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Press Guidance
Friday, August 13, 1999

Domestic/Economic

1. Clinton Defense Fund
2. Don't Ask, Don't Tell

3. Drought
4. Education
5. Guns
6. Hate Crime - and see Reno statement in hard copy
7. L.A. Shooting - and see Justice Q&A in hard copy
8. Mental Health
9. Pardons - in hard copy
10. Prison Population - in hard copy
11. School Safety
12. Tax Cuts
13. Tornado - latest FEMA report in hard copy

Foreign

Attached.

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Press Guidance
Wednesday, August 25, 1999

Domestic/Economic

1. Education - Creationism
2. Guns
3. Interest Rates - see yesterday's Summers statement
4. Puerto Rico
5. Sequestration - for after 11 a.m. Lew briefing
6. Tax Cuts - see hard copy of POTUS letters to Hill
7. Tobacco
8. Vouchers

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Subject: RESEND: Event Checklist: 1999 National Medal of the Arts
and National Humanities Medal

Press Office Contact:
Sarah Gegenheimer, 65770

Event: 1999 National Medal of the Arts and National
Humanities Medal Awards Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Time: 12:15 pm

Date for Announcing/Advisory: In week next week's week ahead;
Advisory week of event.

[NOTE: NEA and NEH have put out releases
announcing this year's winners. The releases and bios appear at
the end of this checklist.]

Press: OPEN PRESS

Site: South Lawn [NOTE: There will not be a tent on the South
Lawn for the event. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be
held at the DAR Constitution Hall. The weather call will be made the day
before.]

Program: Program Announces from the
Diplomatic Reception Room:

Announce #1: Chairman of the President's Committee on Arts and
Humanities and Director of the Institute of Museum & Library Services are
announced to their seats.

Announce #2: Chairman of the NEA and Chairman of the NEH are
announced to their seats.

Announce #3: Awardees are announced in alphabetical order to the
stage and are escorted by Social Aides. (Arts, then Humanities)

Announce #4: THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY are announced to the
stage.

THE FIRST LADY makes brief welcoming remarks and
introduces performers.

PERFORMANCE: Mick Moloney accompanied by a
7-piece Irish Band & 2-Step Dancers

THE FIRST LADY returns to the podium to thank the

performers, makes substantive remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks about each awardee and presents their medals individually.

PRESENTATIONS: Recipient stands between THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY. Military Aide presents medal to THE PRESIDENT, who places medal around recipient's neck. After each presentation, THE PRESIDENT, THE FIRST LADY and the recipient pause for a photo, then the recipient returns to seat.

THE PRESIDENT makes concluding remarks.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY depart to a processional.

Order of Speakers: First Lady, Performance, First Lady, President Clinton, Presentations, President Clinton

Audience: Friends and family members of the awardees, members of the NEA/NEH and the President's Council on the Arts and Humanities, National Award for Museum Service recipients (25), Members of Congress TBD, state and local government officials TBD.

Cabinet: TBD

Congressional: TBD

Message: The President will highlight the significant contributions of this year's awardees to the arts and humanities.

Speechwriter: TBD

Press Plan

National Media: OPEN PRESS for event

Regional Media: Pitch interviews with award winners to their hometown media outlets

TV: TBD

Internet: TBD

Radio: Pitch interviews with award winners to their hometown media outlets

Specialty: Pitch interviews with award winners to specialty media outlets

NOTE: Interviews with awardees will occur on the South Lawn following the event. The NEA and NEH are asking awardees if they are willing to do interviews and if they have any special parameters.

Briefing In Addition to JL Briefing NONE

Stakeout NONE

Press Paper Will just have a cover sheet. Note NEA and NEH
releases below.

Event Participant List

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Event Guest List

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THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY AND THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
HONOR AMERICA,S DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS

Washington, D.C.) President William Clinton today announced the distinguished recipients of the 1999 National Medal of Arts. The President and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will present the Medal to eight artists, an arts administrator, an arts patron, and a performing arts school during ceremonies on the South Lawn of the White House at 11:00 a.m. on September 29, 1999.

The Medal of Arts, established by Congress in 1984, honors individuals and organizations &who in the President,s judgement are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States.⁸ Each year, the National Endowment for the Arts seeks nominations from individuals and organizations across the country. The National Council on the Arts, the Endowment,s Presidentially appointed advisory body, recommends a group to the President, who selects the final recipients. Artist Robert Graham designed the Medal they receive. National Humanities Medals will be awarded during the same ceremony.

Bill Ivey, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, stated, &The outstanding individuals and organizations we honor with the National Medal of Arts exemplify both the creativity and rich diversity of America,s cultural heritage. The extraordinary contributions they have made to the fields of music, design, theater, visual arts, film and dance have invigorated and strengthened the cultural landscape of our nation.⁸

1999 National Medal of Arts Recipients:

Irene Diamond, Arts Patron
Aretha Franklin, Singer
Michael Graves, Architect, Designer
Odetta, Singer, Music Historian
The Juilliard School, Performing Arts School
Norman Lear, Producer, Writer, Director, Advocate
Rosetta LeNoire, Actress, Producer
Harvey Lichtenstein, Arts Administrator
Lydia Mendoza, Singer
George Segal, Sculptor
Maria Tallchief, Ballerina

- Bios available upon request -

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1999 Medal of Arts Award Winner Biographies:

- Irene Diamond.doc
- Odetta.doc
- Aretha Franklin.doc
- George Segal.doc
- Harvey Lichtenstein.doc
- Lydia Mendoza.doc
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NEH RELEASE

- 1999 Humanities Medalists.doc

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PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON TO AWARD
NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDALS AT WHITE HOUSE SEPT. 29

Recipients are Battin, Branch, Hall, Keillor, Lehrer, Rawls, Spielberg and Wilson

WASHINGTON) President William J. Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will award the 1999 National Humanities Medal to eight distinguished Americans at a special ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. A White House dinner in honor of the recipients will be held that evening.

&The 1999 National Humanities Medalists are distinguished individuals who

have set the highest standards for American cultural achievement," said William R. Ferris, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which sponsors the award. "They are gifted people with extraordinary powers of creativity and vision, and their work in preserving, interpreting and expanding the nation's cultural heritage represents an incalculable public service. I am delighted to announce this year's recipients."

The 1999 National Humanities Medal recipients are:

Patricia M. Battin (Washington, D.C.)
librarian who has organized and led a national campaign to save millions of disintegrating books published between 1850 and 1950; galvanized congressional support for a national program to microfilm these brittle books, thereby preserving their content as a significant part of the record of American civilization.

Taylor Branch (Baltimore, Md.)
Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and journalist whose books have earned him the reputation as a national authority on Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall (Chapel Hill, N.C.)
one of the nation's preeminent scholars of the New South; founder and director of the Southern Oral History Project at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, which is shaping scholarship, education and public programs about the contemporary South.

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Garrison Keillor (St. Paul, Minn.)
creator, writer and host of Minnesota Public Radio's weekly variety program, A Prairie Home Companion; host of The Writer's Almanac, a five-minute radio program about literature broadcast daily on stations throughout the nation; author of several bestselling books.

Jim Lehrer (Washington, D.C.)
journalist; editor and anchor of The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, public television's award-winning nightly news program; author of novels, plays and memoirs.

John Rawls (Lexington, Mass.)
one of the 20th century's most influential political philosophers, widely read among political scientists, economists and legal theorists for his views on justice, basic rights and equal opportunity; author of A Theory of Justice (1971) and Political Liberalism (1993).

Steven Spielberg (Los Angeles, Calif.)
acclaimed filmmaker who has brought history and literature to life for

millions of Americans; producer and/or director of Academy Award-winning films Saving Private Ryan (1998), Amistad (1997) and Schindler's List (1993).

August Wilson (Seattle, Wash.)
two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (The Piano, 1990, and Fences, 1987) whose plays present an epic story of the black experience in America over the course of a century; influential promoter of the advancement and preservation of black theater and performing arts.

The National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened citizens' engagement with the humanities or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. The humanities carry the voices of one generation to the next through history, literature, philosophy, religion, languages, archaeology and related subjects that make up the record of human civilization.

Recipients of the National Humanities Medal are selected by the President of the United States. Annually the National Endowment for the Humanities assists in the selection process by soliciting nominations for the medal from the humanities community. These nominations are first reviewed by the National Council on the Humanities, NEH's presidentially appointed board of advisors. The NEH chairman then selects a list of the most highly qualified candidates, whose names are then forwarded to the White House for final consideration by the President.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1965, is the largest funder of humanities programs in the United States. NEH awards grants that create and preserve knowledge, enrich classroom learning, expand humanities content on the Internet, and bring ideas to life through public television and radio, museum exhibitions, and programs in libraries and other community places.

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1999 NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDALISTS

Patricia M. Battin
Washington, D.C.

Patricia Battin is a librarian who has done exemplary public service by

organizing and leading a national campaign to save millions of brittle books in America's libraries and archives. As the first president of the Commission on Preservation and Access, established in 1986 by the Council on Library Resources, she vigorously publicized the magnitude of the brittle-books problem facing American libraries: the millions of books produced from the mid-19th century through the mid-20th century that are deteriorating relentlessly because of the high acidic content of the paper on which they are printed. She played a vital role in building awareness among American research libraries, scholars, political leaders and private foundations about the need for a national program of preservation microfilming. Her congressional testimony in 1988 led Congress to request that the National Endowment for the Humanities develop a long-term plan for microfilming the nation's brittle books, a plan launched in 1989 that has since resulted in the microfilming of 770,000 embrittled volumes. She was instrumental in the formation of a European Commission on Preservation and Access, which addresses the problems of decaying books in European libraries. Battin is also an authoritative voice on how learning patterns are changing as a result of computer access to information. As coeditor of a recent book about the impact of information technology on education (*The Mirage of Continuity: Reconfiguring Academic Information Resources for the 21st Century*, 1998), she argues that customized teaching and learning via the computer represent a new learning paradigm that will change the nature of universities in the digital age.

Taylor Branch
Baltimore, Md.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and journalist Taylor Branch is a national authority on the civil rights movement. He has completed two volumes of an epic historical trilogy about race relations in postwar America: *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963* (1988) and *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-1965* (1998). *Parting the Waters*, which has been called "a tour de force of research and synthesis," won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize in history and the 1988 National Book Critics Award for general nonfiction. More than a multivolume biography of Martin Luther King Jr., Branch's books weave together the lives and the words of a host of figures, famous and obscure, to provide a comprehensive, compelling account of the civil rights era. Branch's articles have been published in the *Washington Monthly*, *Harper's*, *Esquire* and *The New Republic*. His book, *Labyrinth* (1982), was an account of the assassination in Washington of Chilean ambassador Orlando Letelier.

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Jacquelyn Dowd Hall
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall is one of the nation's preeminent scholars of the New South. A professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she has compiled a distinguished record of scholarship and teaching, leadership in the history profession and public outreach. As

director of the Southern Oral History Project at UNC-Chapel Hill, she has coordinated the gathering of a large collection of primary source materials on all aspects of the New South. This archive is a major influence in contemporary southern studies, attracting many graduate students to the field. Under her leadership, the project has offered over 100 public presentations, workshops and performances at community centers, parks, libraries, schools, correctional facilities and local voluntary organizations across the South. Her work is an innovative blend of southern history, women's history, labor history and oral history that has earned her a national reputation for scholarly creativity and excellence; numerous honors from foundations, research centers and prize committees; and professional leadership positions. Her coauthored book *Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World* (1987) received prestigious awards from the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians, and her *Revolt Against Chivalry: Jessie Daniel Ames and the Women's Campaign Against Lynching* (1979) won honors from the Southern Historical Association, the Southern Regional Council and Columbia University. Her scholarly articles have won awards and been anthologized. She is the Julia Cherry Spruill Professor of History at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Garrison Keillor
St. Paul, Minn.

Garrison Keillor is a writer, humorist and radio broadcaster. He is the creator, writer and host of Minnesota Public Radio's weekly variety program, *A Prairie Home Companion*, which is heard by 2.7 million listeners on more than 470 public radio stations nationwide. Keillor also hosts *The Writer's Almanac*, a five-minute radio program broadcast daily on many radio stations around the country. He is a frequent contributor to *Time*, and he is the author of several best-selling books, including *Happy to be Here* (1982), *Lake Wobegon Days* (1985), *Leaving Home* (1987), *The Book of Guys* (1993), and *Wobegon Boy* (1997). Among his many awards are a Grammy, two ACE Awards for his work on cable TV and a George Foster Peabody Award. In 1994, Keillor was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago.

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Jim Lehrer
Washington, D.C.

Journalist Jim Lehrer is editor and on-air host of public television's award-winning nightly news program, *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. Since 1975, this program and its predecessors, *MacNeil/Lehrer Report* and *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, have been critically acclaimed for their in-depth

coverage and analysis of major news events and issues. The programs have garnered many awards and honors for excellence in broadcast journalism, including several Emmys, the George Polk Award, the Columbia-Dupont Award and the George Foster Peabody Award. Lehrer and Robert MacNeil also joined forces to produce other public affairs programs for television such as *My Heart, Your Heart*, a one-hour special on heart disease, and *The Heart of the Dragon*, a 12-part series that explored contemporary and ancient China. Prior to becoming a broadcast journalist, Lehrer worked for many years as a newspaper reporter, columnist and editor in Dallas, Texas. In addition to journalism, he has written novels, plays and memoirs. His two volumes of memoirs, *We Were Dreamers* and *A Bus of My Own*, which chronicle his boyhood and family experiences in postwar Kansas and his early professional career as a newspaperman and television broadcaster, have been well-received by reviewers. A number of his novels are lighthearted mysteries featuring "The One-Eyed Mack," a protagonist who encounters quirky characters and humorous situations across the American South.

John Rawls
Lexington, Mass.

John Rawls is one of the most influential political philosophers of the 20th century. A professor emeritus of philosophy at Harvard University, he argues that justice is the first standard by which government should be judged. His two books, *A Theory of Justice* (1971) and *Political Liberalism* (1993), and his many articles stimulated a national revival of attention to moral philosophy, which had received less attention than logic and linguistic analysis in the analytic philosophy of the midcentury. In *A Theory of Justice*, Rawls applies the methods of philosophy to important political and economic issues, including basic rights and equal opportunity. In *Political Liberalism*, Rawls revised and extended his theory to accommodate the constraint that no one should be coerced in the name of another's conception of the good. His books have the distinction of being widely read and discussed not only by philosophers but also by political scientists, economists and legal theorists. Rawls's influence as a teacher is similarly profound. He trained many members of the generation who are now the most distinguished practitioners of moral and political philosophy, and through his mentorship he has helped many women into the ranks of a male-dominated field. Rawls is James Bryant Conant University Professor Emeritus at Harvard.

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Steven Spielberg
Los Angeles, Calif.

Acclaimed filmmaker Steven Spielberg has brought history and literature powerfully to life for millions of Americans. The excellence of his work in historical and literary dramatization is evident in Saving Private Ryan (1998, five Academy Awards), which presents the Normandy invasion from the infantryman's perspective; Amistad (1997), about an 1839 mutiny aboard a Spanish slave ship and the ensuing U.S. court case; Schindler's List (1993, seven Academy Awards), about an unlikely hero's efforts to rescue Jews from the Nazi death camps; and The Color Purple (with coproducer Quincy Jones, 1985), a critically acclaimed screen adaptation of the Alice Walker novel. Spielberg's other film credits include Jurassic Park (1993), Empire of the Sun (1987), E.T. (1982), Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981), Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977) and Jaws (1975). In 1994, Spielberg established the grant-making Righteous Persons Foundation with his profits from the film Schindler's List. He also founded the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to videotaping and archiving interviews of Holocaust survivors all over the world. Spielberg is also chairman of the Starbright Foundation, which combines the efforts of pediatric health care, technology and entertainment to empower seriously ill children. The most recent of Spielberg's many awards are the Smithsonian Institution's 1999 James Smithson Bicentennial Medal and the U.S. Department of Defense's 1999 Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

August Wilson
Seattle, Wash.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson is a major voice in the American theatre. His main body of work-- The Piano Lesson (1990 Pulitzer Prize for drama), Fences (1987 Pulitzer Prize for drama), Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Two Trains Running, Seven Guitars, King Hedley II and Jitney--tells an epic story of the black experience in America. With each play set in a different decade, the 10-play projected cycle will chronicle a century of African American history. In addition to the Pulitzer Prizes, Wilson has received one Tony and six New York Drama Critics awards. In 1995, Wilson adapted The Piano Lesson for a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" television production, which also won positive critical attention. He has been inducted into both the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is chairman of the board for the African Grove Institute for the Arts, which supports artistic excellence and promotes the advancement and preservation of black theater and black performing arts.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE:
A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET THAT PUTS FIRST THINGS FIRST
September 23, 1999

President Clinton and Vice President Gore Have Proposed a Fiscally Responsible Budget Plan that Eliminates the Debt, Strengthens Social Security and Medicare, and Maintains Key Priorities like Education. Under the President's proposal:

- ? The debt held by the public would be repaid by 2015, resulting in lower interest rates and higher incomes.
- ? Medicare solvency would be secured for at least a quarter century and Medicare would be reformed to make it more efficient and competitive, and its benefits modernized with a new prescription drug benefit.
- ? The Social Security surplus would be dedicated to paying down the debt and solvency would be extended.
- ? The budget framework would invest in key priorities like education, environment, public safety, and national security, while keeping overall spending at tight but realistic levels.
- ? A fair and responsible tax cut would provide tax relief for middle-class Americans while helping them save for retirement.

The President's Balanced and Responsible Budget Will Help Keep the Economy Strong, Building on the Progress That He Has Made in Bringing America's Fiscal House Back in Order. The debt held by the public is now \$1.7 trillion lower than it was projected to be when the President came into office. This achievement has kept interest rates down and confidence and investment up, contributing to the strongest American economy in generations.

- ú By comparison, debt quadrupled in the previous 12 years. Under the Reagan and Bush Administrations, the debt held by the public quadrupled, increasing from 26 percent of GDP in 1981 to 50 percent in 1993.
- ú The surplus this year is the largest on record. In 1992 the deficit was \$290 billion and projected to grow to more than \$400 billion this year. As a result of the decisive action the President took in 1993 and 1997, the budget surplus for this year is expected to be \$99 billion, or 1.1 percent of GDP. This would be the largest dollar surplus on record, and the largest relative to GDP since 1951.
- ú The largest pay-down of debt in history. The Treasury Department recently announced that we will pay down \$87 billion of debt held by the public this fiscal year. That is the largest pay-down of debt on record. In the last two years, we will have paid down \$142 billion of debt held by the public.
- ú Investment has boomed. The benefits of fiscal discipline for our economy have been enormous. Interest rates are lower than they would have been otherwise, helping to fuel a 12.4 percent annual increase in producers durable equipment investment since 1993 - compared to 3.1 percent annual growth from 1981-92.
- ú Unemployment is the lowest in a generation. The unemployment rate has fallen to 4.2 percent (the lowest level in 29 years) and the Nation has created more than 19 million jobs since January 1993.

President Clinton Has a Plan to Pay Down the National Debt by 2015. The President has proposed that we move Social Security surpluses entirely off-budget, reserving them to pay down the national debt and use the interest savings from debt reduction to extend the solvency of Social

Security. Paying down the debt would be highly beneficial:

- Interest payments would be eliminated. Under the President's budget, we can pay down the debt held by the public by 2015. As a result, interest payments, once projected to eat up 28 percent of all federal spending in 2015, would also be eliminated.

- Prepare for the retiring baby boomers. Paying off the debt will free up funds for investment, help keep interest rates low, and boost workers' productivity and incomes. This fiscal discipline is the best way to prepare the government, and the Nation, to meet the challenge of the retiring baby boomers.

Strengthening and Modernizing Medicare, While Paying Down the Debt to Prepare for Our Future Obligations. On June 29, the President introduced a plan to strengthen and modernize the Medicare program and prepare it for the health, demographic, and financing challenges it faces in the 21st Century.

- Making Medicare more efficient and competitive. The President's plan will save an estimated \$72 billion over 10 years by introducing greater competition between private health plans and traditional Medicare and adopting successful private sector tools for managing Medicare. It also invests \$7.5 billion to restore some of the provider payment reductions from the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

- Securing Medicare solvency for a quarter century. As part of this comprehensive reform package, the President's plan dedicates \$328 billion of the non-Social Security surplus over 10 years to shore up Medicare's Hospital Insurance trust fund. These resources will be used to pay down additional debt held by the public and, together with the other reforms, this will extend solvency for at least a quarter century.

- Modernizing benefits. The President has proposed to modernize Medicare to provide an optional prescription drug benefit for all beneficiaries. About 75 percent of Medicare beneficiaries lack adequate, dependable, affordable private-sector coverage of prescription drugs.

President Clinton Has a Fiscally Responsible Plan to Extend the Solvency of Social Security.

- Keeping Social Security surpluses for Social Security. The President proposes to lock away all of the Social Security surplus, a step that would pay down debt and prepare the government, and the Nation, for the retirement of the baby boomers.

- Social Security solvency and debt reduction transfers. After a decade of debt reduction, the President's plan dedicates the interest savings resulting from this debt reduction to the Social Security Trust Fund. These fiscally prudent steps will pay down the government debt, reduce interest payments in the future, and provide resources to extend the solvency of Social Security by a half century.

- Working together to extend solvency for 75 years. In addition to using the savings from debt reduction for Social Security, the President has called for a bipartisan effort to make the reforms necessary to extend solvency to 2075 while dealing with poverty of older women and eliminating the retirement earnings test.

Maintaining Our Domestic Priorities, Including National Defense, Education, Law Enforcement, Public Health, the Environment, and Veterans Programs.

- ú Funding for priorities. As part of a balanced and responsible framework with Social Security and Medicare reform, the President's budget allocates an additional \$328 billion over the next ten years for discretionary spending beyond the levels provided in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.

- ú Spending is kept below inflation. These spending plans are tight but realistic, keeping overall discretionary spending growth slightly below inflation, and domestic discretionary spending in 2009 roughly 10 percent below its current level adjusted for inflation.

The President Is Committed to Fair and Substantial Tax Cuts for Middle-Income Americans.

- ú The President proposes \$250 billion of tax cuts targeted to the middle class. The President has proposed Universal Savings Accounts (USAs) which would provide a tax credit to help middle-income families save for retirement. The President's budget provides targeted tax relief to help families meet child care needs and provide long-term care for ill relatives, to help communities build modern schools, and to encourage investment in areas of our country which have not fully participated in our expansion.

WHY THE PRESIDENT WILL VETO THE REPUBLICAN TAX BILL
September 23, 1999

The President Has Said That He Will Veto the Republican Tax Cut Because:

- ? It would likely drain hundreds of billions of dollars from the Social Security surplus, money that should have been used for debt reduction.

- ? It puts at risk our fiscal discipline and the continuing economic expansion.

- ? It would explode in cost, threatening our fiscal discipline and leaving America permanently in debt.

- ? It would leave no money to extend Medicare solvency or provide for prescription drugs.

- ? It would lead to an untenable reduction in domestic spending, with potentially huge cuts in education, law enforcement, public health, the environment, and veterans programs.

- ? It would be unfair to working Americans.

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE

the Republican Tax Bill Would Likely Drain Hundreds of Billions of Dollars From the Social Security Surplus, Diverting Money From Debt Reduction While Not Extending The Solvency of Social Security By a Single Day.

- ú Uses the entire non-Social Security surplus. The Republican tax cut, without sunsets, would cost more than \$850 billion over 10 years; with interest added it would use up the entire \$996 billion non-Social Security surplus projected by the Congressional Budget Office.

ú Uses Social Security surpluses after 2004. The Republican tax cut uses more than the entire on-budget surplus after 2004, forcing the Republicans to choose between using Social Security revenues to pay for their tax cut or making even larger cuts in education and other parts of core government.

ú Predictable consequence of the tax and budget plan is to drain hundreds of billions of dollars from the Social Security surplus. The Republican budget resolution plans to cut defense and domestic discretionary spending by nearly \$700 billion relative to the President's plan. Spending cuts of this magnitude would require a nearly 50 percent cut in non-defense discretionary spending in 2009. If these untenable cuts were not made, the consequence of the tax and budget plan would be to divert hundreds of billions of dollars of the Social Security surplus from promised debt reduction.

ú The Republican plan would not extend Social Security solvency. The Republican plan does not extend solvency past 2034. Worse still, by diverting money from debt reduction it will make it even more difficult for the Nation to meet our obligations to future retirees.

The Republican Tax Cut, Assuming It Was Continued, Would Explode After 10 Years, Just When Social Security Begins To Come Under Strain and Medicare Approaches its Projected Insolvency (2015). The tax cut, together with funding for essential national defense, would leave America permanently in debt.

ú Sunsets hide potential cost. To keep to a \$792 billion tax cut, the Republicans sunset many of the major provisions after 2008; the result is that taxes increase by more than \$60 billion in 2009 relative to their 2008 level. Reversing this implausible provision would bring the total cost to more than \$850 billion.

ú Cost would explode to \$2.7 trillion in second decade. Projections by the Department of the Treasury indicate that the tax cut would cost \$2.7 trillion between 2010 and 2019. The extra debt service associated with the tax would be another \$1.4 trillion) bringing the total cost of the tax cut over the second 10 years to about \$4 trillion.

ú Cost, with interest, is \$5 trillion over 20 years. If continued, the tax cut and the associated interest would cost \$5 trillion over 20 years.

ú Does not pay down the debt. The President's plan invests in key priorities and pays off the debt by 2015. If the Republican tax cut were continued, and defense was funded at the levels requested by the President, the debt would never be repaid.

the Republican Tax Bill Would Threaten Our Fiscal Discipline and Risk Our Economic Expansion.

ú Paying down the debt is best for the economy. Leading experts, from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to Wall Street's Henry Kaufman, have recognized that paying down the debt, not large tax cuts or spending increases, would be best for our economy.

ú President's plan would pay down more debt. The predictable consequence of the Republican tax and budget plan, because it ignores Medicare and requires 50 percent cuts in domestic spending, would be to contribute less to debt reduction than would the President's plan, resulting in less investment in the technologies and equipment that make America's workers

the most productive) and the highest paid) in the world.

ú Republican plan threatens our fiscal discipline. The commitment to a large and exploding tax cut based merely on projected surpluses threatens our commitment to fiscal discipline and risks raising interest rates.

NOTHING FOR MEDICARE

The Republican Plan Leaves Nothing for Medicare, Which Is Projected To Become Insolvent In 2015.

ú Tax cut uses all non-Social Security surpluses. The Republican tax cut spends the entire non-Social Security surplus, leaving nothing for Medicare solvency.

ú Substantial solvency for Medicare will require additional resources. Medicare experts agree that additional resources are needed to extend Medicare solvency substantially without risky cuts or higher payroll taxes.

ú No surplus to modify 1997 reforms. Many Republican Members of Congress have supported increasing Medicare spending by repealing some Balanced Budget Act of 1997 provisions. If none of the surplus is saved for Medicare, even larger cuts in hospitals and nursing homes would be required to extend solvency.

LARGE CUTS IN MEDICARE AND CORE GOVERNMENT

As Written, GOP Tax Bill Would Also Trigger Automatic Across-The-Board Cuts That Would Cut Medicare & Entirely Eliminate Key Programs.

ú Triggers mandatory cuts. The Republican tax cut, as written, would trigger across-the-board spending cuts in mandatory programs (known as sequestration) under the Budget Enforcement Act ,s pay-as-you-go rules.

ú Cuts Medicare. These cuts would eliminate \$41.4 billion from Medicare over the next 5 years (2000-2004), according to an Office of Management and Budget analysis.

ú Eliminates key programs. These cuts would automatically eliminate several key programs, including farm safety net programs (cut by \$19.2 billion), veterans education and training (cut by \$2.0 billion), child support enforcement (cut by \$10.3 billion), and Social Service Block Grants that pay for child protection, child care, and the needs of the elderly and disabled (\$4.4 billion).

ú Even these cuts would not pay for the tax cut. Even the reduction or elimination of these programs would offset only a small fraction of the Republican tax cut; the remainder would force choices between large and untenable cuts in core government or diverting Social Security funds from promised debt reduction.

The Republican Tax Cut Is Based On Untenable Reductions in Domestic Priorities, Including Education, Law Enforcement, Public Health, the Environment, and Veterans Programs.

ú President ,s spending is tight but realistic. The President ,s budget devotes \$328 billion to discretionary spending, which still keeps spending slightly below its current level adjusted for inflation. Domestic discretionary spending will be kept roughly 10 percent below its current

level adjusted for inflation by 2009.

ú 50 percent cuts under Republican plan. The Republican tax and budget plan, if they match the President's defense request, would lead to a nearly 50 percent cut in all domestic discretionary spending in 2009. This could require massive cuts in everything from education, to the environment, to public safety.

ú Predictable consequence is less debt reduction. If these highly damaging cuts are not made, the Republican tax and budget plan would divert hundreds of billions of dollars from promised debt reduction.

UNFAIR TO WORKING AMERICANS

The Large Republican Plan Delivers Only a Fraction of Its Benefits to the Middle Class; Even These Benefits Could Be More than Wiped Out by the Higher Interest Rates That Could Result from this Fiscally Irresponsible Policy.

ú Little tax relief for the middle class. Under the Republican tax plan, 24 percent of the tax cuts go to the top 1 percent of families, those earning over \$347,000 per year. At the same time, less than 22 percent of the benefits go to the roughly 90 million families — 80 percent of all families — earning less than \$82,000 per year.

ú Higher mortgage payments could reverse tax break. Under the Republican plan, middle-income families will see an average tax reduction of about \$350. If mortgage rates rose even « percentage point, this tax break would be fully offset by higher mortgage payments for a typical middle-income family with a \$100,000 mortgage.

ú Estate tax elimination provides large benefits to a few, just years before Medicare is projected to become insolvent. Eliminating all estate tax revenues for 2009 would cost almost \$36 billion, which would provide an average benefit of over \$700,000 to the roughly 50,000 estates — less than 2 percent of all deaths — subject to taxes. At the same time, if no steps are taken, the Medicare trust fund will start to be depleted and will become insolvent in 2015.

THE PREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE REPUBLICAN TAX CUT WOULD BE TO DIVERT HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX AND DEBT REDUCTION

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The Republican Tax Cut, With Interest, Would Break the Social Security & Lockbox 8 After 2004 as shown in the table below.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Non-Social Security Surplus (CBO)	92	129	146	157	178
Republican Tax Cut*	85	117	140	168	188
Additional Interest From Tax Cut	11	16	24	33	44
Social Security Surplus Diverted From Debt Reduction	-4	-4	-18	-44	-54

*Assumes that the full tax cut is continued after 2008.

To Avoid Using Social Security Surpluses, the Republican Tax and Budget Plan Is Forced To Cut All Domestic Discretionary Spending by Nearly Half in 2009 (assuming that defense is funded at the President's level). This

could require cuts of nearly 50 percent in everything from air traffic safety to education to healthcare to veterans programs.

ú The Republican budget resolution sets aside \$606 billion for all discretionary spending in 2009. If the Republicans fund defense at the levels requested by the President (\$384 billion in 2009), they would be able to devote only \$222 billion to all domestic spending, including education, healthcare, and veterans programs, in 2009. This is substantially below the roughly \$304 billion spent on non-defense discretionary spending in 1999. This represents a nearly 50 percent cut relative to 1999 levels adjusted for inflation.

If These Unfeasible and Undesirable Cuts Are Not Made, then the Republican Tax Cut Would Spend Hundreds of Billions of Dollars from the Social Security Surplus. Under highly conservative assumptions, even with large discretionary spending cuts, the fully phased in Republican tax cut would divert Social Security surpluses from debt reduction, leaving the debt hundreds of billions of dollars higher than the President's plan.

The Republican Tax Cut, If Continued, Would Leave America Permanently In Debt. It is unrealistic to assume that the Republican tax cut will be reversed. If the tax cuts were continued:

ú The cost of the tax bill would explode just when the baby boomers begin to retire, Medicare becomes insolvent (2015), and Social Security payroll revenues begin to fall short of benefits.

ú The cost between 2010 and 2019 would be \$2.7 trillion, according to projections by the Treasury Department. The total cost, including lost interest savings, would be over \$4 trillion.

ú The total cost over the 20 years between 2000 and 2019, including interest, would be about \$5 trillion.

ú The debt held by the public would not be eliminated (assuming defense is funded at the level requested by the President).

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Thursday, September 23, 1999

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5. HMO ,s
6. Judges
7. Steel Trade
8. Tobacco
9. Trade Deficit/Dollar
10. Y2K

Foreign

1. Russia/Clinton-Shevardnadze Meeting
2. Russia/Clinton-Ivanov Meeting (new)
3. Russia/Sanctions and Y2K (new)

4. Russia
5. FRY Demonstrations
6. Taiwan Earthquake (updated)
7. East Timor
8. Clinton-Arafat Meeting (new)
9. Jordan/Hamas Arrests (new)
10. Nigeria (new)
11. Money Laundering Laws

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Subject: Event Memo: Adoption Event

TO: Joe Lockhart
FROM: Dagoberto Vega
RE: Adoption Event
DATE: September 24, 1999

Today, at 9:35 a.m. at Presidential Hall, the President and First Lady will announce bonus awards of \$20 million to 35 states that have increased the number of children adopted from the public foster care system.

The President also will announce \$5.5 million in grants to innovative programs that remove barriers to adoption, and he unveiled a national progress report on adoption that documents the success of the Administration's strategy.

The First Lady will open the program. The "real person," Dawn Keane of Hersey, PA, will follow her presentation. Sean, Brian, and Sarah Keane will then introduce the President in unison. The President will conclude the program with his remarks.

Dawn and Steven Keane finalized their adoption of siblings Sarah, age 8, and Brian, age 11, in May 1999. They located Sarah and Brian through an Internet site sponsored by the National Adoption Center in Philadelphia. They have one biological son, Sean.

President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be joined on stage by the Kean, Manis, and Brown families. The audience will consist of members of Congress, state officials, adoption advocates, and adoptive families.

The following members of Congress are expected to attend the event: Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH), Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI), Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Rep. Sandy Levin (D-MI), and Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN).

To further amplify the event, the OEOB press team established press interviews with regional radio, print, and television outlets in states getting the bonuses. The Radio office will make sound from the event available on the actuality line. Specialty press also will mail press material to parenting and minority publications.

Attached for your references are the cover paper, press paper, state-by-state breakdown of the bonuses, briefing memo and guidance on the announcement.

FY 1998 ADOPTION INCENTIVE BONUSES

State3 Year Adoption Average
(FY 95-97)

FY 98 Adoptions

% Increase

Bonus

Arkansas	138	251	82%	\$280,320
California	3,287	3,958	20%	\$1,841,837
Colorado	417	560	34%	\$419,540
Connecticut	207	229	11%	\$41,390
Florida	987	1,549	57%	\$1,290,603
Georgia	493	672	36%	\$449,642
Hawaii	85	297	249%	\$518,311
Illinois	2,200	4,656	112%	\$6,869,733
Indiana	495	774	56%	\$842,843
Iowa	350	517	48%	\$371,566
Maine	108	112	4%	\$11,288
Maryland	342	420	23%	\$317,947
Massachusetts	1,116	1,137	2%	\$39,508
Michigan	1,905	2,254	18%	\$942,554
Minnesota	258	427	66%	\$480,684
Mississippi	114	169	48%	\$187,194
Missouri	557	616	11%	\$110,999
Montana	115	144	25%	\$54,559
New Hampshire	45	50	11%	\$9,407
New Jersey	621	755	22%	\$409,193
New Mexico	147	197	34%	\$94,067
New York	4,716	4,822	2%	\$199,423
North Dakota	47	83	77%	\$67,728
Oklahoma	338	456	35%	\$280,320
Oregon	445	665	49%	\$586,980
Pennsylvania	1,224	1,494	22%	\$592,624
South Carolina	256	465	82%	\$500,438
South Dakota	56	58	4%	\$3,763
Texas	880	1,365	55%	\$1,350,806
Utah	225	250	11%	\$47,034
Vermont	75	116	55%	\$100,652
Washington	607	759	25%	\$291,609
West Virginia	182	211	16%	\$60,203
Wisconsin	467	589	26%	\$301,015
Wyoming	15	30	100%	\$28,220

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Press Guidance
Friday, September 24, 1999

Domestic/Economic

1. Adoption
2. Appropriations
3. Class-Action Suits
4. Labor/HHS/Education - and see POTUS statement yesterday
5. Money Laundering - from Treasury, in hard copy
6. NASA
7. Oil Royalty overhaul/Oil Prices
8. Pharmaceutical Campaign

Foreign

1. Central America
2. Russia/Clinton-Shevardnadze Meeting
3. Russia/Chechnya (updated)
4. Russia/Sanctions and Y2K
5. Kosovo Independence (new)
6. FRY/Kosovo Corps and Maneuvers (new)
7. Canada/Embassy Ottawa (new)
8. North Korea/Missiles (new)
9. Iraq/P-5 (new)
10. Clinton-Arafat Meeting
11. Colombia/McCaffrey (new)
12. Nigeria
13. Defense Spending (new)

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Press Guidance
Tuesday, September 28, 1999

Announcements

1. IMF Address
2. Welfare-to-Work - Podesta announcement on Census Jobs in hard copy

Domestic/Economic

3. Appropriations
4. China) WTO
5. Education
6. Japanese markets
7. Labor/HHS/Education
8. Medicare
9. Minimum Wage v. Tax Cut
10. PBOR
11. West Nile - more from CDC in hard copy
12. Wirerod

Foreign

1. Russia/Chechnya
2. Kosovo Independence
3. Canada/Embassy Ottawa
4. North Korea/Missiles
5. Iraq/War Crimes Charges
6. Panama Canal (new)
7. Haiti (new)

8. Colombia/U.S. Assistance
9. Liberians/DED
10. Defense Spending
11. DOE Restructuring - in hard copy, from Energy

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Tentative Press Schedule #1
as of 09-28-99

THE TRIP OF
THE PRESIDENT
TO
NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

Friday, October 1)
..Sunday, October 3, 1999

~~NOT FOR PUBLICATION OR RELEASE~~

~~For planning news coverage only~~

Weather/Las Vegas: Partly cloudy; daytime high in low 90s.

Weather/Palo Alto: Partly cloudy, high 70s by day; mid 50s
in evening.

Weather/Los Angeles Partly cloudy; high 70s by day;
low 60s in evening.

PRESS PLANE DEPARTURE, ANDREWS TO LAS VEGAS

Friday, October 1

All check-in is at the PRESS ROOM of the Operations
Terminal at the Andrews AFB Flight Line:

7:15 AM Gear call, baggage call and passenger check-in
begin

7:45 AM Gear call ends

8:15 AM Baggage call ends

8:30 AM Passenger check-in ends; Plane boards

9:10 AM Press plane departs Andrews Air Force Base
en route McCarran International Airport,
Las Vegas, Nevada
[Flying time: 4 hours, 50 minutes]
[Time change: Minus 3 to PDT]

PRESS FACILITIES
LAS VEGAS

For Friday late morning,
until afternoon departure to Palo Alto

Press Advance Laura DiBiase,

Filing and all of the President's events are at:

PARIS Hotel
3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas NV 89109
Tel: 702-946-7000

White House Press Office, Filing Center
and TV transmission pool share space in

Paris hotel in the CONCORDE & C 8 BALLROOM

~~Note: The Travel Pool~~ also will file in this ballroom.

~~Facilities~~) Concorde C:

~~Phones and workspace as ordered~~

~~on sign-up.~~

~~Audio of scheduled remarks on~~
~~Mult and PA.~~

PRESS FACILITIES PALO ALTO, CA AREA

Friday evening, all day Saturday til evening
Departure to Los Angeles

Press Advance: Alyson Chadwick (lead), Anne Whitworth
Travel Office: Gulan Kalambur

Overnight on Friday Private residence
for the PRESIDENT Palo Alto, CA

Overnight Friday Crowne Plaza Cabana
for pool and all press: 4290 El Camino Plaza
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Tel: 650-857-0787

Filing Center:

White House Press Office, Filing Center and

TV Transmission Pool share space:

CROWNE PLAZA CABANA

MEDITERRANEAN BALLROOM

Section 1) Press Filing Center

Section 3) TV Pool workspace

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on sign-up; Audio on mult and PA of
all scheduled remarks.

Pool holds) Palo Alto area)

Saturday, during private schedule

A few shared phones, workspace with electric.

PRESS FACILITIES) LOS ANGELES

Saturday evening, all-day-Sunday

~~+til-late Sunday night-departure to Andrews~~

~~Press Advance: Dori Salcido (lead), Helen Langan~~

~~Travel Office: D. Foster~~

Overnight on Saturday

for the PRESIDENT Private residence, Beverly Hills, CA

Overnight Saturday Westin Century Plaza
for pool and all press 2025 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, CA 90067
Tel: 310-277-2000

Filing: On & California Level 8 of
WESTIN CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL
WH Press Office/WH Filing: TBA ROOM
TV Pool Workspace: BEL AIR ROOM

Facilities: Phones and workspace as ordered on sign-up;
Audio on mult and PA of all scheduled remarks.

Pool filing with a few shared phones and workspace with electric:

On Saturday night:

At 2ND event (approx 9 PM PDT/12 midnight EDT)

On Sunday at sites where pool will be at these hours:

Approx 12:30-2:15 PM PDT [3:30-5:15 PM EDT]

Approx 2:30-6:00 PM PDT [5:30-9:00 PM EDT]

THE WHITE HOUSE/
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
Friday, October 1

9:50 AM EDT THE PRESIDENT boards Marine One and
departs the White House en route
Andrews Air Force Base
OPEN PRESS

10:00 AM EDT MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base
and the PRESIDENT boards Air Force One.
OPEN PRESS

10:15 AM EDT AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base
en route Las Vegas, Nevada.
OPEN PRESS of departure
AF One Pool #1 accompanies
[Flying-time: 4 hours, 40 mins]
[Time-change: Minus 3 to PDT]

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

11:00 AM PDT ~~---PRESS PLANE---~~ arrives
2:00 PM EDT McCarran Int'l Airport, Las Vegas

On arrival of press plane:

11:15 AM PDT - Expanded Pool #1 departs
2:15 PM EDT to AF One arrival site at this airport;
- Press buses depart charter to the
Paris Hotel, site of event and filing.
[Drive time: Approx 20-25 mins]

LAS VEGAS
Friday, October 1

11:55 AM PDT
2:55 PM EDT

AIR FORCE ONE arrives
McCarran International Airport,
Las Vegas, Nevada.
OPEN PRESS

12:10 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
3:10 PM EDT departs McCarran International Airport
en route the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas
Expanded Pool #1 accompanies

12:25 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
3:25 PM EDT The Paris Hotel,
3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South,
and proceeds inside.

12:35 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT greets
3:35 PM EDT DSCC Reception,
Paris Hotel.
Brief remarks by the PRESIDENT
Coverage in the Reception:
WH Tight Pool #1 and
Las Vegas Area Pool

NOTE: Audio will be on the mult
and
PA in the WH Filing Center in the
Concorde C Ballroom in this hotel.

12:55 PM PDT ~~Remarks conclude.~~
3:55 PM EDT The PRESIDENT proceeds to
~~private events, Paris Hotel.~~

LAS VEGAS Friday, October 1

1:00 PM PDT PRESS FILING BEGINS
4:00 PM EDT Concorde & C 8 Ballroom
Paris Hotel, Las Vegas

NOTE: The Travel Pool will also
hold and file in this
Center.

Filing

Filing concludes for
everyone at:
2:30 PM PDT - - 5:30 PM
EDT.

2:30 PM PDT POOL SWITCH: AF One Pool #2
5:30 PM EDT gathers, WH Filing Center,
Concorde C Ballroom
and proceeds to motorcade.

PRESS DEPARTURE, LAS VEGAS TO PALO ALTO:
Note: Press plane precedes AF One into Palo Alto.
Only AF One Pool #2 remains in Las Vegas.

2:30 PM PDT Press filing concludes
5:30 PM EDT Concorde & C 8/ Paris Hotel

2:40 PM PDT Press buses depart Paris Hotel
5:40 PM EDT en route McCarran Int'l
Airport.

3:00 PM PDT Press buses arrive McCarran
6:00 PM EDT Airport; plane boards

3:30 PM PDT Press charter departs McCarran
6:30 PM EDT Int'l Airport en route
Moffett Federal Airfield,

CA
mins] [Flying time: 1 hr 30
[No time change]

LAS VEGAS
Friday, October 1

3:50 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and departs
6:50 PM EDT the Paris Hotel; Las Vegas, en route
McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas

4:10 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
7:10 PM PDT McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas,
and boards Air Force One.
OPEN PRESS

4:25 PM PDT AIR FORCE ONE departs
7:25 PM PDT McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas,
en route Moffett Federal Airfield,
Moffett Field, CA
OPEN PRESS
AF One pool accompanies
[Flying time 1hr, 20 mins]
[Time change: None]

PALO ALTO, CA

5:00 PM PDT PRESS PLANE arrives
8:00 PM EDT Moffett Federal Airfield
Moffett Field, CA

On arrival of press plane:
5:20 PM PDT All press board buses and
depart
8:20 PM EDT Moffett Airfield en route
Crowne Plaza Cabana, Palo Alto,
filing center and overnight hotel
for all press.

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA

Friday evening, October 1

5:45 PM PDT AIR FORCE ONE arrives
8:45 PM EDT Moffett Federal Airfield,
Moffett Field, California.
OPEN PRESS

6:00 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade
9:00 PM EDT and departs Moffett Federal Airfield
en route Private Residence #1,
Palo Alto, CA, area.
AF One Pool #2 accompanies

6:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
9:20 PM EDT Private Residence #1, Palo Alto area,
and proceeds to private events.

6:45 PM PDT ~~THE PRESIDENT greets~~
9:45 PM EDT ~~DNC Reception,~~
~~Private Residence #1, Palo Alto area.~~
~~Brief remarks by the PRESIDENT~~
Coverage inside: Print pooler of
WH Tight Travel Pool #2 and of
Palo Alto Pool

NOTE: Audio will be on mult and PA
for rest of pool and at WH Filing

Center
at Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel.

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA

Friday, October 1

7:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade
10:20 PM EDT and departs Private Residence #1
en route Private Residence #2,
Atherton, CA
WH Tight Travel Pool #2 accompanies

7:35 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
10:35 PM EDT Private Residence #2,
Atherton, CA, and proceeds inside.

7:50 PM PDT
10:50 PM EDT

THE PRESIDENT addresses
DNC Dinner,
Private Residence #2,
Atherton, CA
Remarks by the PRESIDENT
Coverage inside: Print pooler only
From WH Tight Travel Pool #2 and
Palo Alto Area Pool.

NOTE: Audio will be on mult and PA
For rest of WH Tight Pool and on
Mult and PA at WH Filing Center at
Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel.
Other facilities for Tight Pool at
this site are TBA.

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA
Friday, October 1

9:35 PM PDT
12:35 AM EDT

THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and departs
Private Residence #2, Atherton, CA,
en route Private residence #3,
Palo Alto Area.
WH Tight Travel Pool #2 accompanies

9:45 PM PDT
12:45 AM EDT

THE PRESIDENT arrives
Private residence #3,
Palo Alto area,
and remains overnight.

NOTE: WH Tight Travel Pool #2
remains on Protective standby
until it receives its goodnight.

Friday overnight
RON, THE PRESIDENT Private residence
Palo Alto CA area

RON, ALL PRESS Crowne Plaza Cabana
Palo Alto, CA

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:06 AM PDT THE PRESIDENT ,S weekly radio
10:06 AM EDT address is broadcast.

will NOTE: Audio of the radio address
be on mult and PA at the WH Press
Filing Center in the Mediteranean
Ballroom - Crowne Plaza Cabana.

OTHER THAN THE WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS
THERE ARE NO PUBLIC EVENTS ON THE
SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 2, UNTIL THE DEPARTURE TO
LOS ANGELES IN LATE AFTERNOON.

~~BAGGAGE CALL FOR LOS ANGELES~~
~~Please bring bags to Mediterranean Ballroom~~

time. 9:00 AM PDT For WH Tight Travel Pool,
12:00 PM EDT at pool call
12:00 PM PDT End of baggage & gear call for LA.
3:00 PM EDT

CHECK-OUT TIME FOR PRESS
FROM THE CROWNE PLAZA CABANA:
TBA

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA
Saturday, October 1

in 8:30 AM PDT WH Tight Travel Pool #3
12:30 PM EDT gathers, WH Press Filing Center
the Crowne Plaza Cabana and
goes on protective standby.
1:00 PM PDT POOL SWITCH for AF One; Those
4:00 PM EDT switching in to AF One Pool #4
gather, WH Filing Center at
Crowne Plaza Cabana, and depart
To pool ,s location to switch
there.

NOTE: The ANGLE/DCCC dinner in Los Angeles, the &open press 8 event, is black tie. Press in the pool or covering the dinner should be, please, in appropriate business dress.

PRESS DEPARTURE, PALO ALTO TO L.A.:
Only AF One Pool #4 remains in Palo Alto; the press plane precedes AF One into Los Angeles:

2:30 PM PDT	Press buses board
5:30 PM EDT	Crowne Plaza Cabana

hotel

2:45 PM PDT	Press buses depart press hotel
5:45 PM EDT	Crowne Plaza Cabana, Palo Alto, en route Moffett Field CA

3:20 PM PDT	Press buses arrive
6:20 PM EDT	press charter/Moffett Field

4:00 PM PDT	Press plane departs
7:00 PM EDT	Moffett Field CA en route Los Angeles, CA [Flying time: 1 hr, 20 mins]

PALO ALTO, CA, AREA
Saturday, October 2

4:30 PM PDT	THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
7:30 PM EDT	departs Site TBA) Palo Alto area en route Moffett Federal Airfield, CA Only AF One Pool #4 only accompanies

5:00 PM PDT	THE PRESIDENT arrives
8:00 PM EDT	Moffett Federal Airfield, CA, and boards Air Force One. OPEN PRESS

5:15 PM PDT	AIR FORCE ONE departs
8:15 PM EDT	Moffett Federal Airfield, CA, en route Los Angeles [CA] International Airport. OPEN PRESS of departure AF One Pool #4 accompanies [Flying time: 1 hr, 5 mins]

LOS ANGELES, CA

5:20 PM PDT	PRESS PLANE ARRIVES
8:20 PM EDT	Los Angeles Intl Airport.

On arrival of press plane:

5:45 PM PDT Press bus departs directly to
8:45 PM EDT Beverly Hills Hotel, to Open Press event.
[Drive time: 45 mins]

5:50 PM PDT Other press buses depart
directly to
8:50 PM EDT Westin Century Plaza/LA, Filing
Center
and overnight hotel for all press.
[Driving time: 30-40 mins]

LOS ANGELES AREA
Saturday, October 2

6:20 PM PDT AIR FORCE ONE arrives
9:20 PM EDT Los Angeles [CA] International Airport.
OPEN PRESS

6:35 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade
9:35 PM EDT and departs Los Angeles International Airport
en route the Beverly Hills Hotel,
Beverly Hills, CA
AF One Pool #4 accompanies

6:50 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
9:50 PM EDT the Beverly Hills Hotel, and,
proceeds inside to private events.

7:45 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT addresses
10:45 PM EDT the A.N.G.L.E./DCCC Dinner,
International Ballroom,
Beverly Hills Hilton,
Remarks by the PRESIDENT
OPEN PRESS

Press facilities for dinner:
Event is indoors and OPEN Press.
Main riser: Head-on at 50 ft.
Tight Travel Pool only at second position
at stage right; other crews by

escort
from main press area.

Audio on mult and PA at dinner, and on
Mult/PA at WH Filing Center in
TBA Room/Century Plaza Hotel.

LOS ANGELES AREA
Saturday, October 2

8:35 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
8:50 PM EDT departs the Beverly Hills Hilton
en route Private Residence #1,
Beverly Hills, CA, area.
WH Tight Pool #4 only accompanies
in motorcade

8:45 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
11:45 PM EDT Private residence #1,
Beverly Hills [CA] area, and
proceeds to private events.

8:55 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT greets
11:55 PM EDT DNC Dinner,
Private residence #1,
Beverly Hills [CA] area.
--Brief remarks by the PRESIDENT
Coverage inside: Print-pooler only from
--WH Tight Travel Pool #4 and
LA Area Pool.

will be NOTE: Rest of WH Tight Pool #4
shared at a pool hold nearby with a few
and phones, workspace with electric,
PA. audio of the remarks on mult and
at Audio will also be on mult and PA
the WH Filing Center in TBA Room
of the Century Plaza Hotel/LA.

LOS ANGELES AREA

Saturday, October 2

11:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
2:20 AM EDT departs Private residence #1,
Beverly Hills area, en route
Private Residence #2, Beverly Hills.
WH Tight Pool #4 accompanies

11:30 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
2:30 AM EDT Private residence #2,
Beverly Hills,

and remains overnight.

NOTE: WH Tight Travel Pool #4
remains on protective standby

until

it receives its goodnight.

Saturday night

RON, The PRESIDENT Private residence
Beverly Hills, CA

RON, All press Westin Century Plaza
Los Angeles, CA

~~LOS ANGELES AREA~~

October 3

~~NOTE: There will be a late check-out on Sunday~~
from the Westin Century Plaza) TIME TBA.

~~BAGGAGE CALL) LEAVING L.A. TO ANDREWS~~
Please bring bags to California Level of
Westin Century Plaza Hotel, near the Filing Center.
Room TBA and will be marked:

8:00 AM PDT Tight Pool, please bring bags to
11:00 AM EDT pool call time to California Level.

TBA Final Baggage and Gear Call

8:00 AM PDT WH Tight Pool #5 gathers,
11:00 AM EDT WH Filing Center in TBA Room,
and goes on protective

standby.

10:00 AM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and departs
1:00 PM EDT Private residence #2, Beverly Hills,
en route Private residence #3,
Beverly Hills area.
WH Tight Pool #5 accompanies

LOS ANGELES AREA
Sunday, October 3

10:10 AM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
1:10 PM EDT Private residence #3, Beverly Hills area,
and proceeds to private event.

NOTE: There will not be phones at
this location for the pool; the phones
are at the next location.

12:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
3:20 PM EDT departs Private Residence #3,
en route Private residence #4.
WH Tight Pool #5 accompanies

12:35 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives Private residence #4,
3:35 PM EDT Private residence #4, and proceeds inside.

NOTE: WH Tight Pool remains in
pool hold
phones, nearby with a few shared
workspace,
and audio of remarks on mult and PA.
Audio will also be on mult and PA
at
WH Filing Center, TBA Room,
Westin Century Plaza Hotel.

1:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT addresses
4:20 PM EDT luncheon in honor of
Brad Sherman for Congress,
Private residence #4, Beverly Hills, CA
Brief remarks by the PRESIDENT
Coverage inside: Print pooler only from
WH Tight Travel Pool and LA Area Pool.

LOS ANGELES AREA
Sunday, October 3

2:20 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
5:20 PM EDT departs Private residence #4 en route
private schedule.
WH Tight Pool #5 accompanies

NOTE: WH Tight pool remains with
the
motorcade on protective standby.
Whether there are filing facilities during this time is TBA.

Time tentative:
4:00 PM PDT POOL SWITCH FOR AF ONE
7:00 PM EDT Those joining AF One Pool #6
please
gather at the WH Filing Center,
TBA Room, Westin Century Plaza,
And depart to pool's location to
switch there.

7:45 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
10:45 PM EDT departs Private location, LA Area,
en route Private Residence #5,
Beverly Hills, CA
AF One Pool #6 accompanies

~~8:00 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives~~
~~11:00 PM EDT Private residence #5, Beverly Hills,~~
and proceeds inside to private event.

LOS ANGELES AREA
Sunday, October 3

8:40 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT addresses
11:40 PM EDT DNC Dinner,
Private residence #5, Beverly Hills.
Remarks by the PRESIDENT
Coverage inside: Print pooler only
From AF One Pool #6 and
LA Area Pool.

NOTE: Audio will be on mult and PA
for the rest of the tight pool at
the
TBA Pool hold. Other facilities at
this
Pool hold (phones) are TBA.
Audio will also be on mult and PA
at the
Vineyard Room, Century Plaza
Hotel/LA,
the WH Filing Center.

9:30 PM PDT FINAL PRESS FILING BEGINS
12:30 AM EDT TBA Room) Century Plaza

Filing concludes) 10:00 PM PDT.

9:40 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade and
12:40 AM EDT departs Private residence #5,
en route Los Angeles International Airport.
AF One Pool #6 accompanies

10:10 PM PDT THE PRESIDENT arrives
1:10 AM EDT Los Angeles [CA] International Airport
and boards Air Force One.
OPEN PRESS

Sunday, October 3

10:25 PM PDT AIR FORCE ONE departs
1:25 AM EDT Los Angeles [CA] International Airport
en route Andrews Air Force Base.
OPEN PRESS of departure
AF One Pool accompanies on board
[Flying time: 4 hrs, 20-minutes]
[Time change: PLUS 3 to EDT]

PRESS DEPARTURE, LOS ANGELES TO ANDREWS

10:00 PM PDT Press Filing ENDS
1:00 AM EDT TBA Room) Century Plaza

10:10 PM PDT Press buses depart Century Plaza
1:10 AM EDT en route Charter at LA Intl Airport

10:45 PM PDT Press buses arrive charter.

11:15 PM PDT Press charter departs,
2:15 AM EDT Los Angeles Intl Airport
en route Andrews Air Force Base.
[Flying time: 4 hrs, 30 mins]
[Time change: PLUS 3 to EDT]

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE/
THE WHITE HOUSE
Monday, October 4

5:45 AM EDT AIR FORCE ONE arrives
Andrews Air Force Base and
The PRESIDENT boards Marine One.
OPEN PRESS

5:55 AM EDT MARINE ONE departs
Andrews Air Force Base en route
The Reflecting Pool.
OPEN PRESS

6:05 AM EDT MARINE ONE arrives the Reflecting Pool.
OPEN PRESS

6:10 AM EDT THE PRESIDENT boards motorcade
and departs the Reflecting Pool
en route the White House.
Monday Intown Travel Pool accompanies

6:15 AM EDT THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House.

6:45 AM EDT Press charter arrives,
~~Andrews Air Force Base~~

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

August 13, 1999

EUROPE / RUSSIA/NONPRO

Russian Arms Control Compliance (new)

Russia/Berger and Putin

Russia / Dagestan

~~Incident With Russian Vessel Gissar~~

~~Kazakhstan/MiG Sale to North Korea~~
(updated)

~~Trip to Canada~~

ASIA

China/Taiwan (new)

**China/USAF C-21 to Hong Kong for
Congressional Delegation**

China-Taiwan/Ship Passing Exercise

Four-Party Talks

NEAR EAST / SOUTH ASIA

Iraq/No-Fly Zones (new)

India/Pakistan Air Clashes

MEPP

AFRICA

Ethiopia-Eritrea

INTERAMERICAN

Venezuela's Constituent Assembly (new)

Panama Canal

~~Paraguay / NYT Article On Military
Government~~

**Colombia / Visit Of Under Secretary Of
State Pickering**

TRANSNATIONAL

Sudan/Al-Shifa

DEFENSE

VFW Speech (new)

Secretary Danzig Letter to Tailhook

Selective Service System

**Fort Campbell Beating Death
Alleged to be Anti-Gay Hate Crime**

CLINTON DOCTRINE

RUSSIAN ARMS CONTROL COMPLIANCE

August 13, 1999

CONTEXT: *Today's Washington Times has a story that the National Security Council staff sought to water down the conclusion about Russian violations of the Biological Weapons Convention in the Administration's compliance report to Congress. The report, known as the "Pell Report," is submitted annually to the Hill and evaluates the compliance of countries with arms control treaties related to nuclear, chemical, biological and conventional weapons.*

What can you tell us about the report in today's Washington Times that the National Security Council staff has tried to let the Russians off the hook for violating the Biological Weapons Convention?

The report in question, known as the Pell Report, is an annual report from the President to Congress on the compliance of countries with their arms control obligations.

It covers not just biological weapons, but also nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons.

The role of the NSC staff is to coordinate interagency input and help ensure that the report is accurate and comprehensive.

The report is cleared by all the relevant agencies before being transmitted to Congress.

Beyond that, I can't comment on an issue involving intelligence information.

If asked about the status of the report:

The report is in the final stages of preparation and will be sent to Congress shortly.)

RUSSIA: BERGER AND PUTIN
August 12, 1999

[FYI ONLY FOR BRIEFER: SRB offered to look into scheduling possible POTUS-Putin meeting at APEC -- it's too early to raise this prospect until after Putin's confirmed.]

Acting PM Vladimir Putin called National Security Adviser Berger this morning. Today's call was fairly brief, approximately 20 minutes. The two last spoke on August 4.

Before being named prime minister by President Yeltsin on August 9, Putin served as Secretary of Russia's Security Council, and in that capacity, he was Sandy Berger's Russian counterpart.

~~“Berger and”~~ Putin both expressed appreciation for work they've done together in recent months on ~~issues such as~~ Kosovo and nonproliferation. Putin reaffirmed Russian desire to strengthen U.S.-Russian cooperation and expressed new government's intention to follow course established by former PM Stepashin.

Berger stressed importance of making progress on important agenda (i.e., arms control, economics, and nonproliferation) set by President Clinton and President Yeltsin at Cologne.

If asked -- did they discuss possible meeting between Vice President Gore and Putin or future of U.S.-Russian Binational Commission?

No.

RUSSIA: DAGESTAN
August 11, 1999

BACKGROUND: *Yeltsin dismissed PM Stepashin on Monday, designated Security Council Secretary Vladimir Putin as acting PM and sent his nomination forward to the Duma. Duma will consider Putin's candidacy next Monday. Yeltsin indicated in public statements that Putin would make a good successor. Yeltsin also designated December 19 as the date for parliamentary elections. Fighting continued in Dagestan with various Russian officials vowing to take unspecified steps over next two weeks to "normalize" the situation.*

Any reaction to situation in Dagestan? Is this another Chechnya?

We're following situation closely. Obviously Dagestan is very volatile region. Situation there complex.

Administration condemns recent increase in violence, provocations, and acts of terrorism against lawful authorities by armed groups operating in region.

Important for all concerned to act responsibly and to respect human rights. Urge them to refrain from steps that would harm innocent civilians.

~~IF ASKED: Any reaction to "declaration of independence" by rebels in Dagestan?~~

Recognize the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation.

Administration condemns violent actions against lawful authority by armed groups operating in region.

Again, important for all concerned to act responsibly and to respect human rights. Urge all parties to refrain from steps that would harm innocent civilians.

IF ASKED: Why are the Russians bombing Georgian villages near Dagestan Monday? Doesn't this risk destabilizing Georgia and increase possibility that fighting in Dagestan will spill over?

Understand that Russian and Georgian authorities are investigating circumstances surrounding possible incident involving Russian aircraft. Encourage both sides to work together to avoid incidents like this in the future.

INCIDENT WITH RUSSIAN FISHING VESSEL GISSAR

August 10, 1999

Background: While patrolling the U.S.-Russia Maritime Boundary Line on 1 August, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON detained a Russian fishing trawler, the GISSAR, for illegally fishing in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The HAMILTON pursued and ultimately seized the GISSAR. 19 Russian fishing vessels moved into the area and interfered with the HAMILTON's activities. Out of concern for the safety of a Coast Guard boarding party aboard the GISSAR, the vessel was turned over to a Russian Border Guard ship for enforcement action.

What can you tell us about the confrontation between the Coast Guard and the GISSAR?

Coast Guard acted in full accordance with international law when it boarded and seized the GISSAR, a Russian fishing vessel, that was fishing illegally in the U.S. zone. Other Russian fishing vessels interfered with ongoing U.S. law enforcement action. In order to minimize potential risk to U.S. personnel involved, the seized Russian fishing vessel was turned over to Russian authorities for enforcement action.

For further details, would refer you to U.S. Coast Guard.

What is the USG doing about this incident?

Administration is pressing Russian authorities through diplomatic and other channels to prosecute masters of GISSAR and other Russian fishing vessels which interfered with Coast Guard actions.

Russians have promised to prosecute GISSAR's master and are still investigating the incident. Coast Guard is offering its assistance and information about the case to Russian authorities. Coast Guard is also looking at possible cooperative approaches for at-sea enforcement actions to avoid repetition of this type of incident.

Was anyone hurt during the incident?

No.

KAZAKHSTAN: MiG SALE TO NORTH KOREA
August 13, 1999

CONTEXT: *Interfax and the Kazakhstani press are running stories that comment in very general terms on the Vice President's telephone conversation on Wednesday, August 11, with Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev. Meanwhile, the South Korean press and Western wire services have concluded accurately that the MiGs reported to have been procured by North Korea actually originated in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev dismissed Defense Minister Altynbayev and Security Committee Chairman Abykayev "for grossly violating procedures for selling military equipment" on Monday, August 9. In March, the Government of Azerbaijan seized a plane containing six MiG-21s from Kazakhstan. We cannot comment on the details of any alleged intelligence information concerning these transfers. However, we should stress that we are investigating these reports thoroughly and have raised our concerns about this transfer with the governments of the entities believed to be involved in the transfer.*

~~What can you tell us about press reports that Kazakhstan has sold MiG-21 fighter aircraft to North Korea?~~

We are concerned by reports that the DPRK may have obtained MiG-21 aircraft.

~~Even though MiG-21s are an older-generation fighter aircraft, their transfer would be a serious matter.~~

We take reports of the transfer of any lethal military equipment to states such as North Korea seriously and investigate them thoroughly.

Are these transfers sanctionable under U.S. law?

We fully and faithfully implement the requirements of U.S. law and would take any actions required by those laws were we to determine that entities had engaged in sanctionable activities.

The issue of sanctionability would depend entirely on the specific nature of the alleged transfers.

In determining whether sanctionable activity had taken place in a particular matter, we would look to a variety of sources of information, including foreign governments.

IF RAISED: In March a shipment of MiG-21s from Kazakhstan were stopped in Baku -- are these the same aircraft?

We do not comment on intelligence matters.

IF RAISED: Did Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev dismiss his Defense Minister and Security Committee Chairman because of these transfers?

We understand that on August 9 President Nazarbayev dismissed Defense Minister Altynbayev and Security Committee Chairman Abykayev reportedly “for grossly violating procedures for selling military equipment”.

IF RAISED: Did Vice President Gore speak with President Nazarbayev on Thursday, as has been reported by wire services? Did they discuss the reported transfer of MiGs to North Korea?

Nazarbayev phoned Gore on Wednesday morning Washington time to discuss non-proliferation and security matters. They did discuss the question of the transfer of MiGs.

IF RAISED: What can you tell me about the substance of their conversation?

~~I cannot give you details.~~ The Vice President expressed the serious concerns of the United States and indicated that the matter will be investigated in accordance with U.S. law.

IF RAISED: State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin yesterday implied that North Korea got the MiGs from Kazakhstan – true?

This is precisely what we need to investigate.

TRIP TO CANADA
August 13, 1999

When the President visits Canada on October 8, will he address the International Federalism Conference in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec?

The President has been invited to address the Conference and the White House will be responding to that invitation.

What will the President be doing in Ottawa? What issues will he be addressing with the Prime Minister?

The details of the trip have not yet been worked out. The President and Prime Minister Chretien will have a wide-ranging exchange on bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest.

~~Will the President preside at the opening of the new embassy in Ottawa?~~

The details of the trip remain to be worked out.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton's Visit to Canada

President Clinton has accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Chretien to hold a working visit in Canada on October 8, 1999. The two leaders will discuss bilateral and global issues of mutual interest.

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CHINA/TAIWAN
August 13, 1999

There have been several reports that China is considering using force to punish Taiwan for President Lee's recent statement about "state-to-state" relations. Has China approached the Administration to indicate it may use force? What preparations are being made if China does use military force?

We have not been approached by Chinese officials and we will not speculate about the hypothetical. As we have said before: Our position remains firm, we support the "one China" policy, we have an abiding interest in peaceful resolution of differences, and promotion of direct dialogue between Chinese on both sides of the Strait.

Nothing has changed. The President is looking forward to meeting President Jiang Zemin in New Zealand in September and will reiterate the message encouraging peaceful resolution of the differences between China and Taiwan.

FYI-TO-BRIEFER: We should not provide "intelligence" information about the situation. Be aware that State intends to say in their Press Guidance: "We have not seen any extraordinary developments or signs that the PRC is mobilizing for military action in the Taiwan Strait." (Will fax you their complete guidance). State has an if asked portion about the Taiwan Relations Act. I recommend we do not use it. It will feed upon the thrust of the news stories that we are preparing/or at least thinking about contingencies.

**CHINA/HONG KONG: USAF C-21 TO PICK UP
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
August 11, 1999**

CONTEXT: *The Chinese government recently approved a request for a USAF C-21 to fly to Hong Kong to pick up a Congressional delegation.*

Have any additional aircraft or ships been approved or denied?

The Chinese government has approved a landing in Hong Kong by one U.S. Air Force C-21 (which is a small, business-type jet) on August 18 to pick up a Congressional delegation and depart on August 19.

~~Which Congressional delegation?~~

Congressional travel is normally announced by the office of the Senator or Representative involved. For this particular stop, the delegation is merely transiting Hong Kong. The city's role as a major international transit hub has long made it a stopover point for visitors.

~~Why did the Chinese government approve this plane and not others?~~

The PRC did not provide any explanation for the decision.

CHINA/TAIWAN: SHIP PASSING EXERCISE

August 12, 1999

CONTEXT: *Two US carrier battle groups -- the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Constellation -- had a long-planned ship passing exercise in international waters between Vietnam and Singapore recently. The South China Morning Post, quoting a "US official," said the exercise was meant as an intentional warning to Beijing over Taiwan. The US official was in fact dead wrong (and should be shot). In the 12 August Asian media, several US admirals are quoted by various papers as making connections between the ship passing exercise and the Taiwan Strait situation.*

Two US CVBG's held an exercise in the South China Sea recently. Was this an implicit warning to Beijing not to use force in its current dispute with Taiwan?

~~The USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Constellation battle groups recently held a "passing exercise" in international waters between Vietnam and Singapore. The transit schedules of the two carrier battle groups had been pre-determined months ago and was not changed in order to conduct this exercise. The Kitty Hawk was returning from the Arabian Gulf to Yokosuka, Japan, and the Constellation was on her way to the Arabian Gulf to relieve another ship.~~

~~The proximity of the ships created the opportunity to conduct this "passing exercise," in which ships engage in training exercises.~~

~~The exercise has been planned for months and was not conducted with any recent developments in mind.~~

"US Officials" have been quoted as linking this exercise explicitly with the tensions in the Taiwan Strait, saying that it served as an implicit message to "our friends and potential adversaries." Is that accurate?

~~That was not the explanation or meaning of this long-planned exercise. The movements of the carrier battle groups and the passing exercise are not related to the cross-Strait issue.~~

FOUR PARTY TALKS
August 10, 1999

CONTEXT: The Four Party Talks (among the US, ROK, DPRK, and China) held its 6th Plenary meeting in Geneva for August 5-9. No concrete progress was made in the course of the meeting.

Was any progress made in the just-concluded Four Party Talks?

The 6th Plenary Session of the Four Party Talks, chaired by the PRC, was held in Geneva for 5-9 August. The parties continued to discuss substantive issues and proposals for agenda items, including measures to reduce tension and outlines of a future peace regime. All parties agreed to convene the 7th Plenary Session as soon as possible at a date to be determined by a meeting of the Four Party Working Group. The new Chair State, in accordance with established procedure, will be the ROK.

IRAQ: NO-FLY ZONES
August 13, 1999

Is it true that the air strikes in the No-Fly Zones aren't having any impact on Iraq?

No.

We routinely patrol sixty percent of Iraq's airspace.

This provides a measure of protection for the people of northern and southern Iraq from a brutal regime that has used airpower to repress its own citizens.

Given Iraq's track record, this also provides valuable early warning for an Iraqi military attack on any of its neighbors.

~~As a result of our responses to their attacks on our pilots and crews, the Iraqis have sustained significant damage to their air defense capabilities.~~

~~Are the airstrikes having any impact on Saddam's grip on power?~~

Our actions in the No-Fly Zones are purely defensive.

~~We respond to Iraqi attacks or threats on our aircraft and violations of the No-Fly Zones.~~

Are you considering an expansion or intensification of your responses in the No-Fly Zones?

We don't discuss operational matters.

What is your response to the Congressional letter criticizing the Administration's Iraq policy?

We always consider the views of the legislative branch very carefully.

Obviously, we differ with some of the points made in the letter.

We have a good, strong policy toward Iraq which we believe will accomplish our objectives without alienating our allies.

If pressed on Administration objectives:

Our objectives are to contain Iraq and help those who seek to bring about a change of regime in Baghdad.

If pressed on differences with the letter:

I'm not going to get into that now. The President will reply to the letter in a timely manner.

The article has a Senior Administration Official stating that only ground troops would ensure a change of regime in Baghdad. Since you aren't advocating the use of U.S. ground troops, how serious are you about regime change?

~~We're~~ serious about regime change.

Our policy is to ~~exert~~ pressure on the Baghdad regime from all points of the compass.

We ~~haven't~~ set a time limit on our policy, and we believe this policy is the right one given the ~~threat~~ Iraq poses.

~~If pressed on whether taking a longer-term approach allows Saddam to rebuild his WMD:~~

The President has stated that if Iraq reconstitutes its WMD programs, we will respond with force.

After Operation Desert Fox, I think Saddam takes that threat very seriously. [WHILE TRUE, ARE POLICYMAKERS SURE WE WANT TO PUT THIS MARKER DOWN IN SUCH AN ABSTRACT MANNER.]

INDIA/PAKISTAN AIR CLASHES

August 11, 1999

CONTEXT: *Pakistan has fired on Indian aircraft near the site of the downing yesterday of a Pakistani naval reconnaissance aircraft. The boundary in the area near the Arabian Sea is disputed.*

General Points:

The new firing incident today on the Indo-Pakistani border is a disturbing indication that tensions in the region are continuing to increase.

We repeat our strong urging to both sides to exercise prudence, to talk directly about lowering tensions on the border, and to do nothing to exacerbate the situation.

~~We understand there is an Indo-Pakistani 1991 bilateral agreement on prevention of air space violations, which calls for consultations in the event of such violations. The two sides should cease firing on each other's aircraft and begin discussions of how to end such incidents. (Note: details on the agreement are available at State)~~

~~Far too many people have died on the border with India and Pakistan, including the tragic deaths of sixteen Pakistanis yesterday. While today's incident resulted in no deaths, both sides should work to resolve their differences through dialogue and avoid further loss of life.~~

IF ASKED: Which side of the border did the shoot-down take place?

We do not have information which confirms on which side of the border yesterday's shoot-down occurred. The border in any case is disputed in that area.

MEPP: ALBRIGHT'S TRAVEL, WYE IMPLEMENTATION

August 10, 1999

Do you have dates for the Secretary's revised travel? When is she now planning to leave, and how long will she be in the region?

Secretary Albright plans to be in the region on September 1.

Other details of the itinerary are still being worked out, and we should have something more for you soon.

What was Chairman Arafat's reaction to the Secretary's decision to postpone her travel?

~~Secretary Albright spoke with Chairman Arafat yesterday to discuss where things stand in the peace process and to explain her thinking on postponing her visit for a couple of weeks.~~

~~It was a good phone call, and he was understanding of our position.~~

~~Who else did Secretary Albright talk to?~~

~~Over the last several days, she spoke with Prime Minister Barak, Chairman Arafat, and Syrian Foreign Minister Shara.~~

What is Secretary Albright going to be trying to accomplish with this visit

We want to facilitate progress wherever we can.

With respect to the Israeli-Palestinian track, we hope and expect the parties will use the period before the Secretary's travel to work seriously and constructively on the best ways and means for implementing their obligations under the Wye agreement.

At the same time, it's also important to work on the other tracks and to try to resume negotiations on the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks.

Is Secretary Albright expecting to announce a date for the resumption of negotiations between Israel and Syria as a result of this visit?

It's clear that the last three years have created difficulties that need to be overcome, and we don't expect them to be fixed overnight or by one visit.

Is it your understanding that the Israelis will begin implementing Wye on September 1. When will they begin withdrawing from territory? Does it depend on the Palestinians' fulfilling their Wye obligations first?

Both the Israelis and Palestinians have obligations and requirements according to the Wye agreement.

In this regard, Wye called for the parallel and phased implementation of these obligations.

With the resumption of the Wye time-line, we expect both sides to begin implementing their respective obligations in a parallel and phased manner.

ETHIOPIA-ERITREA

August 13, 1999

**What is happening with diplomatic efforts to resolve the Ethiopia-Eritrea border conflict?
What are the next steps?**

There has been encouraging movement on the peace process over the last few weeks. At the organization of African Unity's summit in Algiers July 12-14 the OAU proposed modalities for implementation of the OAU's framework agreement to resolve the border conflict. Both Ethiopia and Eritrea have now accepted both the framework agreement and the modalities for its implementation and the process continues to move forward.

The United States has actively worked for a peaceful resolution of this dispute over the past year and continues to work in cooperation with the OAU to bring this conflict to an end. As you know Tony Lake, the President's Special Envoy on this issue has been engaged on this issue and continues to be.

~~Does the fighting between Ethiopia and Eritrea continue?~~

There have been no reports of significant fighting along the Ethiopia/Eritrea border since June. Ethiopian forces and fighters of a Somali faction, the Rahanweyn resistance army, are continuing to operate in Southwestern Somalia.

What is the U.S. Government doing to protect U.S. citizen?

Americans have been warned against travel to Eritrea and to consider deferring travel to Ethiopia. As always, we are taking full precautions to assure the safety of all Americans, including embassy personnel, in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Both capitals remain calm, and international airlines continue service to both cities. Our embassies remain in constant touch with the American community through the embassy warden system and informal town meeting gatherings.

(If asked only)

We understand President Isais is in the United States. Will he be meeting with the President or other U.S. officials?

President Isais is here on a private visit to meet with the Eritrean Community. He will be meeting with National Security Advisor Sandy Berger and Secretary Albright. (note for @press: Sandy has agreed to do this, but you might want to double track whether he wants to share with the press. We believe that we should be transparent on this issue. Meles is also aware of the meetings and knows Isais is here on a private visit.)

**VENEZUELA: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY**

August 13, 1999

***CONTEXT.** Venezuela's recently-elected Constituent Assembly yesterday declared a state of emergency and asserted its authority to intervene in public institutions as necessary to attack corruption and "to recover the rule of law, the stability, and the order necessary to rebuild the republic according to democratic values." The Constituent Assembly is dominated by supporters of President Hugo Chavez. Opponents of the Assembly's action asserted that it was a dangerous step toward authoritarian government and threatened current constitutional order and basic liberties. In fact, the declaration is part of an ongoing debate about the Assembly's authority in relation to other institutions. It does not limit constitutionally-guaranteed rights, it is not a state of siege, and it does not give any special powers to police and security services.*

State UnderSecretary for Political Affairs Thomas Pickering met with President Chavez August 11 during his visit to Venezuela. Chavez told Pickering that he had no intention of dissolving either the Congress or the Supreme Court. Constituent Assembly President Luis Miquelena told Pickering he understood international concerns regarding the continuity of democratic institutions, and that the Assembly would act with these concerns in mind.

~~Any comment on the declaration of a state of emergency by Venezuela's Constituent Assembly? Does this represent a threat to democratic and constitutional government in Venezuela?~~

~~We have noted previously the Venezuelan peoples' overwhelming desire for significant political change, including the re-writing of the constitution. This desire was clearly demonstrated in the December 1998 presidential elections, the April 1999 referendum approving the Constituent Assembly, and the July 1999 election of Constituent Assembly members.~~

~~The action of the Constituent Assembly is part of a larger debate about the powers and attributes of the Assembly, and the on-going process of examining all aspects of government as the Assembly writes a new constitution. The declaration of emergency does not limit constitutionally-guaranteed liberties.~~

~~As on previous occasions, we would underscore our hope that this process take place within a democratic and constitutional framework, guaranteeing basic liberties and preserving the continuity of democratic institutions.~~

The Assembly is considering a proposal to dissolve Venezuela's major trade union organization—the Confederation of Venezuelan Workers—any comment?

~~We've seen press reports of the proposal, but we have not yet seen the proposal and therefore have no comment on it. However, we would like to underscore that trade union activity is based on basic rights and liberties—such as freedom of association and freedom of expression—and protected by international laws and standards.~~

PANAMA: PORTS PRIVATIZATION AND PRC INFLUENCE

August 12, 1999

CONTEXT: *In July of 1996, Panama privatized operation of the ports of Balboa and Cristobal. Panama Ports Company (PPC), a subsidiary of the Hong Kong-based enterprise Hutchison Whampoa, won a 20-year concession to operate these ports. Panama's contract with PPC was given legal effect as Panama's Law 5 in January 1997. Although that law gives PPC some sweeping privileges, it contains an article stating that, in case of conflict, provisions of the Panamanian constitution and Panamanian law governing the organization and operations of the Panama Canal Authority will take precedence. PPC is the only commercial operation to have a port on both the Caribbean and Pacific sides of the Canal. This situation has resonated against concerns that China might be a threat to the Canal —threats which we believe are without merit. Under the Neutrality Treaty, the United States and Panama agreed to the right of the United States to act unilaterally to meet any threat to the canal, including the use of U.S. military forces.*

~~Does the U.S. have security concerns about the Government of Panama awarding a long-term contract to a Chinese shipping company to run two major Canal ports? What is the likely effect of "Law No. 5?"~~

~~We have seen no capability or interest on the part of the People's Republic of China – a major user of the Canal – to disrupt its operations. The U.S. will maintain a close interest in Canal operations after transfer of the Canal to Panama on December 31, 1999. The "Neutrality Treaty" provides a guarantee for security of the Canal. Although Panama's contract with a Hong Kong-based firm to operate two ports on the Canal was passed into law in January 1997, that law contains provisions ensuring that the Canal will remain open to vessels of all nations on an equal footing following its transfer.~~

PARAGUAY: NYT ARTICLE ON MILITARY GOVERNMENT

August 11, 1999

CONTEXT: *A front page article in the August 11, 1999, New York Times details evidence that the security services of Paraguayan dictator General Stroessner harassed, arrested, tortured, and sometimes killed political opponents. The article, based on Paraguayan government documents recently made public, also indicated that the security services of Paraguay had established information and operational ties with the security services of other countries in the region. According to the article, these services helped track and sometimes detain dissidents from neighboring countries. The U.S. is mentioned several times in the article. Many of the military officers involved in the governments and security services of Paraguay and the other countries mentioned—Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil—are alleged to have been trained at the School of the Americas. Also, the FBI is alleged to have shared information with these governments.*

~~Any comment on today's New York Times article on torture and human rights abuses in Paraguay during the government of military dictator General Stroessner?~~

~~The article addresses a painful and difficult period of Paraguayan history, and highlights the courage and determination of the Paraguayan people as they struggled to establish a democratic government and constitutionally-guaranteed liberties.~~

The article alleges U.S. involvement with the government of General Stroessner during this period. Any comment?

Juan Aguirre, Paraguay's new Ambassador to the United States, during a credentials presentation ceremony yesterday in the Oval Office, thanked the President for the role the U.S. has played in supporting the consolidation of democratic government in Paraguay. We have been strong supporters of this process, and we will continue to do what we can to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law in Paraguay.

COLOMBIA: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE PICKERING

August 11, 1999

CONTEXT: Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering visited Colombia on Monday and Tuesday, the highest-level U.S. diplomatic visit to Colombia in nearly a decade. Pickering discussed with Pastrana and top officials ways of combating Colombia's expanding drug production, boosting the peace process, and addressing economic difficulties. In an August 10 press conference, Pickering reiterated U.S. support for Pastrana and the peace process and emphasized that Colombia has a good chance of solving its problems. He dismissed as "totally crazy" recent speculation in Colombia and the region about a unilateral U.S. military intervention or that Washington was trying to organize a multinational Latin American intervention force for Colombia.

~~Any~~ comment on Under Secretary of State Pickering's trip to Colombia?

~~Pleased that this visit~~ has focused attention on our cooperative relationship with the Government of Colombia.

~~As Under Secretary Pickering emphasized, the U.S. supports Colombian efforts to address expanding drug production and find a resolution its long-running civil conflict. At the same time, we realize that solutions must come from the Colombian's themselves.~~

~~We support President Pastrana's efforts to broker a negotiated settlement and believe that it is the best way to end Colombia's civil conflict. We also continue to work closely with the Government of Colombia to combat drug production and trafficking as part of our regional counter-drug strategy.~~

SUDAN: AL-SHIFA
August 12, 1999

The evidence continues to mount that the bombing of the Al Shifa plant in Khartoum last August was a mistake. There are allegations that the soil sample, supposedly proving Al Shifa was producing chemical weapons, wasn't analyzed properly. It turns out the owner of the plant is a prominent Saudi businessman with no connection to terrorists. Are you ready to acknowledge this mistake?

Last August 7th terrorists blew up U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salam, Tanzania, killing 12 Americans and hundreds of Kenyan and Tanzanian citizens. Thousands of bystanders were injured, many with devastating injuries that have changed their lives. Through the excellent work of our law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and the close cooperation of the other governments affected by the attack, we soon learned both the identity of the terrorists involved and that they had been acting under orders from Usama bin Ladin.

~~Bin Ladin had already written a Fatwa, or a de facto declaration of war, against the United States. In Kenya and Tanzania he demonstrated the means to carry out that threat. In the days following the bombing of our Embassies, we learned that his terrorist network was preparing to strike again.~~

~~We also learned that bin Ladin was working to acquire a chemical-weapons capability and that he might be ready to conduct an attack with such weapons.~~

Prior to the bombing of our Embassies, we obtained a soil sample from an area adjacent to the al Shifa plant that showed the presence of a precursor for VX, a very deadly chemical agent that attacks the central nervous system.

Let me say something about that soil sample: our intelligence community has high confidence in the handling of the sample from the time the sample was collected adjacent to the al Shifa plant through the analysis of the sample. The lab which was used to do the analysis has a proven record for accuracy. And this analysis identified the compound EMPTA, which has no other uses but as a fundamental ingredient in the deadly VX nerve agent.

We also learned, prior to the bombing, that Usama bin Ladin was a major contributor to the Military Industries Corporation (the MIC), which is responsible for the research and manufacture of weapons, including chemical weapons. We knew that Usama bin Ladin and the Sudanese government already had cooperated in chemical weapons activities. And, because we found EMPTA adjacent to the Al Shifa facility, we believed that al Shifa was associated with CW-related activity.

And, we knew Sudan's leaders had publicly pledged to assist terrorists in their attacks.

Given what we knew:

UBL had declared war on the United States and vowed to strike again.

In Kenya and Tanzania he had murdered hundreds and demonstrated a capability and desire to kill Americans throughout the world.

That national security information indicated that he would strike again, or try to strike again.

That UBL was actively, and is actively, seeking chemical weapons.

That UBL had funded the Sudanese Military Industries Corporation.

That the Sudanese had an active chemical weapons program, managed by the MIC.

That the Intelligence Community judged that Al-Shifa was part of the MIC.

That evidence indicated that EMPTA, a precursor for the nerve agent VX, had been located in the Al-Shifa area.

VX is among the world's deadliest chemical agents.... Kills in minutes by attacking the central nervous system.

In light of this information, the President had a responsibility to take action to protect Americans from chemical attack.

~~It is important to note that the strike was executed with maximum precision, as planned, in order to minimize collateral damage.~~

~~What about allegations that the CIA/intelligence officials never recommended targeting Al-Shifa? That it was put on the table by the White House and the Pentagon?~~

~~The Intelligence Community worked closely with JCS to identify potential targets from a list of bin-Ladin-related sites, including the al-Shifa facility.~~

The decision to target Al-Shifa was reviewed by the President's National Security Team prior to his decision to authorize the strike.

Doesn't the USG's [May, 1999] decision to unblock Idris' assets mean that the U.S. does not have the goods on Idris and erred in striking his plant, Al-Shifa?

USG actions against Al-Shifa were not predicated on Idris' ownership of the plant. Indeed, as we readily indicated, we did not know Idris was the owner until after the strike.

We continue to have serious concerns about Idris' links to terrorists and involvement with the Sudanese government.

We emphasize that our action against Idris' accounts was taken because of information tying him to terrorists and is not connected to his ownership of al Shifa.

Due to the possibility of litigation by Idris regarding Al-Shifa, we cannot comment further.

Did the President decide to bomb Al-Shifa to avoid any focus on his personal problems in a

“Wag the Dog” type manner?

Absolutely not. The only consideration that was brought to bear on the decision was what was in the national interest of the United States.

The proposal, including its timing, was developed by the President’s national security team and presented to the President for his approval. The only criteria were what was in the national interest of the United States.

NYT columnist William Safire reported that the U.S. is paying compensation to the Sudanese authorities for the Al Shifa bombing.

Mr. Safire is incorrect. The United States is not paying compensation to the government of Sudan.

~~The Washington Post says that Idris is a Saudi national. Is there a Saudi connection here?~~

~~Mr. Idris is a Sudanese national. He works for Saudi financiers. [If pressed] We believe he is a dual Sudanese-Saudi citizen.~~

~~Recent reports have noted that the Government of Sudan offered suspects to turn over suspects to the U.S. Government but that the USG [State Department] refused to talk to them, so suspects were released.~~

I would refer any questions regarding this report, or others dealing with the investigation of the Embassy bombings generally, to the FBI.

TALKING POINTS ON PRESIDENT'S VFW SPEECH

August 13, 1999

The President travels to Kansas City, Missouri on Monday to address the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

In his remarks, the President will salute American who have served in uniform, past and present, expressing the nation's gratitude for their service and reaffirming his commitment to see that they receive the veteran's benefits they have earned, including health care.

The President will also speak about the need to secure the legacy of our servicemen and women by remaining engaged and promoting US national interests worldwide, as we did in Kosovo. The VFW supported the President and his decision to intervene militarily during the Kosovo conflict to reverse Milosevic's ethnic cleansing campaign.

Defending and promoting US interests abroad means maintaining our military readiness, and President Clinton will reassert his pledge to keep our armed forces the best-trained, best-prepared, and best-equipped in the world.

The President will also emphasize the need to fully fund our international affairs budget, including initiatives to reduce the threat of nuclear proliferation, to support the Middle East peace process, and to promote conflict resolution in Africa. These investments in peace and security will minimize the need to put American soldiers in harm's way. But Congress has threatened to cut these critical programs by almost \$2 billion.

SECRETARY DANZIG LETTER TO TAILHOOK

August 11, 1999

CONTEXT: In the wake of the scandal that erupted over mistreatment of women at the 1991 Tailhook Association convention, the Navy withdrew its recognition of Tailhook as a professional organization (which cut off all Navy support for the organization). Earlier this year Admiral Johnson asked Secretary Danzig to reinstate Navy support for Tailhook on the grounds that the organization had reformed itself and had conducted its last several conventions in an appropriate professional manner. In response to CNO's request, Secretary Danzig intends to send three representatives (two flag officers and Carolyn Becraft, Assistant Secretary of the Navy) to the Tailhook convention later this month to observe the organization's behavior and report back to him with a recommendation on whether or not to resume Navy support for Tailhook. He has set specific criteria by which Tailhook will be evaluated, including dedication to the professional development of its members, respect for ~~and~~ proper treatment of women (per DOD and Navy directives), and no tolerance for inappropriate behavior of any kind at the convention.

~~Before notifying Tailhook of his plan, Secretary Danzig discussed it with Secretary Cohen, who concurred with the plan. His office, in turn, raised the issue with John Podesta's staff. The primary concern was not whether or not to send the letter, but when to release it to the press. Podesta discussed this with Jim Steinberg and others here at the White House, then had his staff inform Cohen's office it was OK to release the letter to the press. According to Laura Marcus, Podesta did not raise this issue with POTUS prior to responding to the Secretary of Defense.~~

The Navy released Secretary Danzig's letter to Tailhook Tuesday evening.

~~What is the White House reaction to Secretary Danzig's action?~~

Secretary Danzig's plan to have observers evaluate Tailhook before making a decision on resuming Navy support for the association is a reasonable, prudent approach.

Did the White House approve Secretary Danzig's action?

Secretary Danzig had the authority to take this action. The Department of Defense discussed Secretary Danzig's letter with the White House.

Was the President asked to approve Secretary Danzig's action?

No.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

August 12, 1999

CONTEXT: *The House Appropriations Committee has sent legislation to the floor that will dismantle the Selective Service System (SSS). The Bill would slash the President's budget request of \$25.2M by \$18.2M, providing just \$7M for SSS termination costs. The spending Bill will be considered by the full House after the August recess.*

Five years ago the House attempted to shut down SSS in the same manner. Bob Bell led an interagency review of the SSS and the POTUS conveyed the results to the Speaker on May 18, 1994. His decision was to retain both the SSS and the draft registration requirement.

~~Where does the President currently stand on the Selective Service System?~~

~~The President's decision was to retain both the SSS and the draft registration requirement for the following reasons:~~

- ~~1) Maintaining the SSS and draft registration provides a hedge against unforeseen threats and a relatively low cost "insurance policy" against our underestimating the maximum level of threat we expect our Armed Forces to face.~~
- ~~2) Terminating the SSS and draft registration now could send the wrong signal to our potential enemies who are watching for signs of U.S. resolve.~~
- 3) As fewer and fewer members of our society have direct military experience, it is increasingly important to maintain the link between the All-Volunteer Force and our society at large. The Armed Forces must also know that the general population stands behind them, committed to serve, should the preservation of our national security so require.

The President's position hasn't changed.

**FORT CAMPBELL BEATING DEATH
ALLEGED TO BE ANTI-GAY HATE CRIME**
August 12, 1999

What was the President's reaction to the story that the Fort Campbell soldier beaten to death by one of his fellow soldiers may have been killed because he was gay?

The President was obviously shocked and saddened that this brutal act occurred.

Military authorities are conducting a full and complete investigation and appear to have moved quickly to apprehend the alleged perpetrators.

We have confidence in the military system of justice under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It would not be appropriate to comment further on the proceedings. You can seek further information from the Army.

What is the President's response to those who say that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy has been a failure?

The Pentagon is determined to implement the "Don't ask, Don't tell" law with fairness to all concerned. Defense Secretary Cohen has made it clear that there is no room for discrimination in the military, and he has instructed his staff to make sure that the law is clearly understood and fairly enforced.

According to press reports, one of the section leaders of the dead soldier has apparently admitted that he asked him if he were gay. Is that a violation of the policy and if so, what action is being taken against the section leader?

I understand the Army is considering what, if any, action is appropriate under the circumstances, which were developed at the hearing earlier this week, and I would refer you to them for the specifics.

When was the President first informed about this case?

He had been briefed very generally about the case by WH staff on July 28th.

CLINTON DOCTRINE
August 12, 1999 – DRAFT

Is there a Clinton Doctrine after Kosovo?

We were not trying to establish a doctrine in Kosovo. Our goal was to stop a vicious campaign of ethnic cleansing in a place where important American interests were at stake and where we and our allies had the ability to act effectively.

Since the war ended, the President has expressed the hope that when governments single out an entire people for destruction or displacement because of their heritage or faith, we will be able to do something about it in a way that takes our interests and our values into account.

He has done so for two reasons: We would rather not live in a world where whole peoples can be hauled off to the slaughter or exiled just because of who they are. And we have seen that such tragedies can launch cycles of violence that throw whole regions into turmoil, overwhelm the world's ability to help the innocent and inevitably lead to future wars.

~~But the President~~ has never suggested we can respond to every humanitarian tragedy as we responded to Kosovo. How we respond will continue to depend on our capacity to act, on the willingness of others to act with us, and on the national interests at stake in each case.

~~We will also work with other nations and institutions, from regional organizations to the UN, to strengthen our collective capacity to prevent, and if necessary, defeat, outbreaks of mass killing.~~ That is the approach our partners in Africa want us to pursue on their continent, and we have. For example, through the African Crisis Response Initiative, we have trained peacekeeping battalions from six African countries. And we have supported African forces working to end the conflict in Sierra Leone.

There are other lessons to be learned from Kosovo, about the relationship between diplomacy and force, the role of air power, and the importance of maintaining alliance unity.

Clinton Defense Fund
August 13, 1999

Q: Is the President disappointed in the slow pace of donations to his legal expense trust?

A: The President is gratified that so many people in so many places around the country have contributed to the trust. He and Mrs. Clinton deeply appreciate their generosity.

Q: What about reports that some kind of rock concert may be in the works to contribute to the trust?

A: (This is a Drudge report, so you may want to simply say, "As you know, we don't comment on Internet rumors"). (Or): I don't have any information about that at all.

Q: ~~If the trust can't meet all of the Clinton's legal bills, how are they going to be able to help others who innocently became ensnared in these investigations? The President said he wanted to do something for them.~~

A: ~~The President understands that a number of people were burdened with legal bills as a result of various investigations, and he has said he wants to find some way to help out. At this point in time, I don't have any further information for you than that.~~

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August 13, 1999

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FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSES TO DROUGHT

August 6, 1999

The Department of Agriculture

On Monday, August 2, Secretary Glickman traveled to MD, VA and WV to personally inspect the severe drought conditions plaguing farmers in those states. As a result, Secretary Glickman declared a crop disaster for the entire state of WV, and counties in other states suffering from similar drought conditions. Such a declaration makes those counties and states eligible for low interest emergency assistance and triggers additional loan support from the Small Business Administration.

~~Fire activity continues to escalate in the Western Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Oklahoma.~~ The USDA Forest Service continues to battle these blazes throughout these states and are monitoring all fire activities.

In addition, USDA's Drought Commission is charged with making recommendations On how to better integrate Federal drought laws and programs with ongoing State, local, and tribal programs; improve public awareness of the need for drought mitigation, prevention, and response; and whether all Federal drought preparation and response programs should be consolidated under one existing Federal agency and, if so, identify the agency.

Department of Health and Human Services

On July 12, the President announced the release of \$100 million in emergency Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds for 17 states that were hit hardest by the heat wave in New England, the Midwest, and the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Since this time, the heat wave has continued.

On August 3, the President directed HHS to release another \$55 million in LIHEAP assistance to an additional nine states. Funds were released to: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. These nine states have been excessively hot and were not included in the release of LIHEAP

funds previously this summer. Over the last several weeks, these states have been 30 percent hotter than normal, and have had more than 100 cooling degree days.

Department of Energy

Secretary Richardson has announced a six-point initiative to help prevent major power outages. This initiative includes developing standards for more efficient air conditioners, investigating major power outages, coordinating efforts through a regional summit, and leading by example to cut electricity consumption in the Federal government. The department is already working to ease generation and transmission capacity shortages by developing advanced generation and transmission technologies, and by promoting energy efficiency in homes and businesses. Richardson will work with the Congress to ensure that these vital programs are fully funded

Small Business Administration

SBA's disaster assistance loan program would be triggered if the President declares a disaster to include individual assistance including temporary housing and individual and family grants. A crop disaster declaration by the Secretary of Agriculture has triggered SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for agri-dependant small businesses, such as farm implement dealers, contract harvesters, etc. Under this program, low interest working capital loans - 4% over 30 years – are available to assist small businesses meet the ordinary operating expenses that it could have met absent a disaster.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

FEMA has issued Fire Suppression Assistance Grants for fires in TX and MT and continues to monitor further requests. The Robert T. Stafford Relief Act identifies "drought" as one of the natural catastrophes which can constitute the basis for a Presidential Declaration of a major disaster. The President may also declare an emergency if he determines federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts to save lives, protect property, public health and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a catastrophe.

Under an emergency declaration, FEMA may provide emergency water supply for domestic consumption. Under the declaration of a major disaster, Disaster Unemployment Assistance and Mortgage and Rental Assistance (MRA) would be made available. DUA provides unemployment benefits for workers left unemployed by a disaster, including agricultural workers and many self-employed individuals, that

are ineligible for the regular unemployment program. MRA assists individuals including agricultural workers who, as a result of a major disaster, have suffered financial hardship such that they are about to be evicted from their housing for inability to make mortgage and rental payments. Mortgage and rental replacement payments can be made for up to 18 months.

The Environmental Protection Agency

Vice President Gore announced that the Environmental Protection Agency is issuing a new Air Quality Index that provides critical information about precautions Americans should take on days when air pollution poses threats to public health, particularly with hot weather conditions. This new index, for the first time, includes special precautions Americans with sensitive health conditions should take, particularly the six million children with asthma.

The Department of Commerce

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, held a press conference to discuss the widespread effect of this year's drought and heat wave. According to NOAA, NJ, DE, MD, and RI are the driest they have been in 105 years of record-keeping. CN, MS, NY and WV experienced their second-driest growing season. NOAA continues to monitor weather conditions and will report those findings as they develop.

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FACT SHEET

WHITE HOUSE DROUGHT TASK FORCE

August 11, 1999

Interagency Task Force on Drought and Heat

~~The President directed the establishment of a task force to coordinate the federal response to the crippling drought problem that continues to grip much of the nation. White House Deputy Chief of Staff Maria Echaveste convened the task force representatives on Monday morning. The task force began cataloguing the extensive federal efforts undertaken thus far to address the crisis. In addition, the task force identified potential additional federal responses to assist communities in planning for and responding to breaking emergencies, some of which are described below. The task force also commenced work on assessing the impact of these droughts so as to identify further needs and possible federal responses. Lastly, the task force will help coordinate federal input into the National Drought Policy Commission created by Congress in 1998.~~

The Department of Commerce

~~Web~~ Based Heat Advisory:

Starting immediately, Commerce Secretary William Daley has instructed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to make available to managers, planners and the public the a weekly assessment of potential heat threats. These assessments are now posted and updated weekly at <http://www.drought.noaa.gov>. Previously, these assessments had been available only on a local basis. This action will now it possible any official or citizen anywhere to access this vital information. It also integrates the heat assessments with assessments of other weather-related threats. With this action, there is a one-stop shop for all of NOAA's weather threat data.

Called the Threats Assessment, it consists of maps that show where extreme conditions such as temperature, precipitation, wind, and drought are forecast over the coming three to ten days. It is updated weekly or more frequently as events require. The Threats Assessment targets emergency managers, local officials, and forecasters. It provides information that communities and individuals can use to take precautionary steps to mitigate the impacts of extreme events. This product has been in development for nearly two years. NOAA worked with a wide range of stakeholders to create a tool that is useful at the state and local levels.

Drought Mapping and Forecast Service:

Also starting immediately, Commerce, working in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and the National Drought Mitigation Center, has launched a drought monitoring and forecast service. This service, which had been available only in experimental form, summarizes the extent and intensity of drought nationwide and forecasts whether droughts will strengthen or weaken. Like the Threat Assessment, the Drought Monitor is on the Internet at <http://www.drought.noaa.gov>.

The three-way partnership is responding to the need for accurate, centralized drought information by developing a map that summarizes information from numerous drought indices and indicators on a single, easy-to-read color map.

The map displays general areas where drought is occurring as well as dry areas where drought threatens. To create the map, the partnership blends information from numerous sources, including the departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Interior.

The map uses a new classification system to show drought intensity and type, similar to the schemes currently in use for hurricanes and tornadoes. The map combines key indices of rainfall and drought to produce the final drought intensity rating. Since drought often affects various activities differently, the map indicates if drought is affecting agriculture, fire danger, or water supplies. State-of-the-art forecast tools are being used to indicate whether drought will strengthen or weaken significantly over the next two weeks.

Two Week Warning For Extreme Heat Events:

Finally, for next summer, the NOAA will extend extreme heat forecasts for up to two weeks in advance. The predictions will be in the form of probabilities of the number of consecutive days heat indices will exceed critical values. The forecasts will be included in the newly operational weekly Threats Assessment. For the first time, these forecasts will provide officials and leaders from organizations like the American Red Cross with a "heads-up" for potentially life threatening conditions well in advance. Local NOAA weather service offices will then work with health officials and communities to highlight the impacts to the area. This information should help the public to take informed, life saving actions.

The Department of Agriculture

Today, Secretary Glickman announced that the entire state of Connecticut, 19 counties in Maryland, six additional counties in New York, five counties in Virginia, and one county in New Mexico will be declared agricultural disaster areas. Such declarations make those areas eligible for emergency, low-interest loans because of the excessive heat and drought. The Secretary's declaration triggers low interest SBA loans for agriculture dependent businesses.

USDA has approved nearly \$4.9 million for 11 states for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funds for the drought. The ECP provides emergency cost-share funding for water conservation measures, federal crop insurance, and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which provides compensation for crops for which crop insurance is unavailable.

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Education
Creationism - revised
August 13, 1999

Q: What is the Administration's position on the Kansas Board of Education's decision not to teach evolution in schools?

A: While the federal government has a significant role to play in ensuring that all our children have access to the high-quality education they deserve, curriculum decisions are appropriately made on a state and local level.

Q: Has the President asked the Department of Education to examine the issue of teaching evolution?

A: The Department is prohibited by law from mandating curriculum. The Department of Education Organization Act says that "No provision of a program ~~administered by the Secretary or by any other officer of the Department shall be construed to authorize the Secretary or any such officer to exercise any direction supervision, or control over the curriculum, program of instruction, administration, or personnel of any educational institution, school or school system...~~" (Section 103 B 20 US Code 3403 (b)).

Q: ~~But doesn't the Administration comment regularly on what children should learn in school, e.g. reading and math?~~

A: The federal government plays a critical leadership role in encouraging schools to set high standards for all students – including core academic areas such as reading, math and science – and to support state and local efforts to ensure that students reach high standards. These efforts help ensure that schools focus on results and that all students have the academic preparation needed for success. However, the federal government is not involved in determining the specific content of those standards or in deciding exactly how or what students should be taught. For example, the Administration has encouraged states and school districts to help all children learn to read well and independently by the end of the third grade, but it is up to them to choose the appropriate curriculum and instructional strategy to reach that goal.

Q: Does the President support the inclusion of evolution in state science standards?

A: Again, the President believes, as he did when he was a governor, that states and localities have primary responsibility for education and must have the flexibility to decide what to teach and how to teach it. He also feels strongly, however, that our children need an educational environment that promotes scientific and intellectual inquiry. The National Academy of Sciences, in their report *Science*

and Creationism, has laid out the compelling scientific evidence supporting the theory of evolution, and the judgment of these experts deserves great weight.

Q: Do the Administration's "Guidelines for Religious Freedom" address this issue?

A: The issue decided by the Kansas Board is one of science curriculum, not one of religious freedom or expression.

Education
Question and Answer
August 13, 1999

- Q: The Washington Times reported today that the Vice President wants to make it illegal for high school students to drop out. Does the Administration support this policy?**
- A:** President Clinton and Vice President Gore have long made education a top priority to help strengthen the quality of public schools and to prepare all of our young people to succeed in the 21st century. They have fought for higher academic standards, expanded after-school programs, educational technology, smaller classes, better teachers, and modern school buildings. The Vice President has proposed significant steps to build on this record with steps like making preschool universally available and creating a 21st Century Teachers Corps to attract and train talented young people to teach in our highest-need schools.

Yesterday, VP Gore proposed an aggressive initiative to tackle one of the nation's most pressing challenges in education: unacceptably high drop-out rates. He challenged states to raise their school age requirement to 18 -- 11 states have already done so -- and he proposed matching federal funding for states that accept this challenge. This drop-out initiative does not create a federal mandate, but rather would reward states that adopt proven strategies to help young people stay and succeed in school. The proposal tackles the important challenge of keeping our young people in school, builds on the Clinton-Gore record, and is based on solid academic research showing that higher compulsory school ages can help students stay in school and earn more throughout their lifetimes.

**Guns/Los Angeles Shooting
Question and Answer
August 13, 1999**

Although there is a large amount of new information in the newspapers on this story, the US Attorney's Office is restricted from commenting much further than yesterday.

Q: There have been conflicting reports on the weapon used by the gunman in the shooting that took place at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles. What more can you tell us about the weapons? And how does this impact your call for federal gun legislation?

A: The ATF is in the process of tracing 7 firearms in connection to this case, and they are continuing their investigation into the tragic shooting this week. [Note: ATF is not ~~ready to confirm the types/models of weapons they are tracing, or which weapon(s) were used in the shooting.~~]

~~Not even two weeks have passed since the horrible multiple shooting in Atlanta, and our nation has been shaken again by a tragic act of gun violence. This serves as yet another reminder that we must take every sensible measure we can to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Unfortunately, Congress left town for their month-long recess before passing common sense gun legislation that we all know would help to reduce gun violence in our country. The President repeatedly urged them to stay in Washington so they could send him legislation as our children return to school next month.~~

While it's true that we'll never know if a given law can prevent a particular tragedy, we do know that we can take action to stop guns from falling into the hands of those who shouldn't have them. The Brady Law has prevented over 400,000 felons, fugitives, mentally unstable, and individuals under restraining orders from getting guns. We know this has made a difference. Washington should stop making excuses and take action to help all Americans -- children and parents -- feel safe.

Q: In light of the recent shooting, is the Administration now taking a closer look into whether all handguns should be registered?

A: With respect to the tragic case in Los Angeles, the ATF has not yet confirmed whether a handgun or long gun was actually used in the shooting. Nonetheless, while we can never know if a given law can prevent a particular tragedy, we do know that we can take action to stop guns from falling into the hands of those who shouldn't have them. The Brady Law has prevented over 400,000 felons, fugitives, mentally unstable, and individuals under restraining orders from getting guns. We know this has made a difference.

As the President has previously stated, he believes that gun licensing and registration are good ideas that should be taken up by Congress. And we will continue to look into these proposals. But the fact remains, however, that this Congress has worked hand-in-hand with the gun lobby to oppose even more modest changes to our gun laws. So now, the President's main priority is to make sure that Congress passes as many of the common sense gun measures he proposed last April as possible – so he can sign as our children return to school next month.

Q: It has been reported that the alleged gunman in the L.A. shootings was a federally-licensed gun dealer between 1992 and 1995. Are there any standards in place that could have prevented someone like him from becoming a licensed dealer?

A: Without commenting specifically on the Furrow case this Administration has worked very hard to crack down on gun dealers and to improve the overall integrity of the federal firearms licensing system. As a result, we have had tremendous success in weeding out many of the “bad apples.” When the President took office, there were more federal gun dealers in the U.S. (nearly 300,000) than there were gas stations. Because of tough new rules and legislation supported by this Administration to ensure that all gun dealers are responsible and law-abiding, we’ve reduced the number of dealers by two-thirds; today, there are only about 100,000 federal gun dealers.

~~Still, there is more we can do. First and foremost, we must close the gun show loophole and require all gun show sellers to live by the same rules as federal gun dealers. Second, we should conduct more inspections of federal gun dealers (increasing from 1 to 3 per year), provide for tougher penalties for gun dealers who interfere with gun trafficking investigations, and make it easier to suspend a gun dealer’s license if he runs afoul of the law. These common-sense provisions are included in the President’s gun legislation, and they should be passed by the Congress.~~

~~[Note: Treasury is providing more specific detail into the federal firearms license of Furrow.]~~

Q: What is your position on the NAACP lawsuit against the gun industry? Do you agree, as their lawsuit alleges, that African Americans are disproportionately injured by the gun industry’s negligent marketing?

A: The African American community has an understandable concern about the impact that gun violence has on their community. We are watching closely all of the pending lawsuits against the gun industry. The President has previously expressed particular concern about allegations that some gun dealers are selling guns illegally, helping purchasers evade firearms laws and even selling guns to persons who say they intend to break the law. These are serious charges which, if proven true, would demonstrate that some in the gun industry are helping to promote an illegal market in firearms. Such disrespect for the law endangers our citizens, and if the evidence shows in any of these cases that federal firearms laws have been violated, we will take vigorous enforcement action.

The President has proposed legislation to crack down on those gun dealers involved in the illegal gun trade, by allowing for more inspections of federal firearms licensees (from 1 to 3 per year), tougher penalties for serious violations that interfere with trafficking investigations, and suspension of a gun dealer's license for willful violations of the Gun Control Act. He has also proposed to crack down on illegal gun traffickers and straw purchasers by limiting handgun sales to one per month. And he continues to urge the Congress to pass his reasonable, common sense gun measures as part of the juvenile crime bill under consideration.

In the meantime, we will continue to work closely with state and local law enforcement to trace crime guns back to their source, and to prevent illegal gun sales -- especially to criminals and juveniles.

Yesterday's POTUS language on LA Shooting/Hate Crimes/Guns
August 13, 1999

Let me just say, before I begin I would like to say just a few words about the latest developments in the shootings in Los Angeles. It now appears that they were motivated by racial and ethnic hatred. If so, that's the second such incident we've had in the last couple of weeks, along with the killings that occurred in the Midwest, which you all remember very well -- and another compelling argument, in my judgment, for this country to renew its commitment to our common community, our common humanity; and another compelling argument for the passage of the hate crimes legislation and the common-sense gun legislation we have recommended. (Applause.)

I know the Attorney General spoke about this earlier today, but I wanted to strongly support and associate myself with her comments on this.

Hate Crimes
August 12, 1999

Q: How can the Administration aid in deterring future hate crimes?

A: The Administration is working in a variety of ways to help prevent and punish hate crimes. First, federal law enforcement will continue to work with state and local authorities in investigating incidents where there is evidence of hate-motivated violence. Second, following the White House Conference on Hate Crimes, the Administration created working groups in U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country. These working groups, essentially federal-state-local Partnerships, include representation from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, state and local law enforcement and prosecutor's offices, educators, and community groups. The groups work to ensure close coordination on hate crimes investigations and prosecutions among responsible law enforcement agencies; promote training of police, investigators, and prosecutors in identifying and dealing with hate crimes; encourage victims to report hate crimes; and educate the public about the harm they cause. Finally, the Administration is also part of a public-private partnership that will develop a program for middle-school students to teach tolerance in the classroom and in their daily lives. The members of the partnership are AT&T, Court TV, the National Middle School Association, the Anti-Defamation League, and Cable in the Classroom, with assistance from the Departments of Justice and Education.

Q: ~~What specific changes to current federal law is the President supporting?~~

A: ~~The President supports passage of pending federal legislation to expand the principal federal hate crimes statute. Current law prohibits any acts of violence that are based on a person's race, color, religion, or national origin and that are intended to interfere with certain specified federally protected activities. The proposed legislation would make illegal these acts of violence even if they were not intended to interfere with federally protected activities. Further, the proposed legislation would prohibit any acts of violence based on sexual orientation, gender, or disability, as long as there is a connection with interstate commerce.~~

Q: Apart from supporting new legislation, what other activities has the Administration undertaken with respect to hate crimes?

A: At the White House Conference on Hate Crimes in November 1997, the President announced several initiatives to ensure effective law enforcement, including the creation of working groups in U.S. Attorney's districts across the country to improve coordination among local, state, and federal prosecutors; the addition of new FBI agents and prosecutors to work on enforcement of hate crimes laws; and the development of model curriculum for training law enforcement officers to deal with hate crimes. Since the conference, the Administration has committed significant resources to assisting enforcement of hate crimes and has issued publications such as "Preventing Youth Hate Crime: A Manual for Schools and Communities" and "Protecting Students from

Harassment and Hate Crime.” In his FY2000 budget, the President has requested approximately \$34 million for hate crimes enforcement.

Mental Health
August 13, 1999

Q With public interest in government and other sectors doing more to prevent violence that stems from mental health, what is the administration doing to address mental health in America?

A We agree that we need to do more to address mental health in this country. That is why this year the Administration hosted the first-ever White House Conference on Mental Health to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and explore new ways to improve the way we treat mental illness. We took a number of steps to do just that. We brought the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan into full mental health parity to set a model for the nation that health plans should treat mental illness equivalent with physical illnesses.

. The President also announced that later this year the Vice President and Mrs. Gore will launch a major nationwide public/private partnership between the National Education Association (NEA), EchoStar, and other partners to improve school safety.

~~We also took steps to encouraging states to offer more coordinated Medicaid services for people with mental illness as~~ Millions of the most vulnerable Americans with severe mental illness rely on Medicaid.

We also unveiled a new effort to implement new strategies to address mental illness in the criminal justice system. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration and DOJ are hosting a conference later this summer to focus on how the criminal justice system can prevent crime by mentally ill people, and address the needs of offenders with mental illness.

**School Safety
Question and Answers
August 13, 1999**

Q: In the wake of the recent school shootings, many schools are taking significant steps to tighten school security. In light of recent statistics showing school and juvenile crime down, isn't this an overreaction?

A: The recent school shootings are national tragedies and these horrible events have surely contributed to a growing fear amongst students and their parents. While crime statistics show that crime is coming down amongst our young people, it still remains a problem. Juvenile crime rates remain higher than they were before they started to skyrocket in the late 1980s, and youth gun violence remains far too high: in 1996, gunfire killed an average of about 13 young people every day. Moreover, 1 in 5 kids still report carrying a weapon to school.

~~We must take~~ firm steps to ensure the safety of our young people in their communities and in their schools. We are committed to working with schools and law enforcement officials to make sure that they have the resources and assistance they need to help ensure the safety of all of our students. When Congress comes back from recess, it should finish its work on the juvenile crime conference and finally pass a comprehensive and balanced bill that includes common-sense gun provisions that will keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals.

TAX CUTS
(8/6/99)

Q: As the President has clearly indicated that he will veto the larger tax package that House and Senate Republicans are sending him, is tax cut legislation effectively dead for the year? Does this impasse raise the need for a budget summit?

A: It's better to do nothing and pay down approximately \$100 billion in debt this year than sign an irresponsible tax cut that threatens our ability to pay down the debt, strengthen Medicare and Social Security, and invest in key priorities like education.

Medicare's a good place to start. The President has a detailed Medicare proposal. We invite the Republican leadership to sit down in September and discuss a Medicare plan that extends solvency and provides a prescription drug benefit. Once we do this we can move on to other things.

Q: ~~Alan Greenspan has said that he prefers cutting taxes to spending the surplus. Isn't it clear that he believes that the best approach is the Republican tax cut – not the President's plan to spend the surplus?~~

A: ~~Alan Greenspan has repeatedly advocated holding off on a tax cut.~~ As recently as this week, Greenspan said, "...my first choice, as I've indicated previously, is to reduce the debt" and "It's precisely that imprecision and the uncertainty that is involved which has led me to conclude that we probably would be better off holding off on a tax cut immediately...."

~~The President has proposed more fiscally responsible "First Things First" approach which pays down the debt, strengthens Social Security and Medicare, and invests in key priorities like education.~~

A responsible family doesn't plan a big vacation without figuring out how to pay for food, clothing, and their mortgage when they get back. Likewise a responsible federal government shouldn't spend all the surplus on a tax cut without ensuring that adequate resources are available to strengthen Social Security and Medicare and invest in key priorities like education, public safety, environment.

Roth Tax Cut

Q: The Washington Post has reported that Senator Roth's tax bill, because it has different components favoring lower and middle income taxes, is the basis for a deal. Is it?

A: Nothing could be further from the truth. As the President has made clear time and time again, a tax cut of nearly \$800 billion would leave nothing to extend the life of Social

Security or Medicare, provide a prescription drug benefit or provide even minimal funding for the basic programs of government we depend on --- programs for education, the environment, veterans, law enforcement, medical research, and more. [In fact, that tax cut is so large, and drains resources so greatly, that by the year 2009, it will require cuts of roughly 50% in the government's domestic discretionary programs. This is simply unthinkable.]

The President believes that we can have a tax cut. His own program puts forth a tax cut of \$250 billion in the form of USA Savings Accounts and is part of a balanced plan that provides for extending the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, provides a long overdue prescription drug benefit, reduces the national debt to the point that it is eliminated by 2015, and also provides funding for the government's domestic programs.

Any tax cut has to be part of a balanced plan, that also meets these needs. There is no question that this is NOT the basis of a deal. It is simply too large. The components of it, even if they are somewhat different from the House bill, don't change the fact that this tax cut is simply a non-starter.

The President will veto a tax cut of \$800 billion, he will veto a tax cut of \$500 billion, and the burden is on anyone who suggests a tax cut in the range of \$300 to \$500 billion to explain how they will meet the tests.

Q. ~~The House and Senate have passed a tax plan. Will you compromise with the Republicans on a tax cut package? And if you do, what number will you accept?~~

A. We need to take care of First Things First. I have put forth a balanced plan that meets the long-term needs of Social Security and Medicare, provides for a prescription drug benefit, provides tax relief for middle income Americans through USA Accounts and provides for defense spending to keep the nation's military readiness first-rate while funding education and our other domestic needs.

The core of my plan is a commitment to use our surplus to pay down our debt and save to meet the enormous challenge of protecting Medicare and Social Security for future generations.

The Republican plans moves in the opposite direction. Instead of saving our resources to meet the challenge that we face, their plans explodes the cost of the tax cut so much that it threatens our nation's ability to save in order to meet our Social Security and Medicare needs of the 21st century.

Indeed, in the second decade, just at the time our nation first confronts the demographic challenge of the baby boom; just at the time when the Social Security's Trust Fund is first under strain; just at the time when the Medicare Trust Fund is projected to become insolvent, the Republican tax cut would explode and drain an unimaginable **\$3 trillion**.

If instead of paying down our debt, we allow for an exploding tax cut to drain **\$3 trillion** of our savings, we will not only threaten the fiscal discipline and economic stability that has recently blessed our economy, we will threaten our ability to find the resources to keep Medicare and Social Security strong for the next generation.

Q: **There is speculation that the Senate might choose to wait after recess to conference the tax bill and send it to the President, in order to let tensions lessen and increase the possibility of a compromise.**

A: The Congress still has a lot of work to finish this year. The timing of the conference report will not change the President's objections. The bill would still fail to meet the key tests, whether that's in August or September. Congress should get down to work, and produce an acceptable bill, rather than using stalling tactics to put off the work and responsibilities the American people expect them to treat seriously.

Republican Tax Cut Campaign
August 12, 1999

***Are you concerned about the Republican tax cut campaign?**

A public relations strategy won't change the fact that the Republican tax bill that jeopardizes our ability to strengthen Medicare and Social Security, pay down the debt, and invest in key priorities like education and defense.

This is simply a matter of arithmetic. The President has put forward a responsible plan that ... First Things First.

As a first step, in September, let's sit down and work out an agreement on Medicare. Then we can figure out what we need for our other priorities like education, defense, science, flight safety.

Then if we agree on a \$250 billion tax cut that's targeted toward working families, we can discuss the composition with congressional Democrats and Republicans. The President favors USA accounts that help working families save for retirement. Some others have different ideas.

Republican Tax Plan Drains Resources Needed To Secure Medicare, Protect Social Security, Pay Down Debt and Invest In Key Priorities

NEW EVIDENCE: As Written, GOP Tax Bill Triggers Automatic Cuts In Medicare, Eliminates Other Vital Programs Over Next 5 Years

August 8, 1999

Republican Tax Bill Drains Resources Needed To Secure Medicare, Protect Social Security Surpluses, Pay Down the Debt, and Prevent Deep Cuts in Key Priorities From Education To Agriculture To Public Safety To Science. The Republican tax bill, and the associated interest costs, would use up the entire \$1 trillion non-Social Security surplus and, assuming it continued, would explode between 2010 – 2020 right at the time when the babyboom generation begins to retire and Medicare is projected to become insolvent and Social Security comes under strain. Under the Republican budget resolution, key priorities would be cut by roughly 50 percent by 2009 in education, agriculture, public safety, and science. (This assumes that the Republicans fund defense at levels recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and approved by the President.)

~~New Evidence: As Written, GOP Tax Bill Would Trigger Automatic Across-The-Board Cuts That Would Cut Medicare by \$31.8 billion & Entirely Eliminate Key Federal Programs Including Farm Safety Net And Child Support Enforcement Programs.~~ The Republican tax cut bill as written would, under existing law, automatically trigger across-the-board spending cuts in the budget (known as sequestration). These cuts would automatically come from mandatory programs, resulting in a \$31.8 billion cut in Medicare over the next 5 years (2000-2004), according to an Office of Management and Budget analysis. These cuts would also force the complete elimination of key federal programs, including farm safety net programs like CCC and crop insurance, veterans education and training benefits, child support enforcement, and Social Service Block Grants, which support child care for low-income families and Meals on Wheels for senior citizens. **Over the next 5 years (2000-2004), these automatic across-the-board cuts would:**

- **Cut Medicare by \$31.8 billion.** Despite the fact that some Republicans are advocating the reversal of certain Medicare savings agreed upon in the 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement, the GOP tax plan would cause Medicare spending to be cut by \$31.8 billion from 2000 - 2004. This would impose further reductions in Medicare payments to all providers (including hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, and skilled nursing facilities).
- **Eliminate Farm Safety Net Programs (Crop Insurance and CCC) by cutting \$18.9 billion.** Despite the fact that the Senate has just passed a bill that provides approximately \$7.4 billion in 2000 emergency assistance to the nation's farmers, the Republican plan turns around and cuts \$18.9 billion from farm safety net programs even though this is a time of nationwide low commodity prices and regional droughts that are withering crops and livestock. Simply put, while the Republicans claim to be adding \$7.4 billion for farmers, their tax plan would cut more than twice as much from key programs that assist farmers.

As a result, the Agriculture Department's crop insurance program would shut down starting in 2002. Without insurance, most farmers and ranchers could not secure the financing from banks needed to operate their farms and ranches. It would also eliminate assistance to farmers through the Commodity Credit Corporation, which provides the funding for core income and price support assistance programs for farmers, at a time when many farmers are enduring the worst farm economy in decades. In addition, with U.S. agriculture heavily dependent on exports, these cuts would end USDA's export credit programs that guarantee billions of dollars of farm exports a year.

- **Eliminate Veterans Readjustment, Education, and Training Benefits by cutting \$3.1 billion.** These cuts would deny education benefits and training to more than 450,000 veterans, reservists, and dependents who are eligible through the Montgomery GI Bill and the Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Programs. This would mean that these veterans, reservists, and dependents would lose access to the education and training programs many were promised (and paid into) when they enlisted. It would also mean that job and other assistance for 50,000 disabled veterans who have employment disabilities sustained on active duty would be eliminated.
- **Cuts Student Loans.** Guaranteed and Direct Student Loan Program borrowers would have their origination fees increased by one-half of a percentage point beginning in 2000. Over 5.5 million beneficiaries would be affected.
- **Eliminate Child Support Enforcement by cutting \$10.2 billion.** Federal funding for Child Support Enforcement would be eliminated beginning in 2002 and many states would no longer be able to continue this critical program. In 1998, this program collected \$14.3 billion on behalf of children and families, and helped many low-income families move from welfare to work.
- **Eliminate Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) by cutting \$4.3 billion.** Beginning in 2002, SSBG would be eliminated. SSBG provides funding to States to support a wide range of programs including child protection and child welfare, child care, as well as services focused on the needs of the elderly and handicapped. The inherent flexibility of this grant helps states to target funds to meet needs in their communities.

Even With the Reduction or Elimination of These Key Programs, the Republican Tax Cuts Would Still Mean Roughly 50 Percent Cuts in Non-Defense Discretionary Spending by 2009 Cutting Medicare and eliminating of these key programs (triggered automatically by the Republican tax bill) would still not cover the full cost of the Republican tax bill. If the Republicans were to meet the President's defense budget and refrain from dipping into the Social Security surplus, they would have to make unfathomable cuts – roughly 50 percent across-the-board in domestic programs -- from education to agriculture to the FBI to the FAA to medical research by 2009. Even this analysis understates the potential harm of the Republican tax plan because it does not allow any resources to extend Medicare solvency even though Medicare is scheduled to become insolvent in 2015. Most experts would agree that Medicare's long-term solvency could only be secured with additional resources, meaning Republicans would need to drain the Social Security surplus and or undermine our fiscal discipline with a return to deficit spending.

Tornado
August 13, 1999

As of noon, damage assessment was continuing, and the Governor had not yet submitted a request for federal aid.

NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

August 13, 1999

EUROPE / RUSSIA/NONPRO

Russian Arms Control Compliance (new)

Russia/Berger and Putin

Russia / Dagestan

~~Incident With Russian Vessel Gissar~~

**~~Kazakhstan/MIG Sale to North Korea~~
~~(updated)~~**

~~Trip to Canada~~

ASIA

~~China/Taiwan (new)~~

**~~China/USAF C-21 to Hong Kong for
Congressional Delegation~~**

China-Taiwan/Ship Passing Exercise

Four-Party Talks

NEAR EAST / SOUTH ASIA

Iraq/No-Fly Zones (new)

India/Pakistan Air Clashes

MEPP

AFRICA

Ethiopia-Eritrea

INTERAMERICAN

Venezuela's Constituent Assembly (new)

Panama Canal

**Paraguay / NYT Article On Military
Government**

**Colombia / Visit Of Under Secretary Of
State Pickering**

TRANSNATIONAL

Sudan/Al-Shifa

DEFENSE

VFW Speech (new)

Secretary Danzig Letter to Tailhook

Selective Service System

**Fort Campbell Beating Death
Alleged to be Anti-Gay Hate Crime**

CLINTON DOCTRINE

RUSSIAN ARMS CONTROL COMPLIANCE

August 13, 1999

CONTEXT: *Today's Washington Times has a story that the National Security Council staff sought to water down the conclusion about Russian violations of the Biological Weapons Convention in the Administration's compliance report to Congress. The report, known as the "Pell Report," is submitted annually to the Hill and evaluates the compliance of countries with arms control treaties related to nuclear, chemical, biological and conventional weapons.*

~~What can you tell us about the report in today's Washington Times that the National Security Council staff has tried to let the Russians off the hook for violating the Biological Weapons Convention?~~

~~The report in question, known as the Pell Report, is an annual report from the President to Congress on the compliance of countries with their arms control obligations.~~

~~It covers not just biological weapons, but also nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons.~~

~~The role of the NSC staff is to coordinate interagency input and help ensure that the report is accurate and comprehensive.~~

~~The report is cleared by all the relevant agencies before being transmitted to Congress.~~

~~Beyond that, I can't comment on an issue involving intelligence information.~~

If asked about the status of the report:

~~The report is in the final stages of preparation and will be sent to Congress shortly.)~~

RUSSIA: BERGER AND PUTIN
August 12, 1999

[FYI ONLY FOR BRIEFER: SRB offered to look into scheduling possible POTUS-Putin meeting at APEC -- it's too early to raise this prospect until after Putin's confirmed.]

Acting PM Vladimir Putin called National Security Adviser Berger this morning. Today's call was fairly brief, approximately 20 minutes. The two last spoke on August 4.

Before being named prime minister by President Yeltsin on August 9, Putin served as Secretary of Russia's Security Council, and in that capacity, he was Sandy Berger's Russian counterpart.

~~---~~ Berger and Putin both expressed appreciation for work they've done together in recent months on issues such as Kosovo and nonproliferation. Putin reaffirmed Russian desire to strengthen U.S.-Russian cooperation and expressed new government's intention to follow course established by former PM Stepashin.

~~Berger stressed importance of making progress on important agenda (i.e., arms control, economics, and nonproliferation) set by President Clinton and President Yeltsin at Cologne.~~

~~If asked -- did they discuss possible meeting between Vice President Gore and Putin or future of U.S.-Russian Binational Commission?~~

No.

RUSSIA: DAGESTAN
August 11, 1999

BACKGROUND: *Yeltsin dismissed PM Stepashin on Monday, designated Security Council Secretary Vladimir Putin as acting PM and sent his nomination forward to the Duma. Duma will consider Putin's candidacy next Monday. Yeltsin indicated in public statements that Putin would make a good successor. Yeltsin also designated December 19 as the date for parliamentary elections. Fighting continued in Dagestan with various Russian officials vowing to take unspecified steps over next two weeks to "normalize" the situation.*

Any reaction to situation in Dagestan? Is this another Chechnya?

We're following situation closely. Obviously Dagestan is very volatile region. Situation there complex.

Administration condemns recent increase in violence, provocations, and acts of terrorism against lawful authorities by armed groups operating in region.

Important for all concerned to act responsibly and to respect human rights. Urge them to refrain from steps that would harm innocent civilians.

~~IF ASKED:~~ Any reaction to "declaration of independence" by rebels in Dagestan?

Recognize the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation.

Administration condemns violent actions against lawful authority by armed groups operating in region.

Again, important for all concerned to act responsibly and to respect human rights. Urge all parties to refrain from steps that would harm innocent civilians.

IF ASKED: **Why are the Russians bombing Georgian villages near Dagestan Monday? Doesn't this risk destabilizing Georgia and increase possibility that fighting in Dagestan will spill over?**

Understand that Russian and Georgian authorities are investigating circumstances surrounding possible incident involving Russian aircraft. Encourage both sides to work together to avoid incidents like this in the future.

INCIDENT WITH RUSSIAN FISHING VESSEL GISSAR

August 10, 1999

Background: *While patrolling the U.S.-Russia Maritime Boundary Line on 1 August, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON detained a Russian fishing trawler, the GISSAR, for illegally fishing in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The HAMILTON pursued and ultimately seized the GISSAR. 19 Russian fishing vessels moved into the area and interfered with the HAMILTON's activities. Out of concern for the safety of a Coast Guard boarding party aboard the GISSAR, the vessel was turned over to a Russian Border Guard ship for enforcement action.*

What can you tell us about the confrontation between the Coast Guard and the GISSAR?

Coast Guard acted in full accordance with international law when it boarded and seized the GISSAR, a Russian fishing vessel, that was fishing illegally in the U.S. zone. Other Russian fishing vessels interfered with ongoing U.S. law enforcement action. In order to minimize potential risk to U.S. personnel involved, the seized Russian fishing vessel was turned over to Russian authorities for enforcement action.

For further details, we would refer you to U.S. Coast Guard.

What is the USG doing about this incident?

Administration is pressing Russian authorities through diplomatic and other channels to prosecute masters of GISSAR and other Russian fishing vessels which interfered with Coast Guard actions.

Russians have promised to prosecute GISSAR's master and are still investigating the incident. Coast Guard is offering its assistance and information about the case to Russian authorities. Coast Guard is also looking at possible cooperative approaches for at-sea enforcement actions to avoid repetition of this type of incident.

Was anyone hurt during the incident?

No.

KAZAKHSTAN: MiG SALE TO NORTH KOREA

August 13, 1999

CONTEXT: *Interfax and the Kazakhstani press are running stories that comment in very general terms on the Vice President's telephone conversation on Wednesday, August 11, with Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev. Meanwhile, the South Korean press and Western wire services have concluded accurately that the MiGs reported to have been procured by North Korea actually originated in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev dismissed Defense Minister Altynbayev and Security Committee Chairman Abykayev "for grossly violating procedures for selling military equipment" on Monday, August 9. In March, the Government of Azerbaijan seized a plane containing six MiG-21s from Kazakhstan. We cannot comment on the details of any alleged intelligence information concerning these transfers. However, we should stress that we are investigating these reports thoroughly and have raised our concerns about this transfer with the governments of the entities believed to be involved in the transfer.*

~~What can you tell us about press reports that Kazakhstan has sold MiG-21 fighter aircraft to North Korea?~~

~~We are concerned by reports that the DPRK may have obtained MiG-21 aircraft.~~

Even though MiG-21s are an older-generation fighter aircraft, their transfer would be a serious matter.

We take reports of the transfer of any lethal military equipment to states such as North Korea seriously and investigate them thoroughly.

~~Are these transfers sanctionable under U.S. law?~~

We fully and faithfully implement the requirements of U.S. law and would take any actions required by those laws were we to determine that entities had engaged in sanctionable activities.

The issue of sanctionability would depend entirely on the specific nature of the alleged transfers.

In determining whether sanctionable activity had taken place in a particular matter, we would look to a variety of sources of information, including foreign governments.

IF RAISED: In March a shipment of MiG-21s from Kazakhstan were stopped in Baku -- are these the same aircraft?

We do not comment on intelligence matters.

IF RAISED: Did Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev dismiss his Defense Minister and Security Committee Chairman because of these transfers?

We understand that on August 9 President Nazarbayev dismissed Defense Minister Altynbayev and Security Committee Chairman Abykayev reportedly “for grossly violating procedures for selling military equipment”.

IF RAISED: Did Vice President Gore speak with President Nazarbayev on Thursday, as has been reported by wire services? Did they discuss the reported transfer of MiGs to North Korea?

Nazarbayev phoned Gore on Wednesday morning Washington time to discuss non-proliferation and security matters. They did discuss the question of the transfer of MiGs.

IF RAISED: What can you tell me about the substance of their conversation?

I cannot give you details. The Vice President expressed the serious concerns of the United States and indicated that the matter will be investigated in accordance with U.S. law.

IF RAISED: State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin yesterday implied that North Korea got the MiGs from Kazakhstan – true?

This is precisely what we need to investigate.

TRIP TO CANADA
August 13, 1999

**When the President visits Canada on October 8, will he address the International
~~the~~ Federalism Conference in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec?**

The President has been invited to address the Conference and the White House will be responding to that invitation.

What will the President be doing in Ottawa? What issues will he be addressing with the Prime Minister?

~~The~~ details of the trip have not yet been worked out. The President and Prime Minister Chretien will have a wide-ranging exchange on bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest.

~~Will the President~~ **Will the President preside at the opening of the new embassy in Ottawa?**

~~The details of the trip remain~~ to be worked out.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton's Visit to Canada

President Clinton has accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Chretien to hold a working visit in Canada on October 8, 1999. The two leaders will discuss bilateral and global issues of mutual interest.

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CHINA/TAIWAN
August 13, 1999

There have been several reports that China is considering using force to punish Taiwan for President Lee's recent statement about "state-to-state" relations. Has China approached the Administration to indicate it may use force? What preparations are being made if China does use military force?

We have not been approached by Chinese officials and we will not speculate about the hypothetical. As we have said before: Our position remains firm, we support the "one China" policy, we have an abiding interest in peaceful resolution of differences, and promotion of direct dialogue between Chinese on both sides of the Strait.

Nothing has changed. The President is looking forward to meeting President Jiang Zemin in New Zealand in September and will reiterate the message encouraging peaceful resolution of the differences between China and Taiwan.

~~EYE-TO-BRIEFER: We should not provide "intelligence" information about the situation. Be aware that State intends to say in their Press Guidance: "We have not seen any extraordinary developments or signs that the PRC is mobilizing for military action in the Taiwan Strait." (Will fax you their complete guidance). State has an if asked portion about the Taiwan Relations Act. I recommend we do not use it. It will feed upon the thrust of the news stories that we are preparing/or at least thinking about contingencies.~~

**CHINA/HONG KONG: USAF C-21 TO PICK UP
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
August 11, 1999**

CONTEXT: *The Chinese government recently approved a request for a USAF C-21 to fly to Hong Kong to pick up a Congressional delegation.*

Have any additional aircraft or ships been approved or denied?

The Chinese government has approved a landing in Hong Kong by one U.S. Air Force C-21 (which is a small, business-type jet) on August 18 to pick up a Congressional delegation and depart on August 19.

~~Which Congressional delegation?~~

~~Congressional~~ travel is normally announced by the office of the Senator or Representative involved. For this particular stop, the delegation is merely transiting Hong Kong. The city's role as a major international transit hub has long made it a stopover point for visitors.

~~Why did the Chinese government approve this plane and not others?~~

The PRC did not provide any explanation for the decision.

CHINA/TAIWAN: SHIP PASSING EXERCISE

August 12, 1999

CONTEXT: *Two US carrier battle groups -- the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Constellation -- had a long-planned ship passing exercise in international waters between Vietnam and Singapore recently. The South China Morning Post, quoting a "US official," said the exercise was meant as an intentional warning to Beijing over Taiwan. The US official was in fact dead wrong (and should be shot). In the 12 August Asian media, several US admirals are quoted by various papers as making connections between the ship passing exercise and the Taiwan Strait situation.*

Two US CVBG's held an exercise in the South China Sea recently. Was this an implicit warning to Beijing not to use force in its current dispute with Taiwan?

The USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Constellation battle groups recently held a "passing exercise" in international waters between Vietnam and Singapore. The transit schedules of the two carrier battle groups had been pre-determined months ago and was not changed in order to conduct this exercise. The Kitty Hawk was returning from the Arabian Gulf to Yokosuka, Japan, and the Constellation was on her way to the Arabian Gulf to relieve another ship.

The proximity of the ships created the opportunity to conduct this "passing exercise," in which ships engage in training exercises.

The exercise has been planned for months and was not conducted with any recent developments in mind.

"US Officials" have been quoted as linking this exercise explicitly with the tensions in the Taiwan Strait, saying that it served as an implicit message to "our friends and potential adversaries." Is that accurate?

That was not the explanation or meaning of this long-planned exercise. The movements of the carrier battle groups and the passing exercise are not related to the cross-Strait issue.

FOUR PARTY TALKS
August 10, 1999

CONTEXT: The Four Party Talks (among the US, ROK, DPRK, and China) held its 6th Plenary meeting in Geneva for August 5-9. No concrete progress was made in the course of the meeting.

Was any progress made in the just-concluded Four Party Talks?

The 6th Plenary Session of the Four Party Talks, chaired by the PRC, was held in Geneva for 5-9 August. The parties continued to discuss substantive issues and proposals for agenda items, including measures to reduce tension and outlines of a future peace regime. All parties agreed to convene the 7th Plenary Session as soon as possible at a date to be determined by a meeting of the Four Party Working Group. The new Chair State, in accordance with established procedure, will be the ROK.

IRAQ: NO-FLY ZONES
August 13, 1999

Is it true that the air strikes in the No-Fly Zones aren't having any impact on Iraq?

No.

We routinely patrol sixty percent of Iraq's airspace.

This provides a measure of protection for the people of northern and southern Iraq from a brutal regime that has used airpower to repress its own citizens.

Given Iraq's track record, this also provides valuable early warning for an Iraqi military attack on any of its neighbors.

As a result of our responses to their attacks on our pilots and crews, the Iraqis have sustained significant damage to their air defense capabilities.

~~Are the air strikes having any impact on Saddam's grip on power?~~

Our actions in the No-Fly Zones are purely defensive.

We respond to Iraqi attacks or threats on our aircraft and violations of the No-Fly Zones.

Are you considering an expansion or intensification of your responses in the No-Fly Zones?

We don't discuss operational matters.

What is your response to the Congressional letter criticizing the Administration's Iraq policy?

We always consider the views of the legislative branch very carefully.

Obviously, we differ with some of the points made in the letter.

We have a good, strong policy toward Iraq which we believe will accomplish our objectives without alienating our allies.

If pressed on Administration objectives:

Our objectives are to contain Iraq and help those who seek to bring about a change of regime in Baghdad.

If pressed on differences with the letter:

I'm not going to get into that now. The President will reply to the letter in a timely manner.

The article has a Senior Administration Official stating that only ground troops would ensure a change of regime in Baghdad. Since you aren't advocating the use of U.S. ground troops, how serious are you about regime change?

We're serious about regime change.

Our policy is to exert pressure on the Baghdad regime from all points of the compass.

~~We haven't set a time limit on our policy, and we believe this policy is the right one given the threat Iraq poses.~~

~~*If pressed on whether taking a longer term approach allows Saddam to rebuild his WMD:*~~

The President has stated that if Iraq reconstitutes its WMD programs, we will respond with force.

After Operation Desert Fox, I think Saddam takes that threat very seriously. [WHILE TRUE, ARE POLICYMAKERS SURE WE WANT TO PUT THIS MARKER DOWN IN SUCH AN ABSTRACT MANNER.]

INDIA/PAKISTAN AIR CLASHES

August 11, 1999

CONTEXT: *Pakistan has fired on Indian aircraft near the site of the downing yesterday of a Pakistani naval reconnaissance aircraft. The boundary in the area near the Arabian Sea is disputed.*

General Points:

The new firing incident today on the Indo-Pakistani border is a disturbing indication that tensions in the region are continuing to increase.

~~We repeat~~ our strong urging to both sides to exercise prudence, to talk directly about lowering tensions on the border, and to do nothing to exacerbate the situation.

~~We understand there is~~ an Indo-Pakistani 1991 bilateral agreement on prevention of air space violations, which calls for consultations in the event of such violations. The two sides ~~should cease firing on~~ each other's aircraft and begin discussions of how to end such incidents. ~~(Note: details on the agreement are available at State)~~

~~Far too many people have died on the border with India and Pakistan, including the tragic deaths of sixteen Pakistanis yesterday. While today's incident resulted in no deaths, both sides should work to resolve their differences through dialogue and avoid further loss of life.~~

IF ASKED: Which side of the border did the shoot-down take place?

~~We do not~~ have information which confirms on which side of the border yesterday's shoot-down occurred. The border in any case is disputed in that area.

MEPP: ALBRIGHT'S TRAVEL, WYE IMPLEMENTATION

August 10, 1999

Do you have dates for the Secretary's revised travel? When is she now planning to leave, and how long will she be in the region?

Secretary Albright plans to be in the region on September 1.

Other details of the itinerary are still being worked out, and we should have something more for you soon.

What was Chairman Arafat's reaction to the Secretary's decision to postpone her travel?

Secretary Albright spoke with Chairman Arafat yesterday to discuss where things stand in the peace process and to explain her thinking on postponing her visit for a couple of weeks.

~~It was a good phone call, and he was understanding of our position.~~

~~Who else did Secretary Albright talk to?~~

~~Over the last several days, she spoke with Prime Minister Barak, Chairman Arafat, and Syrian Foreign Minister Shara.~~

~~What is Secretary Albright going to be trying to accomplish with this visit~~

~~We want to facilitate progress wherever we can.~~

With respect to the Israeli-Palestinian track, we hope and expect the parties will use the period before the Secretary's travel to work seriously and constructively on the best ways and means for implementing their obligations under the Wye agreement.

At the same time, it's also important to work on the other tracks and to try to resume negotiations on the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks.

Is Secretary Albright expecting to announce a date for the resumption of negotiations between Israel and Syria as a result of this visit?

It's clear that the last three years have created difficulties that need to be overcome, and we don't expect them to be fixed overnight or by one visit.

Is it your understanding that the Israelis will begin implementing Wye on September 1. When will they begin withdrawing from territory? Does it depend on the Palestinians' fulfilling their Wye obligations first?

Both the Israelis and Palestinians have obligations and requirements according to the Wye agreement.

In this regard, Wye called for the parallel and phased implementation of these obligations.

With the resumption of the Wye time-line, we expect both sides to begin implementing their respective obligations in a parallel and phased manner.