the school district, based on their findings, in the next few weeks.

LIST OF SHOOTING VICTIMS' FAMILIES

Cassie Bernall (17)

Brad and Misty Bernall (parents)

Chris Bernall (brother, 15)

Hal and Laura Jones (grandparents)

Lee and Jasmine Jorgensen (grandparents)

Steven Curnow (KUR-NOW) (14): You will separately with the mother and father.

Bob Curnow (father)

Bill and Kathy Curnow (grandparents)

Jill Curnow (aunt)

Ryan Curnow (uncle)

Sue Curnow (mother)

Nancy Curnow (sister, 19)

Ray and Charlotte Brandenburger (grandparents)

Richard Brandenburger (uncle)

Jim Brandenburger (uncle)

Corey DePooter (DEH-PUTER) (17)

Neal and Patricia DePooter (parents)

Jena DePooter (sister, 16)

Kelly Fleming (16)

Don and Dee Fleming (parents)

Erin (sister, 18)

Matthew Kechter (KEK-TER) (16)

Joe and Ann Kechter (parents)

Adam Kechter (brother, 12)

Daniel Mauser (15)

Tom and Linda Mauser (parents)

Christine (sister, 13)

Daniel Rohrbough (ROAR-BAW) (15)

Sue and Rich Petrone (mother and stepfather)

Brian Rohrbough (father)

Lisa Mauer

Matt Petrone (brother, 21)

Nicole Petrone (sister, 17)

Andrew Petrone (brother, 13)

William "Dave" Sanders (47)

Linda Sanders (wife)

Angela Sanders (daughter)

Connie Sanders (daughter)

Cindy Thuiroin (daughter)

Melody Smith (Linda's sister)

Rich Jarman (nephew)

Rachel Scott (17): You will separately with the mother and father.

Beth Scott and Larry Nimmo (mother and stepfather)

Dana Scott (sister)

Betheny and Don McCandless (sister and spouse)

Craig Scott (brother, 16)

Michael Scott (brother)

Darrell Scott and Sandy Hollingshead (father and stepmother)

Cory Hollingshead (brother, 20)

Tyler Hollingshead (brother, 17)

Billy Eperhart (family counselor)

Larry Scott (brother)

Jeff Scott

Isaiah Shoels (18)

Michael and Vonda Shoels (parents)

Melissa Shoels (sister)

Michelle Shoels (sister)

Anthony Shoels (son)

Baka Shoels

Sam Riddel (advisor)

Lauren Townsend (18): You will separately with the mother and father.

Rick and Sue Townsend (father and stepmother)

Dawn Anna and Bruce Beck (mother and stepfather)

Josh Townsend (brother)

Kristin Townsend (sister)

Shane Frakes (Kristin's fiancée)

Kyle Velasquez (16)

Al and Phyllis Velasquez (parents)

Daniel Velasquez (brother, 21)

Rose Cordova (aunt)

Gloria Alire (aunt)

Krista Velasquez (Daniel's fiancée) and baby, Andrea (2)

Victim Advocates:

Betzy Biknase

Beverley Wiese

Danielle Rice

Paula Kittay

Karen Joyce-McMahon

Carrie Wecker

Rachael Nelson

Diana Breuske

Carol Malegiza

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Jane Hammond

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