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It's very important that we not lose site of the fact that we need to get

service back on the President's schedule.

Remember that what we had planned on October 23 was two events rolled into

one -- giving the President's Service Awards and celebrating reaching the

100,000 member mark for AmeriCorps.

We need to reschedule the President's Service Awards -- he's got to give

these things. People flew in from around the country for this ceremony. I

don't know if this is possible, but how about inviting these folks to a

White

house Christmas party, and spending 10 minutes beforehand actually giving

them the awards. Could we do that?

On the ameriCorps event, we have to decide whether the 100,000 thing is now too old, or whether there is some way to still celebrate reaching this benchmark. We could come up with all kinds of different schemes -- celebrations, roundtables, site visit. You name it. Or we can wait (not my favorite option) for a policy announcement.) I don't favor waiting because there has been some buzz about AmeriCorps -- mostly good except for yesterday's USA Today editorial. We should capitalize on the good, and crush the bad.

Please let me know what you think about all this. Thanks. JG

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TO: White House Friends

FROM: John Gomperts

RE: Big News in the AmeriCorps World

As many of you know, Harris has worked extremely hard to develop strong

bi-partisan support for AmeriCorps. This prospecting for support is time-consuming, and the results come slowly. Sometimes they come so slowly that one wonders if they are coming at all.

Well today we got a big break, one that Harris has been working on for a long time. In a story in today's Columbus Dispatch, Rep. John Kasich said that he has changed his mind about AmeriCorps, and that he would no longer vote to eliminate the program.

Some time ago, Kasich visited the Harlem Peacemakers program and was exceptionally impressed by the program. He was surprised to learn that many of the people working with the program were AmeriCorps members, and soon thereafter told Harris that this experience was causing him to rethink his view of AmeriCorps. Kasich then had a long session with Harris in which he learned more about AmeriCorps, and clearly seemed to be reconsidering his position. Today's story shows that he has completed his decision-making process.

The full story from the Dispatch is reproduced below. Please read it and enjoy this news. Thanks. JG

Kasich reverses on AmeriCorps

February 21, 1999

By Jonathan Riskind

Dispatch Washington Bureau

MUSCATINE, Iowa -- When Rep. John R. Kasich visited an AmeriCorps office Friday during a campaign stop for his presidential bid, he revealed that he has changed his mind about the federal program.

The Westerville Republican and House Budget Committee chairman said he has been transformed in recent months from a foe to a fan.

Kasich in the past joined many other Republicans trying unsuccessfully to eliminate the Clinton administration program. AmeriCorps provides a stipend and educational scholarships to those who spend a year in public service jobs.

Critics have said AmeriCorps isn't a true volunteer effort because participants are paid. Some questioned whether the benefits are worth the cost.

But AmeriCorps has stopped calling its participants volunteers, and Kasich said he has witnessed AmeriCorps making valuable public-service contributions.

"I have seen them do some amazing things in Harlem . . . I know that AmeriCorps workers were involved in a number of the homeless programs," he said. "I would like to spend some time trying to refocus pieces of it and trying to make it more of a public/private situation, but I don't think I

would cast a vote anymore that would eliminate it."

Kasich said the program can be made more effective, "but they've done some really great work, and I'm impressed with them."

Tina Dunphy, a slightly surprised AmeriCorps project director who greeted Kasich when he entered her storefront office in this eastern Iowa town, said
20 "members" work here on such projects as tutoring and mentoring elementary-school students.

Clinton has requested \$585 million for AmeriCorps in his 2000 budget proposal, a \$113 million increase over current funding. The increase would add 20,000 participants to the program, for a total of 70,000. Clinton has proposed funding 100,000 members in 2002.