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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS 
SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
August 6-September 1, 1995

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Secretarial Activities:** On Sunday, August 13, Secretary Rubin travels to New York to participate in an event marking the 60th anniversary of Social Security. Next week, he also travels to Philadelphia to participate in a budget event.
- **Review of Operation Hard Line:** Treasury officials are reviewing law enforcement activity on the Southwest border to address the enforcement challenges in that area of the country. Officials visited the Southwest border including stops in California and Arizona on July 24-28. A second visit which will include areas of Texas is scheduled for August 14-18.
- **Joint Task Force for Drug Enforcement Training:** The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has requested that the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) serve on a joint task force with other agencies that provide drug enforcement training. The purpose of the task force is to develop a plan that coordinates the training efforts of all agencies providing this type of training. FLETC is working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration on this initiative to further the cooperative relationship between the Center and the Department of Justice.
- **Waco Hearings:** The Senate Judiciary Committee announced its intention to hold hearings on the actions of federal agencies involved in the Waco raid. Although tentatively scheduled for either the week of September 18 or 25, Chairman Hatch has stated that he will decide over the August recess whether to hold hearings.

- **Ruby Ridge Hearings:** The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings to review federal agencies' involvement in the raid in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. The hearing is scheduled for September 5 and will be chaired by Senator Specter. The Treasury portion of the hearing will likely focus on the investigation and subsequent arrest of Mr. Weaver.
- **Treasury Law Enforcement Hearings:** The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime has announced hearings on militias, reauthorization of federal law enforcement, and a review of the gun laws. The hearings are expected to occur during September.
- **Federal Debt Collection:** During the August Congressional recess, Treasury will continue to seek support for the Administration's federal debt collection effort. Because the proposal is already starting to receive bipartisan support in the House, efforts will focus on the Senate.
- **Status of Japanese Banking System:** Treasury staff is attempting to schedule briefings for House and Senate Banking Committee staff this week regarding the current status of the Japanese banking system. The Department is also attempting to institutionalize quarterly confidential briefings for these Committees to discuss foreign country financial intelligence. Next week Treasury will issue a congressionally required report on the Japanese Bank System.
- **Woolworth Corporation Pays Highest Vietnam Embargo Penalty:** Woolworth Corporation has paid a \$320,000 civil penalty for violations of the Vietnam embargo by wholly-owned subsidiaries. This is the highest penalty paid for violations on the Vietnam embargo. Woolworth Overseas Corporation brokered the sales of Vietnamese-origin goods to Woolworth's German and Canadian subsidiaries. The 31 separate sales totaled more than \$1.1 million.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit:** Treasury has prepared a revised document containing the latest state-by-state data on the EITC.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Trip to St. Louis:** On Wednesday, August 23, Secretary Brown travels to St. Louis to open that city's Regional Export Assistance Center. While in St. Louis, he will address the Blacks in Government Conference.
- **Review of Recent Heat Wave Action:** A Disaster Survey Team from Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is analyzing the preparation and response to the recent heat wave in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Philadelphia. A report will be issued this fall.

- **The Census Bureau will Release the Following Reports:**

Manufacturing and Trade; Inventories and Sales for June 1995	August 14
Housing Starts and Building Permits for July 1995	August 16
Durable Goods for July 1995	August 24
New One Family Houses Sold and For Sale for July 1995	August 29
Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders for July 1995	August 31
Value of New Construction Put in Place for July 1995	September 1.

- **Bureau of Economic Analysis will Release the Following:**

State Per Capita Personal Income for 1994 (revised)	August 23
Gross Domestic Product for 2nd Quarter (preliminary)	August 30
Corporate Profits for 2nd Quarter (preliminary)	August 30
Personal Income and Outlays for July 1995	August 31
Composite Indexes of Leading, Coincident and Lagging Indicators for July 1995	September 1.

- **Policy on National Telecommunications:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) officials continue to meet with the White House to discuss policy options for restructuring Intelsat, and with DOJ's Antitrust Division to assess Intelsat's status as a dominant carrier. NTIA also is doing research pertaining to the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking to explore ways of providing minorities and women with greater opportunities to enter the mass media market.

- **Spectrum Allocation for Unlicensed Wireless Networks:** Apple Computer and WINForum (an association of companies interested in wireless equipment manufacturing that includes AT&T and Motorola) have submitted separate petitions to the FCC requesting spectrum allocations for advanced unlicensed wireless communications in the 5GHz band. Such networks could be particularly useful for schools, hospitals and offices, and thus would be an important component of the NII. Allocating spectrum for such networks may not be compatible with Federal use of the requested band, now used by the FAA and DOD, among other federal agencies. Commerce's NTIA is reviewing the petitions and comments to determine whether it will formally comment in this proceeding.

- **Executive Order on Interagency Review of License Applications:** A draft Executive Order on interagency review of export license applications is awaiting your signature. Under the order, referral agencies will have expanded access to export license applications filed with BXA. In exchange, the agencies will commit to tight time frames for review.

- **Upcoming Commerce Calendar:** Commerce's National Teleconference on Sustainable Communities will take place in September. DOC will release its Patent and Trademark White Paper on Intellectual Property and the NII, roll-out the new National Export Strategy report with field hearings, hold the National Medal of Technology Awards Ceremony, release the Competitiveness Section 206 report, and hold its annual Minority Business Development Conference.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Labor Day Speech.** On Thursday, August 31, Secretary Reich will deliver a Labor Day Speech at the Center for National Policy. The "State of the American Workforce" address will provide a basic report on the accomplishments of the past year, stress that family values are tied with family economics (and show the moral consequences of economic inequality), and provide a status report on issues that are important to America's working families. The speech will be edited into an op-ed piece which will run in national and regional papers.
- **Numbers Day:** The unemployment figures for the month of August will be released on Friday, September 1.
- **Budget Amplification:** On August 9, Secretary Reich hosted conference calls with 18 AFL-CIO State Federation Presidents and with seven mayors to discuss the budget.
- **CWA-Southwestern Bell Reach Tentative Agreement:** The Communications Workers of America has reached tentative agreements with Southwestern Bell, a unit of SBC Corp, Pacific Telesis, and BellSouth. Contracts expired midnight August 5 but were extended as the talks progressed. Negotiations are continuing at Ameritech and Bell Atlantic, where contracts also expired midnight August 5, and at USWest, where the contract expires August 12.
- **Detroit Press Strikers May Be Permanently Replaced:** On August 8, Knight-Ridder Inc.'s Detroit Free Press informed striking reporters and editors that they would be permanently replaced unless they returned to work by 10 a.m. August 10. Six unions, representing 2,500 workers, struck the Detroit Newspaper Agency on July 13. The company operates the Free Press and the Gannett Co.'s Detroit News under a joint operating agreement. FMCS has called a joint meeting of the parties for Wednesday, August 16 in Detroit.
- **UAW-Caterpillar Discussions:** The UAW and Caterpillar have begun top level off-the-record discussions. The union has been engaged in ULP (unfair labor practices) strikes against Caterpillar since June 21, 1994.
- **Unions File Suit in Metro-North Labor Dispute:** On August 3, three unions involved in the Metro-North labor dispute announced that they had filed a lawsuit challenging the July 31 creation of Presidential Emergency Board No. 227. The unions maintain that the request for the second board was untimely because it was made on July 19, even though the status quo period under the Railway labor Act had expired on June 21.
- **Machinist-Boeing Open Negotiations:** The Machinists and The Boeing Co. opened negotiations on August 4. The current agreement, which covers some 32,650 workers, expires October 3.

- **Government Files Motion to Vacate The Injunction Pending Appeal in *U.S. Chamber of Commerce v. Reich*:** On July 31, U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler issued a decision in *Chamber of Commerce v. Reich*, upholding Executive Order 12954, but enjoined its implementation pending an appeal. On Monday, August 7, the Government asked Judge Kessler to reconsider the portion of her decision in which she enjoined enforcement of the permanent striker replacement Executive Order. The Government contends that the injunction should not have been entered because the plaintiffs introduced no new evidence of irreparable harm, and that an injunction, in any event, would not prevent any of the harms that were alleged.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Air Traffic Control Outage in Northern California:** On August 9, the Oakland, CA Air Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) experienced a major power outage. Radar and communications capabilities became unavailable. Emergency contingency plans were implemented within 60 seconds, where other air traffic facilities assumed control for aircraft in Oakland ARTCC airspace. Radios returned to service after 13 minutes, radar capabilities in 34 minutes, full capabilities in 1 hour 8 minutes. The FAA is investigating the exact cause of the critical power failure. The Oakland center controls traffic over Northern California and the majority of the Pacific Ocean.
- **Airport Security.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a security directive to increase security at U.S. airports. Beginning August 10, Aviation Security (AVSEC) Alert Level II will come into effect requiring air carriers and airports to carry out increased security measures. Passengers may be required to answer questions about their luggage and both checked and carry-on baggage are subject to inspection. This is the first time since the Gulf War that such measures have been applied to all U.S. airports.
- **Amtrak Legislation.** The House adjourned for the August recess last Friday without further action on the Amtrak bill.
- **NAFTA-Mexico Moves to Harmonize Rules on Emergency Information on Vehicles:** The Research and Special Program Administration assisted the Mexican government in developing standards covering emergency information required to be carried aboard vehicles transporting chemicals and other hazardous materials by land. The rule will make international shipments of these materials easier and less expensive by harmonizing Mexican, U.S. and Canadian standards.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Opening of US Export Assistance Center:** On Monday, August 14, the SBA, along with the Commerce Department and the Export-Import Bank, will open a U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC) in Dallas, TX. USEACs are scheduled to open on August 21 in Denver, CO and on August 23 in St. Louis, MO. USEACs provide easy access to export promotion and trade finance services particularly for small and medium-sized businesses.
- **Disaster Update:** Since the start of FY95, SBA has approved 41,807 new disaster loans for \$1.139 billion which resulted in \$1.245 billion in obligated funds after cancellations, increases, and decreases. SBA continues to work with FEMA on the assessment and various declarations as a result of Hurricane Erin.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **New Border Patrol Agents Graduate From Academy:** On August 14, 47 new border patrol agents will graduate from basic training. They will be assigned to duty stations in Laredo, TX.
- **Violent Crime Control Act Anniversary:** September 13 is the one year anniversary of the signing of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. DOJ is planning activities around this anniversary.
- **District Court Asks for Further Briefing re. Joinder of State of Nevada in *Nye County* Lawsuit:** In *United States v. Nye County*, (D. Nev.), an action in which Nye County, Nevada has challenged the authority of the United States to own and manage the federal lands, the court issued an order on August 4, 1995, requiring the parties to submit further briefing on the issue of whether the state of Nevada claims an interest in the federal lands and thus should be joined in the lawsuit. The U.S. will file its brief on August 24, 1995.
- **Challenge to Salmon Harvest Filed:** In *Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation v. Baldrige*, (W.D.Wash.), eight treaty Indian tribes in the Pacific Northwest filed a motion for a temporary restraining order on August 4, 1995. The tribes are dissatisfied with the lack of progress in developing a salmon rebuilding program under the treaty and now seek to enjoin the Alaska chinook salmon harvest. They allege that the Alaska harvest will prevent the United States from meeting both its international treaty obligations with Canada and its domestic treaty obligations to the tribes. Canada has indicated that it will file an *amicus curiae* brief supporting the tribes.
- **U.S. to File Appellant Brief in Texas Congressional Redistricting Case:** On August 14, 1995, the Solicitor General will file an appellant brief in *United States v. Vera*, No. 94-988 (S. Ct.), a challenge to the 1991 Texas congressional district plan under *Shaw v. Reno*. A district court held that three districts in the plan -- majority-black districts in Dallas and Harris Counties, and a majority-Hispanic district in Harris County -- separated voters into different districts on the basis of race without sufficient justification. The United States joined Texas at trial in defending the districts and in this appeal.

- **Sixth Circuit Affirms Remedy In Michigan Mental Health Case:** On August 7, 1995, the Sixth Circuit issued its opinion in *United States v. Michigan*, affirming various district court orders requiring Michigan to remedy violations of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Person Act in its mental health facilities.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Tobacco Imports:** USTR completed negotiations on tobacco with Argentina and signed a formal Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with both Argentina and Brazil. The MOUs conclude the negotiation of a new "tariff rate quota" to govern U.S. tobacco imports, settling a long-standing dispute. Settlement of this issue has been a major priority for tobacco-state Members. Ambassador Kantor is now exploring the possibility of providing tobacco quotas for Malawi, Thailand, Chile and Philippines.
- **Wheat Import Policy:** Ambassador Kantor met with Senators Dorgan, Baucus, Conrad, and Wellstone to discuss wheat imports from Canada and get their input on the Administration's wheat import policy once the current tariff-rate quotas expire on September 11, 1995.
- **Conversation with Chilean Finance Minister:** Ambassador Kantor spoke with Chilean Finance Minister Eduardo Aninat regarding the Ways & Means Trade Subcommittee's visit to Chile, the current status of fast track, and next steps in the NAFTA accession negotiations. He also spoke with a number of U.S. CEOs to ask for support in USTR efforts to gain fast track negotiating authority. The negotiators for the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Chile have agreed to meet on August 22 in Mexico City to develop the negotiating schedule for this fall.
- **Aviation Negotiating Strategy and Federal Express by Air:** Ambassador Kantor met with Bob Crandall, CEO of American Airlines, to review international civil aviation negotiating strategies and recent bilateral CivAir agreements. He also met with Fred Smith, CEO of Federal Express, to discuss the future of air transport negotiations with Japan, specifically, obtaining the Japanese government's approval for FedEx to fly air cargo routes beyond Japan to Asian destinations.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **HHS to Publish Notification of Expedited Waiver Process:** HHS expects to announce within the next two weeks the expedited waiver initiative for state welfare reform projects that you announced at the NGA conference in Vermont. The notice advises that HHS will approve applications that comply with the demonstration components within 30 days of receipt.
- **HHS May Approve Welfare Proposals for Wisconsin and Maryland in the Next Few Weeks:** WI submitted two proposals: *Self-sufficiency First*, a statewide proposal, would require most adult applicants to examine alternatives to welfare with a financial planning resource specialist prior to completing an application. The other proposal, *Pay for Performance*, also a statewide proposal, would require adult recipients to participate in JOBS up to 40 hours per week. MD's proposal, *The Family Investment Program*, has a statewide component requiring minors to reside with a guardian and eliminates increased AFDC benefits for additional children conceived while receiving AFDC.

- **Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations:** In early September, HHS may make decisions on waivers to allow up to 10 states to test state-designed approaches to providing child welfare services. Through the waiver of certain federal rules, HHS hopes to encourage innovation and gain experience with alternative methods of funding and delivering child welfare services.
- **HHS to Send Letter to Governors re. Medicaid Demonstrations:** HHS plans to send a letter to all governors whose states have submitted approved or pending Medicaid waivers requesting information on the possible impact on states' demonstration programs of the capped rates of Medicaid growth included in the Congressional budget resolutions.
- **HCFA Assists California with Los Angeles County Financial Issues:** The State of California and Los Angeles County have agreed on a draft proposal for a Medicaid waiver to conduct a demonstration to test ways of stabilizing the financial condition of the County's Medi-Cal program.
- **Montana Mental Health Access Plan to be Denied:** HHS plans to inform Montana that its Medicaid section 1115 demonstration proposal, Montana Mental Health Access Plan, does not meet the criteria for approval. The proposal does not meet key access and budget neutrality criteria because a comprehensive range of services would not be offered to the expansion population and the system would shift the financial burden of what are now state-funded mental health services to the federal government.
- **Health Insurance Information Counseling Program Helps Medicare Beneficiaries Save Money:** Medicare beneficiaries are saving money as a result of the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance program, which enables states to develop and operate health insurance information, counseling and assistance programs for beneficiaries. In a report to Congress that will be released later this month, Secretary Shalala will explain that beneficiaries served by this program save an average of \$69 each.
- **Medicare Restrictions on Physician Clinical Laboratory Service Referrals:** On August 14, HHS will publish final regulations that will, with limited exceptions, prohibit physicians from referring services for Medicare patients to clinical laboratories in which the physician (or a member of the physician's immediate family) has a financial interest.
- **Proposal to Improve Patient Information:** Next week, HHS will publish a notice in the Federal Register on proposed standards and goals aimed at encouraging the private sector to distribute consumer-friendly, useful information when dispensing prescription drugs. The goal is to encourage the private sector to provide quality information voluntarily to 75% of patients receiving new prescriptions by the year 2000 and to 95% by the year 2006.
- **Blood Safety:** On August 8, FDA issued two guidance documents to the blood industry to increase the safety of the U.S. blood supply. Currently, blood donors are screened with tests that detect HIV antibodies only. FDA is reviewing applications for HIV antigen tests for donor screening and has alerted blood establishments to begin screening all blood and plasma donors with newer test kits for HIV-1 antigen within three months after FDA approves one of the kits. FDA also issued guidance to reduce the possible risk of transmitting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) by blood and plasma products.

- **HCFA Meets With Hospital Industry to Discuss Emergency Room Services:** Last week, HCFA Administrator Bruce Vladeck met with hospital industry representatives to discuss concerns regarding the coverage and payment of hospital emergency room services. The hospital industry and emergency physicians agreed to meet with HCFA after Labor Day to review current requirements for coverage, payment reforms, and consideration of Alternative Dispute Resolution for individual issues.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **60th Anniversary Celebration:** Today, as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Social Security program, the First Lady, Senator Moynihan, and Commissioner Chater participated in a press conference to officially kick off a public education campaign designed to increase public confidence in Social Security's programs.
- **Plans for New Social Security Office in Texas:** On August 18, 1995, Social Security Administration's Dallas Regional Commissioner Noel Wall will meet with Rep. Martin Frost to discuss plans for opening a new Social Security office in the Dallas-Fort Worth Mid-Cities area.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Presidential Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Illness:** On August 14, The First Lady, Secretary Brown and Deputy Secretary John White will participate in the first meeting of your Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Illness.
- **50th Anniversary of V-J Day:** From September 1-3, Secretary Brown will join you, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in commemorating the 50th anniversary of V-J Day in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- **Homeless Activities:** VA is engaged in negotiations with the D.C. Coalition for the Homeless to provide housing at Webster House, the only facility in DC designated exclusively for homeless veterans, for 12 veterans participating in Compensated Work Therapy programs. If approved, this would be VA's first arrangement whereby a community organization would provide residential services for homeless veterans.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **CHA Update:** This week, Mayor Daley and Secretary Cisneros celebrated the demolition of two high-rise developments at Henry Horner Homes in Chicago. The 466 units of public housing to be torn down will be replaced by 699 new town houses and two- and three-story flats located throughout Chicago's Near West Side.
- **Public Housing Demolitions:** Public housing demolitions or ground breakings will take place in four other cities during the month of August. These cities include Milwaukee, Tulsa, Baltimore and Cleveland.

- **Partnership with Detroit Mayor to Improve Public Housing:** On August 17th, Assistant Secretary Shuldiner will join Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer to announce a local-federal partnership to turn around the city's troubled public housing agency.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Travel to Latin America:** Over the next two weeks, Secretary Lee Brown will travel to key Latin American countries to review and examine counternarcotic activities for a report he is preparing for you and for upcoming Congressional hearings. Next week, he meets with the Presidents and other government officials in Bolivia, Peru and Bolivia.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Guidance on Religion in Schools:** Next week, Secretary Riley will send a letter to superintendents providing guidance on religious expression in schools.
- **Back to School:** On September 7, the Secretary will deliver a speech at the National Press Club to highlight family involvement in education and the importance of families going "back to school." During the week of September 11, Cabinet members and celebrities will also participate in back-to-school activities to encourage parent and community involvement in education. Secretary Riley will soon be submitting to the White House a request for a Presidential proclamation declaring September 11-15 "Back to School Week." The Secretary has additional back-to-school events scheduled in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, South Carolina, and Illinois later this month and throughout September.
- **Congressional Briefing:** At the request of Chairman Bill Goodling, Secretary Riley and senior Education officials will brief the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee regarding the role of the Department of Education. The briefing is scheduled for September 7.
- **Upcoming Congressional Action:** In September, the House may consider the CAREERS job training bill as well as H.R. 1720, which would privatize Sallie Mae and Connie Lee.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **Grazing Update:** On August 4, 1995 the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands failed to mark-up H.R. 1713, the "Livestock Grazing Act" because of a parliamentary maneuver by Rep. Bill Richardson. In the Senate, no floor action is scheduled on Sen. Domenici's bill. Sen. Domenici has told New Mexico newspapers that his bill currently does not have sufficient support to pass the Senate, and he plans to modify it. The Senate approved a rider on the Interior Appropriations bill approving a moratorium on the implementation of the Department's new grazing regulations until December 21, 1995. No similar provision is on the House version of the bill. This week, Secretary Babbitt met with the Western State Senate Coalition to discuss DOI's proposed grazing rules and the legislation by Sens. Domenici and Craig. They asked him to postpone again the implementation of the new grazing regulations. The new regulations were originally scheduled to take effect in February but he delayed

implementation until August 21 to give Congress an opportunity to act. He told the Coalition that he would not delay implementation any further. On August 21, DOI is proceeding with implementation of the new grazing regulations. There are 24 Resource Advisory Councils located in 11 states. On August 22, the Secretary travels to Grand Junction, CO. He and Gov. Romer will announce the members of the three Resource Advisory Councils located in Colorado and will formally convene the first meeting.

- **Lobbying Allegations:** Sen. Craig Thomas has alleged that the Bureau of Land Management's public outreach effort on behalf of the grazing rules violated the Anti-Lobbying Act and the 1995 Interior Appropriations Act, suggesting that the true purpose of the effort was to generate grass roots lobbying against Sen. Domenici's grazing legislation. As a result, the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations requested that DOI produce all documents relating to the effort. Those documents were delivered to the Subcommittee on August 8. It is likely that the Subcommittee will convene hearings on this matter after the recess.
- **Upcoming Travel:** On August 12, Secretary Babbitt travels to Long Branch, NJ for a press conference on the Sandy Hook/Gateway National Recreation Area. On August 13, he travels to Maine to attend the annual Muskie Lobster Bake benefitting the Maine Democratic Party. On August 17, he travels to Reno, Nevada, to address the Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America and then to Sacramento, CA to participate in a wetlands conservation event with Rep. Vic Fazio and Ducks Unlimited. On August 19, he travels to Haiti for meetings on deforestation issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Regulatory Reform:** The Dole-Johnston coalition rejected the regulatory reform proposal put forward by Senators Robb (D-VA) and Conrad (D-ND), together with Senators Pryor (D-AR), Bingaman (D-NM), Glenn (D-OH), Levin (D-MI), Kerry (D-MA) and Kennedy (D-MA). The Democrats sought to resolve some of the core outstanding regulatory reform issues in S. 343, the Dole bill. It is unclear whether Dole will attempt to invoke cloture again on the Regulatory Reform bill, having failed to do so three times so far.
- **Proposed Hazardous Waste Standards for Industrial Wastewaters:** Today Administrator Browner intends to sign a Federal Register notice proposing standards for the management of certain hazardous wastes (certain industrial wastewaters and other industrial wastes). The standards are required under the Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) program of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the law governing hazardous waste.
- **Proposed Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations:** Next week, the Administrator will sign a proposed comprehensive strategy for the management of shallow waste disposal wells which release to sources of underground drinking water. EPA anticipates that most stakeholders, including state and local governments, will comment favorably on the its approach to this strategy.
- **Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Heavy Duty Engines:** EPA is seeking early public input on new nitrogen oxide, hydrocarbon and particulate matter regulations for trucks and buses to take effect in the year 2004. EPA recently reached an agreement with engine manufacturers and the state of California on these standards.

- **Supplemental Proposal for Revision of Operating Permits:** This month, EPA expects to propose a new system to streamline the revision of Clean Air Act operating permits. The Clean Air Act requires all major air pollution sources to have these operating permits.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Asia Tour Promotes U.S. Trade:** Secretary Glickman is on a six-country tour of Asia (Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and South Korea) through August 18. He is consulting with government officials on issues vital to agricultural trade and is promoting U.S. agricultural products and trade expansion.
- **USDA To Project Record FY96 Agricultural Exports:** The USDA will soon report that U.S. agricultural exports will continue reaching record levels with an estimate of \$54 billion projected for FY96. This represents a \$2.5 billion increase in value over the USDA forecast of a record-setting \$51.5 billion for FY95. A lower volume of exports is projected for FY96; however, this should be offset by higher export prices and continued growth in consumer oriented high-value products. This projection is considered market sensitive until officially released.
- **Welfare Reform:** On August 8, USDA announced a proposed rule that imposes tougher sanctions on people who refuse to work or meet other requirements of federal, state, and local assistance programs. Under current rules, people can lose benefits for violations in one program, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, yet get some benefits back in food stamps. The proposed rule reflects the Administration's welfare reform principle that the USDA Food Stamp Program should reinforce, not mitigate, the rules of other federal, state, and local assistance programs. Comments will be accepted for 45 days after the publication date.
- **USDA Employees Threatened In Bomb Attacks:** On August 4, an explosive device detonated outside the Carson City, Nevada home of the USDA Forest Service District Ranger. There were no injuries, but the explosion caused extensive damage. The FBI, Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers, and local authorities are investigating. At this time, investigators do not have a motive or suspects, but are exploring the possible connection to a bombing earlier outside the Carson Ranger District Office of the Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada on March 30. In a separate incident, a letter was recently received by the Philadelphia, PA Parking Authority threatening the plant of a bomb in one of three neighboring buildings. Named in the letter were two federal buildings and the Mellon Independence Center, which houses several federal agencies, including the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Northeastern Regional Office. Several federal, state, and local agencies are investigating this matter.
- **Cotton Producers Concerned About Boll Weevil Funding:** A delegation of U.S. cotton producers visited with USDA officials to discuss USDA's boll weevil eradication program and related funding difficulties. A \$14 million deficit is projected between now and April 1996, when grower contributions are made, for the program in the southeastern United States. Higher cotton acreage and higher weevil populations have resulted in additional treatments and have been a major factor in the deficit.

- **Pacific Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative/Forest Plan:** Three Intermediary Relending Program loans were recently approved for the Pacific Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative: Lane Council of Governments, Oregon, \$2 million; Port of Bandon Economic Development Fund, Oregon, \$1 million; Del Norte Economic Development Corporation, California, \$500,000. A Rural Business Enterprise Grant was approved for this Presidential Initiative: Del Norte Economic Development Corporation, Crescent City, California, \$200,000, to provide technical assistance and a revolving loan fund to Eco-Nutrients Inc. to process fish waste into marketable by-products that will foster growth of the fishing industry in the timber and fishing-dependent economy, creating/saving approximately 30 jobs.
- **National Service/AmeriCorps:** Recruitment is beginning for USDA's 1996 AmeriCorps program, which will again feature three National Service models: an anti-hunger team; a public lands and environment team; and a rural development team. The number of AmeriCorps members that USDA will sponsor in 1996 has not yet been determined. During 1995, USDA had the largest program (1,200 AmeriCorps members) among federal agencies participating in the Administration's National Service program. The Rogue River National Forest in Oregon lists several major accomplishments by AmeriCorps in 1995, including the rehabilitation of over 200 campsites, maintenance and rebuilding of 200 miles of trail, construction of eight bridges, transplanting of 720,000 seedlings, and wildfire reduction on several sites.
- **Jill Long Nomination:** On August 8, the Senate Agriculture Committee voted to confirm the nomination of Jill Long of Indiana to be USDA Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development and to be a member of the board of directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. The full Senate may vote on the nomination by the end of the week.
- **New Zealand Market Opens For California Peaches/Nectarines:** On August 7, USDA announced the opening of New Zealand as a market for California peach and nectarine exports. New Zealand represents a promising new market for California stone fruit producers with near-term market potential projected at \$1 million annually.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Release of Additional Radiation Tests:** The report of your Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments is nearly completed. During the records search of our files, additional radiation tests on humans were discovered. On August 17, Secretary O'Leary will release a list of 435 human radiation studies involving an estimated 16,000 subjects conducted by DOE and its predecessors, the Manhattan Project and the Atomic Energy Commission, from World War II through 1974. This list supplements previously released material and was done pursuant to your direction to Federal agencies of January 19, 1994, to search for records of human radiation experiments and as part of the Department of Energy's Openness Initiative. While much of the research included contributed to medical advancement, some of the experiments will be controversial due to the nature of the study population (children, prisoners, destitute patients), the amount of ionizing radiation involved, or the involvement of pregnant women and fetuses.

- **Presidential Mission on Sustainable Development to the Republic of South Africa:** As a follow up to your meetings with President Mandela, and prior to the first meeting of the Gore-Mbecki Commission, Secretary O'Leary will lead the U.S. delegation to South Africa. She will be accompanied by approximately 50 private sector leaders and representatives from non-government organizations. The trip will focus on initiating assistance to South Africa in support of President Mandela's goal to electrify 2.5 million schools, clinics, and houses by 2000. Secretary O'Leary will probably meet with President Mandela and South African officials. At USTR's request, DOE will raise issues affecting trade relations between our two nations. The mission comes at a time of slightly strained relations between our two nations. Secretary O'Leary will also travel to Mozambique to provide support to a U.S. gas firm seeking to complete an \$800 million gas project.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- **Consolidation of USIA into State Department:** The status of S.908, which would consolidate USIA into the State Department, is unclear. The Administration continues to oppose any measure which would mandate consolidation of USIA or other foreign affairs agencies into the State Department, and continues to oppose a significant number of the resource-reduction and policy measures currently contained in S.908.
- **Mayors to Visit South Africa:** Mayors from 9 U.S. cities will leave this week on a USIA-funded, Sister Cities International-organized economic development and cultural exchange to South Africa. The cities represented include: Albuquerque, NM; North Little Rock, AR; East Orange, NJ; Toledo, OH; Winston-Salem, NC; Rochester, NY; Newark, NJ; Galveston, TX; and Rockford, IL. The mayors will be accompanied by corporate community leaders, as well as chamber of commerce and economic development representatives.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **FTS 2000 Savings:** Administrator Johnson announced this week that by using common-sense business practices, GSA's FTS 2000 telecommunications program has achieved record savings of \$2.3 billion for American taxpayers through FY 1994.
- **Outreach to Minority Businesses:** GSA continues to reach out to America's small, minority and women-owned businesses to emphasize your position on affirmative action in the minority business community. On August 24, the Office of Enterprise Development will sponsor a Small and Minority Business Networking Session and on August 29 it will host an Open House Forum for Alaska's small businesses interested in procurement opportunities with the Federal Government (sponsored in conjunction with the SBA and other Federal agencies).

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- **Support for Bosnia:** The CIA's unmanned aerial vehicle--Lofty View--began operations over Bosnia on August 5. Missions are planned at one per day, about four times a week. Sensors include color video and infrared video which are dynamically controlled during the flight. The video is received and interpreted at the ground station at Sepurine airfield, Croatia. Selected video frames are sent directly to JAC Molesworth, England where they can be accessed by military and other analysts. The first mission provided real-time coverage of ongoing battle operations, military deployments and fleeing refugees.

UNITED NATIONS

- **United Fourth World Conference on Women:** This week, in Washington, the U.S. delegation to this conference met for two days of briefings on the substance of the draft Platform for Action and the logistics of the Conference. As Chair and Head of the U.S. delegation, Ambassador Albright will travel to Beijing from September 4-8. Secretary Shalala and Administrator Browner will also attend as Co-Chairs of the delegation and they anticipate that a Congressional delegation of 12-15 members will go to Beijing. The issue of whether the First Lady attends remains the outstanding question regarding U.S. participation. Ambassador Albright believes they were successful in Congressional testimony and public statements over the past two weeks in explaining the importance of the U.S. attending the Conference, despite their concerns about China's policies and the detention of Harry Wu. Concerns remains concerning logistics for the Conference. The U.N. is working to resolve problems surrounding the issuance of visas, hotel confirmations, credentials, and authorization for the import of electronic equipment by the journalists who will be covering the Conference. Ambassador Albright spoke to General Boutros-Ghali about these concerns; he agreed to talk to the Chinese but was not optimistic about the results.
- **Trip to Asia:** After attending the Conference, Ambassador will continue on to Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Korea to promote our UN reform efforts for the 50th UN General Assembly, in addition to other UN and bilateral issues.
- **UN 50th Anniversary:** Preparations for the 50th UN General Assembly and commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the UN are getting into high gear. The UN expects more than 100 heads of state or government to attend the commemorative session in October, which you will kick off.
- **Bosnia/Croatia:** The U.N. expects the Council to adopt two resolutions by Friday, August 11. The first condemns Serb atrocities in Srebrenica and Zepa. The second condemns attacks by Croatia on UN personnel. On Thursday, August 10, Ambassador Albright briefed the Council on their findings which indicate that Bosnian Serb soldiers systematically executed civilian refugees following the siege of Srebrenica.

- **Rwanda:** The Council will continue its deliberations on a resolution lifting the arms embargo on Rwanda. The resolution contains safeguards designed to prevent weapons from falling into the hands for the former government in refugee camps outside Rwanda. The U.N. expects the Council to adopt the resolution soon.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- **Haiti:** Attempts to schedule make-up parliamentary and local elections to correct irregularities with the June 25 vote remain stymied by a deadlock between the Haitian government and major opposition political parties on the plan for drawing down UNMIG. DOD continues to work the current goal of no significant U.S. military presence after March 1.
- **China:** The Chinese MND has formally told us that a Deputy Chief of the General Staff will likely attend the WW II activities in Hawaii.
- **BRAC Meetings:** Deputy Secretary White will travel to Kelly AFB and McClellan AFB for base re-use meetings next week.
- **PFP Exercise:** The PFP-exercise "Cooperative Nugget" at Fort Polk, Louisiana began on Tuesday, August 8. Secretary Perry attended the opening and briefed the press on the role of PFP in European security. The exercise including 14 units from Partner countries ranging from Albania to Kyrgyzstan will continue through Saturday, August 26. Russia and several other countries are sending observers. This is the first peacekeeping exercise in the Continental U.S. to involve Eastern European units. Further exercises and maneuvers are planned for the Fall.
- **Washington Times Editorial Board:** Secretary Perry will host an ed-board meeting on Monday, August 14. Six editors and reporters are expected to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- **Trip to Asia:** Secretary Christopher's trip to Asia has left him more convinced than ever of the importance of our engagement in this dynamic region. The stabilizing role we play was clearly welcomed at the ASEAN meeting in Brunei. During Secretary Christopher's stop in Malaysia, PM Mahathir signalled his interest in raising the profile of our relationship and engaging us on regional security cooperation and technology transfer. In Cambodia, Secretary Christopher reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to democracy and economic development. In Hanoi, Secretary Christopher welcomed Vietnam's membership in ASEAN, noted the importance of our human rights dialogue, and expressed our desire to expand cooperation on counter-narcotics, economic and regional issues. The Vietnamese leadership welcomed this broader agenda, while recognizing that a full accounting of POW/MIAs remains our highest priority.

- **Middle East Peace:** Foreign Minister Peres and Chairman Arafat appear to have reached conceptual agreement on key issues. Secretary Christopher spoke with both leaders in conference calls August 9 and 10, and agreed to their suggestions that we participate in a trilateral format to discuss economic, water and political issues if they finalize an agreement. Secretary Christopher will propose a signing ceremony be held in Washington shorter after Labor Day, if they reach final agreement.
- **Bosnia/Croatia:** The Croatian military success has created the danger of increased fighting in the former Yugoslavia, as well as the opportunity for a new diplomatic initiative. Tony Lake and Peter Tarnoff are visiting key European capitals to share our ideas on how to move ahead. The initial reports are that both the British and Germans are reacting positively.
- **Kashmir Kidnapping:** Indian authorities believe they know the location of the five Western tourists still held by the Al-Faran group, but have heeded U.S. and British warnings against armed intervention.
- **Haiti:** Rerun elections are scheduled to take place Sunday, August 13, in 21 communities where serious irregularities marred the June 25 vote. The major opposition parties and most smaller ones are threatening to withdraw from the elections despite U.S. and UN efforts to broker an agreement among the parties, the GOH, and the Electoral Commission.
- **Colombia's Narco Scandal:** Colombian President Ernesto Samper's political future remains highly uncertain, with increasing calls for his resignation. Allegations Samper knew his presidential campaign received millions of dollars in financing from Cali drug traffickers are being investigated by the highly respected Prosecutor General.

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September 15, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CABINET DAILY ACTIVITIES
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 12**

Week of September 18, 1995:

SSA-- Governors to be Advised of Impact of Possible Funding Lapse: In preparation for a possible appropriations lapse, a letter from Commissioner Chater to all of the Nations's Governors will be mailed this week advising them that funding for State Disability Determination Services would cease in the event of a lapse of appropriations for SSA. These State agencies process initial disability claims for SSA, and while they are staffed by State employees, they are not 100% Federally-funded and their funds are contained in SSA's annual administrative appropriation.

Energy--39th Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): Secretary O'Leary will lead the U.S. delegation to the 39th Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

HHS
~~EDUC~~--Department May Approve Illinois Waiver in the Next Few Weeks: The Illinois proposal, called the School Attendance Demonstration, is statewide and requires caretakers to participate in a plan to improve poor elementary school attendance. Failure to improve poor attendance would result in the establishment of a protective payee and the removal of the caretaker's portion of the AFDC grant.

EDUC--Department Shutdown: In response to OMB's request, the Department of Education has prepared a draft plan for shutting down operations in the event of a lapse in appropriations. The Direct Loans expenses are covered by a permanent appropriation, and the National Institute for Literacy has a multiyear account, so staff members from these two programs will continue working. Other than that, only the 16 Presidential appointees and one assistant for each will continue working during a shutdown.

HHS--Department to Issue Report to Congress on Out-of-Wedlock Births: An analysis of the increases in out-of-wedlock births, comparative data from foreign nations, and potential causes, antecedents, and remedial measures will be included in an annual report issued by the department. The Department assembled a team of leading researchers from multiple disciplines to summarize and critically assess the major available literature in their field. Each author's name will appear on their paper and it will be stated that it represents their views, not necessarily those of the Department.

INTERIOR--Grazing Update: The Department will proceed with the implementation of the new grazing regulations. Next week, Secretary Babbitt will be attending the first meeting of the Arizona Resource Area Councils and RAC meetings are also being held simultaneously in seven other states. The meetings will begin the process of developing regional standards and guidelines.

INTERIOR--National Park Service Update: National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy has met with key Members on the National Park Service (NPS). As a result of the meetings, Senator Johnston agreed to oppose and filibuster any attempts to establish a "park closing commission." Representatives Kasich, Kolbe and Regula resulted in statements of support for the Interior Department's versions of fees and concessions bills. Senator Murkowski came closer to the Department's version of the fees and concessions bills.

~~INTERIOR~~^{Commerce}**--State Log Exports:** Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is drafting an order for Secretary Babbitt's signature which would establish the level of timber from state lands in Washington subject to export restriction after January 1, 1996.

DOT--House Mark-up of Immigration in the National Interest Act: The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims is scheduled to mark-up H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

OPM--Career Transition: OPM will provide agencies preliminary guidance on implementing the President's September 12 memorandum on Career Transition Assistance for Federal Employees who may be separated from government service in a reduction-in-force(RIF).

Monday, September 18:

HHS--Breast Implant Protest: The National Breast Implant Task Force (an outside activist group) has notified FDA that on Monday, September 18, more than 1,000 women from across the nation who have experienced breast implant problems will rally in front of the Capitol.

EDUC-- American Federation of Teachers: Secretary Riley will meet with AFT.

EDUC--School-To-Works: Secretary Riley will also participate with Secretary Reich in a satellite tour with TV stations in cities receiving School-To-Work funds.

EDUC--Hispanic Drop-Out Project: Secretary Riley will hold a press conference with Senator Jeff Bingaman, to announce the Department of Education's new effort to examine the issue of the high drop-out rate among Hispanics.

EDUC--Budget Reconciliation: The House Economic and Educational Opportunities committee plans to mark up the budget reconciliation package. The Committee is expected to recommend eliminating or capping the Direct Loans program, as well as reducing Federal Family Education Loan subsidies for lenders and implementing other measures that will affect guarantors, secondary markets, parents, and students.

USDA--Access to Food Conference: Secretary Riley is to speak at the Access to Food Conference in Washington.

SBA-- Back-to-School: Administrator Lader will teach a business policy class at West Virginia University and host a roundtable discussion with student leaders, then continue to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium.

DOT-- Metrolink Light Rail Project: Federal Transit Administrator Linton will join Illinois Democratic Congressmen Costello and Durbin to announce an \$8 million grant to the Metrolink light rail project, based in St. Louis. The grant will fund a twenty-four mile addition to the system.

TREASURY--EITC Event: Secretary Rubin will participate in an EITC event at the National Press Club, and do radio interviews on the EITC.

TREASURY--Hispanic Heritage Month: Secretary Rubin will also address the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon at Treasury.

EPA--Water Event: Secretary Browner will be in Orlando, FL to highlight the budget cuts with a water event.

COMMERCE--Secretary Brown's Travel Schedule: Address the Detroit Economic Club, award an Advanced Technology Program (ATP) grant to a local company and to host a National Export Strategy Roundtable.

COMMERCE--The Census Bureau will release Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales for July 1995.

Tuesday, September 19, 1995:

DOL--School-to-Work Grant Announcements: The second year of state School-to-Work grants will be announced on Tuesday, September 19.

COMMERCE--District Export Assistance Center: Secretary Brown will be in Toledo to open a District Export Assistance Center, tour Commerce's Manufacturing Extension Partnership and meet with local manufacturers.

COMMERCE--Census Bureau Reports: The Census Bureau will release Housing Starts and Building Permits for August 1995.

USDA--House Mark-up on Budget Reconciliation Bill: The House Agriculture Committee will mark-up the Budget Reconciliation Bill. The Secretary will address the Commodity Club in Washington as well.

DOJ--Simpson Introduces Bill on Legal Immigration: The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearing on the legal immigration bill Senator Simpson introduced. Representatives from INS, Labor, and State will be invited to testify.

EDUC--Satellite Town Meeting: The Satellite Town Meeting will originate in Seattle, as part of the week-long program to highlight the department's efforts to get parents and communities involved in education.

VA--Air Force National Convention: Secretary Brown is to speak at the address to Air Force National Convention in Washington.

DOJ--Crime Bill Event: Attorney General Reno will be in Jacksonville, FL for a Crime Bill Event with President Clinton.

DOJ--Constitutional Challenge to Clinic Laws: The Seventh Circuit will hear oral argument in United States v. Wilson, the case regards constitutional challenge to the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE).

TREASURY--North Carolina Chamber of Commerce: Secretary Rubin will address the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Washington Issues Seminar.

TREASURY--Media Events: Secretary Rubin will meet with Abe Rosenthal of the Wall Street Journal, and appear on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" radio show.

TREASURY--Mexican Finance Minister Ortiz: Secretary Rubin will also meet with Mexican Finance Minister Ortiz.

ONDCP--Marijuana Eradication: A marijuana eradication event will take place in Kentucky, involving the Kentucky Governor and key elected officials. The ONDCP expects vigorous area press coverage, showing the administration taking an aggressive stance on marijuana.

Wednesday, September 20, 1995:

HUD--Two-Day City Symposium: September 20-21, Secretary Cisneros will host a symposium which will enable Administration officials, mayors, Members of Congress, industry leaders, renowned urban thinkers, academics, and opinion molders to discuss, in a bipartisan and candid spirit, the future of our cities.

USDA--Forestry & Native Americans: The Senate Indian Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on forestry issues on Native American lands and reservations. The Secretary will address the USDA employees about reorganization, goals, and accomplishments.

EDUC--Back-to-School: Secretary Riley will speak at the Georgetown University Student Aid Forum.

EDUC--Chicago Events: The Secretary will travel to Chicago. He will meet with Hispanic leaders, have lunch with Mayor Daley, speak at the Kohl-McCormick Early Childhood Teaching Awards, and attend the Goals 2000 Conference Dinner.

EDUC--Budget Reconciliation: The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee is scheduled to mark up its budget reconciliation recommendations.

Commerce--U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: BEA and Census will jointly release U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services for July 1995.

DOJ--ADA: Attorney General Reno will make an ADA Pilot Program Address

TREASURY--MacNeil/Lehrer: Secretary Rubin will be interviewed on MacNeil/Lehrer regarding the CRA.

TREASURY--Washington Post and National Treasury Employees Union: Secretary Rubin will participate in an interview with the Washington Post, and meet with Robert Tobias, President of the National Treasury Employees Union.

EPA--Clean Air: The House Science Subcommittee on Energy and Environment (Rohrabacher R-CA) has tentatively scheduled a hearing on stratospheric ozone.

DOL--International Child Labor Study and Press Conference: Secretary Reich will join Senator Tom Harkin in a press conference on Wednesday, September 20, in a press conference to announce the release of DOL's International Labor Affairs Bureau's (ILAB) 2nd Congressionally-mandated child labor report, *"By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume II): The Use of Child Labor in U.S. Agricultural Imports & Forced and Bonded Child Labor."*

DOL--Speech Before the American Business Council: On Wednesday, September 20, Secretary Reich will deliver remarks before the American Business Council. Approximately 55-60 corporate CEOs will attend.

Thursday, September 21, 1995:

VA--1995 Robert W. Carey Award: A ceremony is scheduled to honor the recipients of the 1995 Robert W. Carey Award.

COMMERCE--Congressional Black Caucus: Secretary Brown will attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Procurement Fair ribbon cutting, meet with New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial and Kansas City Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver, then join the City Summit meeting with Secretary Cisneros.

DOL--Retirees Health Benefits Press Conference: Secretary Reich will hold a press conference to release a CPS report showing that the percentage of retirees currently receiving health benefits from their prior employer declined from 44% in 1988 to 34% in 1994. Senator Daschle (D-SD) and Representative Gephardt (D-MO) have been invited to participate in the press conference.

INTERIOR--House Hearing on Endangered Species Act: The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the Endangered Species Conservation and Management Act.

DOJ--National Symposium on the Future of America's Cities: Attorney General Reno will attend the National Symposium on the Future of America's Cities with Secretary Cisneros.

DOE--Russians to Demonstrate Improved Security for Nuclear Materials: Several tons of nuclear weapons materials -- enough to build hundreds of nuclear bombs -- are now better protected as a result of a cooperative project between DOE's National Laboratories and a major nuclear research institute in Russia. The results of the project will be demonstrated next week (September 21) at the Institute of Physics and Power Engineering in Obninsk.

Friday, September 22, 1995:

USDA--Chicago Board of Trade and American Meat Institute: Secretary Glickman will travel to Illinois to meet with the Chicago Board of Trade leaders and address the American Meat Institute.

EDUC--American Association of School Administrators: The Secretary will speak to the American Association of School Administrators.

TREASURY--Chairmen Greenspan, Lee Brown, "Spirit of Excellence": Secretary Rubin will meet with Chairman Greenspan, meet with Lee Brown regarding the Vice President's Drug Working Group, and travel to Miami to address the "Spirit of Excellence" dinner hosted by the Miami Herald.

DOL--Child Labor Market Symposium: On Friday, September 22, DOL's Bureau for International Labor Affairs and the State Department's Bureau of Human Rights, Democracy and Labor will co-sponsor a symposium on "China's Changing Labor Market: Implications for the Future." The symposium will focus on social, legal and political implications of China's changing labor market.

EPA--Endangered Species Act Hearing: The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the Endangered Species Conservation and Management Act. George Frampton, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks will be testifying for the

Department of the Interior.

DOJ--Senate and House Hearings on Affirmative Action: The Senate and House will hold joint hearings on affirmative action. Their focus will be the impact of the Adarand v. Pena decision. Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick has been invited to testify.

TREASURY--Medicare Event: Secretary Rubin will participate in a Medicare event, and address the Banker's Roundtable in Florida.

COMMERCE--U.S. Export Assistance Center: Secretary Brown in Philadelphia to open the U.S. Export Assistance Center.

COMMERCE--Census Bureau Reports: The Census Bureau will release Investment Plans Survey for 1995 (revised).

EPA--Media Event: Secretary Browner will travel to Cleveland, OH for a media event on the Cuyahoga River and to Pittsburgh, PA for another media event to further highlight the impact of Republican budget.

SBA--USEAC: Administrator Lader will participate in the opening of the USEAC in Philadelphia, PA.

HHS--Research Conference on Genetics and Criminal Behavior: A conference will begin to discuss the scientific, ethical, and political implications of research on the genetics of criminal behavior. This conference, which is partially supported by the National Center for Human Genome Research, was originally organized for 1992 but was canceled amidst criticism from the Congressional Black Caucus and other groups.

Saturday, September 23, 1995

COMMERCE-- CBCF: Secretary Brown will attend the CBCF dinner.

EDUC--New Hampshire Trip: At the request of the White House, Secretary Riley will speak at the Manchester High School Anniversary Banquet. While in New Hampshire he will also attend a reception sponsored by the Hillsboro Democrats in Merrimack, and will be interviewed by WMUR-TV in Manchester.

Week of Sept. 25:

COMMERCE--National Medal of Technology: Secretary Brown will announce the winners of the National Medal of Technology, which will garner significant press attention.

TREASURY--Social Security: The Social Security Advisory Council met at the end of August. A draft report is currently scheduled to be circulated at the end of September.

HHS--Press Conference on Breast Cancer Gene: HHS convene a press conference to announce results of a follow-up study on the breast cancer gene, BRCA1.

Friday, September 29:

COMMERCE--Romanian President Iliescu: Secretary Brown will address Baruch College in the morning. Later, he will be back in Washington to meet with Romanian President Iliescu and attend a luncheon for him along w/ 25 leading U.S. CEOs.

COMMERCE--GDP and Corporate Profits Reports: Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) will release Gross Domestic Product for 2nd quarter 1995 (final) and Corporate Profits for 2nd Quarter 1995 (revised).

HHS--Streamlining of Department: On Sept. 30, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and other administrative/leadership offices of the U.S. Public Health Service will be merged with the Office of the Secretary.

Thursday, October 5, 1995:

EPA--Clean Water: Senate Environment & Public Works (Chafee R-RI) will, tentatively, conduct the first of three hearings on Clean Water.

EPA--Trade Promotion Advisory Committee: Secretary Browner will meet with the Trade Promotion Advisory Committee with Ambassador Kantor.

Sunday, October 8 - Monday, October 9, 1995:

EDUC--National Higher Education Conference: Secretary Riley to participate in a national higher education conference the department is organizing on higher education funding.

Tuesday, October 10, 1995:

EPA--President's Council on Development: Secretary Browner will meet with the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Thursday, October 12, 1995:

VA--House Hearing on VA/DoD Sharing: The House Veterans' Affairs Committee/Subcommittee on Hospitals and Healthcare to hold a hearing on VA/DoD sharing.

EPA--Council on Environmental Cooperation: Secretary Browner will meet with the Council on Environmental Cooperation in Mexico.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CABINET WEEKLY REPORTS
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 1995

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **EITC Activity:** On Monday, September 18, Treasury provided each Senate office with the Department's most recent analysis of the Roth/Nickles proposal (S.899) to cut the EITC. This analysis included separate summary pages for each state and shows that the major components of the proposal would increase taxes by an average of \$655 in the year 2002 (measured at 1996 income levels) on 18.4 million working taxpayers and their families. It also shows that the proposal would raise taxes on working families with two or more children by an average of \$959 in 2002.
- **Olympic Coin Update:** On September 21, U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow travelled to Finland to help launch the 1995/1996 Olympic Program. She presented an Olympic coin to the President of Finland and to the King of Norway in honor of the official launch of the Olympic Program in Oslo.
- **North American Development (NAD) Bank:** The best prospect for securing funding for the NADBank on the floor is an amendment that would reallocate \$25 million from the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) and ask the State Department to find another \$25 million. Treasury is actively engaged with staffs to Senators Hatfield, McConnell and Domenici to ensure that the Department receives funding for the NADBank on the floor which would better position it for further negotiations in conference.
- **Hearing Scheduled re. Status of Japanese Banking System:** House Banking Committee Chairman Leach is requesting Treasury testimony at an open hearing before the Committee on the current status of the Japanese banking system. The hearing is scheduled for October 16.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Secretarial Events:** On Monday, September 25, Secretary Brown kicks off Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week, an annual event sponsored by Commerce's Minority Business Development Administration (MBDA). On Thursday, October 5, he will address the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Miami.
- **Commerce will Release the Following Economic Data:**

Advance Report on Durable Goods, Manufacturers' Shipments and Orders for August 1995	September 27
Gross Domestic Product for 2nd Quarter 1995 (final)	September 29
Corporate Profits for 2nd Quarter 1995 (revised)	September 29
New One-Family Houses Sold and for Sale for August 1995	September 29
Personal Income and Outlays for August 1995	October 2
Value of New Construction Put in Place for August 1995	October 2
- **Atlantic Salmon Endangered Species Listing:** Within the next few weeks, Commerce expects to clear a proposed rule to list Atlantic salmon populations in the Sheepscot, Ducktrap, Narraguagus, Pleasant, Machias, East Machias and Dennys Rivers in Maine as a threatened distinct population segments under the Endangered Species Act.
- **National Medal of Technology Winners to be Announced:** On Wednesday, September 27, Secretary Brown will announce the winners of the National Medal of Technology at a breakfast followed by a press conference. He will emphasize the effectiveness of the Administration's technology programs in helping U.S. industry remain competitive.
- **National Export Strategy Announcement & Events:** At the end of September, Secretary Brown will release the Third Annual Report to Congress on the National Export Strategy. Commerce is planning a press event, Congressional hearings and a possible Presidential release to highlight the coordinated efforts of the Administration to increase exports and create jobs.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **United Mine Workers Speech:** On Wednesday, September 27, Secretary Reich will deliver a speech at the United Mine Workers Convention in Miami, Florida. While in Miami, he will also take part in a low wage worker event to highlight the need for an increase in the minimum wage.
- **AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Convention Speech:** On Thursday, September 28, Secretary Reich will speak at the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades convention in Washington, D.C.
- **Reinvention Event with Vice President:** On Tuesday, September 26, Assistant Secretary Joseph Dear of DOL's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) will make remarks and introduce Vice President Gore at the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association 11th Annual National Conference in Washington D.C.

- **Labor Ministers Conference in Argentina:** Secretary Reich will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 1-2 to attend and make remarks at the 10th Inter American Conference of Ministers of Labor.
- **Boeing-Machinists Negotiations Continue:** Negotiations between the Boeing Co. and the Machinists are continuing in Seattle, WA. The current agreement, scheduled to expire October 3, has been extended to October 5 to allow union members time to consider a contract offer. The Machinists represent some 32,800 hourly employees at Boeing facilities in Seattle and Spokane, Washington, Wichita, Kansas, and Portland, Oregon.
- **No Progress in CWA-Bell Atlantic Talks:** No progress has been reported in informal talks between the CWA and Bell Atlantic. The union is continuing a media campaign critical of the company's bargaining position, and expects to brief members of congress sometime next week.
- **Teamsters President Announces He Will Seek Second Term:** On September 17, Teamsters President Ron Carey announced his intention to seek a second term as IBT chief. Speaking before his home local in Long Island City, NY, Carey cited his accomplishments in reforming the union and eliminating corrupt influences. James P Hoffa, son of former IBT president Jimmy Hoffa, announced his candidacy at a Labor Day rally in Detroit.
- **Preliminary Results of LA Garment Shops Enforcement Initiative Announced:** On September 15, the DOL's Employment Standards Administration announced preliminary results of a recent enforcement initiative that targeted garment shops in the Los Angeles area. This joint effort was conducted with the State of California under the Targeted Industries Partnership Program during the week of September 11. Approximately 50 garment shops in the Los Angeles area were found to be producing goods for more than 80 manufacturers. Preliminary back wage liability is approximately \$570,000 for 600 workers.
- **School-to-Work Grant Announcements:** The second year of state School-to-Work grants was announced on Tuesday, September 19. Nineteen states were awarded a total of \$74 million. Secretaries Reich and Riley joined newly-crowned Miss America Shawntel Smith in a press conference in New York City to discuss the School to Work program. Also this week, an additional \$87 million in eight second-year School to Work grants were awarded to Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Wisconsin.
- **Garment Summit Follow-Up:** On Thursday, September 21, Secretary Reich taped *The Phil Donahue Show*, which will air on October 2. He discussed the working conditions in the garment industry and how the government, retailers, manufacturers and consumers can all work together to eradicate abusive conditions in the garment industry. That evening, he also had a press dinner and briefing with editors of major fashion publications.
- **\$8 Million OSHA Citation Issued Against Samsung Guam, Inc.:** On September 22, OSHA issued citations to Samsung Guam, Inc. (SGI) with a total penalty of \$8,260,000. SGI was the steel erection contractor on a large expansion project at the Guam International Air Terminal. The Samsung Group is the largest South Korean general trading company. This inspection was initiated March 28, 1995, as the result of a fatal accident at the airport site.

• **Operation SouthPAW:** This week, staff of DOL's Dallas Wage and Hour Division participated in the INS' "Operation Southpaw" initiative which targeted food processing plants in Arkansas. This multi-agency initiative, which includes staff of OIG's Office of Racketeering, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Public Health Service and various local law enforcement agencies, has thus far involved 11 food processing plants in nine cities. Operation SouthPAW's objectives are to ensure employer compliance with federal immigration hiring laws and wage and hour provisions. Wage & Hour's role is to ensure that undocumented workers receive their final paychecks and that employers do not receive a financial windfall by failing to pay the final paychecks before the undocumented workers are deported.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

• **Air Transportation Safety:** On September 19, Secretary Pena and FAA Administrator Hinson met with Leon Panetta to discuss various FAA issues. Agreement was reached on an aggressive communication strategy to respond to the increasing concerns in the media about the safety of the U.S. air transportation system. Secretary Pena and FAA officials held a press conference on September 21, to outline the DOT initiatives adopted to ensure the safety and efficiency of the nation's air transportation system.

• **Heightened Airport Security:** On August 9, the FAA directed airlines and airports to raise security to Level II and to prepare for a further elevation to Level III. It is highly likely that FAA will direct implementation of Level III measures in late September or early October. Airlines and airports have implemented the Level II measures without difficulty, and most are prepared to implement the more stringent and costly Level III measures. If an airport does not comply with the security requirements, the FAA's recourse will be to order suspension of flights. The Tampa and Detroit airports may challenge the FAA's authority to restrict parking of uninspected vehicles within short distances of terminals. DOT officials have previously briefed the National Security Council's Coordinating Sub Group which concurred that the threat level justified the increased security measures being implemented. In order to improve the screening of carry-on luggage, on September 15 the FAA amended the airlines' security directive to require additional testing and (in the event of repeated failures) additional training of x-ray screeners at security checkpoints.

• **U.S. Airlines Report Profits:** On September 19, DOT announced that all major U.S. airlines reported operating and net profits during the second quarter of 1995, some of them reporting record profits. The eleven major U.S. airlines reported a combined operating profit of over \$2 billion and net profits exceeding \$1 billion. In January 1993, the airline industry was undergoing its worst financial crisis ever. As evidenced by these reported profits, the economic and aviation policies of this Administration have created an environment in which the airline industry can and does operate profitably.

• **NAFTA:** DOT staff met with small package industry officials to discuss the next steps in efforts to secure Mexican national treatment for U.S. operators in this sector. Industry efforts to craft mutually acceptable regulations with Mexican transport officials have stalled. DOT is asking that the issue be placed on the agenda for your October 10 meeting with Mexican President Zedillo. If acceptable regulations are not forthcoming from Mexico by October 10, USTR will ask for an arbitral panel to hear the case under NAFTA's dispute resolution provisions. Secretary Pena has scheduled a meeting

with senior officials from United Parcel Service to discuss this issue further on September 28.

- **The National Highway System (NHS) Legislation:** The House passed the NHS legislation on September 20. This bill eliminates the National Maximum Speed Limit, imposes a "zero tolerance" alcohol limit on teenagers, eliminates the requirement for states to use a certain amount of old tire rubber in asphalt for highway construction, bars DOT from enforcing federal safety standards on small trucks (less than 26,000 pounds) and exempts truck drivers in the agriculture industry from maximum hours-of-service laws within 50 miles of distribution points during the planting and harvesting seasons. The bill now goes to a House-Senate conference.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Virgin Islands Hurricane Assistance:** As many as 150 deputy U.S. marshals were on site in St. Thomas to assist court personnel, remove prisoners, secure the U.S. Courthouse, and support FEMA.
- **New Branch Davidian Suit Filed:** On September 5, a new suit was filed seeking damages arising out of federal law enforcement involvement with the Branch Davidians in Waco, TX in 1993. In *Helen Martin, et al., v. United States* (S.D. Texas), the estates of twenty-five deceased Branch Davidians and seventy of their relatives filed suit seeking \$585 million in damages from the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act.
- **Possible Repeal of Crime Bill Provisions in Appropriations Debate:** The full Senate floor debate on the Commerce, State, Justice appropriations measure is scheduled to begin within the next week. This bill would repeal most of the crime bill programs and substitute block grants.
- **More Border Patrol Agents:** 47 new Border Patrol agents will graduate on Sept. 26 and be sent to assignments in the San Diego and McAllen, TX Sectors.
- **Joint Hearing On Affirmative Action:** On September 22, the Senate and House Judiciary Subcommittees on the Constitution, chaired by Rep. Canady and Sen. Brown, held a joint hearing on affirmative action after the *Adarand* decision. The Subcommittees requested all documents relating to the review. ASG John Schmidt testified on behalf of the Department.
- **Court Enjoins United States Air Force Discharge Pursuant To New Homosexual Conduct Policy:** On September 8, 1995, the court in *Richenberg v. Perry* (D. NE), issued a temporary restraining order enjoining the Air Force from completing its discharge of plaintiff pursuant to the military's new policy concerning homosexual conduct.
- **Defendants Sentenced In Cross Burning Case:** On September 11, 1995, the defendants were sentenced in *United States v. Sharp* and *United States v. Ducharme*, (D.N.H.). The defendants pled guilty to various charges stemming from their involvement in a 1991 cross burning on the lawn of an African American family in Litchfield, New Hampshire.
- **First Conviction Under The Violence Against Women Act:** Christopher J. Bailey was sentenced in the Southern District of West Virginia to life imprisonment for kidnapping and 20 years for interstate domestic violence.

- **Abortion Clinic Violence:** Rachelle Ranae "Shelley" Shannon was sentenced to 20 years incarceration in the District of Oregon for six arsons and two butyric acid attacks at abortion clinics in Oregon, Northern California, and Nevada in 1992.
- **D.C. Circuit To Hear Arguments In Estate Tax Case:** On September 28, 1995, the court will hear arguments in *National Taxpayers Union, Inc. v. United States*, (D.C. Circuit). The plaintiff, an organization of taxpayers, brought this action challenging the constitutionality of a provision of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 which retroactively increased the tax rate on estates.
- **CBS News Reporter Files Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA") Suit For White House Helicopter Records:** On August 23, 1995, Eric Engberg, a reporter for CBS News, filed an action under FOIA seeking, *inter alia*, records relating to a helicopter trip made by David Watkins to the golf course at the Holly Hills Country Club in Maryland. *Engberg v. United States Department of Navy* (D.D.C.). Mr. Engberg also seeks passenger lists for all HMX-1 helicopter flights taken between May 1, 1993 to May 1, 1994. Plaintiff's administrative requests were denied on the grounds that the requested documents were White House records and thus not subject to FOIA.
- **Operation South PAW:** On September 15, INS agents from the Atlanta, GA, District completed the Tennessee phase of the regional enforcement initiative called Operation SouthPAW (Protecting America's Workers), arresting some 587 illegal workers over a 2-week period.
- **Favorable Settlement Reached In Nazi Case:** On September 14 the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the Northern District of Illinois entered into a pre-filing settlement agreement with Wasyl Lytwyn of Chicago, a former SS officer who took part in the Warsaw Massacre. The agreement provides that Lytwyn will leave the United States by December 15 and will assent to the entry of a court order of denaturalization. Lytwyn admits that he fraudulently obtained his U.S. citizenship by misrepresenting his wartime past and that he served as an auxiliary in the SS Trawniki unit in Poland, a unit that Lytwyn concedes took part in the Nazi program to annihilate Jews. The agreement further states that Lytwyn does not contest the allegations of involvement in the Warsaw atrocity and other acts of persecution.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Fast Track Negotiating Authority.** Ambassador Kantor appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee during mark-up of proposed language on fast track negotiating authority. The Administration, in coordination with the House Democratic Caucus and joined by Ways and Means Democrats, argued that you should be granted negotiating authority which is identical to the authority extended to President Bush in 1991 and President Reagan in 1988 by a Democrat-controlled Congresses. During mark-up, Rep. Levin, on behalf of the Democrats, offered an amendment to reauthorize the 1991 authority. The measure was defeated on a party-line vote. Chairman Archer's more restrictive language precluding labor and environmental provisions in future trade agreements was approved, also on party-line vote, however, Archer indicated a willingness to continue efforts to develop bipartisan support for fast track.

- **Negotiations to Open Korean Auto Market.** The second week of intensive negotiations to open the restrictive Korean auto market continued this week. Little progress has been made in obtaining a commitment from the Korean Government to reduce discriminatory barriers, such as high taxes and unreasonable standards, to U.S. auto exports. If talks do not produce a resolution soon, Ambassador Kantor will recommend that you take appropriate actions under the Super 301 statute.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **US Export Assistance Center Opening:** On September 22, the Administrator joined Secretary Ron Brown and Mayor Ed Rendell in a press event and the opening of the USEAC in Philadelphia, PA. USEACs provide easy access to export promotion and trade finance services particularly for small and medium-sized businesses. The event will be covered by local and national media.

- **Administrator's Schedule:** On September 28, the Administrator and Secretary Ron Brown will hold a press event in Atlanta and then open the United States Export Assistance Center with Governor Zell Miller. On Monday, October 25, the Administrator and Secretary Ron Brown will both address Minority Enterprise Development Week which is cosponsored by the Department of Commerce and the SBA.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **HCFA Assists California:** California and L.A. County officials met with HHS and OMB this week in Washington to work on strategies to stabilize the financial condition of the county's health care system in the short term and to restructure the system in the long term. One of the strategies being discussed includes an 1115 Medicaid demonstration.

- **Nursing Home Improvement Monitoring Group Meeting:** On September 26, HCFA Administrator Vladeck will meet with representatives of nursing home care, consumer advocates, state regulators and others who are assisting in monitoring the implementation of the new nursing home survey and enforcement system that went into effect on July 1.

- **Head Start Grants:** Next week, HHS will announce the new Early Head Start program grants to approximately 70 grantees to make Head Start available to 20,000 infants, toddlers, and their families for the first time.

- **North Dakota Welfare Waiver Pending Approval:** DHHS may approval North Dakota's proposal, the *Training, Education, Employment and Management Project*, next week. The proposal would require families in nine pilot counties to develop a social contract specifying time-limits for becoming self-sufficient and require a minimum of 32 hours of paid employment and non-paid work. the demonstration also includes components to make work pay, such as combining AFDC, Food Stamps, and LIHEAP into a single cash payment. The project aims to promote child support enforcement and parental responsibility by imposing a progressive sanction for non-cooperation in JOBS or with child support and requiring participation in Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Techniques.

- **Research Conference on Genetics and Criminal Behavior:** A conference will be held on September 22-24 to discuss the scientific, ethical, and political implications of research on the genetics of criminal behavior. The conference was originally going to take place in 1992, but was canceled amid criticism from the Congressional Black Caucus and other groups. HHS expects some media coverage; this week, *New York Times* this week carried a story about the conference.
- **FDA Advisory Committee to Discuss Nicotine Gum:** On September 28, an FDA advisory committee will meet to discuss an application to reclassify Nicorette, a nicotine chewing gum, from prescription to over-the-counter status.
- **FY 1996 Labor, HHS Appropriations:** On September 15, the Senate Appropriations Committee marked up the Labor, HHS, and Education FY 1996 appropriations bill. The committee included \$197.6 billion in budget authority for HHS programs which is nearly \$1.3 billion more than the House approved but \$2.8 billion less than the you requested. The House included no funds for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, but the Senate committee included \$900 million. The committee included almost \$300 million less for the NIH than the House did. Head Start was funded at \$3.4 billion, which is \$400 million more than the House proposed, but \$500 million less than you requested. The committee provided \$127.3 million for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), which is \$61.8 million more than the House allotted but \$32 million less than current funding.
- **Tobacco Control Legislation Introduced:** On September 20, Sen. Wendell Ford introduced the Tobacco Products Control Act to limit the advertisement and sale of tobacco products to reduce underage use of tobacco. The Senate bill would restrict the sale of cigarettes to minors, with enforcement left to the states, and allow vending machines in bars and workplaces. Billboard advertisements could be placed no closer than 500 feet from a school, with no text restriction (as opposed to your initiative which would prohibit tobacco ads within 1000 feet from a school or playground with black and white text only). No restrictions would be placed on service displays, the use of logos on non-tobacco products, sponsorship, or the distribution of free samples, single cigarettes ("loosies"), or packs with fewer than 20 cigarettes. Additionally, the bill expressly prohibits the FDA from regulating tobacco or tobacco products in any manner.
- **New Provisional AIDS Data Released:** On Thursday, September 21, the CDC released new preliminary data on AIDS cases, reflecting first and second quarter 1995 reports. Approximately 33,000 new AIDS cases were reported during the two quarters, bringing the cumulative total of reported cases to 476,000 since 1981. From July 1993 to July 1994, 84,000 new cases were reported to the CDC; from July 1994 to July 1995, 76,000 new cases were reported. While reports are slightly off from a year ago, this is provisional data and CDC does not consider the new numbers newsworthy.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Age for SSI Eligibility Changed in Welfare Reform Bill:** The Senate-passed version of welfare reform changes the age for eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits from 65 to the "retirement age" as defined for Social Security retirement benefits. This has the effect of increasing the age from 65 to 67 gradually, beginning in 2003, and reaching 67 in 2025. Any future changes that may be made to the Social Security retirement age would automatically change the age for SSI.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program:** The Department of Veteran Affairs is in the process of awarding \$6.37 million in grants under its Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program to 28 public and private nonprofit groups to develop new programs to assist homeless veterans. The grantees are from 27 cities in 19 states and the District of Columbia.
- **Hurricane Marilyn- VA Assistance:** Today, Veteran Affairs dispatched a veterans benefits counselor to St. Thomas, St. Croix, and the smaller islands of Culebra and Vieques, to assess damage caused by Hurricane Marilyn. Upon completion of the assessment, representatives from VA's Loan Guaranty and Veterans Assistance Service will provide additional services as needed. VA employees are working in concert with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Chicago Housing Authority Update:** On Friday, September 22, Secretary Cisneros joined Chicago Mayor Richard Daley to announce that HUD Assistant Secretary Joseph Shuldiner will be the permanent Executive Director of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA).
- **\$127 Million HOPE VI Grants to Be Announced:** On Thursday, September 28, Secretary Cisneros will announce the recipients of \$127 million in HOPE VI grants. HOPE VI is the Administration's primary tool for providing maximum federal commitment but minimal federal control to transform the worst public housing developments in the country.
- **Meeting with Speaker Gingrich:** On Friday, September 28, Secretary Cisneros will meet with Speaker Gingrich and House Banking Subcommittee Chairman Rick Lazio to discuss HUD's authorization bill, the Secretary's plan to reinvent HUD, and strategies for helping cities.
- **Appropriations Update:** In preparation for floor action, HUD is working with Sen. Daschle and others to introduce amendments that will restore money for homeless programs and reverse several riders that would prohibit HUD from protecting families from property insurance redlining, as provided under the Fair Housing Act.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Second Anti-Drug Steering Committee Meeting to be Held Next Week:** On Tuesday September 26, Secretary Lee Brown will attend the second meeting of an Anti-Drug Coalition Steering Committee in Cincinnati, OH, which is being organized by Rep. Portman. The Congressman has invited representatives of national organizations as well as Speaker Gingrich (who has accepted).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **FY 1996 Appropriations.** On Friday, September 15, the Senate Appropriations Committee completed action on the DHHS 1996 appropriations bill, providing \$ 28.6 billion for DHHS FY 1996 - - an increase over the House Bill of \$1.5 billion, but a drop of \$2.2 billion from the 1995 level and \$3.8 billion from your request. A vote on the bill is expected on Tuesday, September 26.
- **House Passes CAREERS Bill:** On Tuesday, September 19, the House passed the CAREERS bill, which consolidates job training programs, privatizes Sallie Mae and Connie Lee, and repeals statutory authority for state post-secondary review entities. The Administration's major objection to the bill is its failure to continue funding for the school-to-work initiative passed July 1, 1997. The Workforce Development Act, which is the Senate's companion bill to CAREERS, has been removed from welfare legislation and is expected to be debated in October.
- **Budget Reconciliation:** This week, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee marked up its budget reconciliation bill which caps direct lending at 30% of loan volume and charges a 2% fee to all participating institutions. The House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee plans to mark up its bill during the week of September 25. The House is expected to propose the total elimination of direct lending. Each bill must achieve \$10.8 billion in savings over seven years to comply with reconciliation instructions.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Budget Press Conference:** Secretary Babbitt held a press briefing on Friday, September 22, to detail the negative impact that the deep spending cuts in DOI's budget and the onerous provisions in the budget reconciliation bill will have on science, parks, ANWR, mining, grazing and other DOI activities. The Vice President announced your intention to veto the Interior appropriations bill.
- **Interior Appropriations Update:** FY 1996 net discretionary funding for DOI was cut by almost \$870 million or 13% below your budget. Devastating cuts were made to Indian programs, the National Biological Service is cut 20% below the budget, and the Bureau of Mines is abolished. The Conference agreement also makes cuts that will prevent responsible administration of the Endangered Species Act, impair operation and preservation of the Nation's parks, refuges and public lands, and seriously damage cooperative Federal-State administration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. The agreement would transfer management responsibility and 1996 base funding for the Mojave National Preserve (\$599,000) to the Bureau of Land Management and limit NPS spending to only \$1.00. This effectively overturns a key provision of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act. The Conference accepted the Senate proposal for a 90-day moratorium on the Secretary's grazing regulations, extending the effective date from August 21, 1995 until November

21, 1995. The regulations were promulgated following two years of extensive public participation and input. A retroactive moratorium, as agreed to by the Conference, would be confusing and complicating.

- **National Parks Update:** Despite a resounding victory in the House to kill a bill to establish a park closing commission on Tuesday, House Parks Subcommittee Chairman had the provision added to the Reconciliation bill.
- **Upcoming Secretarial Travel:** In the coming weeks, Secretary Babbitt will visit Philadelphia, PA to discuss Clean Air Act riders, New York City to highlight the listing of the mining patent moratorium, Orlando, FL to release a bald eagle into the wild, to Georgia's Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (in Speaker Gingrich's district) to highlight the Republican's park closure proposal, and to Detroit, MI for a Clean Water Act event.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Appropriations Update:** Last week, the full Senate Appropriations Committee maintained the Subcommittee's recommended 23% cut to your budget request. The VA/HUD appropriations bill is expected to go to the Senate floor next week.
Sen. Smith, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Superfund Chairman Smith will release his draft Superfund reauthorization bill. Senators Chafee, Kempthorne, Baucus, and Reid are expected to introduce a bi-partisan consensus bill on Safe Drinking Water Act reauthorization.
- **Impacts of Budget Cuts on Wetlands:** This week, Administrator Browner is sending a letter to Senators regarding Congressional proposals to amend the definition of wetlands. The Republican proposal would reduce the amount of land classified as protected wetlands by 60-70%. By proposing a definition contrary to the conclusions of the National Academy of Sciences, high value wetlands would not be protected by the federal program. For example, 190,000 acres of the Everglades would not be protected under definitions being considered.
- **Budget Amplification Travel:** Over the next few weeks Administrator Browner will be traveling around the country to amplify your budget message and educate the public about the effects of the Republican budget cuts on public health and environmental protection. On September 26 she will travel to New Jersey to deliver a speech at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and expects to do a Superfund event.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **USDA Crack Down on Food Stamp Fraud:** Secretary Glickman held a major news conference in Chicago today to announce the arrest of a Chicago grocery store owner for defrauding the food stamp program of approximately \$1.3 million. The announcement was part of a Secretarial initiative to combat fraud in the \$27 billion food stamp program. In the first seven weeks of "Operation Checkout", 106 individuals have been indicted, arrested, or convicted. During this fiscal year, approximately \$110 million in fraud has been identified, resulting in over 1,800 court actions. The Chicago announcement received a great deal of local and national press attention.

- **House Agriculture Committee Fails To Pass Agriculture Programs:** The House Agriculture Committee held a mark-up on the 1995 Farm Bill this week. Chairman Roberts offered his Freedom to Farm proposal, which was voted down by the Committee (five Republicans joined all of the Democrats in voting against the plan). If the Committee is unable to pass a plan, the issue could be dealt with by the Budget Committee or on the House floor. On September 27, the Senate is scheduled to mark up the farm program provisions for reconciliation.
- **Poultry Labelling:** On September 18, the Senate began floor consideration of the USDA appropriations bill. Senators Cochran and Bumpers added a provision prohibiting USDA from implementing its rule defining "fresh" on poultry labels. The USDA rule, effective in one year, prohibits use of the label "fresh" on poultry that has ever been chilled below 26 degrees F.
- **Food Stamp Contingency Plan Being Developed:** The USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service is working with OMB on a contingency letter to states in the event that funding for the Food Stamp Program will not be available on October 1. If neither a continuing resolution or an appropriation is passed, no benefits can be issued after September 30.
- **National Service/AmeriCorps Update:** The House-Senate conference on the Interior appropriations bill adopted the Senate's more favorable language on the USDA Forest Service AmeriCorps program, which would allow the agency to run an AmeriCorps program if it follows "appropriate reprogramming guidelines." Nearly half the program would have been eliminated if the House Interior appropriations bill language had been adopted. On September 13, three USDA AmeriCorps members in Blanding, Utah negotiated a lease for a building and renovated it, and stocked shelves for the San Juan County Food Bank. The building is owned by the Navajo Nation and will serve all low-income citizens in the county.
- **FY95 Timber Receipts Projected To Fall:** FY95 receipts from the harvest of national forest timber are projected to fall about \$150 million short of earlier estimates. Timber harvests have declined more rapidly than expected, and stumpage rates have dropped below projected figures. Receipts are now projected to be about \$600 million for the year ending September 30. Timber receipts make up the bulk of National Forest System revenues, amounting to over 80 percent of all receipts last year. National forest revenues are the basis for distributing funds to most states, providing funding for schools and roads. Besides impacting the states, lower receipts may move break-even forests into a below-cost timber sale situation. Interim payments to the states are scheduled for the week of October 2-6.
- **Colombia Lifts Ban On U.S. Meat And Poultry Exports:** In what could be an additional boost to an already booming export outlook, Colombian agricultural authorities recently agreed to remove the 1993 ban on U.S. beef, pork, and poultry. This action allows imports from USDA-inspected plants, with initial certification lasting two years. Future renewals of plant approvals will require visits by Colombian agriculture officials to U.S. meat and poultry plants.
- **USDA Addresses Rail Car Shortage In Midwest:** Earlier this week, Secretary Glickman held a meeting with representatives of the American Association of Railroads and several major railroads regarding the grain transportation problems in the Midwest. Local elevators in several Midwest states have experienced price increases for railcar transportation as well as difficulty obtaining

needed cars on a timely basis. While the railroads are making efforts to rapidly respond, the situation requires continued vigilance, and USDA is establishing a communication network to try and resolve problems quickly. A draft, soon-to-be-published USDA report indicates that railcar availability can have a significant impact on the price farmers receive at the local elevator. The issue has received significant attention in several Midwest states like Iowa and Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Announcement on the Provision of Tritium to Maintain the Nuclear Stockpile:** On October 5, DOE will announce how it intends to provide tritium in the future to maintain our nuclear weapons stockpile. This has been the subject of much controversy, as some wanted the construction of a new nuclear reactor to provide tritium and others wanted construction of another type of facility. DOE will not announcing the construction of a new large facility. Given the importance of this decision to several States, including Nevada and South Carolina, agency officials will meet with those delegations prior to the announcement. DOE has discussed this decision with Pat Griffin and others in OMB for the last several weeks. This story is likely to generate significant press attention in South Carolina and Nevada.
- **Commission on Human Radiation Experiments Report:** On October 3, Secretary O'Leary will join you in an event to release the Advisory Commission on Human Experimentation Report. This report is expected to receive significant media attention.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- **Former Yugoslavia:** Preliminary assessments credited you and Assistant Secretary Holbrooke with "a great success" in securing an accord in which Bosnian Serbs pledged to withdraw their weapons and engage in talks in exchange for a suspension of NATO bombing over Bosnia. For example, Milan's *II Sole-24 Ore* stated that "the difficult, impossible Bosnian crisis may turn into the first important foreign policy success for President Clinton." However, given the history of broken promises by the former Yugoslavia combatants, analysts remained cautious about whether this was the decisive "breakthrough" needed to achieve peace in the Balkans.
- **Drug Control Public Affairs Programs:** Several USIS posts report this week on new public affairs programs in the fight against drug use and trafficking. USIS La Paz and officials from the Bolivian Ministry of Government submitted a draft plan for public affairs action on counter-narcotics activities. USIS Mexico has launched a public affairs campaign in response to increasing commentary in the Mexican media charging that the United States is not doing enough to combat narcotics at home. USIS Brasilia reports that more than 40 national and international firms have signed on to support a major media campaign to educate the public about the dangers of drug abuse. Finally, USIS Port of Spain was heavily involved with a recent joint US-Trinidad marijuana eradication and interdiction program named "Operation Weedeater IV." The Post reports that the extensive and favorable media coverage resulting from the operation has provided an excellent opportunity to demonstrate US resolve in combatting narcotics trafficking.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **Federal Telecommunications Service Created:** Administrator Johnson announced the creation of the Federal Telecommunications Service, consolidating the Federal Government's local and long distance telecommunication services. This will better serve customers and taxpayers with projected long-term savings of \$50 to \$75 million a year.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- **Haiti:** Critical presidential balloting is currently scheduled for November 26. However, with no end in sight to an elections boycott by opposition political parties this date may be pushed back. Thus far, Aristide has strongly resisted meaningful electoral reforms, appointing only his partisans to key posts while attempting to entice opposition candidates to break with their party leaders.
- **Iraq:** The potential stalemate at the Dublin talks between the Kûrdish parties and the continuing fighting between Masood Barzani's KDP and PKK forces in and near the coalition security zone do not bode well for the future of U.S. operations in northern Iraq. If the PKK is trying to establish itself as a player on the northern Iraq political scene, that will be a major complication for U.S. presence. It will be especially troublesome if the U.S. determines that the September 12 incident -- in which two Blackhawks received RPG fire in an area of KDP-PKK clashes -- means that the PKK is now intentionally targeting U.S. interests in the area.
- **Overlapping Greek-Turkish Aegean Exercises:** A major Greek annual exercise, "Parmenion 95," and a coincident Turkish naval training event, "Agile Talon 3-95," have the potential to provide the venue for a Greek-Turk incident in the eastern Aegean next week. According to intelligence analysts measures are being taken by both countries to deconflict the two exercises. Forces were expected to be operating in immediate proximity of two hours on September 20. Aegean watchers rate the probability of a confrontation between the two as remote. However, the exercising forces do bear watching, as the opportunity to demonstrate respective national claims may be too tempting to resist.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- **Bosnia/Croatia:** Next week the key players will participate in the UN General Assembly meeting. Critics of Administration policy in both parties and both Houses continue to refrain from criticism of current policy. Many give the Administration credit for being in control of an effective policy which is making progress. There is consensus that any attempt to override your veto of unilateral lift would have little hope and is not in the cards in the short term.
- **Middle East Peace:** Negotiations continue in Taba with unresolved issues relating to the status of Hebron and the question of maps. The Israelis have moved considerably. Arafat is aware of this, but may believe he can get more if he holds out. State Department officials should know by early today whether the U.S. has a breakthrough or a temporary impasse in the talks. With the onset of the Sabbath and the Jewish New Year, the U.S. needs an agreement by today to ensure Israeli Cabinet approval for a signing ceremony in Washington next week. On the Israeli-Syrian track, the U.S. continues efforts to find the right procedural mechanism to push the substance forward.

- **UN Funding/Bosnia:** On the eve of the UN 50 anniversary, SYG Boutros-Ghali is signaling the approach of a funding crisis stemming mainly from Congressional refusal to pay UN assessments. In a September 13 letter to Secretary Christopher, the SYG stressed the situation's urgency, noting that the UN would owe \$1.2 billion to members for peacekeeping by December, jeopardizing its ability to sustain such operations.
- **Russia/Bosnia:** Russian DFM Mamedov made clear privately to Strobe Talbott that Moscow considers Bosnia a litmus test for our cooperation in Europe. Mamedov was relieved by the cessation of airstrikes in Bosnia and laid down a marker that Russia wants to play an integral role in peace implementation there. The U.S. challenge will be to craft a role for Moscow that gives them sufficient public visibility and political commitment to the mission's success, without jeopardizing its operational effectiveness or NATO's leading role.
- **Northern Ireland:** New Ulster Unionist Parter leader David Trimble told Ambassador Crowe that Sinn Fien must make "quite significant changes," of which decommissioning is only a part, before unionists will trust Sinn Fein/IRA commitment to exclusively peaceful methods. Trimble cited continuing IRA recruitment, training, targeting, and punishment beatings in Catholic areas. He plans to meet with the Vice President in later October/early November.
- **Haiti's Elections:** Turnouts for the September 17 parliamentary and local elections was unsurprisingly, but disappointingly, low. Among the reasons for voter apathy: lack of an electoral tradition; the Haitians' view of the President as the paramount political actor, making voting for others unimportant; and the opposition's boycott of the election. There were no major incidences of fraud or violence and a marked improvement in election administration.
- **UNGA Begins:** The 50th UN General Assembly began September 19. Secretary Christopher will be in New York September 24-29 for a series of meetings and will speak September 25, the opening day of the general debate.
- **Post Closings:** On September 20, the Department delivered to Congress the reprogramming notification relaying U.S. intent to close 13 posts during fiscal year 1996. The 15-day notification clarifies that the Department has deferred a decision to close Hermosillo, Matamoros, Florence, Curacao, Edinburgh, and Apia pending the final outcome of the FY 1996 appropriations process.

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- **Bosnia:** Bosnia has again been the central issue in the Security Council. The Russians have circulated a draft resolution on Bosnia that is highly critical of the Croatian and Bosnian Governments for engaging in "offensives and hostile acts." The Russians insisted that the resolution be voted on Thursday, September 21. The United Nations continues to believe that it threatens to upset the delicate peace negotiations now underway.
- **Western Sahara:** The mandate for MINURSO, the UN peacekeeping operation aimed at achieving a political settlement in the West Sahara (Morocco), expires at the end of September. Although United Nations officials are disappointed with the evident lack of progress, there is broad consensus that abrupt termination of the operation could lead to renewed fighting, which has been in abeyance

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during MINURO's activities. The mandate should be renewed for another four months. This will require additional funding and, as a consequence criticism from some in Congress.

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FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CABINET DAILY ACTIVITIES
SEPTEMBER 29-NOVEMBER 8**

Friday, September 29, 1995:

COMMERCE--Gross Domestic Product Report. Commerce will release Gross Domestic Product data for 2nd quarter 1995 (BEA).

COMMERCE--NIST Advanced Technology Program awards. NIST will announce its Advanced Technology Program (ATP) awards (in the information infrastructure for health care focused competition).

COMMERCE--Romanian President Iliescu. Secretary Brown will address Baruch College in the morning. Later, he will be back in Washington to meet with Romanian President Iliescu and attend a luncheon for him along w/ 25 leading U.S. CEOs.

DOT--Termination of Funding for Air Traffic Control Towers (ATCT). Members of Congress representing 20 locations in which ATCTs may have funding terminated will be notified today of the analysis of the most recent cost/benefit ratio.

HUD--4-H Grants. Secretaries Glickman and Cisneros announced a \$3.5 million HUD grant to expand 4-H after school programs in public housing communities.

DOL--Symposium on Child Prostitution. DOL's International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), the Women's Bureau and the State Department's Bureau on Human Rights, Democracy and Labor are co-sponsoring a symposium on "Forced Labor: The Growing Tragedy of the Prostitution of Children." The program will focus on the growing problem of child prostitution and the available international responses to such abuses.

EDUC--National Black Child Development Institute. Secretary Riley will address the National Black Child Development Institute.

HHS--Approval of North Dakota Welfare Waiver. HHS approved North Dakota's proposal, the *Training, Education, Employment and Management Project*, requires families in 9 pilot countries to develop a social contract specifying time-limits for becoming self-

sufficient and require a minimum of 32 hours of paid employment and non-paid work.

HHS--Genetic Screening. The Senate Cancer Coalition, headed by Senators Mack (R-FL) and Feinstein (D-CA) will hold a rescheduled hearing on genetic screening and cancer detection.

HHS--*Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report.* The *Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report* is scheduled to carry an article about tuberculosis among foreign-born persons who have recently arrived in the United States.

ONDCP--National Community Policing Conference. Director Brown will address the 2nd National Community Policing Conference in Portland, OR.

UN--Briefing Congress on Bosnia. Ambassador Albright is scheduled to participate in a briefing hosted by the President for Congressional leaders concerning the status of peace negotiations in Bosnia.

USIA--Florida Investment. A NY FPC-sponsored Miami press tour to examine international business and foreign investment in South Florida will be held.

Saturday, September 30, 1995:

HHS--Streamlining of Department. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and other administrative/leadership offices of the U.S. Public Health Service will be merged with the Office of the Secretary.

Week of October 1-October 5, 1995:

DOL--Labor Ministers Conference in Argentina: Secretary Reich will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 1-3 to attend the 10th Labor Ministers Conference.

Sunday, October 1, 1995:

LABOR--Labor Ministers Conference in Argentina. Secretary Reich will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina (today and tomorrow) attending and deliver remarks at the 10th InterAmerican Conference of Ministers of Labor. The theme will be "Hemispheric Economic Integration and Employment."

LABOR--Argentina Events. Meet with Argentinean Minister of the Economy Cavallo and deliver a speech at the Universidad de la Empresa Argentina.

Monday, October 2, 1995:

JUSTICE--AG's Activities. Attorney General Janet Reno to address Alliance for Justice Conference and the National Assoc. of Education Building.

DOT--Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Innovative Financing Transaction. Federal Transit Administrator (FTA) Linton will join Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) officials to announce the largest innovative financing transaction ever approved by the FTA.

EPA--Administrative Reforms of Superfund. Administrator Browner will announce the third round of administrative reforms of the Superfund program at a press briefing.

TREASURY--Secretary's Activities. Secretary Rubin will meet with Lee Brown, and participate in a luncheon with press members.

TREASURY--Interpol 64th General Assembly Session. Under Secretary for Enforcement Noble will lead the U.S. delegation to the Interpol annual meeting which will convene in Beijing, China through October 10.

Tuesday, October 3, 1995:

COMMERCE--Economic Data Report. The Composite Indexes of Leading, Coincident and Lagging Economic Indicators for August 1995 will be released.(BEA)

ENERGY-- Announcement of the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments Report. Secretary O'Leary will participate in an announcement of the Advisory committee's report release.

TREASURY--Secretary's Activities. Secretary Rubin will be interviewed on NPR's "Talk of the Nation."

Wednesday, October 4, 1995:

DEFENSE--NATO Defense Ministerial. Secretary Perry will host the NATO Informal Defense Ministerial in Williamsburg, Virginia through October 7.

UN--Pope's Visit. Ambassador Albright will join President Clinton, Vice President Gore and other Cabinet members in welcoming His Holiness Pope John Paul II to the United States.

COMMERCE--Council of Foreign Relations. Secretary Brown will speak to the Council on Foreign Relations in Chicago.

JUSTICE--National Law Enforcement Corrections/Technology Center. Attorney General Reno to visit National Law Enforcement Corrections/Technology Center.

Thursday, October 5, 1995:

COMMERCE--Annual Census Bureau Income and Poverty Report. The Census Bureau will release its annual report on income and poverty in the U.S. for 1994. The report details median family income and poverty as compared with the prior year, in general and demographically. The chief researcher of the report will hold a 10:00 AM press conference to

review the findings and address questions.

COMMERCE--Sec. Brown to address the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Miami.

DOT--Heightened Security Measures in the U.S. To ensure that the industry is fully informed of the threat circumstances requiring the increased measures, FAA is arranging a classified threat briefing for airline and airport CEO's today.

ENERGY--Announcement on the Provision of Tritium. Secretary O'Leary will announce the Department of Energy's preferred alternatives to meet our Nation's tritium requirements to maintain the nuclear weapons stockpile.

JUSTICE--First Anniversary Of Operation Gatekeeper. Commissioner Meissner will join the Attorney General in San Diego, to mark the first anniversary of the border control initiative called Operation Gatekeeper.

TREASURY--Secretary's Activities. Secretary Rubin will attend a CEO breakfast with Senator Bentsen in Houston, TX.

UN--Pope's Visit. The Pope will address the United Nations.

HUD--Press Roundtable. Secretary Cisneros will host a press roundtable with thirty urban reporters in celebration of the agency's 30th anniversary.

EPA--Clean Water. Senate Environment & Public Works (Chafee R-RI) will, tentatively, conduct the first of three hearings on Clean Water.

EPA--Trade Promotion Advisory Committee. Secretary Browner will meet with the Trade Promotion Advisory Committee with Ambassador Kantor.

EDUC--U.S.-Mexico Conference. Secretary Riley will participate in the U.S.-Mexico conference.

Friday, October 6, 1995

SSA--Commissioner Chater to speak at the Third North American Regional Congress on Women's Health Issues and the future of Social Security.

JUSTICE--The Attorney General will kick off Crime Prevention Month in the DOJ Great Hall, and later have lunch with the Minister of Spain.

EDUC--U.S.-Mexico Conference. Secretary Riley will participate in the U.S.-Mexico conference.

EDUC--National Association of Women Judges. The Deputy Secretary will address the National Association of Women Judges.

USIA--Freedom House Conference. Director Duffey is scheduled to participate in a conference on the future of American foreign policy hosted by Freedom House. Held in Washington, the conference is entitled, "US Foreign Policy: Rebuilding a Bipartisan Consensus."

LABOR--Numbers Day. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will issue its monthly report on the national employment and unemployment situation.

TREASURY--G-7 Press Conference. Secretary Rubin will participate in a press conference on the G-7.

TREASURY--Roundtable re: President Zedillo Visit. Secretary Rubin will also participate in a roundtable with Secretary Christopher on the President Zedillo visit.

Saturday, October 7, 1995:

VA--President's Balanced Budget and Congressional Cuts to Veterans Health Care. Director Brown will attend a veterans forum with Congressman Dale Kildee in Pontiac, Michigan. Will address the President's balanced budget proposal and the current efforts of Congress to cut veterans' benefits and services.

EDUC--Voter Registration Project. Secretary Riley will address the Midwest Voter Registration Project in Chicago.

TREASURY--G-7 Finance Ministers Meetings. Secretary Rubin will host the G-7 Finance Ministers Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Sunday, October 8, 1995:

EDUC--Higher Education Conference. Today and tomorrow, Secretary Riley will participate in a national conference the Department is organizing on higher education funding. Senator Kassebaum and Congressman Goodling are expected to attend.

TREASURY--G-10 Meetings. Secretary Rubin will host the G-10 Meetings.

Tuesday, October 10, 1995:

DOT--National Civil League 101st Conference. Secretary Pena will be in Denver, CO at the National Civic League 101st Conference, and in Detroit, Michigan at the Detroit Economic Club speech.

EPA--President's Council on Development. Administrator Browner will meet with the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Thursday, October 12, 1995:

COMMERCE--NIST Roundtable. NIST also hold a reporter roundtable which will focus on research being done with its Molecular Measuring Machine.

VA--House Hearing on VA/DoD Sharing. The House Veterans' Affairs Committee/Subcommittee on Hospitals and Healthcare to hold a hearing on VA/DoD sharing.

EPA--Council on Environmental Cooperation. Administrator Browner will meet with the Council on Environmental Cooperation in Mexico.

Friday, October 13, 1995:

COMMERCE--Economic Data Report. The Advance Retail Sales data for September 1995 will be released.

EDUC--National Association of Elementary School Principals. Secretary Riley will address the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Monday, October 16, 1995:

DOT--International Aviation -- U.S. - U.K. Continuing negotiations with the United Kingdom are scheduled today here in Washington.

USIA--Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. Director Duffey will address the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce in Jacksonville, FL.

Tuesday, October 17, 1995:

EDUC--Satellite Town Meeting. The topic for this satellite town meeting is education and business partnerships.

Wednesday, October 18, 1995:

TREASURY--Reauthorization of Federal Law Enforcement. The House Subcommittee of Crime of the Judiciary Committee plans to hold hearings on reauthorizing duplication in law enforcement efforts.

Thursday, October 26, 1995:

EPA--Senate Testimony on Ethanol. Administrator Browner will testify before the Senate Agriculture Committee (Lugar R-IN) on ethanol.

HHS--SAMSHA's "Partners for Change" Conference. Secretary Shalala will address SAMSHA's "Partners for Change" Conference. Mrs. Gore also will participate in this conference.

HHS--Medal of Freedom Ceremony. Secretary Shalala will participate in the Medal of Freedom Ceremony at the White House.

ONDCP--Conference of the Americas. Director Brown will be speaking at the Conference of the Americas in New York City on the 28th to financial and business leaders.

USIA--Florida Investment. A NY FPC-sponsored Miami press tour to examine international business and foreign investment in South Florida will be held.

Thursday, November 2, 1995:

TREASURY--Militia Hearing. The full House Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on the militia movement. Requested by Representative Conyers during the recent Waco hearings.

Wednesday, November 8, 1995:

TREASURY--Reauthorization of Federal Law Enforcement. The House Subcommittee of Crime of the Judiciary Committee plans to hold the second day of hearings on reauthorizing duplication in law enforcement efforts. Will investigate the proper jurisdiction and basic structure of law enforcement which will likely include an examination of moving ATF to the Department of Justice.