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STATE OF FLORIDA
Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

TO: Reta Lewis, Special Assistant to the President
for Political Affairs

FROM: Buddy MacKay

DATE: April 13, 1993

RE: White House Conference on Aging

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Governor Chiles and I appreciate the opportunity to offer the following names for appointment to the White House Conference on Aging:

* **Norman Abramowitz**, Councilman, Tamarac, Florida
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(305) 722-5900

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Tony Canja, President, Florida AARP
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Josephina Carbonell, Executive Director, Little Havana Activities Center
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George Dutton, Former President
National and State Council of Senior Citizens
(305) 721-1110

Dr. Rosebud Foster, Professor, Florida International University
Chairman of the Board, Alliance for Aging
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Rep. Elaine Gordon, Florida House of Representatives
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E. Bentley Lipscomb, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
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Merrill Stumberger, Elder Issues Advocate
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.

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Attention: *Jeremy Ben-Ami*

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Fax: *456-7028*

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NEWSBREAK

White House aging conference to explore generational issues

This century's fourth White House Conference on Aging, to be held in May of 1995, will be asked to develop new initiatives for serving America's rapidly aging population and for promoting intergenerational cooperation.



Blancato

"An older America must soon face a new century," President Clinton said in convening the conference. "A 1995 White House Conference on Aging allows us to plan for this challenge."

Delegates are expected to focus on health-care security, long-term care, income security, housing, nutrition and mental health, says Robert B. Blancato, the conference's executive director.

Clinton is continuing a tradition begun by President Kennedy, who convened the first aging sym-

posium in 1961. Succeeding conferences were held in 1971 and 1981 (former President Bush did not hold the scheduled 1991 session).

Blancato, 43, a former subcommittee staff director of the House Select Committee on Aging, said meetings are being held around the country to get suggestions for issues to be taken up at the 1995 conference. One issue that is emerging as a possible topic, he says, is loneliness among the elderly.

Legislation authorizing the conference also directed delegates to examine common problems between generations, recommend ways to raise public awareness of the interdependence of generations and suggest steps to improve coordination of federal, state and local aging policies.

Conference planning will be carried out by a 25-person policy committee to be chosen jointly by the White House and Congress. Among other things, the committee will decide on a date and place for the conference, the number of delegates and the method of choosing them.

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Comments:

TO: Jeremy Ben-Ami
FROM: Bob Blancato
DATE: 30 March 1994
RE: White House Conference on Aging Letter From President
Clinton To All Governors

As you requested, I have attached a copy of the draft letter. I appreciate your willingness to guide this letter through the clearance process -- if necessary.

Many thanks for your ongoing assistance.

Dear Governor:

I am pleased to share details of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging with you.

As you may know, President Kennedy convened the first White House Conference on Aging in 1961 to address important issues relating to older Americans. Subsequent White House Conferences on Aging were held in 1971 and 1981. It is with great pleasure that I announce the upcoming May 1995 White House Conference because it will play a significant role in the longstanding tradition of White House Conferences on Aging. Fourteen years will have passed since the last Conference was held. The 1995 Conference will be the cornerstone of our national effort to focus necessary attention and develop policy initiatives in the field of aging, leading our country into the twenty-first century.

The Older Americans Act, which authorizes the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, designates the Secretary of Health and Human Services as the Cabinet officer responsible for planning the Conference. Last fall I announced the selection of Robert Blancato as Executive Director, and soon I will appoint a Policy Committee and Chairperson for the Conference.

Input into the agenda of the 1995 White House on Aging will come from a variety of sources, including Members of Congress; the Department of Health and Human Services; other Cabinet Departments and independent Federal agencies; State, Territorial and local governments; and the private sector. A high priority of this Administration is to ensure maximum participation by older Americans at the local and State levels into the development of the 1995 Conference agenda. To facilitate this goal, the White House Conference on Aging is currently planning Regional conferences, State conferences, mini-conferences on selected topics and local events.

Further information regarding funding levels and application procedures for State conferences will be forthcoming this month. Information regarding the delegate selection process to the Conference will be sent to you promptly after the Policy Committee reaches consensus on this issue.

Your active support and participation in the proud tradition of White House Conferences on Aging will be critical to the success of the 1995 Conference. I believe we can work together to stimulate public attention to the challenges facing older Americans and future generations, as well as identify common goals and solutions.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAR 22 1994

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

ISSUE

I am submitting the following revised list of recommendations for your consideration to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging, as required by P.L. 102-375, the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992. This memorandum modifies the March 1 memorandum I previously sent to you. This list has been compiled with my approval by the Assistant Secretary for Aging, Fernando M. Torres-Gil, and the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging, Robert B. Blancato, after careful review of many individuals across the nation who are qualified to serve on this Committee.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 204 of P.L. 102-375, the 1992 Amendments to the Older Americans Act, a 25-person Policy Committee is to be established for the White House Conference on Aging. Of those appointed, Congress must choose 12. The President is required to choose 13 individuals, 10 of whom are "members with experience in the field of aging who may include representatives of public aging agencies, institution-based organizations and minority aging organizations." The remaining three must be officers of the Federal Government.

The Policy Committee for the White House Conference on Aging has many responsibilities, including:

- ♦ recommending to the Secretary of HHS when to convene the Conference;
- ♦ formulating and approving a proposed agenda for the Conference;
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- ♦ formulating and approving the initial report of the Conference

In addition, the Policy Committee has to comply with a number of technical dates which are outlined in P.L. 103-171, the Technical Amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1993, including holding its first meeting within 30 days after the last member of the Committee is named, and formulating and approving a proposed agenda not later than 60 days after its first meeting.

DISCUSSION

Under the requirements of the Technical Amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1993, the White House Conference on Aging is to be convened not later than May 31, 1995. This presents an extremely tight time schedule for planning not only this national conference but also the state, local and mini-conferences which traditionally precede a White House Conference on Aging. Additionally, under the Technical Amendments, the Policy Committee was to be named by December 31, 1993. Congress is currently developing its list of Policy Committee Members.

Below you will find three separate recommendation lists. On the first list are the names of the three Cabinet officers I am recommending for the "officers of the federal government" portion of the statutory requirement. The second recommendation list contains the names of nine individuals I am recommending for the public membership of the Policy Committee. Because you are required to choose ten members for the public membership, I have included a third recommendation list from which you should choose the tenth member, or from which to select other members to replace those on the recommended list.

As you will note, included with each name is some descriptive background for your information and easy reference.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

Shalala, Donna E., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services

Cisneros, Henry G., Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Brown, Jesse, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs

PUBLIC MEMBERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Deets, Horace, Executive Director, American Association for Retired Persons, Washington, D.C. Mr. Deets heads the largest senior organization in the Nation and has been quite active with the new Executive Director in early planning for the White House Conference on Aging.

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Sotomayor, Dr. Marta, President and CEO, The National Hispanic Council on Aging, Washington, D.C.

Dobrof, Dr. Rose, Acting Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Hunter College in New York City, and Executive Director of the Brookdale Center on Aging.

Carter, Charles, President, National Association of Retired Federal Employees representing 2 million retirees. Mr. Carter is a former key officer of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Delacruz, James T., Member, Quinalt Indian Nation and Quinalt Senior Citizens Program Coordinator. Mr. Delacruz is the current President of National Title VI Directors (Grants to Native Americans).

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

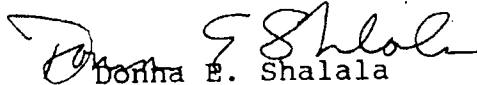
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Thursz, Dr. Daniel, President, The National Council on the Aging, Inc., the first national aging organization to unconditionally endorse the Health Security Act.

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RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you review and approve ten of the public names I have listed in this memorandum to be appointed to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging.


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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

28-Mar-1994 10:23am

TO: John Podesta

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Jeremy D. Ben-Ami
Jennifer M. O'Connor
Rosalyn A. Miller

SUBJECT: White House Conference on Aging

John, as background:

Last week we discussed ever so briefly that I would take the HHS memo regarding recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee in my hand to my briefing with the President in order to get his initial thoughts so that we might do any follow up work while he is on vacation with the hopes of finalizing this matter quickly upon his return next week. I did take the memo into my briefing and both the President and Vice-President reviewed the names. While this memo says it is a follow up to a previous memo, the previous memo never went into the President. Cabinet Affairs took the first memo and vetted it with several divisions within the White House, gave the feedback to HHS and thus this memo was prepared.

The feedback from the President and Vice-President:

+Three cabinet recommendations are absolutely fine.

+Public members looks fine if folks throughout the White House don't have problems which it is my sense there are not problems.

+For the one additional slot for which a number of choices are listed the President felt we just have to make sure our politics are covered. I felt VERY strongly that we need someone from the condominium sector in Florida.

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Thursz,

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Jeremy Ben-Ami has recently joined my staff and is the DPC person who will serve as a liaison to this conference. In order to expedite this selection process and because I am now going to be out until Friday a.m. when I come back for a series of meetings, I am recommending the following process with this note to Jeremy that he should check with you via email or in person to ascertain

if this is okay with you:

Jeremy should check with political affairs and Mike Lux to come up with one or more names to recommend for the "Florida Condo" recommendation. He should at the same time have political and Mike Lux make any comments on the remainder of the President's comments. He should get that recommendation(s) to you (?) and you will do any further processing of this matter you feel necessary. On Friday when I am back Jeremy and I will talk and see what further needs to be done for me to send a memo to President upon his return or to cover this matter with him in a briefing time to finalize the appointments.

John, I am forwarding to you red dot now the original memo.
Jeremy, if you need a copy of the memo, see Rosalyn.

Thanks to all.

(Jeremy, I will still need to talk to Pryor's office on the Haas deal before anything is finalized and after the President next looks at this.

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Herb Sanders (perhaps as rep of State Directors)

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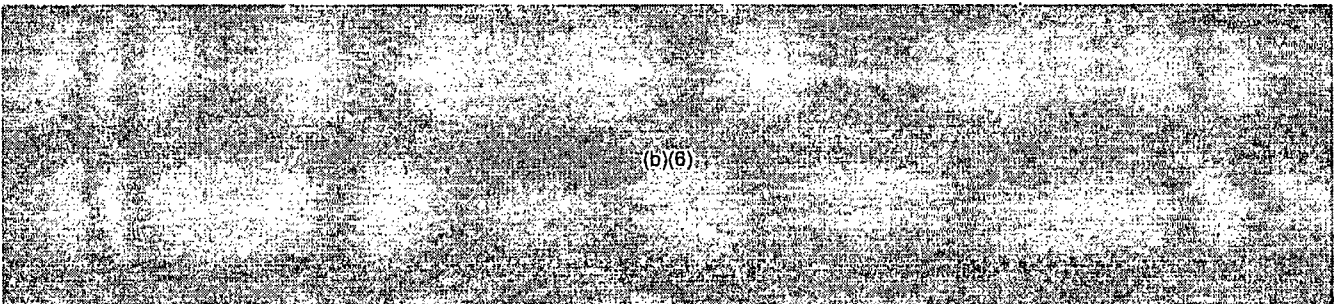
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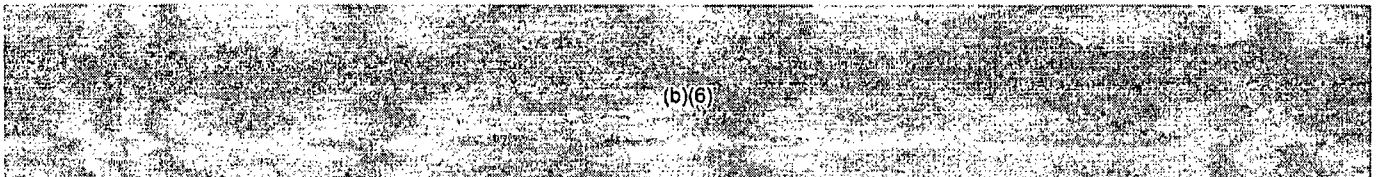
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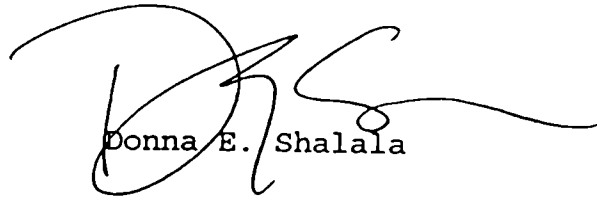
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These names are of respected individuals who will be compatible with our efforts in holding a successful and meaningful White House Conference on Aging, will work as a team, and will support the objectives of this Administration. They are well known to the aging community and are committed to improving the quality of life for America's older population now and in the future. In addition, we believe that they contain the geographic, ethnic, gender, and racial diversity desired by this Administration.

RECOMMENDATION

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

11-Mar-1994 08:11pm

TO: Jennifer M. O'Connor

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Christine A. Varney

SUBJECT: RE: White House Council on Aging

I will pass my names along through you.

First, I would appreciate knowing how HHS came up with (b)(6).
(b)(6) If perhaps the (b)(6) submitted his name as a consensus choice the Pres. and I should know that as we would both be surprised, I think, but would still need to know that. The three names that are more logical are

(b)(6)

Herb Sanders: Served as Governor's Clinton state Director of Office on Aging the final ten years; in 40's, white male. Still serving in that position. Well known and respected among state directors. Perhaps not a bad idea at all to have a state director on the list.

(b)(6)

Finally, a non-Arkansas rep. to think about that Clinton would very likely be interested in but NOT in lieu of an Arkansan:

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very interested in intergenerational aspects.

One last thing...I would really like to know when this goes in as I would like to point out some things to President when it does.
Thanks.

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March 10, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINE VARNEY

FROM: MIKE LUX
SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING STEERING
COMMITTEE

I understand that the list of recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging Steering Committee is currently under consideration. In a recent conversation with Robert Blancato, the Executive Director of the Conference, he informed me that the White House will choose thirteen of the twenty-five members, ten of whom are non-government professionals or advocates in the older American community. A memo from Secretary Shalala to the President listed sixteen recommendations for the ten slots.

Mr. Blancato said that he was aware that this list would most likely be revised as a result of additional submissions from the White House. I am writing for the purpose of doing exactly that. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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She and her organization are very important to the success of health care reform. There is no doubt that she would be an important addition to the Steering Committee.

I am unclear as to who in the White House will make the final choices for this list. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thanks very much.

cc: Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

William J. Biggs, Director of Presidential Personnel
and Assistant to the President

John Podesta, Assistant

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

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You should receive 2 pages, including this cover sheet. If
you do not receive all the pages, please call the above numbers.

Comments:

Feb. 19-2/2

employment in health care providers -- to do long-term care, in-home care, to do other things -- I think the insurers could play a valuable role as being a part of the group that run HMOs and provide organizations and contribute to a competitive system which will keep costs down.

Canada, for example, has a single-payer system which has the most efficient administrative costs in the world. It's about -- it's even probable slightly less than Medicare, which has got very low administrative costs. Medicare is about, just under three percent administrative costs; Canada is, I think, under two in administrative costs. But Canada spends 10 percent of its GDP, its gross income, on health care; Germany and Japan are under nine. And Germany is a more comparable situation. And I'm convinced that one of the reasons Germany is under nine is that the method by which the Germans deal -- manage health care costs involves consumers, business people, and providers in an ongoing sort of negotiating process once a year, which I think helps to hold health care costs down.

So I believe that our system over the long run will be more efficient if you get a single benefit package, a single form, and simplify the billing.

Q You've put out that you are going to definitely hold the White House conference in May. My question is how can the consumer get involved in promoting his or her agenda for the conference? How do you recommend them handling it through our aging organizations?

THE PRESIDENT: In the beginning, I recommended that it be handled through the aging organizations. At some point, we'll do what we've done with the health care plan; we'll have an operation in or associated with the White House to operate the White House conference. And people will be able to communicate with our folks directly about their ideas, as well as through their groups. But at least for the next few months the best thing to do is to work through the organizations.

Q Your plan, as it's now drafted, gives better benefits to the people in the health alliance than the people in Medicare, even once we put in the prescription drug and the long-term care. Now, one of the things that we were concerned about is the fact that under the health alliances there's a cap of out-of-pocket expenses for individuals of \$1,500 and \$3,000 for couples and families. There's no such cap on Medicare. And we were wondering why -- it seems like an unequal treatment of seniors. They have 18 to 20 percent of out-of-pocket expenses right now for Medicare.

THE PRESIDENT: What we tried to do with Medicare -- let me just -- let me try to reformulate the question and say how we came at it. We were trying to address the following question: What is the best way to guarantee comprehensive health benefits to all Americans that can't be taken away, and to do it in a way that will not encourage private employers to reduce the coverage that they have now. Okay? In other words, guarantee everybody something, but don't give an incentive to private employers to take away something they're giving now. And at the same time, how do we preserve Medicare, because everyone told us we had to preserve Medicare intact because it was so popular with people who use the program, but add long-term care and prescription drugs?

What we found was when we got into it that if we did not want to give private employers an incentive to reduce the benefits that they were offering, we probably should



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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aging****Phone: (202)401-4634****(202)401-4541****FAX: (202)401-7741****TO:**Jeremy Ben-Ami**FAX #:**456-7028**FROM:**Maya**DATE:** **Number of Pages (including cover):**2**COMMENTS:**FYI - you probably saw

Perot is Back: Now He's Poised to Tackle Health Care

Still Licking His NAFTA Wounds, Texan Set to Challenge Clinton's Goal of a Health-Care Overhaul

Like Elvis, Ross Perot seems to come and go. The billionaire businessman and sometime political player is back again, this time heckling President Clinton on health care.

Perot made two health-care speeches in the last week, trashing Clinton's health-care proposal as "designed to fail" and railing on the nation's physicians to help him craft an alternative plan.

And Perot has promised to spend \$1 million to advertise the doctors' plan if he likes it, according to Sharon Holman, spokeswoman for Perot's group United We Stand.

Perot will appear on Larry King Live tonight to discuss health care, said Holman. That's the show from which Perot launched his presidential bid in 1992, and last year was schooled in a NAFTA debate with Vice President Al Gore.

Perot is launching a campaign called Put Patients First, to limit the scope of any health-care overhaul.

"I think [Perot] strengthens the anti-government side, those who are opposed to a larger federal role," says House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, Ga., who opposes the Clinton plan. "But I don't think by himself that he's decisive. He just helps in the balance." Asked whether Republicans may align with Perot to help defeat Clinton's health-care agenda, Gingrich says, "There is no reason to assume we can't work together."

That is exactly what Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W. Va., has been trying to prevent. Rockefeller, a crucial Clinton ally in the health-care debate, says that over the past 10 months he has cultivated a relationship with Perot, trying to persuade him not to attack Clinton's plan.

Perhaps Rockefeller's worries are unwarranted. After his stinging NAFTA defeat, Perot does not bring the same clout to the policy debate, says George Washington University political science professor Lee Sigelman. "My sense is that people are a little tired of him at this point. But if he comes up with something instead of just sniping, he could play an important agenda-setting role."



And several lawmakers responded with guffaws to the news that Perot was again injecting himself into a legislative fight. "It's like he's from a different planet," said Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb.

Bunning Confronts GOP On Source of Campaign Contribution

A senior citizen lobbyist group's efforts to defeat the balanced-budget amendment has Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., furious that Republicans accept its campaign contributions.

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, which lobbies on behalf of seniors, sent out a letter on Tuesday calling on its members to urge lawmakers to oppose the balanced-budget amendment being considered by the House. The letter said the Social Security trust fund would be "raided" by the legislation.

It and another letter by the American Association of Retired Persons prompted a wave of phone calls into the Capitol against the legislation.

Bunning called the National Committee to Preserve Social Security letter a "pack of lies," and in a pointed conversation with National Republican Campaign Committee (NRCC) Chairman Rep. Bill Paxon, N.Y., said that it was wrong for the GOP to accept money from the group. "We're in bed with someone who is destroying" a key element of the party's platform, Bunning told Paxon yesterday morning.

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security has a bad reputation on the Hill over scare tactics used to raise money from seniors. Bunning told Paxon that he contemplated chastising him and the NRCC before the full conference for taking the contributions, but decided not to.

In this election cycle, the committee has given \$7,000 to the NRCC.

"I'm going to have a very difficult time if I have to go through every donation," said Paxon, who told Bunning that he would take money from just about any group that wanted to contribute.

Hard to Keep The Sunshine On Congressional Planning

In Louisiana, you would hardly expect politics to be played in the Superdome... but don't try telling that to four Lincoln Parish residents who challenged the state's new congressional districts on the grounds that they were racially polarized.

In December, a panel of three federal judges scrapped the congressional district plan enacted for the 1992 elections, ruling that the map — and particularly the Z-shaped, black-majority 4th District —

was a product of unconstitutional racial gerrymandering. The judges let stand the 1992 election results but forbade the use of the same district lines in 1994.

The state has begun the process of appealing the decision to the Supreme Court. But in recent weeks, state legislators and members of Congress have been holding quiet discussions over drawing a new map that could be approved if the legislature met in a special session.

Paul Hurd, a lead attorney for the four plaintiffs, wants legislators to hold public meetings and issue to the public any proposed maps. He claims that members of Congress may be violating the state constitution by lobbying legislators — behind closed doors — to draw districts that protect their political territory.

"This major decision-making debate should be made in the open," Hurd says. "What we're crying for is sunshine."

Quick Insights

• Term Limits at High Court

After five years of intense fighting, the issue of term limits for members of Congress finally reaches the Supreme Court today. U.S. Term Limits and Arkansans for Governmental Reform plan to ask the nation's highest court to accept its appeal to an Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that state-mandated limits on federal lawmakers are unconstitutional. Arkansans approved an initiative in 1992 that would limit senators to 12 years and House members to six years. Advocates of congressional term limitations are hopeful the court will accept the case in the coming months, and hand down a ruling within a year.

• Bumpers Seeks MILSTAR Vote

Dale Bumpers wants senators to go on record next week on whether the government should spend \$12 billion to modernize the MILSTAR nuclear war communications system. The Arkansas Democrat said reports indicate MILSTAR "has trouble transmitting in a heavy rain," let alone a thermonuclear blast. "MILSTAR is a true Cold War relic," Bumpers said. He and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., will offer an amendment to the budget resolution on the floor next week to cut out the funds.

— by Thomas Galvin and Steve Langdon
with reports from Dave Kaplan and Richard Sammon.



MAR 1 1994

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

ISSUE

I am submitting the following list of recommendations for your consideration to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging, as required by P.L. 102-375, the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992. This list has been compiled with my approval by the Assistant Secretary for Aging, Fernando M. Torres-Gil, and the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging, Robert B. Blancato, after careful review of many individuals across the nation who are qualified to serve on this Committee.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 204 of P.L. 102-375, the 1992 Amendments to the Older Americans Act, a 25-person Policy Committee is to be established for the White House Conference on Aging. Of those appointed, Congress must choose 12. The President is required to choose 13 individuals, 10 of whom are "members with experience in the field of aging who may include representatives of public aging agencies, institution-based organizations and minority aging organizations." The remaining three must be officers of the Federal Government.

The Policy Committee for the White House Conference on Aging has many responsibilities, including:

- o recommending to the Secretary of HHS when to convene the Conference;
- o formulating and approving a proposed agenda for the Conference;
- o determining the number of delegates and other participants to the Conference, and
- o formulating and approving the initial report of the Conference.

In addition, the Policy Committee has to comply with a number of specific dates which are outlined in P.L. 103-171, the Technical Amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1993, including holding

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its first meeting within 30 days after the last member of the Committee is named, and formulating and approving a proposed agenda not later than 60 days after its first meeting.

DISCUSSION

Under the requirements of the Technical Amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1993, the White House Conference on Aging is to be convened not later than May 31, 1995. This presents an extremely tight time schedule for planning not only this national conference, but the State, local and mini-conferences which traditionally precede a White House Conference on Aging. Additionally, under the Technical Amendments, the Policy Committee was to be named by December 31, 1993. Congress is currently developing its list of Policy Committee Members.

Below you will find the names of sixteen individuals I am recommending from whom you may elect to choose the ten individuals you are required to name to the Policy Committee. As you will note, included with each name is some descriptive background for your information and easy reference.

Recommendations (16)

Carter, Charles, President, National Association of Retired Federal Employees representing 2 million retirees. Mr. Carter is a former key officer of the American Federation of Government Employees.

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Deets, Horace, Executive Director, American Association for Retired Persons, Washington, D.C. Mr. Deets heads the largest senior organization in the Nation and has been quite active with the new Executive Director in early planning for the White House Conference on Aging.

Delacruz, James T., Member of Quinalt Indian Nation and Quinalt Senior Citizens Program Coordinator. Mr. Delacruz is the current President of National Title VI Directors (Grants to Native Americans).

Dobrof, Dr. Rose, Acting Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Hunter College in New York City, and Executive Director of the Brookdale Center on Aging.

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Oakar, Mary Rose, former Representative from Ohio. Ms. Oakar is currently President and CEO of Mary Rose Oakar and Associates, Inc. In addition to many other honors, she was selected as "One of America's Most Important Women" by Ladies Home Journal.

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Smedley, Lawrence, Executive Director, National Council of Senior Citizens, and Co-Chair, National Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, Washington, D.C.

Sotomayor, Dr. Marta, President and CEO, the National Hispanic Council on Aging, Washington, D.C.

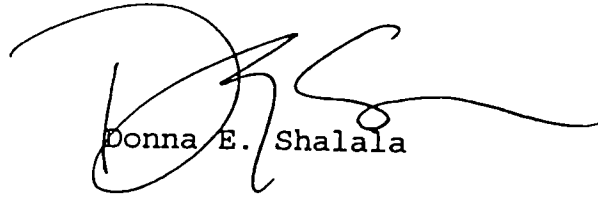
Thursz, Dr. Daniel, President, The National Council on the Aging, Inc., the first national aging organization to unconditionally endorse the Health Security Act.

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These names are of respected individuals who will be compatible with our efforts in holding a successful and meaningful White House Conference on Aging, will work as a team, and will support the objectives of this Administration. They are well known to the aging community and are committed to improving the quality of life for America's older population now and in the future. In addition, we believe that they contain the geographic, ethnic, gender, and racial diversity desired by this Administration.

• RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you review and approve ten of the sixteen names I have listed in this memorandum to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging.



Donna E. Shalala



- ① ✓ Advisory Comm - is it finalized?
- ② ✓ Issues: intergenerational
- ③ ✓ Use of technology to tie as many people in as possible: satellite.
- ④ ✓ Coord of ST. DATES to max poss of BC involvement - are there regional mts?
- ⑤ ✓ Use Payor: Theresa Forster
- ⑥ ✓ Invites to DPC on Monday
- ⑦ ✓ WH support ✓

▼ DANA HYPE

- ① POLICY COMM - 25 Total; 13 Pres. Apps; 12 Corp.
12/31/93 was deadline - but not an issue.
- Where is mem asking for approval.
- Max be
• Somewhere betw CAB APPS; Don Pol; Personnel - ADV Comm?
• By April 1, need to make some key decisions.
• 4/29, three nos. out of compliance w/ law
4/29 testimony.
- Payor as chair?
- ③ FED APPS - 10 apps
↳ need to be applied as well.

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② PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT - Sherri Mills

- HHS sees 2 tests: ① legal std

② ^{also} Mfg w/ WH counsel re: who to accept \$ from
- getting a little from a lot of people

③ Overview of schedule

Phase I: local recog. phase - local sps. sponsoring
Symposium, mfg. etc:

- ① 1 or more fed pol. issue
- ② Guar. insula. of older Amers
- ③ Report 30-45 days

- Wins many of groups not notice
- Fed Rec.
- Sent to every memb of Cong.

Phase II: State conferences

- 60-70% of \$ of FY97 money on public activities.
600,000 for st. confs.
- flexibility given that there were more confs in FY98.
- So Cong. to focus on issues

III

→ Sherri Mills to go to ... - work to Martin
Harris

Phase III: REGIONAL CONFS

- several states
- April May 95

Phase IV: Mini Confs

- focus on specific policy issue or sub-pop.
 - MH
 - Old women, health
 - Nurturing
 - Trans
 - LTC?
 - Various constats: rural, ind.

ALL THESE EVENTS HELP DEVELOP AGENDA.

- 6 EVENTS SO FAR: elder abuse prevention; Cal, ALA. 4 local foras:
- using focus groups. Very heavy Cong. interest.

POST CONF STRATEGY: thinking how follow up to conf. into '96.

① Conf on Aging

- mtg w/ Blanco
- what are CR priorities?

② Issues: Intergenerational Stress
uses of technology in the conference
- coord of state datasets

② Veterans

- who to call
- what to do

* CR will send note to see Brown get SC in

③ Soc Sec / DisAB

- GET news from CR
- HOLD for the moment

- wait for reengineering report C end March

④ Homelessness

- CR will send note to staff - they coord w/ Susan

⑤ Can he speak @ DPC on Monday
Theresa Foster

⑥ When to bring in WHL to support him

⑤ Coordination

- 9:30 conf call
- get on press conf call
- get in review process of state minor
- Mons

Jackie

708-0270

(Aper)

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Gina Tercaro - 754-2104 x 2222

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8³⁰ call COS

~~Vanessa Garcia~~

- ① Press conf call ✓
- ② COS conf call ✓
- ③ Share report & get in on review process.
- ④ Mr CR?
- ⑤ Has get share w/ COA - mty w/ Bob Blancato
- ⑥

Bob Blancato Doris Sumner

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FACT SHEET

1995 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: ROBERT B. BLANCATO

On February 17, 1994, President Clinton called for a White House Conference on Aging to be convened in May of 1995. This will be the fourth such conference, the first of which was conducted in 1961 under President Kennedy to be held thereafter each decade. The mandate of such conferences is to produce recommendations for aging policy to span the next decade.

The 1995 Conference was authorized under the terms of P.L. 102-375, the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992. The terms of the Act require that a 25-member Policy Committee be chosen jointly by the President and the Congress to plan the specifics of the Conference, including its agenda and participants.

In October, 1993, President Clinton appointed Robert B. Blancato, the former staff director of House Select Committee on Aging Subcommittee on Human Services, to be the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging.

The Congress, in authorizing the Older Americans Act Amendment, specifically defined the purpose for the Conference to include: increasing public awareness of the interdependence of generations and the essential contributions of older individuals; examining common problems facing the generations; developing specific and comprehensive recommendations for executive and legislative action appropriate for maintaining and improving the well-being of the aging; developing recommendations for the coordination of Federal policy with State and local needs; and reviewing the recommendations adopted at previous White House Conferences on Aging.

Throughout 1994 and culminating in May, 1995, the White House Conference on Aging will be coordinating the development of local, state and regional Conferences on Aging, as well as conducting select mini-conferences on specific policy issues and specific constituencies.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 22, 1993

PRESIDENT NAMES BLANCATO TO CONFERENCE ON AGING

President Clinton announced that he has appointed Robert B. Blancato to be Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA). The WHCOA, located at the Department of Health and Human Services, serves as a focal point for the development of national policy on aging issues.

"Robert Blancato is currently the Executive Director of Italian-American Center at the Catholic University of America, the first national center built for the appreciation and advancement of Italian-American heritage and culture. He is also the Director of Public Policy and Institutes for the National Italian-American Foundation.

From 1977-89, Blancato was the Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging's Subcommittee on Human Services. He remained a senior advisor to the subcommittee until it went out of existence earlier this year. In addition, he is an adjunct faculty member at the New School for Social Research's Gerontological Services Administration and the Post Master Certificate Program in Aging at Hunter College. In 1982, he went to Vienna as a member of the U.S. delegation to the World Assembly on Aging.

Blancato holds a B.A. from Georgetown University and an M.P.A. from American University. He is 42 years old.

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release:

February 17, 1994

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

President Clinton announced today that he is formally calling for a White House Conference on Aging to be convened in May of 1995.

"I am pleased to resume the proud traditions of White House Conferences on Aging begun by President John F. Kennedy in 1961," said the President, noting that there has not been a White House Conference on Aging since 1981.

"The fact that this will be the last White House Conference on Aging of the twentieth century makes this one even more significant."

Under the terms of the Older Americans Act, which authorizes that such a Conference be held, a 25-member Policy Committee chosen jointly by the President and the Congress will be selected to work out the specifics of the Conference, including its agenda and the number of participants. Earlier in the fall, President Clinton announced his selection of Robert B. Blancato, formerly of the National Italian American Foundation and the former House Select Committee of Aging, to be the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging.

"An older America must soon face a new century," concluded the President. "A 1995 White House Conference on Aging allows us to plan for this challenge by working together to develop policy recommendations for the 21st century. We owe this to future generations."

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NEWS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TO: All Massachusetts Media

FROM: The White House Conference on Aging

RE: Event In Boston, February 28th

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy (D -- Mass.) will be the opening speaker in a White House Conference on Aging forum scheduled at Boston University on Monday, February 28th. The forum, involving senior citizens and professionals in aging, will elicit recommendations for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging called by President Clinton earlier this month.

The morning forum will feature several panels of researchers, academics and practitioners who will draw upon their expertise and experience in making their presentations to an audience of aging specialists from the community. The afternoon focus group will be made up of older adults from varying socio-economic backgrounds. They will react to the discussion from the morning forum as well as share their own views and concerns on aging issues.

Congressman Joe Kennedy will be joined by Bob Blancato, the newly appointed Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging. "President Clinton and Secretary Shalala are committed to seeing that gerontological experts and older Americans at the grass roots level have input into the creation of the agenda for the 1995 White House Conference agenda. The forums and focus groups are a vehicle to achieving this goal," said Bob Blancato.

The morning forum will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon session will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at:

Morning Session

Boston University
School of Social Work
George Sherman Auditorium
775 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA

Afternoon Session

Boston Area RSVP
One City Hall Square
9th Floor BRA Board Room
Cambridge and Congress Streets
Boston, MA

The forums are being conducted by the Gerontological Society of America under the terms of a grant provided by the Retirement Research Foundation of Chicago. The Boston forums are the fourth in a national series which began last week in Tampa, Florida.

Three other forums and focus groups were held at the end of February. Other State and local events, sanctioned by the WHCOA will be held throughout 1994 in order to identify important age-related issues that should be addressed at the May 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Background

The White House Conference on Aging, in conjunction with the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) conducted 5 forums and focus groups in February. These events were held in Albuquerque, Tampa, Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston. The purpose of these events was to elicit recommendations for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging from professionals in the field of gerontology as well as from older Americans.

The afternoon focus groups were made up solely of older Americans. Each group of approximately fifteen individuals represented a cross-section of the community based on race, ethnicity, economics, education and gender. Each individual answered fifteen questions regarding their views and concerns on aging.

Intergenerational Issues

Two of the fifteen questions dealt with stereotypes that young persons have of older Americans and vice versa. Below are the two questions and the types of responses that were received from the five focus group participants:

- 1) "I believe most younger people view older people as..."

Old and stupid
Contrary and set in their ways
Outdated
You had your day
Not with it
Boring and critical of them
Knowledgeable
Invisible
Needing to be taken care of
Non-productive and useless

* On average, 95% of the responses were negative.

- 2) "I believe most older people view younger people as..."

Ignorant, disrespectful, thoughtless and self centered
Threat to their personal security and of the community
Younger people are living in a complex time
Not responsible as our generation
Immoral
Disrespectful
Want it all, now
Immature
Lacking civil responsibility
Not very considerate or respectful of age

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TAMPA



SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE / FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1994

Growing old is OK, says speaker

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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There is less community-based care than five years ago because of states' money problems, said Larry Polivka, director of the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging. Ninety percent of long-term care dollars go to nursing home care, he said.

Robert Byram, 79, told the group he took care of his wife, a stroke patient, for many years until doctors said she had to be put in a nursing home. She died last September.

"It had been extremely difficult for me to live a normal life until she passed away. I lived through it," said Byram, a nursing home reform advocate. "Our people in nursing homes are being warehoused... We need people who understand."

President plans forum on aging

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton next year will convene the first White House Conference on Aging in more than a decade, with the goal of charting policies on older Americans into the next century.

"We owe this to future generations," Clinton said Thursday in a statement announcing the May 1995 conference.

The first such conference was called by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 and subsequent conferences were held in 1971 and 1981. The 1981 conference was considered too politicized and the Bush administration declined to have one in 1991.

"An older America must soon face a new century," Clinton said.

Last year, Clinton announced that Robert Blancato, formerly of the House Select Committee on Aging, would be executive director of the conference. He was in Tampa Thursday to hear the views of seniors.

Speaker: Elderly can still contribute

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Conference to focus on aging

By KEVIN P. CONNOLLY
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Some of the issues raised at today's conference on aging may be used to influence President Clinton's agenda in 1995, said Donna Cohen, director of the USF Institute on Aging.

The Institute and The Gerontological Society of America are co-sponsoring "Helping Set the White House Conference on Aging Agenda" from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the College of Public Health Auditorium, Room 1023A.

"I'm hoping some lively discussions will come out of it," Cohen said.

Community leaders, members of the Gerontological Society, researchers, educators and practitioners will gather at the forum to explore issues related to our rapidly aging society.

The issues of an aging society really affects all of us," Cohen said. And, she said, "Aging studies is intellectually exciting."

The conference is the first of four to

to Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles and conduct similar forums.

Comments and views will then be packaged into a report and presented at the White House Conference Aging Policy Committee in early March.

Cohen said that some of the issues that will be explored are the problems associated with an aging work force and the future of health care reform.

Because the population is aging, Cohen said, society needs to look at the issue of education in relation to this trend.

"We just can't look at the young end of the spectrum anymore," Cohen said.

Panelists will look at the need to strike a balance between educating the youth of this country and creating continuing educational opportunities for those persons already in the work force.

Cohen said students and faculty of all ages interested are welcomed to attend the conference and contribute to discussions. "Aging Studies" is the



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RECOGNITION GUIDELINES FOR WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING EVENTS HELD BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) intends to recognize local and regional activities, events and programs developed by outside organizations during 1994. Recognition implies the WHCOA's acknowledgement of the relevancy of your activity to the goals of the WHCOA. To assist you in these efforts, we have developed guidelines which must be followed in order to have your event officially recognized by the White House Conference on Aging.

Background

A White House Conference on Aging is intended to produce policy recommendations to guide national aging policy over the next decade. In Public Law 102-375, the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992, Congress specifically identified six primary purposes for the White House Conference on Aging. They are:

- 1) to increase public awareness of the interdependence of generations and the essential contributions of older individuals to society for the well-being of all generations;
- 2) to identify the problems facing older individuals and the commonalities of the problems with problems of younger generations;
- 3) to examine the well-being of older individuals, including the impact the wellness of older individuals has on our aging society;

4) to develop such specific and comprehensive recommendations for executive and legislative action as may be appropriate for maintaining and improving the well-being of the aging;

5) to develop recommendations for the coordination of Federal policy with State and local needs and the implementation of such recommendations; and

6) to review the status and multigenerational value of recommendations adopted at previous White House Conferences on Aging.

Please note that in your planning of events, particular emphasis should be directed to purposes 1 and 5 listed above.

Guidelines

In order for the White House Conference on Aging to consider recognizing a local activity, event or program, it must meet the following basic criteria:

A) It must be a policy-oriented event; the focus must be on one or more Federal policy issues affecting the elderly or the near-elderly;

B) It must guarantee the participation of older persons;

C) It must produce a written report within 30-45 days summarizing major issues discussed and recommendations proposed that can be utilized by the White House Conference on Aging;

D) It must not be a profit-making or fundraising event although it is permissible to charge a fee to recover the costs of the event; and

E) It must be approved by the Executive Director.

If the White House Conference on Aging agrees to recognize your event, we will provide you with an official letter that could be presented at the activity, event or program. In certain limited instances, the White House Conference on Aging may also be able to participate. A White House Conference on Aging recognition allows the activity, event or program to publicize that it has been recognized by the WHCOA and that it will be listed in the final report of the Conference. However, recognition does not imply that the WHCOA endorses the recommendations.

If you are interested in having your organization receive the recognition of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, and have an activity, event or program scheduled, we would ask that you complete the enclosed form and return it to us as soon as possible. It will be reviewed and a response will be sent to you in as expeditious a manner as possible. The 1995 White House Conference on Aging looks forward to working with you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Judy Satine of the WHCOA staff at (202) 245-7826.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Blancato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert B. Blancato
Executive Director

Enclosure

REQUEST FOR WHCOA PROJECT RECOGNITION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FOR PROFIT () NON-PROFIT ()

TITLE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY _____

DATE/S _____ LOCATION _____

CITY/IES 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Please briefly describe your proposed activity, event, or program.

What specific Federal aging policy issue do you intend to address? Please describe:

Will older people be invited to and be involved in your proposed activity, event, or program? Can you indicate the size of the target audience and what percentage might be seniors?

Can you provide to the WHCOA within 30 to 45 days of your activity, event, or program, a written summary report on issues discussed and recommendations proposed? YES () NO ()

Do you plan to charge a fee for your activity? YES () NO ()

CONTACT PERSON _____ TELEPHONE _____

DATE OF REQUEST _____

TO: Marcia Hale
FROM: Bob Blancato
DATE: 11 March 1994
RE: White House Conference on Aging Letter From President Clinton to All Governors

As per your conversation with John Monahan at HHS, I am pleased to attach this draft letter.

I appreciate your willingness to expedite this letter through the White House clearance process. Please feel free to call Elaine Dalpiaz (245-7832) of my staff if you have any questions or comments.

Dear Governor:

I am pleased to share details of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging with you.

As you may know, President Kennedy convened the first White House Conference on Aging in 1961 to address important issues relating to older Americans. Subsequent White House Conferences on Aging were held in 1971 and 1981. It is with great pleasure that I announce the upcoming May 1995 White House Conference because it will play a significant role in the longstanding tradition of White House Conferences on Aging. Fourteen years will have passed since the last Conference was held. The 1995 Conference will be the cornerstone of our national effort to focus necessary attention and develop policy initiatives in the field of aging, leading our country into the twenty-first century.

The Older Americans Act, which authorizes the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, designates the Secretary of Health and Human Services as the Cabinet officer responsible for planning the Conference. Last fall I announced the selection of Robert Blancato as Executive Director, and soon I will appoint a Policy Committee and Chairperson for the Conference.

Input into the agenda of the 1995 White House on Aging will come from a variety of sources, including Members of Congress; the Department of Health and Human Services; other Cabinet Departments and independent Federal agencies; State, Territorial and local governments; and the private sector. A high priority of this Administration is to ensure maximum participation by older Americans at the local and State levels into the development of the 1995 Conference agenda. To facilitate this goal, the White House Conference on Aging is currently planning Regional conferences, State conferences, mini-conferences on selected topics and local events.

Further information regarding funding levels and application procedures for State conferences will be forthcoming this month. Information regarding the delegate selection process to the Conference will be sent to you promptly after the Policy Committee reaches consensus on this issue.

Your active support and participation in the proud tradition of White House Conferences on Aging will be critical to the success of the 1995 Conference. I believe we can work together to stimulate public attention to the challenges facing older Americans and future generations, as well as identify common goals and solutions.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton