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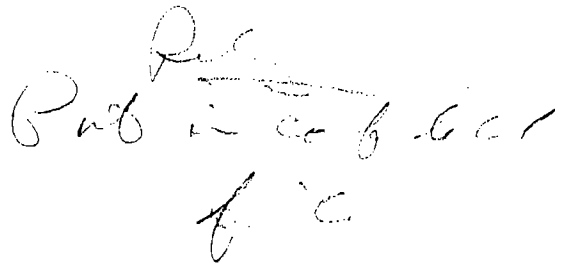
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To: Alexis Herman
From: Steve Hilton
Date: December 8, 1993
Subject: NAFTA Signing Reception

You asked me to recount the process by which individuals were invited to the reception.

1. The reception was limited to 100 people by the warroom. Thus there were very limited spaces available.
2. The list was created by composite, we acted as the coordinator. The list represented the following categories: Members of Congress, the Cabinet, "Great Americans," Mayors and Governors, and Public Liaison invitees, i.e. state opinion leaders, Industry Sector Leaders, Small Business, and Hispanic and African American leaders who worked on NAFTA.
3. The warroom wanted only CEOs from our groups.
4. Contributions came from a number of offices, including the NAFTA warroom staff. They were continually interested in reviewing the Reception and main event list. We provided such lists when requested. I went to Rahm's office to get his final approval of the breakfast list, but he was available.
5. Paul Toback reviewed the tentative list of invitees to the reception and stated that Bill Daley and Rahm reviewed it. Bill Daley specifically commented on why some of our guests were invited.
6. I asked Paul during the discussion about Bill Daley's concerns why Ann Wexler was not invited. Paul said that she was not to be invited because we were not inviting Washington types. However, I put her on the list last night. I also put Toni Casey on the list because Betty Curry stating that Casey was a close friend of the President.
7. Rahm had a final version of both the reception and ceremony lists yesterday. Clearly, the warroom staff were involved in the list making process, critiqued

the list, augmented the list and had ample opportunity add or delete as they saw fit, including adding the USA Nafta people.

8. You Should know that Paul Toback was upset that you brought Ken Cole and others into the reception because we were not supposed to invite those types of people.