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* DOJ-Civil Rights Division	65	72	7	10 %	66	72 61
* Labor-OFCCP	62	68	6	10 %	65	?
* Education-Office for Civil Rights	62	68	6	10 %	62	?
HHS-Office of Civil Rights	20	21	1	5 %	21	?
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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	9	11	2	22 %	9	9
DOT-Office of Civil Rights	6	7	1	17 %	7	6
Labor-Civil Rights Center	5	5	0	0	5	?
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Indian initiative

CORS

54

15

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FBI

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9

US Attnys

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15

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TOTAL

157

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Julie A. Fernandes

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To: Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP

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Subject: more HUD testing update

We asked for a total of \$52 million for HUD fair housing work generally. Got \$40 million in the House and \$35 million in the Senate (FY 98 enacted = \$30 million). Though there is no earmarking in the House bill for the nation-wide audit, the House report states that \$7.5 million of the fair housing money will go to doing the nation-wide audit. There is no mention of this initiative anywhere in the Senate bill or report. According to Steve Redburn, \$7.5 million would be almost enough to do it (or enough to do it not as well as we would like). Steve was encouraged, though, by the mention of the audit in the House report (he hadn't noticed before).

One of the issues that may come up down the pike is that HUD has lots of ideas of how to spend increases in the fair housing budget -- including but not limited to this nation-wide audit. If the Congress gives an un-earmarked increase that is short of \$52 million, we may have to fight with HUD to get the audit.

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Subject: CR Enforcement

The above meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th at 3pm in Room 472.

We are hosting this meeting as a follow-up with the groups.

In attendance from the outside world:

Wade Henderson/LCCR
Judith Appelbaum/Natl Women's Law Center
Tom Henderson/Lawyer's Comm for Civil Rights Under the Law
Marisa Demeo/MALDEF
Kate Engustian/ACLU
Jocelyn Frye/Natl Partnership for Women & Families
Gautam Rana/Natl Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium
Michele Pollak/AARP
Todd Cox/NAACP Legal Defense Fund
Nancy Zirkin/AAUW
Ellen Vargyas/EEOC
William White/EEOC
Leslie Annexstein/EEOC
C. Gregory Stewart/EEOC

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Did you go? What
happened?

Elena

Please forward any other outside attendee information to me.

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7/7/98

① CR Enf. Budget strategy

- VP @ NAACP next week
 - First Lady @ La Raza
- should VP take the CR enf. msg. (elevate) to the NAACP.

Enforcement

Census accuracy
General budget priorities
Hate Crimes bill

Audience for "package" approach = Congressional leadership

- Q. (?) LCCR letter to H/S leadership + committee members (+ our constituents) outline package concept (express support for increased civil rights enforcement).

w/a package → Could lead to possible ability to get mags to do editorials

② EEOC

Senate language ^{report} > long term problematic challenge to testing standing

Fact sheet on Commissioner's charges

Bi-partisan letter expressing support for ^{employment} testing as a concept (?)

Former Commissioners (?)

EPA announced Title VI initiative on environmental justice.

They are now getting heat - could get a vider on approp. Is agency walking away from this (?) issue.



NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE GRADES PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON RACE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 11, 1998

Contact: Denise Dennis
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On this eve of the first anniversary of President Bill Clinton's Initiative on race, the National Urban League has issued its own report card on the effort. According to League president Hugh B. Price, the Initiative deserves a grade of "B+" for Good Intentions, but thus far, only "C" for impact.

The National Urban League salutes Mr. Clinton and his Administration for their Leadership on many related fronts that have improved the well-being of African Americans. The President deserves an "A" for the performance of the economy. The sustained recovery has begun reaching into cities and urban neighborhoods, and has reduced unemployment among our people. Welfare reform has helped propel poor people into the world of work, although the jury is still out on the fate of former recipients who do not make this transition successfully.

Mr. Clinton has been steadfast and highly vocal in his support of affirmative action. He has appointed an unprecedented number of minorities and women to positions of genuine authority in his Administration. And his historic trip to several African nations has helped race relations at home by demonstrating—to all Americans—the economic, strategic and symbolic importance of this long neglected continent.

The President's Initiative on Race builds on this base of accomplishments. Now to our assessment of its progress:

Good Intentions: B+

President Clinton's motives clearly are noble and his heart on race issues is unquestionably in the right place. We salute him for launching this Initiative, which has nudged the nation to face up to the unfinished business of race relations that Americans would prefer to ignore. Surveys show that Mr. Clinton has placed this issue much more prominently on the nation's radar screen than would have been the case without the Initiative.

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We give the effort a grade of B+ instead of A, however, because Mr. Clinton and the White House have not gone flat out in pressing this Initiative forward at the pace required. Given delays in launching it and the distractions facing the White House much of this year, implementation has sputtered badly at times. Were the Initiative on Race an even higher priority for President Clinton and the White House, we doubt this would have happened.

Impact: C

Regrettably the President's noble intentions have yet to translate into the kinds of impacts that were reasonably expected by this point in time. Hence our grade of C. We hope this mark will climb dramatically in the second year, assuming the Initiative is extended. Given the paramount importance of improving race relations, as well as the promising foundation that has been laid, we urge the President to press forward for another year.

We give the impact thus far a grade of C for the following reasons:

- The Initiative on Race has flowed solo more than it should have and could have. Many organizations, such as the National Urban League and our collaborators in the National Voices Coalition—The National Conference for Community and Justice, Anti-Defamation League (ACL), National Council of La Raza, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), the National Congress of American Indians and the National Italian American Foundation (NAIF)—have been involved only peripherally despite frequent offers of assistance. This has severely stunted the reach, staying power and impact of the Initiative in communities. We've been consulted on occasion, but seldom called upon to help in any meaningful or sustained way.
- President Clinton's two televised town meetings have helped raise the public consciousness, but the topics chosen and formats used have severe limitations when it comes to addressing the serious issues before the nation. The exchanges on air seldom illuminate or promote the fuller understanding that's required to move the ball forward. President Clinton should use his bully pulpit and convening power with greater frequency and focus.

Race Relation/3

- ✓ To the President's considerable credit, he has engaged federal agencies in figuring out how to ratchet up their efforts. The Initiative deserves good marks for stepping up overall civil rights enforcement, targeting housing discrimination for particular attention and increasing aid to minority businesses.

In its progress report, the Initiative claims credit, however, for other measures that it doubtless would have championed anyway. Given his long commitment to improving K-12 education, we're convinced that the following items would be on his agenda, Initiative or not:

- Getting good teachers into underserved areas
- Hispanic education plan
- Creating "education opportunity zones"
- Reducing class sizes and modernizing schools

The other reason the Initiative on race does not rate high marks on this score — at least not yet — is that these proposals by and large are contingent on passage of tobacco and tax legislation whose fate is iffy at best. Despite the mounting federal surplus, these measures are not imbedded in the Administration's core budget proposal. Thus the White House's commitment to these actions is not as wholehearted as it ought to be — and needs to be — in order to narrow the achievement gap between minority and majority students.

The final shortcoming that drags the Initiative's grade down in our judgment is its failure to address some of the toughest problems of race that still face our society. Although the televised advisory board held a meeting where they discussed race, crime and the administration of justice, the escalating problem of police misconduct was not adequately addressed. This violation—physical abuse, harassment or racial profiling—is widespread in minority communities. Yet the President and the Initiative have paid scant attention to the problem, much less proposed solutions.

To cite a second example, the strong economy has produced impressive job worth. This has helped cut unemployment rates in the African-American community. Even so, our jobless rate remains roughly twice the national average. Income gaps persist. And pockets of deep poverty and joblessness continue to separate millions of minority families from the American Dream. We've yet to see a concerted and comprehensive game plan from the Clinton Administration or Congress, much less the Initiative on race, to close this gap.

Race Relations/4

Having launched the Initiative in Race, President Clinton should stay the course. In the year ahead, we urge him to devote more personal attention to the Initiative, sharpen its focus, tackle the really tough issues and consume more political capital on behalf of this cause. If he does so, both higher grades and a lasting legacy are well within reach.

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