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001. email	From: Amy Billingsley, To: Robert B. Johnson, Re: Update: POTUS re: NOBLE in New Orleans [partial] (1 page)	07/02/1998	b(7)(C), b(6)

COLLECTION:

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WHO ([Ben Johnson, Criminal Justice...])
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CREATOR: Ross Lisa (Ross Lisa <ross-lisa@dol.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-JUN-1998 16:20:00.00

SUBJECT: RE: DOL Appropriations

TO: Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Ben -- we need your help with the following:

- organizing a conference call for the Secretary to explain the impact of the cuts to key religious leaders this week or early next.
- organizing a similar call with the Secretary and leadership of the Black and Hispanic communities, this week or early next.
- sharing OPL's list of upcoming annual meetings and conferences for the faith community, criminal justice, youth, civil rights - Black and Hispanic. We have a list but would like to compare ours with yours.

I'll call you this afternoon to discuss in further detail. I am

forwarding a draft copy of our "youth" fact sheet which describes the
cuts and its impact. Hope to have a new and improved version
shortly.

From:

Robert_B._Johnson@who.eop.gov[SMTP:Robert_B._Johnson@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 1998 11:37 AM

To: Ross Lisa

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- DISYOUTH.WPD===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Billingsley Amy (Billingsley Amy <billingsley-amy@dol.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUL-1998 21:09:26.00

SUBJECT: RE: More Info for POTUS re NOBLE in New Orleans

TO: Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jena V. Roscoe (CN=Jena V. Roscoe/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Ross Lisa (Ross Lisa <ross-lisa@dol.gov> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Ben, I faxed the original letter to 456-6218.

From:

Robert_B._Johnson@who.eop.gov[SMTP:Robert_B._Johnson@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 1998 4:30 PM

To: Billingsley Amy

Cc: Jena_V._Roscoe@who.eop.gov

Subject: Re: More Info for POTUS re NOBLE in New Orleans

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Thanks for the information. Send us the original letters if you have them.

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cc: Ross Lisa <ross-lisa@dol.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, July 02, 1998 2:45 PM

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READ:UNKNOWN

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TEXT:

FYI: Valerie Schuford (NOBLE Conference Coordinator) said she talked

with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Christa

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Robinson, Domestic Policy, and Hubert Bell, IG, NRC. She promised to

fax me a copy of the letter to POTUS.

I think that's it. Thanks for your help. Let us know if you need additional info. I'll fax you the letter when I receive it.

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TO: Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

this is fabulous. thank you very much.

From:

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Sent: Thursday, July 02, 1998 9:47 AM

To: Ross Lisa

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I'll bring the information with me. We have sent the other info out to clergy, lawyers, business leaders, civil rights, leaders, black leadership forum members, mayors, women. In all , the material has gone to over 2,000 people nationwide. We sent the following:

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO PUSH BACK ON THIS ISSUE. BEN JOHNSON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ross Lisa (Ross Lisa <ross-lisa@dol.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUL-1998 18:51:38.00

SUBJECT: RE: Info for POTUS re NOBLE in New Orleans

TO: Billingsley Amy (Billingsley Amy <billingsley-amy@dol.gov> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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I think she wants to focus on the clergy calls and would like your
thoughts on who should be on the African American leadership call too.

She is doing a conference call with the mayors and other elected
officials today and we've arranged for her to send video greetings to
a number of upcoming conferences such as Ques', YWCA, Julianne
Malveaux's grp. etc.

I'll get a better sense of follow-up once you two meet.

Any luck with securing the convention lists for the other groups --
criminal justice, faith based, youth.

Thanks for all your help.

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Sent: Thursday, July 02, 1998 9:07 AM

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Lisa thanks for sending the materials. I will get them out to the

African

American leadership today unless you want me to hold off. (clergy,

business leaders, civil rights leaders, women etc.) As for the

conference

calls, I'm going to see Alexis at 12:45 today. We can go over the

names of

who she wants on then. I suggest we get mayors and local elected

officials

involved in this effort. I can also hook up calls with clergy and

others.

All you guys need to do is give me some times when she can do the

calls. I

suggest 10 persons on each call.

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Thanks.

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The Oval Office

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. I'm joined here at the White House today by members of Congress, Deputy Attorney General Holder, acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee, representatives from law enforcement and civil rights groups, all here to talk about what we must do to strengthen the bond of trust between police officers and the communities they serve, and make our streets safer than ever.

Six years ago, I took office committed to lowering the crime rate, and to raise the levels of trust and cooperation between the police and the

communities they serve. Working with law enforcement and community leaders, we put in place a comprehensive crime-fighting strategy -- with more police and better prevention, more positive activities for young people, and fewer guns in the hands of criminals.

The strategy is working even beyond our expectation. Nationwide, crime is down to its lowest level in decades. In communities all across America, families feel safe again.

Community policing has been at the heart of our success, by giving police the chance to get to know the people on their beats, and giving those people a chance to be part of law enforcement decisions that affect their lives. Community policing helps to prevent crime, to catch more criminals more quickly when crime does occur, and in the process, to build bonds of understanding and trust between police and citizens.

Our nation's police officers every day put their lives on the line for the rest of us. I have done my best to support and to honor them. But I have been deeply disturbed by recent allegations of serious police misconduct and continued reports of racial profiling that have shaken some communities'

faith

in the police who are there to protect them.

While each specific allegation will have to be dealt with on its own

merits,

it is clear that we need a renewed determination as a nation to restore

those

bonds of trust that have been absolutely critical to our success at

lowering

the crime rate.

So today I am proposing five steps both to reduce crime and to increase

the

public's trust in law enforcement. First, better training and better

education

lead to better policing. I'm asking the Justice Department to expand

police

integrity and ethics training to all 30 bi-regional community policing

institutes, and proposing a \$40 million increase in funding to improve

police

training nationwide, and to help police officers raise their level of

education

and their level of understanding.

Second, communities and police must work as partners in the fight against

crime. I am proposing to launch a new nationwide program to help more

communities to establish Citizen - -

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Police Academies that inform residents about police procedures and teach them

new ways to make their own neighborhoods safer.

Third, police departments ought to reflect the diversity of the communities

they serve. To help meet this challenge, I am proposing to increase funds for

minority recruiting -- to build up the bond of trust where it is most needed.

Fourth, when police officers do break the law, they should be brought to justice. Our budget includes new funding to enforce our civil rights laws so

that a few bad police officers do not undermine the progress, and the support,

that hundreds of thousands of police officers have worked so hard to earn.

Finally, we must continue the revolution in community policing we began six

years ago. Again I call on Congress to build on our progress by passing the

\$1.3 billion 21st-century Policing Initiative I have proposed, to put up to 50,000 more police on the street and give them the high-tech tools they need to

do their job.

We know these efforts will work. Just to take one example: in Boston, a city that historically had had deep tensions between police and communities, law enforcement and community leaders came together to do something about it -- establishing clear guidelines to involve residents in police decision making, and to hold police accountable for their actions. Today the crime rate in Boston has fallen to record lows, and reports of police misconduct are down as well.

Today I am asking Attorney General Reno to convene a series of meetings with law enforcement and community leaders, to discuss how communities around the country can follow the example of Boston and other successful cities, and ensure that our criminal justice system serves all Americans in a lawful, constitutional, sensitive way. Together we will build safer communities, and be one step closer to building our One America in the 21st century.

Thanks for listening.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

AT HUBERT HUMPHREY CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD DINNER

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8:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so very much. Ladies and gentlemen,
thank you
for the warm welcome. Thank you, Dorothy, for your wonderful words. She
has
been involved in this work for many years, but every time I hear her speak
I
always marvel at how young and vigorous and alive and energetic she always

sounds. (Applause.)

I'm honored to be here with Wade Henderson, Julian Bond, Rabbi Saperstein, Monsignor East; my good friend, Justin Dart, Frances Humphrey Howard

-- it's nice to see you tonight, ma'am. I also want to -- I have been told that

Judy Shepard is here, the mother of Matthew Shepard, and she testified for the

hate crimes legislation today. I don't know where she is, but I'd like to ask

her to stand up -- and I thank you. Where is she? Thank you very much and God

bless you. Thank you. (Applause.)

I would like to thank the members of the administration who are here:

Secretary Herman; our EEOC Chair, Ida Castro; our Civil Rights Assistant Attorney General, Bill Lann Lee -- (applause); Ben Johnson, who is continuing

the work of our initiative on race at the White House -- (applause); and Mary

Beth Cahill and others on the White House staff. I thank them.

(Applause.)

I would also like to say a special word of appreciation to the many members of the Congress who are here, well over a dozen House members and

Senator Wellstone, Senator Sarbanes and Senator Robb. I thank all of them for being here and for what they do. If it weren't for them, many of the things we have tried to do in the area of civil rights and human rights would not have been sustained in these last few years.

When I saw Senator Robb's name here it reminded me before I give out this Hubert Humphrey Award -- or acknowledge the award winners, you're going to give it out -- I admired Hubert Humphrey very much and I grew up just being almost crazy about him because I grew up in the south during the civil rights revolution. And I got to meet him when I was a young man and when he was making his last campaign and during his latter service in the Senate, after he had been Vice President.

But I would like to say something I have rarely had the chance to say as President -- but I don't think I would be here doing this, or we would be where we are as a country if it had not been for the President Hubert Humphrey served,

Lyndon

Johnson, and I think that we should never forget that.

(Applause.) I just got back from Texas a few days ago, and I was thinking about it quite a lot down there.

I want to congratulate the Hubert Humphrey award winners tonight, Gary Locke, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Jeannie Van Velkinburgh, who I know is back in the hospital tonight and couldn't be with us.

We honor these people because of something Dr. King once said, "No social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability." You all know they are pushed forward by courageous men and women who give themselves and inspire others to follow. People like my good friend, Governor Gary Locke, who has used the power of his office to expand and defend opportunity for all the people of his state. Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, who together for 50 years have advanced the cause of civil rights through their art and through their efforts to open the theater and movies to people of all backgrounds.

And Jeannie Van Velkinburgh, who stood with the white martyrs of the civil rights movement in the south; when she was paralyzed in 1997, trying to help a black man under attack by skinheads. All true American heroes. I know we are honored to be in your presence tonight. I congratulate them on their awards and I congratulate you for your choices.

For nearly half century, the Leadership Conference has helped hundreds of diverse groups keep their eyes on the prize and speak with one booming voice. Today, your voice is louder, larger and more diverse than ever. And that is good, because it is still sorely needed. While our economy has never been stronger and minority unemployment is the lowest it has been since separate measurements have been kept, there are still striking disparities in income, wealth, jobs, education and criminal justice that breakdown along what DuBois called "the color line"; and other disparities that affect people who are disabled or people who are gay.

In other words, we still have quite a little hill to climb before we can claim to be the one America of our founders' dreams.

I was thinking today how I could best honor the spirit of Hubert Humphrey. I could give a long speech. (Laughter.) I should tell you, if he were here at this podium tonight and I was out there, I would want him to give a long speech. I loved his long speeches. But I think what I will do instead is to try to make briefer comments in the spirit of his service about just three things we still need to do before we cross that bridge into a new century.

First, we must continue to work together for a fair and

accurate census. (Applause.) I agree with Wade when he says the 2000 census is a civil rights issue. It is a fundamental building block of democracy. We have to make sure the Census Bureau can do its job with the most up-to-date and scientific methods. We all say we live for the day when every American counts as much as every other American. Surely, that day must begin with counting every American.

The second thing we have to do is to close the economic opportunity gaps that still exist among our people -- in our inner-cities, our smaller and medium-sized towns, our rural areas and on our Native American reservations. There will never be a better time for us to shine the light of economic opportunity on communities and neighborhoods that have been too long in the shadows. We do have the strongest economy in a generation, perhaps in this century. But we know -- we know -- that there are still large numbers of communities that have been left out and left behind.

Just an hour ago I returned from Atlanta -- I think Congressman Lewis is here -- but I toured the Sweet Auburn Market in Martin Luther King's home neighborhood, in Atlanta's empowerment zone with the Mayor of Atlanta, Bill Campbell, and two of his predecessors, who are friends of many of yours, Maynard Jackson and Andy Young.

I was there to highlight the fact that our greatest untapped

markets today for America are not overseas, they are right here at home. There's an \$85 billion consumer market out there that is grossly underdeveloped. Ever since we took office, Vice President Gore and I have worked hard to try to get more people to invest in that part of America, with the empowerment zone program, the community development financial institution effort, special initiatives from HUD, from SBA, from the Department of Labor. And we have had some good success.

But as I look back on it, even now, with unemployment at 4.3 percent, with over 18 million new jobs, there are still inner-city neighborhoods, there are still medium-sized and smaller communities, there are still rural towns, there are still Native American reservations where there has been almost no new investment in job creation.

And what I am attempting to do this year is to convince the Congress to pass legislation and the American business community to mobilize to invest in those communities to create jobs there. I took some of the biggest business leaders in America today to that market in Atlanta. And I let them sit there with me and we listened to people talk about how they started their coffee shop and their bakery and their restaurant; and how one man had bought an empty old mill and was converting it to 500 apartments; and how a young man who was a supplier to other businesses had taken his business from \$150,000 a year to \$12 million a year in three years, starting with a modest loan.

And in July, in early July, I'm going to take three days and do what I did today in Atlanta. I'm going to go across the country, to the poorest communities, and to some places where a lot of good things are happening, to demonstrate why we need to have a national framework to give every community a chance to get the money it needs to start the businesses, to expand the businesses, to create the jobs, to stabilize the future.

(Applause.)

Our proposal is very straightforward: we want to double the number of empowerment zones where people get tax credits, loan guarantees, direct investment and technical assistance. We want to dramatically increase the number of community development banks; but we want to pass a national new markets initiative that simply says we want to give business people and investors the same incentives to invest in poor American neighborhoods we give them to invest in our neighbors. We don't want to take those other incentives away -- we want to grow the Caribbean economies, we want to grow the Central American economies, we want to encourage Americans to be involved in Africa and we want a new partnership there. But we also believe that Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta, south Texas and the Indian Reservations of the high plains should get new American money now. (Applause.)

So I would ask you to help me pass this legislation.

The third thing I ask you to do is to help us pass the hate crimes prevention act this year. (Applause.) In 1997, the year Jeannie Van Velkinburgh and Omar Deah (phonetic) were brutally attacked by skinheads, more than 8,000 hate crimes were reported in the United States -- that's nearly one an hour. The hearings today that Mrs. Shepard testified at were held in the United States Senate by the Judiciary Committee, under the leadership of Senator Hatch. First, I commend Senator Hatch for holding those hearings, they are a welcome sign -- surely the goodness we can make fighting hate crimes a bipartisan, even a nonpartisan mission of the United States of America. (Applause.)

I think we need to be clear about what our legislation is designed to do. It is not an effort to federalize crimes traditionally handled by the states. It is an effort to partner with local authorities. And it is not only about cracking down on hate crimes committed because of sexual orientation, gender or disability. It's also about expanding civil rights protection for all Americans. Let's never forget what happened to James Bird, Jr. in Texas. I met with his daughter in Austin, just a few days ago. She's down there trying to get the Texas legislature to pass state hate crimes legislation. We ought to be pulling for her and for the Texas legislators who are trying to get the job done -- and we ought to remember that we also need it here in Washington. (Applause.)

So I say to you, we need to do this for all Americans. We

need to make a hate crimes prevention act and the employment nondiscrimination act the law of the land, because it will help us to move toward one America and it will help us to make a statement about what we are not, as well as what we are.

I was honored to appear at a testimonial banquet for Rabbi Saperstein the other night. We've been friends for many years, I love and admire him very much. And I especially appreciate how hard he's worked for peace in the Middle East, and how hard he's worked to protect the heritage and the historical rights of the Israeli people and still be fair and humane toward the Arabs, with whom they share that land.

And I make this point for the following reason. It seems to me that the central irony of our time is that most of us have a vision of America in the 21st century and the world in the 21st century in which we'll all be mixed up in wonderful ways. We'll have all this fabulous technology and we'll be e-mailing people on the South Pole or wherever. (Laughter.) Our kids will have pen-pals in Africa and Mongolia. We'll jet around on airplanes and do business with people at the tip of Tierra del Fuego. (Laughter.) Our kids will speak Japanese and Russian; one of them will solve the problem of Nagorno-Karabakh. This is what it's going to be like, it's going to be great.

We just has this NATO summit here. We had the leaders of 42 countries here, all the way to Central Asia; speaking all these

different languages because we see that the world is drawing us closer together. Technology and commerce and culture all bringing us together. And most of us think it will really be neat if America can thrive in that kind of world because we're rapidly becoming the most diverse democracy ever known. And won't it be grand? That's the image we all have. That's the dream we have.

And, yet, our whole world is bedeviled by the oldest problem of human society, which is fear and hatred of the other. We have known it in America primarily as the curse of race. Although we see discrimination and cruelty against people who are gay, discrimination against people who are disabled, we see it in other manifestations. We occasionally see religious discrimination in America. But primarily we have known it as race.

And, yet, we see it everywhere. Hillary wanted to come here tonight to pay her respects to the honorees, but she got on a plane today to continue years of work she has done in Ireland, to try to use women and children to bring together people across the lines of Catholic and Protestant Irish. And then she's going on to the refugee camps of Albania and Macedonia, to clarify our compassion and concern for the predominantly Muslim Kosovar Albanians who have been driven from their homes, and female loved ones murdered.

The bane of the Balkans is primarily a religious ethnic bane. First, the Bosnian Muslims, but now the Kosovar Muslims driven from their homes, systematically killed, raped, pillaged; their cultural and religious institutions and records destroyed. Why? Because they have been turned into something sub-human and so they somehow taint the land they share with the Serbs or the Croats or others.

We saw with breathtaking speed what happened in Rwanda a few years ago, the world totally caught flat-footed with no mechanism to deal with the slaughter of Rwanda, where somewhere between 700,000 and 900,000 people were killed in 100 days with no modern weapons, mostly hacked to death -- because two African tribes who, in this case, had shared the same land for 500 years, all of a sudden decided that they couldn't bear it anymore.

I hope you support what we are doing in Kosovo -- (applause) -- and what we did in Bosnia. I want you to know that we also have worked to redeem the failure of the world to stop the slaughter in Rwanda by developing an Africa Crisis Response Team, working with the militaries of the countries in the region that are committed to democracy and human rights, so that, God forbid, if anything like this ever happens again we, in the United States, and other freedom-loving people around the world, will have Africans with whom we can work to move more quickly to stop genocide, to stop ethnic cleansing, to not let it happen again. (Applause.)

But what I want to say to you is this: There will be fights around the world based on ethnic differences that we won't be able to stop. Sometimes people just fall out with one another. But if we want to at least be able to stand firm against ethnic cleansing, against genocide and for the principle that it is possible to honor our differences, to enjoy our differences, to recognize our differences and still keep them contained within the framework of our common humanity, so that life is more interesting, but not unbearable. If that's what we want, and we expect people to take the United States seriously at a time when we are easy to resent because of our economic and military power, then people have to see us not only trying to do good around the world, but trying to be good at home. (Applause.)

You know, many of these people are struggling. Macedonia and Albania, the two poorest countries in Europe -- think how easy it is for all of them to resent us, to say, well, we're just waiting for our turn in history's clock to bring us to the top and take them down, to resent our power, to resent our wealth, to resent what they may think of as our preaching. I am telling you, it's imperative that we do this at this moment in history. But if we want to be a force for good, we have got to be good.

So when we stand up for the hate crimes legislation, when we stand up for the employment nondiscrimination legislation -- (applause) -- when we stand up as a people and say that it's okay

for us to have differences, and we're not even asking everybody to like everybody else in America. But we have got to find a way to get along by recognizing the fundamental human dignity of every person. We have got to find a way to do that so that we take advantages that are rife with all of our diversity by joining together in affirming our common humanity.

Keep in mind, unless we can do that here at home, in the end, we will not be able to do that around the world. And our whole vision of the 21st century -- our whole vision -- what we want our children to see in the world of their dreams depends upon our being able to do both: to stand for what is good abroad and to keep struggling to be good home at home. That's what our honorees have led us in doing. It is certainly what you have led us in doing. Don't get tired, we've still got a ways to go.

Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
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THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. I wanted to talk to you before I leave for New York about two developments affecting our economy and the progress we are making to build a stronger one.

Today we have further evidence that our economic strategy of fiscal discipline, investment in our people, and expanded trade is working. In the 12 years before I came to Washington, irresponsible policies here quadrupled our debt. That led us to high interest rates and high unemployment, stagnant wages and low growth. The Vice President and I came here determined to change all that -- to put the American people first and give them the tools to turn around the American economy.

Over the last six and a half years, the results speak for themselves -- the longest peacetime expansion in history, more than 19 million new jobs, the lowest unemployment in 29 years, the lowest welfare rolls in 32 years, the first back-to-back surpluses in 42 years, the largest surplus and the highest home ownership in history.

Today I am pleased to announce another economic milestone in the implementation of this strategy. In its annual study on income and poverty in America, the Census Bureau reports that a typical household income rose \$1,304 in just one year -- from \$37,581 in 1997 to \$38,885 in 1998. That's a 3.5 percent increase in a year, tied for the largest since 1978, allowing American families more money for things that matter -- sending their children to college, buying a home, purchasing a car, saving for retirement.

The report also shows that since we launched our economic plan in 1993, median family income is the highest it has ever been, increasing from \$41,691 in '93 to \$46,737 in '98. That's over \$5,000 more that hardworking families can put to good use. But the best news is that these gains finally are being shared with all groups in America, from the wealthiest to the poorest.

In the 1980s, most working families saw their incomes stagnate, with the worst performance at the bottom of the economic scale. In the last five years, finally we have stemmed the tide of rising inequality, and this new report documents the strong income growth among all groups of people.

This broad-based growth has helped to lift millions of hardworking families out of poverty. The report shows that the poverty rate fell to 12.7 percent. That is the lowest poverty rate since 1979 -- the lowest rate in 20 years.

While we still have room for improvement, the African American poverty rate is now at its lowest level on record; the Hispanic poverty rate its lowest level in 20 years. And we know that 4.3 million Americans were lifted out of poverty last year because of our expanded earned income tax credit, which was a critical part of the economic reform plan in 1993. It is now, inexplicably to me, under attack by some in Congress.

Our economy is now working for all the American people, and it has to continue. That brings me to my second point.

Today is the last day of the current fiscal year. Because the Congress has not finished its work, it must send me a continuing resolution, a temporary spending measure to keep the government working for three more weeks. But it should be sending me spending bills that meet the great challenges and opportunities before us -- that protect and strengthen Social Security; that strengthen and modernize Medicare with prescription drug coverage; that make vital investments in education, national security, the environment, medical research and other critical areas; and that enable us to pay down the American debt so that we can pay it off, for the first time since 1835, over the next 15 years.

Now, a few minutes ago, just before I came out here, I signed that continuing spending bill, not because I wanted to, but because it was the only way to prevent another government shutdown. Months ago I presented a responsible budget plan that pays for itself, invests in education, saves Social Security and Medicare, puts us on the path to paying America out of debt by 1835. Regrettably, the majority in Congress,

the Republican majority, has chosen to disregard the way I put this budget together and to disregard the path of fiscal discipline.

Instead of making the difficult choices to finish their work and crafting a responsible budget, they've resorted to gimmicks and gamesmanship, like using two sets of books and designating the fully predictable census, for example, as emergency spending.

But they're doing something else that troubles me more. To disguise the fact that they're spending the Social Security surplus, the congressional majority wants to delay earned income tax payments to nearly 20 million families. Now, the income and poverty figures I announced earlier show that 4.3 million Americans were lifted out of poverty last year, twice the number that were lifted out of poverty by the earned income tax credit before we expanded it in 1993.

We've worked hard to eliminate barriers to families who are working their way out of poverty. We've got record numbers of people moving from welfare to work, often at very modest wages, eligible for this earned income tax credit. Delaying their EITC payments would put one more roadblock in their way.

So let me be clear: I will not sign a bill that turns its back on these hardworking families. They're doing all they can to lift themselves out of poverty, to raise their children with dignity. I don't think we should be putting more roadblocks in their way. Delaying the earned income tax credit payment is more than a gimmick. It is an

effective tax increase on the most hard-pressed working Americans.

Now, one of the most interesting developments of the last week in this budget fight -- which as I said, I was hoping would not be a fight and I still hope will be resolved -- but one of the most interesting things to me about this last week is that the Republican majority actually launched an ad campaign that plays the worst kind of politics with this issue. Instead of spending their time creating an honest budget, they're spending millions of dollars creating phony ads to accuse the Democrats in Congress, who are in the minority, of doing what the Congressional Budget Office -- their own Congressional Budget Office -- says they are doing. That is, spending the Social Security surplus.

In fact, just yesterday, the very day they were announcing these misleading and unfair ads, their own Congressional Budget Office sent them a letter that shows they are spending \$18 billion from the Social Security surplus. Now, I can't help noting that these are the same people who told us they could spend all this money and cut taxes \$792 billion, and never touch the Social Security surplus.

Let's back up and look at where we are here, really. I had a lot of difficult decisions in my budget. I had a cigarette tax; I had a tax on polluters to clean up toxic waste dumps. Why did I put that in there, knowing it would be controversial? Because there was a general consensus here that with the second year of a budget surplus we ought to move as quickly as possible to divide the surpluses, if you will -- the Social Security from the non-Social Security -- and that we would move this year

to try to stop spending Social Security funds that the government had been spending since 1983. At least since 1983, when the revenues were raised.

And so we all said, okay, let's try to do it this year. And so, I knew it would be hard, but I said, okay, I'll do my part, I'll try to do this. But we're going to have to make some tough decisions here if we're going to meet the needs of people in both parties -- the investment priorities.

Then they said, no, we don't want to do that -- the Republican majority said, no, we don't want to do that. We don't want a cigarette tax and we don't want to ask the polluters to pay more for the toxic waste. Once they said that, to be fair, there was no way they could avoid at least one more year of spending Social Security funds.

Now, that's where we are on this. That's really what's going on. And there is another way. We don't have to do this. We don't have to get into an ad war where they accuse us of doing what they're doing, that their own Congressional Budget Office says they're doing. And they don't have to act like if they get caught doing it they've, in effect, committed a felony.

There was a decision they had to make. When we decided we were going to try to get out of spending Social Security funds this year, instead of next year, they had to make a decision. And the decision was to close corporate loopholes, deal with the toxic waste dumps by asking polluters to pay more, and raise the cigarette tax. If they weren't

willing to make that decision, they were going to be in the pickle they're in now. Now, that's what happened.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can work together. We can fashion a budget that builds on our economic prosperity and eliminates the public debt by the year 2015, and extends the life of the Social Security trust fund to 2050, past the life expectancy of the baby boomers, rendering this momentary debate completely irrelevant by dealing with the long-term security of the country. And that is what we ought to do.

I also would say it is profoundly important that we fund the right kind of education budget that has 100,000 teachers; that supports our efforts to mentor poor kids and get them to college; that supports our efforts to help young people read; and that gives our kids access to after-school programs; that doesn't undercut our efforts to connect all the classrooms to the Internet next year; that helps us to build or modernize 6,000 schools; that helps us to have some real accountability so we get what works and we stop funding what doesn't.

That's the other big, outstanding question in this budget debate that has nothing to do with what the ads are about -- what kind of education policy we're going to have; what kind of future are we going to give our kids. Then there's the whole criminal justice issue which we've argued about since 1994, that we've got the lowest crime rate in 26 years, but it's still too high, and I want to fund another 50,000 police to go out there in the most dangerous neighborhoods to prevent crime from happening in the first place, through the community policing program.

So that is what I wanted to say. We don't need gimmicks in the budget, and we don't need gimmicks on the airwaves. What we need to do is to roll up our sleeves and go to work together, and make decisions and tell the American people why we made them and what they are and what the long-term consequences are.

The Congress now has three weeks to finish the job the American people sent them to Washington to do. I will work with Congress on a budget that honors our commitments, that protects Social Security and Medicare. If we work together to meet these objectives -- keep in mind, if we work together to meet these objectives, we could pass a long-term budget that not only gets us out of debt by 2015, but actually has an affordable program for middle class tax relief.

But this argument that's being held now, and this sort of ad war is, I think, the worst kind of -- first of all, it's misleading. And secondly it's a waste of time and money. What we need to do is to roll up our sleeves and do the job the American people sent us here today.

So, thank you.

Q Mr. President, what's your reaction to the Associated Press report of a massacre of hundreds of refugees by American servicemen during the Korean War? There is -- a dozen veterans of that war are quoted as corroborating this account. Do you think there should be an investigation?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. The most important thing you need to know about that is -- I was briefed on it this morning -- is that Secretary Cohen has said that he wants to look into this, he wants to get to the bottom of it, he wants to examine all the available information and evidence. And he has assured us that he will do that. And that was his immediate instinct, too. And I appreciated it.

Q Mr. President, the Vice President seems to be in some political trouble, despite the good economic numbers that you cite. Mr. Bradley, former Senator Bradley, has out-raised him in the last quarter. I would like to know whether you counseled him to move his headquarters, whether you thought he panicked, and why you think that people like Senator Moynihan say that he can't be elected -- Senator Moynihan who, of course, backs Mrs. Clinton.

THE PRESIDENT: I gave you enough time to put all of your little twists in there, didn't I? (Laughter.)

First of all, let me say I think it's a good decision, the decision he made to move his headquarters to Tennessee. I suppose I think that because I had such a good experience when I stayed home and close to my roots. We discussed it a long time ago. But I can tell you I'm absolutely -- he called me yesterday morning, he said that he had made a decision to do this. And we had not discussed it, in I don't know, a good while. I'm absolutely -- he told me a week or so ago that he was thinking about some things that he thought would help his campaign and make it more

consistent with the kind of message that he wanted to convey to the American people, and the kind of campaign he personally wanted to run. And he announced those three decisions yesterday, and I approve of all of them. I think they were good decisions. And I think they'll get good results. And the most important thing is he made them and he believes in them. And that's all you can do in one of these campaigns.

Q What's the problem? Has it been you? Has it been the record of the administration?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I think he's, by all reports I get, he's personally doing quite well out there and I think he will continue to do well. So I don't have the same take on it you do. I'm not a political analyst anymore, I have to stay here and do my job. But the only thing I would say is when you run for President you need to know what you want America to look like, and then you need to have good ideas and you need to try to share them with people in a way they can relate to. And I believe he'll be -- I believe he'll do quite well.

Keep in mind, we're a long way from the end of the road here.

Q On the budget, if the Republicans won't give you the taxes you want, what's the alternative? Cut back on the spending you want? How do you get out of this pickle?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the alternative is, just mechanically -- if they won't raise money, the alternative is you either have to say -- well,

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let me say what the alternative is not, first. The alternative is not their gimmicks, and then we'll come up with our gimmicks, and we'll all see who can out-gimmick someone else. That is not the alternative.

The alternative should be that we decide we're going to cut back on the spending for a year. Or if it's too severe -- and from what we hear out there in the country from -- and what we know about the needs of education, what we know about what we both want to do to help restore our ability to recruit in the military and help our military families with a pay increase there, what we know in a number of other areas -- if we decide to spend this money together, if we jointly agree on it, and it won't allow us to have a divided surplus -- which, keep in mind, we want to do this year -- then both parties need to agree on that.

Now, I strongly prefer to go on and get out of the Social Security surplus this year. And what I proposed is not all that onerous -- I mean, dealing with -- the corporate loopholes I proposed to close, the cigarette tax and the toxic waste dump fees. That's not all that bad. You could always compromise. You could raise less and spend a little less.

But my point is, the most important thing is, we should be straightforward with the American people about this, and we shouldn't try to get them all tied up in knots and pretend that something is going on that isn't. We know we are going to now have, in the future years, a surplus that will -- except when we have economic downturns, but on average, a surplus that will be large enough, projected, that we can meet the future needs of education, the environment, national security out of

non-Social Security revenues.

Now, this is a -- let me remind you all, this is a new development. When we were in the deficit spending mode all during the '80s -- all of you know this, you wrote about it a lot -- the deficits were made to seem smaller than they were because Social Security revenues were in surplus over Social Security payments. They are still in surplus over Social Security payments, but now other revenues are in surplus over other spending this year.

But the '97 budget caps were very tight -- they were for the teaching hospitals; they were for a lot of other things; they were when it comes to continuing to improve education, and we do need to spend some more on national defense, as all of you know -- at least I feel that way, and the Republicans do, too, because of the problems for the military families and some modernization problems.

So this whole question that there is just so much agitation on and all these ads filling the airwaves, it's really about the fact that when they started looking at their budget, they couldn't get out of the Social Security funds until next year either unless they were willing to raise some money this year from the cigarette tax, from closing corporate loopholes, or the toxic waste dumps.

So all I'm suggesting is we need to sort of stop misleading the American people -- they need to, with their television ads -- and we need to sit down and work this out and figure out what's right for the people,

make the right disciplined choices and go forward.

Q Mr. President, you said you need to sit down and talk, and yet there are some Republicans on the Hill who make it clear that that's the last thing they want to do, is to sit down with the White House and start negotiating. What is --

THE PRESIDENT: That's the last thing they want to do.

Q Right.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, that's right.

Q So what is the status of communication right now, and how can you get out of this if you all don't start communicating?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't think we can if we don't start communicating. But all I'm telling you is -- they've had a debate apparently within their caucus in both houses about whether we ought to join hands and do the, evidently, right thing for the American people, and also be candid about this budget problem that they have -- because they're philosophically opposed to raising the cigarette tax and they don't want to close any corporate loopholes right now. We've just got to figure out if there is a resolution to that. And then there are those who believe that they can somehow create this whole other issue, spending the Social Security surplus, and then say that they're not doing it, we're doing it, even though they're in the majority and they approve all the money -- or

they can say, well, I made them do it somehow. That's what's going on here.

So there are people who believe in their caucus that somehow they can make some big political issue out of this. And then there are those who want to get something done. I had a long talk with a committee chairman yesterday -- and I won't identify him for fear of hurting him -- but we talked a long time about how we need to make an honest effort to resolve the differences between where they are and where we are on the areas within his jurisdiction.

So I think there is a difference of -- I think a lot of them would like to just show up for work tomorrow. And that's what I hope we'll do.

Q Has Japan asked for American help in dealing with its nuclear accident? And how would the United States treat such a request?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all -- and I should have said this the very first thing -- we are all very concerned and our thoughts and prayers are with the people in Japan today because of this uranium plant accident. You can only imagine how difficult this must be for them, quite apart from whatever the facts are. This is going to be a very hard day for the people of Japan.

And we are doing our best to determine what, in fact, has happened and what assistance we can give. And we will do whatever we

possibly can that will be helpful to them. And we will try to be as comprehensive and prompt about it as possible.

Q Mr. President, what about your mortgage, sir? Do you now understand why some people felt that it was improper for you to arrange a mortgage with a loan guarantee from Mr. McAuliffe? And are you now planning to get a different kind of mortgage?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I will stay with what Mr. Lockhart has told you about that. We had just a day or two to get that house -- a lot of people wanted it for the same reason we liked it. A lot of people liked the house, it's a nice place. We liked it. So we did what was necessary to secure it.

Now, we're going to close on it in a little more than a month. And if we change the financing between now and then, we'll let you know as soon as we do. But we did not do it before we got an opinion from the Office of Government Ethics about the mechanics of it, and that it did not constitute a gift under federal law.

Q Why wouldn't Bowles and Rubin help?

THE PRESIDENT: They were -- I don't have anything to say about that. McAuliffe called me the first thing when I was talking to him, and he said, look, if you can get somebody else to do it, fine. I think because -- everybody thought it was a legitimate business arrangement. No one thought there was anything wrong with it, all the people I talked to

about it, and all the people anybody else talked to about it.

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I think some people didn't want to do it because they know they live in a world where they live in the Larry Klayman political press world in which what's true is not as important as whether you can be dragged around, you have to spend a lot of money you don't have or you'd rather not spend for reasons that have nothing to do with anything that's real.

It's like this television ad campaign, to go back to the budget issue. There is the rest of the world and the way it works and the way people view things, and then there is the way a lot of things around here work. And so I don't -- anybody that's ever been through it knows that's true.

You're all smiling because you think, I wonder if the President made a mistake by committing the truth in that last remark. I can see you all smiling and thinking that. So all I can tell you is I feel good about where we are on it. We're going to close on it in a month and we're excited about it. And if we change the financing, we'll let you know.

Thank you.

Q Are you going to read the Reagan book? What do you think about Jesse Ventura's views on reincarnation? (Laughter.)

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