

November 21, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: WOMEN PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES AND WHITE HOUSE WOMEN

FROM: BETSY MYERS
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director for Women's Initiatives and Outreach

SUBJECT: OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY PARTY

*Please join us for the first
White House
Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach*

Open House and Holiday Party

for

Women Appointees and White House Women

DATE: Tuesday, December 5, 1995

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: White House
Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach
708 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20503
*(between Pennsylvania and H Streets, across from the
White House)*

RSVP: 456-7300 *(by no later than Friday, December 1)*

Musical entertainment will be provided. Any donations of refreshments and/or beverages would be welcomed.

Women at Risk

GOR Budget Cuts A Serious Threat

BY HEDY RATNER

Women have a heavy stake in the current battle between Congress and the White House. The proposed congressional budget cuts have a disproportionately devastating impact on women and children.

Congress fought to raise monthly Medicare premiums and President Clinton held firm against it. While that is only one of the major issues, women should understand its importance because statistics show that:

- More than 54 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries (more than 20 million) are women.
- Sixty-five percent of Medicare beneficiaries who are impoverished are women.
- More than 83 percent of all female Medicare beneficiaries have incomes of less than \$25,000 annually.

While it's true that Clinton is fighting Congress to drop its annual increase in Medicare payments, women should not applaud the action too vigorously. Medicare cuts are only one small piece of the Republican plan. If their proposals are enacted into law, the safety net for women and children will be effectively eliminated through cuts in housing, student financial aid, education, job training and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Economically vulnerable women and families will be destitute without such federal support programs.

An astounding array of Republican pushed cuts would harm women and children. Here are a few that remain at impasse:

- The Republican plan would cut Medicaid and turn the program over to the states, jeopardizing health care for 36 million Americans, most of them women, children and seniors. In addition to physician and hospital services, Medicaid currently covers critical preventive services such as prenatal



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care, Pap smears, mammograms and family planning.

- House Republicans propose \$50 million less in funding than the president for law enforcement and prosecution programs to combat crimes against women. This comes despite a horrific rise in violence against women across the country. The Violence Against Women Act, which the Republicans would gut, combines tough sanctions against abusers with assistance to police, prosecutors and shelters.

- This Congress wants \$24 million less than the president for domestic violence prevention programs and victim services, including funding for battered women's shelters. The president has proposed a modest increase in domestic violence funding.

- The Senate proposes cuts in funding for enforcement of worker protections that so many women depend on, including the Family and Medical Leave Act. Clinton opposes the cuts.

- The congressional leadership would eliminate the Women's

Educational Equity Act Program. The president proposes maintaining the \$4 million annual funding for the program, which supports projects that promote educational equity for women and girls through research and training.

Republicans also have taken on the battle over reproductive rights with renewed vigor. Most women understand this is a minefield of misunderstanding, misconception and disagreement. Clinton agrees and has consistently supported the right of American women to make their own reproductive choices while working to reduce the numbers of unwanted pregnancies. House Republicans, meanwhile, are using the budget process to reverse each step in that direction.

The House Republican plan:

- Allows states to deny Medicaid funding of abortions for victims of rape and incest.
- Restores the ban, except in the case of rape and incest, on privately funded abortion services at military hospitals.
- Bans federal funding of human embryo research, against the recommendations of the National Institutes of Health. Such a move would jeopardize advances in health areas affecting women and treatment of such diseases as leukemia and Parkinson's.

Federal budget battles are always complex and confusing. The Republicans would have us believe that this is gridlock when in fact it is the president standing firm against bills that would adversely affect women and children. Issues that affect women affect us all.

Hedy Ratner is a member of the National Women's Business Council and a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business.

Chicago Sun Times

醫療改革法案若通過 不利年老華裔婦女 王毓敏蒐集華裔意見 轉交柯林頓政府參考



白宮總統行政辦公室預算管理局資深顧問王毓敏(右六)廿五日在華埠與華裔社區女性代表見面，討論亞裔女性目前所面對的問題。(記者李秀蘭攝)

【記者李秀蘭舊金山報導】多位關注華人社區女性問題的社區代表，廿四日向白宮總統行政辦公室預算管理局資深顧問王毓敏(Chantale Wong)指出，近年美國國會所提出的移民改革和醫療改革等法案，已開始影響華人社區，其中受影響最大的是年老的華裔女性。

於今年初獲總統柯林頓任命出任該職位的王毓敏，主要工作是負責協助柯林頓處理聯邦政府的預算，她原居於舊金山，於感恩節期間，她由華府返回舊金山，廿四日在華埠亞洲婦女服務中心與舊金山地區的華裔婦女代表見面，討論目前亞裔婦女所面對的問題。

王毓敏與華裔婦女代表會面時表示，她的任務之一是為柯林頓總統收集亞裔社區和婦女的意見，希望華人社區可直接將問題和意見交給她，轉給柯林頓政府。

王毓敏指出，目前國會討論中的多個受到各界批評的法案，主要是由共和黨籍議員提出，柯林頓總統會就亞裔社區最關心的移民改革和醫療改革法案發表過意見，柯林頓表示他將否決這兩個法案，因為這些法案不但要削減現行的福利，也將對整個社會造成更大影響。

王毓敏說，柯林頓總統上任的另一個主要目標，是改革美國的醫療制度，削減醫療服務的開支，增加受保人的福利，而正在國會中討論的醫療法案，違背柯林頓原來的計劃。

廿四日與王毓敏會面的華裔婦女代表向王毓敏提出的亞裔婦女問題，主要與目前國會討論中的法案有關。安樂居醫療部主任伍家瓊醫生表示，安樂居的老人十分關注美國政府為老人所提供的醫療服務，目前安樂居共有四百多名老人，其中百分之七十為女性，雖然她們大部份住在美國已有很長時間，但因為年輕時需要照顧子女，沒有在美工作，醫療福利主要依靠丈夫和政府的醫療補助，所以如果醫療改革法案通過，年老的亞裔人士，特別是亞裔婦女，受到的影響非常大。

伍家瓊醫生說，這些法案受影響的主要是合法移民，大家應該在現階段便採取法律行動，阻止美國政府繼續削減合法移民權益。

華埠亞洲婦女服務中心主任陳榮光表示，根據她在社區內的實際工作經驗，發現國會討論的移民法案已開始影響華裔婦女，許多住在美國已超過三十年的華裔婦女，因為害怕在法案通過後失去可享有的福利，於是努力學英語，希望能通過公民入籍考試。但對她們來說，學習英語是一件很困難的事，而且她們發現於過去數個月來，政府所提供的成年人英語課程，不斷在削減。

王毓敏表示，柯林頓政府十分需要大家向他提供一些實際的個人案例，華人社區可透過亞洲婦女服務中心或其他亞服務，將意見轉交給她。

Sing Tao Daily
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華裔白宮官員訪華埠 替總統施政收集民意

(記者余寧三藩市報道) 白宮預算管理辦公室主任瑞福蘭之高級顧問王毓敏於昨(廿四)日代表總統前往華埠亞洲婦女服務中心探望「兒童天地」的小朋友及聽取了多位三藩市華裔婦女界代表的意見。

王毓敏在致詞中首先為克林頓這三年來的政績作出報告。她表示，克林頓在上任後已大幅的降低了國家財政赤字，亦創造了七百五十萬個新的就業機會，令原本百分之七的全國失業率降為百分之五點六。王指出，克林頓並不贊同由共和黨所提出深受華裔居民所關注的福利改革法案。

她表示，目前克林頓與共和黨之間對於預算方面的立場有極大的差距，也因此而造成了日前的聯邦政府停工六日的事件。王毓敏說，目前的暫時性復工只維持到十二月十五日，屆時若雙方無進一步突破性的發展，則聯邦政府又將再面臨另一次的停工。

出生自上海，在三藩市長大的王毓敏表示，她這次來到灣區的目的是要代表克林頓搜集亞太裔婦女對國家政策的意見。她說，白宮目前有史無前例的一百四十幾名亞裔官員，克林頓希望藉由這些人士的種族背景而獲得他們所屬社區的

資料。王說，三藩市是她的家，因此要特別關注此地區華人的需要。她說，克林頓此舉也證明了他對美國亞太裔人士的重視。

昨日有包括王兆華、李麗紅等多位華裔人權領袖出席會議，發言者大多集中在希望總統能為少數族裔的福利著想，及不應區分公民與非公民的福利政策等問題。

一位代表安樂居的女士表示，該老人醫療中心住有許多七八十歲的老弱殘障人士，那些老人個個都年邁體衰，根本不可能上英文課及入籍班，若政府取消這些非公民的福利，豈非要讓他們流落街頭？

另一位發言人則稱，限制福利應因人狀況而異，而非只是針對移民。該位女士稱，大家都見過年輕力壯的美國本地人去排隊領取濟金及食物券，但政府卻從未對此類人加以以限制，然而移民中大多數均辛勤工作交稅，但到頭來卻完全沒有福利的保障。她說，有些人已在美國住了大半生，兒女們都是美國公民，也都依法繳稅，但到老時卻只因英文不好而逼於三餐不繼，這是很不公平的。

發言者說，目前的反移民提案中充滿了矛盾，例如國會中提出成年兒女不得申請移民來美，但若某美國公民有兩名子女在海外，兩人年齡只相差一歲，一個剛屆滿成年，另一人則符合移民資格，如此豈非要被逼將兩人分開？

王毓敏表示會將每人意見提交克林頓參考，並希望還有其他意見者可寄傳真給她，其傳真號碼為：(二〇二)三九五·三一七四 Chantace Wong 收。



「兒童天地」。

白宮預算管理辦公室高級顧問王毓敏於昨日探訪
(記者余寧攝)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 13, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: BETSY MYERS
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE FOR
WOMEN'S INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH

RE: CONGRESS'S MISGUIDED BUDGET AND MEDICARE CUTS
THE IMPACT ON WOMEN

We need your help. President Clinton will not allow Congress to blackmail the American people into accepting their budget and Medicare cuts. It is important for your membership to hear this message. **These Medicare cuts would disproportionately affect women.**

- *More than 54 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are women, more than 20 million.
- *65 percent of Medicare beneficiaries who are impoverished are women.
- *More than 83 percent of female Medicare beneficiaries have incomes less than \$25,000.

I am sending you this alert to ask if you would issue a news release or a statement, call a reporter or send an alert to your membership that the President's stand to stop Congress from imposing an \$11 a month premium increase on every single Medicare beneficiary is a position that is important for millions of women.

The President believes that we must work together to balance the budget consistent with our values and free from threats of shutting down the government or putting America into default for the first time in history. That is why he has called on Congress to pass a fair and clean continuing resolution and debt extension free from extreme conditions which have no place in this debate.

Please see the attached talking points and the President's Saturday radio address. Both documents outline the President's position to stand up for American values versus Congress's attempt to play back-door politics to raise Medicare premiums.

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"And there is no contradiction between being practical and dreaming. There's no contradiction between taking care of people and taking care of one's self. That is a false choice that has been posed by those currently in power in Congress."

*--First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, October 31, 1995,
Women's Leadership Forum*

The Top Team at the White House
Meets with Women Leaders

President Clinton, Vice President Gore, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mrs. Gore all spoke to members of the Women's Leadership Forum on Oct. 30 in the White House. They contrasted the Republican's anti-woman/anti-family legislative agenda with the Clinton Administration's accomplishments for women and families. The President noted that the current budget battle is about balancing values, balancing priorities and continuing to bring our nation forward. Citing how cutting government can be balanced with setting priorities, the President noted that the SBA's budget had been cut by 40 percent but loans to women have increased by 86 percent. **The First Lady** also spoke to the women's forum on Oct. 31. She said: "We've learned a lot of lessons about what works and doesn't work in a hundred years, but the basic needs have not changed. People still need one another. No matter what information technology does and no matter how we explore cyberspace it cannot replace the need to change a baby or teach a child to read or play catch with a teenager. It cannot undermine the fundamental relationship people have one to the other."

Important Date To Remember:

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Holiday Party at the Women's Office. For more information call 202-456-7300.

Vice President Speaks at National
Violence Prevention Conference

On Oct. 23, the Vice President delivered the keynote speech at the opening session of the National Violence Prevention Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference brought together 1,000 prevention practitioners from law enforcement, family and juvenile courts, public health, youth development and social services, substance abuse prevention and public housing. In his remarks, the Vice President praised the work of Bonnie Campbell, head of the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office. He also commended the exemplary service of 20 **AmeriCorps** volunteers working with the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. **Extra!** The Vice President helped celebrate Planned Parenthood of America's 79th anniversary with a video tape message for its Nov. 3 and 4 New York event.

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**Women's Office Conducts
Nationwide Outreach Project**

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach is conducting a series of roundtables called At the Table. Administration appointees will meet with women around the nation to discuss local women's concerns. A monthly report of the meetings' findings will be submitted to the White House, ensuring that women's concerns are given attention in policy development. **Get involved.** Call Carrie Wofford at 202-456-7300.

**First Lady Gives Briefing on
Fourth World Conference on Women**

The First Lady gave a briefing on Oct. 25 to more than 80 women Presidential appointees, as well as to 100 members of the Beijing delegation, on the Fourth World Conference on Women. She stressed the need for finding common ground on a variety of issues important to women and families. She also spoke about the President's Interagency Council on Women, which was created to ensure implementation of the commitments from Beijing. Chaired by HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, the council is composed of officials from each government agency. The First Lady serves as the honorary chair. Others participating in the event: **U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Madeline Albright, Congresswoman Jane Harman, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney, State Dept. Agency Representative Kathleen Hendrix and former Congresswoman Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky.**

**White House Women's Office Holds
Briefing on Fourth World Conference**

More than 300 women Presidential appointees attended the White House Women's Office reception and forum on the Fourth World Conference on Women on Nov. 7. Speakers included: **Secretary Shalala; Geraldine Ferraro, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Commission; Bonnie Campbell, Director of the Violence Against Women's Office; Madeline Kunin, Education Deputy Secretary; Jean Nelson, Counselor to the Administrator, EPA; and Lynn Cutler, Senior Vice President of The Kamber Group.** Betsy Myers also launched the At the Table outreach project by asking women appointees to hold roundtables around the nation to bring local women's concerns to the President. (Want more information? Call Carrie Wofford at 202-456-7300.)

**First Lady and Robert Reich Call for
Family-Friendly Workplace Policies**

The First Lady and Labor Secretary Reich saluted on Oct. 31 corporate executives who have pledged to invest \$100 million in family-friendly workplace programs that will benefit workers in 50 communities. They urged every employer in the nation to adopt policies to help workers balance their family and work responsibilities. Senior executives from 20 lead companies of the American Business Collaboration (ABC) for Quality Dependent Care attended the White House event, as well as families of their employees. ABC recently made a historic pledge to invest \$100 million over six years in child and elder care programs. **James Schiro, chief executive officer of Price Waterhouse,** one of ABC's lead companies, was featured at the event.

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The First Lady and Secretary Reich urged employers, organizations and individuals throughout the nation to join the **Working Women Count Honor Roll**. Launched by the Labor Department's Women Bureau, this nationwide public-private initiative encourages implementation of family-friendly workplace policies. For more information call: 202-219-6611.

Study noting importance of family-friendly work policies: The Women in Cable & Telecommunications Foundation is wrapping up the third year of its Child Care Initiative, which addresses the productivity issues surrounding child care and work/life issues in the telecommunications industry. In 1994, the foundation conducted an industry-wide employee survey to determine the effect child care and work/life issues have on workplace productivity. Among the findings: child care related turnover could cost a telecommunications company with 500 employees \$650,000 annually; 71 percent of survey respondents reported being "somewhat" to "very" stressed trying to balance child care and work; and to deal with child-related stress, employees have decreased their level of commitment and productivity at work.

Follow-up to White House Conference on Women and Aging

On Oct. 30, the National Policy and Resource Center on Women and Aging convened "Women and Aging: An Agenda for Action" to evaluate how the resolutions passed at the White House Conference on Aging held last May affect lives of mid-life and older women. **Dr. Susan Blumenthal**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health, led a discussion on

health promotion and disease prevention. **President Clinton** wrote in a letter to conference participants, "This year, we are celebrating milestone anniversaries of key programs that have worked for older Americans for decades -- Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, and the Older American Act. As I continue to fight for a strong national economy and balanced federal budget, I will oppose proposals that undermine these important programs and the people they serve."

White House Women's Office Holds Meeting to Discuss Welfare Reform

On Oct. 19, The Women's Office organized and coordinated a meeting with key women leaders on welfare reform in the Roosevelt Room with Leon Panetta, Alexis Herman, Melanne Verveer and Betsy Myers. The meeting focused on the effects on women and children.

The Women's Office is Coming to Your Agency

Betsy Myers, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Women's Office, is holding a series of brown bag lunches with women appointees in federal agencies. Call us to learn when we will be at your agency: 202-456-7300. Join the Team.

If You Have Questions: Call us:
The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach: Betsy Myers, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director; Barbara Woolley, Deputy Director; Peggy Lussier, Scheduler/Office Manager; Carrie Wofford, Agency Representative, Interagency Council on Women's Business Enterprise/Appointee Coordinator; Judy Gold, Legal/Political; Beth Newburger, Operations; and Mary Dixon, Communications. 202-456-7300. Fax: 202-456-7311.

JOIN THE WHITE HOUSE WOMEN'S INITIATIVE!
AT THE TABLE - A NATIONWIDE WOMEN'S OUTREACH PROJECT
SIGN UP NOW! -- FAX THIS FORM TO: 202-456-7311

Women across America are eager to share their concerns with The White House and to know that the President has heard their input. As women appointees, we can serve as the President's best representatives in listening to women and carrying their voices back to the President. The At The Table project relies on women appointees to meet with small groups of local women outside of the Beltway -- during your regular official travel or when you are home for the Holidays -- and then to report back to us what women said. We will compile a monthly report to the President and White House policy-makers outlining women's concerns.

We'll make it easy for you. You can be any level of appointee. You do not need to be an expert on the President's domestic policy agenda. You merely need to be willing to spend some time listening to local women. We will help you reach local women by providing contacts who can set up a meeting for you in any city. We'll provide a how-to kit with all the materials you will need, including a report-back form, and we'll help you gather any follow-up materials you need. **We must stress that At The Table is not a political activity** and may not be used as such; rather, it is part of the Administration's efforts to include women in government policy and to share women's input with the President.

Please consider hosting an At The Table when you go home for the Holidays. It can be as easy as getting together with your former community colleagues and asking what's on their minds -- or we can help you reach out to new women you have never met.

DATE for your At The Table: _____

CITY for your At The Table: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: _____

ROOM/STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

WORK PHONE: (____) _____ **FAX:** (____) _____ **INTERNET:** _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ **FAX:** (____) _____

Fax this form ASAP to:
The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach
Betsy Myers, Director
202-456-7300; **Fax 202-456-7311**

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WASHINGTON

AT THE TABLE

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1. A Message from The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach
2. Sign-up Form for At the Table (**Please Fax ASAP to 202-456-7311**)
3. Background: At the Table
4. How to Hold an At the Table -- The 10 Easy Steps
5. Form: The Report From My At the Table
6. Form: What I Want the President to Know
7. Background: The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach
8. Miscellaneous: Issue background materials

(Please make extra copies of any of the enclosed materials for those joining you At the Table.)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

HOW TO HOLD AN AT THE TABLE ---

THE 10 EASY STEPS

Your enthusiasm and your willingness to participate in an **At the Table** roundtable event are key to the success of this program. When you are on official travel, you have the perfect opportunity to hold an At the Table roundtable. **It's easier than you think (should you choose to hold one).**

The 10 Easy Steps:

1. The next time you travel, set aside an hour or two of your time to hold an At the Table roundtable.
2. Call your agency women's liaison or Carrie Wofford at the White House Women's Office (202-456-7300) about your plans and to ask for the names of the community leaders who can gather participants for you -- between 10 and 30 is ideal.
- 3.. Pick a location for the roundtable -- your home, a friend's home or a public meeting place. You can opt to go formal and big outside your home or be a little more informal at your home with fewer participants. You decide what's easiest for you.
4. During the roundtable, begin the discussion by explaining the At the Table series and that you will carry their message back to the White House. You may also want to discuss what you do at your agency and the programs available to women in the Administration. Let the participants know you are listening to them on behalf of the Administration and that their opinions are important to the President and your agency.

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5. Listen! Allow the participants to discuss the issues that are most on their minds. If you want to stick to one topic, that's fine too. But allow the participants to have a chance to voice their opinions, concerns and ideas and to ask questions.
6. If you are asked questions about topics you are not familiar with -- don't panic. This isn't a pop quiz -- just tell the participants you don't have all the answers but you will help them get the right answers later when you are back in Washington.
7. Ask all the participants to fill out copies of the "What I want the President to Know" forms and collect them.
8. After the meeting, you should tell your agency and the White House what you heard. Fill out a copy of "The Report from My At the Table" form and send it to The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, 708 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. 20503, Phone: (202)456-7300, Fax:(202)456-7311. This is to make sure that the President gets feedback from your roundtable.
9. The Media: If you want, you can contact the media in your area to cover your roundtable. Specifically, if you have smaller community newspapers or radio in the area, call them to come listen. Call Mary Dixon in the Women's Office (202) 456-7300 if you need assistance with the news media in your area.
10. If you have any questions or concerns, you should always feel free to call The Women's Office. We are here to help. We can help with logistics. **We can provide materials to give to participants on issues and the President's initiatives and accomplishments.** We can help with media. Call us: Phone: (202) 456-7300.

Contacts in The Women's Office for At the Table:

Barbara Woolley, At the Table Coordinator
Carrie Wofford, At the Table Coordinator
Judy Gold, At the Table Coordinator
Mary Dixon, Communications

THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:

WHERE:

WHEN:

HOST:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail

PARTICIPANTS:

Names, Addresses, Phone, Fax, E-Mail

(Please use separate sheet.)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION:

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PARTICIPANTS AT YOUR
AT THE TABLE**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

**A Message from
The White House Office
For Women's Initiatives and Outreach**

We want to thank you for your interest in helping give women a voice and a place **At the Table** with the Administration. Our **At the Table** series of roundtables will actively engage participants in a dialogue on issues that directly impact them and their families.

We are aiming to have hundreds of roundtables to give thousands of women an opportunity to speak out and get involved. Administration appointees will travel across the nation and lead these meetings -- from informal gatherings in homes to larger, more formal settings in community halls.

From each roundtable, we will collect a report on what issues were of top concern to the women at the table. The Women's Office will compile these reports and ensure that policy-makers throughout the White House hear these voices.

The **At the Table** series exemplifies this President's commitment to ensure that women have a voice in his Administration. Whether you are an appointee leading a roundtable or a participant at the table -- thanks for taking the time to make government more responsive to your concerns and ideas.

If you have any questions about the **At the Table** series, call us in the Women's Office and we will help: (202) 456-7300 Fax (202) 456-7311.

Betsy Myers
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of The White House Office for
Women's Initiatives and Outreach

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BACKGROUND

AT THE TABLE -- A NATIONWIDE WOMEN'S OUTREACH EFFORT BY THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, which serves as a liaison between the White House and America's women, was created by President Clinton to better inform, respond to and listen to women across the nation.

The office's outreach efforts include a series of roundtables called **At the Table**. These roundtables, led by Administration officials, will give the Clinton Administration the opportunity to hear directly from women constituents about issues that are important to them, their families and their communities.

A report will be generated from each roundtable and submitted to The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. The reports will be compiled and abstracted for monthly submission to the policy offices in the White House.

Several roundtables have already been held, including a series with the First Lady on working women's issues, discussions between the Vice President and local women leaders on domestic issues and a discussion between Mrs. Gore and women labor leaders. Other roundtables have been held in the White House on the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, focusing on domestic issues; in Chicago at a school for pregnant teenagers, focusing on education; and in Fall River, Massachusetts, focusing on working women.

President Clinton is committed to strong leadership on women's issues and has worked steadfastly to ensure that Administration policies support women. The **At the Table** series will spark a dialogue and provide a mechanism to get the word out about the President's commitment, as well as his accomplishments that directly affect the lives of women. **At the Table** will also provide women a direct means to bring their concerns and proposals to the President and others in his Administration.

(If you would like more information about At the Table and would like to participate, call The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, Phone: (202)456-7300 FAX: (202)456-7311.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH

On June 5, 1995, President Clinton announced the appointment of Betsy Myers to head the first White House Office For Women's Initiatives and Outreach. The office was created by the President to better serve and listen to his constituents. It serves as a liaison between the White House and women's organizations, listening to women's concerns and proposals and bringing these ideas to the President and others in the Administration. Inside and outside of the White House, the office advocates for issues that are important to women.

The office schedules events and speeches for White House officials and presidential appointees and holds events and roundtables to amplify the President's pro-woman/pro-family agenda. It serves as a clearinghouse on women and family issues, publishing a biweekly newsletter discussing activities by the President, Vice President and other Administration officials working on women and family issues.

The office's primary initiative, called At the Table, is a series of roundtables across the nation with women and Administration officials to ensure that women's voices are heard at policy tables. The office has held several roundtable and media events including the President's Violence Against Women White House event October 2, 1995; the President's and First Lady's Suffrage celebration in Wyoming on August 26, 1995; a series of roundtables hosted by the First Lady on working women's issues; meetings with women leaders and the Vice President in San Francisco and Albuquerque; a meeting hosted by Mrs. Gore for labor women leaders; a meeting with women presidential appointees and Dr. Laura Tyson on the impact of the proposed Republican budget; Attorney General Janet Reno's discussion with businesses and families on the Family & Medical Leave Act; and a roundtable in the White House on the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, focusing on domestic economic needs.

(November 7, 1995)

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

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Photo by Linda Rich

Carmen Lomellin, fourth from the left, is surrounded by women from across Northwest Indiana

Hispanic Women's Roundtable

by: Linda Rich

Early in September, at Ivy Tech State College, a group of concerned Hispanic women from across Northwest Indiana met to discuss some of their concerns as Hispanic women. Leading the discussion was Carmen Lomellin, a representative of the White House Office on Women's Initiatives.

The White House Women's Office will be holding these roundtable discussions throughout the United States, as part of their outreach efforts. East Chicago was very fortunate to have been the first city to hold a roundtable discussion.

Carmen Lomellin, a native of East Chicago, is on assignment at the White House to coordinate these Hispanic outreach efforts. Carmen not only had the good fortune to meet with these Northwest Indiana women but to also take in a family visit.

As the discussion made its way around the table, almost every woman commented on their concerns regarding the youth and the community. Education was a major concern, since many felt that today in schools Hispanic girls are not being encouraged to obtain a higher education.

Poverty, lack of communication or barriers in the language, and a lack of positive influences on the children were some of the other concerns that were voiced.

It was further discussed that one important

step to getting women's voices heard was to have more women in key policy-making roles. Carmen was on hand to reassure the women, that as a representative of the President of the United States, she will make sure the President hears their voice.

She will take her roundtable notes back to Washington as will other members of the White House Office on Women's Initiatives. Her notes will include the fact that Hispanic women have a sense of not getting resources to education, the need for quality day care, the lack of successful role models, and the lack of health care initiatives.

Carmen has a history of community service and a true commitment to the Hispanic community. Prior to being appointed to the Clinton administration in October of 1993 she worked for Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley, and she was the Executive Director of the Chicago Private Industry Council.

As Director of Leadership Development for the Mexican American League Defense and Education Fund her goal was to increase the participation of Hispanics on policy-making boards and commissions.

The Hispanic women that were present are eagerly anticipating another visit with Carmen to hear how President Clinton will respond to the needs and concerns of the Hispanic community.



Nuria Grant, left, a public relations professional from Bowie, recently met with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton along with seven other area women to examine issues of most concern to working families.

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Nuria Grant Meets With First Lady

By Avonie Brown
Prince George's Post staff writer

Nuria Grant, of Bowie, was one of seven women from the Greater Washington Area recently invited to participate in a breakfast meeting with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at Mrs. K's Toll House, in Silver Spring.

The meeting, the first in a series of roundtable discussions between the First Lady and American women, was coordinated by the White House Office of Women's Initiative and Outreach.

Through their efforts these women from differing racial, social, economic and political backgrounds met with the First

Lady to talk about issues that most concerned them as working women. The meeting is a follow up to the First Lady's keynote address at the Women's Conference in Beijing, China.

To maintain the momentum of the conference and in recognition that the issues affecting women are global, the First Lady has initiated this discussion series.

Grant was recommended for this meeting by Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, because of her community involvement. The Lieutenant Governor was familiar with Grant's activities because she also worked for then County Executive, Parris Glendening for

10 years and temporarily served as the Lieutenant Governor's lead staff person.

There were two very key issues that Grant presented to the First Lady.

"As the mother of a three-year-old and with elderly parents, I have some definite opinions on the quality of public education and medicare," said Grant.

"I was able to talk to the First Lady about the lack of emphasis in public schools on multiculturalism, the large student to teacher ratio and the need for greater parental involvement in setting policy."

The meeting was designed such that each woman was able

to speak directly to Mrs. Clinton about issues as they specifically impacted her life.

"It was a tremendous experience," said Grant, "and I was very honored and moved to have been selected to have this conversation with the First Lady."

Now that the meeting has taken place, Grant said, "I wonder what direction they are going with the information, but as the First Lady told us, there will be a follow up to this meeting because they hope to develop an action plan focusing on the needs of working women."

The First Lady is reportedly working on a book about family life in American society.



David Scull/The New York Times

Striking Back at Domestic Violence

"The days of men using physical violence to control the lives of their wives, their girlfriends, their children are over," President Clinton declared yesterday in opening a monthlong campaign against domestic violence. Mr. Clinton, who called the problem a

human tragedy, hugged Shuk Yee Fung Ng, a victim of domestic violence, after speaking in the East Room of the White House to her and other victims. Looking on, at left, was Bonnie Campbell, director of the Violence Against Women office.

Clinton declares effort against abuse

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Domestic violence is a tragic "American issue," President Clinton said yesterday as he declared October a special awareness month and directed federal agencies to begin awareness campaigns.

"This is a human tragedy," the president said. "It is an American issue. It's a values issue. We do not have to put up with this."

Citing his own childhood, in which he saw his stepfather beat his mother, Clinton urged that domestic violence be seen "as a problem of society, not just an unfortunate thing that happens to some families on occasion, including mine."

"The days of men using physical violence to control the lives of their

wives, their girlfriends, their children, are over," Clinton said in an East Room speech before an audience of domestic violence victims, predominantly women.

In his proclamation, Clinton cited a recent Justice Department study that showed women were six times as likely as men to suffer from domestic violence. In 1992, that study showed, nearly one-third of all women killed in the United States died at the hands of a husband, former husband or boy friend.

Clinton met privately in the Oval Office with six women who survived domestic violence. One woman, Clinton said, did not seek help until her husband broke her back; another left after her husband threatened a child with a meat cleaver.

But, Clinton pointed out, domes-

tic abuse is not just a problem for women. "This is a children's problem and it's a man's problem," he said. "We're not doing anybody any favors, least of all the abusers, by ignoring it any longer."

Clinton's actions were welcomed by Nashville, Tenn., police Detective Sergeant Mark Wynn, 40, who grew up in an abusive household and now works in domestic violence prevention. Police departments desperately need resources to fight abuse within families, Wynn said, and only "strong leadership in government" can ensure the resources will flow.

"I have seen the criminal justice system at its worst for victims of domestic violence," Wynn said. "This is an issue of basic civil rights."

Jerry Rossi, president and chief executive officer of Marshalls Inc.,

urged Clinton to focus on getting more men involved in fighting domestic violence. "Men must tell men to stop hitting, beating and murdering women," Rossi said.

Under the Violence Against Women Act passed last year, federal agencies set up partnerships with private groups in hopes of stemming domestic violence through alcohol or drug treatment, counseling and emergency shelter.

In passing the act, Congress authorized spending \$1.6 billion over six years for a range of services.

Last week, the Senate approved an amendment that would authorize \$175 million in fiscal 1996, as the Clinton administration requested. During the summer, the House approved \$115 million.

Working women find sympathetic ear

■ An adviser to the President on women's issues tours a Fall River plant to hear about the workers' concerns.

By **ROBERT CORRIEA**
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

FALL RIVER — Presidential adviser Betsy Myers walked the cavernous workshop of the Essex Manufacturing Co. yesterday, the steady hum of dozens of sewing machines in one ear, and talk of videotaping, computer analysis and state-of-the-art equipment in the other.

"The whole thing is computerized," said David B. Soforenko, co-owner of the company, which manufactures women's and men's blazers.

FALL RIVER

"It allows women to work smarter, not harder."

Since March, workers at Essex have been videotaped at their stations, and the tape analyzed by computer. The data has helped workers eliminate wasted motions — making them more productive with less effort. The result has been higher productivity for the company, and higher wages for the employees.

"We learn more from the operators," Soforenko said. "They typically know a better way to do something than we do."

As a result, Essex was recently

named to the Honor Roll of American companies by the Department of Labor, an award given to companies in the forefront on family issues, education and job training. About 90 percent of Essex's 110 employees are women.

Myers, the senior adviser to President Clinton on women's issues, was impressed. She nodded frequently, peppered Soforenko with questions and stopped at several stations to ask women about their work. She marveled at their efficiency of movement, how they nimbly gathered the material and guided it through their sewing machines with a smooth, swift stroke.

"This has been real exciting for

me, seeing how your factory works," Myers later told a gathering of garment workers. "What really impresses me is, people don't leave."

Turnover is rare at Essex. Soforenko said people who make it through the six-week training period usually stay until they retire. He rattled off years served for each employee as he walked through the shop. "Every time someone leaves, it's another gold watch," he said.

Myers was in Fall River as the guest of Rep. Barney Frank and the Chamber of Commerce, as part of her effort to identify issues that concern women. She was named in June as first director of the White

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acknowledges that a mutual agreement was reached without the influence of any outside agencies and that a "monetary settlement" was contained within that accord.

Coyle, who has returned to work, said she could have settled for a larger cash payment but that she opted for reinstatement in the face of needing "my job and the security. I hope I made the right decision."

The missing \$3,000 represented 1993 cash receipts from the landfill, and the loss was discovered as records were being checked during preparation of the town's annual report.

The town ruled that during a disciplinary hearing evidence had been produced to show that money directly under Coyle's control "failed to be deposited with the town treasurer."

Police dropped an investigation because of a lack of evidence.

While Coyle has acknowledged that the money was not being deposited in a timely fashion, she said a number of people had access to the cash, and that during her 15 years with the department no discrepancies in her accounts were ever reported.

Coyle decided to file the discrimination charges based on an incident in which a male employee in the department was suspended for one day after admittedly taking a small amount of money.

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House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, created by Mr. Clinton to listen to the concerns of women. She serves as the President's liaison to women's organizations.

In recent months, Myers has held several roundtable discussions and public events across the country, dealing with issues in the work place, domestic violence, medical leave and voting. Myers said her job is to make women understand that what is happening in Washington has direct bearing on their future, and that they should get involved in the political process.

"The average women today are, what we say, just in a survival mode," she said in an interview. "They're trying to get to work, get their kids to day care. They're still getting 72 cents on the dollar. They don't understand what's going on in Washington. They don't understand the budget. What we're trying to do is get it down to the women's level."

At a roundtable discussion at Essex involving workers from three local factories, Myers found women well-versed on what's happening in Washington, and not shy about telling the President what needs to be done.

"We need day care, especially the young women," said Geraldine Larrabee, a machine operator for

Bradley Scott Clothes. "Everything is so expensive today, most women have to work. . . . But if you have to work just to pay day care, it's not worth leaving the house."

Geraldine Cordeiro, a machine operator for Riverfall Manufacturing, wants Mr. Clinton to revive the ill-fated health care battle, saying there should be medical coverage for all Americans.

"If a women gets \$6 an hour at her job, and she has to pay for health care for her and her child, then day care, it's tough," Cordeiro said. "With pre-existing condition clauses, you're really in a bind. What do you do? You have no insurance."

In response to Larrabee, Myers touted the administration's Child Care Bureau, which has an 800 number that can provide information on day-care providers anywhere in the nation. She told Cordeiro she "hasn't seen the last of health care," and promised that Mr. Clinton will veto the Medicare and Medicaid bills passed by Congress.

Micki Gold, whose father started Essex 42 years ago, told Myers the garment industry needs money for job training, especially in economically depressed areas, such as Fall River.

"We have the room to grow. I want to expand," said Gold, co-owner of the business. "But I can't find experienced stitchers. The amount of people we turn away each week (looking for jobs) is unbelievable. We need the money to train them."

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION PRO-WOMAN/PRO-FAMILY AGENDA

Making Families More Economically Secure

- Signed the Family & Medical Leave Act
- Improved access to child care, established Child Care Bureau and National Child Care Information Center (1-800-616-2242)
- Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit by \$21 billion over five years
- Committed to increasing the minimum wage
- Strengthened equal opportunity for all through affirmative action
- Increased enforcement of child support and introduced legislation that doubles federal child support collections
- Fighting for federal budget that strengthens families, e.g., Medicare

Keeping Our Families Safe from Violence

- Signed Assault Weapons Ban and Brady Bill
- Signed the Violence Against Women Act
- Created the Violence Against Women Office
- Introduced Operation Safe Home to fight crime in public housing
- Passed Family Preservation and Support Act, providing services to prevent child abuse and neglect

Making Education and Training a Reality For All

- Created and signed Student Loan Reform, saving students and taxpayers money
- Signed National Service Act, helps communities and students
- Signed School-to-Work Opportunities Act, preparing students for careers and advanced education
- Signed Goals 2000: Educate America Act, setting higher standards
- Increased Head Start funding by \$760 million
- Signed reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act, providing better education for impoverished students
- Supported Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act

Health Care That Makes Sense

- Made improvement of women's health a priority
- Signed legislation requiring that women and minorities are included in NIH-supported research
- Increased funding for breast cancer research by 65%
- Signed Childhood Immunization Plan, ensuring vaccination and healthy future for all children
- Developed healthy school meal initiative for students
- Placed WIC on full-funding path
- Revoked Reagan-Bush restrictions on abortion counseling
- Ensured safety, effectiveness and availability of mammography
- Increased AIDS funding by 40%
- Established first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health

Expanding Economic Opportunities for Women

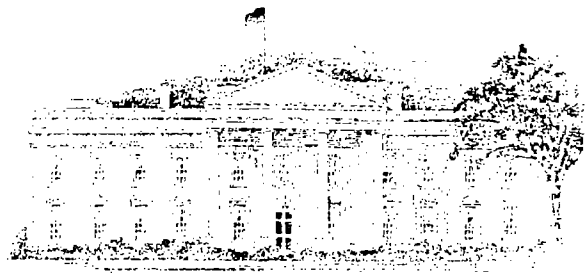
- SBA lending to women increased by 86 percent
- DOL's Women's Bureau launched Honor Roll initiative, encouraging employers to implement family-friendly policies good for women
- Expanded the public-private SBA's Women's Demonstration Program, providing business skills and training for women
- Created the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, eliminating barriers to economic development within federal agencies
- Increased federal procurement contracts for women in both percentage and dollar amounts

Making Way for Women

- 42 percent of President's appointees are women, highest ever
- Six women hold Cabinet-level positions, highest ever
- 59 percent of all President's judicial nominees are women and minorities, highest ever
- Second President to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court
- Opened almost 260,000 positions for women in the military
- Established Older Women's Initiative, bringing focus on issues impacting older women and their families
- Established White House Office for Women's Initiatives & Outreach

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

November 1995

Creating Economic Opportunity and Security For All Americans

- Signed the *Economic Package*, August 10, 1993.
- The economy created *7.5 million new jobs* in the first 33 months of this Administration.
- Passed the largest *deficit-cutting* plan in history — saving more than *\$1 trillion* over seven years.
- On track for three consecutive years of *deficit reduction* — for the first time since Harry Truman.
- *Cut federal spending* by \$255 billion over 5 years.
- Made *new tax cuts* available to over 90% of small businesses.
- *Unemployment* has fallen from 7% when President Clinton took office to its current rate of *5.6%*.
- Lowest *combined rate of unemployment and inflation* since 1968.
- 1994 real *GDP growth* was the highest in a decade.
- Proposed a plan to balance the budget while *protecting critical investments* in education.

Promoting a Future of Opportunity

- Increased *Head Start* funding by almost \$760 million.
- Signed the *Student Loan Reform Act*, August 10, 1993.
- Signed the *National Service Act*, September 21, 1993.
- Signed the *Goals 2000: Educate America Act*, March 31, 1994.
- Signed the *School-to-Work Opportunities Act* on May 4, 1994.
- Signed the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization*.

Making Communities and Schools Safe For Our Families

- Signed a tough \$30 billion *Crime Bill*, September 13, 1994.
- Signed the *Brady Bill*, November 30, 1993.
- Signed the *Assault Weapons Ban* as part of the Crime Bill.
- Put *100,000 new police* on the street — nearly 25,000 more officers have been funded.
- Signed the *Violence Against Women Act* as part of the Crime Bill.
- Signed the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act*, October 20, 1994.
- Signed Presidential Directive enforcing a "*Zero Tolerance*" *gun policy* in schools, October 22, 1994.
- Submitted and fought for the *most comprehensive Drug Control budget* ever.

Making Government Work Better and Cost Less

- Already cut the *Federal Workforce by over 160,000* — on the way to lowest level in 30 years.
- Abolishing *16,000 pages of obsolete regulations* and rewriting *31,000 more pages*.
- *\$58 billion in savings* are already in the bank. *\$46 billion in savings* are still to come.
- Over 180 new recommendations will save *\$70 billion*. Eliminated *284 federal advisory committees*.
- Developed government-wide *Customer Service Standards* for the first time.
- Appointed the most *diverse* Cabinet and Administration in history.
- Signed the most important federal procurement act ever to *streamline government purchasing*.
- Reformed *Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation* to protect 8.5 million pensions.
- Signed the *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*, March 22, 1995.

Creating Opportunity in America's Communities

- Created nine Economic *Empowerment Zones* and 95 *Enterprise Communities*.
- Signed the *Community Development Banking Financial Institutions Act*, Sept. 23, 1994.
- Signed the *Interstate Banking Bill*, September 29, 1994.
- Instituted the *Defense Reinvestment and Conversion Initiative*.
- Reformed the *Community Reinvestment Act* to focus on performance rather than paperwork.
- Made the *Low-Income Housing Tax Credit* and *Mortgage Revenue Bond Program* permanent.

Protecting The Environment and Our Public Health

- Signed a new executive order to *require polluters to disclose information* to the public and *expanded the public's right-to-know* about toxic releases.
- Launched "*reinventing environmental regulation*" to cut red tape and better protect public health.
- Issued a new standard to *cut pollution from chemical plants 90%* by 1997.
- Signed *executive orders to increase recycling* and cut pollution in federal buildings.
- Signed the *California Desert Protection Act*, October 31, 1994.
- Issued a new standard to *cut pollution from incinerators 95%*.
- Introduced comprehensive *Safe Drinking Water* and *Superfund* reforms.
- Developed a plan to *restore Florida's Everglades*.
- Ended decades of conflict over the allocation of *California Bay-Delta water*.

Promoting Health Care For All Americans

- Signed the *Family and Medical Leave Act*, February 5, 1993.
- Signed a comprehensive *Child Immunization Plan*.
- Revoked the Reagan/Bush restrictions on *abortion* counseling ("*the gag rule*"), abortions in military hospitals, "Mexico City" policy and RU-486 imports.

- Increased *Ryan White CARE Act* funding for outpatient *AIDS care over 100%* in first three budgets.
- Put the *Women, Infants and Children* Program (WIC) on a full-funding path.
- Proposed a \$1.3 billion increase in *veterans' benefits* — of which \$1 billion will be directed to the *VA health system* to provide treatment for *43,000* more veterans.
- Increased funding *65%* for *breast cancer research*.
- As part of the balanced budget plan, introduced *health care reform initiative* which strengthens *Medicare* and expands *coverage*.

Preserving and Strengthening Our Families

- Expanded the *Earned Income Tax Credit* providing tax relief for *15 million working families*.
- Introduced the *Work and Responsibility Act* - comprehensive welfare reform.
- Passed the *Family Support and Preservation* Program.
- Passed major funding increases for *homeless programs* in both Houses.
- Approved *34 waivers* to states permitting comprehensive *welfare reform* demonstrations.
- Signed the *Social Security Independent Agency Act*.
- Increased *adoption and foster care funds* by almost \$600 million from 1994-1995.

Restoring Trust in Our Government

- Signed the National Voter Registration Act (*Motor-Voter*), May 20, 1993.
- Eliminated the tax deduction for *lobbying* expenses.
- Imposed strictest Administration *ethics guidelines* in history.
- Barred top officials from becoming *foreign lobbyists* after leaving government.
- Issuing executive order *banning contact* with *lobbyists* who do not disclose their activities.
- Fought for passage of and signed into law the *Congressional Accountability Act*, January 22, 1995.
- Fought for passage of *line-item veto, campaign finance and lobbying disclosure reform*.

Opening Foreign Markets to American Goods

- Signed *NAFTA* into law, December 8, 1993, which will create hundreds of thousands of US jobs.
- Signed *GATT* into law, December 8, 1994, the largest trade agreement in history.
- Secured free-trade commitments from *Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation* (APEC) leaders.
- Hosted *Summit of the Americas* and agreed to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas by 2005.
- Developed *National Export Strategy*, eliminating outdated export controls on \$35 billion in exports.
- Opened *15 different market sectors* in Japan ranging from telecommunications procurement to rice.
- Reached historic agreement with Japan on *opening its automotive market to billions of dollars* worth of *American cars and parts*.
- Reached agreement with China to provide *intellectual property rights protection* for billions of dollars worth of U.S. exports.

American Leadership

- Helped *Israel and Jordan* achieve an historic peace treaty and *Israel and the Palestinians* fulfill their historic accord.
- Contributed to an historic cease-fire in *Northern Ireland*.
- Restored democratically elected Haitian *President Aristide* to power; *stopped the flow of refugees* to Florida.
- Undertook, with NATO allies and UN, military and diplomatic actions to alleviate the suffering and lead the effort to negotiate an end to the conflict in *Bosnia*.
- Russian *nuclear missiles* are no longer pointed at our cities.
- Persuaded *Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan* to give up the *nuclear weapons* left on their land when the Soviet Union collapsed.
- Agreed to framework with *North Korea* that freezes and leads to the eventual *elimination* of North Korea's dangerous nuclear program.
- Working to prevent nuclear weapons from ending up in the hands of *terrorists or international criminals*.
- Air-lifted more than half a ton of *vulnerable*, highly enriched *uranium*, enough to make dozens of nuclear bombs, from *Kazakhstan* to *safe storage*.
- Assisted *South Africa's* transition to democracy, providing support for elections and development.
- Bringing the nations of Europe closer:
 - *Modernizing NATO;*
 - *Working with Russia;*
 - *Reforming* the former Soviet Union *economies;*
- Waging a tough *counter-terrorism campaign* with stronger laws and more training for law enforcement.
- Maintaining *strong sanctions* against states that sponsor *terrorism* and defy the rule of rule, such as *Iran, Iraq, Libya* and *Sudan*.
- Sent our planes, ships and troops to *turn back a new Iraqi threat* to the Persian Gulf.