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CREATOR: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:27-SEP-1999 15:58:41.00

SUBJECT: Socarides leaving White House

TO: Christine A. Stanek (CN=Christine A. Stanek/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mary E. Cahill (CN=Mary E. Cahill/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As I mentioned.

----- Forwarded by Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP on 09/27/99
03:57 PM -----

Doug.Case@sdsu.edu

09/24/99 10:03:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Richard Socarides@EOP

cc:

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SUBJECT: Re: Socarides leaving White House

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: minion moore (CN=minyon moore/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

this was indeed very nice. however, as with sylvia and the rubin deal, i don't get the feeling that richard is looking out for us public servants as he sashays into the private sector. how about you minion???

Richard Socarides 09/27/99 04:01:39 PM

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READ:UNKNOWN

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SUBJECT: Tom Henderson

TO: Janice H. Vranich (CN=Janice H. Vranich/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Debra D. Alexander (CN=Debra D. Alexander/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Debra D. Bird (CN=Debra D. Bird/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Does anyone know of a news article being attached to the Tom Henderson letter? His note is so cryptic it's difficult to determine what he's writing about. Richard Socarides thinks he's writing about "don't ask, don't tell."

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SUBJECT: Re: Tom Henderson/HIV letter

TO: John H. Corcoran III (CN=John H. Corcoran III/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Daniel Montoya from our AIDS office will call you. apparently the topic is don't ask, don't tell.

John H. Corcoran III
09/22/99 10:51:03 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Tom Henderson/HIV letter

Richard-- We have a letter (in PLM) from Tom Henderson to the President which I'd like to ask you about. I can fax it to you, but it's very short. It just says:

"Dear Mr. President,
You've still got time to attempt to rectify the worst political decision of your Presidency. I hope you'll find some way to at least put yourself on the right side of history.

Best regards,
Tom"

Do you know what he's talking about? Are you familiar with him? Any guidance would be greatly appreciated. Much thanks.

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TO: Joe Mayock <joemayock (Joe Mayock <joemayock @ elliotmayock.com> @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: pmayock@MACNEAL.COM@INET@LNGTWY (pmayock@MACNEAL.COM@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi - this is a friend of mine who is leaving. thought you might enjoy the read.

ps-either of you want to work at the wh??

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READ:UNKNOWN

CC: andrew j. mayock (CN=andrew j. mayock/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

what?! I'm always looking out for you two. It's a full time job!

Minyon Moore

09/27/99 07:42:05 PM

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cc: Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP@EOP

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no signs he is taking care of me...I have been a huge fan -- couldn't
tell it by me though

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Subject: Re: Socarides leaving White House

this was indeed very nice. however, as with sylvia and the rubin deal, i
don't get the feeling that richard is looking out for us public servants
as he sashays into the private sector. how about you minyon???

Richard Socarides 09/27/99 04:01:39 PM

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SUBJECT: RE: Socarides leaving White House

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CC: "Rick Lo (E-mail)" <rick@edisf.com> ("Rick Lo (E-mail)" <rick@edisf.com> [UNKNOWN])
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CC: "Peter Mayock (E-mail)" <pmayock@MACNEAL.COM> ("Peter Mayock (E-mail)" <pmayock@MACNEAL.COM> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Dear Andrew:

Thanks for the feeler. I will wait for the call from Bill. Do you have any idea what time he will call? I am gonna be out a lot today.

LOVE, Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew_J._Mayock@who.eop.gov [mailto:Andrew_J._Mayock@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 1999 5:41 AM
To: pmayock@MACNEAL.COM; Joe Mayock
Subject: Socarides leaving White House

fyi - this is a friend of mine who is leaving. thought you might enjoy the read.

ps-either of you want to work at the wh??

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SUBJECT: Re: Tom Henderson/HIV letter

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here's an email i got from Richard Socarides in OPL today. I haven't heard from Daniel Montoya. Let me know your thoughts...

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Richard Socarides 09/28/99 01:25:30 PM

Record Type: Record

To: John H. Corcoran III/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

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Subject: Re: Tom Henderson/HIV letter

Daniel Montoya from our AIDS office will call you. apparently the topic is don't ask, don't tell.

John H. Corcoran III
09/22/99 10:51:03 AM
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To: Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Tom Henderson/HIV letter

Richard-- We have a letter (in PLM) from Tom Henderson to the President which I'd like to ask you about. I can fax it to you, but it's very short. It just says:

"Dear Mr. President,
You've still got time to attempt to rectify the worst political decision of your Presidency. I hope you'll find some way to at least put yourself on the right side of history.

Best regards,
Tom"

Do you know what he's talking about? Are you familiar with him? Any guidance would be greatly appreciated. Much thanks.

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Straight Talk From A Gay Patriot

by E.J. MONTINI, Republic columnist

Investigators, prosecutors and officers for the most powerful, most highly trained and most technologically advanced military organization on the planet are expected to take four more months to determine whether U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Steve May is a homosexual.

"I am," May says.

The Army's investigation into May's sexual preference began back in February, and continues.

"I told an investigating officer, this should be the shortest investigation ever," May says.

For most of the past year, military gumshoes have conducted interviews, gathered evidence, studied documents, sifted through rumor and innuendo, written reports.

"It's silly," May says. "I never wanted to make an issue of sexual preference or my own homosexuality. But now that it is, I accept it."

Legal experts within the military are now reviewing reports. From there, recommendations must go up the chain of command for approval. In May's case, there are at least four stops along the way, with each commander having 30 days to make a decision.

"In the past year alone, roughly 1,200 military personnel have been forced out under the 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy," May says. "For the most part, these are qualified people who are performing well, but happen

to be gay, like me. That's the absurdity of the situation."

That, and the fact that the U.S. Military will spend almost a year investigating something May already has admitted FOUR TIMES within this article. And has said as much on national television and in newspapers throughout the United States, including the New York Times.

Lashes out at comments

May is a Republican member of the Arizona State Legislature. Last February, during a debate on barring counties from offering domestic-partner benefits to gay couples, May lashed out at insulting comments by another representative.

"It is an attack on my family, and attack on my freedom," he said. "My gay tax dollars are the same as your straight tax dollars. If you are not going to treat me fairly, stop taking my tax dollars."

(Note to any Army investigator reading this: That's FIVE.)

That outburst got the investigation against him rolling.

"What the Far Right hates more than anything else is a positive portrayal of an openly gay man (SIX)," May says. "To them, I'm the greatest evil there is. I'm not what they want other people to believe a gay person is. It frustrates them."

May has been an Eagle Scout, a member of student government, an ROTC member in college and an active duty soldier. He's now a state legislator, a reservist, a conservative, a Republican, a lightning rod.

"People are using the military to impose their social agenda on the country," he says. "They're afraid of treating gay people fairly at the risk of normalizing homosexuality. The reality is, gays are in the military, and always have been. That's not the issue. The issue is letting us live our lives honestly." (SEVEN).

'Opportunity to do good'

It isn't always easy. May lives in a state where legislators of his own party have said homosexuality is "undermining the natural family" and even compared it to "bestiality, human sacrifice and cannibalism."

"There are days when I wonder what I've gotten myself into," he says. "But I've always felt compelled to contribute. I feel I have an opportunity to do good."

Like pointing out the insanity of dropping qualified people from the military when recruitment is so low experts believe we may have to reinstitute the draft. Or wasting time and resources investigating a 27-year-old reservist who performs his duties with integrity and wishes only to continue.

"I believe attitudes are changing," May says. "There's too much work to be done to worry about something as stupid as sexual orientation. I believe most people agree with that -- except those who think I'm evil simply because I'm homosexual." (EIGHT).

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TO: Richard Socarides@EOP (Richard Socarides@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Remember, the next legislature redraws the legislative lines for reapportionment! Hang tight.

Garry

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Governor Takes a Familiar Course
Finding the political center has worked for President Clinton

Marc Sandalow Sunday, September 26, 1999

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LIBERALS UPSET at Gov. Gray Davis' plodding moderation might remember what happened to President Clinton and the once-Democratic Congress. If recent history is any guide, the governor may be saving the left from itself.

Though every Californian knows that trends usually begin in the West, Washington experienced a political turnabout several years ago similar to what is now going on in Sacramento. It was 1993 -- when the 49ers were still dominant and Monica Lewinsky was just a high school student -- that Democrats took full control of Washington. After 12 years of Reagan and Bush, Democrats suddenly were in charge of the White House and both houses of Congress.

Clinton was the first to flex his liberal muscles. Within days of his inauguration, Clinton sought to overturn the ban on gays in the military. He thrilled environmentalists with an energy tax proposal. And before his first year in office was through, he tried to restructure one-seventh of the nation's economy with a health-care plan so dense that opponents compared its organizational charts to the New York City subway system. The rejection

was unambiguous. Under heavy public fire, Clinton retreated from his position on gays in the military. The energy tax was easily defused. And after nearly a year of lobbying, the health care plan was killed. Had Clinton faced voters in 1994, he would have been clobbered, and phrases such as "triangularization," and "sexual relations" would never have become a part of our political lexicon. But the only place for voters to express their scorn was in the congressional elections. Democrats suffered their worst drubbing in nearly a century, and for the first time in more than 40 years, Republicans controlled both the House and the Senate.

The scenario got worse for liberals. The Republican victory unleashed the conservative in President Clinton. Whether he was following the polls or merely freed from the chains of a liberal legislative body, Clinton suddenly began to accept, embrace, and even advocate a long list of traditional GOP measures. Tax cuts, balanced budgets, cuts in social spending, welfare reform, increases in military spending -- even curfews and school uniforms for teenagers -- became the core of the Clinton agenda. And there was nothing the left could do. Longtime liberal stalwarts -- including Ron Dellums, George Miller, Nancy Pelosi -- uttered hardly a peep in protest. Had President Reagan proposed the welfare law Clinton signed into law, or advocated the size of cuts in spending programs, there might have been riots in the streets of San Francisco.

Observed San Francisco Assemblywoman Carole Migden just before the 1996 Democratic convention, which she attended as a Clinton delegate: "The left has been silenced. (The election) turned everybody into a pragmatist."

Flash to Sacramento. Davis has had far more success in getting laws passed by a Democratic Legislature than Clinton did during the first years of his term.

The success is due in part to the state's term limits. When Clinton took office in 1993, he faced a Democratic Congress filled with longtime veterans.

Davis faced a novice Legislature led by relative newcomers, many of whom where not in politics when he began his own career.

And unlike Clinton, Davis has refused to stray from his centrist roots. Nearly every Democratic cause -- from HMO reform to domestic partners and needle exchange legislation -- has been tempered by the cautious governor. The result is modest steps, however steps that would have been unimaginable during the previous 16 years of Republican rule. These are compromises

which
may help the centrist governor -- who is not on the ballot for another
three
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next
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pursuit
of legislation is no vice.