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DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001. email	Jaycee A. Pribulsky to [list] at 15:42:11.00. Subject: First Draft Manifest - Visit of the President to Central America. (33 pages)	03/03/1999	b(7)(C), b(7)(E), b(6)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Automated Records Management System [Email]
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FOLDER TITLE:

[03/02/1999 - 03/03/1999]

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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-MAR-1999 10:55:40.00

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TEXT:

We would like to proceed with plans to schedule a Medal of Freedom
Presentation to former-Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany on the following
day:

Tuesday, April 20

Please respond ASAP to indicate whether your office knows of any conflicts
with this date.

Thanks!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Shelley N. Fidler (CN=Shelley N. Fidler/OU=WHCCTF/O=EOP [WHCCTF])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-MAR-1999 10:26:46.00

SUBJECT: Re: Alliance letter

TO: Todd Stern (CN=Todd Stern/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

good comments. I'll revise.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-MAR-1999 14:16:00.00

SUBJECT: President Clinton Names David Sandalow as Assistant Secretary o

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PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES DAVID B. SANDALOW AS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENTIFIC
AFFAIRS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The President today announced his intention to nominate David B. Sandalow as Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs at the Department of State.

Mr. David B. Sandalow, of Washington, D.C., is Associate Director for the Global Environment, White House Council on Environment Quality and Senior Director for Environmental Affairs, National Security Council. In these positions, he helps advise the President and Vice President on a broad range of international environmental issues, including climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity, oceans, trade and environment, forests, chemicals, regional environment issues and U.S. policy toward multilateral development banks. Prior to coming to the White House, Mr. Sandalow was with the Office of the General Counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency and in the private practice of law. He also served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce. Mr. Sandalow has served as a member of the American Bar Association,s Standing Committee on Environmental Law, co-chair of the American Bar Association,s Annual Conference on Environmental Law and member of the Steering Committee of the District of Columbia Bar,s Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources Law. He has been a volunteer election observer in the Philippines and instructor on election observing in Nepal.

A Michigan native, Mr. Sandalow received his B.A. in Philosophy from Yale College in 1978 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1982.

In his capacity as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sandalow will direct, analyze and evaluate issues associated with international scientific, technological and environmental issues and will advise the Secretary of State on policy relevant to these areas.

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REPRESENTATIVE GEPHARDT: Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, and members of the House and Senate, I would like to call this joint caucus of House and Senate Democrats to order.

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, welcome. We are at a point in our history that comes possibly once or twice in everyone's life. It's a point where leaders are faced with the opportunity to make a decision that will echo a generation into the future and will help decide what kind of world we will leave to our children and our grandchildren.

We are faced with a great challenge. It is a challenge of whether we do the right thing for our country and choose the long-term over the short-term. It is a challenge of whether we can rise to the occasion and make the choices for our future that will leave a strong legacy to those who will bear the mantle of leadership in the next century. It is a challenge that I am confident that we will meet.

We have seen firsthand what fiscal responsibility can bring to our country and our economy. We are currently enjoying the harvest of the seeds we planted in 1993, when Democrats, without a single Republican vote, made the difficult and courageous choice to put our long-term interests of the United States of America ahead of short-term politics. (Applause.)

We took a step in 1993 that has led to the brightest economic outlook in a generation; perhaps even in our lifetimes. In fact, we have the best combination of high growth and low inflation since a fellow Missourian, one of my heroes, Harry Truman, was in the White House.

In 1993, Democrats didn't pass the buck. We bucked the conventional Republican wisdom, and we should be proud of what we helped create in 1993. (Applause.)

This year, as we look over the horizon to the faint glimmer of a new century, we face yet another challenge. We have to decide as a nation whether we will plant the seeds of growth that will continue into the next century. As Democrats, we are united by our desire to live up to that great challenge. We want to invest this surplus, a surplus borne of the hard work and labor of America's working families. We want to make sure that future retirees will be relieved of a crushing debt burden that nearly buried our economy alive. We want to make sure that interest rates remain low for the next generation, so that entrepreneurship and home ownership will continue to flourish.

We want nothing less than to pass on the American Dream to a new generation -- no less than what our parents gave to us.

And we want to help address the challenges that face working families on a daily basis. We want to help lift the burdens that make raising their children in the '90s so difficult and stressful. We want to enact a strong patients' bill of rights to ensure that families -- (applause) -- a strong patients' bill of rights to ensure that families get the health care they pay for and that they deserve. When a crisis strikes, you want health care and you want it to be there, and you want it to work. Every American should have that right.

These rights must be strong and they must be enforceable, and they must be real. And Democrats will be fighting to pass a bill that will do that job. (Applause.)

We want to increase income security for hard-working families. Even though the national bank account continues to improve, too many families still live paycheck to paycheck. We will work to increase the minimum wage so that the hardest working Americans at the bottom of the ladder have a firm grip up into the middle class. (Applause.)

And we'll also strengthen enforcement of equal pay laws, so that mothers get the pay they deserve and the support they need for their families. This is a world where most families depend on two wage earners. Equal pay for equal work is not a luxury, it's a necessity. And we're going to make sure it becomes a reality. (Applause.)

So, my friends, we have a lot to accomplish. This is an ambitious agenda, and we can't do it alone. In these next two years we want to join with Republicans to pass legislation that makes a difference in the lives of working families, and to deliver the help that they've been waiting for. We want to make progress now, this month, this year, this session. We can't afford to waste another year or two, mired in partisan wrangling and gridlock. If you're depending on your health insurance, this year you want it to be there. If you're working on the minimum wage, you need a living wage now.

We can work together. It's what the American people want; it's what they expect. And it's within our grasp if we put the national interest above partisanship. We will be judged by our progress, our action, our accomplishment -- not by our words. We can take advantage of this opportunity to rise above the past and invest in our future to create a new century of prosperity and security for all of our people.

On behalf of all Democrats I'd like to thank the three individuals who are here to join with us today in talking about real issues and real-life challenges. They're here to tell us about how Democrats have helped to make a real difference in the lives of people all over this country, and how we can still do more to make sure that the next century is truly the best century. They're here to inspire us about the success that

Americans continue to achieve, and to raise our vision towards the possibilities that remain for this great nation. And they're here to point the way towards the future.

That's how all of us here today have worked to build this agenda. We have listened, all of our members -- House Democrats, Senate Democrats -- have been out in these last months really listening, actively listening to the people -- to their hopes, their dreams. And we have heard their call. We have always been the party of the people. And that is why we have three citizens here today to talk about their agenda and our agenda.

Their eloquence and spirit reflects the soul of this great nation. It's important for all of us to listen and be guided by them, first and foremost.

Our first guest is Maureen Marshall, a teacher at Springfield Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She has been teaching for eight years, working with 5th and 6th graders, and also teaching special education classes. She's here to tell us about the importance of small class size in the early grades and how it makes such a critical impact in children's lives.

Our second guest is Edwin Bobeale, a 4th generation graduate of Tuskegee. Pell grants helped him earn a bachelor's and master's degree and pursue his career with a chemical company in Delaware. He's here to talk about the importance of keeping up a strong federal role in supporting higher education of our young people.

And our last guest is Michael Saylor, founder, president and CEO of a company called MicroStrategy. Michael will talk about the economy and how the economy has helped his company and many others flourish, and why it's important to reduce the debt to keep our economy strong in the future.

Now it's my pleasure to present Ms. Marshall. Give her a great big Democratic welcome. (Applause.)

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SENATOR DASCHLE: Edwin, Maureen and Michael, on behalf of the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses, we thank you for being here this morning. You are American success stories personified. (Applause.) Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, we are honored and very delighted with your presence with us this morning.

Before I begin a few comments, let me salute my partner in the House of Representatives -- I could not have a more courageous, a more eloquent, a more powerful leader than I have in the next Speaker of the House, Dick Gephardt. (Applause.)

This is truly a united Democratic Party that stands here today. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous work of White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, he's as good as they come, and he's here, as well. (Applause.)

Mr. President, as others have already said this morning, six years ago with your leadership we made a decision to do the right thing for America. We passed a plan to balance the federal budget. And, today, as our three guests attest, this nation is reaping the benefits. America is working again. And after years of postponing our hopes and aspirations, Americans are again filled with hope and renewed optimism.

We've gone from the largest deficit in our nation's history to the largest surplus. We now have the best opportunity in our lifetime to deal with some of the biggest social and economic challenges on our horizon. We cannot squander this opportunity, and today Democrats stand united to say we will not. (Applause).

Putting families first means Social Security and Medicare first. We support your plan to invest 62 percent of the surplus in Social Security, and another 15 percent in Medicare, Mr. President. Social Security and Medicare are two of our most sacred commitments to America. It is our responsibility now to ensure that this country respects those commitments, and we will do so. (Applause.)

We need to make sure Social Security and Medicare will be there -- for our parents and for our children. Investing 77 percent of the surplus in Social Security and Medicare will enable us to do that. It will allow us to pay down the debt, to save hundreds of billions of dollars in interest payments, and keep the interest low for those mortgages and college loans that every working American pays.

But Americans understand that there are differences among us in Congress -- those differences between Republicans and Democrats. And Republicans have already articulated a different plan. They say they'd like to set aside 62 percent of the surplus for Social Security, but their plan today doesn't include a nickel for Medicare. After the 62 percent, they'll use what's left of the surplus for a tax cut that overwhelmingly benefits the wealthiest Americans.

We've analyzed that plan. We now know that people who make \$800,000 a year will save \$20,000 a year in taxes. But families who earn \$38,000 or less a year -- 60 percent of all American families -- will save 27 cents a day. You can't achieve big dreams with small change.

We believe America's families deserve better than 27 cents a day. They deserve good schools for their children. If

they're sick, they deserve whatever treatment their doctor says they need, not however little their HMO is willing to pay.

Democrats have always believed that if you work hard all your life you ought to be able to retire with dignity and security. You shouldn't have to fear that growing old means becoming a burden on your children or anyone else. That is why we fought to create Social Security and Medicare in the first place. That's why we fought over and over and over to protect them.

I talk to people in South Dakota who tell me they're worried that they don't have the luxury -- the luxury -- of retiring. Well, Democrats believe we don't have the luxury of ignoring the coming retirement crisis either, and we will not do that. (Applause.)

We need to strengthen America's retirement security and we're committed to doing that this year. People between the ages of 55 and 65, who don't have the access to a group health insurance plan or who lose their insurance when they're laid off or their plant closes, ought to be able to buy into Medicare, and we want to make that happen. (Applause.)

Early retirees, who were promised health benefits that are canceled, ought to be able to buy into their former employer's group health plan, too. People between 55 and 65 are twice as likely as someone just 10 years younger to experience major health problems; they have less access to health coverage and they're at a greater risk of losing their health coverage. And they're the fastest-growing age group in America today. Over the next 10 years they will increase by 60 percent. We need to close this gap now, before it gets any worse.

We must help families cope with the emotional and financial strain of caring for the elderly, the ill and disabled in their family. And one good way to do it is to do what the Democratic agenda calls for, with a \$1,000 a year long-term tax credit to reduce the cost of long-term care. It's time we passed that legislation, this year, in 1999. (Applause.)

Care-giving is a hard job. Two-thirds of all family caregivers today have to cut back their hours or take unpaid leave from work. The value of the care they provide is worth billions of dollars. A \$1,000 tax credit is the least they deserve, and it's the right kind of tax cut for America's families.

We must increase the number of Americans with private pensions, and get rid of the inequities in the pension system that leave so many elderly living at near poverty. Our agenda will help -- by making it easier for small businesses to start pension plans, and for employees to contribute to them. We'll also invest 12 percent of the surplus in USA accounts to enable

working families to save for their own retirement in private accounts.

And finally, we need tougher penalties for criminals who use telemarketing fraud and other schemes to take advantage of older Americans. We will not let the generation that saved democracy lose their life savings to swindlers. That will not happen if we have anything to say about it. (Applause.)

We've come a long way in six years. America is working again. We're daring to dream again. We have the greatest opportunity in our lifetime to make those dreams come true. Democrats are determined, and we are unified. America's families need us, and want us, to enact this agenda, to seize this opportunity now.

It is now my great pleasure, and high personal honor, to recognize and to introduce, the President of the United States Senate, Al Gore -- our friend, Al Gore. (Applause.)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues. And, Tom, thank you -- you have a way with a line -- (laughter) -- the timing and rhythm were impressive.

Let me begin by expressing my sincere and hardy thanks to Tom Daschle for not only his friendship to me and to all of us here, but for his truly extraordinary efforts as the Senate Democratic leader. I don't know when we have ever had in the United States Senate a Democratic leader who has been able to put together the kind of unity, the kind of ideas, the kind of agenda that Tom Daschle has formed. Every day he fights for what's right for the families of South Dakota and for the United States of America. We are very lucky to have such a great Democratic leader in Tom Daschle. Thank you, Tom. (Applause.)

I was trying to figure out a way to pause and work in the word "majority" in just the right way there, but we're working on that right now. (Laughter.)

And let me also say a word of special thanks felt I know in the hearts of every person here to Dick Gephardt for his remarkable leadership of the House Democratic Caucus and for his remarkable articulation of Democratic values and ideals all across this country. No one has worked harder to keep our party and our whole country focused on the issues that really matter to working families -- a strong economy, a world-class education, a nation with healthy families and livable communities where every child has a chance to live out his or her dream.

Dick is a wonderful friend to all of us here. He is a special friend to me, and he is a great, great Democratic leader and the next Speaker of the House of Representatives. (Applause.)

I, too, want to thank Maureen Marshall and Edwin Bobeale and Michael Saylor for their wonderful statements and the way they embody in their lives the stories of the lives of so many millions of Americans -- stories that are connected to this agenda for 1999 that we're talking about here today.

I, too, want to thank my partner in the White House, John Podesta, who does such a great job, and also his whole team in the White House. He's got a terrific team of men and women, and I want to single out Larry Stein, who is the Congressional Liaison, House and Senate, and the others who are here.

And we're clearly at a fork in the road here. I think it was that great statesman, Yogi Berra, who famously said, when you come to a fork in the road you should take it, and that's what we're proposing to do in this meeting.

Together, we have fought hard and successfully on behalf of America's families during these last six years. We have brought our nation to a moment of great prosperity, a time described by many economic experts now as a time with the strongest economy in the entire history of the United States. We have greater economic opportunity for all Americans. There are problems that remain to be addressed and we're keenly aware of that. That, too, is one of the reasons why we're here. We have both the obligation and the responsibility to make the right choices for America's families.

Now, this is not an election rally. This is the beginning of a congressional term. And I want to compare it to what happened after the election of 1992, when Bill Clinton and I asked our country to take a new direction and make a new start. It was the year following, in 1993, that the very difficult decision had to be made and we asked all Americans to join in the change that we thought was essential for our country.

We should never forget that while Republicans, along with independents and Democrats out in the heartland of our country, said, yes, it's time for a change, the dynamics within the Republican Party in the Congress worked in a way that prevented any Republican in the House or the Senate from voting for change. Not one, in either chamber. We provided all of the votes for the economic plan that is now responsible for this historic prosperity and progress and momentum in America. And we should remember that. (Applause.)

It was the closest of margins in both Houses and, I believe it was Dick Gephardt who cast the deciding vote in the House of Representatives, and it was Tom Daschle who rounded up the votes to give me a chance to vote in the Senate. But my point is this: We demonstrated, in 1993 and since that time, the unity of purpose that is essential to move our country in the right direction. Well, the American people have endorsed these

policies, and our agenda. And they did so again in the elections of 1998.

Now, in the following year, in 1999, we're asking the American people to stay with this agenda, and to help us enact the changes that are needed now. We have the unity of purpose -- as a group, as a party, as a collection of men and women with dreams and hopes for the future of this country.

I would say that I think that the unity of purpose that you're seeing demonstrated here today is in contrast to some dissonance and division on the other side, and I'd ask the American people to take that into account when you hear the debates on the floor of the House and the floor of the Senate, and when you judge the comparative value of the agenda that we're talking about here, and what those on the other side are talking about. Once again, we ask for the support of the American people, including Republicans and independents and Democrats, to help us pass this agenda.

And first on the agenda is, as Dick and Tom have said, using the surplus not for some risky scheme, but, instead, to save Social Security first and protect Medicare; because now is the time to make certain that those programs are going to be in solid shape on into the future for decades to come.

Now is the time to make sure that all Americans get the best health care, and not just the cheapest health care. That's why we want to pass the legislation that has been described to you. Now is the time to create jobs and build more livable communities, by keeping our environment clean. Now is the time to protect Americans' privacy amid the new threat of this information age. I read in the newspaper this morning where some person said, well, privacy is gone, you might as well get used to it. Well, it's not and we can't allow that. We can protect the privacy of American families in this electronic age.

There's no reason why people of all parties can't join us to get this agenda passed. And we have to start with a clear principle. The key in '93 was fiscal responsibility. That's what made it tough. We knew that it would be a little time before the change really grabbed hold and, yes, our party paid a political price while the returns were still coming in, while we implemented the policies that have borne such fruit.

But we cannot turn back from that fiscal discipline. We have -- we started with the largest budget deficit in the history of our country and, thanks to Democrats, we now have the largest budget surplus in the history of the country. That's progress. (Applause.)

Now, what do we do with that surplus? What do we do with these good times? Well, the obvious answer is, we need to use the good times to prepare for the future, to invest in our

people. No risky schemes; no casino policies of the kind that we saw in previous administrations, but good common sense. And this party is the party of solutions, and that's why, again, we're asking the American people to let us solve these problems.

Let me spend just a moment on one issue. I think most of us here are agreed that education is the top priority for investing in the future. And I think most Americans understand that there are two basic reasons why it has to be the top priority. First, we're obviously in an Information Age, when information is a bigger part of the economy, and learning has to be the key strategic skill.

Look at the want ads, and it's abundantly obvious that the millions of jobs that are opening up now -- so many of them which can't be filled today -- require specific skills in handling information and information technology. But you have to have the base of educational attainment that the three speakers who joined us this morning demonstrate in their lives, in order to get those skills, and then to hold down those jobs.

The second reason why education has to be the top priority is that the generation of young people in America today, 18 and under, has just passed by the baby boom, and now they're the largest generation in American history.

There are a couple of books now on the bestseller list about this generation of World War II veterans -- "the greatest generation," it's been called, those who won World War II. Well, after they won World War II, they came home and they saw the baby boomers crowding into the schools, and they saw that we were unprepared as a nation to give them the quality of educational experience they deserved. And so what did they do? They built new schools. They hired new teachers. They gave them the best training. They stocked the library shelves with the best and latest textbooks. They passed the G.I. Bill. They invested more in education than ever before.

And now the prosperity that we are reaping is in significant measure based on the investments that were made years ago in education that we were able to take advantage of in putting together the economic plan of 1993. Well, the challenge falls to us now. Since the generation of children in K through 12 is larger even than the baby boom, and since they're in crowded classrooms and portables and buildings that are falling down around their ears in some cases, will we rise to that challenge the way the World War II veterans rose to the challenges facing the baby boomers?

The answer that all of us are given here with this agenda that we present to the American people today is a resounding, yes. And it's not just in rhetoric. We have specific programs: hire 100,000 new teachers. We made the down payment last year, but let's go the rest of the way. And we're

going to have a specific measure introduced within days by Senator Murray and Senator Kennedy, to have an amendment voted on to reduce class size down to an average of one to 18 in the early grade. That's the first vote on the Democratic agenda. (Applause.)

Secondly, we have a specific bill to give local communities, through the form of a tax cut, interest-free bonding authority for \$25 billion worth of new school construction and repair, to give our children the modern, well-equipped classrooms and school buildings that they deserve. Let's pass this item on the Democratic agenda. (Applause.)

And as part of the education agenda we want to end social promotion, provide students the intensive help in school and after school -- after school, during that vulnerable window. (Applause.) We know how vulnerable children are during that period of the day. And we need after-school programs and other programs to give them enhanced opportunity. And we need to finish the job that was started three years ago and connect every single classroom and library to the Information Superhighway. We've made tremendous progress, let's finish that job. (Applause.)

Now, make no mistake about it -- let me conclude my talk on this education agenda by saying that we understand that there are those on the other side who think that money is the complete answer to everything. We believe that the investments of money need to be accompanied by the investments of time and heart and involvement. And where the federal role is concerned, when we allocate new funds to these priorities we should say our children deserve accountability for the large investment that we're making in education. We believe we ought to measure performance and make certain that we really are solving these problems. We know what works, and the evidence is all around us in every state represented here; in every congressional district represented here. We know what works, and we know how to keep it going in 1999.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, it's my honor to introduce to you the one person who has worked harder than anyone to focus on the right priorities for America's and future. He is the one person at the heart of our economic progress, the person who laid the foundation for one of the greatest job-creating engines our nation has ever known.

I'm pleased to introduce my friend, America's President, Bill Clinton. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you very much. Thank you.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. This has been a wonderful morning for me. When I listened to Maureen

Marshall and Edwin Bobeale and Michael Saylor speak, I was again confirmed in my conviction that our principal responsibility here is to give the American people the tools, and create the conditions within which they can make the most of their own lives. And if we do that, they will do it every time. These three people represent more than 200 million Americans who deserve our best efforts.

I want to thank Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt for their truly outstanding leadership, for their personal friendship, and for their honest commitment to the cause that we meet to discuss today.

I thank the Vice President for being the best partner and friend, advisor and prodder any President could ever have. I can't believe he passed up a chance to remind us all today that in 1993, he cast the decisive vote on the budget plan, and whenever he votes, we win. (Applause.)

You know the real, sort of political story out of this meeting today may be that we will have to retire that famous old Will Rogers quip, "I don't belong to an organized political party, I'm a Democrat." The fact is we are organized and we are united. (Applause.) And we are united around an agenda for America's future -- to meet the long-term challenges of this country at the edge of a new century and new millennium; to build on what we have done for the last six years.

The new agenda is rooted in the same ideals with which we began in 1993 -- to bring opportunity to every American, to challenge every American to be a responsible citizen, and to build a community of all American citizens.

When you look around at this Democratic Caucus, the members of the House and the Senate, as the speakers were speaking, I had the opportunity to just scan both sides of this wonderful room today. You all really do look like America. You think like America, and you reflect America. (Applause.) As perhaps the only one of you who is term-limited, and therefore, faces the prospect of making the most of this next two years and leaving the rest to you, I felt enormously good, not just for my party, but for my country, to look at all of you, to know what I know about all of you, to know about your backgrounds and your perspectives and your experience and your commitment, and to see how in this caucus we have bridged every divide of America that will help us to bring our country together and go forward. And I'm very proud to be here with you today.

Let me say that when I ran for President in 1991 and 1992, I used to say something that seems almost strange today. I said, one of the reasons that I left a job at home that I loved and undertook this campaign is that I didn't want to see my daughter's generation grow up to be the first generation of Americans not to do as well economically or in terms of quality

of life as their parents had done. Nobody worries about that anymore, but we did then.

And what we had before that was more than a decade in which the leaders of the other party talked tough, but took the easy way out. We were unashamed to be compassionate, unashamed that we cared about those who needed a hand up in life. But we were unafraid, when it came down to it, to take the tough decisions that cost many of our fellow Democrats their seats in Congress, but gave the American economy and the American people a new lease on the 21st century. (Applause.)

So what we came here today to talk about builds on what has happened in the last six years. It builds on our way of approaching our political responsibilities here, to put people ahead of partisanship, and common sense ahead of ideology. Now, we've already talked about how we turned the red ink to black -- that that helped to produce the longest peacetime expansion in our history, the lowest peacetime unemployment since 1957.

We ought to point out that we did it in a way that looked to the future -- not only reducing the deficit, but doubling our investment in education and training; putting 100,000 more police on our streets; making dramatic increases in medical research; immunizing 90 percent of our children from basic childhood diseases for the first time ever; providing millions and millions of people with the benefit of the Family and Medical Leave law; and making our environment cleaner. We showed, in other words, that we could balance the budget and honor our common values as Americans.

Now that, to use Senator Daschle's phrase, America is working again, the question is, what shall we do? And we're here to say that, as proud as we are of the record of the last six years, this is not a time to boast about the past, but to fulfill our solemn duty to the next generation, to meet the long-term challenges our nation faces.

We're for stronger families, with our child care program and our after-school learning; for a strong, enforceable patients' bill of rights; for the bipartisan legislation to help people with disabilities move into the workplace; for tax relief to help families provide long-term care; for an increase in the minimum wage and equal pay for men and women; and more free enterprise in our poorest inner city and rural communities.

We're for 50,000 more police on the street, and better technology for police, especially in the areas where crime is still too high. We stand together to pass the Earth on to our children with our livability initiative, for less traffic congestion and more greenspace. We stand together, as the Vice President has said, for strong, modern, more accountable schools; for giving teachers like Maureen the support they need to do even better.

Last winter, as has already been said, we issued our call, for the first time, for 100,000 more highly-trained teachers, to bring class size down in the early grades. And last fall, the Republicans in Congress finally agreed to make a significant down payment toward that goal. Now, in the next few days, the Senate will vote on whether to finish the job of hiring 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size. It will be our first big chance this year to prove to the American people that we are prepared to put people over party. Let's say politics stops at the schoolhouse door. (Applause.)

Now, I'd also like to ask that politics stop and that the Republican majority in Congress stand with us in meeting the greatest challenge we face, the aging of America. Life expectancy is rising, the number of older Americans will double by the year 2030. There will be only two people working for one person drawing Social Security by that time. Even before then, because people over 80 are the fastest growing group of Americans as a percentage of our country, Medicare will run out of money within nine years.

Now, I particularly appreciated what Edwin Bobeale said about this being an issue facing younger, as well as older, Americans; and not only because younger Americans would like to know they will have health care in retirement when they reach their retirement years, but also because the quality of life of the children of people on Medicare and Social Security, and their ability to raise their grandchildren, will be directly dependent upon whether they had to take needed resources away from their own family to care for their parents in ways that previous generations have not. This is a big issue.

But I want to say again -- and I feel it's a greater conviction as I grow older by the day -- this is a high-class problem. We face this challenge because we're living longer. We face this challenge because of the fruits of the medical research that the Congress has funded. We should not be hand-wringing here, we should be embracing this with joy. This is the inevitable result of our efforts to not only lengthen life, but to improve its quality. And because the Democrats took the lead so many years ago -- first in Social Security and then in Medicare -- we have a special responsibility to the American people to take the lead in resolving this. (Applause.)

Now, let me restate clearly our principles and where I think we are in this debate now -- because how we resolve these issues will shape how we resolve the other issues in this session of Congress. First, we should devote 52 percent of the surplus for the next 15 years to saving Social Security; to guarantee the soundness of Social Security for the next 55 years; and to enable us to make further choices, some of which will be difficult, to extend Social Security for 75 years, provide help for elderly women -- many of whom are in poverty -- and lift the earnings

limit on people on Social Security.

Second, we should devote another 15 percent of the surplus to Medicare, to secure that vital program until the year 2020. And, again, I believe we should go further, with broader reforms to strengthen and improve Medicare and to meet the greatest growing need of our seniors -- affordable prescription drugs. (Applause.)

If we do this, that will still leave funds for other investments or for tax reduction. I believe we should devote over \$500 billion of this surplus to give working families tax relief, creating universal savings accounts -- USA accounts -- that will help all Americans share in the nation's wealth and build nest eggs for retirement. If we do these things -- saving Social Security, saving Medicare, empowering more Americans to save for their own retirement -- we will fulfill our historic challenge to meet the difficulties and the opportunities of the aging of America in a way that provides a stronger economy and more stable families for our children.

If we use the surplus to save Social Security and strengthen Medicare, we will, for the next 15 years and beyond, be paying down the national debt, if we follow the proposal that we have made. We can reduce publicly-held debt to its lowest level since 1917, before we moved into World War I.

Let me say, for a member of Congress what that means is, 15 years from now, Congress will be allocating only 2 cents of every tax dollar to pay interest on the debt, instead of the 13 cents you have to take off the top today, before you can pass another bill to do another thing. That means -- and again, I was glad to hear Michael Saylor, who told that astonishing story of his company starting with \$132 and winding up with 1,000 employees and hundreds of millions of dollars of wealth that have been created. You remember what he said? He said what they need from government is a responsible set of rational decisions that keep interest rates low and the economy strong. That is the most important thing.

And if we do this, we will drive down interest rates for the next 15 to 20 years. We could actually have our country completely out of debt, under this policy, in 18 years. And in a world in which the economy of other countries is obviously troubled at the moment, and in which future events are not predictable, we know one thing for sure: if we pay down this debt, and things are troubled beyond our borders, we'll do a lot better and interest rates will be a lot lower than they otherwise would have been. If things go well in the global economy, because of our efforts and others, we will do even better than we otherwise would have done.

And we know that the success of the American economy has reinforced the budget decisions made in 1993. We have got to

keep this going. So I say, take care of Social Security, take care of Medicare, pay down the debt, keep the economy going. These things are the most important things we can do for our children in the 21st century. (Applause.)

Now, let me say where I think we are now. I have, frankly, been gratified to see that Republican leaders have quickly joined us in supporting the first idea, dedicating 62 percent of the surplus to save Social Security. At least, I believe the word they used was "setting aside" 62 percent of the surplus, and I'll come back to that in a moment. I've been further encouraged to see some of the Republicans backing away from the irresponsible across-the-board tax cut that is too costly, in favor of standing with us for targeted tax cuts benefitting mostly middle-class working families.

Last week, the majority leaders in Congress actually placed an ad in USA Today, with a nice letter promising to save Social Security, to give our children the world's best schools, to target tax relief to the middle class. That was the most welcome news I've read in USA Today, in terms of progress, since the NBA strike ended. (Laughter.) And I was encouraged by it.

But I want to make it clear, there are still strong differences in our approach, and we must resolve them in a way that benefits the American people -- in the Vice President's words, that benefit Republicans and independents and Democrats alike. We have to do what's right for the country.

First, while the Republicans are joining me in talking about setting aside a substantial part of the surplus for debt reduction and, presumably, for Social Security -- and we welcome that -- they still have said nothing about how they would extend the life of Social Security and whether they would dedicate all 62 percent of this surplus for that purpose. And that is very important.

Second, I ask the Republican majority to join us in devoting a portion -- 15 percent -- of the surplus to save Medicare. Now, this is very important. They have not done that so far. And, as you see from the difficulties of others who have struggled with these issues, and the fact that health care costs are beginning to rise again, we cannot secure Medicare as a guarantee for our seniors with any reasonable set of reforms, and keep it a recognizable, universal program, unless we also invest some more money in the program.

You can talk to any hospital that's administering programs that have Medicare patients. You can talk to any doctor. You can talk to anybody who's dealt with this program. We must have more money. So I ask those -- especially those who still maintain that somehow, out of the surplus, they can afford a very large across-the-board tax cut -- where will they find the

resources to extend the life of Medicare?

I am not opposed to responsible reforms that enable us to secure Medicare for an even longer period, and to begin to add this prescription drug benefit so that we can really help people who need it. But I'm telling you, we cannot deal with the Medicare problem without a greater investment of money.

So, let's say, use the budget surplus to save Social Security, to save Medicare, to pay down the debt. Then we can have an honest and principled disagreement about how much and what kind of tax cut we need with the rest -- about how much should go to education; how much should go to defense; how much should go to medical research. But the first and most important things are save Social Security, save Medicare, pay down the debt, secure the future of our children. (Applause.)

Now, we stand today unified. We stand today well aware of the challenges before us. But we stand today beleaguered by beepers and message machines. (Laughter.) This is my last line I want to say about this. Will Rogers also used to say something that we do not have to disregard. He used to say -- and I quote -- "You've got to be an optimist to be a Democrat, and you've got to be humorous to stay one." (Laughter.)

Well, I urge you, let's bring a new energy to this session of Congress. When we get really frustrated by what seems to be excessive partisanship, let's remember these three fine American citizens who talked to us today, and the stories they told, and the hundreds of millions of people they represent. Let's keep our optimism, our good cheer, our resolve and our unity, to give them the 21st century they deserve.

Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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MR. TOIV: For those of you who are concerned, Mr. Lockhart will return tomorrow. You won't have Leavy and Toiv to kick around anymore. (Laughter.) Questions.

Q Let's start with what we talked about this morning, which is this book claims there was a mole or maybe still is a mole in the White House, an Israeli mole, and that the President was black-mailed with a tape of a conversation or conversations he had with Monica Lewinsky into calling off the search.

MR. TOIV: I have a short answer to that question -- the book is nonsense.

Q Well, is it true? (Laughter.)

MR. TOIV: Nonsense would suggest otherwise.

Q Barry, why did the President reportedly tell Monica Lewinsky that he was concerned about his phone conversations being taped?

MR. TOIV: Well, as you know, other than the President's testimony in this case, we really haven't commented on specifics, on other specifics like that and we're not going to start now.

Q Was there any search at any time, apart from the story, for a mole here in the White House? Do you know of in the Clinton administration?

MR. LEAVY: I'm sorry, Sam.

Q Was there a search at any time in the Clinton administration for a mole, so-called, in the White House?

MR. LEAVY: Well, as you know, we have a longstanding practice not to comment on investigations one way or the other, and you shouldn't take that as a confirmation or a yes or no. But there is -- appropriate authorities do look into these issues. We do take any counterintelligence activities against the United States very seriously. But you have to go to the Justice Department for that.

Q Because of the Pollard case, I mean, the question of Israeli spying in this country is there. And so when something like this comes up, you have to ask about it. Was there any thought that Israel was spying here?

Q You're not denying it. You're not denying it.

MR. LEAVY: Obviously, we're not aware of a mole at the White House. But it's the longstanding practice for people who speak at this podium to refer calls to the appropriate authorities who undertake these types of investigations.

Q Was there any attempt by the President to intervene in any kind of investigation or search for a mole?

MR. LEAVY: No. There is no basis in that allegation

whatsoever.

Q Well, in fact, that's not what the author says. I mean, I think the Post may have gotten it wrong, but what he says is that --

MR. LEAVY: That's news. (Laughter.)

Q What he does say in his book is that there was taping directed at the Watergate by the Massad. And let me just ask you -- I'm not suggesting that's true, what I'm asking is, do you have any basis for believing that anyone other than Linda Tripp taped Monica Lewinsky's conversations?

MR. LEAVY: No. As I said earlier, there is absolutely no basis for that allegation.

Q Well, there is a basis for it. There is sworn testimony that Lewinsky gave that attributes to the President a comment that a foreign embassy was taping --

MR. LEAVY: And Barry just answered that question.

Q His answer was that he is not going to comment on it. That's not much of an answer. With all due respect.

MR. LEAVY: Let me say two things -- noted.

MR. TOIV: I wouldn't go beyond my comments.

MR. LEAVY: Yes, I'm definitely not going to add to Barry's comments. But let me just say this. We take all the necessary precautions to secure the President's communications. There is absolutely no basis for the allegation in the book.

Q But, David --

Q Are you getting that from CIA and FBI, or are you getting it out of just an automatic reflex?

MR. LEAVY: You can take that as authoritative.

Q David, I understand that you would have his communications secure. However, if he picks up the phone and calls some ordinary citizen at 2:30 a.m. in the morning at their apartment, what's to say that that person's phone couldn't be tapped? Does your security system prevent that?

MR. LEAVY: There is some very serious allegations in this book, and what I am saying is that there is absolutely no basis for the allegation. So I have to leave it at that.

Q So the allegation is false?

MR. LEAVY: Yes, the allegation is false. There is no basis. Full stop. And as Barry said this morning, this book is better sold in the fiction section than the non-fiction section.

Q When the President heard about this was he concerned by it, was he shocked by it? What was his reaction, Mr. Toiv?

MR. TOIV: To be honest, I haven't gotten the President's reaction to the book.

Q Well, why did he say that to Monica Lewinsky? Why did he warn her?

MR. TOIV: I've already not answered that question, Helen. (Laughter.) I'm sorry.

Q I know you've not answered it, but it's very valid, really.

MR. TOIV: Well, again, we're not going to get into commenting on specifics beyond what the President has already testified to.

Q While we're on the subject, will the President be watching any part of the interview tonight?

MR. TOIV: No plans to watch. As you know, he's traveling, in any event, gets back tonight. But no plans to watch.

Q Will he watch a tape of it later?

MR. TOIV: I'm not aware that anybody is taping it for him.

Q I don't understand why you think it's legitimate for you not to comment on the President of the United States supposedly saying that he thinks a foreign government is taping his conversations. For you just to say, no comment.

MR. TOIV: David, there have been questions about all sorts of comments that have been made or testified to, and we have not gone beyond the President's testimony in discussing these, and we're not going to do that.

Q That's because you've said it's unseemly and it's about sex. This is about the national security of the United States and the President supposedly saying that a foreign government is taping his conversations. And you're just going to say, sorry, no comment?

MR. TOIV: I am not going to go beyond what he has already testified to.

Q Barry, this White House has said that during the impeachment trial you essentially said, there aren't a lot of factual disputes with the Starr report, there are a few things, but basically you weren't going to contest most of the facts in the Starr report. This is one of those facts that he asserts. Can you give us any indication whether this is something that you take issue with, or is this something that you wouldn't contest?

MR. TOIV: No, I'm not going to -- you can ask the question a different way, but I'm not going to comment beyond the President's testimony.

Q You don't know if the President's aware of this book or not?

MR. TOIV: No, I'm not aware of whether -- I don't know if he knows about the book.

Q Has this allegation came up before and you were aware of this allegation before this book surfaced, or is this the first time the White House has heard of it?

MR. TOIV: I'm not aware of it. I think others have --

MR. LEAVY: The allegations have been recorded previously the last couple of years, and as we've always said, that there's no truth to it. So it has been out there previously.

Q But when did you first check into it?

MR. LEAVY: Well, just when the questions came up this morning we did a little research and found out there actually had been news clippings before, during Mr. McCurry's term, and he answered it a similar way.

Q Did this author ever check with the White House?

MR. LEAVY: Not that I'm aware of.

Q Friday, the President said if Milosevic didn't show restraint, NATO would be prepared to act. Over the weekend, there are many reports Milosevic is certainly not showing restraint in that -- escalation on his side of attacks. Will NATO act?

MR. LEAVY: Well, Sam, I think as the President said on Friday, one, NATO has all the authority it needs to act. The Secretary General has the authority. The ACTORD remains in effect, all the military planning is in place. What we're focused on now is moving both sides to sign a political agreement. Clearly, the best way to get into compliance, to end the conflict, to move forward is to have both sides sign onto the agreement; that's what we're focused on now.

Ambassador Chris Hill was in Pristina and Belgrade over the last several days. He's making important progress. As I said earlier today, former Senator Dole is traveling out as a private citizen. He'll meet with key members of the Albanian delegation to make clear that this agreement's in their interest. We believe it's in the interest of both parties and we'll be making that case as we move forward.

Q Isn't there a problem if a President of the United States suggests that action will take place unless something happens or doesn't happen, then that thing happens or doesn't happen and nothing happens? (Laughter.)

MR. LEAVY: There's a lot of happening going on in that question. No, but --

Q In the old days -- excuse me -- when the President of the United States warned a foreign power, they followed through on that warning.

MR. LEAVY: And as I said earlier, the option of force is not taken off the table. The Secretary General has the authority to act. We'll make a determination at what point military force should be used. As I said, our effort is focused on achieving a political settlement. Everybody wants a peaceful resolution to this.

Q -- everyone except the parties.

MR. LEAVY: Well, that's not true, Helen. Actually, we've had important progress the last several days on the Albanian side. As I said this morning, Chris Hill has had encouraging talks, and we're hopeful we can get to a political settlement.

Q Why didn't they say so at Rambouillet?

Q Senator Jeffords, when asked by radio station WKDR in Burlington, Vermont, if he thinks rape is a private issue replied -- and this is an AP quote -- "I don't know why it wouldn't be a private matter. If something that happened 21 years ago with a woman who invited, at least under her story, the President to her hotel room, and she was not happy with what happened, I don't know why that's not a private matter." Question: Does the White House believe that this statement by Senator Jeffords was right or wrong, or will you dismiss this defender of the President with a cold "no comment"?

MR. TOIV: I believe you're asking me to comment on something that Mr. Kendall has already commented on. I could be wrong, but I think you are --

Q Has he commented on this? What did he say?

MR. TOIV: -- and I will --

Q I don't recall anything that he --

MR. TOIV: Mr. Kendall has commented on this matter, and I don't have anything further to add.

Q No, no, no. I mean, comment on Senator Jeffords. I want to know -- do you believe that Jeffords was wrong or right?

MR. TOIV: You can keep trying, but that's my answer.

Q Will the President veto the Ed-flex bill if it doesn't have the 100,000 teachers amendment in it?

MR. TOIV: Well, look -- I think that's a hypothetical that hopefully we won't have to address because that is an issue that I think is going to come up in the Senate next week. I think a vote on that is likely to come next week. We're going to be working very hard to encourage members of the Senate to support that amendment. We believe that putting 100,000 additional teachers in our classrooms, reducing class size, is the highest priority right now for education, and we believe that the Senate ought to take that up now while they have the opportunity and enact that legislation. And so, hopefully, we will not have to face that issue.

Q Barry, last week Vice President Gore made his comments known about the Greaseman. And this week there's a problem that could be arising. The Greaseman is trying to apologize for this racial statement he made to get his job back. Is the President commenting about that at all, especially since he's got this race initiative, this permanent race initiative office?

MR. TOIV: Yes, I haven't had an opportunity to talk to the President directly about that issue. Obviously, those were hateful comments. The station has taken action, and I don't think I have anything further to say about it.

Q But does the President or the White House feel that by the Greaseman begging forgiveness that he should get his job back, once he's passed --

MR. TOIV: I don't know if the President's aware of that, and I don't think that I'm going to get into the question of what the station should do further.

Q Those who ask for forgiveness should be prepared to give it. (Laughter.)

MR. TOIV: Should I repeat Sam's answer? Is that --

Q It's not mine, it's President Clinton's answer.

Q In his speech today, President Clinton referred to

the USA account as a tax break for the working class. There have been other sources who have indicated that those tax breaks may not -- the USA accounts in fact, be universal. At this point, will the USA accounts be universal as you initially said they would be?

MR. TOIV: I'm not sure that we said that specifically, but the Treasury Department is working on the specifics of the USA account proposal and I think shortly, we'll be able to announce the specifics. I think that the President's point is that no matter how they are structured, they will be intended to target working class people, people who do not have the kind of -- who are not able to benefit as much from current tax incentives for savings and investment.

Q I'm not going to belabor this point, but I had thought when you first unveiled them, that everyone would get one, except that the benefits would largely accrue to working class people. I mean, has that changed?

MR. TOIV: I'm not sure of the fact. Do you remember whether --

MR. SIEWERT: -- actually briefed at the time and said that there might be a phaseout. That was in all the briefings when he said that.

Q That's what the papers said.

MR. TOIV: That there might be a phaseout, yes. That's why --

Q -- there might be now -- there will be a phaseout?

MR. TOIV: I think we'll have the details when we have the details. But clearly, that targeting is going to be towards the lower or middle end of the spectrum.

Q Larry, the Reverend Franklin Richardson of the National Baptist Convention --

MR. TOIV: Did I look at you again, Lester? (Laughter.)

Q Yes. He has called on the Reverend Henry Lyons to resign as President of that denomination because, he said, "we have no tolerance for a convicted felon to continue as a spiritual leader of the churches." And my question is two parts: Does the President agree or disagree, and is he considering a pardon for the Reverend Mr. Lyons?

MR. TOIV: On the first question, I haven't talked to him about that and I doubt that we would get into the issue of what the church should do. On the second question, there is a normal procedure for pardons which is followed for all people.

Q Will the President ever respond to Dr. Barbara Battalino's letter asking for a pardon for her perjury in connection with a sex case?

MR. TOIV: Same answer on the pardons. There is a procedure for that.

Q Apparently, a letter has been written to the President asking whether or not he would believe that the IOC, the Olympics Committee, would have to abide by the anti-corruption/bribery legislation that was signed last year. Would it apply?

MR. TOIV: As I understand it, the Mitchell Commission has proposed that and we are looking at that proposal and have not -- and the President hasn't made a decision yet on what to -- what action to take on that.

Q The Cuban government has stopped direct phone calls between the United States and Cuba and -- I know that there is a judge who made a ruling and money can go into the Cuban government -- is this something that Washington would intervene or try to fix it?

MR. LEAVY: That's a good question. Let me take that. I don't know the answer to that. We have been troubled by that Cuban action, but let me get a more specific answer for you on that.

Q Can you hold for one more Kosovo question? One of the leading opponents of the peace agreement quit. So if there is an agreement reached, what concerns does the administration have that you have this leader of the KLA now not signing on?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I think it was clear from the talks in France that there was disagreement within the Kosovar delegation and one of the interesting things that has happened has been a jelling of their own position. Helen remarked as I walked off that, well, why didn't they sign on when they were in France? The problem is, they didn't have a mandate, there wasn't an official delegation, per se. They represented all spectrums of the Albanian population, from the insurgents on one side to the moderates on the other. So they needed to go back, sell this agreement to their constituencies, get the public support, the grass-root support, and then come back.

That's what we're seeing now. There is, I think, a normal political process of sorting out, and we're hopeful that the team will come back and embrace this agreement in full and we can move forward on it.

Q But are you concerned that -- when you talked about a consensus coming together -- if one of the leading opponents has walked away from all of these talks, then the consensus has a voice that isn't in the mix.

MR. LEAVY: I don't know if you can ever get 100 percent consensus on issues as momentous and historic as this, but I think we're very confident that the team that will represent the Albanians will embrace this agreement, will be representative of a cross-section and we can have the support that we need to implement it.

Q Sorry, just one more shot at this. But if they are not signed on with this peace agreement, is there concern in the administration that they would continue hostilities from the outside, on the edges of all --

MR. LEAVY: I guess my point is that the group that is formed or jells after this process of seeking support back home will be representative, will have the broad mandate that is necessary to implement this agreement. Of course, there is always the option of people beyond the sidelines, but we're hopeful that the vast majority will support this. We think it's in the best interests of the Kosovars and that the group that will eventually move forward will have the support they need.

Q David, you took a question yesterday about whether or not the United States government had received any warnings about danger for people traveling in Uganda. Do you have an answer?

MR. LEAVY: No -- yes, I do. We did not receive any specific warnings.

Q Is that a matter of some concern, then, that given that this guerrilla group had been operating for some time, that nobody --

MR. LEAVY: Well, I think having a specific warning or a specific threat on this one camp, we didn't have. Obviously, the border between Congo and its neighbors is very tense. There is, I believe, nine different governments that have troops fighting in the Congo. It is a situation that is very tense and that we're actively engaged on. But in terms of a specific threat against this one camp, we did not have it.

Q Were you able to check on the legal authority --

MR. LEAVY: Which is normal practices when there is killing of Americans, the FBI and the Justice Department sends investigative teams to work with the host government, at the invitation of the host government, which we received here in this case.

Q David, on Kosovo again, there are civilians now left out in the cold because of this heavy artillery fire by the Serbs in this southern area, similar to what we saw last October when the cease-fire was agreed and threats to use force were issued. Define why it's different now, why we've got civilians again, like we

had in October, who are outside in the cold and there is heavy shelling of Albanians by the Serbs -- what's so different now from then?

MR. LEAVY: Well, a couple of elements. One, back in October we had over 200,000 Albanians in the mountains at the precipice of winter, which was a very dangerous situation. That is why we worked so hard, Ambassador Holbrooke and others brought an end to that. We are in a different situation now because we have a peace agreement on the table that has been blessed by the Contact Group, that has been blessed by the Russian Federation, that has, in principle, the support of the Kosovars. And so we're moving very closely here to a situation where it's going to be up to President Milosevic to accept this agreement, both the political and the military annexes. And we're very close to that.

I think, in terms of the people that are displaced currently, there are NGOs and other voluntary organizations who are working on the ground to make sure that they have the humanitarian -- food and medical supplies they need. But as we move closer to March 15, it's going to be up to both sides, but primarily President Milosevic to choose one of the two paths -- a path of peace that we can move forward and end this crisis, or a path of more conflict and more violence. And we're going to be making it very clear to him in the coming days that we believe that the path of peace is the best way to move forward.

Q Did I hear you right when you said you're very close to getting him to agree?

MR. LEAVY: No, I think I said we're very close to locking in the Kosovar Albanians. As I said earlier, they agreed in principle. We've had positive developments in the last several days. But as we move forward, as we move toward March 15, we're going to be making it very clear to both sides, including President Milosevic, that this deal is in his best interest.

Q How do you plan to do that?

MR. LEAVY: Well, there are several options on the table as we try to communicate that message, but I don't have anything to announce today.

Q How can you make it more clear than having Madeleine Albright get on the phone with him and tell him it's it, or it's bombs?

MR. LEAVY: I think there are a number of ways to convey a message, and there will be, I'm sure, discussions as we move forward in the coming days if we should deliver that message. But I don't have any specific details today.

Q In Uganda, the President of Uganda admitted that they didn't take proper precautions. How does that affect our

relations with Uganda?

MR. LEAVY: We have good working relations with the Ugandan government and they've been very cooperative. All of you who traveled with the President there know President Museveni -- he is a strong leader. But, clearly, this is a gruesome and heinous act, and it's deplorable to all of us here in the government who work on these issues. And it's safe to say that we are seized upon it, and we are going to be working with the Ugandan government, the government of the Congo. We have an investigative team on the ground. Our embassy is working very hard on this, and I know that the highest levels of this government are engaged. And as I said yesterday, we will work tirelessly to bring those who perpetrated this crime to justice and, as someone said as I was preparing for this, remind people that we never let up. If you remember the case of the CIA shooters several years ago, we tracked them down and brought prompt justice, and we will stay at this.

Q And weren't there State Department warnings about general dangers traveling to Uganda?

MR. LEAVY: To Uganda? I don't know. You should check at State.

Q Barry, the President drove back from today's event with Senator Breaux. Can you tell us anything about what Senator Breaux was asking of the President and any commitments that the President may have given Senator Breaux on Medicare?

MR. TOIV: Actually, my understanding is that the conversation was primarily about education. As you may know, Senator Breaux is one of the primary supporters of the effort to add the 100,000 teachers proposal to the Ed-flex bill. And my understanding is that is primarily what the conversation was about.

Q Barry, this morning's paper, where George Hager wrote about a Social Security lockbox that the Republicans are thinking about, can you give us any idea what the administration's thinking is on that, about making sure that Social Security funds are not used to fund the day-to-day operations?

MR. TOIV: We believe that the President's proposal is the best and most real lockbox for Social Security, and we think that any proposal for Social Security needs to, of course, pay down the debt, needs to genuinely extend the life of the Social Security trust fund and genuinely extend the life of the Medicare trust fund. We are glad that members on both sides of the aisle are embracing the President's proposal to pay down the debt, and shore up Social Security. At least they are embracing it in concept. But, first of all, we'd like to see some action on Medicare, as the President said today, because we have not heard that from the other side of the aisle, at least. And again, we will look at other ideas, but they need to fulfill those goals.

Q Barry, on Africa, has the Democratic envoy for Africa expressed any support for this latest attempt to push the Africa trade initiative through, especially since his son is fighting against it?

MR. TOIV: I don't know if he has expressed support for it; but the President, as you know, does strongly support the Africa trade bill, and it's the version that was introduced by Congressman Rangel and others -- has strong bipartisan support and we do hope that it will be enacted by the Congress this year. We understand that there is an alternative proposal by Congressman Jackson. And we differ on that subject in the sense that we believe that the balance of debt relief and trade initiatives and other measures is the proper one in this bill. But we understand his concerns about those issues, we just think that the balance is appropriate in this bill.

Q But is there a concern that the father is now supporting the son's efforts?

MR. TOIV: I don't know. I have not seen any comment to that effect.

Q Any response to the CBO saying today that the President's budget busts all the spending caps?

MR. TOIV: The discretionary spending caps? Yes. I've seen this happen every year. The news would be if CBO and OMB did not agree on budget estimates. Look, the President's budget is balanced. The President's budget does not spend a penny of the surplus. All spending of the President's budget is paid for now. And we believe that the President's budget maintains the spending caps in FY 2000, which is what the CBO is talking about.

You are always going to get technical disagreements between the two agencies on those spending levels, and this year is no different. But, as always, I think that we will work those issues out with the Congress and I don't think the technical issues will be an important part of the debate. What I hope we can get down to is the debate on the actual issues of Social Security and Medicare, education and the rest.

Q In the aftermath of impeachment, has the legal team now disbanded and are there more departures after Begala, from the top side?

MR. TOIV: I'm not aware of any other announced departures. I think there are a couple attorneys who may be heading back to the private sector, who were serving on the legal team. Obviously, the Counsel's Office is still the Counsel's Office.

Q Cheryl Mills is leaving, Greg Craig, all of these people.

MR. TOIV: I don't think I'm going to make any announcements for any individuals. I hadn't heard all those.

Q Is there a date yet for a news conference, a general news conference of the President?

MR. TOIV: There's not a date yet for a news conference. We are working on having a news conference and I think Mr. Lockhart would want the privilege of announcing that.

Q Still in March?

MR. TOIV: Mr. Lockhart would want the privilege of announcing that and I'll leave that for him.

Q Still this month?

MR. TOIV: I haven't heard any change in the options.

Q How many questions will there be at the Friday event with the Italian Prime Minister?

MR. TOIV: I don't know. I'll have to check on that. I don't have any reason to think it won't be the customary, but I haven't heard that definitively.

Q Barry, yesterday I was very distressed to see that you had to use the "no comment," -- Kendall's five times, with both the editorial pages of The Washington Post and The New York Times deploring the President's "missing voice from his customary defensive crouch" -- "while the Kendall statement is full of mystery, instead of a straightforward, presidential answer, "I did not rape that woman." And since there were demonstrators with rapist signs in California, how long will the President hide behind Mr. Kendall's mysterious statement?

MR. TOIV: You're going to make me use the statement again. I guess that's your goal, but I'll flip back to it.

Q No, no, it isn't my goal. I mean, don't you get tired of having to do this? Can't we get some kind of an answer?

MR. TOIV: I can say yes to that.

Next question.

Q The Kendall statement denies there was an assault. Is that the President making the denial? The statement does not say --

MR. TOIV: Sam, I have nothing to add to the statement of the President's attorney.

Q But it's a David Kendall statement, and the accusation is not that David Kendall was involved in an assault, but the President was involved. And I wonder if the President is the one making the statement and Kendall is issuing it in his name.

MR. TOIV: I just answered your question.

Q It's not an answer.

MR. TOIV: I'm sorry you don't think so.

Q Barry, Primakov is supposed to be here in a few weeks to meet with the President?

MR. LEAVY: He actually is coming here for a meeting of the Gore-Primakov Commission.

Q What new wrinkles are there in the type of aid we can give Russia? Is there any new aid we can give Russia? Do you expect any new ground to be broken?

MR. LEAVY: In terms of that visit, I don't think so. I think there has been -- the latest high-level contact was when Secretary Albright traveled to Moscow several weeks ago, met with Prime Minister Primakov, Foreign Minister Ivanov. They certainly talked about political and economic issues, but I don't have anything for you in terms of a new aid package. Talbott was there last week, too.

Q Thank you.

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DRAFT Guidance on Credit for Early Action Bill
March 4, 1999

Background

Today, Senators Chafee, Lieberman, Mack, along with six additional co-sponsors (Warner, Jeffords, Reid, Moynihan, Biden and Wyden) introduced a bill that would authorize the Administration to provide credit for early voluntary action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Chafee, Lieberman and Mack introduced a similar bill at the end of the last Congress.

In his October 1997 speech laying out his climate change plan, the President called for finding a way to ensure that companies get credit for voluntary reductions of greenhouse gas. Last year's bill was welcomed by many in industry and a small group within the environmental community as a first step toward developing a program. Serious differences of opinion remain across both groups as to how a credit program should ultimately be structured. The sponsors are introducing the bill to spur further debate on this issue. They plan to conduct extensive stakeholder outreach and hold a series of hearings before amending the bill further.

Talking Points

- We welcome Senators Chafee, Mack, and Lieberman's re-introduction of a bill to provide credit for early voluntary action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- As the President stated in October 1997 and re-iterated in the State of the Union, we strongly support finding a way to grant companies credit for early, voluntary actions.
- We look forward to working with Congress and stakeholders to formulate a fair and workable program that will reward companies for achieving real environmental gain.

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REPRESENTATIVE GEPHARDT: Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, and members of the House and Senate, I would like to call this joint caucus of House and Senate Democrats to order.

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, welcome. We are at a point in our history that comes possibly once or twice in everyone's life. It's a point where leaders are faced with the opportunity to make a decision that will echo a generation into the future and will help decide what kind of world we will leave to our children and our grandchildren.

We are faced with a great challenge. It is a challenge of whether we do the right thing for our country and choose the long-term over the short-term. It is a challenge of whether we can rise to the occasion and make the choices for our future that will leave a strong legacy to those who will bear the mantle of leadership in the next century. It is a challenge that I am confident that we will meet.

We have seen firsthand what fiscal responsibility can bring to our country and our economy. We are currently enjoying the harvest of the seeds we planted in 1993, when Democrats, without a single Republican vote, made the difficult and courageous choice to put our long-term interests of the United States of America ahead of short-term politics. (Applause.)

We took a step in 1993 that has led to the brightest economic outlook in a generation; perhaps even in our lifetimes. In fact, we have the best combination of high growth and low inflation since a fellow Missourian, one of my heroes, Harry Truman, was in the White House.

In 1993, Democrats didn't pass the buck. We bucked the conventional Republican wisdom, and we should be proud of what we helped create in 1993. (Applause.)

This year, as we look over the horizon to the faint glimmer of a new century, we face yet another challenge. We have to decide as a nation whether we will plant the seeds of growth that will continue into the next century. As Democrats, we are united by our desire to live up to that great challenge. We want to invest this surplus, a surplus borne of the hard work and labor of America's working families. We want to make sure that future retirees will be relieved of a crushing debt burden that

nearly buried our economy alive. We want to make sure that interest rates remain low for the next generation, so that entrepreneurship and home ownership will continue to flourish.

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We want nothing less than to pass on the American Dream to a new generation -- no less than what our parents gave to us.

And we want to help address the challenges that face working families on a daily basis. We want to help lift the burdens that make raising their children in the '90s so difficult and stressful. We want to enact a strong patients' bill of rights to ensure that families -- (applause) -- a strong patients' bill of rights to ensure that families get the health care they pay for and that they deserve. When a crisis strikes, you want health care and you want it to be there, and you want it to work. Every American should have that right.

These rights must be strong and they must be enforceable, and they must be real. And Democrats will be fighting to pass a bill that will do that job. (Applause.)

We want to increase income security for hard-working families. Even though the national bank account continues to improve, too many families still live paycheck to paycheck. We will work to increase the minimum wage so that the hardest working Americans at the bottom of the ladder have a firm grip up into the middle class. (Applause.)

And we'll also strengthen enforcement of equal pay laws, so that mothers get the pay they deserve and the support they need for their families. This is a world where most families depend on two wage earners. Equal pay for equal work is not a luxury, it's a necessity. And we're going to make sure it becomes a reality. (Applause.)

So, my friends, we have a lot to accomplish. This is an ambitious agenda, and we can't do it alone. In these next two years we want to join with Republicans to pass legislation that makes a difference in the lives of working families, and to deliver the help that they've been waiting for. We want to make progress now, this month, this year, this session. We can't afford to waste another year or two, mired in partisan wrangling and gridlock. If you're depending on your health insurance, this year you want it to be there. If you're working on the minimum wage, you need a living wage now.

We can work together. It's what the American people want; it's what they expect. And it's within our grasp if we put the national interest above partisanship. We will be judged by our progress, our action, our accomplishment -- not by our words. We can take advantage of this opportunity to rise above the past and invest in our future to create a new century of prosperity and security for all of our people.

On behalf of all Democrats I'd like to thank the three individuals who are here to join with us today in talking about real issues and real-life challenges. They're here to tell us about how Democrats have helped to make a real difference in the lives of people all over this country, and how we can still do more to make sure that the next century is truly the best century. They're here to inspire us about the success that Americans continue to achieve, and to raise our vision towards the possibilities that remain for this great nation. And they're here to point the way towards the future.

That's how all of us here today have worked to build this agenda. We have listened, all of our members -- House Democrats, Senate Democrats -- have been out in these last months really listening, actively listening to the people -- to their hopes, their dreams. And we have heard their call. We have always been the party of the people. And that is why we have three citizens here today to talk about their agenda and our agenda.

Their eloquence and spirit reflects the soul of this great nation. It's important for all of us to listen and be guided by them, first and foremost.

Our first guest is Maureen Marshall, a teacher at Springfield Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She has been teaching for eight years, working with 5th and 6th graders, and also teaching special education classes. She's here to tell us about the importance of small class size in the early grades and how it makes such a critical impact in children's lives.

Our second guest is Edwin Bobeale, a 4th generation graduate of Tuskegee. Pell grants helped him earn a bachelor's and master's degree and pursue his career with a chemical company in Delaware. He's here to talk about the importance of keeping up a strong federal role in supporting higher education of our young people.

And our last guest is Michael Saylor, founder, president and CEO of a company called MicroStrategy. Michael will talk about the economy and how the economy has helped his company and many others flourish, and why it's important to reduce the debt to keep our economy strong in the future.

Now it's my pleasure to present Ms. Marshall. Give her a great big Democratic welcome. (Applause.)

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SENATOR DASCHLE: Edwin, Maureen and Michael, on behalf of the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses, we thank you for being here this morning. You are American success stories

personified. (Applause.) Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, we are honored and very delighted with your presence with us this morning.

Before I begin a few comments, let me salute my partner in the House of Representatives -- I could not have a more courageous, a more eloquent, a more powerful leader than I have in the next Speaker of the House, Dick Gephardt. (Applause.)

This is truly a united Democratic Party that stands here today. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous work of White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, he's as good as they come, and he's here, as well. (Applause.)

Mr. President, as others have already said this morning, six years ago with your leadership we made a decision to do the right thing for America. We passed a plan to balance the federal budget. And, today, as our three guests attest, this nation is reaping the benefits. America is working again. And after years of postponing our hopes and aspirations, Americans are again filled with hope and renewed optimism.

We've gone from the largest deficit in our nation's history to the largest surplus. We now have the best opportunity in our lifetime to deal with some of the biggest social and economic challenges on our horizon. We cannot squander this opportunity, and today Democrats stand united to say we will not. (Applause).

Putting families first means Social Security and Medicare first. We support your plan to invest 62 percent of the surplus in Social Security, and another 15 percent in Medicare, Mr. President. Social Security and Medicare are two of our most sacred commitments to America. It is our responsibility now to ensure that this country respects those commitments, and we will do so. (Applause.)

We need to make sure Social Security and Medicare will be there -- for our parents and for our children. Investing 77 percent of the surplus in Social Security and Medicare will enable us to do that. It will allow us to pay down the debt, to save hundreds of billions of dollars in interest payments, and keep the interest low for those mortgages and college loans that every working American pays.

But Americans understand that there are differences among us in Congress -- those differences between Republicans and Democrats. And Republicans have already articulated a different plan. They say they'd like to set aside 62 percent of the surplus for Social Security, but their plan today doesn't include a nickel for Medicare. After the 62 percent, they'll use what's left of the surplus for a tax cut that overwhelmingly benefits the wealthiest Americans.

We've analyzed that plan. We now know that people who make \$800,000 a year will save \$20,000 a year in taxes. But families who earn \$38,000 or less a year -- 60 percent of all American families -- will save 27 cents a day. You can't achieve big dreams with small change.

We believe America's families deserve better than 27 cents a day. They deserve good schools for their children. If they're sick, they deserve whatever treatment their doctor says they need, not however little their HMO is willing to pay.

Democrats have always believed that if you work hard all your life you ought to be able to retire with dignity and security. You shouldn't have to fear that growing old means becoming a burden on your children or anyone else. That is why we fought to create Social Security and Medicare in the first place. That's why we fought over and over and over to protect them.

I talk to people in South Dakota who tell me they're worried that they don't have the luxury -- the luxury -- of retiring. Well, Democrats believe we don't have the luxury of ignoring the coming retirement crisis either, and we will not do that. (Applause.)

We need to strengthen America's retirement security and we're committed to doing that this year. People between the ages of 55 and 65, who don't have the access to a group health insurance plan or who lose their insurance when they're laid off or their plant closes, ought to be able to buy into Medicare, and we want to make that happen. (Applause.)

Early retirees, who were promised health benefits that are canceled, ought to be able to buy into their former employer's group health plan, too. People between 55 and 65 are twice as likely as someone just 10 years younger to experience major health problems; they have less access to health coverage and they're at a greater risk of losing their health coverage. And they're the fastest-growing age group in America today. Over the next 10 years they will increase by 60 percent. We need to close this gap now, before it gets any worse.

We must help families cope with the emotional and financial strain of caring for the elderly, the ill and disabled in their family. And one good way to do it is to do what the Democratic agenda calls for, with a \$1,000 a year long-term tax credit to reduce the cost of long-term care. It's time we passed that legislation, this year, in 1999. (Applause.)

Care-giving is a hard job. Two-thirds of all family caregivers today have to cut back their hours or take unpaid leave from work. The value of the care they provide is worth billions of dollars. A \$1,000 tax credit is the least they deserve, and it's the right kind of tax cut for America's

families.

We must increase the number of Americans with private pensions, and get rid of the inequities in the pension system that leave so many elderly living at near poverty. Our agenda will help -- by making it easier for small businesses to start pension plans, and for employees to contribute to them. We'll also invest 12 percent of the surplus in USA accounts to enable working families to save for their own retirement in private accounts.

And finally, we need tougher penalties for criminals who use telemarketing fraud and other schemes to take advantage of older Americans. We will not let the generation that saved democracy lose their life savings to swindlers. That will not happen if we have anything to say about it. (Applause.)

We've come a long way in six years. America is working again. We're daring to dream again. We have the greatest opportunity in our lifetime to make those dreams come true. Democrats are determined, and we are unified. America's families need us, and want us, to enact this agenda, to seize this opportunity now.

It is now my great pleasure, and high personal honor, to recognize and to introduce, the President of the United States Senate, Al Gore -- our friend, Al Gore. (Applause.)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues. And, Tom, thank you -- you have a way with a line -- (laughter) -- the timing and rhythm were impressive.

Let me begin by expressing my sincere and hardy thanks to Tom Daschle for not only his friendship to me and to all of us here, but for his truly extraordinary efforts as the Senate Democratic leader. I don't know when we have ever had in the United States Senate a Democratic leader who has been able to put together the kind of unity, the kind of ideas, the kind of agenda that Tom Daschle has formed. Every day he fights for what's right for the families of South Dakota and for the United States of America. We are very lucky to have such a great Democratic leader in Tom Daschle. Thank you, Tom. (Applause.)

I was trying to figure out a way to pause and work in the word "majority" in just the right way there, but we're working on that right now. (Laughter.)

And let me also say a word of special thanks felt I know in the hearts of every person here to Dick Gephardt for his remarkable leadership of the House Democratic Caucus and for his remarkable articulation of Democratic values and ideals all across this country. No one has worked harder to keep our party and our whole country focused on the issues that really matter to

working families -- a strong economy, a world-class education, a nation with healthy families and livable communities where every child has a chance to live out his or her dream.

Dick is a wonderful friend to all of us here. He is a special friend to me, and he is a great, great Democratic leader and the next Speaker of the House of Representatives. (Applause.)

I, too, want to thank Maureen Marshall and Edwin Bobeale and Michael Saylor for their wonderful statements and the way they embody in their lives the stories of the lives of so many millions of Americans -- stories that are connected to this agenda for 1999 that we're talking about here today.

I, too, want to thank my partner in the White House, John Podesta, who does such a great job, and also his whole team in the White House. He's got a terrific team of men and women, and I want to single out Larry Stein, who is the Congressional Liaison, House and Senate, and the others who are here.

And we're clearly at a fork in the road here. I think it was that great statesman, Yogi Berra, who famously said, when you come to a fork in the road you should take it, and that's what we're proposing to do in this meeting.

Together, we have fought hard and successfully on behalf of America's families during these last six years. We have brought our nation to a moment of great prosperity, a time described by many economic experts now as a time with the strongest economy in the entire history of the United States. We have greater economic opportunity for all Americans. There are problems that remain to be addressed and we're keenly aware of that. That, too, is one of the reasons why we're here. We have both the obligation and the responsibility to make the right choices for America's families.

Now, this is not an election rally. This is the beginning of a congressional term. And I want to compare it to what happened after the election of 1992, when Bill Clinton and I asked our country to take a new direction and make a new start. It was the year following, in 1993, that the very difficult decision had to be made and we asked all Americans to join in the change that we thought was essential for our country.

We should never forget that while Republicans, along with independents and Democrats out in the heartland of our country, said, yes, it's time for a change, the dynamics within the Republican Party in the Congress worked in a way that prevented any Republican in the House or the Senate from voting for change. Not one, in either chamber. We provided all of the votes for the economic plan that is now responsible for this historic prosperity and progress and momentum in America. And we should remember that. (Applause.)

It was the closest of margins in both Houses and, I believe it was Dick Gephardt who cast the deciding vote in the House of Representatives, and it was Tom Daschle who rounded up the votes to give me a chance to vote in the Senate. But my point is this: We demonstrated, in 1993 and since that time, the unity of purpose that is essential to move our country in the right direction. Well, the American people have endorsed these policies, and our agenda. And they did so again in the elections of 1998.

Now, in the following year, in 1999, we're asking the American people to stay with this agenda, and to help us enact the changes that are needed now. We have the unity of purpose -- as a group, as a party, as a collection of men and women with dreams and hopes for the future of this country.

I would say that I think that the unity of purpose that you're seeing demonstrated here today is in contrast to some dissonance and division on the other side, and I'd ask the American people to take that into account when you hear the debates on the floor of the House and the floor of the Senate, and when you judge the comparative value of the agenda that we're talking about here, and what those on the other side are talking about. Once again, we ask for the support of the American people, including Republicans and independents and Democrats, to help us pass this agenda.

And first on the agenda is, as Dick and Tom have said, using the surplus not for some risky scheme, but, instead, to save Social Security first and protect Medicare; because now is the time to make certain that those programs are going to be in solid shape on into the future for decades to come.

Now is the time to make sure that all Americans get the best health care, and not just the cheapest health care. That's why we want to pass the legislation that has been described to you. Now is the time to create jobs and build more livable communities, by keeping our environment clean. Now is the time to protect Americans' privacy amid the new threat of this information age. I read in the newspaper this morning where some person said, well, privacy is gone, you might as well get used to it. Well, it's not and we can't allow that. We can protect the privacy of American families in this electronic age.

There's no reason why people of all parties can't join us to get this agenda passed. And we have to start with a clear principle. The key in '93 was fiscal responsibility. That's what made it tough. We knew that it would be a little time before the change really grabbed hold and, yes, our party paid a political price while the returns were still coming in, while we implemented the policies that have borne such fruit.

But we cannot turn back from that fiscal discipline.

We have -- we started with the largest budget deficit in the history of our country and, thanks to Democrats, we now have the largest budget surplus in the history of the country. That's progress. (Applause.)

Now, what do we do with that surplus? What do we do with these good times? Well, the obvious answer is, we need to use the good times to prepare for the future, to invest in our people. No risky schemes; no casino policies of the kind that we saw in previous administrations, but good common sense. And this party is the party of solutions, and that's why, again, we're asking the American people to let us solve these problems.

Let me spend just a moment on one issue. I think most of us here are agreed that education is the top priority for investing in the future. And I think most Americans understand that there are two basic reasons why it has to be the top priority. First, we're obviously in an Information Age, when information is a bigger part of the economy, and learning has to be the key strategic skill.

Look at the want ads, and it's abundantly obvious that the millions of jobs that are opening up now -- so many of them which can't be filled today -- require specific skills in handling information and information technology. But you have to have the base of educational attainment that the three speakers who joined us this morning demonstrate in their lives, in order to get those skills, and then to hold down those jobs.

The second reason why education has to be the top priority is that the generation of young people in America today, 18 and under, has just passed by the baby boom, and now they're the largest generation in American history.

There are a couple of books now on the bestseller list about this generation of World War II veterans -- "the greatest generation," it's been called, those who won World War II. Well, after they won World War II, they came home and they saw the baby boomers crowding into the schools, and they saw that we were unprepared as a nation to give them the quality of educational experience they deserved. And so what did they do? They built new schools. They hired new teachers. They gave them the best training. They stocked the library shelves with the best and latest textbooks. They passed the G.I. Bill. They invested more in education than ever before.

And now the prosperity that we are reaping is in significant measure based on the investments that were made years ago in education that we were able to take advantage of in putting together the economic plan of 1993. Well, the challenge falls to us now. Since the generation of children in K through 12 is larger even than the baby boom, and since they're in crowded classrooms and portables and buildings that are falling down around their ears in some cases, will we rise to that

challenge the way the World War II veterans rose to the challenges facing the baby boomers?

The answer that all of us are given here with this agenda that we present to the American people today is a resounding, yes. And it's not just in rhetoric. We have specific programs: hire 100,000 new teachers. We made the down payment last year, but let's go the rest of the way. And we're going to have a specific measure introduced within days by Senator Murray and Senator Kennedy, to have an amendment voted on to reduce class size down to an average of one to 18 in the early grade. That's the first vote on the Democratic agenda. (Applause.)

Secondly, we have a specific bill to give local communities, through the form of a tax cut, interest-free bonding authority for \$25 billion worth of new school construction and repair, to give our children the modern, well-equipped classrooms and school buildings that they deserve. Let's pass this item on the Democratic agenda. (Applause.)

And as part of the education agenda we want to end social promotion, provide students the intensive help in school and after school -- after school, during that vulnerable window. (Applause.) We know how vulnerable children are during that period of the day. And we need after-school programs and other programs to give them enhanced opportunity. And we need to finish the job that was started three years ago and connect every single classroom and library to the Information Superhighway. We've made tremendous progress, let's finish that job. (Applause.)

Now, make no mistake about it -- let me conclude my talk on this education agenda by saying that we understand that there are those on the other side who think that money is the complete answer to everything. We believe that the investments of money need to be accompanied by the investments of time and heart and involvement. And where the federal role is concerned, when we allocate new funds to these priorities we should say our children deserve accountability for the large investment that we're making in education. We believe we ought to measure performance and make certain that we really are solving these problems. We know what works, and the evidence is all around us in every state represented here; in every congressional district represented here. We know what works, and we know how to keep it going in 1999.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, it's my honor to introduce to you the one person who has worked harder than anyone to focus on the right priorities for America's and future. He is the one person at the heart of our economic progress, the person who laid the foundation for one of the greatest job-creating engines our nation has ever known.

I'm pleased to introduce my friend, America's President, Bill Clinton. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you very much. Thank you.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. This has been a wonderful morning for me. When I listened to Maureen Marshall and Edwin Bobeale and Michael Saylor speak, I was again confirmed in my conviction that our principal responsibility here is to give the American people the tools, and create the conditions within which they can make the most of their own lives. And if we do that, they will do it every time. These three people represent more than 200 million Americans who deserve our best efforts.

I want to thank Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt for their truly outstanding leadership, for their personal friendship, and for their honest commitment to the cause that we meet to discuss today.

I thank the Vice President for being the best partner and friend, advisor and prodder any President could ever have. I can't believe he passed up a chance to remind us all today that in 1993, he cast the decisive vote on the budget plan, and whenever he votes, we win. (Applause.)

You know the real, sort of political story out of this meeting today may be that we will have to retire that famous old Will Rogers quip, "I don't belong to an organized political party, I'm a Democrat." The fact is we are organized and we are united. (Applause.) And we are united around an agenda for America's future -- to meet the long-term challenges of this country at the edge of a new century and new millennium; to build on what we have done for the last six years.

The new agenda is rooted in the same ideals with which we began in 1993 -- to bring opportunity to every American, to challenge every American to be a responsible citizen, and to build a community of all American citizens.

When you look around at this Democratic Caucus, the members of the House and the Senate, as the speakers were speaking, I had the opportunity to just scan both sides of this wonderful room today. You all really do look like America. You think like America, and you reflect America. (Applause.) As perhaps the only one of you who is term-limited, and therefore, faces the prospect of making the most of this next two years and leaving the rest to you, I felt enormously good, not just for my party, but for my country, to look at all of you, to know what I know about all of you, to know about your backgrounds and your perspectives and your experience and your commitment, and to see how in this caucus we have bridged every divide of America that will help us to bring our country together and go forward. And

I'm very proud to be here with you today.

Let me say that when I ran for President in 1991 and 1992, I used to say something that seems almost strange today. I said, one of the reasons that I left a job at home that I loved and undertook this campaign is that I didn't want to see my daughter's generation grow up to be the first generation of Americans not to do as well economically or in terms of quality of life as their parents had done. Nobody worries about that anymore, but we did then.

And what we had before that was more than a decade in which the leaders of the other party talked tough, but took the easy way out. We were unashamed to be compassionate, unashamed that we cared about those who needed a hand up in life. But we were unafraid, when it came down to it, to take the tough decisions that cost many of our fellow Democrats their seats in Congress, but gave the American economy and the American people a new lease on the 21st century. (Applause.)

So what we came here today to talk about builds on what has happened in the last six years. It builds on our way of approaching our political responsibilities here, to put people ahead of partisanship, and common sense ahead of ideology. Now, we've already talked about how we turned the red ink to black -- that that helped to produce the longest peacetime expansion in our history, the lowest peacetime unemployment since 1957.

We ought to point out that we did it in a way that looked to the future -- not only reducing the deficit, but doubling our investment in education and training; putting 100,000 more police on our streets; making dramatic increases in medical research; immunizing 90 percent of our children from basic childhood diseases for the first time ever; providing millions and millions of people with the benefit of the Family and Medical Leave law; and making our environment cleaner. We showed, in other words, that we could balance the budget and honor our common values as Americans.

Now that, to use Senator Daschle's phrase, America is working again, the question is, what shall we do? And we're here to say that, as proud as we are of the record of the last six years, this is not a time to boast about the past, but to fulfill our solemn duty to the next generation, to meet the long-term challenges our nation faces.

We're for stronger families, with our child care program and our after-school learning; for a strong, enforceable patients' bill of rights; for the bipartisan legislation to help people with disabilities move into the workplace; for tax relief to help families provide long-term care; for an increase in the minimum wage and equal pay for men and women; and more free enterprise in our poorest inner city and rural communities.

We're for 50,000 more police on the street, and better technology for police, especially in the areas where crime is still too high. We stand together to pass the Earth on to our children with our livability initiative, for less traffic congestion and more greenspace. We stand together, as the Vice President has said, for strong, modern, more accountable schools; for giving teachers like Maureen the support they need to do even better.

Last winter, as has already been said, we issued our call, for the first time, for 100,000 more highly-trained teachers, to bring class size down in the early grades. And last fall, the Republicans in Congress finally agreed to make a significant down payment toward that goal. Now, in the next few days, the Senate will vote on whether to finish the job of hiring 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size. It will be our first big chance this year to prove to the American people that we are prepared to put people over party. Let's say politics stops at the schoolhouse door. (Applause.)

Now, I'd also like to ask that politics stop and that the Republican majority in Congress stand with us in meeting the greatest challenge we face, the aging of America. Life expectancy is rising, the number of older Americans will double by the year 2030. There will be only two people working for one person drawing Social Security by that time. Even before then, because people over 80 are the fastest growing group of Americans as a percentage of our country, Medicare will run out of money within nine years.

Now, I particularly appreciated what Edwin Bobeale said about this being an issue facing younger, as well as older, Americans; and not only because younger Americans would like to know they will have health care in retirement when they reach their retirement years, but also because the quality of life of the children of people on Medicare and Social Security, and their ability to raise their grandchildren, will be directly dependent upon whether they had to take needed resources away from their own family to care for their parents in ways that previous generations have not. This is a big issue.

But I want to say again -- and I feel it's a greater conviction as I grow older by the day -- this is a high-class problem. We face this challenge because we're living longer. We face this challenge because of the fruits of the medical research that the Congress has funded. We should not be hand-wringing here, we should be embracing this with joy. This is the inevitable result of our efforts to not only lengthen life, but to improve its quality. And because the Democrats took the lead so many years ago -- first in Social Security and then in Medicare -- we have a special responsibility to the American people to take the lead in resolving this. (Applause.)

Now, let me restate clearly our principles and where I

think we are in this debate now -- because how we resolve these issues will shape how we resolve the other issues in this session of Congress. First, we should devote 52 percent of the surplus for the next 15 years to saving Social Security; to guarantee the soundness of Social Security for the next 55 years; and to enable us to make further choices, some of which will be difficult, to extend Social Security for 75 years, provide help for elderly women -- many of whom are in poverty -- and lift the earnings limit on people on Social Security.

Second, we should devote another 15 percent of the surplus to Medicare, to secure that vital program until the year 2020. And, again, I believe we should go further, with broader reforms to strengthen and improve Medicare and to meet the greatest growing need of our seniors -- affordable prescription drugs. (Applause.)

If we do this, that will still leave funds for other investments or for tax reduction. I believe we should devote over \$500 billion of this surplus to give working families tax relief, creating universal savings accounts -- USA accounts -- that will help all Americans share in the nation's wealth and build nest eggs for retirement. If we do these things -- saving Social Security, saving Medicare, empowering more Americans to save for their own retirement -- we will fulfill our historic challenge to meet the difficulties and the opportunities of the aging of America in a way that provides a stronger economy and more stable families for our children.

If we use the surplus to save Social Security and strengthen Medicare, we will, for the next 15 years and beyond, be paying down the national debt, if we follow the proposal that we have made. We can reduce publicly-held debt to its lowest level since 1917, before we moved into World War I.

Let me say, for a member of Congress what that means is, 15 years from now, Congress will be allocating only 2 cents of every tax dollar to pay interest on the debt, instead of the 13 cents you have to take off the top today, before you can pass another bill to do another thing. That means -- and again, I was glad to hear Michael Saylor, who told that astonishing story of his company starting with \$132 and winding up with 1,000 employees and hundreds of millions of dollars of wealth that have been created. You remember what he said? He said what they need from government is a responsible set of rational decisions that keep interest rates low and the economy strong. That is the most important thing.

And if we do this, we will drive down interest rates for the next 15 to 20 years. We could actually have our country completely out of debt, under this policy, in 18 years. And in a world in which the economy of other countries is obviously troubled at the moment, and in which future events are not predictable, we know one thing for sure: if we pay down this

debt, and things are troubled beyond our borders, we'll do a lot better and interest rates will be a lot lower than they otherwise would have been. If things go well in the global economy, because of our efforts and others, we will do even better than we otherwise would have done.

And we know that the success of the American economy has reinforced the budget decisions made in 1993. We have got to keep this going. So I say, take care of Social Security, take care of Medicare, pay down the debt, keep the economy going. These things are the most important things we can do for our children in the 21st century. (Applause.)

Now, let me say where I think we are now. I have, frankly, been gratified to see that Republican leaders have quickly joined us in supporting the first idea, dedicating 62 percent of the surplus to save Social Security. At least, I believe the word they used was "setting aside" 62 percent of the surplus, and I'll come back to that in a moment. I've been further encouraged to see some of the Republicans backing away from the irresponsible across-the-board tax cut that is too costly, in favor of standing with us for targeted tax cuts benefitting mostly middle-class working families.

Last week, the majority leaders in Congress actually placed an ad in USA Today, with a nice letter promising to save Social Security, to give our children the world's best schools, to target tax relief to the middle class. That was the most welcome news I've read in USA Today, in terms of progress, since

the NBA strike ended. (Laughter.) And I was encouraged by it.

But I want to make it clear, there are still strong differences in our approach, and we must resolve them in a way that benefits the American people -- in the Vice President's words, that benefit Republicans and independents and Democrats alike. We have to do what's right for the country.

First, while the Republicans are joining me in talking about setting aside a substantial part of the surplus for debt reduction and, presumably, for Social Security -- and we welcome that -- they still have said nothing about how they would extend the life of Social Security and whether they would dedicate all 62 percent of this surplus for that purpose. And that is very important.

Second, I ask the Republican majority to join us in devoting a portion -- 15 percent -- of the surplus to save Medicare. Now, this is very important. They have not done that so far. And, as you see from the difficulties of others who have struggled with these issues, and the fact that health care costs are beginning to rise again, we cannot secure Medicare as a guarantee for our seniors with any reasonable set of reforms, and

keep it a recognizable, universal program, unless we also invest some more money in the program.

You can talk to any hospital that's administering programs that have Medicare patients. You can talk to any doctor. You can talk to anybody who's dealt with this program. We must have more money. So I ask those -- especially those who still maintain that somehow, out of the surplus, they can afford a very large across-the-board tax cut -- where will they find the resources to extend the life of Medicare?

I am not opposed to responsible reforms that enable us to secure Medicare for an even longer period, and to begin to add this prescription drug benefit so that we can really help people who need it. But I'm telling you, we cannot deal with the Medicare problem without a greater investment of money.

So, let's say, use the budget surplus to save Social Security, to save Medicare, to pay down the debt. Then we can have an honest and principled disagreement about how much and what kind of tax cut we need with the rest -- about how much should go to education; how much should go to defense; how much should go to medical research. But the first and most important things are save Social Security, save Medicare, pay down the debt, secure the future of our children. (Applause.)

Now, we stand today unified. We stand today well aware of the challenges before us. But we stand today beleaguered by beepers and message machines. (Laughter.) This is my last line I want to say about this. Will Rogers also used to say something that we do not have to disregard. He used to say -- and I quote -- "You've got to be an optimist to be a Democrat, and you've got to be humorous to stay one." (Laughter.)

Well, I urge you, let's bring a new energy to this session of Congress. When we get really frustrated by what seems to be excessive partisanship, let's remember these three fine American citizens who talked to us today, and the stories they told, and the hundreds of millions of people they represent. Let's keep our optimism, our good cheer, our resolve and our unity, to give them the 21st century they deserve.

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Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ROBERT TORRICELLI FOR SENATE RECEPTION

New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Newark, New Jersey

8:04 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for the wonderful, wonderful welcome, and I want to congratulate everyone who had anything to do with building this magnificent Performing Arts Center. It's a fabulous place. (Applause.)

I would like to thank the people whose presence brightened our night tonight. I thank Cissy Houston, and my friend, Kevin Spacey. I thank Gloria Gaynor. I was -- when she was singing her songs, we were all back there singing off-stage. And they said, now -- they made me stand way back so no one could possibly take an embarrassing picture of me -- pretending that I was young again, and off-key. And I was trying to decide whether I was -- it was more appropriate for me to sing "I Will Survive," or -- (laughter and applause.) I sort of like "I'm Never Going To Say Good-bye" better. (Applause.)

I say that because the people of New Jersey have been wonderful to me. And I am profoundly grateful. I remember so well my first big political event here -- Bob Janieswski (spelling) had me there -- and thank you, Bob, and all the people -- (applause) -- from that magnificent county Democratic organization. And I had lost my voice that night and they stuck with me anyway, which I really appreciate.

I'd like to thank Congressman Payne, Congressman Pallone, Congressman Holt and Congressman Rothman for flying up on Air Force One with me tonight and for doing New Jersey proud every day in the United States Congress. (Applause.) And I want to thank Mayor Sharp James (spelling) and the other mayors and state assembly people who met me at the airport. And I thank Charles Kushner and Steve Ross for doing a great job on this event tonight. I thank your State Democratic Chairman, Tom Giblin, and your assembly leader, Joe Doria, who tells me we have a chance to win the assembly this year. And I want you to do that. (Applause.)

And most of all, I want to thank Bob Torricelli for many things, for being a great advocate. He is a ferocious advocate -- (applause) -- for New Jersey, for America, for democracy and human rights throughout the world. Now, for the proposition that it's high time the Democrats took back the Senate, and he's leading our campaign committee. (Applause.) And he has been my friend, in good times and bad. And I will never forget it. I'm honored to be here. (Applause.)

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Bob was up here talking and I thought, shoot, he's giving my speech, I won't have anything to say when I get out there. (Laughter.) Let me just say to all of you, again, I am profoundly

grateful that the people of New Jersey twice voted to

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give their electoral votes to the Vice President and to me. I am grateful that Hillary and I and all of us in our administration had a chance to serve these last six years, to work to create the conditions and give the American people the tools that brought us to this day. How different this is than America was six years ago.

And I am grateful for that. I don't for a moment claim all the credit for every good thing that has happened in this country, but I do believe when I came to the people of New Jersey in 1992 and said we needed to change the direction of this country, we need to go back to a commitment to give opportunity to every responsible citizen, and we need to remind the American people that we're all one community across all the lines that divide us, and that we can only do well individually if we're committed to giving every American and every American family and every American community the chance to be a part of the future we dream for our own children.

And I'm glad and grateful that we have the lowest peacetime unemployment since 1957; and the longest peacetime economic expansion in history; and the lowest crime rate in 30 years; and welfare rolls cut in half; and 90 percent of our kids immunized for the first time ever; and the doors of college open to all Americans. I am simply grateful to have had the chance to participate in what we have done together as a nation. (Applause.)

But I want to say to you in more pointed and more specific terms what Bob just said. This country has been through a lot in the last 10, 15 years. We've had a lot of triumph. We've overcome a lot of economic and social trauma. And the easy thing to do when things are going well is to relax, maybe even go back to the old ways, go back to the stand patter. And I have to tell you that I think that would be a terrible mistake.

I am encouraged that the American people agree. In 1998, when our party picked up seats in the House of Representatives, for the first time in the sixth year of a presidency since 1822 -- including Russ Holt -- (applause) -- it happened because we had the national agenda. We didn't stand back and say, vote for us because we've got a surplus, vote for us because we've got a good economy. We said, vote for us because we have a chance to meet the big challenges still facing this country. Vote for us and we will save Social Security, we will modernize our schools, we will pass the patients' bill of rights, we will keep the American economy going in the right direction.

We have an agenda. And so I say tonight, the thing I like most about Bob Torricelli is if he didn't want to be a senator to have the honor of the title, he wanted to be a senator to get up every day and get something done to help the lives of ordinary people in New Jersey, in the United States and throughout the world. (Applause.)

And I can say to you, so many of you came through the line and said something specific to me about the peace process in the Middle East, or democracy in Asia or in our own hemisphere, or some specific domestic program, when we were visiting earlier, those of you who came through and talked to me. I think it is important that if the Democratic Party wishes to be the majority party over the long run, in the Congress and in the White House, that we continue to be both the conscience and the engine of America's civic life.

We have big challenges. If I have learned anything in the last six years, it is how quickly things are changing within and beyond our borders, and what a terrible mistake it is to believe that just because things are good today, they'll be just fine tomorrow if you don't do anything else. That would be a significant mistake.

So I just want to say three or four things. I ask for your support, for your members of Congress and for your senators. And I ask you to fight for these things in the coming years when you have the election this year in New Jersey, next year for the Senate and the Congress races and in the presidency. Number one, we have got to face the fact that like every advanced country in the world, we are getting older as a nation. There will be twice as many people over 65 in 30 years as there are now.

There will only be two people working for every one person retired and drawing Social Security. The present system cannot be sustained unless we do something about it. And I do not think what we should do about it is forget about it, because half the people in America today over 65 are out of poverty only because, in addition to other income, they draw Social Security.

So I have said the first thing we've got to do is deal with the challenge of the aging of America, which means we have to save Social Security, we have to save Medicare for the 21st century. And the right way to do it -- (applause) -- the right way to do it is to realize that it is also an enormous opportunity if we do it properly.

I want to set aside a little over three-quarters of this surplus that we think will come out in the next 15 years until we save Social Security and Medicare. Since we don't need the money right away, in the ensuing 15 years we can buy in the debt. And if we pay down the public debt for 15 years with this surplus, let me tell you what will happen. Fifteen years from now our country will have the smallest debt it's had since 1917, before we went into World War One. Fifteen years from now, when your members of Congress go to vote on the budget, instead of taking 13 cents of every dollar you pay in taxes off the top to pay interest on the debt, it will be down to 2 cents. And they will be putting the money into Social Security, into Medicare, into education, into medical research, into protecting the environment, into growing the economy, into building America.

And in the meanwhile, because we'll be doing that, interest rates will be lower, business loans will be lower, college loans will be lower, consumer credit will be lower, home mortgages will be lower. There will be more jobs, higher income, and more prosperity.

Now, the easy thing to do is to say we've got this surplus, we've waited 30 years, let's give it away. Let's give it back to the American people in a tax cut because it's your money anyway. Well, it is your money, anyway, but you would be better off with a strong, healthy American economy and preserving our obligations for the 21st century, saving Social Security and Medicare. And that is what we ought to do. (Applause.)

We can do that and still have a sizable tax cut, and invest more in education and meet our national security needs. But we ought to put first things first. And we will rue the day that we missed the opportunity to meet our obligations to the next generation of elderly, and to lift from their children and grandchildren the burden of knowing that they have to care for their parents more than they should and their incomes will be eroded.

We can make the 21st century more secure, more vital and economically stronger. That is the first and most important mission we have. We have to do more for the children and families of the 21st century. We're a long way from guaranteeing excellence in education for every child. I have loved going into the schools of New Jersey. I have loved seeing the proliferation of computer technology for poor students and immigrant families, as well as for those of middle class and upper-income children and their families. But we have a long way to go and we have to do better.

We have a long way to go before we can honestly say that we have made it possible for every working family in this country to succeed both at work and at raising their children. That's why we have a major child care initiative. I cannot tell you how many million families every day are confronted with nagging worries -- even in this prosperous economy -- about whether they can meet their obligations at work and still afford quality child care for their kids. And I will not rest until I believe every American family can do both and take care of their children and their job. (Applause.)

I am proud that the air is cleaner and the water is cleaner and there are fewer toxic waste dumps and the environment is making progress. And I am proud of the fact that the Democrats proved that you could grow the economy and improve the environment at the same time -- something our friends in the other party always denied. That is not true. (Applause.) You can grow the economy and improve the environment at the same time. But we now have a \$2-billion liveability agenda before the Congress that's terribly important to me. Why? Because it will help communities deal with

everything from traffic congestion to the need for more greenspace, it will help us to set aside precious land in urban areas and remote wilderness, and we ought to do it to continue our work.

And let me just say one last thing that you, here in New Jersey, know is true. Not every neighborhood in every city or every small town or every rural area has participated in this recovery. And I have asked the Congress to pass a comprehensive plan to create new markets for American business and new jobs right here at home, by giving the same kind of incentives to people to invest and create private sector jobs in poor urban and rural and small town neighborhoods that we already give people to invest overseas. If it works there, it will work here, and we should support it. (Applause.)

Finally, let me make one other point. We've had a wonderful night and I don't have to give my State of the Union Address to you again. But if you asked me today what is the distinguishing characteristic of what it is we have tried to do, Senator Torricelli and I and our allies over the last six years, and what is the difference between what you have tried to do and what those who have opposed you have tried to do, I would say it is this: Number one, we believe that we have an obligation to give every single American the ability to live out his or her dreams. And, number two, we believe that with all that divides us, by race, by region, by culture, by religion, by lifestyle, by whatever, we still have to make one family.

When some of you were going through the line tonight saying thank you for what you've done in the Middle East, thank you for what you've tried to do in Northern Ireland, what we're trying to do in Kosovo to head off another bloodshed, what I'd

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still like to do on the Indian subcontinent and other places in the world, what we've tried to do in helping to end tribal wars in Africa, you think about it.

Here we are, on the verge of a new millennium in this high-tech age, and what are we worried about? We're worried about people getting hold of high-technology information and weapons to pursue ancient hatreds or age-old greed, whether they're organized criminals or drug-traffickers, or people fighting these awful religious and racial wars all across the world.

If you want America to do good in the 21st century, America first must be good at home. We must be a country of all Americans under the law. (Applause.) And I have said this before, but I have tried to make the Democratic Party and our administration faithful to the traditions not only of Jefferson and Jackson and Franklin Roosevelt, but also to those of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. We have embraced the best of America's past, to prepare for America's best days in the 21st century. And I can't think of any member of Congress who can do more to give us the kind of America

that all our children deserve than Bob Torricelli.

Thank you, and God bless you. (Applause.)

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PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES JOHN D. HOLUM AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The President today announced his intention to nominate John D. Holum as Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the Department of State.

Mr. John D. Holum, of Annapolis, Maryland, was appointed Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1993, where he served as the principal advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on arms control, nonproliferation and disarmament issues. Mr. Holum previously served as legislative director for Senator George McGovern and was a member of the Policy and Planning Staff at the United States Department of State from 1979 to 1981, where he specialized in arms control and legal issues. He practiced law for twelve years with the firm of O'Melveny & Myers, concentrating on regulatory and international matters.

Mr. Holum was educated at South Dakota's Northern State College, where he earned a B.S. in 1963. He was also awarded a J.D. with honors at George Washington University School of Law in 1970.

In his capacity as Under Secretary of State, Mr. Holum will serve as senior advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on arms control and nonproliferation issues.

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The 1999 Democratic Agenda: Families First

Continue on the path of fiscal responsibility by investing the surplus to save Social Security and Medicare and pay down the debt to keep our economy growing. Act now to meet the challenges of the 21st century, including quality education for children and secure retirement and quality care for seniors. Enable families to meet their responsibilities at home and at work.

Invest the Surplus to save Social Security and Medicare and Pay Down the Debt

Save Social Security: Reserve 62 percent of the projected budget surplus to preserve Social Security until 2055. Allow the trust fund to invest about one-fifth of the transferred surpluses in the private sector to achieve higher returns for Social Security just as any state or local government, or private pension does. Work to achieve a broad consensus for reforms necessary to extend Social Security to at least 2075, while reducing poverty among elderly widows, and eliminating the earnings limit.

Strengthen Medicare for the 21st Century: Reserve 15 percent of the projected surpluses for Medicare, ensuring that the Medicare Trust Fund is secure for 20 years. Work to enact further changes to strengthen and modernize the Medicare program, including adding prescription drug benefits.

Pay Down the Debt: Invest 77% of the surplus into Social Security and Medicare to reduce the debt to its lowest level since 1917 and save taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars in interest charges.

Quality Education: Modernize Schools, Reduce Class Size, and Provide Accountability

School Modernization: Federal tax credits will enable states and school districts to modernize and renovate 6,000 local public schools, to improve learning conditions, end overcrowding and make room for smaller classes.

Smaller Classes: Finish the job of hiring 100,000 new teachers over the next seven years to reduce class size in grades 1-3 to a national average of 18, making sure that every child gets a solid foundation in the basics.

Build Accountability Measures into federal support for education to ensure that school districts and states provide every student with a high quality education, building on proven reforms now being implemented in states and cities.

Teacher Training and Recruitment: Increase support for teacher training in subject-matter knowledge and teaching expertise; establish new incentives to recruit highly qualified teachers.

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Education Technology: Continue to provide schools with Internet capacity and resources for teacher training and integrating technology into the curricula; protect the e-rate discount for schools and libraries and new teacher training.

Enable Families to Succeed at Home and at Work

Protecting Patients through a Strong, Enforceable Patients Bill of Rights: The Patients, Bill of Rights should contain a range of protections, including guaranteed access to needed specialists, access to emergency room services, access to a meaningful independent and external appeals process, and the right to be compensated.

Continue to Expand Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care by enabling Americans age 62-65 and displaced and retired workers ages 55 to 65 to buy into Medicare if they lose coverage.

Ensure Opportunity for Americans with Disabilities by enabling workers with disabilities to buy into Medicaid and Medicare, a \$1000 tax credit, to help the working disabled and support for assistive technologies.

Child Care: Improve the accessibility and safety of child care through expansion of the child care and development block grant to help working families and improve quality by increased training and support services for care givers.

After School Care: Increase after school care to enable 1.1 million children each year to participate in after school and summer school programs that give them additional learning time and keep them safe and off the streets.

Secure Retirement for Seniors and Protect Pensions

Expand Pension Benefit Coverage: Create a new plan that will make it easier for small businesses to start private pension plans that provide predictable and secure benefits, and for employees to save in IRAs through payroll deductions. Permit employees to rollover benefits from different types of retirement plans.

Strengthen Women,s Retirement Security: Allow workers to count time taken under the Family and Medical Leave Act toward their retirement benefits and require pension plans to let families choose joint and survivor annuity options.

Targeted Tax Cuts for Retirement Savings, Child Care, and Long Term Care

Retirement Savings: Devote 12% of the surplus to USA Accounts, enabling working families to save for their own retirement in private accounts.

Child Care: Provide greater tax relief for working families who pay child care expenses, tax credits to businesses that provide child care services, and tax

credits for stay at home parents.

Long Term Care: Provide \$1,000 tax credits for elderly and disabled individuals needing long-term care and the family members who care for them; provide support services to caregivers and offer long term care insurance to federal employees.

50,000 More Cops with 21st Century Tools

More Police on the Streets: Help communities put up to 50,000 more law enforcement officers on the beat over five years, and help state and local enforcement agencies communicate more effectively and use modern technology to solve crimes.

Raise the Minimum Wage and Enforce Fair Pay

Raise the Minimum Wage: Recognize the value of work and support working families; give millions of Americans a pay raise by increasing the minimum wage.

Ensure Equal Pay: Help guarantee equal pay for women and men by stronger enforcement of equal pay laws, ending wage discrimination, and improving access to wage information for all workers.

Protect the Environment and Improve Livability

Protect Our Environment and our families, safety by ensuring clean air and safe food; strengthening clean water protections; continuing accelerated toxic waste clean up and making polluters pay; and spurring new environmental technologies through targeted tax cuts; providing lasting protection for national parks and other natural treasures.

Help Build Livable Communities: Provide new tools and resources to help communities across America reduce traffic congestion, preserve green space, and grow in ways that ensure a high quality of life and strong, sustainable economic growth.

Crackdown on Crimes Against Seniors

Give Law Enforcement Officials Additional Tools to prosecute criminals who target seniors, such as through telemarketing schemes.

Reduce Unnecessary and Illegal Medicare Costs by cracking down on fraud and abuse in the Medicare system.

Privacy

Protect Individuals, most personal records by ensuring appropriate treatment for medical records, addressing abusive practices such as pretext calling for financial records and enhancing enforcement of existing laws.

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Commentary

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HILLARY'S NUMBERS HEAD SOUTH

By DICK MORRIS

HILLARY for Senate? It's a lot less likely after a Feb. 26 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll showing that her national favorability has dropped from 63 percent to 53 percent since speculation about her candidacy began. The cruel irony is that while America loves Hillary as First Lady, standing unflappably by her man, the closer she gets to an actual candidacy, the more her popularity fades.

Her sudden rise in voter approval and equally sudden drop is chronicled in the Fox News polling since the November election (see table).

As impeachment gathered momentum, awe at Hillary's grace under pressure moved her popularity to heights it had not seen since she first burst on our national consciousness. Just as Jackie Kennedy's dignity and poise after her husband's assassination moved the nation, Hillary's calm, self-possessed bearing during what must have been weeks of excruciating embarrassment impressed us all. Her favorability rating moved from 54 percent on Nov. 13 to a high of 63 percent on Jan. 29.

But as talk of her Senate candidacy has increased, she has come across as just another politician. The very discussion about her using her popularity to get elected has taken the sheen off her image and sent her ratings back down to earth. In the past four weeks, she has skidded 10 points back to her more typical favorability rating of 53 percent.

While the talk of her running for the Senate has acclimated people to the idea of her separate political career, it has diminished the very popularity which made the concept of Senator Clinton attractive in the first place. This shows the volatility of her image while her

husband is president. When you get your face on the cover of Time and Newsweek and your ratings drop, something is wrong.

Hillary would make a wonderful senator. She is a lifelong advocate for women and children and is happiest in that role. But she should launch her candidacy only after she has put some distance between herself and her husband's administration. Her best bet is to run in Illinois, where she grew up, in 2004 against the highly vulnerable, newly elected, right-wing Sen. Peter Fitzgerald.

The Fox News Poll shows the growing popularity of another political wife - Elizabeth Dole. She not only runs ahead of Vice President Al Gore by 51-36, she's closing in on Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

It would be a serious blunder to count out Liddy Dole. In a general election, her candidacy would appeal to women and close the gender gap on which Democrats depend. In the GOP primary, she would run to the right of Bush - always a good place to be in the Republican field. With her sterling record at the Red Cross, she could win. Elizabeth Dole could well be the first woman president.

On the Democratic side, Gore is clearly hurting. The lack of enthusiasm for him even among Democrats is palpable. While he still runs in first place, he doesn't even muster a majority of the vote against a very weak field.

Gore needs to come out from Clinton's shadow. In that shade no candidacy can grow. While the president's job-approval is flourishing, his personal popularity continues to fall (this week it dropped to a new low of 40 percent).

Of course Gore can't dump on Clinton, but he should distinguish himself by returning to his original theme of the environment and global climate changes. Recent weird weather throughout the world makes his gloomy predictions seem more appropriate than they have ever been. By talking about his old passion, he will develop a welcome animation and remind voters of his life before

Clinton.

In 1968, Nixon harnessed each day's crime headlines to make law and order the basis of his national agenda. In 2000, Gore must use the fires in Florida, the mudslides in California, the floods in Texas, and the droughts in the Mid-west to show Americans the pressing necessity of action in the face of global warming. Global climate is changing. If the consequences of this shift are as dire as predicted, the environment will become the issue of the next decade. With the millennium, voters are in a mood to think in planetary terms and Gore could be just the man to make the issue work.

Is it not a sad commentary on our politics that the three main contenders are only able to run because they rode their father's or husband's reputation into power? Gore's father was a senator as, of course, was Liddy's husband. Bush's dad was president and his grandfather was a senator. Can't we have a president who made it on his own like Clinton, Reagan and Carter did? We need a candidate who vindicates fully Winston Churchill's characterization - "a self-made man who worships his Creator."

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OPINION

**Whatever happened to
global warming?**

Michael Northrup

A funny thing happened to the national debate over global warming: Since the international treaty on global warming was signed 14 months ago in Kyoto, Japan, the issue has virtually disappeared from the political radar. The vanishing act is taking place just when real climate solutions are, for the first time, within reach. Lack of effort is not to blame. Environmentalists and academics have thrown themselves at the problem as never

before, while financial resources from the federal government and major foundations have increased dramatically.

Instead, we've simply lost sight of what it is we're asking for. The sharp focus that helped produce the Kyoto deal has dissolved into a sea of complex legal and accounting questions.

This is particularly ironic in light of the dramatic retreat by the treaty opposition. Blustery speeches still occasionally emanate from Capitol Hill, but the corporate adversaries who once denied the very existence of global warming have largely ceded the debate in favor of more conciliatory postures.

The problem for US environmentalists isn't too few solutions; it's too many, all at once. As the issue unfolds, it spawns one subsidiary concern after another. In dealing with each new detail, our concentration on an overarching goal has lapsed. For all the small solutions, there is no single, clear national plan for meeting the Kyoto targets.

Under the pact, the US has until 2012 to cut greenhouse emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels, eliminating about 500 million metric tons of carbon pollution each year.

Whether the Senate ratifies the treaty soon or not, that target marks at best the bare minimum of what scientists say is necessary to avert the most severe climate change. In fact, it's not hard to sketch a clear-cut, cost-effective path to that goal.

For starters, even the more modest proposals for federal deregulation of the electric utilities could reduce carbon emissions by almost 70 million metric tons while saving \$38 billion. Doubling

cogeneration - reclaiming energy now thrown away as waste heat - saves 43 million metric tons, and \$50 billion.

Modernizing just a third of obsolete coal-fired power plants currently exempted from clean-air laws would cut 200 million metric tons of carbon pollution. The one-time cost would boost the national electric bill by just 2 percent for a decade or so, but even this would be offset by health and economic benefits from the corresponding elimination of nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons, and other pollution.

Raising fuel economy of sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and pickups from 20 to 38 miles per gallon saves 58 million metric tons by 2010, plus \$40 billion in consumer spending. Boosting automobile efficiency to 45 miles per gallon brings another 50 million tons, and \$30 billion in savings. At home, pending appliance efficiency standards will cut 25 million tons of carbon by 2010, saving consumers \$15 billion.

Together these measures would eliminate 546 million metric tons of carbon by 2010 - more than enough to meet the goal - and free up billions of dollars. And this is just one scenario. Many others exist. Presented as an action plan, it suddenly becomes clear the Kyoto targets are achievable, both politically and technologically.

Slimming down the agenda creates a much needed political focal point for the debate, and undercuts the alarmists who say it's too expensive to act. The environmental community would do well to refocus on such a plan quickly, before the window in which we can comfortably reach our Kyoto treaty obligation closes.

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Planet in Peril

By Bill Gifford

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EARTH ODYSSEY: Around the World in Search of Our Environmental Future

By Mark Hertsgaard

Broadway. 372 pp. \$26

Reviewed by Bill Gifford

Does the world really need another ponderous eco-tome? Is there anything we haven't already heard about global warming, famine, and the evils of the automobile? When I cracked this book, my answer was a swift, resonating Noooooooo. But by the third chapter, I'd changed my mind.

When Mark Hertsgaard embarked on his environmental investigative trip around the world in 1991, the environment was the It Topic of American journalism. News magazines ran cover stories on global warming, and Alaska's shores were still dark with Exxon's oil. When he finished, seven years later, it was yesterday's news, as far as the mainstream media and the public were concerned. A Newsweek poll in 1991 found that 35 percent of Americans considered global warming a serious problem. By 1996, only 22 percent thought so, even though scientists had since reached a consensus that global warming was indeed a threat.

The second poll reflects a certain amount of green fatigue: So the world is ending -- next! The first few chapters of this book present a daunting roster of ills: war and starvation! soil erosion! traffic jams! nukes! We've heard this litany before, but just as our eyes glaze over, Hertsgaard's sharp reporting jolts us awake. He has an acute eye for detail, an endless appetite for chitchat with locals, and a knack for tying his observations to his hefty background research.

His central question is an easy one: "Will the human species survive the many pressures crowding in on it at the end of the twentieth century?" The answer is, "Of course." We've been through famine, plague and worse -- even drastic climate change, in the form of the Ice Ages. It wasn't much fun, but our hardy species survived. The real question is, will the survivors inherit a world worth living in? Rather than looking for traces of taint in the wilderness, Hertsgaard deliberately seeks his answers in the nastiest spots on earth, from radioactive Russian cities to famine-wracked African wastelands. In one memorable scene, he and his interpreter are engulfed in

an explosion of chlorine gas (they emerge scared but unscathed).

Hertsgaard's message really takes hold in his long and (mostly) fascinating section on China -- one of two countries that hold effective "veto power" over the world's environmental progress (the other is the United States). China's power resides in its vast population, clamoring for what Americans consider basic necessities of life. It's chilling to contemplate what it will be like to live in a world with 10 billion people, in the year 2050.

And it's shocking to realize how much of the world, including vast parts of Russia and China and Africa, is already unlivable by any civilized standard. Few Americans would tolerate air like that in the Chinese industrial city of Chongqing, where the pollution was so thick that Hertsgaard could stare directly at the sun for 10 full seconds.

He grasps the problem in all of its complex dimensions. Yes, the Chinese burn way too much coal -- but it's a freezing-cold country where many people still don't have electricity or heat or even enough food to eat. Cleaner coal-burning technology exists, but it's more expensive. So should the government build four dirty power plants or three clean ones that leave more people without power? For most environmentalists, the quick answer is three clean power plants, but Hertsgaard -- prodded by his likable young Chinese interpreter, Zhenbing -- sees the human case for building the four dirty ones.

Although he relies heavily on sources like Lester Brown of the Worldwatch Institute, with whom he clearly sympathizes, Hertsgaard takes their pronouncements with a grain of skepticism. He skillfully charts a course between the Polyanna-ish mainstream and the doom-and-gloom crowd, who seem to almost want an "environmental Pearl Harbor," in Brown's phrase. The result is a surprisingly fair-minded, and therefore important, book.

Hertsgaard even expresses a certain heretical faith in technology: Technologies exist that could drastically ameliorate many of the world's worst environmental problems. What's lacking is the political will to deploy them. In many cases, he realizes, solving environmental problems requires people to go against their own nature. When slum-dwellers in Rio or peasants in China need basic comforts immediately, it's impossible (and unfair) to ask them to "sacrifice" in order to solve long-term problems. What's more, if history is any guide, those Chinese and South Americans who want cars so badly will eventually get them.

Hertsgaard is savvy enough to realize that the automobile is not going to go away, but optimistic enough to think it can be controlled -- even after a visit to car-choked Bangkok. Technological progress and economic

growth are inevitable; our only hope is that they will lead to a better life, and not a worse one, for the majority of humanity. He finds signs of hope in the unlikeliest places. The book opens with his visit to the Dinka tribe, in war-blighted southern Sudan. On the brink of mass starvation, uprooted from their homes, and living on international handouts, the Dinka have been reduced to selling even their clothing for food.

One in six people on the planet live like the Dinka, Hertsgaard reports. But then he makes an even more telling point: For much of human history, that proportion has been more like nine out of 10. This sounds an awful lot like progress.

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Science Watch

Tiny Firm Sees Process as Big Answer to Waste

By LEE DYE

Scientists have long dreamed of converting the mountains of waste we produce in our cities and factories and on our farms into something useful. Now they may be on the edge of success.

A tiny Massachusetts company, working with the Energy Department, the state of New York and several other firms, has developed the technology to convert cellulose into an acid that can be used to produce a wide range of products, from alternative fuels to fertilizer. Cellulose is the sugar that makes up the cell walls of plants, and it is the raw material for many manufactured goods, such as paper. It is also the most common waste product of many manufacturing processes.

Our landfills are literally overflowing with the stuff.

For 150 years, scientists have known that if cellulose is mixed with acid and heated, it produces levulinic acid, known as a "platform chemical" because it can be used for so many different purposes. But the yield from cellulose conversion processors has been low--only about 25% levulinic acid to 75% tar. That has driven the cost of the acid up to \$5 to \$10 per pound, thus thwarting its potential.

So for the last 10 years, Stephen Fitzpatrick, a chemical

engineer who heads a three-person company, Biofine Inc., of Waltham, Mass., has been developing the technology to produce levulinic acid much more cheaply. A demonstration plant, funded by a \$3-million grant from the Energy Department and \$1 million from the state of New York, has converted cellulose to levulinic acid at much higher yields. The demonstration plant produces the acid at a cost of 4 cents to 32 cents per pound, according to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

"It's an exciting technology," said Jeff Peterson, program manager for the state agency.

The demonstration plant at South Glens Falls, N.Y., converts waste sludge from a paper-processing plant into levulinic acid at the rate of about a ton per day. That's enough to prove the viability of the technology, but much larger plants capable of converting up to 1,000 tons of cellulose a day are needed for the promising acid to support the many applications that could grow out of cheaper availability.

According to New York studies, that could drive the demand for levulinic acid up from its current worldwide level of 1 million pounds per year to as much as 1 trillion pounds.

At the same time, it would convert one of the most common waste products in the world into a wide range of useful products.

The beauty of the process lies in its simplicity. There is already an abundance of concentrated waste deposits around the world to provide the "feed stock" for a conversion plant.

"We could plunk it down next to a paper mill, or near a number of paper mills, and take that stuff away," Fitzpatrick said. The "stuff," consisting mostly of cellulose fibers, would otherwise go to a landfill where it would decay and release carbon dioxide, a "greenhouse" gas blamed for global warming.

Fitzpatrick's process, for which he holds two patents, reduces the time the cellulose remains in a processing vessel, called a reactor, and causes levulinic acid to form "preferentially" to tar. Only 25% emerges as tar, Fitzpatrick said, and it comes out almost like coal.

The coal-like substance, he said, is a perfect fuel to run the plant. "We can burn that and make steam and electricity for the process," he said. "We're almost a net zero user of power to do all this."

Douglas C. Elliott, a chemist at the Energy Department's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., believes the technology could lead to a new generation of alternative fuels, especially for fleet vehicles under federal mandate to use cleaner fuel.

Elliott and his co-workers have created what the lab calls "the first-ever multi-step catalytic process that converts levulinic acid into

an alternative fuel component called methyltetrahydrofuran," more commonly known as MTHF.

MTHF can be combined with natural-gas liquids to produce a clean-burning fuel for vehicles, thus converting what was once a waste product into a gasoline substitute.

"Biofine has been able to refine levulinic acid production to the point that they can get a high enough yield to make it interesting economically," Elliott said. "And in the process, they remove all of the other contaminants that would hurt our catalyst and give us a clean product to work with. That makes it a lot easier on our end to come up with a final product of value."

The reactor at the Northwest lab would have to be scaled up considerably to make the conversion of levulinic acid to MTHF economically rewarding, but Elliott said that's no problem.

"A reactor like this is pretty easy to scale up," he said. "We don't have any fancy tricks wrapped up inside the reactor. We just need a bigger pipe."

But making things bigger also means spending more money, possibly a lot of it.

"The biggest step is to go from a demonstration plant to a really big commercial plant," Fitzpatrick said. "It's not a technical risk, it's a financial one. That's the biggest downside, the fact that you are putting \$50 million into a new technology."

Fitzpatrick said two of the country's largest chemical companies, which he declined to name, are studying the economic feasibility of the process, and he sees a potentially global market. "Lots of countries have no mineral resources, but they've got lots of vegetation and lots of cellulose," he said. "One could imagine that this could be even more broadly used worldwide."

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Early Signs of Spring and Global Warming

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Separate studies using different methods in the last three years have found that as the earth's atmosphere warms, spring warmth is arriving earlier and autumn coolness is coming later in the Northern

Hemisphere.

But much of the evidence has been indirect, and now a direct examination of the actual behavior of plants across Europe appears to confirm the earlier findings.

The new evidence comes from a network of 77 research sites called the International Phenological Gardens.

Spread across Europe from northern Scandinavia to Greece and from Spain and Ireland to Poland and Bulgaria, the gardens contain genetically identical clones of various species of trees and shrubs.

Each spring from 1959 to 1993, observers at the sites recorded the dates when buds first appeared, leaves unfolded and plants flowered. Likewise, the observers noted the dates when leaves turned color and fell from trees.

Analyzing the resulting mass of data, two researchers at the University of Munich in Germany have found that over the three decades, the advent of botanical spring advanced an average of six days, while autumn was delayed an average of about five days.

This 11-day lengthening of the growing season was caused by warmer temperatures, concluded the researchers, Dr. Annette Menzel, a specialist in the study of forests, and Dr. Peter Fabian, who specializes in climate, meteorology and forests.

Their report appears in the current issue of Nature.

Since the late 19th century, the average surface temperature of the earth has risen by about 1 degree Fahrenheit or a little more, with northern latitudes warming more than the global average.

The dominant view among experts is that emissions of heat-trapping waste industrial gases like carbon dioxide, a product of the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil, are responsible for at least some of this warming.

The dominant view also holds that if emissions of the heat-trapping gases continue at the present rate, the average global temperature will rise by another 2 to 6 degrees, with a best estimate of 3.5 degrees, over the next

century.

This compares with a warming of 5 to 9 degrees since the depths of the last ice age some 20,000 years ago.

The predicted warming, the experts say, would disrupt the earth's climate, make both droughts and floods worse, cause the oceans to rise and push temperate-zone climatic zones farther north.

It would also be expected to have some positive effects, not least the lengthening of growing seasons in northern latitudes.

According to the Menzel-Fabian study, the longer growing seasons have already arrived.

The area of the study spanned almost the entire width of the northern temperate zone, from the sub-Arctic to the Mediterranean region.

The two scientists' analysis of the plants' spring awakening and autumn decline found that in some research stations, in the Balkans, spring was coming later.

They attributed this to regional patterns of climate change that were exceptions to the larger European pattern.

That pattern, they found, was clear: Over the last three decades, the onset of spring gradually moved earlier in the year, while the advent of autumn became later and later. Further, they discovered, this pattern matched what would be expected to happen on the basis of computer models of the effect of rising temperatures on plant behavior in spring and fall.

Plants' response to seasonal change is driven mainly by changes in the average daily temperature, said Dr. Menzel, and Europe's temperature has been rising over the last three decades.

Modeling studies, she said, indicate that 70 percent of the lengthened growing season can be explained by rises in daily temperature. Changes in light, soil conditions and water supply also influence the awakening and dormancy of deciduous plants.

The researchers attributed the rise in daily temperatures to a general warming of the climate rather than any locally induced warming produced by what is called the urban heat-island effect.

Cities are warmer than the surrounding countryside, but only a few of the research sites in the International Phenological Gardens are in urban areas.

Other recent studies have shown that buds are bursting open earlier in the spring in Canada, and studies in Britain have found that birds are laying their eggs earlier in the year.

In 1996, Dr. Charles D. Keeling of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego reported that an earlier spring in the Northern Hemisphere was reflected in the seasonal rise and fall of atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.

Plants "breathe" carbon dioxide.

When they drop their leaves in the fall and go dormant, atmospheric levels of the gas increase.

When they regain the leaves in the spring, levels drop.

Analysis of these fluctuations revealed that spring was arriving across the hemisphere about a week earlier in the 1990's than in the 1970's.

In 1997, this finding was bolstered by a study by Dr. Ranga B. Myneni of Boston University and four other researchers, including Dr. Keeling.

Using a different method, they found that spring was arriving about a week earlier in the early 1990's than in the early 1980's.

This study was confined to regions north of the 45th parallel, which runs through or near Yellowstone National Park, Minneapolis, Ottawa, Boston, Bordeaux, Belgrade and Vladivostok.

North of that line, warming in recent decades has been substantially greater than the global average.

The Myneni study also found that fall was arriving later, with the result that the growing season in the northern climes had increased by 12 days, give or take 4 days.

The researchers reached this conclusion by analyzing changes in solar radiation absorbed by plants as they performed photosynthesis. From this, the scientists were able to infer the arrival of the seasons.

Taken together, Dr. Myneni said, all the recent studies indicate that a warming and greening of the planet is indeed under way, and that the growing season should lengthen further if temperatures continue to rise.

One result, a number of scientists say, is an increase in vegetation..

Dr. Menzel and Dr. Fabian, writing in Nature, said the lengthened growing season they found was "likely to contribute to increased biomass formation." Biomass is the dry weight of living things, in this case plants.

Studies in Europe and Asia have indicated that forests have indeed increased in biomass.

And Dr. Myneni and his colleagues were able to determine that because of more vigorous plant growth associated both with warmer temperatures and higher levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide, the amount of vegetation in the northern regions had increased by 10 percent.

Quite apart from the effect of warming, carbon dioxide spurs plant growth.

What this carbon dioxide effect might mean for agriculture and forestry is not entirely clear.

Some experts say that while more carbon dioxide makes plants bigger, it does so by reducing the relative amount of nutrients in a plant.

This makes it less nutritious as food -- a person or animal would have to eat more to get the same benefit.

On the other hand, a greener north could increase agricultural and timber production and expand the Northern Hemisphere's wheat-growing regions.

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SUBJECT: Re: diplo meetings

TO: Todd Stern (CN=Todd Stern/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

Sorry to miss staff meeting. Buried by trade/environment and biosafety protocol.

1. Recommend we schedule sinks meeting for week of March 15. (Margot promises draft paper by COB Friday March 5; think it will take all of next week to polish and clear paper interagency.)

2. Think we shd do developing country meeting next week. Agenda could include (a) strategies for pushing targets w/ key countries, (b) parts of our tool kit other than targets (CDM umbrella ag's, bilateral energy coop, etc.), (c) resource needs. Reifsnyder doing memo on last point.

3. Need to talk about next emissions trading paper. Some in the room were resisting this tasking; didn't see it as a high-value use of time. Let's get a clear vision among the two of us; discuss w/ Frank; identify author and timeframe.

FYI Central American Ambassadors saying double hell no to any communique language on targets. Delivered message to Richardson at a breakfast this morning, and to State negotiating teams.

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TEXT:

Understand there's a long-term planning exercise underway for WH policy offices. (1999? thru end of term?) Wesley Warren handling for CEQ. Wanted to be sure you're as plugged in as you want to be on this.