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1995 ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm **REGISTRATION**
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REDISTRICTING - WCC 25-26

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EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - WCC 23-24

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| I. | "Black Colleges and the 104th Congress: The Battle Continues." | 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Bill Clay |
| II. | "Literacy: The Cornerstone of African American Advancement." | 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. Donald Payne |
| III. | Education of At-Risk Children | 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Robert Scott |

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - WCC 10-12

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| I. | "Fordice v. Ayers: The Final Blow to Publicly Funded Black Colleges and Universities."
"Racist Budget Cuts." | 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Major Owens |
| II. | Technology in a Changing World | 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson |
| III. | "Black Athletes: Educate, Pay and Play Them - It's time to do all of them!" | 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Edolphus Towns |
| IV. | "Restructuring Public Education: What Does, What Doesn't and What Could Work." | 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
WCC 20-21
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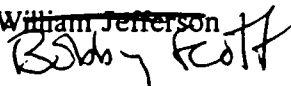
FOREIGN RELATIONS/INTERNATIONAL TRADE - WCC 31

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| I. | "The International Organization of Black Security Executives." | 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Alcee Hastings |
| II. | "Energy: Africa and the International Arena." | 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee |

LABOR

- I. "Labor's Role in 1996 and Beyond." 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. Bennie Thompson

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CRIME, DRUGS - WCC 22

- I. "Stop the Violence - A Strategic Plan." 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. John Lewis
- II. "Innovative Approaches to Violent Crimes by African-American U.S. Attorneys." 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. ~~William Jefferson~~ 
- III. "Juvenile Judges in the Front Line of the Criminal Justice System." 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. ~~William Jefferson~~

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS - WCC 27

- I. "Tourism and Economic Development in the Virgin Islands." 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Victor Frazer
- II. "The Impact of Tourism on the African American Community." 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. Corrine Brown
- III. The Information Super Highway: The "Next Frontier": New On-Line Networking in the African American Community. 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Bobby Rush

Trade Fair

WCC, Hall B
Sen. Carol Mosely Braun

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT - WCC 29

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| I. | "Legal Reform and the African American Community." | 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Corrine Brown
Rep. Bobby Scott |
| II. | "Transportation Strategies for the Twenty-First Century." | 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. Earl Hilliard |
| III. | Housing | 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Mel Watt |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1995 ISSUE FORUM URBAN INITIATIVES - WCC 22

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| "Creating Corporate/Individual Investment."
(TENTATIVE) | 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Bennie Thompson |
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1995 ISSUE FORUM

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| "When Race Is Not a Factor." | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
WCC 30
Rep. Julian Dixon |
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EDUCATION BRAINTRUST - WCC 31

Reforming Public School Education	9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Rep. Major Owens
"Racist Budget Cuts and the Destruction of African American Education."	2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Rep. Major Owens

HEALTH BRAINTRUST - WCC 32

I.	"Managed Care: The New Enterprise Zone."	9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Rep. Louis Stokes Rep. Harold Ford Rep. Eva Clayton Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson Rep. Carrie Meek Rep. Robert Scott
II.	The Assault on Health: A Call to Action	2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Rep. Louis Stokes Rep. Harold Ford Rep. Eva Clayton Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson Rep. Carrie Meek Rep. Robert Scott

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS BRAINTRUST

MINORITY BUSINESS SUMMIT - WCC 20-21

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Kweisi Mfume

THE BLACK FAMILY BRAINTRUST - WCC 25-26

"The Black Family: Past, Present and Future."

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Rep. Barbara-Rose Collins

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAINTRUST - WCC 27

"Salute of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations."

9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Rep. Donald Payne
Rep. Alcee Hastings
Rep. Albert Wynn
Rep. Victor Frazer

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRAINTRUST - WCC 29

"Liberty and Justice for All? An Examination of Criminal Issues in the 104th Congress."

9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Rep. John Conyers
Rep. Robert Scott

VETERANS BRAINTRUST - WCC 25-26

- I. "The Korean War, Its Meaning and Importance to African American Veterans."

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
Rep. Sanford Bishop
Rep. Corrine Brown

THE BLACK WOMEN'S BRAINTRUST - WCC 29

"Reestablishing Black Male-Female Relationships: Key to Rebuilding the Black Family"

1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

CORPORATE AFFAIRS BRAINTRUST - 2360 RAYBURN/WCC 30

"Diversity in Corporate America: The Affirmative Action Debate."

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Rep. Julian Dixon

NARCOTICS AND DRUG ABUSE BRAINTRUST - WCC 23-24

"The Cost of Drug Abuse: Fiscal, Social and Moral."

Rep. Charles Rangel

**BANKING, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BRAINTRUST - WCC 27**

"From Housing to Commercial Development."

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Rep. Maxine Waters

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRAINTRUST - WCC 33

"Telecommunications Reform--What does it hold for African Americans?"

Rep. Edolphus Towns

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BRAINTRUST - 2128 RHOB/WCC 10-12

"Financial Institutions and Black Churches: Forging a Partnership in the Wake of the Second Reconstruction."

Rep. Floyd Flake

Rep. Albert Wynn

Rep. Walter Tucker, II

FINANCE AND EDUCATION BRAINTRUST - 106 SENATE DIRKSEN/WCC 33

"The Contract with America and How Its Budget Cuts Affect the Minority Community."

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Sen. Carol Mosely Braun

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Wednesday, September 20, 1995
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500 Guests

Founder's Luncheon acknowledges 13 original founders of the Congressional Black Caucus and highlights history of achievements and future challenges. Vice President Al Gore was the invited keynote speaker. He chose to participate in the Prayer Breakfast. We are currently seeking a keynote speaker for this event.

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Welcome & Statement of Occasion	Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL)
Introduction of Sponsors	Honorable Cardiss Collins (D-7-IL)
Remarks	Robert Beavers, Senior Vice President, McDonald's Corp
Remarks	Reggie Webb, President, National Black McDonald's Operators Association
History of CBC	Honorable Albert Wynn (D-4-MD)
Introduction of CBC	Honorable Alcee Hastings (D-23-FL)
Introduction of Video	Honorable Donald Payne (D-10-NJ)
Invocation	Honorable Walter Fauntroy

Lunch
(10 minute film to run during lunch)

Introduction of African Delegates	Honorable Chaka Fattah (D-2-PA)
Remarks & Introduction of Speaker	Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL)
Message	
Closing	Honorable Charles Diggs
(Track Music)	

CBC Charter Members

Shirley A. Chisholm
William Clay (current CBC Member)
George W. Collins (deceased)
John Conyers, Jr. (current CBC Member)
Ronald V. Dellums (current CBC Member)
Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
Walter E. Fauntroy
Augustus F. Hawkins
Ralph M. Metcalfe (deceased)
Parren J. Mitchell
Robert N. C. Nix (deceased)
Charles B. Rangel (current CBC Member)
Louis Stokes (current CBC Member)

CBC AWARDS DINNER PROGRAM

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(as of 9/21/95)

Doors Open 7:00 pm

Musical Interlude

Stephanie Jordan

WELCOME

Mayor Marion Barry

OFFICIAL CBC WELCOME

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INTRODUCTION OF FOUNDERS

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REMARKS

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INVOCATION

Cong. Floyd Flake (D-NY)

DINNER

Announce Arrival of the President

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VIDEO PRESENTATION

Historical Perspective of the CBC

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PRESIDENT CLINTON

**PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL
AWARDS**

Cong. Jefferson

Adam Clayton Powell Award

Presenter:

Cong. Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI)

Awardee:

**George Thomas "Mickey"
Leland Award**

Cong. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)

Awardee:

Harold Washington Award

Cong. Bobby Rush (D-IL)

Awardee:

George W. Collins Award

Cong. Cleo Fields (D-LA)

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William L. Dawson Award

**Cong. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
Awardee:**

CBCF Chair Award

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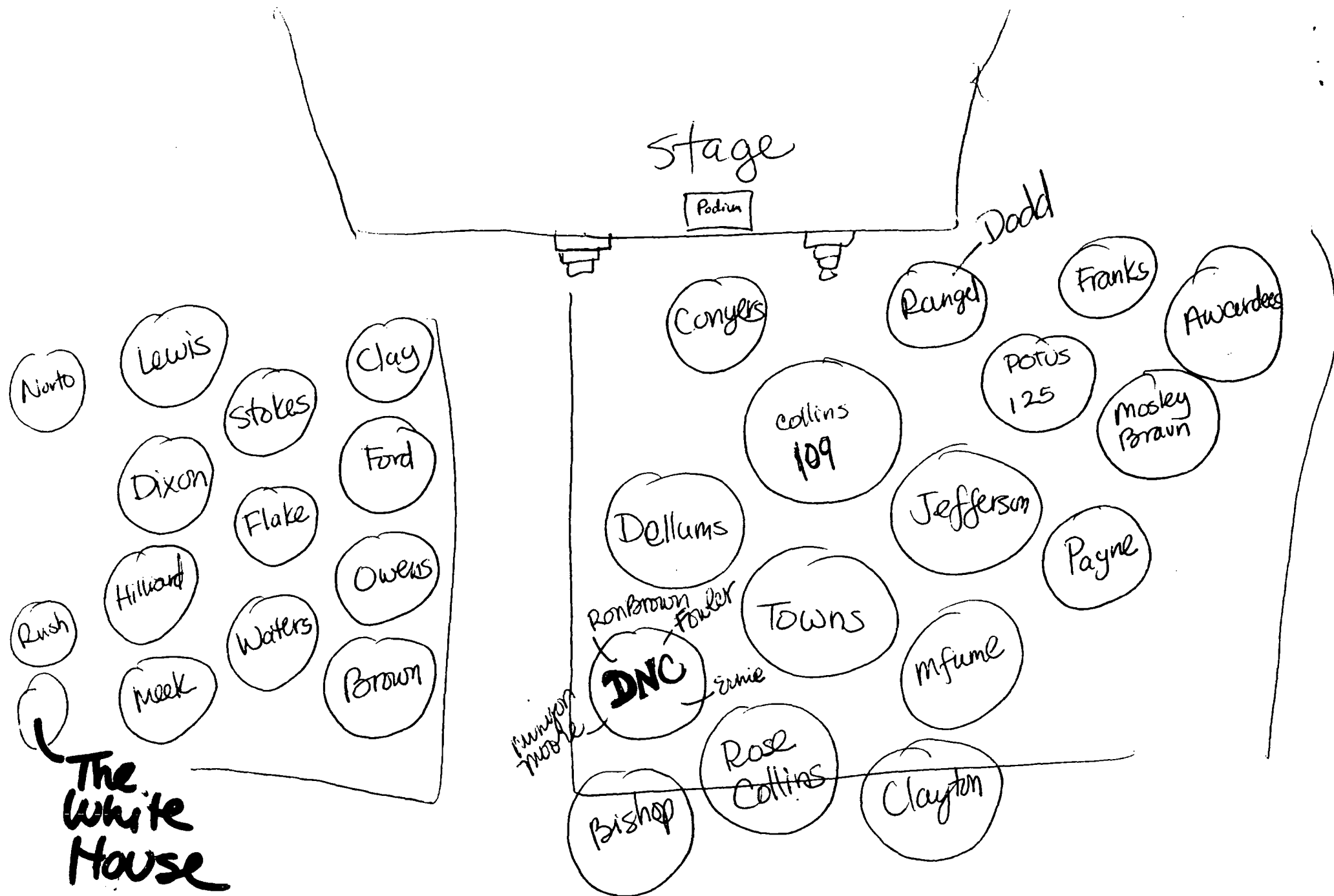
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REDISTRICTING - WCC 25-26

12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. Cleo Fields
Rep. Mel Watt

THE FAMILY - WCC 25-26

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| II. | "Role of African American Males in Mentoring Youth." | 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rep. John Lewis |
| III. | The National Panhellenic Council: "Empowerment and Collaboration in the Community: A Powerful Force." | 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
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Rep. Cardiss Collins? |

THE FAMILY CON'T - WCC 33

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Rep. Maxine Waters |
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Rep. Chaka Fattah |
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JAZZ FORUM - WCC 30

**"The Achievement of Jazz: Language, Aesthetics
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**6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Rep. John Conyers**

HEALTH - WCC 32

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III. "Rural Health and Economic Development." ?

**4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Rep. Eva Clayton**

CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS - WCC 30

I. Affirmative Action

**12:30 - 2:00 P.M.
Rep. James Clyburn
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee
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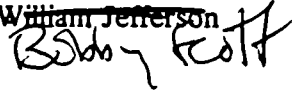
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexis Herman
Ben Johnson

FROM: Richard Hayes

DATE: September 5, 1995

RE: CBC 25th Annual Legislative Conference

Welcome back!

I met with Dorothy Jackson on August 22, who is responsible for organizing the CBC 25th Annual Legislative Conference for Congressmen Payne, regarding the schedule of planned events and our participation. The theme of the conference will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Black Caucus. The "Braintrusts" and "Issue forums" are scheduled for Thursday - Friday, September 21- 22, 1995. When we last met, the list of topics had not been completed but she promised to send me a copy when it is available so that we can work on helping them to find participants. She also asked me to work with Jim Sullivan (from New York City) who is looking for speakers. In the future, she would also like us to help her find surrogates that can appear with their members at meeting in their home districts -- they are not having much luck when they use the Congressional Affairs staff in most agencies.

Besides the Braintrusts and Issue Forums, there will also be the usual trade fair. Senator Carol Mosely-Braun recently sent letters to Executive Branch agencies asking them to participate in this activity. The other activity of interest is a Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for September 21, 1995 from 10:00 - noon. This event will be carried by BET as a live, nationwide broadcast. They are still working out the details, but they are hoping that we can at least have senior level appointees in the audience to identify themselves as from the Administration and to ask questions, etc.

We need to meet and decide what we should be doing to get ready for this conference. Once we get the list of Braintrusts and Issue Forums -- I called this morning to see if the list is available but have not heard back -- we need to work on getting our surrogates to participate. In addition, we should probably encourage agencies to participate in the Trade Fair. I would also suggest that we think about our strategy for participating in the Town Hall Meeting. There is also the issue of the President's speech. Do we want to suggest a theme for the speech writers? Finally, I recently asked the agencies to send me a list of their accomplishments with respect to African Americans that we can use in preparing a document that we can publish and distribute during the CB conference. Given the arrival of vacations and the Holiday, I have only heard from OPM but will contact everyone again and remind them to send me the materials. I will take the first crack at preparing a draft of an accomplishment document for others to review and comment on and that can be turned over to a graphics artist for completing. However, if we hope to have something ready in time for the conference, turnaround time will be short. We also need to decide how we hope to pay for this, how many copies you want to print, etc.

To make your reservations for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. 25th Annual Legislative Conference, please call the Washington, D.C. Convention and Visitors Association's (WCVA) Housing Bureau:

Metropolitan Washington Area:
202-842-2930
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2. 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of hotel
3. Arrival/departure dates
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 525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20001-1527
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6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

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9:30 a.m. CBCF AND CBC
MEMBERS' BREAKFAST
FOR THE HOMELESS

10:30 a.m.-
11:30 a.m. NATIONAL PRESS
CONFERENCE AND
LEGISLATIVE STATE OF
BLACK AMERICA ADDRESS
Hon. Donald M. Payne,
CBC Chairman

12:00 p.m.-
2:00 p.m. CBC FOUNDING MEMBERS'
LUNCHEON:
A Tribute to the Hon. Charles Diggs
and African American Members of
Congress

1:00 p.m. ALC RIBBON CUTTING
CEREMONY—EXHIBIT HALL
Hon. William J. Jefferson, Officiating
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1:00 p.m.-
7:00 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL OPEN

1:30 p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING OF
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7:00 p.m. CULTURAL EXHIBITION
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7:30 a.m.-
8:30 a.m. ALC CONFEREES'
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10:00 a.m.-
12:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION
TOWN HALL MEETING

10:00 a.m.-
7:00 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
(Closed 12-2 p.m.)

10:00 a.m.-
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11:00 a.m.-
5:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS AND
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12:00 p.m. TRADE FAIR KICK-OFF
Hon. Carol Moseley-Braun

12:00 p.m.-
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Greater St. Stephens Baptist Church
New Orleans, LA

10:00 a.m.-
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11:30 a.m. CBC SPOUSES LUNCHEON

5:30 p.m.-
6:45 p.m. PRE-DINNER RECEPTION

7:15 p.m.-
10:00 p.m. CBCF ANNUAL AWARDS
DINNER

10:00 p.m.-
12:00 a.m. POST-DINNER PARTY

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• Preliminary Schedule - Subject to Change

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In an effort to respond to the escalating financial needs of our students and to ensure the success of the hotel's efforts to support our educational programs, a one night non-refundable deposit has been instituted for hotel rooms.

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CHANGES:

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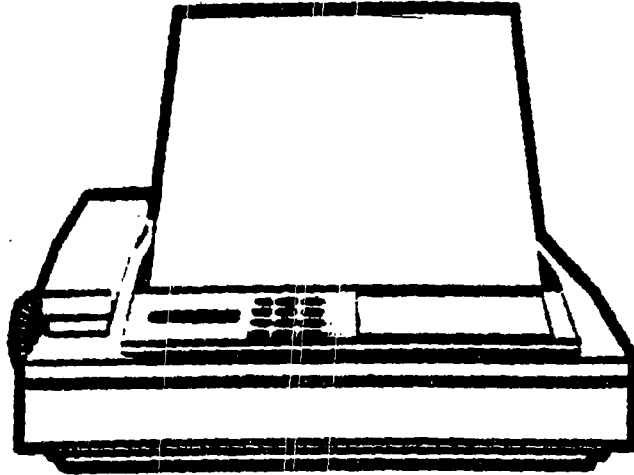
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September 11, 1995

MEMO FOR ALEXIS HERMAN

FROM: Richard Hayes

RE: Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference

Alexis, attached is a draft of the memo to Harold Ickes regarding the President's presentation at the the CBC Legislative Conference. After you have reviewed and made any any changes you want, I will finalize and have it delivered to Harold Icke's office.

I called Warren Christopher's office and he is currently scheduled to be in town the day of the luncheon. I was referred to the Office of Public Liaison at State and they are checking to see if he is willing to do it. Is there anyone in particular I should follow up with at State? Do you want to call Christopher?

September 11, 1995 (DRAFT)

MEMO FOR HAROLD ICKES

FROM: Alexis Herman
Richard Hayes

RE: Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference

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Richard Hayes, who is on detail to my staff from the Department of Labor, will be coordinating this event for me. He will take the lead in working out the logistics with the Secret Service, advance, and the speech writers. He can be reached at 219-6197 if there are any questions or a message can be left with Ruby Moy at 456-6455.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1995

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If there is additional guidance prior to the finalization of our plans, please advise.

cc: Pat Griffin

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: Sept. 22, 1995 **ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:** 3:00pm - Sept. 22, 1995
REMARKS BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
SUBJECT: September 23, 1995

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REMARKS: Please contact Terry Edmonds (extension 62777) with your comments by 3:00 p.m. TODAY, September 22. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

draft 9/22/95 9:30 am

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER -- CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
WASHINGTON, DC
SEPTEMBER 23, 1995

[Acknowledgements: Congressman Bill Jefferson, Dinner Chair, for introduction; Donald Payne, CBC Chairman; Cardiss Collins, CBC Foundation Chair; distinguished awardees: Colin Powell, John Lewis, Hazel O'Leary, Johnnie Cochran, Muhammed Ali, Harold Ford, and Renea Gaters; and my special dinner guest, Oseola McCarty, whom I'll tell you more about later]

Let me begin by offering my congratulations to all the award winners tonight. Each of you, in your own way, has made a great contribution to America. I understand that one of the recipients has been on the front page of every magazine in the country, has been deluged with TV and radio interview requests, has written a book, and has a name and a face that are instantly recognized around the world. Of course, I'm talking about...Muhammed Ali.

But, I could just as well be talking about another great American, General Colin Powell. I am the third President to benefit from the counsel and service of General Powell. You may recall, one year ago, I asked President Carter, Senator Nunn, and General Powell to go to Haiti to try to avert a military confrontation by negotiating a peaceful transition to democracy. They were successful, and one year later, democracy has been restored, President Aristide is back in power, and the Haitian people are at peace. We couldn't have done it without the work of General Powell. He is living proof that the American Dream is not just a dream. Here is a man who rose from a life in the South Bronx to become the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and who is even being talked about as a potential presidential candidate. He deserves our admiration and the recognition you are about to bestow on him.

This is always a special night in Washington. But tonight is even more special than usual. Tonight, the Congressional Black Caucus celebrates a quarter-century of service, sacrifice, and struggle. After the decade of the 60s -- a decade characterized by the most intense racial turmoil since the Civil War -- the nation looked forward to the 70s as a time of hope and healing. And in many ways it was. 1970 was the year of Apollo 13. It was also the year for another famous comeback kid. Muhammed Ali began his ultimately successful quest to regain the heavyweight championship after a three-year exile.

But there were also disturbing signs that the struggle we waged together during the 60s was far from over. 1970 was also the year of Kent State and Jackson State. And let's not forget that while the nation was cheering the heroic crew of Apollo 13, in

1970 there were no Black astronauts. It was not until 1983 that the doors of opportunity were opened allowing Guy Bluford to become the first African American to experience space flight.

In the midst of so much pain and promise, 13 courageous African Americans in the House of Representatives joined forces to stand up for a progressive legislative agenda designed to improve the lives of millions of minority citizens. You are now 40 strong -- and I'd like to pay a special tribute to five of the founding members who are still serving: Louis Stokes, Ron Dellums, Bill Clay, John Conyers and Charles Rangel. Let me say, that after watching Charlie Rangel take on those Republicans in the halls of Congress the other day, I know who I want on my side in a fight. I do not know where America would be today without the Congressional Black Caucus. Thank you for standing with us in the fight to uphold the values all Americans hold dear -- work, opportunity, community, family and personal responsibility.

Thank you for standing with us in the continuing struggle to end poverty and hopelessness, to create jobs and a decent standard of living, to provide our people better health care, to create equal opportunity, to promote democracy and growth at home and abroad, and to free our children and communities from the scourge of drug abuse and crime. To the founding five and to the entire Congressional Black Caucus I say, thank you for your service. America is better because of you. I pray I can count on you to stand with us in the tough fights ahead.

While we may not agree on everything, we have always been united in our vision for a better America. And there is much that we have accomplished together. Three years ago, we were in a triple-dip recession with unemployment rising, investment falling, and bankruptcies going up. We've now had two-and-a-half years of strong, sustained economic growth. Seven million new jobs with average wages higher than the average wage in the economy before we started. Unemployment is down. African American unemployment has dipped below double digits for the first time since the Vietnam War. The deficit is down. Inflation is the lowest it's been in 30 years. We are moving in the right direction.

But, we all know that in spite of the progress we've made, large fundamental shifts in our economy are still depressing wages, making it difficult for working families to earn a living wage. About 100 years ago, we began a transition from an agricultural and rural society to a more urban and industrial society. Now, we are in the midst of a transition from that urban industrial society to a society that runs primarily on dramatic increases in technology and information. It is a time in which all of the countries of the world are increasingly coming together after the Cold War in a global economy, but one that is not free of difficulty, as you know.

All around the world, and especially in Africa, countries that were once under the boot of oppression are breaking free and embracing democracy. From Haiti to South Africa. The Congressional Black Caucus has been a major partner with my Administration in assisting these victories. But much remains to be done -- in Angola, in Liberia, in Nigeria. We want to cement peace, promote human rights, forge economic partnerships and nurture democracy in these places as well.

But, the more we seem to be integrated economically, the more we often seem to be splitting apart in other ways. We see the rise, for example of extremism and groups of hatred rooted in religious or ethnic or racial differences all across the world. We see it when a bus blows up in Israel, or when a fanatic breaks open poison gas in a Japanese subway, or when a child is murdered just because her family took a wrong turn down a gang-infested ally. We see it in the rise of hate crimes and racial violence in this country. And we've seen this most unfortunately in the tragic bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

So in this period of change, we have to do two things. First, we have to be open to new ideas about changing the way we do business in America. And second, while we're making these changes, we have to find a way to remain true to our basic values. That's really what I want to talk with you about tonight.

The debate about the budget is really a debate about what kind of country we want to be. It is about nothing less than the soul of our country -- who we are as a people, and who we will be at the dawn of the new century.

Throughout our history, America at its best has responded to periods of drastic change by giving working families the chance to survive and keep moving forward -- together. The Republican budget represents a dramatic break with this social compact. In the name of a huge tax cut targeted to those who need it least, it destroys scores of supports for working families.

Let me be clear: We ought to balance the budget. We never had a permanent, built-in deficit in our country until 1981. We quadrupled the debt of America in the 12 years from 1981 until the day I became President. It is so bad today, that interest on the debt next year could exceed the defense budget. And interest payments today are so great that the budget would be in balance today but for the debt run up in the 12 years before I became President.

I have proposed a balanced budget that reflects our common values. It brings us in balance in 10 years, and it does it the right way -- by maintaining our investments in the things that make us strong. It balances the budget without cutting education

-- in fact, we increase investments in education. It secures the Medicare Trust Fund without breaking our contract with our parents and grandparents. It rewards work and expands opportunity for every citizen who is willing to accept the responsibility that goes along with that.

We are a country that has always believed that education is the key to opportunity. If we believe that every child in America deserves a chance at a successful future, how can we take away the key that unlocks that door? Their budget would cut almost 200,000 children off Head Start. It would cut off college scholarships for 380,000 deserving students. It would levy a 2 percent tax on student loans. It would impose higher interest rates on college loans. They talk about family values, but this is clearly anti-family and anti-the future of America.

We are a country that believes that people who work hard should not have to raise their children in poverty. Their budget tramples that value. They would raise taxes on 14 million working families -- a whopping \$23 billion tax increase on people making less than \$28,000. They talk about making people work, but work must pay. That's why I expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit and that's why I'm for an increase in the minimum wage.

We are a country that for 30 years has been committed to seeing to it that our oldest citizens and our poorest citizens receive quality medical care. We decided that the days when being old meant being poor were over. We decided that in this country, poor children should be able to get off to a good start in life. They should at least be able to see a doctor. But their budget breaks that contract. It will seriously weaken both Medicare and Medicaid. It will drop 300,000 people from nursing home coverage. It will deny medical care to children. Why? To give a big tax cut to the very wealthy. Is that the kind of America we want to be?

Finally, in a time of change, we can't always do what is popular -- we have to do what is right. We have to take the tough stands that are in the long-term interest of America. I took on the gun lobby, when everyone said they were too strong. But, we fought them and we won. We're putting 100,000 more cops on the street to protect our neighborhoods. And we banned 19 different assault weapons from our streets and our schools.

I took on the tobacco lobby, when everyone said they were too powerful. But I did it to save our children from the very real dangers of smoking.

And I stood up for affirmative action, when many were saying it was a lost cause. But I did it because it was the right thing to do. The America I know and love is committed to equal opportunity and fairness. Now there are some who want to pretend

that discrimination is over and there's no further need for affirmative action. How can they say the job is done when African Americans make less than 60 percent on average of what whites do in this country? How can we say this is a color-blind society when only 3 percent of the lawyers, 4 percent of the doctors, 5 percent of the professors are African American? How can we say there's nothing more to do when 50 percent of African American children live in poverty?

My position on affirmative action is clear: Mend it, don't end it. We're against quotas. We're against guaranteed results. But, we're for equal opportunity and fairness. I don't believe you have to sacrifice quality to achieve equality. That's why I have put together the most diverse Administration in history. There are more African Americans -- 45 to be exact -- serving in the White House than at any time in the history of our nation. And we see cabinet members like Ron Brown, Lee Brown, Jesse Brown, and one of your honorees, Hazel O'Leary. We have a great Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights -- Deval Patrick. I have just nominated the most qualified person to be our next ambassador to South Africa -- James Joseph.

There's been another change that most people may not recognize. Three years into his Administration Ronald Reagan had appointed one African American judge. George Bush had appointed seven. I have appointed 36. And, according to the American Bar Association they are the highest qualified judges of any President in the last 20 years. Diversity and excellence go hand-in-hand.

Most of what I've been talking about relates to the values that should guide government action. I want to close by saying a few words about the value of personal responsibility. I want to do that by introducing my special guest. Oseola McCarty is a remarkable woman. At the age of 87 she is a stellar example of what it means to live a life of dignity, service and values. She's never been to Washington. She's never flown in an airplane -- and she told my staff she wasn't about to fly to Washington for anybody. She came all the way from Hattiesburg, Mississippi by train. You may have read about her in the papers. Ms. McCarty worked all her life washing clothes for people. She started out charging \$1.50 to \$2.00 a bundle. She lived modestly and was able to accumulate a substantial savings over the years. Last month, she quietly donated her life-savings of \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi to start a scholarship fund for Black students. The University has already given a \$1000 scholarship in Ms. McCarty's name to Stephanie Bullock, an 18-year-old graduate of Hattiesburg High School.

When people asked her why she did this, Ms. McCarty said simply, "I just want the scholarship to go to some child who needs it, to whoever is not able to help their children. I'm too old to get

an education, but they can." America needs more people like Oseola McCarty -- people who don't just talk about the value of personal responsibility -- but who live it. I am proud to have her as my guest tonight. And I want every American to know that in our own way, we all can be quiet heros. We all can help a child or take care of an older person or get involved in our communities. That's what it means to be a good citizen.

Thank you and God bless you all.