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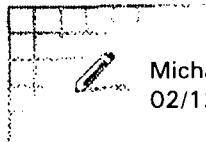
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Michael Cohen  
02/12/97 07:45:33 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Leanne I. Johnson/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: General Education form letter

Excellent job!

Leanne I. Johnson  
02/11/97 06:12:13 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Michael Cohen/OPD/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: General Education form letter

Hi Mike,

Following is this draft. I've basically revamped our old form letter (it was much more general and did not mention the internet or his focus for the 2nd term). The language directly from the State of the Union address, the Inaugural address, and his 2/8 Radio address. Please let me know what you think. Thanks!

**DRAFT**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

As we prepare to face the challenges of the next century, our commitment to education must remain strong. Ensuring that every American has the best education in the world is the number one priority of my second term. We must work together to ensure that every 8-year-old is able to read; every 12-year-old is able to log on to the Internet; every 18-year-old is able to go to college; and every adult American is able to keep on learning for a lifetime. My 1998 balanced budget proposal commits an unprecedented \$51 billion to these goals.

I firmly believe that the purpose of education is to expand opportunities and to give our children the tools they need to make the most of their God-given potential. That is why my plan calls for world-class standards for students, teachers and schools, expanding Head Start, rebuilding crumbling schools, emphasizing character education, giving parents the power to choose the right public school for their children, opening the doors of college wider than ever before, and ensuring that workers can learn and earn for a lifetime. To give our children the best education we must help them to harness the powerful forces of technology. Every student, from those in the most isolated rural towns to those in the poorest inner-city schools, must have the same access to the vast universe of knowledge available on the Internet.

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proposed language for p-324 General Education  
Language approved by Mike Cohen 2/12/97  
Leanne Johnson

Spell out  
numbers

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AARONP  
ALICEP  
ANNAW  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG

Post Date: 01/28/1997  
Post Time: 12:19PM  
Expires...: 02/12/1997  
Type.....: MAIL  
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Subject: P-324;P-514hrc

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letter is on HOLD.

P-324 -- General Education

The Following Presidential Letter is no longer on HOLD.

P-514hrc -- Defense Conversion (HRC VERSION)

The Master Form Letter Index has been UPDATED.



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LIANEM  
SHARONL

From.....: LEANNEJ  
Post Date: 01/28/1997  
Post Time: 11:43AM  
Expires...: 02/12/1997  
Type.....: MAIL          Status: R

Subject: p-324 General Education  
Please put this letter on hold.

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TO: AARONP  
ALICEP  
ANNAW  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG

Post Date: 10/31/1996  
Post Time: 11:28AM  
Expires..: 11/15/1996  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

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Subject: P-201; P-324; P-343; P-345; P-401

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letters have been RELEASED:

✓ P-201 -- Pension Funds  
✓ P-324 -- General Education  
P-343 -- POTUS Position re Tobacco/Teenage Smoking  
P-345 -- English as Official Language of U.S.  
P-401 -- Mental Health Coverage

The Master Form Letter Index has been updated.

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# Form Letter Tracking

Code: P-324

Topic: EDUCATION

PLM Writer: LEANNE JOHNSON

Doc. Name & Dir. Loc.: SLR10RAFT/P-324-L15

Cleared by: LISA FAIRHALL, DMB 10/2

Mike Cohen, OPD 10/17

Comments:

New form

Revision

|       |                                 | Date  | Initial |
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| JS    | Reviewed                        | 10/7  | JSW     |
| LLA   | To Mail Analysis                | 10/30 | LLJ     |
| (MA)  | Entered                         | 10/30 | ap      |
| LLA   | To Director                     | 10/8  | LLJ     |
| JD/JM | Final Director's Approval       | 10/16 | JD/JM   |
| LLA   | To Jim for West Wing            |       |         |
| (WW)  | West Wing Approval              | 10/24 | WW      |
| MH    | To Mail Analysis for Activation | 10/30 | MH      |
| (MA)  | Activated                       | 10/31 | ap      |

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

I am pleased that our nation's commitment to education has stood firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I am glad that my commitment to renewing educational opportunities at all levels is supported in the fiscal 1997 appropriations. Congress has restored critical educational programs at a level that is 15 percent greater than that of fiscal 1996. The result is a plan for fiscal 1997 that continues our work to improve education, while keeping the deficit on a downward path.

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I appreciate knowing your views as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,



(10/30/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

10/29/96

October 8, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

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~~help~~ as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

(10/8/96)

E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

17-Oct-1996 05:51pm

TO:            Leanne I. Johnson  
FROM:          Michael Cohen  
                Domestic Policy Council  
  
SUBJECT:      RE: General Education Form letter

Looks ok to me.



E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

17-Oct-1996 04:49pm

TO:           Michael Cohen

FROM:          Leanne I. Johnson  
                Presidential Correspondence

SUBJECT:      General Education Form letter

Hi Mike,

Could you please take a look at the following language? It is for our general education form letter which goes out to regular constituents. Its already been cleared through OMB Ed branch. I'd appreciate any edits/suggestions you might have. Thanks!

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Proposed language for p-324 General Education form letter.  
Approved by Lisa Fairhall (OMB Human Resources Acting Ed. Branch  
Chief) 10/2/96  
u/texts/slr/draft/p-324.lij

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

I am pleased that our nation's commitment to education has stood firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I am glad that my commitment to renewing educational opportunities at all levels is supported in the fiscal 1997 appropriations.

Congress has restored critical educational programs at a ~~fifteen~~ <sup>level that is 15 percent greater than that of Fiscal 1996.</sup> percent increase over fiscal 1996 levels. The result is a plan for fiscal 1997 that continues our work to improve education, while keeping the deficit on a downward path.

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The work we ~~do now~~ are doing now

E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

02-Oct-1996 02:57pm

TO:            JOHNSON\_L

FROM:          Lisa B. Fairhall

SUBJECT:      Re: General Education form language

Message Creation Date was at 2-OCT-1996 14:55:00

It looks basically okay. A few comments:

SEcond paragraph, fourth line -- refer to the FY 1997 appropriations, not the budget. It was the appropriations bills that were just enacted, to fund the government activities.

And for Education, the FY 1997 enacted level was about \$3.5 billion above the FY 1996 level -- a 15 percent increase -- (not just "near or above").

Let me know if you have any questions.

E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

02-Oct-1996 11:14am

TO:            Lisa B. Fairhall

FROM:         Leanne Johnson  
                Presidential Correspondence

SUBJECT:      General Education form language

Hi Lisa,

Could you review the following language. It is our General Education form letter and it had to be updated to reflect the 1997 budget. Thanks so much.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

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SLR/Draft/P-324. LJS

OLD P-324

ma/robo/p/p-324

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ALICEP  
ANNAW  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG

Post Date: 10/01/1996  
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Expires...: 10/16/1996  
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Subject: P-324

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P-324 -- General Education

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PUT ON HOLD PER TELEPHONE CALL TO LEANNE JOHNSON (FROM MARYLOU MADDOX) TO  
 UPDATE RE 97 BUDGET THE PRESIDENT JUST SIGNED. 10/1/96



1103284.....Send.Mail.Message.....

ADAMS  
ALICEP  
AMANDAD  
ANNAW  
ANNIES

Post Date: 07/09/1996  
Post Time: 07:58AM  
Expires...: 07/24/1996  
Type.....: MAIL  
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Subject: P-324; P-324b

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letters have been RELEASED:

P-324 -- General Education  
P-324b -- Education Plan/Goals 2000

The Master Form Letter Index has been updated.

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# Form Letter Tracking

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Topic: General Education

PLM Writer: Leanne Johnson

Doc. Name & Dir. Loc.: ma/robo/p/p-324

Cleared by: LISA FAIRHALL, OMB ED 5/8

Comments:

New form

Revision

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| (PLM) | Referred for Clearance          | 4.29 | [Signature] |
|       | Clearance Rec/Final Sub         | 5.8  | [Signature] |
| LLA   | To Review                       | 5.8  | [Signature] |
| JS    | Reviewed                        | 5/9  | [Signature] |
| LLA   | To Mail Analysis                | 5/9  | [Signature] |
| (MA)  | Entered                         | 5/10 | [Signature] |
| LLA   | To Director                     | 5.10 | [Signature] |
| JD/JM | Final Director's Approval       | 6/21 | [Signature] |
| LLA   | To Jim for West Wing            |      |             |
| (WW)  | West Wing Approval              | 6/28 | [Signature] |
| MH    | To Mail Analysis for Activation | 7/8  | [Signature] |
| (MA)  | Activated                       | 7/9  | [Signature] |

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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Sincerely,

(7/5/96)

OK

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

Our country faced difficult choices in recent months as we worked to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education has stood firm throughout the budget debate. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I am glad that Congress restored critical educational programs with funding near or above fiscal 1995 levels. The result is a plan for fiscal 1996 that continues our work to improve education while keeping the deficit on a downward path.

Government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set tough academic standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. Our success in boosting wages and strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people. Our work now is a valuable investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

(5/10/96)

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO P-324 GENERAL EDUCATION

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

~~Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek to balance the budget by cutting support for education and training initiatives.~~

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I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

PLEASE REPLACE THE 2ND PARAGRAPH WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Our country <sup>in recent months as we worked to</sup> ~~has~~ faced difficult choices <sup>put our</sup> ~~in getting its~~ fiscal house in order. But <sup>has stood</sup> ~~our~~ commitment to education ~~remains~~ <sup>firm.</sup> Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I am glad that ~~working together we have been able to preserve our investment in education.~~ Congress ~~has~~ restored critical <sup>with</sup> educational programs <sup>all funding</sup> ~~among my highest priorities~~ <sup>throughout the budget debate.</sup> near or above fiscal 1995 levels, while keeping the deficit on a downward path.

The result is a plan for fiscal 1996 that continues ~~our~~ our work to improve education,

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

29-Apr-1996 04:22pm

TO: Lisa B. Fairhall

FROM: Leanne Johnson  
Presidential Correspondence

SUBJECT: Form letter updates

Hi Lisa,

I am not sure that you are the person who handles this. Please let me know. The following are several form letters that I think need updating because of recent events. They all have to do with educational funding. Please make any recommendations/changes/deletions/additions. Thanks for your help.

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GENERAL EDUCATION form letter:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek to balance the budget by cutting support for education and training initiatives.

Government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set ~~world-class~~ *world-<sup>1</sup> tough academic* standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. Our success in boosting wages and strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people. Our work now is a valuable investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

I would replace the 2nd paragraph with the following:

Our country has faced difficult choices in getting its fiscal house in order.

But our commitment to education remains firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy and I am glad that working together we have been able to preserve our investment in education. Congress has restored critical educational programs among my highest priorities to levels ~~equal~~ or above fiscal 1995 levels while keeping the deficit on a downward path. *near*

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IMPACT AID form letter

1994  
Thank you for your sharing your thoughts about the Impact Aid program.

Impact Aid is an important source of basic education funding for many school districts across the country. While improvements were made to the program in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, they do not go far enough toward the reform that Secretary of Education Riley and I have proposed.

The reauthorization continues Impact Aid payments to school districts on behalf of children whose families already pay the state and local taxes necessary to finance their education. This action does not reflect the urgent need to streamline the program and to reduce the federal budget deficit, a top priority for my administration.

*regardless of whether the property includes children who will attend local schools*  
Additionally, Congress continued payments to school districts from which the federal government has removed a portion of the taxable property. The National Performance Review recommended the elimination of this aspect of the Impact Aid Program, a recommendation I support. Only school districts that are truly deprived of substantial revenue as a result of federal activity should continue to receive compensation through Impact Aid payments on behalf of children whose parents both work and live on federal property. *or children on Indian lands*

I hope you will support my efforts to improve the management and effectiveness of federal education programs. Your involvement is vital as we continue our work to foster excellence in education.

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GOALS 2000 form letter:

Thank you for sharing your views. In 1994 I was proud to sign into law the Goals 2000: Educate America Act. Now, for the first time in our nation's history, every child in every school across the country can look forward to meeting ~~a new American~~ higher academic standards in American education. I am pleased that Congress will continue funding the program in 1996.



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 National Education Goals established in law in Goals 2000  
 standards  
 school  
 Goals 2000 sets world-class, voluntary academic that are meaningful, challenging, and appropriate. The state that all children in America should start school ready learn; that parents should be more involved and teachers ~~admit~~ prepared; that all students should graduate from high, competent in fundamental academic subjects and prepared responsible citizenship; that U.S. students should be first the world in math and science achievement; that every should be able to read; that every school should be disciplined, Understanding that education is primarily a responsibility, Goals 2000 constructs a working between the federal government, states, school systems, and students. The legislation enables all community leaders concerned citizens to join in designing and reforming programs. Flexibility for states and school districts is to increased by waiving regulations and other requirements that might impede reforms, and innovative approaches to meeting the standards are encouraged. It supports will by allowing helping all students

challenging academic  
 I appreciate your interest in this important issue. Working together, we can build a bright future for generations of Americans to come.

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education

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Safe and drug-free

STUDENT LOANS form letter: — If this is to be a "loans" letter, it

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about funding for student loan programs. I appreciate your concern about recent proposals that threaten to erode financial aid benefits.

My Administration is committed to making college education accessible to American students and their families. Through the National and Community Service Act, Pell Grants, work-study and competitive grant programs, and the new Federal Direct Student Loan Program, we are providing effective financial support to eligible students across the country.

I am working hard to protect the in-school interest subsidy, the Federal TRIO programs, and the many other initiatives that have empowered so many American students. In addition, my Administration supports substantial increases in the maximum Pell Grant award and an increase over 1995 levels in funds available for grants, loans, and work-study opportunities.

As we work to make the dream of a college education a reality for more Americans, I look forward to your continued involvement.

Proposed changes:

Minimize 2nd sentence of 1st paragraph.

Change 3rd paragraph to say:

needs to

be

revised.

Maybe

They would

want both

on both

letter and

a "loans"

letter.

have signed H.R. 3019 which ensures that colleges, universities, and vocational schools can continue to choose the Federal student loan program -- either the new Federal Direct Student Loan Program or the bank-based guaranteed student loan program -- that best serves the needs of their students and ensures that their students have access to the most flexible student loan repayment provisions.

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Thanks for your help with this. I look forward to your response.

P.S. Who is the OMB person that deals with funding for public broadcasting?



## FAX COVER

Education Branch  
Executive Office of the President  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

TO: *LEANNE JOHNSON*

FAX NUMBER: *6-2993*

FROM: *LISA FAIRHALL*

DATE:

TIME:

NUMBER OF PAGES: Cover + *4*

Notes:

*ED BRANCH EDITS TO FORM LETTERS*

*CALL WITH QUESTIONS*

Education Branch Fax Number: 202/395-4875  
Voice Confirmation: 202/395-5880

E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

08-May-1996 11:26am

TO:            Leanne Johnson

FROM:          Lisa B. Fairhall  
                Office of Mgmt and Budget, HRD

SUBJECT:      RE: Form letter updates

Sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you. The ED branch has some recommended edits -- can I fax them to you? What is your fax number?

Thanks.

E X E C U T I V E   O F F I C E   O F   T H E   P R E S I D E N T

29-Apr-1996 05:27pm

TO:            Leanne Johnson

FROM:          Lisa B. Fairhall  
                Office of Mgmt and Budget, HRD

SUBJECT:      RE: Form letter updates

The Education branch will take a look at the draft letters and get back to you in the next day or so.

I am sorry -- I don't know who examines the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. You might want to try the Commerce Branch -- 5-3025.

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AMANDAD  
ANNAW  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG

From.....: GLORIAC  
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Expires...: 05/15/1996  
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P-324a -- Impact Aid Program  
P-324b -- Education Plan/Goals 2000  
P-324d -- Concerns re Student Loans  
P-701a -- Environmental Legislation  
P-701d -- Clean Water Act  
P-717 -- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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GLORIAN  
MARYLOUM  
TRUDYR

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ANNIES  
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P-1102a -- CONCERNS RE CENSORSHIP ON INTERNET  
P-324d -- CONCERN RE STUDENT LOANS  
P-230 -- AMTRAK BUDGET CUTS  
P-902 -- CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
P-327 -- WELFARE REFORM  
P-324 -- GENERAL EDUCATION

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# FORM LETTER

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**Topic:** General Education

**PLM Writer:** J. Batry

**Document Name & Directory Location:** slv/draft/ed-form

**Cleared By:** Gaynor McCown, DPC

☐ New Form

☒ Revision

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1995

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek to balance the budget by cutting support for education and training initiatives.

Government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set world-class standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. Our success in boosting wages and strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people. Our work now is a valuable investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

(7-20-95)

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1995

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek to balance the budget by cutting support for education and training initiatives.

Government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set world-class standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. Our success in boosting wages and strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people. Our work now is a valuable investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

(7-20-95)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1995

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. ~~Education~~ is the key to success in today's economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek balance the budget by cutting support for ~~high-quality schools~~ and training initiatives.

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I appreciate knowing your views and look forward to your help in fostering excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

(7/6/95)

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~~A well educated work force~~

~~hope you will stop in person~~  
~~to see~~  
~~myself~~

as  
we  
combine  
our  
efforts to

Proposed revision to p-324  
Cleared by Gaynor McCown, DPC  
Julia f. Bator slr/draft/ed.form

Thank you for <sup>sharing</sup> ~~sending me~~ your thoughts <sup>about</sup> ~~regarding~~ education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in <sup>today's</sup> ~~the new~~ economy, and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek balance the budget by cutting support for high-quality schools and training initiatives.

~~My education reform package is founded on the belief that~~ <sup>reflects the importance of</sup> government ~~(must)~~ <sup>that</sup> work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set world-class standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. ~~We can be a high-growth, high-wage nation only if we are an educated, high-skills nation.~~ Our work now is a valuable investment <sup>in</sup> for the future of our country.

I appreciate <sup>knowing</sup> your views and look forward to your help in achieving ~~our mutual goal of~~ fostering excellence in education.

American

Our nation's success in <sup>boosting our people's</sup> ~~raising wages and~~ <sup>and</sup> strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people.

JFB



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

29-Jun-1995 10:59am

TO: Julia F. Bator  
FROM: Gaynor R. McCown  
Domestic Policy Council  
SUBJECT: LETTER

Julia:

Following are some suggestions for the letter:

Paragraph One

....But our commitment to education must remain absolutely firm. Education is the key to success in the new economy and I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek to balance the budget by cutting support for high-quality schools and training initiatives.

Paragraph Two

My education reform agenda is founded on the belief that government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders and parents to set world-class standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. We can be a high-growth, high-wage nation only if we are an educated and high-skills nation. An investment in education is indeed a valuable investment for the future of our country.

HOPE THIS IS USEFUL!!

gaynor

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

27-Jun-1995 04:14pm

TO: Gaynor R. McCown

FROM: Julia F. Bator  
Presidential Correspondence

SUBJECT: education form letter

I am revising our education form letter to reflect the President's recent emphasis on safeguarding education from Republican cuts. This would be the response that goes out to ordinary Americans -- both pro and con education. We have other form letters that are specific to Goals 2000, student loan issues, Impact Aid, home schooling, etc., but this would be the general EDUCATION statement. Let me know what you think.

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This is our old letter:

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Thank you for sending me your thoughts regarding education in America.

We must remain firm in our commitment to providing the best possible education for all who hope to learn and better themselves in life. My education reform package holds our students to high standards and is founded on the belief that everyone can learn if we ask enough of them and they put forth the effort. Our governments, our communities, and every parent must set world-class standards for every child in America.

Education is essential to our nation's long-term economic development. We can be a high-growth, high-wage nation only if we are a high-skills nation. Our work now is a valuable investment for the future of our country.

I appreciate your views and look forward to your help in achieving our mutual goal of fostering excellence in education.

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This is our proposed revision:

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Thank you for sending me your thoughts regarding education in America.

Our country faces difficult choices in the months ahead as we work to put our fiscal house in order. But our commitment to education must stand absolutely firm. We have a solemn obligation to put students' needs first and to make the essential investments that will help them to succeed. I strongly disagree with those in Congress who seek balance the budget by cutting support for high-quality schools and training initiatives.

My education reform package holds our students to high standards and is founded on the belief that government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set world-class standards for every child and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. We can be a high-growth, high-wage nation only if we are a high-skills nation. Our work now is a valuable investment for the future of our country.

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P-324 -- General Education

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TO: GLORIAC

From.....: JULIAB  
Post Date: 06/23/1995  
Post Time: 10:00AM  
Expires...: 07/08/1995  
Type.....: MAIL      Status: R

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Subject: p-324

Gloria -- can you please put p-324 (the general education letter) on hold?  
Thanks.



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TO: ALICEP  
AMANDAD  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG  
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P-229 -- Middle Class Tax Cut  
P-302 -- AIDS Crisis  
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P-305 -- Concern for Children and Families  
P-309 -- College Funding Opportunities  
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P-324d -- Student Loans (On hold Since 6/2/95)  
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P-327a -- Entitlement Benefits for Legal Immigrants  
P-400 -- Health Care Reform  
P-400a -- Health Care Reform/Cites Personal Experience  
P-404 -- Breast Cancer Research  
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(4/8/83)

April 1, 1993

Sharleen / Mark -  
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 "world class standards" was a  
 frequently used phrase in Pres.  
 Bush's Nat'l Education Goals  
 language - may want to modify.

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slr/draft/education-supp-views  
March 10, 1993



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Para 1 - Educ - children

Para 2 Investment in  
USA - skills

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our transit systems, in high-speed railways, and high-tech information systems. And it provides the most ambitious environmental cleanup in partnership with State and local government of our time, to put people to work and to preserve the environment for our future.

Standing as we are on the edge of a new century, we know that economic growth depends as never before on opening up new markets overseas and expanding the volume of world trade. And so, we will insist on fair trade rules in international markets as a part of a national economic strategy to expand trade, including the successful completion of the latest round of world trade talks and the successful completion of a North American Free Trade Agreement, with appropriate safeguards for our workers and for the environment.

At the same time—and I say this to you in both parties and across America tonight, all the people who are listening—it is not enough to pass a budget or even to have a trade agreement. This world is changing so fast that we must have aggressive, targeted attempts to create the high-wage jobs of the future. That's what all our competitors are doing. We must give special attention to those critical industries that are going to explode in the 21st century but that are in trouble in America today, like aerospace. We must provide special assistance to areas and to workers displaced by cuts in the defense budget and by other unavoidable economic dislocations.

And again I will say we must do this together. I pledge to you that I will do my best to see that business and labor and Government work together for a change.

But all of our efforts to strengthen the economy will fail—let me say this again; I feel so strongly about this—all of our efforts to strengthen the economy will fail unless we also take this year, not next year, not 5 years from now but this year, bold steps to reform our health care.

In 1992, we spent 14 percent of our income on health care. That's 14 percent of

change the present pattern, 50 percent of the growth in the deficit between now and the year 2000 will be in health care costs. By the year 2000 almost 20 percent of our income will be in health care. Our families will never be secure, our businesses will never be strong, and our Government will never again be fully solvent until we tackle the health care crisis. We must do it this year.

The combination of the rising cost of care and the lack of care and the fear of losing care are endangering the security and the very lives of millions of our people. And they are weakening our economy every day. Reducing health care costs can liberate literally hundreds of billions of dollars for new investment in growth and jobs. Bringing health costs in line with inflation would do more for the private sector in this country than any tax cut we could give and any spending program we could promote. Reforming health care over the long run is critically essential to reducing not only our deficit but to expanding investment in America.

Later this spring, after the First Lady and the many good people who are helping her all across the country complete their work, I will deliver to Congress a comprehensive plan for health care reform that finally will bring costs under control and provide security to all of our families, so that no one will be denied the coverage they need but so that our economic future will not be compromised either. We'll have to root out fraud and overcharges and make sure that paperwork no longer chokes your doctor. We'll have to maintain the highest American standards and the right to choose in a system that is the world's finest for all those who can access it. But first we must make choices. We must choose to give the American people the quality they demand and deserve with a system that will not bankrupt the country or further drive more Americans into agony.

Let me further say that I want to work with all of you on this. I realize this is a complicated issue. But we must address it. I believe if there is any chance that Repub-

ing patterns in public or private dollars for health care for less and less and less every year. We can do better. And I will work to do better.

Perhaps the most fundamental change the new direction I propose offers is its focus on the future and its investment which I seek in our children. Each day we delay really making a commitment to our children carries a dear cost. Half of the 2-year-olds in this country today don't receive the immunizations they need against deadly diseases. Our plan will provide them for every eligible child. And we know now that we will save \$10 later for every \$1 we spend by eliminating preventable childhood diseases. That's a good investment no matter how you measure it.

I recommend that the women, infants, and children's nutrition program be expanded so that every expectant mother who needs the help gets it. We all know that Head Start, a program that prepares children for school, is a success story. We all know that it saves money, but today it just reaches barely over one-third of all the eligible children. Under this plan, every eligible child will be able to get a head start. This is not just the right thing to do; it is the smart thing to do. For every dollar we invest today we'll save \$3 tomorrow. We have to start thinking about tomorrow. I've heard that somewhere before. [Laughter]

We have to ask more in our schools of our students, our teachers, our principals, our parents. Yes, we must give them the resources they need to meet high standards, but we must also use the authority and the influence and the funding of the Education Department to promote strategies that really work in learning. Money alone is not enough. We have to do what really works to increase learning in our schools.

We have to recognize that all of our high school graduates need some further education in order to be competitive in this global economy. So we have to establish a partnership between businesses and education

their career. The average will change jobs seven times in their career. We have done a lot of this training in the last few years but it is too fractured. We must have a simplified, sensible, streamlined training program so that whatever training they need regardless of their jobs or whether they are learning something new to keep up with the times, they got to do better on this.

And finally, I propose a great response from the all across this country law of national service to make available to all American young men and women at the same time back to their country as officers or community service. We give them the option to go but at tax time so they can but to encourage them instead by making their country service their country better and give of their knowledge.

A generation ago when we proposed and the United States embraced the Peace Corps, the character of a whole generation committed to serving the world. In this national service will provide more than training for people before they go in national service than the Peace Corps. This program generation of Members of Congress, land grant college act did the bill did for former Congressmen, historians who go through the national service back on you and thank you for a new lease on life, if you need it.

If we believe in jobs and learning, we must believe in restoring America special, we must have dignity in all work and be dignity for all workers.

understand the importance of education to your future and who are filling the classrooms of our community colleges. There are public officials from school boards to governors and legislators to members of Congress, and yes, people in this administration in Washington who really do care about education, but the fact is we are not doing enough.

Because I've spent so much of my life over the last decade working on education, I wish we had time to talk about every aspect of it today. But today I have to confine myself to what I believe the President and the national government could do otherwise we won't be out of here until lunchtime and you'll be sorry I came.

America needs an education president who shows up for class everyday, not just once every four years. In the first 100 days of my administration, I'll give Congress and the American people a real education reform package. I'll work day and night to get it passed, unlike our current President who often proposes and then leaves it to someone else to dispose or not to act at all.

First, we must implement that portion of the national education goals which calls for the establishment of world class standards in math and science and other subjects. Today we have an educational system that too often moves people up the ladder whether they study or not, graduates people whether they know anything or not, and dumps people into the work force whether they have the skills it takes to succeed or not, and that is wrong.

We must develop a meaningful national examination system, not one of these so called "norm reference" tests that you give two or three years and then every American is making above the national average and the only people who make out are the people who sell the tests. We need to determine whether our students are meeting the standards we set and we shouldn't use the national standards and the national test simply to measure performance. They should be used to increase expectations and to give schools incentives and structures to improve students performance.

Good!  
Stand  
Deliver  
It is just not true that only our most gifted students can do demanding work. Our competitors all around the world know that effort, not ability, makes the biggest difference in educational achievement. That is the real lesson of the outstanding achievements achieved in inner city poor and rural schools by remarkable teachers. It is the lesson of the wonderful movie "Stand and Deliver," set here in Los Angeles, in which Edward James Olmos played Jaime Escalante whose advanced math students at Garfield High School, here in L.A., led the nation in passing the advanced placement tests.

My wife and daughter and I have watched that movie together a lot of times. Every few months my daughter asks me to go rent it again. I asked many members of my administration to go and see the movie when it came out. And when they would come out of the movie, I would say, "What was the lesson of the movie?" And they would say, "That guy is an amazing teacher." I'd say, "No, that's one lesson. The real lesson is all children can learn."

All over this country, when parents and teachers and administrators challenge students to do their best, they come through with world class performances. It is not a question of I.Q. It is a question of vision, will, organization, and effort. We will never close the achievement of the opportunity gap without raising the average on the working to help kids

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...the number of just formal responses we gave them -- people send us a form letter; that's different. But, I mean, people that really write us. So I would encourage you to do that.

The second thing I want to do is to say that I want to encourage you to continue to hold me and everybody else accountable and ask the tough questions. I don't think it was all that easy for that young man to stand up there and ask the question he asked on abortion because he knew he had a different position than I did, and I was proud of him for doing that, and I think you should be, too. (Applause.)

And, believe me, none of us have all of the answers. This is a new and uncharted time. And I want to encourage you to continue to believe in your country and to participate in this. Hold our feet to the fire, but try to make it a constructive thing. This is an exciting time for this country and it's sort of a make-or-break time, I think, and I'm doing the best I can and I think you are, too. And if we keep doing that, I think the chances are we're going to come out okay.

I think I can say for the other elected officials here, I'll bet you they're pretty proud of their constituents in Ohio after this town meeting. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, I'm a 6th grader at Smith Middle School, and I'm wondering -- do any parts of your education plan deal with children my age?

THE PRESIDENT: Good for you. (Applause.) Okay. The answer is, yes, but most of them don't. And let me tell you why -- the answer is yes, they do. We emphasize more funds and more efforts in math and science education, for example. And I have asked the Congress to give the Education Department some funds that will enable us to target learning strategies in elementary and junior high and high school that work, and try to get schools to repeat them.

Do you know that every problem in American education has been solved by somebody, somewhere? I mean, this is not like looking for a cure for some disease we haven't found a cure for yet. What we are not good at in American education is taking what works in one place and putting it in place another. So the two major things is, we're trying to repeat education strategies that have given young people in the sixth grade great performance in some places, we want to try to put them in all the schools in the country. And, secondly, we're going to make a special effort on math and science education.

Now, let me answer the other question. Most of the funds that I have recommended in education, most of the effort will be going to try to make sure kids get off to an equal start in school: fully funding the Head Start program, supporting schools and their preschool programs, trying to make sure that child nutrition and child health care is good. And then when children leave school, trying to make sure that they have a vocational program, a job training program, a college program to go to.

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