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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL JAMIESON

FROM: Robert Gordon, Office of National Service
SUBJECT: College attendance, indebtedness and incomes

As we discussed, our office needs as soon as possible the following information:

1. For all 4-year colleges, 4-year publics, 4-year privates, and 2-years (if you can only do one, all 4-years is fine):

% of attendees with family income above different levels -- \$30,000, \$50,000, \$75,000, \$85,000, \$100,000, \$125,000, \$150,000 would all be useful. Also: mean family income.

We want to know, e.g., that X.Y% of 4-year college attendees have incomes above \$100,000.

2. For same schools:

Average indebtedness of graduates at different income levels -- same range as above. Also mean indebtedness.

We want to know, e.g., that graduates of 4-year colleges with family incomes of \$50,000 tend to have \$X,YZA in outstanding debt.

Thanks a lot.

National Service

Brief background on Legislation: The Administration's national service legislation reflects the President's commitment to create opportunities for young people to do national service and in return earn a benefit ~~which~~ to help pay for college or training. The program presented to Congress would begin with 25,000 positions in 1994.

National service is also an example of the Administration's approach to reinventing government -- emphasizing competition, public/private cooperation, and entrepreneurship through a non-bureaucratic Corporation for National Service. Programs will be designed by communities to meet their own needs. Funding decisions will be made at the state level -- through independent commissions -- based on tough federal standards which promote excellence.

Bi-partisan support: On May 5, the Administration transmitted proposed national service legislation to Congress, which was introduced with substantial bi-partisan support in both the House and Senate -- 4 Republican Senators (Durenberger, Specter, Jeffords and Chafee) and 19 Republican Members of the House.

Overall, there are now 197 co-sponsors in the House and 17 in the Senate, where there has been a less aggressive effort to gather co-sponsors.

Congress proceeding quickly: Committee hearings in both the House and Senate have already been held. Committee action is expected immediately after Memorial Day, with the goal of House and Senate action before July 4. It is possible that the legislation will be through conference before July 4 as well.

This is widely perceived as an opportunity for a quick and clean win for the Administration. While there is no organized opposition, there may be amendments regarding means testing eligibility for educational awards. Eli Segal is working closely with the House and Senate Committees and will report back if there appears to be a danger that damaging amendments might pass.

Summer of Service

While the legislation has been proceeding, we have proceeded with a summer program ^{for} the Summer of Service to demonstrate what national service really means. This program has proceeded smoothly, with significant cooperation SOS moving forward at same time -- show that Service really works

Planning for implementation beginning

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Structure According to Legislation

