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Harold,

Does "the reorganization" mean that I should talk to you about the political benefits of AmeriCorps? I enclose a letter + a few clips from New Hampshire - which is duplicate of the response we've gotten from everywhere on the launch of AmeriCorps. Let me know if you want to discuss.

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Dear Eli:

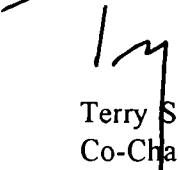
Just a short note to let you know that we had a very successful AmeriCorps launch on the State House steps here in Concord. We heard moving remarks from participants in the predecessor service organizations including the CCC, Peace Corps and VISTA, as well as a preview of the new program from representatives of the New Hampshire AmeriCorps projects.

Our event was truly bipartisan -- the AmeriCorps members were sworn in by Republican First Lady Heather Merrill as Democratic Second District Congressman Dick Swett looked on from a few feet away. Both made highly complimentary comments about AmeriCorps and its future. Mrs. Merrill told those she swore in that she wished that AmeriCorps had existed when she was their age.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of our program and a copy of the article from the Union Leader. We also had live coverage and evening news coverage of the ceremony on our state-wide ABC affiliate and our new AmeriCorps Director, Mollie White, was interviewed in the studio on Channel 9's evening news. A tape is available and can be forwarded if you'd like.

Thank you for your continued support and the excellent job you are doing. On a personal note, I am obviously delighted that Chris Gallagher has been nominated to the Corporation's board. I trust that you will not hesitate to let me know if I can ever be of service to you on any specific matter.

Best regards,


Terry Shumaker
Co-Chair

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cc: Deborah Tasker, Co-Chair



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NEW HAMPSHIRE AMERICORPS LAUNCH

September 12, 1994

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AGENDA

11:15 Music By The Woody Roberts Band of the Retired & Senior
Volunteer Program

11:35 Welcome - Terry Shumaker, NH National & Community Service
Executive Board Co-Chair

11:38 Opening Remarks- Deb Tasker, NH National & Community Service
Executive Board Co-Chair

11:43 Arrival of AmeriCorps Members

11:45 Swearing in of Members by First Lady Heather Merrill

11:55 **A History of Service**

- Civilian Conservation Corps: Aldege Turgeon
- Peace Corps: Dana Bisbee, NH Deputy Attorney General
- Vista: Jennifer Jeffress, Carpenter Memorial Library
- Learn & Serve: David Engler, Lin-Wood School
- Summer of Safety, Kimberly Firth, Program Coordinator

AmeriCorps Programs -

- Tri County CAP, Pam Dorland, Director of Volunteer Serv.
- Monadnock State Park, New Hampshire Conservation Corps
- White Mt. National Forest, Mary Mumford, Public Affairs
- Public Service Compact, Amy Gibans-McGlashan, NH Alliance

➤ 12:25 The Challenge - Mollie White, New Hampshire AmeriCorps Director

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NH's First AmeriCorps Volunteers Are Sworn in for Domestic Projects

By DONN TIBBETTS
State House Bureau Chief

CONCORD — The first score of New Hampshire AmeriCorps volunteers were sworn in yesterday by the state's first lady, Heather Merrill, in a ceremony attended by U.S. Rep. Dick Swett and held on the State House Plaza.

Volunteers were told that their efforts in the next year will follow in the footsteps of former New Hampshire governors Hugh Gallen and John King in the old Civilian Conservation Corps and those of the current state Deputy Attorney General Dana Bisbee, who served in the Peace Corps.

A total of about 140 Granite Staters, ages 17 and older, are being recruited for AmeriCorps, which is President Clinton's domestic version of the Peace Corps. They must demonstrate a willingness to improve the lives of others and an interest in learning new skills.

Corps members agreeing to a full-time, one-year commitment receive a stipend and a post-service benefit of \$4,725 a year which can be used to pay college tuition or education loans.

Aldedge Turgeon yesterday recalled his service in the White Mountains with the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939, and how people today still use the many facilities built by the CCC.

Bisbee told of his service 20 years ago with the Peace Corps in Gabon, Central Africa.

There are 20 AmeriCorps-N.H. volunteer positions open for a Monadnock State Park project unit in Jaffrey, and 32 positions for a unit based in White Mountain National Forest in Gilead, Maine.

Another 16 positions will work under a Public Service Compact in Bedford, with volunteers being placed at various college campuses to develop learning projects to meet needs of local communities. The emphasis will be on education partnerships and having campuses link with K-12 schools to develop mentoring and tutoring programs.

Another 30 volunteers will work with the state Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Program, based in Concord.

Prospective volunteers for any of the assignments can get full details at 800-772-7001.

U.S. Forest Service Seeks AmeriCorps Recruits

LACONIA — The U.S. Forest Service announced yesterday it will begin recruiting for the AmeriCorps program.

As part of a year-long national service program for young people to earn college or vocational scholarships, 32 AmeriCorps members will work on trail construction and maintenance, fish and wildlife monitoring, environmental education, interpretation, facility construction, community service and more on the White Mountain National Forest.

Participants will begin in January, 1995, and earn a \$7,600 living allowance. At the completion of 1,700 hours of service, participants will also receive a \$4,725 educational award good for costs of vocation-

al or academic training.

"This is an exciting chance for the White Mountain National Forest to get a whole lot of meaningful work done on trails, in public information and safety and in other areas as well," said Rick Cables, White Mountain National Forest Supervisor. "Just as important, it is a positive way for young people to earn money for college or vocational training while they contribute to their communities. The possibilities seem endless."

Those interested in the White Mountain AmeriCorps Program should contact Rebecca Oreskes, White Mountain National Forest, 33 Kancamagus Highway, Conway, N.H. 03818 or call 447-5448.

White Is Appointed AmeriCorps Director

CONCORD — Mollie-Ann White of Twin Mountain has been named AmeriCorps director by the NH National & Community Service Executive Board.



White was selected after an extensive search which included a review of 130 candidates and interviews with eight finalists.

AmeriCorps is the new national service program which is a domestic version of the Peace Corps with a GI Bill-style education component.

White has worked as an enterprise agent for Working Capital, served as executive director of the North Country United Way, and has also worked as a small business consultant.