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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Activity
March 21 - April 3, 1995

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1995

- **DOC -- Foreign Policy Testimony:** On March 21, Under Secretary for International Trade Jeff Garten will testify before the Senate Banking Committee regarding Senator Helms' proposal to place the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS) in the State Department.
- **DOJ -- Violence Against Women:** On Tuesday, March 21, Attorney General Reno and Secretary Shalala join the President at the White House in announcing Bonnie Campbell as the Director of the Office of Violence Against Women.
- **DOJ -- Dedicated Commuter Lanes Open in Detroit:** On Tuesday, March 21, DOJ officials will participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening Dedicated Commuter Lanes in Detroit, Michigan: one in the Detroit Tunnel, and one on the Detroit Bridge. This program is one of several being tested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the U.S. Customs Service to facilitate the flow of traffic at land border Ports-of-Entry on both the Canadian and Mexican borders.
- **DOJ -- Arkansas River Compact:** On March 21, oral argument will be held in Kansas v. Colorado, a case where Kansas has alleged that Colorado has violated the Arkansas River Compact. The court is considering the Special Master's recommendation that Kansas's claims against the federal projects be dismissed and that Colorado be held liable for depletion of the Arkansas River flow due to ground water development in Colorado. The United States substantially supports the Special Master's recommendations and did not file any exceptions. Kansas and Colorado both filed exceptions to the Special Master's report.
- **DOT -- Regulatory Reform Testimony:** Secretary Pena testifies before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on regulatory reform.

- **GSA -- Privatization: FTS 2000 Contracts:** Congressional hearing with the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee on March 21 and 22. Discussion will focus on the process of developing the successor to the current FTS 2000 contracts (Federal government's telecommunications services). The Committee, chaired by Representative Clinger (R-PA), will hear testimony from GSA and other relevant agencies, including DoD and GAO.
- **HHS -- Department to Testify Before Commerce Subcommittee on Quality Initiative:** On March 21, Bruce Vladeck, Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, and Dr. Phil Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health, will testify on quality assurance and improvement initiatives before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. Other witnesses will likely include: the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Group Health Association of America, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, and the American Association of Retired Persons.
- **TREAS -- Secretary Rubin addresses the Government Business Relations Council, attends New York day at the White House, and meets with the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan.**
- **USDA -- Confirmation Hearing Scheduled:** On March 21, the Senate Agriculture Committee begins confirmation hearings for Dan Glickman.
- **US-UN -- Testimony:** On Tuesday, March 21, Ambassador Albright is scheduled to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning legislation introduced by Senator Dole that, if enacted, would terminate U.S. support for United Nations peace operations. In that hearing, Ambassador Albright will outline the Administration's reasons for opposing the bill and encourage a bipartisan approach to the problem of containing and resolving international conflicts. Ambassador Albright may also address the issue of Iraq sanctions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1995

- **DOC -- Advocacy Center:** On Wednesday, March 22, Secretary Brown holds a press briefing and introduces the Commerce Department's Advocacy Center, a key component of the Administration's National Export Strategy as indicated by the interagency Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee.
- **DOC -- Latin America Mission:** Secretary Brown departs Wednesday, March 22 on for Latin America. In Brazil, he will meet with President Cardoso and signs the Terms of Reference for the U.S.-Brazil Business Development Council. In Argentina, he will meet with President Menem and with the U.S.-Argentina Business Development Council Steering Committee. In Santiago, Chile, he will participate in the annual Latin America Telecommunications Summit, the centerpiece of this trip.

- **DOI -- Testimony on Indian Child Protection:**
Senate Indian Affairs Committee (McCain)
Hearing on S. 441, to reauthorize Public Law 101-630, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, and the reauthorization of the Administration for Native Americans; and S. 510, to extend the authorization for certain programs under the Native American Programs Act of 1974
Witness: Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- **DOL -- International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Legislative Conference:** On March 22, Secretary Reich will use this opportunity to discuss the Administration's employment and training provisions in the Middle Class Bill of Rights and engage the support of this group in the preservation of the summer jobs program targeted in the Republican rescissions package (summer jobs program). The Secretary will also underscore your commitment to labor, as evidenced by the signing of Executive Order.
- **DOL -- National Alliance of Business' Workforce Development Teleconference:** On Wednesday, March 22, Secretary Reich is a panelist in the National Alliance of Business' Workforce Development Teleconference. He will use this opportunity to emphasize the importance of a skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the demands of the changing global economy.
- **DOT -- Fuel Exemption for Aviation:** The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation has scheduled a hearing on extending the fuel tax exemption for aviation. These hearings will be broadened to consider general condition of the aviation industry. Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Pat Murphy is expected to testify.
- **EPA -- Risk Testimony:** Administrator Browner is scheduled to testify before Senate Environment & Public Works Committee (Chafee R-RI) on all the pending risk bills. She will testify along with OMB Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs Administrator Sally Katzen, DOT and possibly DOJ.
- **TREAS -- Taxpayer Bill of Rights:** IRS Commissioner Richardson will testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1995

- **DOE -- National Conference of Blacks in Higher Education:** Secretary O'Leary addresses the National Conference of Blacks in Higher Education on Thursday, March 23 in Washington. The Secretary's address will focus on the role of education in preparing the next generation for the global economy, and the Department's initiatives to create opportunity for minority students.
- **HHS -- FDA to Discuss Regulation of Sperm Banks for HIV:** On March 23 and 24, an FDA advisory committee will discuss various blood testing issues, including proposals to regulate sperm and tissue banks for the prevention of HIV transmission. Recent attention to an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association about HIV transmission through artificial insemination may generate follow-up stories from the advisory meeting. While the FDA has HIV regulations for blood and tissue banks, there are no analogous federal requirements on sperm banks.
- **HHS -- FDA to Explore Cost-Effectiveness Claims in Drug Marketing:** On March 23 and 24, FDA will hold a meeting to explore the topic of cost-effectiveness of drug products. This is related to the promotion of one drug product as being "better" than another for treatment of the same disease. FDA has not before required such comparative data for drug product approval. However, as the pharmaceutical marketplace evolves, new pressures exist on the developers of drugs and biological products to demonstrate comparative effects. At this conference, panelists from industry, managed care, government and academia will discuss the appropriate design of studies to compare therapies and also to address the issue of the validity of cost-effectiveness claims.
- **TREAS -- Mexico:** Treasury continues work on implementing the financial assistance agreements entered into with Mexico. The Department has drafted standards, terms and conditions for the guarantees. In addition, they continue to perform "due diligence" research on Pemex oil exports, which serves as the backing for the Treasury facilities for Mexico. On March 23, the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs testifies before the House Select Committee on Intelligence regarding Mexico.
- **US-UN -- First Lady at US Mission:** On March 23. The Ambassador will host a reception in honor of the First Lady and the delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1995

- **DOL -- Low Wage Workers Event:** On Friday, March 24, Secretary Reich travels to Hartford, Connecticut and participates in a low wage workers event emphasizing the need for an increase in the minimum wage.
- **DOT -- Reorganization Proposal:** DOT anticipates submitting legislation for reorganizing the Department by March 24. The legislation will describe the consolidation of 10 modes to 3 major areas. This will enable DOT to eliminate duplicative functions, emphasize intermodal planning, eliminate redundancy in administrative functions, and place greater emphasis on delivery of services in the field. Legislation to corporatize the Air Traffic Controllers function will also be submitted within the next two weeks.
- **DOT -- 1995 Seaway Navigation Season to Begin March 24.** The U.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority of Canada announced that Friday, March 24, will be the opening date for the 1995 navigation season. It will match the earliest opening date in Seaway history set, in 1980. Customer requests for an early opening date are strong due to continuing high demand for grain exports and steel product imports through the Seaway.
- **DOT -- Commuter Aviation Safety.** Secretary Pena anticipates issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on March 24 that will require commuter airlines to meet the same safety standards as the larger carriers. These regulations are part of a commitment I made in January of this year during the Aviation Safety Summit to upgrade commuter safety in response to several airplane crashes. Under the proposed rulemaking, commuter operators that conduct scheduled passenger-carrying operations with airplanes of 10 to 30 seats will have to comply with the more stringent Part 121 requirements (the same requirements the major air carriers must comply with), with limited exceptions. Some of these more stringent requirements include flight time limits, longer rest requirements, dispatch systems, and a designated safety official. Commuter operations with nine or fewer seats would continue to operate under Part 135, and all rotorcraft operations would be conducted under Part 135. These regulations will impose a significant cost to the industry and DOT expects considerable objections.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1995

- **VA -- Secretary Brown will attend the Annual Disabled Veterans' Winter Sports Clinic in Crested Butte, Colorado**

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1995

- **DOT -- Potential Transit Strike in Philadelphia:** The Transport Workers Union has extended its strike deadline until March 27. 5,200 transit workers for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) are involved. SEPTA is trying to increase state and local subsidies to offset any expected raises in a new contract. However, the city and state governments do not plan to increase payments to SEPTA or get involved in negotiations. Prior to the announcement of the extension, SEPTA dropped proposals to press for an end to the union's lay-off clause and hire part-timers. Approximately 300,000 riders per day would be affected.
- **HHS -- On Monday, March 27, Secretary Shalala will address the AMA's National Leadership Conference.**
- **HHS -- Higher Survival Rates for Heart Transplants Performed at Medicare Approved Hospitals:** On March 27, the Department will announce that patients receiving heart transplants at medical facilities that meet Medicare standards have a higher survival rates than those at other facilities, according to study by the Health Care Financing Administration. The study concludes that heart transplant patients at Medicare-approved centers have a 20 percent lower risk of dying within 30 days of receiving the procedure, and that the lowered risk continues over five years.

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Administrator Carol Browner
Event: Speak at NAAG Meeting
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Working lunch with Prime Minister Bolger of New Zealand
Event Description: host

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Bilateral with Foreign Minister Petersen of Denmark
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros
Event: National Community Investment Coalition's Annual Meeting and Conference
Event Description: Address

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Dr. Michael Trujillo
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior
Event Description: Testimony on FY '96 Appropriations for Indian Health Service

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: Opening Session for Windpower '95
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOD Secretary William Perry
Event: Freedom Forum
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Raleigh, NC
Person Attending: DOL Secretary Robert Reich
Event: Possible Travel to North Carolina
Event Description: Speech, tour of UNC Textile College, Meeting with Governor Hunt

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOJ Attorney General Janet Reno
Event: Meeting with National Association of Attorneys General
Event Description: meeting at DOJ with NAAG

Date of Event: 03/27/95 **Location:** Washington, DC

Cabinet Events 3/27 -- 4/4

Person Attending: HHS Secretary Donna Shalala
Event: AMA National Leadership Conference
Event Description: remarks

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOI Secretary Bruce Babbitt
Event: Address Sierra Club Nat'l Advisory Council
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Administrator Carol Browner
Event: Speak at Sierra Club Meeting
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: ONDCP Drug Tzar Lee Brown
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Committee
Event Description: Testimony on National Drug Control Strategy and Budget

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Bilateral with Foreign Minister Poos of Luxembourg
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Assistant Secretary Mary Jo Bane
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education
Event Description: Testimony on FY '96 Budget for ACF

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: HHS Assistant Secretary David Kessler
Event: Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA
Event Description: FY '96 Budget

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: DOE In-House Meetings
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOD Secretary William Perry
Event: Award and Farewell for Adm Arthur
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/28/95 **Location:**

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Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Indiana
Person Attending:	State Secretary Warren Christopher		
Event:	Address to the University of Indiana		
Event Description:	address		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros		
Event:	Keynote American Assoc. of Homes & Services for the Aging		
Event Description:			
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	HHS Inspector General June Gibbs Brown		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Budget for Office of Inspector General		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary		
Event:	Speak at DOE's Women's History Month Celebration		
Event Description:			
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOT Secretary Federico Peña		
Event:	Meet with Sen. Bryan and Nevada Delegation		
Event Description:			
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOL Secretary Robert Reich		
Event:	Breakfast with House Wednesday/Marching/and Chowder Group		
Event Description:	Breakfast with House Republicans		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Atlanta, GA
Person Attending:	DOL Secretary Robert Reich		
Event:	Atlanta Economic Conference		
Event Description:	TBD		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOL Secretary Robert Reich		
Event:	Keynote Speech to General Counsel Briefing		
Event Description:	Keynote Address, National Center for the Public Interest		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOJ Attorney General Janet Reno		
Event:	White House Correspondence Dinner		
Event Description:	attend annual WH Correspondence Dinner		

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Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Atlanta, GA
Person Attending:	OMB Director Alice Rivlin		
Event:	Southern Economic Conference		
Event Description:	Participant		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	Treas Secretary, Robert Rubin		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Banking Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on Mexico		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA Acting Under Secretary Mike Taylor		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Agricultural Appropriations for the Food Safety and Inspection Service		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	TBA , , , , , , , , , , Witnesses TBA		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Rural Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Agriculture Appropriations - FSIS, MRP, APHIS, AMS, and GIPSA		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOJ , , , , , , , , , , Witnesses TBA		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State		
Event Description:	Testimony on Staffing of Overseas Missions		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOJ , , , , , , , , , , Witnesses TBA		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State		
Event Description:	Testimony on BOP Appropriations		
Date of Event:	03/29/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	HHS Assistant Secretary Fernando Torres-Gill		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Budget for Administration on Aging		
Date of Event:	03/30/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA Assistant Secretary Ken Ackerman		
Event:	Testimony before House Agriculture Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops		
Event Description:	Testimony on Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Implementation		
Date of Event:	03/30/95	Location:	Los Angeles, CA

Person Attending: DOI Secretary Bruce Babbitt
Event: Address Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/31/95 **Location:** Haiti
Person Attending: UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright

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Event: Travel to Haiti

Event Description:

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Los Angeles, CA
Person Attending:	DOI Secretary Bruce Babbitt		
Event:	Cesar Chavez Legacy Awards Dinner		
Event Description:			

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	VA Secretary Jesse Brown		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Budget Request		

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	ONDCP Drug Tzar Lee Brown		
Event:	Male Black Initiatives Meeting		
Event Description:			

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Haiti
Person Attending:	State Secretary Warren Christopher		
Event:	Travel with President		
Event Description:			

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOJ FBI Director Louis Freeh		
Event:	Testimony before House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime		
Event Description:	Testimony on Drugs. Tom Constantine will also testify.		

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA Under Secretary Gene Moos		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Agriculture Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on Agricultural Credit		

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	San Diego, CA
Person Attending:	DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary		
Event:	Keynote Address at the International College of Surgeons Honors Luncheon		
Event Description:			

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary		
Event:	Small Business Awards Ceremony		
Event Description:			

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOT Secretary Federico Peña		
Event:	Opening Address for Moving Kids Safely		

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Event Description:

Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Kiawah Island, SC
Person Attending:	Educ Secretary Richard Riley		
Event:	Southern University Conference		
Event Description:			
Date of Event:	03/31/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA , , , , , , , , , , , Witnesses TBA		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Agriculture Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on 1995 Farm Bill - "Agricultural Credit in the New Century"		
Date of Event:	04/01/95	Location:	Tysons Corner, Vienna, VA
Person Attending:	VA Secretary Jesse Brown		
Event:	AMVETS Silver Helmet Reception and Awards Banquet		
Event Description:	participant		
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	State Secretary Warren Christopher		
Event:	Breakfast with Prime Minister Major of the United Kingdom		
Event Description:			
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOI Assistant Secretary Bonnie Cohen		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on DOI Budget Request		
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOI Acting IG Joyce Fleischman		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on DOI Budget Request		
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOI Solicitor John Leshy		
Event:	Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies		
Event Description:	Testimony on DOI Budget Request		
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	Treas Assistant Secretary George Munoz		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Appropriations Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on FY '96 Budget Request. IRS Commissioner Richardson will also testify.		
Date of Event:	04/03/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary		
Event:	DOE In-House Meetings		

Event Description:

Date of Event:	04/04/95	Location:	Washington, DC
Person Attending:	USDA , , , , , , , , , , , Witnesses TBA		
Event:	Testimony before Senate Agriculture Committee		
Event Description:	Testimony on 1995 Farm Bill - "Market Effects of Federal Farm Policy"		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Summary of Daily Cabinet Activity
April 11 - April 28, 1995

UPDATES IN BOLD

Tuesday, April 11, 1995

- **DoEd -- Elementary Education:** The Department expects to be responding to Carnegie report which is critical of elementary school education.
- DOL -- Secretary Reich addresses the Sperling Breakfast.
- DOL -- Secretary Reich appears on *Equal Time* with Mary Matalin.
- **TREAS -- APEC:** Secretary Rubin does roundtable with reporters traveling to this weekend's APEC meeting in Bali.
- **TREAS -- G-7:** Treasury officials continue to work with their G-7 counterparts on the drafting of a report on International Financial Institutions. Finance Deputies will meet in London on April 11 to prepare for the April 25 G-7 Ministerial meeting in Washington.
- **USDA -- Meeting On Canadian Border Regulatory Review:** On April 11-12, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service officials will attend a meeting in Seattle, Washington with Agriculture Canada, the California and Washington Departments of Agriculture, U.S. Customs, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to discuss U.S.-Canadian border issues, particularly the movement of illegal produce from Canada into the United States.

- **USDA -- Seminars On Nutrition Issues:** On April 11, USDA will launch a seminar series entitled Nutrition Issues for the 21st Century. White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Associate Director for Science M.R.C. Greenwood will be the keynote speaker at the first series' seminar, which are being sponsored by the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion and USDA.
- **USTR -- Ambassador Kantor interviews with *USA Today* on general trade policy.**
- **USTR -- Pakistan:** On April 11, Ambassador Kantor meets with Pakistan Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.

Wednesday, April 12, 1995

- **DOJ -- Louisiana and Georgia Redistricting Cases:** On April 12, 1995, Justice will appeal a district court ruling that the boundaries of Louisiana's 4th District (Rep. Fields) and Georgia's 11th District (Rep. McKinney) were unconstitutionally drawn. In each case, trial courts found the district lines were "racial gerrymanders" under the standards set forth in *Shaw v. Reno*. In each appeal, the United States argues the courts should not have applied strict scrutiny because the district boundaries were not "bizarrely-shaped," and that, in any event, the districts were narrowly tailored to serve compelling state interests in complying with the Voting Rights Act.
- **EPA -- Clean Water Act:** Administrator Browner interviews with *ABC Evening News* on Clean Water Act for piece to air next week.
- **HHS -- Secretary Shalala addresses Alzheimer's Association.**
- **HUD -- Reinvention:** Secretary Cisneros participates in press conference with Sen. Dominici re: opening of a HUD office in Albuquerque -- a reinvention story.
- **USDA -- UN Commission on Sustainable Development:** On April 12-13, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Adela Backiel will attend the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development meeting. Major forestry issues to be addressed include consideration for a high-level intergovernmental panel on forests, continuation of work on criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management, timber certification and labelling schemes, forestry donor coordination, and further implementation of the Rio Forest Principles at national levels.
- **VA -- South Dakota:** Secretary Jesse Brown will visit the VA Medical Centers in Hot Springs and Fort Meade, South Dakota. In the evening, he will attend a meeting in Rapid City, SD, with Senator Daschle and leaders of veterans service organizations.

Thursday, April 13, 1995

- **DOC -- Economic Data Release:** Commerce will release the following economic data:
Advance Retail Sales for March April 13
- **DOJ -- US Attorneys Conference:** Attorney General Reno is in San Antonio to attend the US Attorneys Conference.
- **DOJ -- COPS Coupons:** COPS Director Joe Brann holds a press conference on April 13 to announce COPS Coupons, a novel method for COPS recipients to draw against their grant awards. The coupons work the same way that a mortgage payment works. Every month (or every other week depending on what best fits the grantees needs) a COPS FAST grantee will send DOJ a preprinted coupon indicating the amount of money that they should receive for covering the cost of their officer(s). DOJ will then send them their grant money. The new process is a tremendous convenience to small police departments, many of whom have never applied for government funding.
- **HHS -- New York Travel:** Secretary Shalala travels to New York, where she will address a board meeting of the Carnegie Corporation and will also meet -- along with OMB Director Alice Rivlin -- with the editorial boards of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.
- **TREAS -- Los Angeles:** On April 13, the Secretary travels to Los Angeles where he meets with the DNC Business Leadership Forum, interviews with the LA Times Editorial Board, and addresses the Los Angeles World Affairs Council regarding APEC.

Friday, April 14, 1995

- **DOC -- Economic Data Release:** Commerce will release the following economic data:
Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales for February April 14
- **DOI -- Florida Beach Erosion:** On Friday, April 14, Secretary Babbitt travels to Florida working on beach erosion issues.

Monday, April 17, 1995

- DOC -- Russian: On Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18, Secretary Brown will meet with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Davydov and the Russian Presidential Business Development Mission accompanying him.
- DOL -- Boeing Visit: On Monday, April 17, Secretary Reich travels to Seattle, WA to highlight Boeing's extensive worker training and re-training programs. Senators Slade Gorton (R) and Patty Murray (D) and Representatives Jim McDermott (D-WA-7) and Jennifer Dunn (R-WA-8) have been invited. While in Seattle, he will also meet with local Democratic leaders and conduct press interviews.
- DOT -- West Coast Travel: On April 17, Secretary Pena travels to the West Coast for a variety of activities. He will make stops in Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco. Highlights include the certification of the Boeing 777 aircraft and events with Sen. Hatfield (R-OR). He will attend party fundraisers and tour air traffic control centers.
- DOT -- National Highway System Road Tour '95: Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater will conduct a 5-state, 5-day road tour, which will travel approximately 1,500 miles. The tour will be kicked off in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 17, at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, which is currently being designated a historic site. The station was prominent as the terminus site of the 1964 Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

Tuesday, April 18, 1995

- DOC -- Economic Data Release: Commerce will release the following economic data:
Housing Starts and Building Permits for March 1995 April 18
- DOC -- Technology Conference: On Tuesday, April 18, Secretary Brown addresses the 2nd Annual Manufacturing Technology Conference at our National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- DoEd -- "Ready to Learn:" Deputy Secretary Kunin will host a Satellite Town Meeting on April 18, entitled "Ready to Learn." The meeting will be hosted from Miami, Florida and will include a taped message from Governor Lawton Chiles, founder of the National Health and Education Consortium.
- DOL -- Minimum Wage: Leading up to hearings in the California state legislature on April 19, Secretary Reich will participate in a roundtable discussion with low-wage workers in Sacramento, California on April 18. The Secretary has invited Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Representatives Bob Matsui (D-CA-5) and Vic Fazio (D-CA-3) to join him.

- DOL -- Middle Class Bill of Rights: On Tuesday, April 18, Secretary Reich will participate in a Middle Class Bill of Rights town meeting at a community college in Riverside, California. He will discuss the Administration's education and training proposals. Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Representatives Jerry Lewis (R-CA-40) and Ken Calvert (R-CA-43), members of the state legislature and California Lieutenant Governor Gray Davis may also attend.
- OPM -- Reverse Affirmative Action: On Tuesday, April 18, OPM expects to release the final report of a study of the disparate discharge rates between minority and non-minority federal employees. The report will be issued to Executive Branch department and agency heads from Director King. In addition OPM will issue its annual report to Congress on the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) during the next week or so. The major finding is the under representation of Hispanics throughout the Federal workforce. Women also continue to be under represented.
- VA -- Sacramento: Congressman Vic Fazio and Secretary Jesse Brown will address a Town Hall Meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Wednesday, April 19, 1995

- **DOC -- Technology:** On Wednesday, April 19, Secretary Brown, Laura Tyson, and Jack Gibbons host the "Integrating Technology and the Organization" meeting with executive branch, Hill, industry and labor representatives at the EOB.
- **DOC -- Economic Data Release:** Commerce will release the following economic data:
U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services for February April 19
- **DOC -- National District Export Council:** On Wednesday, April 19, Secretary Ron Brown travel to St. Louis to address a joint session of the annual National District Export Council (DEC) Conference and the Missouri meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, where he will unveil the new "Commercial Service" name and logo for the U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS).
- **UN -- Non-Proliferation Treaty:** Ambassador Albright looks forward to the Vice President's visit to New York on April 19 as head of the U.S. delegation to the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. Secretary Christopher will deliver the U.S. welcoming statement at the conference. The UN believes it has the required majority, but wants as many supporters as possible. In addition, the Security Council is considering a draft resolution containing nuclear security assurance for non-nuclear powers. The Council is expected to adopt the resolution before the Review Conference begins.
- On Wednesday, April 19, Secretary Brown joins Secretary Perry, Ruth Harkin and Westinghouse Electric Corporation Chairman and CEO Michael Jordan in addressing the conference on "Building Industrial Partnerships in the Former Soviet Union" at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Thursday, April 20, 1995

- **HHS Takes Steps to Become Model of Child Support Enforcement:** On April 20, HHS's will sponsoring a meeting of federal agencies to discuss the issues involved in the implementation of Executive Order 12953, requiring the federal government to be a model employer in facilitating the establishment and enforcement of child support.
- **VA -- Secretary Brown will address the BancBoston's 37th Annual Silver Dollar Mortgage Finance Forum in Jacksonville, FL.**

Friday, April 21, 1995

- DoEd -- National Catholic Education Association: The Secretary speaks before the National Catholic Education Association on April 21 in Cincinnati.

Monday, April 24, 1995

- DOL -- Minimum Wage: On Monday April 24, Secretary Reich will lead a roundtable discussion with low-wage workers in Cincinnati, Ohio. Like California, the Ohio legislature is considering legislation to raise the state's minimum wage. I have invited Senators John Glenn (D) and Mike DeWine (R), Representative Steve Chabot (R-OH-1) and Governor George Voinovich (R) to join me in this event.
- HUD -- Reinvention: HUD plans to submit its reinvention bill to Congress on April 24.
- VA -- Phoenix: Secretary Brown be the keynote speaker at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Service Officers Proficiency Training Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Tuesday, April 25, 1995

- DOL -- Education and Training: On Tuesday morning, April 25, Secretary Reich will participate in an education and training event at a local community college in Kansas City, Missouri. The focus of this event will be job training reform and the importance of training in the new high-tech economy.
- VA -- Customer Service Day: On April 25 Secretary Brown will participate in Customer Service Day activities at the San Diego, CA, VA Regional Office.

Wednesday, April 26, 1995

- Do-Ed -- Wisconsin: Secretary Riley is scheduled to travel to Wasau, Wisconsin to give a speech and visit a school with Congressman Obey on April 26.

Friday, April 28, 1995

- DOC -- American Bar Association Speech: On April 28, Secretary Brown delivers a major speech to the American Bar Association for their annual conference. The theme will be "The Power of Diversity: Leveraging the Challenge of Change."
- DoEd -- Special Education Event: Secretary Riley will join Miss America for a special education event on April 28 in Washington, D.C.
- DOL -- Labor Ministers: On April 28, Secretary Reich will attend the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) Ministerial Council meeting with the Labor Ministers from Mexico and Canada in Ottawa, Canada.