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REQUEST FOR PHONE CALL

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Rev. Tom Skinner was the first black preacher to be identified with the evangelical and conservative religious movements. He was the cultural bridge with people of many faith. Former chaplain of The Washington Redskins. Married to Barbara Skinner, who was the first Administrative Assistant to Congressman Ron Dellums when he first came to Congress and then she went on to become the first Director of the Congressional Black Caucus serving the longest time.

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Tom continued to devote himself. He was active with the ministries and working with the youth around the country. He counseled many black athletes with any name recognition in this country and had an active youth following. Currently, he had been holding private Black-Jewish dialogue on the Farrakahn situation. He was also a good friend of Dick Coe and Chaplain of the Senate Dick Halverson, who put on the National Prayer Breakfast. Tom was also known to Phil and Linda Lader. I have worked closely with him for the last 20 years in a number of youth programs to black and white dialogue on economic employment initiatives in the black community.

Attached is one of the many books that Tom started writing 20 years ago to help bridge racial barriers. Most recently he and Barbara had hoped to build Skinner Farms into a mini-Aspen Institute. At the Farms, there would be discussions on many issues including Rwanda.

His funeral will be attended by a number of prominent African Americans and church leadership both black and white from around the country.

Either Rev. Billy Graham or Rev. Gardner Taylor will deliver the eulogy.

It is recommended that you place a phone call to Barbara Skinner at h/ 410 867 1076 or o/ 301 261 9800.

Talking points:

On Friday, June 17, 1994, Tom Skinner and Barbara's husband for 13 years, suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage and passed on that afternoon. He was diagnosed two months ago and was under-going treatment for acute lymphatic leukemia. He was 51 years old.

Tom was committed to service but especially his work covered African American youth and his interest to raise up a new generation of leaders and his dreams for Skinner Farms to serve as a treatment center for young kids.

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ALEXIS HERMAN - FYI
JIM DORSKIND - ACTION

NOTE FOR:

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

Information ☐

Action ☐

Jim,
Per the President's request, please prepare a condolence letter for Mrs. Skinner and send back to my office for signature.

Thank you.

JOHN D. PODESTA
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x2702)

cc:

6.22.94

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1994

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Barbara Skinner h/ 410-867-1076
w/ 301-261-9800

DATE:

June 22, 1994

RECOMMENDED BY:

Alexis Herman

PURPOSE:

To show your support to Barbara Skinner, Tom Skinner's wife of 13 years, after his passing away on Friday, June 17, 1994.

BACKGROUND:

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Rev. Tom Skinner was the first black preacher to be identified with the evangelical and conservative religious movements. He was the cultural bridge with people of many faiths. Tom was the former chaplain of the Washington Redskins.

His wife, Barbara Skinner, was the first Admin. Asst. to Congressman Ron Dellums when he first came to Congress and then she went on to become the first Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, serving the longest time.

Tom devoted himself to working with youth around the country. He counseled many black athletes with prominent name recognition and had an active youth following. Currently, he had been holding private Black-Jewish dialogue on the Farrakahn situation. He was also a good friend of Doug Coe and Dick Halverson, Chaplain of the Senate. As you are well aware, both of these men put on the National Prayer Breakfast. Tom was also known to Phil and Linda Lader.

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TALKING POINTS:

Acknowledge Tom's committed service but especially his work with African American youth and his interest to raise a new generation of leaders and his dreams for Skinner Farms to serve as a treatment center for young kids.

Tom had a very deep spiritual faith and shared that with each person he came in contact with.

**CONTACT PERSON AND
NUMBERS:**

Alexis Herman

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DATE OF SUBMISSION:

June 21, 1994

ACTION:
