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JAMES E. NIER
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

VFW MEMORIAL BUILDING
200 MARYLAND AVENUE, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002-5799

January 8, 1997

Feb-11, 1997
6p
Sheraton Wash

Tom Daschle

Guest

Honorable Alexis Herman
Secretary of Labor Designee
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Miss Herman:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' annual dinner honoring Members of Congress is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 1997. This dinner, our most prestigious Washington event, will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel at 7 PM. The dinner will be preceded by a reception beginning at 6 PM. Attending will be Members of Congress, government and military leaders, as well as national and state officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Total attendance will likely exceed 2,000 persons.

Highlighting the activities will be the presentation of the VFW Congressional Award to the Honorable Tom Daschle, United States Senator from South Dakota. This VFW award is presented annually to a Member of Congress for "outstanding service to our nation." Senator Daschle is a worthy recipient. He is one of the hardest working members in Congress and conducts himself with utmost dignity. He is respected by his colleagues and constituents for his many outstanding accomplishments and exemplary service to our country.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend our annual dinner as a **Head Table Guest**. Your presence would add much to this important occasion and I know that Senator Daschle, as well as the national and state officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, would be most pleased if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Nier".

JAMES E. NIER
Commander-in-Chief

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4001

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

July 24, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Section 555 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 directed the Secretary of the Army to conduct a thorough review of the discharge from the Corps of Cadets of the United States Military Academy of James Webster Smith in 1874 and Johnson C. Whittaker in 1880.

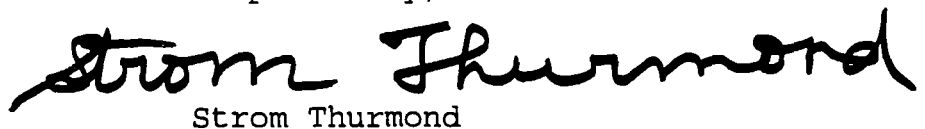
I am proud to participate with you today in posthumously commissioning Johnson C. Whittaker in the Army. This recognition that Cadet Whittaker suffered a terrible injustice is long overdue. I congratulate the Army on its courage in acknowledging that, over 100 years ago, Cadet Whittaker was incorrectly and inappropriately denied his commission.

On the occasion of Lieutenant Whittaker's commissioning, I urge you and the Secretary of the Army to complete the review of James Webster Smith's discharge at the earliest possible date and, if determined to be appropriate, grant Cadet Smith a commission in the Army.

Timely completion of the review of the circumstances surrounding the discharge of Cadet Smith will bring these events in our history to a conclusion. I am optimistic that we will meet again soon to recognize Cadet Smith as yet another son of South Carolina who served his Country proudly.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Respectfully,


Strom Thurmond

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2-11-97

Clinton has a special affinity with African-American religiosity

By ADELLE M. BANKS

c. 1997 Religion News Service

(Ed. note: Photo to accompany this story is available from RNS Online. To receive free software for downloading photos, call Mike Paquette at 800-767-6781.)

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, a white Southern Baptist with a Roman Catholic education, likes to call Bishop Donne L. Lindsey, the leader of some 135 black Pentecostal churches in Arkansas, "my bishop."

The two men have laughed, cried, worshiped and eaten barbecued ribs together ever since Clinton's first term as governor of Arkansas.

"He just made himself one of the brethren," said Lindsey, prelate of Arkansas' Second Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC). "It wasn't nothing artificial and it wasn't a strain. It's just a part of him."

Flo Decker / Boer / McCurry / Palmer / Allen
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cc: HRC - Rodney Slater
Cox / ~~Lincoln~~
JCT Smith

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If Lindsey is an example of Clinton's rapport with individual African-American Christians, Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in the nation's capital is a symbol of his link with the institutional African-American church.

On the morning of Jan. 20, shortly before he is sworn in for a second term, Clinton will be welcomed back to the historic African-American church where his first inaugural prayer service was held in 1993.

"We are honored that we are able to host the president's prayer service for the second time," said the Rev. Louis-Charles Harvey, pastor of the church that once was a stop for runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad.

"There's a tradition in the black church that you're a visitor only once and when you come a second time, you're a member and friend."

Over the years, President Clinton has fashioned a formidable friendship and spiritual connection with African-American church leaders. There is an ease he has in their services -- with the rhythm of gospel music and the cadence of the sermons -- that is not apparent with most white politicians. And, in return, he has won the high praise and political support of many well-known African-American Christians.

Clinton observers cite a number of reasons for the unique rapport the president has with this segment of his constituency. From his roots as a humble Southern Baptist to his longtime participation in meetings of the black Pentecostal church, Clinton appears to find solace in black theology and worship.

Indeed, one of the highest compliments that could be paid a president by a black church leader was uttered by COGIC Presiding Bishop Chandler David Owens at a May 1996 annual meeting of women from his denomination.

"President Clinton," Owens said, "is a man that was just born white, but on the inside, he's a brother."

Months later, Owens hasn't changed his mind: "He seems to be so comfortable among blacks and he identifies with us, we identify with him."

Clinton has been so at ease with African-Americans that he took the risk of speaking on an issue close to the heart of the black community -- black-on-black crime -- at an annual meeting of COGIC.

Speaking in 1993 at Mason Temple, the same Memphis pulpit where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his last sermon, Clinton declared, "The freedom to die before you're a teen-ager is not what Martin Luther King lived and died for."

Owens said Clinton managed to address the problem without being insensitive.

"Every minister in there knew that he was telling the truth and they applauded him for that," recalled Owens. "Sometimes politicians have a lizard complex. They run real fast and change colors on whatever (issue) they find themselves. This man, during that speech, remained true blue straight through the speech."

Clinton, who often frequents black church conventions and worship services, has continued to make black church concerns a priority.

Last year, after black and white church leaders brought the spate of arsons at mostly rural, African-American Southern churches to his attention, Clinton urged enhanced law enforcement and increased religious and racial tolerance to prevent further blazes. And earlier this month, when Clinton welcomed religious leaders to the White House for an interfaith breakfast, there was a significant number of African-Americans around the tables in the State Dining Room.

"I think that his recognition of us as just people and the acceptance of that goes a long way with the kind of reciprocal admiration that he gets from the African-American

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community," said G. Elaine Smith, the first African-American woman president of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., who attended the recent breakfast.

"I think he genuinely does believe in diversity and thinks that it can work," she said.

Such concern about diversity also is reflected in the location of the inaugural prayer service, said David Seldin, spokesman for the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

"The president has a strong desire to reach out to the local community and to all Americans and to be inclusive of every part of our country," said Seldin.

"Obviously, African-Americans are a segment of our population that have been left out for many years. We thought it was extremely important to have a national prayer service at an African-American church," he said.

Compared to other white politicians, Clinton moves easily in and out of black church settings.

"Whether you like the guy or you hate the guy, he's got something that precious few white politicians have," said Shaun Casey, a Harvard Divinity School doctoral student who has written about Clinton and religion.

"I can't see Teddy Kennedy walking into that service and looking anything but very stiff and pained. ... Jack Kemp can kind of fake it for a couple of hours, but he's white bread," he said.

Casey attributes Clinton's ability to mix easily with African-Americans to three sources: his Southern Baptist upbringing, his Southern roots and his undergraduate training at Georgetown University, a Jesuit school.

"If you've been raised in that kind of Southern Baptist ethos, you know the Bible, you can talk the Bible and you've been exposed to African-American Christians in the South ... you communicate scripturally with one another," said Casey, who also is a minister at the Brookline Church of Christ in Brookline, Mass.

But Casey said Clinton's connections with black Pentecostals in Arkansas was most significant. When Clinton speaks at Church of God in Christ meetings, he makes a point of recognizing and calling out the names of leaders who are more than mere acquaintances but are, rather, people to whom he gives credit for getting him to the presidency.

"You really got the sense that he felt like he was at home," Casey said of the 1993 Memphis speech at COGIC's annual convocation. "I think it's a combination of the music ... the biblical tradition that he knows quite well and a sense that this is a part of the electorate that has been with him since the beginning. Blacks in the mid-South have had an attraction and a loyalty to him that he can't claim with any other demographic group."

The humble roots of the Arkansas native also provide the president with a link to many African-Americans.

"We in the South grew up in a community with those whom were called poor whites," said the Rev. Bennett W. Smith Sr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. "President Clinton comes from a very humble beginning."

Appearing at a dinner honoring Billy and Ruth Graham upon their receiving the Congressional Gold Medal last May, Clinton recalled how the evangelist's refusal to speak to a segregated audience at a Little Rock, Ark., crusade in the 1950s was a memory that has stuck with him.

Flo McAfee, a special assistant to Clinton who acts as his liaison with the religious community, recalled when they traveled last June to the rededication of Mount Zion AME Church, a burned church in Greeleyville, S.C.

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"Getting to this church reminds me of Arkansas, down a dirt road, tucked away," Clinton told her.

Although most observers say they see his relations with the African-American church to be more a matter of genuine concern, there are times when political expediency cannot be denied.

At a meeting last spring at the White House with other black religious leaders, Smith, of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, recalled the first words out of Clinton's mouth: "I cannot win re-election without your help."

Clinton also had a conference call with black ministers a week before the election.

"We understand that he generally has a respect for the African-American religion but he is a politician and he never forgets that," said Smith. "I think that it is politically expedient (for Clinton) to be on friendly terms with the African-American clergy."

Although he doesn't consider political aims to be an overriding motive in Clinton's relations with black churches, Bishop Milton Williams, leader of the Mid-Atlantic II District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, said it would be naive to think they aren't a factor.

"I think he recognizes that this is where you find black people," Williams said. "A lot of the community is in the black church. ... You want to reach the black community, you go to the black church."

There were times in his first term when Clinton may have lost favor with African-American clergy, but for the most part they have stuck by him.

"Some of his decisions about welfare reform and some of the statements that were made regarding affirmative action during the election may have given people some pause, but I certainly think that it was for the most part not a reason for abandonment or rejection," said G. Elaine Smith of the American Baptist Churches.

Flo McAfee, Clinton's special assistant, said the 1996 election results indicate that the comfort level between Clinton and African-Americans has not declined. In fact, Clinton garnered 84 percent of the black vote in 1996, a slight increase from his 1992 win.

But McAfee insists that Clinton's ties with black churches is far more than politics in practice.

"There's nothing like a good sermon and some good singing," she said. "That's uplifting to him. ... He needs and enjoys that to uplift his spirit as much as they enjoy having him there."

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SPECIAL ALERT!

January 22, 1997

To: Alexis Herman
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(2 pages including cover)

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• LEBARON TAYLOR

Your prayers and thoughts are needed for our brother, **LeBaron Taylor**, in the passing of his wonderful wife and our close friend of many years, Yvonne Taylor this past Sunday. Details of the wake and funeral are listed below.

Friday, January 24, 1997
Viewing at 1:30p.m. Funeral at 4:00p.m.

First United Methodist Church
446 Camden Avenue
Moorestown, NJ 08057
609/235-0450

Rev. M. Lloyd Guyton officiating
Eulogist: Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson

Kindly send all floral tributes to arrive at the church on the 24th before 12:00 noon. LeBaron and his children, Tiffani and Eric, appreciate all your heartfelt prayers.

Driving directions as follows:

New Jersey Turnpike to Exit #4 (Mt. Laurel). Take Route 73 North. Go to first light, make a right turn onto Fellowship Road. Go past two lights and over two overpasses (you will see the following landmarks: Industrial Park and NFL Films both on your right). At the third traffic light, make a left onto Pleasant Valley Avenue. Go through two traffic lights. The entrance to First United Methodist Church is on your left, after you have passed three residential homes. Church is located on the corner of Pleasant Valley Avenue and Camden Avenue.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

21-May-1996 03:18pm

TO: Robert B. Johnson
TO: Alexis M. Herman
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FROM: Nancy V. Hernreich
Office of the President

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6/24/94

SUBJECT: Bishop James call

(Ret.)

Bishop Fred James has asked for a call from the President to encourage him to attend his church convention in Kentucky on June 29. When I told him the President would be in Europe, he pressed me on availability of other dates. I told him nothing really looked good right now though I knew the president would want to attend the meeting. He still wants the President to call and has not given up on him coming either July 1 or 2. If the President cannot attend his convention he wants a really good letter explaining why.

He also inquired about the President's availability on June 14 the date of his retirement party here in DC. The president has 2 dinners and a reception that evening so I doubt that he can attend that either.

Any comments on any of this?

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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 1, 1993

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Mr. George Knox
2725 SW 22nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear George:

It was so good to hear from you
again. I have passed on your very
informative letter to the President and
appreciate your taking the time to share
your thoughts with us.

I'm sorry we missed each other in
Miami, and hope we can get together the
next time I am there.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Hillary
Hillary Rodham Clinton

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2725 SW 22nd Avenue
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Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

PAM OCT 12 1993

Dear Hillary,

Sorry I missed you (except from the back of the Ballroom) on the Miami trip. It occurs to me that we haven't spoken since "Prez" was "Guv", and Chelsea was just a gleam in your eyes.

I often wonder what cosmic confluence or divine influence led me to Arkansas at the right time in the life of our generation -- and at a time when you and Bill were putting things together for the long haul. Each of you had a special aura and a magnetism that made my relatively brief tenure at the University an unforgettable experience. I wrote about that experience in the attached *Miami Herald* column.

Hugh, and probably others, made you aware that Florida presents an interesting challenge for 1996. Winning Florida will require that Democrats be true to the party (this cannot yet be assumed), and that African Americans turn out in huge numbers.

The paradox is that white Democrats are obsessed with Cuban interests and counting Cuban votes, while Black Democrats are obsessed with getting attention of white Democrats even if it means dropping out of the electoral process.

There is a pervasive feeling among Blacks in Florida that it really doesn't matter who is in charge. The participation by Blacks in the economics of Florida is virtually non-existent. You have never met a "business leader" in Florida who is Black. In Dade County for example, *no* Black business employs more than 25 people. 1.2% of the Gross State Product came from Black companies vs. 14% of the population. Serious Black business development can begin locally with a commitment to substantive inclusion in the Homestead Air Force Base Re-Use Plan Execution. The Administration must sound the call for reform and be ready to deal firmly with status-quo proponents.

You already know that there are scant few in Florida's Democrat leadership who really want to change America. There is a new breed in waiting, but becoming frustrated with the "Republicanized" elected leaders who represent the state, and who tiptoe around advocacy of the "Third Way". These leaders need to demonstrate a commitment to the Changing America theme; show some concrete program or proposal; account to the administration, and explain failures.

Governor Chiles is a fine and decent man, but he is limited when it comes to seeing and treating the Black population as a market to be courted and cultivated. Of course, this limitation is the rule, rather than the exception in Florida.

There is every indication that most of America is ready to respond to the inevitable "changing demographic circumstances". The time is ripe for the President himself to articulate that the success of the new paradigm requires a forthright dialogue about racial factors as causes of disunity in the land.

CEO's must accept the reality that the year 2000 workforce will be overwhelmingly darker-skinned and from "alien" cultures. In my own boardroom experience I have observed the terror in the eyes of executives as they contemplate a world that is indifferent to their top-down approach to things. I feel sorry for those of them who think "the problem" will go away. But they must adjust their corporate attitudes. Superficial, insincere behavior modification won't work this time.

I'm glad ya'll will be leading us into the Millennium. I'll do whatever I can to help you get us there.

Had To get that off my chest.
On the lighter side, I'm married
again (8 yrs). Joyce is practicing law in
* Baltimore, and is a finalist for a position
in the Office of Civil Rights at HHS.

You're looking and sounding great on
Health care. The President is getting through
on the vision, and people are less fearful.
As Paul says, "Spiritual things are being
spiritually dreamed".

In love & friendship first
and foremost,

GEORGE



'His soul is a manifestation of the spirit' of Arkansans

JULY 1975. Here I am, in Fayetteville, Ark. Middle of the Ozarks. Not too many blacks out here, I hear. Matter of fact, I question whether I'm really interested in being the "first black" faculty member at the University of Arkansas Law School.

Strolling around the cocktail reception being checked out by once, and future, colleagues. Nervous. Everybody is courteous but timid. Wary. Well, the Arkansas people are honest. "We want you to join us because we want to convince our newly admitted black students that we want them to succeed, and we know they'd be more comfortable with a black teacher to relate to."

"Are you up to it?" she asked. Steady, laser-like gaze through horn-rimmed glasses under a frizzly Afro hairdo. Dazzling brilliance. No nonsense. Hillary.

Then the rescue from the grilling. "Hi! I'm Bill Clinton. Welcome to Arkansas. We'd be glad to have you with us."

GEORGE KNOX

George Knox, former Miami city attorney, is now in private practice.

I stayed.

The ensuing 15 months of friendship and collegiality with the Clintons and the people of Arkansas rendered a sustaining faith in decency, sincerity, and goodwill.

Easily transcending race, the people of Arkansas identify and lock onto warmth and genuineness. They are inherently loving and trusting and sharing.

Wallpaper-hanging was the after-work activity of choice between neighbors in the Arkansas mountains. Deep and enduring friendships were formed during the long nights of priming and pasting and hanging. Of not letting the glue dry too fast.

When it was time to do the walls at Bill and Hillary's little house by the park, it seemed like the most important social



George Knox with friend Bill Clinton

event in town.

While the rest of us were downing the "hundreds of bottles of beer on the wall" and

playing word games and telling jokes, Bill was steadily working one task at hand. Even though we all knew

where he'd end up, we marveled at how hard he worked at showing us that he'd never forget where he came from.

All of us who claim to be friends of Bill Clinton harken back to that point where our lives intersected his, and the exact moment that a transcendent bond of eternal friendship was formed. All of us recall that we knew he would lead the world into the 21st Century, but few of us admit that we revved up our memories in proportion to his upward movement in the polls during the campaign.

As Americans get to see the exposed soul of Bill Clinton as president, it will become clear that his soul is simply a manifestation of the spirit of the people of Arkansas.

In 1948, the University of Arkansas became the first public, all-white institution in the South to admit African-American students when Silas Hunt entered the law school. I "integrated" the law faculty 27 years later. On Feb. 5 and 6 the university celebrated the

dedication of Silas H. Hunt Hall, a major campus building. I went back to participate.

Hunt, who was seriously injured in World War II, died after his first year at the university. Some say that it wasn't complications from the injury that killed him. It was the pain and stress of his experience at the University of Arkansas Law School.

There has been a barrier between many African-American law graduates and the university because of the mystery of the real cause of Silas Hunt's death, just like the barrier that separated Hunt from his white classmates when he was in law school in 1948.

Now, in 1993, the people of Arkansas want to put a questionable history behind them, and they will elevate Silas Hunt to immortality. At the same time, another son of Arkansas is bound for immortality as the 42nd president of the United States.

That's the way it is in Arkansas. Hope must be in the water.

—
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR, III

January 7, 1997

The Honorable Alexis Herman
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Alexis:

Happy New Year and belated congratulations on your pending nomination to serve as Secretary of Labor.

I am certain that the President's announcement was a great beginning for your holidays. Clearly, attaining this new position is a testament to your smarts and hard work. It is also a continuing affirmation that Ron had a "talent for spotting talent." For me, this latest recognition of your talent not only filled me with a great sense of pride, but also served as a signal that 1997 will indeed be a very good year.

Good luck and call on me if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

From Bob J. Nash, Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential Personnel

Date: 3/4/97

To: Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1997

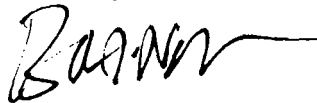
Dr. Vinh Cam
P.O. Box 31134
Greenwich, CT 06831

Dear Dr. Cam:

Alexis Herman forwarded your resume to me indicated that you have an interest in serving the Clinton Administration. As you know, I have already shared your qualifications with my Associate Directors and asked them to contact you with any ideas they have relative to helping you find a position in your area of expertise.

On behalf of the Clinton Administration, we appreciate your interest and support. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my staff.

Sincerely,



Bob J. Nash
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Personnel

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EMBASSY OF THE
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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

February 10, 1997

Dear Mr. Nash:

Thank you for your very nice letter concerning Ambassadorial term limits. As you prepare the future assignments, please consider that I reported to post on 4 November, 1994, much later than most Ambassadors.

Please also note that in November Jamaica will be approaching a most important national election which must be called by March, 1998. Having an experienced Ambassador at post during that period should also be a factor.

Know that you have my full cooperation as you make these difficult decisions.

Very Sincerely,

J. Gary Cooper

Mr. Robert Nash
Assistant to the President
and Director of Personnel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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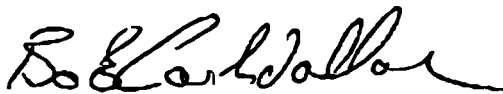
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Washington, DC 20500

Re: Ms. Barbara Woolley

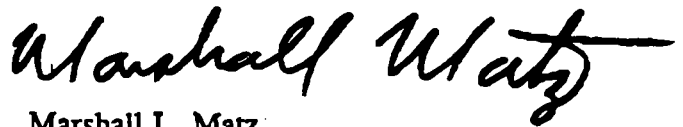
Dear Mr. President:

As you know, Ms. Barbara Woolley currently serves as your liaison to the agriculture community in the Office of Public Liaison. During the campaign she also worked very closely with the Rural Desk in Clinton/Gore Headquarters. The purpose of this letter is to simply let you know the high regard that the agriculture community has for Barbara Woolley. Barbara is bright, personable, politically astute, articulate and . . . simply terrific. In short, we appreciate Barbara and thought you should know how well she is serving your Administration.

Sincerely,



Bob Cashdollar
Cashdollar-Jones & Co.
1629 K Street, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006
Steering Committee
Clinton/Gore Rural Desk



Marshall L. Matz
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Mr. Gary Pruitt
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Invite you and a guest to a reception and dinner
Friday, March 14, 1997
in honor of the 1997 Gridiron Club President
Muriel Dobbin of the McClatchy Newspapers Washington Bureau

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6:30 P.M. - Reception in Main Lounge
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RSVP by February 10, 1997

Business Attire

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Ruby

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Ruby, —

I think Zogby
wanted Alexis to
know how he feels!

Marilyn

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March 24, 1997

Ms. Maria Echaveste
Special Assistant to the President
Director
Office of Public Liaison
The White House

Dear Ms. Echaveste,

I want to commend you on the promotion of Marilyn DiGiacobbe to the position of Special Assistant to the President.

As we discussed at our White House meeting, Marilyn has meant a great deal to our ethnic communities. We became so invested in her promotion, because Marilyn was so invested in our communities.

Without exaggeration I can say that many of our community leaders have come to know and respect the President and support his programs precisely because of the work of Marilyn DiGiacobbe. And, in some instances, support came because we came to feel so strongly about Marilyn as a person.

Again, I want to thank you for recognizing Marilyn's contribution as a dedicated public servant and as a very special assistant to the President to whom she is devoted and to whom she has contributed a great deal.

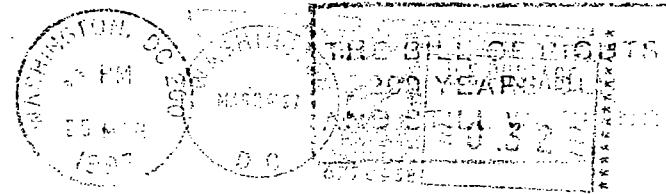
Best wishes,

James J. Zogby
President

cc: Mr. Erskine Bowles
Ms. Sylvia Matthews



Ms. Alexis Herman
c/o Ms. Ruby Mey
The Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20502



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To: Ruby for Alexi's

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From: Ken Mullinax

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Re:

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Notes:

Ruby,

Please give this to Alexi's.

We look forward to seeing
you at the event regardless
if whether or not Miss Alexi's
can attend... Thanks a
zillion!

Ken



Dear Alexis:

Jan 18, 1997

It was wonderful seeing you at The Swedish Ambassador's home the other evening. You looked and sounded like a member of the President's cabinet.

Per our discussion about keeping you in front of the right people ... in terms of publicity and public awareness, I asked the Swedish Ambassador to include you for an A-list luncheon next Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 12:30, for The United Nations new Sec'y-General, who is a lady from Sweden. The luncheon is for ladies-only. All of the high society; diplomats; Government and other media representatives will be present.

Alexis, I know you have Senate calls to make, but if only for a brief stop, I feel we could get you in the paper and before the right kind of people. If you can't, I totally understand.

I am only thinking of you!

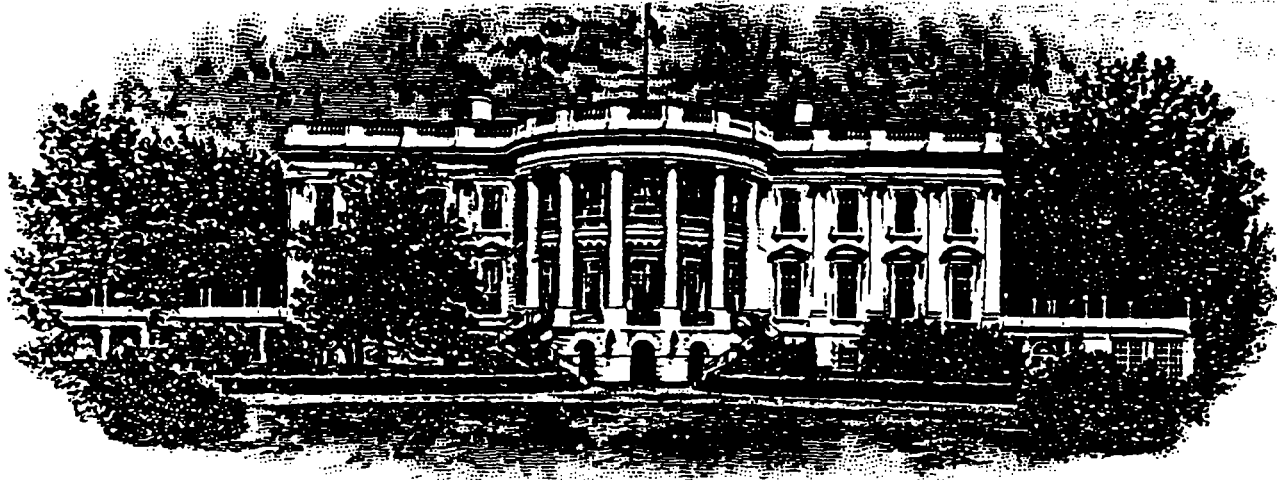
Love,

Ken Muller

— Congressman Hilliard of Alabama

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To Jim Dorskind

Fax Number 62993

Office Number _____

Date 12/9/96

From Ruby Moy for Alexis Herman

COMMENTS

Jim

Ann McLaughlin used to be
Labor Sec'y under Carter. She has
asked this favor of Alexis. Can
you help expedite McL's request?
Thanks.

Ruby

ANN McLAUGHLIN
4320 GARFIELD STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007
(202) 364-4528 (202) 364-4529 (FAX)

December 9, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexis Herman

FROM: Ann McLaughlin (dictated but not signed by)

I look forward to meeting with you later this week. I know Sarah and Ruby are working on a mutually convenient time.

I have one request which I know is extremely short notice but didn't know if you could help me out on. By any chance, would it be at all possible to get a letter from President and Mrs. Clinton for my friend, Suzanne Wright? She is the wife of Bob Wright, President of NBC, and the Clintons have met them several times at NBC Christmas in Washington and some other White House dinners.

I am giving a surprise 50th birthday party for Suzanne tonight in New York. Her real birthday is on December 16. It promises to be a hoot of a birthday, and this idea just occurred to me that since she is such an avid a supporter of President and Mrs. Clinton's, it would be super for her to receive a letter from them that I could read at the party tonight in front of 125 people. The letter could be faxed to me in New York, and the original can be sent to her home in Connecticut. Her address is:

734 Sasco Hill Road
Fairfield, Connecticut 06430

Anything you can do would be great, but I understand with the short notice it might not be possible. I am traveling to New York today, but Sarah Agnew in my office knows where I can be reached, and she is also familiar with this request. She can be reached at (202) 364-4528.

Thanks so much, Alexis, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Good college

Cheryl is good people.

She's enjoying if she

has time.

Mary Burke Washington
408 T Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

July 14, 1995
(Bastille Day)

The Honorable Alexis Herman
Assistant to The President

Dear Alexis:

The "What Good Are We" Club is going with a group of friends to Paris in early November and is preparing a Souvenir book for the participants (approximately 150). They would very much like to have a Bon Voyage letter and picture from The President. A draft letter is included to go to the "What's" President, Dr. Tanner McMahon. I hope you'll be able to have this done. I've already told him you're the "Miracle Worker".

Walter and I will be joining the group on the trip. The group has not done this before.

Dr. McMahon will need the letter in early September because of the printing schedule.

Would you also have someone contact me (202-3874613) as to how I can contribute to the fund for The President re legal matters. As you can see typing is not one of my assets!!

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Mary

Mary Burke Washington

- ① Req a Congrats on anniversary letter - I don't know if it can be done
- ② Ask Mary + said we have put in a request
- ③ Send address for fund - ask Jennifer

P.S. Just as I finished this letter, Walter told me to turn on C-Span and I listened to Mrs. Clinton's address to the NAACP. She was superb and I'm so glad she mentioned you.

I thought of my days growing up in Tuskegee and my early days here in D.C. and the rampant bias we were subjected to and I know the playing field is not level.

One idea did occur to me while watching Mrs. Clinton, I think Myrlie Evers-Williams should have a one-on-one with Newt Gingrich and I hope you'll suggest it.

He has a lot to learn.

M.

DRAFT

Tanner McMahon, M.D.
President, "What Good Are We Club"
1761 Shepherd Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Dr. McMahon:

I understand that your club "The What Good Are We", was Founded at Howard University in 1915. I have also learned that the past and present membership has had nearly two hundred outstanding black leaders -- professional, business and government men. Men such as former U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke, Honorable Charles Duncan, Judge Aubrey Robinson, Dr. Burke Syphax, Dr. LaSalle Lefall--President of the National College of Surgeons, Dr. Henry Robinson (former City Councilman), and the Honorable Frank Reeves have been members. Currently you entertain at your social functions friends of mine such as Vernon E. Jordan, Ron Brown, L.Douglas Wilder and the late Honorable Wiley Branton from Little Rock. Two former Mayors -- Walter E. Washington and Sharon Pratt Kelly are frequently guests of yours.

I congratulate you and the "What's" social club on its 80th year and hope that the interest and camaraderie of the group will continue for generations. I wish Bon Voyage to your members and their guests on your history-making trip to Paris in November. It is a star-studded group that will certainly make an indelible impression in Paris.

Dana W.
Was this done?
I never rec'd it
to close out.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1995

Mary Burke Washington
408 T Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your recent letter. I have submitted a request for a Presidential letter to commemorate the "What Good Are We" club's 80th year and trip to Paris. I will track this for you.

The address that you requested for contributing to the President's legal defense fund is:

Presidential Legal Defense Trust Fund
Department 70
Washington, DC 20055-0070.

Sincerely,



Alexis M. Herman
Assistant to the President and
Director of Public Liaison



OFFICE OF
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

October 3, 1995

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Ms. Alexis Herman
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Alexis:

Since my recent departure from the White House staff, I wanted you to know how much I miss the place, but more importantly, the people. Because my departure happened during the August recess period, I didn't have the opportunity to say goodbye and this is my effort to amend that. I have enjoyed our association and hope we can continue it.

I have joined the staff of the Federal Trade Commission as it's Director of Congressional Relations and am looking forward to continuing to serve this Administration in that capacity. The Commission's mission of assuring a level playing field for business competition and consumer protection are vital ingredients to our nation's economic health.

As always, if I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Lorraine C. Miller

February 24, 1997

Memorandum for the Office of General Counsel

From: Alexis M. Herman

Re: Hon. Wendy Baxter

I would appreciate your considering the request of Judge Wendy Baxter for the position on the position on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Attachment



**The Recorder's Court
for the City of Detroit**

**1441 St. Antoine
Detroit, Michigan 48226-2384**

**WENDY BAXTER
RECORDER'S COURT JUDGE**

**AREA CODE 313
TELEPHONE 224-2427
FAX (313) 224-2786**

January 29, 1997

Ms. Alexis Herman, Director
Office of Public Liaison, Assistant to the President
Old Executive Office Bldg. #122
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Ms. Herman,

Re: Request for Letter of Recommendation

You may recall our introduction at the home of Minyon Moore around Christmas of 1995. It was a very distinguished gathering of some women of exceedingly excellent accomplishments, like yourself, and others, like me, who continue to be inspired by this eximious group. One of the announced purposes at this gathering was to share our goals and determine how we might uplift and assist each other and our community. I am writing you now to ask for your guidance, assistance and support as I apply for a presidential appointment.

I am among sixty applicants for one of two openings on U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The position is filled by President Clinton based primarily upon the recommendation of the senior senator from Michigan, with input from a merit selection committee. The merit selection committee will recommend six applicants. I would like you to support my application by writing to Senator Carl Levin and recommending that I be nominated to the Federal District Court.

We have a pressing need for an intransient presence in federal government. Even a pedestrian observation reveals that many gains from the civil rights movement have been rolled back by the federal judiciary and an unfriendly, unfettered, unfeeling Congress. Our recent executive history reveals a past presidential legacy of purposely creating an eroding federal judiciary that has eaten away at affirmative action, civil rights, privacy and unionism with a venal direction.

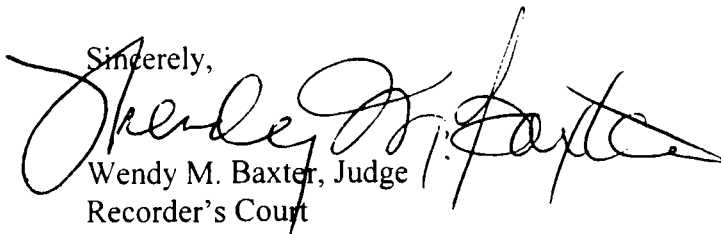
Locally, my court, Recorder's Court has been abolished by the same dark legislative mood, although our judges are presently scheduled to be grandfathered to the Wayne County

projection that now that twenty-nine Recorders' Court judges, twenty-four of whom are minority and women judges, are expected to be catapulted to the court that presides over big government and high finance, powerful negative forces will be hard at work to decimate, either legislatively or electively, the number of jurist that will populate the Wayne County Circuit Court.

During the (losing) battle to retain the court, it was proffered that Recorders' Court be protected and preserved by constitutional amendment such that it could not be erased by legislative fiat. Federal courts and judges enjoy a constitutional protection in that those judges may only be removed by impeachment. Gains in this area are more sustained and harder to dilute. This yields a clear incite into why U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist recently castigated the Congress for failing last year to fill vacancies in the federal judiciary.

I have asked to go where I am most needed and where I can make a significant difference in American life and justice. I am soliciting your help so that I may continue my public service on the U.S. District Court. I am a proven commodity, a known entity, a tried and true servant, as my resume indicates. With your kind recommendation and thoughtful prayers I can continue my efforts to make a difference unfettered, unafraid and with a view towards justice for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy M. Baxter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned over the typed name and title.

Wendy M. Baxter, Judge
Recorder's Court

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Attachment



The Recorder's Court
for the City of Detroit
1441 St. Antoine
Detroit, Michigan 48226-2384

WENDY BAXTER
RECORDER'S COURT JUDGE

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FAX (313) 224-2786



Resume

Judge, Recorders' Court, 1986
Judge, 36th District Court for 5 years
Past President, Association of Black Judges of Michigan
Vice President of Women Judges Fund for Justice
Past Treasure and Secretary of National Association of Women Judges
Member of the Third Circuit/Recorder Court Joint Executive Committee
Lecturer, National Association of Women Judges, National Bar Association
State Justice Institute, American Judicature Society
Faculty, Michigan Judicial Institute & National Judicial College
National Advisory Board, Bioethics Project, University of New Mexico
Member of National Race and Cultural Bias Consortium Project
Judicial Associate Editor, Georgetown University Medical & Law Centers Courts
Health Sciences & The Law Journal
Member, Criminal Jury Instructions Committee
Member, National Bar Association Judicial Council
Member, State Bar Representative Assembly
Member, Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan
Member, General Practice Sections State Bar of Michigan
Member, Criminal Law Section State Bar of Michigan
Juris Doctorate 1978 University of Detroit School of Law
Bachelor of Business Administration, Eastern Michigan University, 1973
Alumnae Board of Directors, Eastern Michigan University
Private Practice of Law before ascending bench

Wife, Mother, Community Volunteer, Churchwoman, Athlete, Teacher
Jurist

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- ◆ Classroom Facility Secured
- ◆ Class Dates/Times Confirmed
- ◆ Invitation Letters Mailed
- ◆ Attendance Confirmations Received

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◆ **Equipment**

- ♣ Overhead Projector
- ♣ VCR
- ♣ Microphones (Stationery & Lavalier)
- ♣ Easles/Flip Charts
- ♣ Carousel for slides

◆ **Set-Up**

- ♣ Tent Cards
- ♣ Binders for Instructor Handout Material*
- ♣ Pencils/Pads/notebooks
- ♣ Candy/Gum/Water
- ♣ Contact Phone for Attendees

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BILL COSBY

Ennis William Cosby

1969 - 1997

We appreciate the many expressions of support that we have received. Just knowing that you care has helped to give us the strength that we need as we endure and grow through this sad period in our lives. We thank you for being there.

The Cosby Family

You are Invited to Join in a Celebration for



Maria Echaveste

Wednesday, February 19, 1997

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Located on Mezzanine

Please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Gail Brown (219-8305)

by February 14

John & Mary

Ruby

From M. Tarmey

Please call me

Mon,

Mr. Christian got the
POTUS Birthday FORM
letter. Unfortunately,
I do not modify ~~the~~
form. Her letter is dated
May 31 and was received
by Stacy Foster in
Political Affairs!
Unfortunately, I can't
get you a copy.

Wendy

— W



Donna Marie Christian - Green, M.D.

Telephone: (809) 773-2030

May 9, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear President Clinton:

The St. John's Anglican church in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands has already written to you, requesting a letter for Elena Leonie Elizabeth Davis Christian who will be 100 years old on June 4, 1996.

I wanted to add my request, hoping that the letter would also reflect the fact that I have been the Democratic National Committeewoman for the last 11 years, and have actively worked on behalf of Clinton/Gore in 1992 and now.

My father, retired Judge Almeric L. Christian, also served on the Federal Bench in the Virgin Islands, and was the Chief Judge before his retirement. The Federal building in St. Croix is also named after him.

My grandmother is a retired educator, who has taught someone in just about every family on the Island. When she retired she was the principal of the main high school on St. Croix. One of our Junior High Schools is named after her and she takes a personal interest in the school and its students. This may be the first year that she would be unable to attend the graduation, although, I know she will try.

My grandmother has been a stalwart in her church, and continues to attend service and read whenever she can. She has served in many offices at the church, and been a confidant of every pastor and bishop to this day.

There may be a discrepancy in the date I have given you. That is because as long as I have known my grandmother, she has always given her birthdate as June 5, 1900. My father recently researched her birth certificate, and found

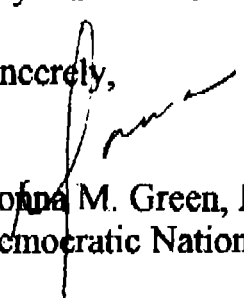
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that the actual date was June 4, 1896.

We thank you in advance for you letter which can be sent either to the church or me. I enjoyed watching the DNC Gala on TV last night. I only wish I could have been there.

I'm looking forward to the convention and your re-election. If there is any way that I can be of assistance, please have someone let me know.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Green, M.D.
Democratic National Committeewoman, V.I.

cc. Ms. Alexis Herman
Ms. Mignon Moore



Donna Marie Christian - Green, M.D.

Telephone: (809) 773-2030

May 9, 1996

Ms. Holly Wilson
Delegate Department
Clinton/Gore '96
P.O. Box 18300
Washington, D.C. 20036-9300

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Attached is my "Delegate Information Summary".

I would like to highlight the fact that I am a Medical Doctor, and a trustee of the National Medical Association, which represents the 20,000 or so African American physicians in this country.

I have also served on our Territory's Status Commission and am therefore familiar with issues of status and the off-shore possessions.

If there is any way that I can be utilized on any committee, etc. relating to health or the offshore territories, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking for ways to be more active in the campaign. I would also be willing to assist with fund raising if needed.

As a member of the NMA, I plan to attend the Symposium on Black Health Law and Economics to be held in Chicago on August 3, 1996. Since I am likely to be one of the few (if not the only) DNC member, and/or delegate there, if I can again be of any assistance, please let me know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Green, M.D.
Democratic National Committeewoman,
Virgin Islands

cc. Ms. Alexis Herman



*Suzanna
Call Ruby*

THE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE
Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425

January 26, 1996

Ms. Alexis M. Herman
Assistant to the President
and Director of Public Liaison
Office of Public Liaison
2nd Floor, West Wing
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Lunch
yes*

Dear Alexis:

I know there are enormous demands on your time, but it would be a great honor to have you visit the Selective Service System for our institutional briefing. In addition, our office has had several occasions of late to interact with Suzanna Valdez, and I would like to include her in the invitation also.

This Agency is charged with a very unique mission, and I believe both of you would find an overview of our operations very interesting. The briefing generally takes less than an hour, and if I could impose a little further on your time, I would like very much to have you and Suzanna join me for lunch. My office will be happy to provide the transportation and to work out the details with your staff to accommodate your schedules.

I hope that you and Suzanna will be able to work out a date and time for your visit in the very near future. As soon as you have had an opportunity to review your calendars, please contact me or Ms. Grimsley of my staff on (703) 235-2066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gil Coronado".
Gil Coronado



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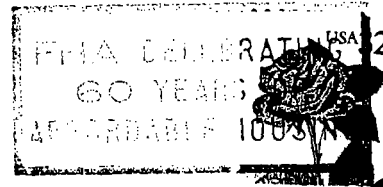
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The Honorable Alexis Herman
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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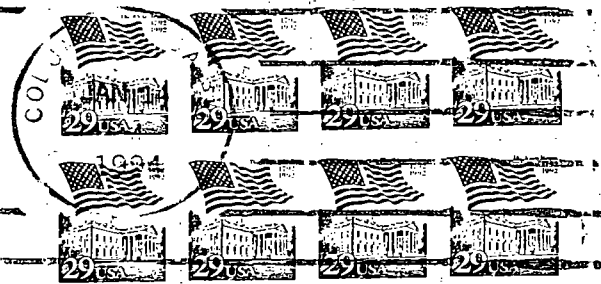
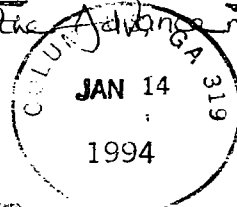
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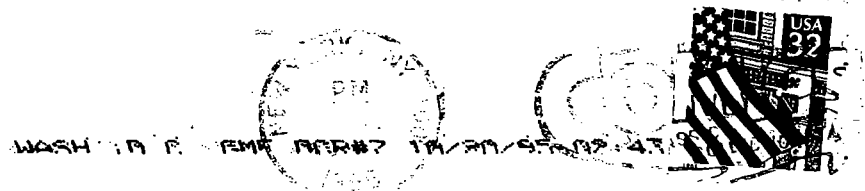
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Ms. Alexia Herman
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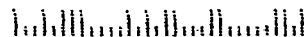
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Fred P. Hochberg
The Heyday Company
149 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor
New York, NY 10010



Alexis Herman
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House - 1600 Penn. Ave., NW
Washington DC 20500

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FRED PHILIP HOCHBERG

October 17, 1995

Alexis Herman
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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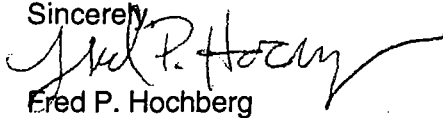
Dear Alexis,

I was sorry you couldn't make the meeting last Friday. I am confident that everyone present would agree it was time well spent.

You will soon be receiving hard copies of the overheads used by Celinda Lake, if you haven't already. Also, I have enclosed a letter I sent to the President, summarizing the major points covered in the meeting. I would very much like to discuss both with you sometime in the future; please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or comments, or if you ever need help with anything.

By the way, Marsha did a wonderful job!

Sincerely,



Fred P. Hochberg

Support for
AIDS
Summit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: ERSKINE BOWLES
ALEXIS HERMAN

FROM: BETSY MYERS *Betsy*

RE: UPDATE ON HR. 1833

In response to your question on our follow-up to George Will's November 25, 1996 column on late-term abortion, we have been working closely with the pro-choice community not only on their media response strategy, but their future organizing strategies on HR. 1833.

Our research reveals that his column was widely distributed, but interpreted as a distortion of the facts by many readers who responded in letters to the editor in papers all across the country (see attached). Interestingly, the majority of respondents disagreed with Will and pointed out that late-term abortion is performed only in extreme cases when the health of the mother is in jeopardy and that the various "crimes" that Will references are tragedies unrelated to the painful circumstance of late-term abortions.

The pro-choice community has been working to place op-eds in various national publications strongly criticizing Will's position and logic. Vicki Saporta (The National Abortion Federation), Kate Michelman (National Abortion Rights Action League) and Kitty Colbert (Center for Reproductive Law and Policy) have been most active in this effort. Their responses point out that the tragic cases he sites reinforce a need for further guidance and education on family planning to help prevent unintended pregnancies. The groups have also distributed talking points to their affiliates throughout the country to encourage and guide them in preparing op-ed pieces to combat Will's column.

As you know, Trent Lott has stated that HR. 1833 will be one of the first three items he takes up after the inauguration. Senator Daschle, working closely with Senator Boxer, plans to introduce legislation banning all third trimester abortions unless the life and health of the mother is threatened. It is unclear how they will handle the issue of severe anomalies when the life and health of the mother is not threatened. In his legislation, Daschle hopes to stop the anti-choice movement's strategy to overturn Roe v. Wade of banning each procedure separately.

Many pro-choice leaders realize that legislation on late-term is a reality, but raised serious concerns that any legislation could be perceived as an erosion of Roe v. Wade. They want to make sure that the health exception is broad enough to protect women in circumstances similar to the ones that stood with you at the veto signing. The women's community will continue to work with us if we make sure their input is incorporated into the process.

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President Bill Clinton
C/O Ms Betsy Myers
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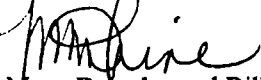
Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your reelection. It is a well-deserved honor. Thank you for your well wishes when our little Marie was born in September.

I just wanted to send you a picture or two of Marie. When someone is giving you grief about vetoing the late-term abortion bill just, think of her. She might not be here if it were not for one of the procedures which would have been banned. She is such a joy and a blessing. Remember that your veto helped many families.

I have also enclosed a copy of my letter-to-the editor of the Los Angeles times which appeared in response to George Will's recent op-ed. I am sure you saw his ridiculous piece, but you may not have seen mine. You did the right thing - think of our little Marie if you ever doubt it. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Mary-Dorothy and Bill Line



11/28/96

Will on Partial-Birth Abortion Procedure

■ Re "Where the Logic of Pro-Choice Falls Apart," Column Right, Nov. 24 by George Will: How could anyone compare acts of murder and negligence to President Clinton's veto of the late-term abortion bill? President Clinton vetoed this horribly unfair legislation after a tremendous amount of thought and prayer. He spoke to doctors, clergymen and mothers who had doomed pregnancies. I know; I was one of the women he spoke with and listened to. The president vetoed this legislation because it did not have a health exception.

Our son, Danny, had no brain and no stomach. He was desperately loved and very much wanted, but God decided he would not survive. My husband and I listened to the advice of numerous specialists and followed their advice to have a late-term abortion to protect my health and future fertility. The other mothers I have met who had late-term abortions did so for exactly the same reasons.

Teenagers who kill their baby are guilty of murder, women who leave their babies on a doorstep are guilty of child abuse and Will is guilty of ignorance and stupidity.

MARY-DOROTHY LINE
Los Angeles

Thanksgiving

■ If life seems just a bit perverse, and things look dark and murky, cheer up, my friends, it could be worse. Thank God you're not a turkey! Happy Thanksgiving—from a real Pilgrim.

AUBREY PILGRIM
Long Beach

■ I want to say "thank you" to Will. It is nice to know that someone of his caliber as a writer has the courage of his convictions. President Clinton has a good track record on many issues but on this issue, he has failed miserably.

CECELIA KENNELLY-
WAESCHLE
Beverly Hills

■ Brian Peterson Jr. of Wilmington, Del., is accused of murdering his newly born son (Nov. 22). He tossed it in a trash bin to die. If, instead, he had merely left it in the birth canal and sucked the brains out, it would have been constitutionally protected "choice."

JOHN JAEGER
Irvine

■ Will's logic would have us find no distinction between someone putting a healthy newborn into a dumpster and expectant parents making the painful decision to

abort a severely malformed fetus after being told natural progression would put the mother at risk. The procedure used in these rare cases, that Will inaccurately calls the "partial-birth abortion," is done for medical reasons.

Will's divergence from the truth is an inexcusable insult to all those folks who have been faced with such a tragedy.

BOB STROH
Fillmore

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'Kindness Is Rural, Too' From: Mabel M. Berry, Broken Bow, Neb.

I read in the Nov. 23 World-Herald the feature story, "Generosity Fills Food Banks." It would be nice if people knew that this is not confined to larger cities.

Broken Bow, the county seat of Custer County, is the site of the Community Food Pantry for the county. Area citizens are willing and proud to maintain it. At first it was located in the police station. Later, the Broken Bow Ministerial Association took charge of management and distribution. Area churches are assigned specific months to donate, and all churches contribute in December. Many businesses and civic organizations have drives and contribute canned goods and money. School children, Sunday School classes and Boy Scouts, to name a few, do their part to keep the pantry well stocked.

All the work is volunteer. Some persons give money for rent and utilities. Contributions are also used to buy gas for stranded motorists and any other necessary items not in stock when needed.

'A Turkey, Indeed' From: Robert Mogel, Omaha Kudos to Jeff Koterba for his excellent cartoon Nov. 29 showing the budget deficit as a giant turkey squashing the American people. Kudos also to Congressman Jon Christensen for his vote on the balanced budget amendment.

If and when the balanced budget amendment passes, liberal tax-and-spenders will have to answer the following question when running for office: "Now that we have the amendment, what is your plan to raise the revenue for all the social spending you are proposing?" Hmm. How do they usually raise the revenue for all the social spending they propose?

START

'Sympathy Lacking' From: Jan Kennedy, Omaha President, Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council Bluffs For most of us, the case of the teens charged with killing their newborn in a Delaware motel room is a tragedy that defies easy explanation. But for George Will (Nov. 25 column), the case apparently represented a golden opportunity - a chance to try out some more distorted rhetoric about late abortion. Mr. Will showed no sympathy for the families involved either in this tragedy or in difficult late abortion decisions.

The newborn in Delaware did not die "just minutes after it was no longer eligible for a partial birth abortion," as Will so glibly wrote. No doctor in this country would ever perform an abortion, using any method, on an otherwise healthy fetus, with an otherwise healthy mother, so late in a pregnancy.

The tragic case shows something very different about abortion to anyone with eyes and ears open: that third trimester abortion, by any method, is simply not available except in rare, extreme cases and is not the kind of "easy way out" that abortion foes have claimed it is.

'Grim Result of Choices' From: Patricia Dowsett, Omaha Of course the young couple in Delaware are only taking "choice" to its logical conclusion. The phrase "a life-and-death decision" clearly doesn't mean what it used to. When will other "choices" become not only acceptable but everyday - when will the elderly, the disabled, the merely inconvenient find themselves on the wrong side of someone's "choice"?

For those who find a child undesirable, can't we encourage the responsible choice of preventing conception so that the horror of abortion clinics will no longer be part of our reality?

FINISH

'Is It Progress?' From: Ryan Roenfeld, Glenwood, Iowa I write regarding the comments of the director of the Sarpy County Economic Development Corporation on the conflict between Sarpy and Cass Counties over the proposed crossing of the Missouri River. Where is it engraved in stone that the opening of large sections of land for development is truly the best choice? Why are strip malls, fast-gas and fast-food stations and parking lots an improvement over farms, fields and woods? Will there be no end to this plague of yuppies until the suburbs of Omaha stretch from Denver to Des Moines? Progress means improving people's lives. I don't know if another 1,600 or so convenience stores and car washes quite qualify.

'Phone Service Slow' From: D.E. Baca, Omaha If you have lived in a foreign country and required phone service, then you will appreciate the present slow service by U S West right here in Omaha. Six days to come and fix an outside wire problem? Missing the target date by days instead of hours? AT&T used to make such calls in a few hours at worst. And U S West is asking for an increase in residential rates? That is a laugh.

'Retirees Pay More' From: Keith W. Chambers, Beatrice, Neb.

The World-Herald should take a close look at the real cost of living before suggesting a decrease in cost-of-living benefits for Social Security recipients. I suggest interviews with several beneficiaries on their average costs for Medicare premiums and deductions, insurance, drugs, food, clothing, shelter and taxes and then analyze the "overstated" Consumer Price Index.

There is no question that federal, state and local governments need to reduce spending, but the place to start is at the top. Perhaps 2.5 percent does overstate the increased cost of living for retired U.S. presidents, top officials and people getting \$ 135,000 like Sen. Daniel Moynihan. The retiree's real cost of living exceeds the \$ 20 monthly increase paid.

If governments, businesses, industries and their employees would limit their incomes to rising less than 2 percent, I would be first in line, after Senator Moynihan, to do my part, and I think many would join me.

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BODY:

George Will does a great disservice by writing such an inflammatory and poorly researched column as "Legal abortion makes for some absurd choices." Several facts need clarification:

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, less than half of 1 percent (0.5%) of all abortions in the United States are performed after the 20th week of pregnancy.

Some fetal abnormalities cannot be detected at all, and others develop too late in the term. Even amniocentesis does not diagnose all problems, so there are times when a late pregnancy can turn into a tragic situation, and difficult steps must be taken to correct it.

The bill passed by Congress to ban "partial-birth abortion" used misinformation, graphic falsehoods and inflammatory rhetoric to make the public believe that this is a casual, convenient way of "getting rid" of unwanted babies. President Clinton correctly vetoed the bill, as its language was too vague and did not provide protection for the mother's health. Third-trimester abortions are banned in most states, including Florida, except when a mother's life or health are in danger.

In writing such blatantly incorrect material, Mr. Will does great disservice to his profession and to his own credibility as well.

Veronica Donat Karlan

North Palm Beach

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HEADLINE: LATE ABORTIONS ONLY FOR EXTREME CASES

BODY:

In response to George Will's column "Legal abortion makes for some absurd choices": although the article has many problems, one of the most obvious is that Mr. Will does not know that a late-term abortion is done only in extreme cases, when the health of the woman is in jeopardy. This procedure is not performed as a method of birth control, as Mr. Will implies. He continually refers to the "eligibility" of a fetus for late-term abortion. He seems to have invented these criteria.

The various crimes that Mr. Will refers to are indeed tragedies. Unfortunately, the individuals who oppose abortion are usually the same people who oppose birth-control education and teaching of sexuality awareness in schools. We need to increase access to reproductive health information, not limit it, if we truly want crimes like these to decrease in frequency. Only when people have access to the facts can they make informed, intelligent and responsible decisions.

Alexi N. Vital
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS 
SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **G-7 Finance Ministerial:** On February 8, G-7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors will meet in Berlin. In addition to a review of the global economy, topics will include European Monetary Union, IMF and World Bank issues, and preparations for the June G-7 Summit in Denver, CO, which in part will focus on efforts to increase the stability of financial markets. Russia will be discussed, but Russian officials will not attend.
- **Inflation-Indexed Securities:** On January 29, the Chicago Board of Trade announced that it had submitted futures and options contracts on the recently auctioned indexed notes to the CFTC for approval. No other country has managed to establish futures and options contracts on indexed securities. On March 5, the House Ways and Means Committee has tentatively scheduled a hearing on these bonds.
- **Africa:** Representatives McDermott and Crane have proposed legislation to encourage economic development and trade with Africa that will include a dramatic repositioning of USAID resources. On February 5, Deputy Secretary Summers briefed McDermott on the Administration's plans for economic development assistance for Africa. McDermott expressed interest in Treasury's efforts in this area and stated that he wants to move his legislation forward soon. McDermott also stated that he believes there is a coalition in this Congress -- comprised of those who favor a pro-business (rather than aid-driven) approach and those who want to do something for Africa -- sufficient to pass legislation.

- **Tax Treaties:** Next week, it is expected that the new U.S.-South Africa income tax treaty will be signed. Recently, the Thailand tax treaty was transmitted by you to the Senate. Treasury officials are continuing to work with State to prepare the signed Swiss treaty for transmittal to the Senate. It is expected that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will not hold a tax treaty hearing until late spring.
- **Explosives Marking:** ATF has published a proposed regulation that will prohibit the possession of plastic explosives that do not contain one of four designated detection agents. The proposal includes an exemption for plastic explosives that were manufactured or imported prior to April 24, 1996. Such explosives will remain exempt for 15 years in the possession of the military and the federal law enforcement agencies, and for three years in the possession of all other individuals, state and local governments and other federal agencies. All plastic explosives imported or manufactured after April 24, 1996 must contain a detection agent.
- **Secretary's Schedule:** Secretary Rubin will participate in the following events:
 - February 10 - Testify before the Senate Budget Committee regarding the FY98 budget.
 - February 11 - Testify before the House Ways and Means Committee regarding the FY98 budget.
 - February 12 - Attend a meeting of the Senate Democratic Leadership (tentative) and testify before the Senate Finance Committee regarding the FY98 budget.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Gore-Mbeki Commission:** On February 15-17, the U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission and the U.S.-South Africa Business Development Committee will meet in Cape Town, South Africa. Secretary Daley will participate with Vice President Gore.
- **Technology Conference:** On February 10, Secretary Daley will address the National Institute for Standards and Technology's annual Quest for Excellence conference for more than 1,300 experts from industry, education and health care. He will speak on successful strategies of the 1996 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award winners.
- **Flounder Fishing:** In mid-December 1996, the National Marine Fisheries Service proposed a coastwide harvest limit and an increase in minimum commercial fish size to prevent summer overfishing of flounder. The new regulations will be in effect this summer. Several members of Congress are concerned since states that were over quota in 1996 may have to shorten fishing seasons. On February 18-20, the next Mid-Atlantic Council meeting will be held in Atlantic City, NJ.

- **The following economic indicators will be released during the next two weeks:**

Wholesale Trade (December)	February 7
Advance Retail Sales (January)	February 13
Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales (December)	February 14
U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (December)	February 19
Housing Starts and Building Permits (January)	February 20
- **Defense Trade Advocacy Success:** The Brazilian Navy has selected Edo Corporation to supply sonar equipment for the Niteroi Frigate Modernization program, a contract valued at approximately \$20 million. In the midst of strong competition from Thomson of France and Atlas of Germany, DOC and DoD sent advocacy letters on behalf of Edo to the Minister of the Navy. Edo is headquartered in Norfolk, VA. and maintains a manufacturing facility in West Point, NY.
- **Weather Forecast Failure:** A sudden freeze that caused \$300 million in damage to south FL fruit and vegetable crops has led to charges that the elimination of specialized weather forecasts last year left farmers without adequate warning. The National Weather Service (NWS) maintains that the forecast would have been the same even if specialized weather forecasts were still part of the public forecast. The NWS forecast offices still issue frost and freeze warnings as part of their public forecast responsibility; however, NWS discontinued agricultural weather services on April 1, 1996, as part of your FY96 budget and the Administration's Reinventing Government initiatives. Fruit frost products were discontinued on April 30, 1996, when the private weather industry assumed production and distribution of all tailored agricultural products.
- **FL Keys Marine Sanctuary:** On January 28, Governor Chiles approved NOAA's Management Plan and regulations implementing the FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary. This action culminated a six-year effort by NOAA and FL to develop plans to help protect the Nation's only living coastal coral reef ecosystem. The Sanctuary has been opposed by a significant number of citizens in the county surrounding the Keys.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **OR Job Training:** On February 4, OR became the first state to win approval of a waiver that allows it to bypass certain federal regulations for displaced workers, welfare recipients and disadvantaged youth. In exchange for the flexibility, OR committed to an across-the-board performance increase of five percent. DOL expects additional states to seek waivers in the future.

- **Occupational Safety Investigations:**
 - OSHA is investigating two accidents involving Demolition Services of New Caney, TX. On January 30, a wall collapsed at the Northline Mall in Houston killing three and injuring two. Demolition Services was working at the site at the time of the collapse. On February 4, a five story clock-tower collapsed at another Demolition Services site in Dallas, TX, killing a backhoe operator.
 - On January 29, an administrative law judge issued a decision affirming a citation that OSHA issued to the Dayton Tire Division of Bridgestone/Firestone. The citation was issued for failure to comply with rules requiring machinery to be locked and tagged when off. While affirming the violations, the judge reduced the penalties from \$7,490,000 to \$518,000, based on the company's good-faith defense. DOL is considering an appeal to the reduction in penalties.
- **Atlantic Coast Airlines:** On January 31, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) announced the ratification of a new three-year contract covering 500 pilots at Atlantic Coast Airlines. ALPA stated that the agreement provides for increased compensation and improved work rules.
- **UAW Strike:** Strikes by about 500 workers represented by UAW at Johnson Controls plants in Plymouth, MI, and Oberlin, OH, entered their second week. Economic issues are at the heart of the dispute, with the union reportedly seeking wage benefit parity with other seat suppliers. The plants manufacture seats for Ford's Expedition sports-utility vehicle and Econoline vans. Operations -- which had initially continued with supervisory personnel and temporary workers -- were halted after Ford announced that it would not accept products made by nonunion employees. Ford has announced that it will stop production at plants in Wayne, MI; Lorain, OH, and Avon Lake, OH, because the plants provide seats for vehicles produced in these plants.
- **CPI Hearings:** On February 11, Katharine Abraham, BLS Commissioner, will appear before the Senate Finance Committee. Her testimony will cover issues related to employment statistics and the CPI.
- **Fair Labor Standards Act:** On February 4, the Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Training of the Labor and Human Resources Committee held a hearing on the Family Friendly Workplace Act introduced by Senator Ashcroft. The bill will allow compensatory time in the private sector and establish an 80 hour per two week overtime standard. There was no Administration witness. On February 13, there will be a follow-up hearing and a markup is tentatively scheduled for late February.
- **Reich to Testify:** On February 12, the Democratic members of the Senate Budget Committee have invited former Secretary Reich to testify at a hearing on public investments.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **American Airlines Strike:** DOT is working closely with various principals concerning a possible strike against American by the Allied Pilots Association. Key issues are compensation and whether pilots will permit American's subsidiary, American Eagle, to fly regional jets. On February 6, parties are meeting in Dallas, TX. for presentation of the union's economic analysis. On February 10, formal negotiations will resume. If disputes are unresolved, stoppage could occur as early as February 15. DOT is coordinating analysis and monitoring efforts with the White House.
- **Slater Confirmation Update:** On February 5, the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation approved by unanimous voice vote the nomination of Secretary-designate Rodney Slater. On February 6, the Senate confirmed him by a vote of 98-0.
- **Quincy Shipyard Loan Guarantee:** On February 4, Senator McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, requested that Secretary Peña withhold federal assistance to reopen the Quincy shipyard until safeguards are in place to protect taxpayers dollars which would be used to secure loans to refurbish the facility. Legislation passed last year granting federal support to reactivate certain shipyards, including Quincy, waived the economic soundness test normally required before loan guarantees are approved. Secretary Peña assured Senator McCain that appropriate safeguards were built into the letter of commitment.
- **Aviation Excise Taxes:** On February 5, the Senate Finance Committee approved, by unanimous voice vote, legislation reinstating the aviation ticket tax through the end of FY97 and authorizing the transfer of excise taxes to the aviation trust fund. The legislation was drafted by Senator Roth, who indicated that the Administration's active support would be needed to move a clean bill through the Senate.
- **FL Keys Freighter Accident:** On February 3, a Liberian container ship, sailing from New Orleans, LA, to Valencia, Spain, ran hard aground in sand and coral inside the FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary about 12 miles Southeast of Key West, FL. The ship was carrying 810,000 gallons of fuel oil, but there has been no pollution thus far. An initial attempt to move the ship on February 4 failed, and cargo or fuel will be removed to lighten the ship.
- **Dominican Migrants:** On February 5, a Coast Guard ship interdicted a boat with 108 Dominican migrants west of Puerto Rico. The migrant boat capsized and the cutter was able to rescue 104 of the migrants immediately. Three migrants are missing and one migrant was recovered deceased. A search is in progress.

- **ME Fuel Spill:** On February 6, 20,000 gallons of gasoline were spilled into the Fore River at the fuel terminal in South Portland, ME. The Coast Guard responded to monitor cleanup efforts, and by the end of the day the gasoline had evaporated. The cause of the spill was operator inattention. There was heavy regional media interest particularly since the fuel spill was within 2 miles of the Portland oil spill which occurred on September 27, 1996.
- **ValuJet to Boston:** Last week, ValuJet announced new service from Atlanta and Washington to Boston starting on February 20. The airline must still obtain approval from the FAA for its new Boston station. Because of recent consumer problems when ValuJet had to cancel flights when it could not obtain timely approval of several other new destination stations, DOT asked for and obtained a written commitment from the airline to provide special consumer protections. ValuJet has promised that if it is late in obtaining approval for its Boston station, it will purchase tickets for its passengers on other airlines regardless of price.
- **American/British Airlines Antitrust Immunity:** On January 10, American Airlines/British Airways filed an application for antitrust immunity to act as one airline. On January 31, answers were filed. Numerous motions have been filed in the case, requesting dismissal, an oral evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, access to confidential pleadings, and/or no action until an open skies agreement is signed with the British. DOT is reviewing the application and pleadings. Bilateral aviation talks are scheduled to continue with the British in Washington, D.C., on February 18.
- **Chinese Migrants:** On January 30, a Coast Guard ship located 43 Chinese migrants on-board a Guyanese-flagged vessel off the coast of Colombia. Guyana authorized the Coast Guard to take custody of the migrants who were escorted to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. En route, the migrants became unruly and started fires near the boat's propane tanks, but the Coast Guard boarding team maintained control. State is negotiating with Guyana for transfer of the migrants back to that nation.
- **CA Emergency Relief Funds:** More storms have hit Northern CA and two more major highways have closed. Route 50 which serves the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay area traffic to South Lake Tahoe suffered a massive slide which closed the road completely. The northbound structure on Route 101 at the Salinas River Bridge near Soledad settled about two feet. This side has been closed and traffic is being detoured. The additional \$30 million allocation of funds was received, bringing the total allocation to \$50 million. Estimates of total storm damage cost in CA will be about three times the \$100 million cap.

- **Brothers to the Rescue:** On February 24, Brothers to the Rescue, the Cuban American Pilot Association, Rescue Rafter Legion and the air wing of the Democracia Movement are planning to hold a fly around of Cuba with approximately 12 aircraft. The NSC will convene an inter-agency meeting to discuss contingency plans when more information is available.
- **National Child Passenger Safety Week:** On January 30, NHTSA staff met with representatives of the Air Bag Safety Coalition Public Information Operating Committee to plan activities for National Child Passenger Safety Week which is February 9-15. DOT is working with the White House on an event to be held during that week to heighten awareness of child passenger safety.
- **Chrysler Suit:** On February 4, the U.S. District Court for D.C. heard oral arguments in a suit brought to enforce a NHTSA order directing Chrysler Corporation to recall 91,000 model year 1995 Chrysler Cirrus and Dodge Stratus passenger cars that fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages. During a compliance test, the rear seat belt anchorage pulled out of the floor of the vehicle before the required force was sustained. The court is expected to rule in March.
- **TWA 800 Families:** On February 8, the NTSB and the FBI have invited families of victims of the TWA 800 accident to tour the hangars where the aircraft is being reconstructed.
- **Canine Explosives Detection Program:** The Gore Commission initiative to deploy more FAA-certified K-9 teams at the nation's largest airports was temporarily delayed when airport authorities expressed the desire for additional flexibility in the draft Letter of Agreement (LOA). This agreement has to be signed by each airport authority in order for FAA to obligate funds to support the K-9 teams. A draft LOA is expected to be distributed to all participants by the end of the week.
- **Trust Funds:** On February 5, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee marked up legislation to take the transportation trust funds off-budget. It was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- **ISTEA Reauthorization Hearing:** On February 13, Deputy Secretary Downey will testify before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the reauthorization of ISTEA, transportation trends, infrastructure funding requirements and transportation's impact on the economy. A similar hearing by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is being considered for February 12. On February 3, DOT's detailed legislative proposal for renewal of ISTEA authorities was submitted to OMB for interagency clearance.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Avocados:** On January 31, USDA released its final ruling on avocado imports from Mexico. The ruling will allow imports of Mexican avocados to the northeastern U.S. during the winter. USTR is monitoring industry response and expects resolution of several outstanding bilateral issues, including permission to export U.S. cherries to Mexico, as a result of the decision.
- **China Textiles:** On February 1, the U.S. and China reached agreement on a four-year textile pact that generally extends current quota arrangements in Chinese textiles and apparel exports to the U.S., but reduces quotas in areas of repeated transshipment violations. The agreement resulted in an overall reduction of 1.5 percent. For the first time, the new agreement provides meaningful market access in China for U.S. textile producers.
- **Japan Auto Parts:** On February 5, Ambassador Barshefsky and Secretary Daley issued a joint press release expressing disappointment over the rejection of a petition by Japan seeking deregulation and greater access of U.S. manufactured brake system parts to the Japanese market. The petition was filed pursuant to procedures established by the 1995 U.S.-Japan Automotive Agreement.
- **WTO Telecom:** On February 15, negotiations are scheduled to conclude on a WTO telecom services agreement. On February 13, Ambassador Barshefsky plans to travel to Geneva to conclude these talks. Last week, numerous new and improved offers have been received from Latin American and Asian countries.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Alvarez Confirmation:** On February 12, the Senate Small Business Committee has scheduled a confirmation hearing for Administrator-Designate Aida Alvarez.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Distribution Halted on the Stimulator:** The Stimulator is an electric gas grill igniter, which is re-packaged and marketed as a pain-relieving device. It is promoted nationally in infomercials. On January 22, in U.S. v. Universal Management Services, Inc., et al., the District Court for the Northern District of OH held that the Stimulator and its accessory the Xtender are "adulterated" medical devices within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The Court preliminarily enjoined the defendants from distributing any medical devices until they comply with FDA requirements. *CBS This Morning* is considering running a story about the Stimulator and the OH case, perhaps sometime this week.

- **Former EEOC Chairman Financial Disclosure:** On January 28, DOJ filed an action against Evan J. Kemp Jr., former Chairman of the EEOC, for (1) failure to file a financial disclosure report for the period January 1, 1992 through April 2, 1993, and (2) making false statements on a financial disclosure report by submitting an outdated 1991 financial disclosure report for the same period.
- **CA Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI):** On January 29, DOJ filed an *amicus* brief in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals opposing the defendants' request for a stay pending appeal of the district court's preliminary injunction barring implementation of the CCRI. If a stay were granted, CCRI could be implemented immediately while the appeal is pending. A hearing on the stay request is scheduled for February 10.
- **WI Housing Discrimination Case:** On February 4, DOJ filed a complaint against the City of Milwaukee, WI, alleging that it violated the Fair Housing Act by blocking the construction of a senior citizen housing and meal facility sponsored by, among other groups, the Indian Council of the Elderly, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the American Indian community of Greater Milwaukee.
- **Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and Sexually Explicit Commercial Publications:** Two cases have recently been filed challenging BOP's implementation of the "Ensign Amendment," a part of last year's omnibus Appropriations bill. Amatel v. Hawk (D.D.C.), and Smith v. Reno (S.D. GA). The Ensign Amendment forbids BOP from distributing or making available to prisoners any "commercially published information" that is sexually explicit or features nudity. BOP, as of December 1, 1996, stopped delivering such publications to prisoners. The plaintiffs are prisoners who claim that the restrictions violate their First Amendment rights.
- **Prison Confession Taping Case:** Mockaitis v. Harclerod. Officials at an OR county jail tape recorded plaintiff Mockaitis, a Catholic priest, hearing the confession of defendant Hale, an inmate. Mockaitis filed a complaint seeking to have the tape destroyed, asserting claims under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) as well as the Free Exercise Clause, the Wiretapping Act, and the OR Constitution. WA argued that RFRA is unconstitutional. The district court ruled for defendants, and plaintiff appealed. On appeal, DOJ defended the constitutionality of RFRA. The court of appeals reversed, holding that the defendants' act of taping the confession violated plaintiff's rights under the Fourth Amendment and RFRA.

- **NM Lending Discrimination:** On January 29, DOJ filed an agreement settling discrimination claims against the First National Bank of Doña Ana County, the largest bank in Las Cruces, NM. The settlement resolves allegations that the Bank discriminated against Hispanic borrowers in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.
- **AR Three Strikes:** Brent Mosley was sentenced to life in prison under the "Three Strikes" provisions of federal law following his conviction for one count of carjacking. He received an additional 240 months, to run concurrently with the life sentence, for a Hobbs Act robbery. Mosley was also sentenced for use of a firearm in the carjacking, and for use of a firearm in the Hobbs Act robbery.
- **Cuban Nationals Extradited:** On January 24, two Cuban nationals were extradited from Mexico to the Southern District of FL, where they are wanted for sentencing. They had pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine, but fled the country after they were released on bail.
- **CA Marijuana Case:** On January 22, in the Southern District of CA, a 17-year old juvenile defendant was found guilty of conspiracy to distribute approximately 2,371 pounds of marijuana. U.S. Border Patrol aerial surveillance followed the load vehicle which crossed into the U.S. from Mexico to a residence in Calexico, CA. Other members of this conspiracy fled prior to the arrival of law enforcement personnel.
- **University Executive Tax Fraud:** LaSalle University's Executive Director was charged with evading more than \$50,000 in income tax during the 1990-91 tax years on income of approximately \$185,000. A former member of LaSalle's board of directors was charged with one count of misprision of a felony for concealing the evasion of taxes.
- **CA Gang Members:** On January 24, the Violent Crimes Task Force Gang Group consisting of Agents and Officers from DEA's San Diego Field Division, FBI, San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's and Probation Departments concluded an investigation targeting a violent street gang. Twenty-six gang members were indicted on state and federal charges including narcotics violations, conspiracy to commit murder, burglary, and assault with a deadly weapon. On January 28, 17 of the 26 indicted suspects were arrested.
- **Term Limits:** This week the House Judiciary Committee was scheduled to mark up legislation that would limit the number of terms that may be served by members of the House and Senate.
- **Juvenile Violence and Anti-Gang Legislation:** DOJ is in the final stages of drafting a juvenile justice bill to be transmitted to Congress in February.

- **Media Inquiries:**
 - ▶ The *Washington Post* is working on a story about prosecutions affected by the FBI lab allegations.
 - ▶ The *Washington Post* is working on a story about FBI management and their high-tech computer programs.
 - ▶ The *Washington Post* is working on a story about the Violence Against Women Act.
 - ▶ *60 Minutes* is working on a story about the Whitehurst lab allegations.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **NC Tobacco Litigation:** On February 10, oral argument will begin in the four NC lawsuits challenging FDA's regulations restricting the sale and distribution of tobacco products to protect children and adolescents. The government's brief in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for summary judgement, filed in December, was supported by amicus briefs filed by MN, 32 other states, Guam and San Francisco, CA.
- **Marijuana Workshop:** On February 19-20, NIH will sponsor a scientific workshop on the medical utility of marijuana. The purpose of the workshop is to examine the state of the science and to help inform the public in the debate on the medical use of marijuana.
- **Medicare Salary Guidelines for Therapists:** The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) will be proposing salary guidelines for therapists who furnish care to beneficiaries under contractual arrangements with a provider, clinic, rehabilitation agency or public health agency. The proposed changes could result in savings to Medicare totaling \$1.8 billion over five years and \$4.3 billion over ten years. Under current law, HCFA determines the reasonable cost of services furnished under contract and pays the provider, rather than the therapist or supplying organization, for the services. The proposed regulations will be published shortly in the *Federal Register*.
- **Poverty Guidelines Update:** In mid-February, HHS expects to issue a routine update of the poverty guidelines in a notice in the *Federal Register*. The HHS poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by several dozen federal programs and by some non-federal programs. Programs using the poverty guidelines include Head Start, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, parts of Medicaid and the Food Stamp and School Lunch programs. Secretary Shalala is required by law to update the guidelines at least once a year to reflect increases in the CPI. Based on a CPI rise of 3.0 percent from calendar year 1995 to calendar year 1996, the 1997 poverty guideline for a family of four is \$16,050.
- **Medicare Fraud:** Apria Healthcare Group, Inc., one of the nation's largest suppliers of durable medical equipment, has agreed to pay \$1.6 million to settle allegations that it

submitted false Medicare claims for patients referred through kickback arrangements with providers in GA, FL and NM. Georgia Lung Associates, a group of four physicians, has agreed to pay almost \$350,000 for accepting kickbacks, under the guise of a sham consulting contract, for referring patients to Apria for oxygen supplies. The case was a joint investigation by the IG and the FBI.

- **Child Support Enforcement:** A press release may soon announce the submission of the twentieth annual report to Congress for FY95. The report contains information on the Child Support Enforcement program and on the dimensions of the non-support problem in the U.S. The report will highlight record collections, increased paternity establishments and improved cost savings.
- **Home Health Agency Participation:** Next week, HHS may publish proposed regulations on conditions of participation for Home Health Agencies that participate in the Medicare program. The revised conditions of participation represent a first step in building a standard national data system that will allow Home Health Agencies to measure outcomes and identify opportunities to improve performance and satisfaction.
- **Adoption:** HHS will announce the submission of a report to you pursuant to the adoption directive announced in your radio address of December 14. The directive requires a report no later than February 14, describing actions taken to move children more rapidly from foster care to permanent homes.
- **Children's Environmental Health:** On February 21-23, the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will co-sponsor a conference on Children's Environmental Health: Research, Practice, Prevention, and Policy. The latest environmental health research findings on asthma and respiratory diseases, childhood cancer causes, neurodevelopmental effects, and endocrine and sexual disorders will be discussed.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **WA Computer Donation:** HUD's WA State office joined other federal and private organizations in donating hundreds of computers to help public and assisted housing residents. HUD staff gave computers to 15 Neighborhood Network sites as well as to six housing authorities for their Campus of Learners facilities, and agreed to donate computers to two local schools.
- **RESPA Class Actions:** HUD received several congressional inquiries last week regarding RESPA, which governs real estate transactions. Several class-action lawsuits have been filed against mortgage lenders for the practice of paying fees to mortgage brokers, known as yield spread premiums. A federal judge in Alexandria, VA, recently

declared such payments illegal under RESPA. Lenders want HUD to publish a policy statement to allow payments to brokers. Representative Gonzalez and several other lawmakers wrote HUD recently to oppose the payments.

- **CT CDBG Settlement:** HUD negotiated a resolution with Milford, CT, which allows the release of block grant funds. Milford is the only community in the country for which HUD withheld CDBG funds due to fair housing complaints. Milford still must settle with DOJ over housing discrimination issues.
- **CT Housing Authority:** An independent report prepared for HUD found that the New Haven Housing Authority cannot insure control of \$37 million in annual federal funding. Last month, HUD criticized the Authority for its huge backlog of repairs. HUD will form an oversight panel to help the Authority address its serious problems.
- **Disaster Victims:** The Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) encouraged all housing security issuers to provide as much forbearance as possible to homeowners in ND and SD hit hard by recent blizzards. GNMA President Kevin Chavers authorized issuers to buy out eligible loans, and offered a short-term plan to help some issuers make timely payments.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **NAFTA Implementation:** ONDCP has been working with NEC and the Customs Service to ensure that the drug law enforcement and intelligence agencies are planning for the lifting of the moratorium on the motor carrier provisions in NAFTA. ONDCP has met with representatives from DOT, Customs, law enforcement and intelligence agencies to review and assess the implications of the carrier provisions.
- **President Fujimori Meeting:** On February 3, Director McCaffrey met with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori. The Director praised Peruvian success in creating economic conditions that caused coca farmers to abandon their fields and reduce total production to less than 100,000 hectares for the first time in ten years (18 percent reduction from 1995). President Fujimori emphasized that he will continue to give first priority to providing an alternative to poverty for coca growers. Minister of Interior Juan Briones stated that Peru needs additional small boats and increased helicopter mobility.
- **Director's Schedule:** On February 18-19, Director McCaffrey will visit Seattle, WA. On February 20, the Director will visit Boise, ID.

- **Youth, Drugs and Driving Initiative:** A funding package of \$50 million has been assembled from ONDCP, DOT, and HHS to implement the proposals, that includes prevention and treatment components as well as drug testing demonstrations and state incentive programs. The package has been signed by Director McCaffrey and forwarded to Secretary Peña for approval and signature.
- **Media Activities:** On February 6, the Director has an editorial board meeting with the *New York Daily News* and will be appearing on the *Charlie Rose Show* in NY.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Medical Research Cuts:** On February 6, VA plans to brief veterans service organizations and Congressional staffers on VA's portion of the budget. VA anticipates receiving criticism from Congress and the medical community for cutting deeply into medical research.
- **Gulf War Veterans Forums:** On February 7, Secretary Brown held the first of six veterans' forums to assist VA in its effort to determine the need to extend the two-year presumptive period for compensation for undiagnosed illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans. Secretary Brown will address veterans' issues with Persian Gulf War veterans, members of Congress and other interested parties. The Forums will be held in Milwaukee, WI; Cleveland, OH; Muskogee, OK; Oakland, CA; Montgomery, AL; and Winston-Salem, NC.
- **Gulf War Illness Hearing:** On February 11, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, will testify before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on illnesses suffered by veterans of the Persian Gulf War. The focus will be on a report recently released by the Presidential Advisory Commission on Persian Gulf War Illnesses. VA anticipates testimony from some veterans who are dissatisfied with VA health care.
- **Physicians' Unorthodox Views on Gulf War Illnesses:** VA is dealing with a situation involving two doctors associated with VA who have achieved some notoriety for their unorthodox views on Persian Gulf War veterans illnesses. In one case, a doctor in a fellowship at a VA clinic may face an adverse action for possible violation of clinical privileges. In the other case, the doctor, who is part-time, may be let go as part of overall personnel reductions we are carrying out for budgetary purposes. The doctors are likely to claim they are being punished for trying to help Persian Gulf War veterans and will get some support from veterans and members of Congress.

- **General Electric Research:** In the spirit of reinventing government, General Electric (GE) and VA researchers are in the early stages of formulating a cooperative research agreement. GE has developed a new imaging technology that may be capable of diagnosing soft tissue tumors, such as prostate cancer, that would eliminate the need for invasive (biopsy) diagnostic procedures. The plan is to use VA's cooperative study mechanism to evaluate the GE imaging technology using VA's veteran patients as subjects for the studies.
- **Reinventing Government Blair House Papers:** Your and the Vice President's Blair House Papers are receiving wide distribution throughout VA. The book's themes: deliver great service; foster partnership and community solutions; and reinvent to get the job done with less, are timely themes for VA management and staff.
- **Donated Ford Vans:** Following a family tradition, the Ford Motor Company plans to donate ten 1997 vans to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the VA for their transportation network. DAV plans to accept the 1997 donation at its National Convention in Las Vegas, NV, August 18-23.
- **Hearings:** On February 13, Secretary Brown will testify before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on VA's FY98 budget.
- **Sexual Assault in the Military:** In the wake of recent revelations of sexual harassment and abuse complaints in the military, VA launched a national media campaign to promote understanding of services that VA offers women veterans who may have suffered from sexual trauma or harassment in the military. More than 400,000 women veterans are receiving letters from Secretary Brown inviting them to take advantage of VA programs, if needed. This was followed up with placement of Joan Furey, Director of VA's Center for Women Veterans, on radio talk shows and interviews in more than a dozen selected cities. ABC's *20/20* is considering a possible February 28 air date for another segment in its series on sexual assault in the military, but it may air earlier.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **Fee Demonstration Parks:** On February 14 the National Park Service will announce the last 50 of the 100 parks that will participate in the nationwide Fee Demonstration program.

- **Montrose Natural Resource:** A favorable ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has reinstated the major natural resource damage assessment case against the Montrose Chemical Corporation. The Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with NOAA and CA, can now continue seeking compensation to restore injured natural resources along the coast near Los Angeles, including bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and other wildlife unable to recover from past releases of DDT.
- **CA Headwaters Land Exchange Public Meetings:** There have been four public meetings to complete the Headwaters agreement. The public objected to the assets the state proposes to include in the swap and has expressed concerns about negotiating with Hurwitz, and asks that we should be demanding a debt-for-nature swap.
- **Hearings:** On February 27, the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands has informally notified the National Park Service that a hearing is scheduled for February 27. It is very possible that "natural regulation of animal populations" could dominate the hearing if Yellowstone bison remain on the front burner.
- **Habitat Conservation Planning:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will soon announce the initial allocation of funds to support land acquisition to assist habitat conservation planning (HCP). HCPs are voluntary agreements drawn up by private landowners and local, state, or federal agencies that mitigate harm caused to threatened or endangered species. Often the mitigation requires land acquisition.
- **Telecommunications Antennae on National Park Lands:** On February 11, the National Park Service (NPS) will convene a meeting of resource specialists from each of the 7 NPS regions across the country together with the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA). Participants will clarify the August 10, 1995, Presidential Memorandum and Section 704 of the 1996 Telecommunication Act as they relate to the NPS; discuss constraints and opportunities related to the siting of wireless communications facilities on park land; and share examples of new technology that might help protect park values. Opposition to siting cellular communication antennae on national park property will be a significant issue in 1997. NPS intends to arrange informational meetings with CTIA and conservation groups beginning in late February.
- **Clark's Fork, MT, Natural Resource Damage Assessment:** Arco will seek a "global" settlement for all claims arising from major contaminated mining sites in the Clark's Fork River basin. MT had been pursuing a natural resource damage claim estimated at \$1 billion; it will now be joined in negotiations by the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and the Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Claims will be coordinated with EPA.

- **Electric Buses in Grand Canyon:** Beginning in February, new propane and electric-powered buses will transport some visitors in Grand Canyon National Park. These alternative fuel vehicles mark a first stage in implementing your order in *Parks For Tomorrow* and the park's General Management Plan designed to curb problems stemming from auto traffic at the park. Appropriated dollars are not currently available to build the parking hub, but revenue from increased entrance fees will be used to implement the next phase of the plan.
- **Grand Staircase Escalante:** Congressman Burton, Chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, has requested a wide range of documents related to the Grand Staircase Escalante Monument and Andalex Corporation.
- **Press Inquiries:**
 - ▶ DOI has sent a letter to the *New York Times* objecting to an inaccurate story published last week about BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program.
 - ▶ A number of media outlets await the results from the government's January 30 contingency plan to stop the slaughter of the bison herd: *NBC News*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Bozeman Chronicle*, and others.
 - ▶ The *Washington Post* Weekend section is working on a story about former military posts that have been converted to open spaces or parks, and the plant and animal species in those sites.
 - ▶ The *Christian Science Monitor* is working on a story, to be filed the week of February 2, that will include interviews with senior NPS officials concerning a landfill to be located adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park
- **FOIA Requests:** On January 22, ABC's *20/20* requested all documents related to accidents, maintenance, and inspections of elevators in the Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and Kennedy Center in 1992-96.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Conservation Reserve Program:** Next week, Secretary Glickman will announce the final rule implementing the 1996 farm bill's changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), that provides farmers voluntary contracts to retire environmentally sensitive land from production.
- **Disaster Assistance Update:**
 - ▶ On January 31, Deputy Secretary Rominger visited ND and SD to assess the toll caused by severe winter weather on local livestock producers and their stock. During the trip, a new disaster assistance program to provide additional livestock feed assistance to producers in those states was announced.

- ▶ On February 3, Secretary Glickman signed an agreement with the Western Governors' Association to improve federal and state coordination and cooperation by putting USDA in the lead in responding to drought emergencies.
- ▶ FL reports that damage from the January freeze is greater than anticipated. Tropicana stated that losses from the freeze are 10-15 million boxes of oranges out of a total crop of 220 million boxes.
- **AK Habitat Protection:** On February 5, Secretary Glickman, Governor Knowles and Chenega Corporation President Chuck Totemoff signed an agreement to purchase nearly 60,000 acres of pristine land and wildlife habitat within the area affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill for \$34 million.
- **Agricultural Trade Developments:** On January 9, in response to U.S. potato industry concerns about unfair competition from Canadian imports, USTR requested that the International Trade Commission conduct an investigation of the structure and performance of the U.S. and Canadian potato industries that will focus on Canadian policies and industry pricing practices.
- **Secretary's Schedule:** Secretary Glickman will participate in the following events:
 - ▶ February 8 - Attend the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meeting in Chicago, IL.
 - ▶ February 10 - Meet with Senator Specter and dairy farmers in PA.
 - ▶ February 12-18 - Participate in Gore/Mbecki meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.
 - ▶ February 25 - Address Tufts University in Boston, MA.
 - ▶ March 10 - Attend Governors' Agricultural Summit in Raleigh, NC.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Disabled Children:** On February 5, after rehearing *en banc*, the Fourth Circuit reversed 11-2 a three-judge panel decision in the case of VA v. Riley. The panel had upheld a decision of Secretary Riley that VA is required to provide free appropriate education to all children with disabilities, including children who are long-term suspended or expelled for behavior not related to their disabilities.
- **Imprisoned Juveniles:** Members of the CA Congressional delegation are seeking changes in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that would eliminate the requirement that states provide a free appropriate education under IDEA to juvenile students with disabilities who are detained in adult prisons. Last summer, DOEd determined that CA is not in compliance with the requirement, and is considering whether to enter into an agreement with CA that would allow the state until 1998 to come into compliance. Under current law, the state stands to lose a large sum of DOEd funds if it fails to comply.

- **State of American Education:** On February 18, Secretary Riley will deliver his annual address in Atlanta, GA. DOEd is encouraging members of Congress to “downlink” the speech to their districts in an effort to increase awareness of the Administration’s education initiatives.
- **Ed-Flex Applications:** Secretary Riley may soon announce his decision on three Ed-Flex applications. The Waiver Board recommended that the Secretary approve IA’s applications and deferred its recommendations regarding MI and IL pending resolution of the Boards concerns regarding those states’ applications. Many states are interested in participation in the Ed-Flex program, under which states are released from many regulations as long as they meet agreed performance-based standards.
- **DC Adult Education Grant:** On January 31, DOEd issued a delayed FY96 Grant of \$866,945 to D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) for Adult Education Acts programs. The grant was issued subject to certain special conditions, including requiring prompt access to records, submission by the district of progress reports and allowing DCPS to draw down only half of the grant award until DOEd has received several reports and has determined that DCPS is in full compliance with Adult Education requirements.
- **Sexual Harassment Guidance:** Education sent to the White House and DOJ the final guidance to schools regarding sexual harassment of students. The document encompasses two separate documents previously reviewed by the White House and DOJ, regarding (1) peer sexual harassment and (2) harassment of students by school employees.
- **NAEP Math Report:** On February 27, at the National Press Club, Secretary Riley will release the National Assessment of Educational Progress report on students’ performance in mathematics.
- **Business Roundtable Statement:** On February 5, DOEd met with members of the Business Roundtable Education Task Force to present an overview of the education agenda announced in your State of the Union address with a particular focus on your call for a national test of students in reading and mathematics and the need to help teachers prepare to teach to high standards. The Task Force voted to support a statement to be released on February 7.
- **Education Goal Panel:** On February 4, Governor Engler of MI endorsed your call for 4th and 8th grade testing. Other Panel members were supportive.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Children's Health Initiative:** EPA is fine-tuning an Executive Order on Children's Environmental Health and Safety which would recognize and address the often greater impact that environmental pollutants and other hazards have on the health of children by committing the government to evaluate the protection of children whenever it sets health and safety standards and by coordinating areas where additional research is necessary.
- **Brownfields:** EPA received 107 applications to be considered for National Brownfields Site Assessment Pilots. On February 12-13, the review panel will convene. Twenty-five pilots are expected to be announced by late March.
- **Reinvention Report:** Last week, EPA released a new report, entitled *New Directions*, highlighting current efforts to reinvent the nation's environmental protection system. The goal is to provide EPA's staff and interested stakeholders with a complete understanding of how environmental programs are being reinvented, and what is being accomplished as a result. Each month, the report will include a feature article on a high-priority reinvention project along with timely updates on other projects as developments occur. To ensure broad accessibility, EPA has made the report available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/reinvent/new>.
- **Air Pollution:** On February 2, Administrator Browner will testify before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the proposed PM/Ozone rules.
- **Administrator's Schedule:** On February 10, Administrator Browner will address the American Enterprise Institute Conference on Proposed Air Standards.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Tritium Update:** On January 31, DOE's Brookhaven National Laboratory notified regulators and elected officials announced the latest groundwater monitoring samples collected as part of an aggressive strategy to define the extent of the contamination show tritium levels in groundwater 32 times NY's drinking water standard. The Lab plans to increase sampling frequency both onsite and offsite.
- **TN Radioactive Waste Disposal:** On February 5, DOE was informed by its contractor that approximately 170 containers of mixed hazardous and radioactive waste were mistakenly disposed of at Oak Ridge's Y-12 Plant Industrial Landfill from December 20, 1996 to January 27, 1997. The waste poses no adverse threats to human health and the environment. An investigation is underway and upon conclusion, final disposition of the waste will be determined.

- **Oak Ridge Site:** DOE will approve a grant for Oak Ridge, TN, to mitigate the adverse impacts of defense-related downsizing at the Oak Ridge Site. Between FY93 and FY97, approximately 3,300 contractor positions have been eliminated at Oak Ridge. The community transition funding will create economic development programs in the counties surrounding the Oak Ridge site, create jobs for displaced workers and will allow creative uses of the DOE's facilities.
- **NM Reactor Malfunction:** No radiation was released during an unexplained, automatic computer shutdown of a nuclear research reactor on December 7 at DOE's Sandia National Laboratories. The Lab has suspended work at the reactor pending further investigation. Management was not informed of the incident until ten days had passed. Involved employees received one-week suspensions.
- **NV Tritium Contamination:** In mid-February, after three years of study, the U.S. Geological Survey is releasing a report on water analysis in 1993 from part of DOE's NV Test Site indicated. The report increased tritium levels due to underground weapons tests. Subsequent modeling based on the report indicates tritium may now appear in groundwater beyond the NV Test Site boundary but still on the adjoining Nellis Air Force Range. The drinking water systems were never contaminated.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Welfare Reform:** On February 11, the *Federal Register* will formally publish regulations implementing changes to the eligibility standard for determining disability in children as mandated by recent Welfare Reform legislation. On February 6, Commissioner Chater will discuss these regulations at a press conference.
- **Social Security Benefits:** On February 11, the Cycling Payment of Social Security Benefits regulation will be published in the *Federal Register*. SSA completed briefings with Congressional staff concerning the new payment dates and received no negative reactions.
- **800 Number Service:** During January, historically the busiest month for the Social Security 800 number, SSA met its goal of providing access to at least 95 percent of callers within 5 minutes of their first attempt to contact SSA.
- **Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) System:** On January 13, SSA's online query access to the INS's SAVE system was implemented nationwide. This will give all field offices direct query capability to verify alien status and provide immediate data needed for decisions on issuing Social Security numbers to aliens. This new process is expected to be an extremely valuable tool in combating fraudulent use of Social Security numbers.

- **Social Security Numbers Fraud:**
 - ▶ On January 29, a federal investigation led to the arrest in OH of 65 illegal aliens allegedly working under false identification and SSNs. Two of the 65 individuals were released after providing satisfactory evidence of work authorization in the U.S.
 - ▶ On January 29, agents from the Philadelphia SSA Office of the Inspector General in coordination with agents of the INS participated in the execution of a search warrant on an establishment in PA and the arrest of 22 illegal aliens for misusing Social Security numbers for employment purposes. A review of the cases revealed that 12 of the individuals had invalid SSNs.

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I thought you would like to see the attached.

What's Football? By Steve Rosenbloom Chicago Tribune (KRT)

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin was invited by President Clinton to watch the Super Bowl at the White House.

Durbin felt at home: More than half of the eight congressional members invited come from states without playoff teams.

EPA Accuses Business of Anti Environmental In-Your-Face Tactics By Casey Bukro, Chicago Tribune

Jan. 27--Back in the '70s, environmentalists denounced polluting big business with fiery speeches, while business responded dryly with facts and figures.

Business was upstaged every time, often by exaggerated charges or emotional demonstrations.

No more. Business groups are showing that they can play that game, too.

So much so that Environmental Protection Agency officials recently accused Illinois businesses of resorting to "scare tactics" and "horror stories" in their remarks at a two-day hearing in Chicago on federal proposals to tighten airborne soot and smog standards.

Groups like Greenpeace have long staged "events" to get air time on the evening news. And environmentalists and consumer advocates have not backed off from shrilly accusing big business of poisoning people in pursuit of profits.

But these days the stunts and extremist statements are also coming from the other side.

The prime practitioner of what might be called "in your face" lobbying in Illinois is the Partnership for Environmental Progress, a coalition of 70 companies, labor unions, agriculture groups and organizations opposed to the proposed EPA standards.

Talking in sound bites and using attention-grabbing props, the partnership appeared at the mid-January hearing with signs reading, "Don't let the EPA take our barbecue away" and "Where's the science?"

Like a firebrand politician, its chairman, David Sykuta, declared that the standards, if enforced, could result in federal "lifestyle police" and "outright bans on items ranging from woodburning stoves to lawn mowers, snow blowers and charcoal grills."

The group displayed a bright red snow blower, as though it were an endangered bird.

Sykuta also charged that EPA's proposals are based on "junk science," so that its own scientific advisers are skeptical.

EPA officials clearly are miffed by these sometimes outlandish attacks by industry -- a tactic honed by eco-warriors.

"Raising the specter of not being able to mow your lawn is not based on any factual information," huffed Mary Nichols, the EPA's assistant administrator for air and radiation, who conducted the Chicago hearing.

"That qualifies as scare tactics," said Nichols. "We ought to stick to the facts."

The junk science charge also makes EPA Administrator Carol Browner livid.

"This is not junk science," she said, pointing to 271 studies indicating serious public health dangers from exposure to smog and very fine soot and dust particles that lodge deep in the lungs.

The EPA contends that 133 million Americans, including 40 million children, live in areas with unhealthy air that causes 40,000 premature deaths each year from fine dust alone, including 3,500 in metropolitan Chicago.

"Let's put aside this silly game of horror stories and work together to find answers," said Browner.

If the new air-quality standards are adopted, admits EPA, hundreds of communities that now comply with federal clean air goals will slip into the non-compliance column. That could bring severe economic sanctions, and block economic development that causes air pollution.

With so much at stake, this is shaping up as the nation's biggest environmental fight this year.

And the fight promises to be a slugfest, in part because business people are stealing a page from the political strategist's handbook.

Partnership for Environmental Progress, for example, hired Serafin & Associates to help get its message across. The Chicago public relations agency is headed by Tom Serafin, a longtime political strategist who advocates so-called killer slogans and mottos.

"In my business, you have to speak the language people understand," said Serafin. "Those phrases and language are necessary to impact and get your word out."

"We're taking that strategy from political campaign strategy and applying it to public issues," he added. "It's a different approach and very effective."

In the past, said Serafin, business people tended to talk to each other instead of to their customers and consumers.

But now, he said, Illinois manufacturers feel strongly about environmental regulation in a time of tight margins. They go so far as to call EPA hellbent on replacing the Internal Revenue Service as the biggest job-killing agency in the country.

"You're seeing that business is publicly working to engage in that debate more than they've ever done before," said Serafin.

This combative stance by industry is spreading across the country, as business leaders take a cue from Republicans, who have taken over Congress, a majority of governorships and 10 more state legislatures in the mid-1990s while attacking federal regulators as oppressors.

"It is more confrontational," said Roger Geiger, director of the Ohio chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, an organization that represents 600,000 small businesses across the United States.

"The business community has gotten absolutely pummeled by other environmental and consumer rights groups" in the past, Geiger observed.

Drawing on that experience, Geiger uses a ladder with 13 warning labels as a prop in his campaign on tort reform.

"It's an uncomfortable position to be in," admits Geiger. "It's not the way we approach our advocacy missions, but I think it also has to happen, right or wrong. We live in a 30-second sound-bite era and a visual world."

The trick, he said, is conveying complex issues in sound bites to influence politicians and public officials while garnering public support.

This, plus the combative business attitude, "is a new phenomenon," said Geiger, who traces it to the battle over health-care legislation in 1994, when the Clinton administration proposed revamping the way health care is financed and structured.

"That really blew it open," he said. "That was very galvanizing for political activism in the small-business community."

"Politicians are telling the business community not to come in wearing white suits with reams of paper unless we have compelling arguments that we can sell to our constituents back in Peoria," said Geiger, using the classic will-it-play-in-Peoria? test.

"We cloud the rhetoric with emotionalism. While I understand you have to do that to grab attention, I hope we don't get overwhelmed by that and can stick to the facts. The real question is whether we are doing it effectively."

Occupational Safety Agency Changing Longtime Image As Business Foe By Stephen Franklin and Michael Arndt, Chicago Tribune

Jan. 26--No more shrill accusations. No more grumbling about Washington's "baddest" agency.

Instead, when business leaders and conservative Republicans refer to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration -- an agency they wanted to gut not that long ago -- they're more likely to use words such as "enlightened" and "collaborative."

The change in opinion is not because business executives and their GOP allies have had a change of heart.

Rather, it's because OSHA has become less combative as it tries to protect the safety and health of the nation's workers -- and its budget and staff on Capitol Hill.

The shift from beat cop to social worker has mollified some critics.

Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., who has been one of OSHA's fiercest foes and the author of several failed attempts to severely limit the agency's powers, has decided to put off proposing any new curbs for the time being, according to aides.

"They (OSHA) have come around in terms of what they say their philosophy is," allows Peter Lunnie, the head of the Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health. But he adds, "We have members who say their rhetoric isn't matched by the practice."

The 6-year-old Washington-based business group has been another of OSHA's most outspoken critics, complaining that its actions often are outdated, costly and unneeded burdens on the business community.

OSHA, of course, has not disappeared. In mid-January, for example, an administrative law judge ordered Caterpillar Inc. to pay \$5,000 after OSHA cited the company for twice refusing to turn over complete logs on employee injuries and illnesses at its Aurora plant to the United Auto Workers union.

The agency also proposed \$117,600 in penalties against Midwest

Louis Freeh's complaint

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Louis J. Freeh has changed his tune. In a meeting with editors and reporters of *The Washington Post* last week, he confessed that the investigation into the June 19 Khobar towers bombing near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia is not going as well as the FBI would like. In fact, it's practically not going at all.

"We have not gotten everything which we have asked for, and sure, that has affected our ability to make findings or conclusions or to channel the investigation in different directions," Mr. Freeh explained.

After the terrorist bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen, President Clinton declared at a memorial service for the victims that the United States would press as hard as possible to find the guilty parties and bring them to justice. "We will not rest until our efforts to capture, prosecute, and punish those who did this evil deed are successful," he declared. A few short days after the attack, the FBI announced that it would be working "in full cooperation" with Saudi investigators to get to the truth. But months passed and nothing happened. So in November of last year, Mr. Freeh took a trip to Saudi Arabia to see for himself what was going on.

After his meeting with Saudi officials, Mr. Freeh refused to answer reporters' questions, but he did, once again, proclaim "the close cooperation" between U.S. officials and Saudi investigators. During that November visit, Saudi authorities made their pitch to Mr. Freeh that the terrorists responsible for the bombing were Shiite Muslims, trained in Lebanon but paid by Iran. At the time, an editorial here noted that such a claim by the Saudis might have been motivated by attempts to shift the blame for Saudi terrorism onto the shoulders of a rogue regime, rather than admit that King Fahd has an internal power struggle on his hands; blaming Iran would also serve American and Saudi interests. The Clinton administration has been unwilling to do anything to

offend the Saudi government for fear of damaging U.S. strategic, military and economic interests in Saudi Arabia.

At least now Mr. Freeh is acknowledging a Saudi problem. He explained that Saudi authorities have a hard time with the idea of sharing information on "internal" Saudi matters with outside investigators. "I don't have enough information to make strong findings or conclusions," Mr. Freeh said, because the information he has been given is "hearsay information in many cases."

Where this leaves the investigation is, more or less, nowhere. It does not suit the Saudis to admit that they have a terrorist problem, nor do they want to hand over any "suspects" to the FBI. In fact, the closest they came to including Americans in the last investigation into another terrorist attack, in Riyadh, was an invitation to attend the execution of the five men convicted of the crime. For the United States the problem is equally troubling, since the Clinton administration does not want a real fight either with the Saudis or the Iranians or even the Syrians, who would be implicated if the Dhahran bombers were trained in Lebanon, since that country is Damascus' private terrorist playground.

What can best be termed indifference has characterized the search for the culprits thus far. The reaction from the rest of the government to Mr. Freeh's complaint has been decidedly mixed. Attorney General Janet Reno strongly supported his criticism a day later, but the newly confirmed Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, when asked repeatedly about Mr. Freeh's criticisms during her first press conference, refused to give an answer. There will be no advances in the investigation if the Clinton administration does not make it clear that the results so far are unacceptable. And this inconsistency among cabinet members is a step in the wrong direction.

Good riddance

It does not look like Irish Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams will be visiting the United States this year. According to a report in the *London Sunday Times*, Mr. Adams sounded out the prospects of travelling to the United States in February and was turned down by the Clinton administration, a decision certainly to be applauded. Let's be clear about this: Mr. Adams's presence will not be missed by anyone who genuinely desires peace in Northern Ireland and who believes that acts of terrorism must be condemned wherever they occur.

Some might wonder why this decision now, after the Clinton administration has been courting Mr. Adams for years, feted him, invited him to the White House, and even allowed his organization, the political arm

of the terrorist Irish Republican Army, to set up shop here in Washington for fundraising purposes. But times have changed. With the presidential election behind him, Mr. Clinton no longer needs to court Irish-American voters. The driving force behind our Northern Ireland policy, Nancy Soderberg, a former aide to Sen. Ted Kennedy, is leaving the National Security Council and to take a position at the U.S. mission at the United Nations. And, maybe, just maybe, the White House has recognized that the IRA's continued bombing campaign suggests that Mr. Adams was never serious about peace in the first place. Whatever Mr. Clinton's reasons, until such a time as Mr. Adams and his friends lay down their arms, we should have no further truck with them.

The Washington Times
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1997

Masonry Inc. last November after inspecting a building site in Oak Brook where 10 alleged safety violations were found. It was the seventh time OSHA cited the Mundelein-based construction firm since 1990.

Altogether since Oct. 1, OSHA's Chicago office has conducted 928 inspections in Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, found 2,721 alleged health and safety violations and proposed fines of more than \$3.9 million.

Although critics are less caustic in their public assessments of OSHA, the agency still has many challengers in the GOP-controlled Congress.

This year "won't be any better than any years past," says Joseph Dear, who stepped down in mid-January as the Labor Department assistant secretary in charge of OSHA. A permanent replacement has not yet been named.

OSHA still faces legal battles that slow rulemaking on new health and safety standards, he says. It will be hiring again, but it will not be able to make up for the 8 percent drop in staff since 1994.

Plus, it faces a new drag from a 1996 law that requires the agency to examine the impact on small businesses before putting any new regulations into effect.

Congress also is steering OSHA away from enforcement activities -- coming in after accidents or complaints and advocating fines -- by earmarking more of the agency's budget toward helping employers comply with OSHA regulations as an adviser, so-called compliance activities.

Moreover, although business leaders are somewhat relieved, the prospect of OSHA's "entirety" as an agency that focuses more on major violators and cooperates more with businesses stirs frustration and uncertainty among labor and worker safety groups.

"OSHA will be under pressure from business to be less nit-picky, and from labor the demand will be for better protective standards and tougher enforcement," Dear predicted.

Unions and advocacy groups applaud the marked increase in the number of citations for significant violations that OSHA has filed against employers in the last few years. In 1994, there were 69 such citations, which usually involve fines of more than \$100,000. Last year, there were 159 citations.

OSHA's budget also is up, to \$303.8 million last year and \$326 million this year from \$296.4 million in 1994.

Virtually all the other numbers regarding OSHA, however, have been going down.

Since 1994, the agency's total inspections have fallen 43 percent, the number of serious citations has tumbled 64 percent, to less than 33,000, and nearly one-third fewer workers are covered by its inspections and other actions.

"We are not into a simple numbers game," says Peg Seminario, the chief safety and health expert for the AFL-CIO. "But we think a credible enforcement threat is the key to this program."

David Vladeck, an attorney with Public Citizen, a Washington-based activist group, is far more critical of the route OSHA has taken. "The Republicans are not so angry at OSHA because it has become a toothless tiger," he says.

Dear explained that the drop in enforcement activity last year was due to the government's shutdown and other budget hangups.

And while Dear heralds OSHA's new emphasis on "collaboration," he says it is not likely to shy away from some controversial issues, such as a new regulation dealing with repetitive-stress injuries, such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

He expects the agency to offer a new rule this year aimed at slowing the rise of these injuries. In doing so, however, OSHA risks riling its foes again. Indeed, Republican lawmakers barred the agency from issuing these rules last year.

Another example of how suspicious employers still are about OSHA came last year when the agency said it would offer guidelines for employers on how to deal with workplace violence.

"We stated everywhere that we would not make a standard and we still got a wide opposition," Dear recalled.

The bottom line for the agency's prospects, experts say, will be what kind of relationship the White House wants to assert with the business community.

In the last few years, the administration has gone out of its way to appear more open to business concerns, while fending off the drive by Republicans to constrain OSHA with laws specifying what it can spend money on, and what it cannot.

Congress is not relenting entirely. Aides to Rep. John Porter (R-Ill.), who chairs the House subcommittee that controls OSHA's budget, say GOP lawmakers will insist that OSHA spend a smaller percentage on enforcement next year.

Overall, however, OSHA's moves seem to be working. Nobody wants to do away with the agency, says Lunnie of the business lobbying group. "But we are looking for an agency," he adds, "that can serve as a partner."

Seminario of the AFL-CIO agrees: "When you start dealing with issues such as safety and health, there is more agreement," she says.

Netanyahu says Oslo agreement off if Palestinians form separate state **By Storer H. Rowley** **Chicago Tribune (KRT)**

JERUSALEM Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Sunday that if Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat were to unilaterally declare an independent state, he would violate the Oslo peace accords and Israel would no longer consider itself bound by them.

"If there is unilateral action of this kind, it would free Israel of any obligations under Oslo, and I think it would be an ill-advised move," Netanyahu said in an interview in his Jerusalem office.

Netanyahu also stated that despite internal and international criticism of his hard-line policies, he is determined to pursue a Mideast peace and has shown he is capable of mustering a wide national consensus among Israelis for his tough, security-oriented approach.

Since Netanyahu and Arafat concluded their U.S.-mediated deal Jan. 15 on Israeli troop pullbacks in Hebron and the West Bank, Arafat has declared the issue of Palestinian statehood is not for Israel to decide. Last Wednesday in Cairo, Egypt, the PLO chairman said that after the Interim Agreement is concluded, "We will declare an independent Palestinian state."

Netanyahu asserted Sunday that the matter must be decided in the so-called "final status" negotiations between Israel and the PLO, which are due to resume in March and work toward a permanent arrangement.

In the wide-ranging interview, Netanyahu, buoyed by his achievement of the Hebron agreement after months of stalemated talks, also said that he was:

Surprised at some people's astonishment that his right-wing, Likud-led government had moved forward with the Oslo process, arguing that he had promised to do so all along and that he was confident he could summon a large majority of Israelis to support his plan for a final settlement.

Convinced that the often heard international criticism of Jewish settlements as an "obstacle to peace" was itself "a true obstacle to peace," because in his view, settlers in occupied West Bank lands have historic claims to stay in their "ancestral homeland."

Ready to see Syria resume U.S.-brokered peace talks with Israel, noting that if hard-line Syriac Hafez Assad truly wants peace he will do so.

Glad that Israeli police launched an investigation Sunday into allegations of high-level corruption in his 7-month-old government, despite the fact that some politicians are saying it could bring down the government.

Netanyahu pointed out that he had called for an investigation into the charges on Friday after Israel Television's Channel One alleged Netanyahu's ill-fated appointment of an attorney general was part of a political deal to win a plea bargain for Aryeh Deri, a key coalition party leader on trial for corruption.

State-owned Channel One alleged that Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On was appointed attorney general after promising to arrange a plea bargain for Deri, whose 10-member Shas party is a key member of Netanyahu's ruling coalition. The TV report also alleged that Deri conditioned his support for the Israel-PLO Hebron deal on the Bar-On appointment.

"Nonsense. Nonsense," responded Netanyahu when asked Sunday if there was anything to the Hebron allegations. A senior Netanyahu adviser, David Bar-Illan, pointed out over the weekend that Channel One had later backed off allegations that the prime minister was involved.

Despite the prospect of a seven-member panel appointed to investigate the charges, with powers to summon Netanyahu and senior officials to testify, Netanyahu was confident and upbeat Sunday.

Seated behind a neat desk in his wood-paneled office, gesturing with a cigar in his hand, Netanyahu focused on his determination to build a "reciprocal" peace with the PLO, in which both sides kept their commitments, and a mutually fair peace with Syria.

While still showing some disdain for the Oslo process he inherited and criticized before coming to power in June, he portrayed his Hebron pact as a stronger, safer accord than the one negotiated by the

previous Labor-led government as part of Israel's 1995 Interim Agreement with the PLO. With Hebron behind him, he seemed to relish turning the tables on his critics.

"The international community was pretty much fixated on the idea that this is a government that is against peace and will not keep its commitments, and I think those two shibboleths have been blown away," he said. "Now we seek to see a continuation of the peace."

Emphasizing twice that he won Knesset approval for the Hebron deal with 87 votes, he pointed out that was three more than the late Likud Prime Minister Menachem Begin received when he won approval of the 1978 Camp David accords that led to Israel's peace treaty with Egypt.

"My view has always been that our proposal for a final settlement, which would balance the Palestinian need to run their affairs and our needs to protect our interests and security, would summon greater public acceptance than people realize," he said.

Reeling off his answers on policy questions with conviction and occasional flashes of humor, anger and contempt for his critics, Netanyahu asserted he believes he can negotiate a final agreement with the PLO without having to enlist members of the Labor opposition to join his government and without holding a referendum on the accord.

Asked about Arafat's remarks that he now views Netanyahu as a partner and a friend, Netanyahu, who once referred to Arafat as a terrorist, replied, "Well, I think a positive tone is a positive thing."

"But, of course, the test will now be in the way that the Palestinian side takes care to fulfill its commitments," he added, listing the need for the PLO to rewrite its charter to removed parts calling for the elimination of Israel, to collect illegal weapons and to dismantle Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Muslim extremist organizations and terrorist infrastructure.

As for Palestinian demands for statehood, Netanyahu outlined his conviction that a Palestinian self-rule "entity" should not be a sovereign state with "unbridled ... powers that could threaten the very survival of the state of Israel, such as anything that relates to armaments, or to control of the airspace or the ground water without which we cannot live, and so on."

However, he said, "We certainly want to see the Palestinians run their own affairs, choose their own institutions, levy their own taxes, legislate their own laws."

While PLO leaders insist Jewish settlements constitute a time bomb that could explode the peace process, Netanyahu declared that he would continue to expand existing settlements. "Since no one is thinking of limiting the Palestinians' communities, no one should suggest that we do so for the Jewish settlements," he said.

"I remain a firm believer in the right of Jewish people to their ancestral homeland, the right of the Jews to live in these ancient hills where Jews have forged their identity. And we will insist on that right in the course of the final settlement negotiations."

The prime minister also reiterated his view that Jerusalem must remain an undivided city under Israeli sovereignty, despite Palestinian claims to predominantly Arab East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state.

On Syria, Netanyahu reiterated his call on Assad to return to the bargaining table without preconditions. Assad is demanding the return of the entire Golan Heights, captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War, in return for peace and normalization.

While Syria insists the previous Israeli government made verbal commitments to return the strategic heights, Netanyahu's government, which came to power opposed to trading the Golan for peace, has indicated it will not be bound by oral agreements.

Basking in the glow of his Hebron deal, the prime minister appeared to be in a win-win situation by offering to talk peace. If Assad accepts, the negotiations are likely to be prolonged with the sides so far apart. If he refuses, Netanyahu can claim credit for making the appeal.

Asked what his personal message to Assad would be, Netanyahu replied, "To resume the peace, or to act on his statement that peace is even more important for Syria than it is for Israel. If that is his position than we should have no difficulty resuming the talks."

Rebels release ill Peruvian police officer

By Stephen Franklin Chicago Tribune (KRT)

LIMA, Peru With bells for Sunday mass peeling loudly across the city, a church leader spoke of hope after praying briefly with hostages who have been held nearly six weeks.

"God willing, the talks will take place soon," said Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani after emerging with Cardinal Augusto Vargas, Peru's highest Roman Catholic official, from brief prayers with 72 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence.

But the encouraging words from the archbishop, who has regularly visited the hostages held by leftist guerrillas, are among the few such heard in Lima lately.

The only hopeful move in days was the release early Sunday of Gen. Jose Rivas Rodriguez, second in command of the Peruvian National Police.

The general, who was taken away on a stretcher, was reportedly gravely ill when the guerrillas agreed to permit the International Committee of the Red Cross to remove him.

After releasing another high-ranking state security official who was also ill a few days ago, the guerrillas, members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, had vowed not to free any more of their captives.

However, the small group of well-armed guerrillas has been cooperating with the Red Cross, which daily visits the hostages, providing food, water, mail, and medical care, some of it by teams of volunteer physicians.

There has been no dialogue between the guerrillas and government in more than a week, and tension remains high in the area.

As mine-sweepers and personnel carriers sit parked near the residence, and police helicopters hover above the building, the guerrillas hang out banners, saying they will last until the end or their death.

At times they fire in the air, sometimes apparently to warn soldiers near the residence. Every morning, they loudly shout slogans that are ignored by the soldiers.

"I think (President Alberto) Fujimori would like a Rambo solution, but he doesn't have any Rambos," said Javier Diez Canseco, an outspoken member of an opposition party, and a former hostage. "Basically, the government is playing a war of nerves, but I think the government is dealing with fire."

While declaring his intention to seek a peaceful solution, Fujimori last week said he would call on his army to quickly end the crisis if any hostages are hurt.

The guerrillas have said they would harm the hostages if there is an attack on the residence, which the guerrillas reportedly have surrounded with mines.

Asked about the hostages' mental health, a Red Cross official suggested that the tension outside the residence does have an effect on them.

The hostages spend most of their time in classes they have set up, or reading the 2,000 messages the Red Cross has delivered.

The guerrillas, who seized more than 500 hostages Dec. 17, now hold four generals from the Peruvian National Police, two Peruvian Cabinet ministers, five members of parliament, a number of officials from Japanese companies, and Pedro Fujimori, the President's younger brother.

The Tupac Amaru, a small, shadowy group that had largely dropped from the public's notice, wants the release of more than 400 of their colleagues from Peru's prisons. But the government, which seemed to have finally won the upper hand in a 16-year battle with guerrillas, has said it will not free any prisoners.

Peru's Market Potential Masks Reality; Citizens Rarely See Benefits

By Stephen Franklin, Chicago Tribune

LIMA, Peru--Jan. 27--With rafts dangling from a high ceiling as a tease for beach-bound customers, and seemingly endless rows of hardware products, the Ace Home Center here often leaves first-time visitors awe-struck.

No such hardware store had existed in Peru until three years ago. Then again, Peru didn't have enough of an economy, until recently, to put extra money in the pockets of its middle-class consumers and draw foreign companies like Ace.

But now, not only is Ace's first store in Peru prospering in a once-moribund mall, but the Oak Brook-based hardware chain has two more stores, and a fourth one, larger than the others, opens in April in a chic shopping center.

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Subject: Status Report on the Ron Brown Award

I'm sure the John Bryan phone call will address the pending scheduling request from Alexis for the President to meet with the Board of Directors/Steering Committee of the Ron Brown Award to reaffirm the commitment to the Award and for the President to receive and approve the action plan and time line developed by the Board.

Pending requests from the Steering Committee for consideration include:

- * Schedule a date for a formal announcement/press event
- * Designate, as ex-officio Board members, the Secretary of Commerce and another senior government leader
- * Arrange for the President to present the first Ron Brown awards in Fall 1997.

The CEO Steering Committee, chaired by Ed Woolard, DuPont's recently retired CEO, has acquired the services of The Conference Board, a leading economic and business research group, to administer the effort and direct the process. Alexis has been working with them for several months on the process and has continued to track the scheduling request through the system. This request has been on hold pending the conclusion of the State of the Union and Budget Rollout process.

Ideally, this meeting would happen on Feb. 26 or 27 when the Board members are in Washington for The Business Council meeting. You will recall from a recent short term scheduling meeting that a request is now on the table for the President to do a drop by at The Business Council event we are planning to host here at the WH on the 27th in the form of a briefing with Gene Sperling, Secretary Rubin, Mack McLarty and you. (Requests are currently pending.) The President was invited to address The Business Council at their Annual Dinner the night before (Feb. 26th) the time of the Chilean State Dinner.

Please let me know if you need further information.

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ALLIANCE FOR REASONABLE REGULATION

September 19, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our strong support for S. 343, the Comprehensive Regulatory Reform Act of 1995, and to urge you to support bipartisan efforts to move this important piece of legislation forward. We believe the current version of the bill, which includes those amendments adopted and pending, addresses all substantive concerns your Administration has raised.

We want to emphasize that regulatory reform through legislation is vital. Your support will be a clear indicator of the Administration's understanding of the importance of this issue to the entire business community and to all Americans. Practically every homeowner, factory worker, farmer, municipal officer and business person has some personal experience with a regulation that just does not make sense. Modernization and streamlining of the regulatory process, in a systemic manner, is now within reach. We hope you will take an active, positive role in bringing about what can be an historic achievement.

You correctly identified this important issue during your campaign and addressed it early in your term. We were encouraged by the Democratic Leadership Council's plan for reform of the regulatory system called for in Mandate for Change. We supported the issuance of Executive Order 12866 on Regulatory Planning and Review and applauded your Administration's work. This Executive Order represents a balanced, common-sense first step to regulatory reform. Similarly, we supported much of Vice President Gore's "Reinventing Government" initiative.

But experience over the past two years has demonstrated that the Executive Order alone has not been enough to bring about needed change. A legislative mandate is essential.

As you correctly assessed during the campaign, the public understands the need to be smarter about how we manage regulation. S. 343 is about delivering better, smarter regulation, not about regulatory roll backs.

Since S. 343 was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 26, numerous changes have been made as a result of extensive negotiations between the staffs of the key committees. Further substantial modifications were made during the floor debate.

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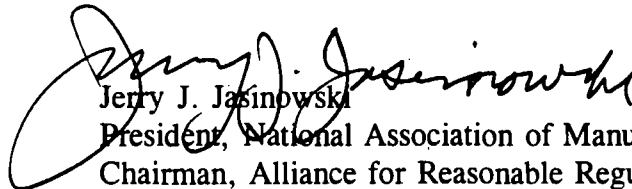
The current version of the bill addresses or rectifies the principal concerns publicly raised by the Administration. Attached are two documents we hope will explain our understanding of the extensive changes made since the bill's introduction.

So far, much of the debate has been conducted in the language of politics, not of policy. It's worth noting, as The Washington Post said earlier this year, "that amid the uproar, there is in fact a pretty broad consensus in favor of risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis."

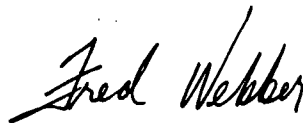
We believe this bill, as modified to respond to various concerns, provides for effective, common-sense regulatory reform and -- for the first time -- provides a unifying theme for improving our nation's health, safety and environmental protection programs. It certainly captures the spirit of public commitment to improving the protection of health, safety and the environment that all business must support.

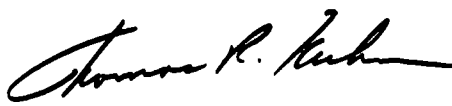
We strongly urge you to support bipartisan efforts to ensure that this vital piece of legislation moves forward so that your Administration can take credit for its leadership in making these improvements a reality.

Sincerely,


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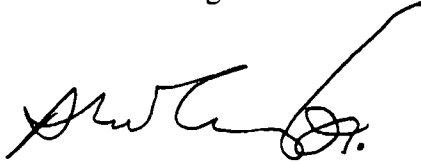
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S. 343, The Comprehensive Regulatory Reform Act of 1995

Summary of Modifications to Address Concerns

Threshold

A concern was raised that the original threshold for defining major rules (\$50 million) was too low, and would require agencies to address too many rules. The threshold was changed by amendment to \$100 million, consistent with previous Administrations' thresholds for identifying major rules, despite the fact that under President Clinton's regulatory review executive order (E.O. 12866), OMB currently subjects many rules below \$100 million and even below \$50 million to the kind of review and analysis required by S. 343.

Risk Assessment

The Administration expressed concern that the risk assessment provisions are overly broad in scope and would micromanage the risk assessment process. Subchapter III, however, always required agencies to employ the level of detail and rigor proportionate to the significance and complexity of the problem to be addressed. Agency heads are also required to conduct risk assessments with public input as part of the process. These provisions give agencies the ability to conduct risk assessments with the level of attention and resources appropriate to their specific mission and the activity at hand. Nevertheless, to further maximize use of agency resources, an amendment passed allowing risk assessments conducted in support of proposed rules to be used in support of final rules.

Environmental Cleanups

Some Senators and the Administration were concerned that S.343 could halt hazardous waste cleanups now underway and prolong cleanups ready to begin. While these concerns could have been addressed readily in other ways, the section, requiring consideration of benefits and costs in clean up activities costing more than \$10 million, was deleted entirely.

Effective Date

The Administration felt that a transition period was needed to allow agencies time to refocus resources and adapt to the new provisions in the bill. Therefore, the bill was amended to provide a greater transition period: any rulemaking pending on July 12, 1995 for which a notice of proposed rulemaking or proposed rulemaking was published before April 1, 1995 is not subject to the risk assessment and benefit-cost provisions of subchapters II and III, respectively.

Decisional Criteria

The Administration and other opponents felt agencies would be required to issue unsound regulations by forcing the choice of the least costly regulation available where a slightly more

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costly regulation would yield substantially greater benefits. The bill originally required that rules adopt the least cost alternative of the reasonable alternatives that achieve the objective of the statute. This would be revised by a pending amendment requiring agencies adopt the alternative with greater net benefits than the other reasonable alternatives that achieve the objectives of the statute. If this cannot be met, an alternative requirements section states that rules adopt the alternative with the least net cost of the reasonable alternatives that achieve the objectives of the statute. In either case, the amendment permits the agency to consider both benefits and costs in selecting a regulatory alternative.

Applicability to Current Law

The relationship of S.343 to current law has been controversial and generated mistaken claims that the benefit-cost provisions would constitute a so-called "supermandate" overriding existing statutory requirements. The bill originally stated that the requirements of this section shall supplement, and not supersede, any other decisional criteria otherwise provided by law. Moreover, the benefit-cost criteria in S. 343 are only for the purpose of selecting among the reasonable alternatives which are "alternatives the agency has the authority to consider under the statute granting rulemaking authority." To clarify the intent further, however, an amendment adopted during debate stated that: "Nothing in this section shall be construed to override any statutory requirement, including health, safety, and environmental requirements."

Judicial Review

Another major concern focused on the judicial review provisions. The Administration contended S.343 would invite a substantial amount of litigation. First, note that the judicial review provisions in S. 343 do not add new judicial review. Rather, they limit judicial review of agency compliance with the requirements in S. 343 (and, therefore, its enforceability) from what would be the case if there was no judicial review provision at all. Nevertheless, to address the contention that new opportunities for judicial review would be created, the standards for judicial review were changed so that failure to comply with subchapters II or III may not be considered by the court except for the purpose of determining whether the final agency action is arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion. In addition, the review provisions that required early, separate review of certain determinations, such as whether the rule was a major rule, were deleted. The significance of these changes are that judicial review applies only to the final agency action, and this standard for judicial review is more restrictive than is currently allowed under Section 706 of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Petitions

An opportunity for citizens and other affected parties to petition agencies for redress is an important provision of S.343. To address concerns this could tie up agencies' resources, the petition-related provisions were significantly narrowed. For example, the original provisions

allowed for 553(l) petitions for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule; amendment or repeal of an interpretive rule or general statement of policy or guidance; and interpretation regarding the meaning of a rule, interpretive rule, general statement of policy, or guidance. In order to address the Administration's concern that these provisions would tie up agencies, they were scaled back to allow petitions under 553(l) only for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule. Also, petitions to put a rule on an agency's schedule for review are limited to a 180-day period every five years.

Deadlines, Repeal (Sunset) of Existing Rules

The Administration argued the provision in S.343 requiring agencies to create a schedule for periodic review of rules contains an arbitrary deadline as trigger for sunseting regulations. Initially, the bill required that if the review of a rule is not completed by deadlines established in the schedule, the head of the agency "shall not enforce the rule, and the rule shall terminate by operation of law as of such date." A pending amendment revises this requirement, eliminating the automatic sunset and specifying only that a rulemaking to terminate the rule would be commenced if the deadline passes.

S. 343 further stipulated all deadlines in statutes or imposed by courts requiring agencies to propose or promulgate rules during the 5-year period beginning on the effective date of this section shall be suspended for 2 years after the date of the applicable deadline. A pending amendment has reduced the time lines to a 2-year period beginning on the section's effective date with suspension for 6 months after the date of the applicable deadline.

Regulatory Flexibility

S.343 recognizes small businesses have unique problems with respect to regulatory policy. The bill attempted to address small business concerns rationally and fairly through the regulatory flexibility analysis (RFA) process. The Administration surmised that the provisions for judicial review of RFAs would generate substantial litigation. Originally, S.343 allowed affected small entities to petition for the judicial review of a final regulatory flexibility analysis and certification. It stipulated an agency could not promulgate a final rule under this section unless it found the final rule minimizes significant economic impact on small entities. This provision would be modified by a pending amendment requiring the agency to find the final rule minimizes compliance burdens on small entities. In order to alleviate concerns that agencies would be overloaded with rules requiring a RFA, a pending amendment restricts the number of proposed rules subject to an RFA to a maximum of 150 in any year.

S.343, THE COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1995
SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

CONCERN	S. 343, AS INTRODUCED ON JUNE 30	S. 343, REVISIONS AS OF JULY 20
THRESHOLD - applies to too many rule-makings - ties up agencies	- Act applies to major rules "likely to have a gross annual effect on the economy of \$50 million or more"	- threshold for major rules changed to \$100 million
RISK ASSESSMENT - too prescriptive - conflict of interest on peer review panels - micromanages agencies	- must employ level of detail proportionate to significance and complexity of problem - peer review panel selected based on relevant expertise	- exempts food safety threat (including <i>e.coli</i>), mammography quality rules (from CBA), children poison protection rules (from both CBA & RA) - sense of the Senate indicates nothing in Act intended to delay rules for human health and safety threat - allows risk assessments for a proposed rule to be used for related final rule - agency may exclude person with relevant expertise from peer review panel if there is a potential financial interest in the outcome
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUPS - cleanups would be halted or delayed - unnecessary since risk assessments often already are done	- risk assessments must be done <u>according to the principles in the Act</u> - benefit-cost analysis of cleanup action must be conducted	- section deleted from bill, therefore: - risk assessments need not comply with principles of the Act - benefit-cost analyses not required
EFFECTIVE DATE - no transition period provided - in-progress rulemakings would be delayed and need rework	- Act takes effect on date of enactment	- proposed rulemakings published before April 1, 1995 are not subject to risk assessment and benefit-cost requirements

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DECISIONAL CRITERIA - requires choice of least cost regulation when a more costly regulation yields substantially greater benefits.	- decisional criteria require: - benefits justify costs; - flexible, performance-based mechanisms; and - <u>least cost</u> alternative of the reasonable alternatives that achieve the objective of the statute	- a pending amendment would change the least cost criterion to <u>greater net benefits</u>
APPLICABILITY TO CURRENT LAW - "decisional criteria" would create a "supermandate" overriding existing law	- bill states decisional criteria "shall supplement, and not supersede, any other decisional criteria otherwise provided by law."	- bill amended to add: "Nothing in this section shall be construed to override any statutory requirement, including health, safety, and environmental requirements." - a pending amendment would clarify that if a rule cannot comply <u>as a matter of law</u> both with the decisional criteria and any requirement of the statute authorizing the rule, the decisional criteria shall not apply
JUDICIAL REVIEW - creates new opportunities for litigation - invites large amount of litigation - ties up agencies	- bill does not add new opportunities for judicial review - limits judicial review to failure to comply with risk assessment and cost-benefit sections from what otherwise would be the case - failure to comply <u>may be</u> considered <u>solely</u> for purpose of determining if the rule is arbitrary and capricious or abuse of discretion	- judicial review language clarified so that failure to comply with the benefit-cost and risk assessment provisions <u>may not be</u> considered <u>except</u> for purpose of determining as arbitrary and capricious or abuse of discretion - provisions allowing early, separate review of certain determinations, such as whether the rule was a major rule, were deleted - deleted "substantial support" standard from section 706

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REVIEW OF REGULATIONS - shuts down needed regulatory programs - suspends statutory or judicial deadlines - ties up agencies	- if agency review not completed on schedule, <u>rule terminates</u> - all statutory or judicial rulemaking deadlines occurring <u>5-years</u> after this Act are suspended for <u>2 years</u>	- language changed so that if agency review not completed on schedule, a <u>rulemaking to repeal rule is begun</u> - language changed so that all deadlines within <u>2-years</u> after this Act are suspended for <u>6 months</u>
REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY - creates new opportunities for litigation - invites large amount of litigation - ties up agencies	- agency cannot issue rule unless it certifies final rule minimizes <u>significant economic impact</u> on small entities - affected small entities can petition for judicial review of a final regulatory flexibility analysis and agency certification	- changed so that agency cannot issue rule unless it certifies final rule minimizes <u>compliance burdens</u> on small entities - maximum of 150 proposed rules subject to regulatory flexibility analysis in any year

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NATIONAL NEWS AT A GLANCE

By Robert N. Taylor

MICHAEL JACKSON REPORTEDLY SEEKING A DEAL TO AVOID JAIL

Los Angeles, Calif (NBNS) - Lawyers for pop music superstar Michael Jackson are said to be negotiating a \$10 million deal with the father of a 13-year-old boy he is accused of sexually molesting. Mr. Jackson has publicly and dramatically proclaimed his innocence and has labeled media coverage of the allegations "humiliating." But sources close to the Mr. Jackson's camp say he is seeking an out-of-court settlement of a civil suit against him, in a bid to head off a potential criminal indictment. The civil suit is scheduled to go to trial in March and no criminal charges have been filed. But the source says, "Jackson's attorneys fear the superstar would either testify and risk incriminating himself or take the fifth amendment and draw increased suspicion to himself." A recent article in Vanity Fair magazine suggested that several people are prepared to testify

Diana Ross Debuts A Great New Sound in Latest Release!



Famous entertainer, DIANA ROSS. See Story Page A2

Freedom Fund Banquet Attracts Largest Crowd In Organization's History



Columbus, Ga. -- NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet speaker seated is the Honorable Alexis Herman. Standing l.to r. are: NAACP president Leonard Leavell; Mayor Frank Martin; State Rep. Calvin Smyre & Congressman Sanford Bishop

Well Known Author And Poet Maya Angelou Comes To Town!

Retired Judge Albert Thompson Installs 33 Member Board

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NATIONAL NEWS AT A GLANCE

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MANDELA AMONG FOUR 'MEN OF THE YEAR'

New York, NY—Time Magazine has included South African Black leader Nelson Mandela as one of its four "Men of the Year" for 1993. Mandela was chosen for his work to bring both peace and majority rule to racially torn White-ruled South Africa. The other three men of the year are current South African President F. W. deKlerk, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Organization Chairman Yassir Arafat. For their efforts to bring peace to strife torn areas of the world, the magazines' editors said they "reasserted the principle that leaders matter; than an individuals' vision, courageously and persuasively and intelligently pursued, can override the rather unimaginative human preference for war." Time's first "Man of the Year" was aviator Charles Lindbergh in 1927. President Clinton was chosen last year.

MIKE TYSON BEGINS
COMPLICATED PROCESS

Countdown Begins For "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" Telethon



Entertainer Patti LaBelle will be one of many stars appearing during the 1994 'Lou Rawls Parade of Stars' to benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). See Story Page C1

Congressman Bishop Makes A One Million Dollar Announcement

By Susie Chandler

Columbus, Ga. — Congressman Sanford Bishop brought a message from Washington to his hometown that has revived interest in the restoration of a Columbus landmark — The Liberty Theater. The Congressman appeared briefly before Columbus councilors to make the announcement concerning a \$1 million grant approval to help restore the Liberty Theater.

"This grant will be a great boost to the redevelopment plans of the downtown area," Congressman-Bishop said. "The Liberty Theater has long been in need of restoration. Approval of this project should provide a tourist attraction for this historic Columbus area resulting in increased economic success for the area," he continued.

Ms. Charlotte Frazier, a long time activist and supporter of the Liberty Theater, was present for the occasion. Mayor Pro-Tem A.J. McClung asked her to stand and be recognized as one of the key components in working for the theater's restoration. Mrs. Frazier was also played a vital role in getting the theater listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

According to Congressman Bishop, the project to secure the \$1 million has been in the works for a long time. It was initiated in Senator Fowler's office, but was put on hold due to a change in the administration. The City Manager, Mr. Michael Brown and his assistant, Mrs. Iris Jessie (assistant city manager) also played a vital role in paving the road to receive the



Congressman Sanford Bishop

grant.

The funding, awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will provide Columbus with grant funds for operation expenses and capital expenditures to restore the theater which is located at 8th Avenue.

A press release from the Congressman Washington's office outlined the plans SEE PAGE A2

Local NAACP Chapter Hosts Anna J. Freedom

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom Comes To The Springer Theater