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DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001. email	From Juan Garcia to Many Recipients Re: Message from Garcia [personal] [partial] (1 page)	10/19/1999	b(6)
002. email	From Reynaldo Valencia to Many Recipients Re: Message from Garcia [personal] [partial] (1 page)	10/19/1999	b(6)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Tape Restoration Project [Email]
WHO ([Panama Canal])
OA/Box Number: 500000

FOLDER TITLE:

[03/02/1998 - 12/08/1999]

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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Haggard, Fred, CIV, OSD ("Haggard, Fred, CIV, OSD" <Haggard.Fred@osd.pentagon.mil> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-MAR-1998 17:06:45.00

SUBJECT: Westphal

TO: Sheelah A. Feinberg (CN=Sheelah A. Feinberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

March 3, 1998

PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL TO BE THE NEXT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS

Today President Clinton announced his intention to nominate Joseph W.
Westphal of Herndon, Virginia to be the next Assistant Secretary of the
Army for Civil Works.

Dr. Westphal is currently the Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant
Administrator for Water at the Environmental Protection Agency. From
1995 to 1997 he was Director of the Congressional Sunbelt Caucus in the
Senate, and from 1988 to 1995 he was Executive Director of the House
Sunbelt Caucus. From 1987 to 1988 he was a visiting Scholar at the
Institute for Water Resources, and from 1975 to 1987 he was a Professor
and Department Head in the Political Science Department at Oklahoma
State University. He has also been an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown
University since 1996.

Dr. Westphal received his B.A. from Adelphi University, his M.A. from

Oklahoma State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, all in Political Science.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works is responsible for overall supervision of the functions of the Department of the Army relating to civil works programs, including water resources development, environmental programs and policies, the Panama Canal, sea level canal affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mail Delivery Subsystem (Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@gatekeeper.eop.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-APR-1998 20:32:14.00

SUBJECT: Returned mail: Host unknown

TO: Caroline J. Croft (CN=Caroline J. Croft/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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550 neh.fed (smtp)... 550 Host unknown

554 <Hfulbright@neh.fed>... 550 Host unknown (Authoritative answer from
name server)

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Received: from lgate3.eop.gov by gatekeeper.eop.gov;

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id AA19307; Wed, 1 Apr 1998 15:32:14 -0500

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id 852565D9.0070CD31 ; Wed, 1 Apr 1998 15:32:05 -0500

X-Lotus-Fromdomain: EOP

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Cc: Virginia_L._Cearley@who.eop.gov, Sanjay_Gupta@who.eop.gov,

Sarah_Howes@who.eop.gov

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Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 15:30:38 -0500

Subject: Panama

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Ellen -- the Ambassador from Panama, His Excellency Eloy Alfara would like to meet with us regarding his country's plans for marking the Millennium.

As you may know on noon, Dec. 31, 1999 the US will transfer management and control of the Canal to the people of Panama. The government of Panama needless to say will be making a big deal of this. The Ambassador would like to discuss how the WH Council can participate in this event and other ways to highlight the successful partnership in the Panama Canal. this is one I which I would think that the State Dept. desk officer as well as the NSC may (should!) want to attend. Shall I proceed with trying to set up such a meeting -- I trust you would like to be there too. Best, Caroline

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: SUNTUM_M (SUNTUM_M@a1.eop.gov [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAR-1999 03:47:52.00

SUBJECT: 1999-3-13 remarks at dinner in honor of Dale Bumpers

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Senator Lincoln,
thank you very much. We're all very proud of you. Dale and I
we're looking up at you, listening to you speak, feeling a little bit

better about his retirement and my imminent retirement in the next couple of years.

I'd like to thank Congressman Snyder and Congressman Berry for representing you fiercely and well, and for being my friends and for doing our state proud. The three of them remind me of why I have always loved public life in Arkansas. And I'm always delighted to see people who have served others and worked for others and done other service be rewarded with higher positions. And all three of them deserve it richly and I'm very pleased to see that.

I'd like to thank Rabbi Levy for being here tonight , and Bishop Walker, who is my longtime friend and whose vociferous and highly public defense of me may have won an election for me back in 1982, without which I wouldn't be here. Thank you, Bishop. I'm glad to see you. (Applause.)

I thank Rodney Slater for his remarks and for his extraordinary service. He has really done Arkansas proud. (Applause.) And there are a lot of other Arkansans who have been critical to the success our country has enjoyed in the last six years who are here tonight. I'll probably miss some of them, but I can't help mentioning Mack McLarty, Bob Nash, Janice Kearney, Bruce Lindsey, Nancy Hernreich, Carol Willis, Kris Engskov -- anybody else who is here from home in the administration, I apologize that I missed you. But you should be very proud of your fellow Arkansans who are making a contribution in Washington. (Applause.)

I would like to thank Vaughn McQuary for his leadership of the party. He has done a great job and I'm proud of him. I'm glad he's coming. (Applause.) And to all the other dignitaries that are here tonight. I almost cried listening to David Pryor talk, until I remembered that he's gone over to the other side -- David Pryor tonight gave me his Harvard card. (Laughter.) Says he's a fellow at Harvard. (Laughter.)

You know, I think I deserve some credit -- I had enough guts to go to the Ivy League before I was elected to office in Arkansas. (Laughter.) David was always one of them, he was just waiting to get out of office. (Laughter.) You know, one of the truly great joys of my life is that I got to serve as governor when they were senators, together, Dale and David. I admired them. I liked them. I was so proud of what we were able to do together. I rarely ever called them about any issue they had to vote on, and when I did they tolerated what I had to say and then did what they thought was right. (Laughter.)

But when I saw David up here talking about Dale and I, and then Dale whispered to me a story about two friends of our who were senators from another state who, to put it charitably, do not like each other -- and it interferes, I think, with what they're doing -- I thought of how many examples I have seen, state after state after state, where good people let their egos get in the way in

the Senate and don't work together. And there was no state that had a better team of senators, but they were made 10 times better because they respected and liked and even loved each other, and they never let themselves get in the way of doing their jobs. And I appreciate it. (Applause.)

You know, the thing I'm going to miss most about having Dale Bumpers not in the Senate and not handy is that when I get really low I can't call him and hear his latest joke. (Laughter.) There has never been a person who liked jokes better than Dale Bumpers, I'm sure, in all of human history. (Laughter.)

You know, the three of us, we'd go on these road shows -- we were all down here, we'd go to these roasts and we'd tell each other jokes, and if one of us would forget to tell one of our best jokes, somebody else would tell it and never give credit. (Laughter.) But it got so bad one time, Dale Bumpers called me and said, you remember that joke you told me about a month ago? He said, I can't remember the punch line to save my life. He said, tell it to me again. So I was really happy because his jokes were funnier than mine, by and large. I got in the middle of a joke and he remembered it and he started laughing. And I never -- to this day -- that was 10 years ago -- I still haven't finished that joke. (Laughter.)

I have crashed a plane with Dale Bumpers. I have been

through all kinds of adversity and shared a lot of joy. But I would like to say something, if I might, to try to add my poor pittance to what Senate Pryor and others have already said.

Yesterday I got to go home to Hope to dedicate the birthplace foundation home I lived in for the first four years of my life, and it was a very emotional thing -- I had a lot of my family there. And I was coming back from Central America the night before last thinking about what I could say and how I could say it in a very few words. And I said to them that in the heady days after World War II, when I was a child and first coming of age, my hometown wasn't perfect, it was still segregated and had its share of flaws. Mack McLarty reminded me, including a pretty bad town gossip or two. We glorify those types today. (Laughter.) At least people used to be embarrassed about it.

But I knew then that every child was raised with at least two things in my time, when I was a child coming of age. One was an immense sense of personal optimism, that life was good and that you could live your dreams if you worked for them. And the other was a sense of belonging, a sense of community, a sense of responsibility to others as well as to your own life, and a clear understanding that a lot of the richness and texture and meaning of life came from being part of a web of relationships with other people.

And in that time, we also thought of, from my earliest

childhood, public service as a truly noble endeavor. Not that the people who were in it were perfect, but that they were well motivated and that they wanted to serve, and they wanted to advance our common dreams.

Dale Bumpers represents all that to me -- in a time when it has been under assault from many quarters. And I tried to think about what it was about him that made him stand up all these years for our state, for the children, for the country, the environment, for the Constitution, for all the things he fought for, made him believe he could cast unpopular votes like the Panama Canal vote and still come home and tell the people why he did it and have them stick with him.

I think there are three things: He never forgot the lessons of the past, beginning with the Constitution of United States. He never stopped dreaming of the future. And he never lost his essential humanity. Our public life is poorer when people forget the past and ignore the future. It is poorer when they choose power over purpose because they forget we're just

here for a little speck of time. And in 100 or 200 years, nobody will remember any of us, and all that will endure is whatever contribution we made to make life better and richer and more decent.

I've watched Dale Bumpers in a way that the whole world got to watch him when he spoke in the Senate. But when you strip it

all away, it comes down to that -- to humility, humanity, a sense of one's own mortality and one's own capacity for incredible dignity and glory. He has represented all that.

So if a child asks you if he or she should ever go into public life in this country you should say, yes. But don't ever forget the lessons from the past and how smart the people were that started this country. Don't ever stop dreaming about a better future. And do not ever lose your essential humanity. And all the complexities of all the problems I face, and all the battles I see come before me, 90 percent of them would go away tomorrow if people could just understand they do not have to define their lives in terms of putting someone else down, defeating someone else, thinking they're better than someone else, ignoring their common humanity.

I was looking at Dale and David tonight and I was thinking, it seems like yesterday I first saw David Pryor running for Congress in 1976. It seems like yesterday I was first excited about Dale Bumpers coming out of Charleston in 1970. It seems like yesterday when we were all young and beginning and everything was new. And it passes in the flash of an eye. And when it's over, what remains is the feeling that you have been human and alive to the needs and aspirations of other people.

There is nobody in public life in this country today who embodies it better than Dale Bumpers, and I am honored and proud to have served with him. Thank you. (Applause.)

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MR. TOIV: Good afternoon, everybody. Before we start, just like to pay a little tribute to -- well, somebody who is not here at the moment, actually. As you all know, UPI Radio is going to cease existence this week, I believe, and we're all sad about that, and UPI radio has been part of radio journalism in this country for nearly four decades, and we're all going to miss them. And Don Fulsom, who has been their White House correspondent for quite a while and has been with UPI Radio for almost half of the time they've been in existence, we're going to miss Don, too. We hope he'll return soon.

With that, any -- there's Don.

MR. FULSOM: Thank you very much, everybody. (Applause.)

MR. TOIV: Don, we hope you'll be back.

Questions.

Q What about the sale of the Panama Canal?

MR. TOIV: Panama Canal. David, you want to get right up there and --

MR. LEAVY: Okay. The United States is satisfied our interests will be protected after the canal is turned over this December. We have seen no capability on the part of the PRC to disrupt the canal's operations. I just mentioned the so-called Neutrality Act, provides a guarantee for the security of the canal and that a law was passed to implement the Hong Kong-based firms who were in question, and part of that implementing law are provisions that insures that no vessel -- that the canal will remain open to vessels of all nations.

Q Whose law is that?

MR. LEAVY: My understanding is that the contract -- Panama's contract with the Hong Kong-based firm to operate the two ports of the canal was passed into law in January 1997, and that law contains the provision --

Q Panamanian law?

MR. LEAVY: Yes. Let me check on that, but that's my --

Q Any bid on this before we let the Chinese have it?

MR. LEAVY: Well, it's two -- they're Hong Kong-based firms. I believe we did bid on that. I believe there actually were some questions about the bidding. But we protested that and our team has been aware of the issue and looked into it, and as I said earlier, we're satisfied that our interests will be protected.

Q Is the U.S. and American vessels -- are they guaranteed access and transit through the canal?

MR. LEAVY: Yes, they are. There's the so-called Neutrality Treaty which provides for the security of the canal and the law that governed the contract of these two Hong Kong-based firms have a provision that allows all vessels from all nations to pass through.

I would also just note, too, that the container -- the firms are container shipping firms, and while they have ports on both ends of the canal, they're not the only ones, they don't have a monopoly or --

Q What about -- there was another issue raised, and that was intelligence matters. Will this give the PRC an added ability to monitor shipping that goes through the canal?

MR. LEAVY: I don't want to comment specifically on intelligence matters, Alec, though just to say that our national security team has looked into the matter and we're confident that our interests will be protected and guaranteed.

Q What do you mean by no capability?

Q David, does this company have ties to the Chinese military?

MR. LEAVY: I don't know if -- I know it's a Hong Kong-based company, but I'm not sure what, if any, ties they have to the PLA.

Q When does all this happen now?

MR. LEAVY: The actual official transfer I believe is in early December of this year. There will be a transfer, a ceremony. I'm not sure when the actual company contract goes into effect, but there will be a big ceremony in Panama this December to actually commemorate the official transfer.

Q And the U.S. actually approved of this?

MR. LEAVY: This was an open commercial contract. U.S. firms bid on it, the Panamanian government --

Q What, they bid too low?

MR. LEAVY: This was several years ago, so I don't have the exact specifics of the bidding process here. But there actually -- there were some questions just about the transparency of the bidding process. We raised our concerns at the time, but subsequently our team has looked into it and we feel that our interests will be protected.

And I would just note, too, that we've seen no capability on the part of the PRC, which is a heavy user of the canal, to disrupt its operations. So I would caution people not to get too alarmed over this issue.

Q You may think so, but it was very, very important in World War II. It might not be important in the next war, but I cannot understand how we could relinquish all of our interests in the canal. Well, you don't seem concerned.

MR. LEAVY: Helen, it's not relinquishing our interests at all in the canal. It's been a policy of this government for almost two decades now, to transfer authority of the canal back to the Panamanians. We've worked closely to ensure that that's done consistent with our interests. We're confident that it will be -- these are commercial contracts for port container processing. This company does not have a monopoly over that. We've looked into it. We think --

Q They control both ends of the canal.

MR. LEAVY: They control ports on both ends, but they're not the only ports, they're not the only shipping container company, so I think our commercial interests will be able to be protected and won't be a problem.

Q And on what do you base your confidence --

MR. LEAVY: Well, again, as I said, our team looked into this, analyzed it and made a judgment, and we're satisfied that our interests

will be protected both in terms of national security and commercial.

Q David, you said no capability on the part of the PRC to disrupt. How do you know they have no capability, and can you put this in the context of the question I asked yesterday, the very bellicose statements by the Chinese Defense Minister threatening a high-tech war with the United States?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I wouldn't link the two here. The issue about the commercial viability of the canal and the transfer has been an issue that we've been dealing with literally for years. The Chinese are a major user of the canal as are we, as are other countries. There are significant legal provisions built into the transfer to make sure that all vessels will be able to transfer in. Again, these companies do not have a monopoly over the port container issue.

Q How many others have control?

MR. LEAVY: Let me check on that. The people I checked with today were pretty confident that our interests -- again, both commercial and security -- will be protected here.

Q Are U.S. soldiers out of the canal zone by the end of the year?

MR. LEAVY: I don't know. We had Howard* Air Force Base in Panama. I know that we're closing down. I don't know, Mike, what, if any

U.S. personnel -- they're all checked out --

Q Senator Lott said you've given away the farm on this. He wrote a letter to Secretary Cohen. Is Cohen responding to that, or how do you answer him?

MR. LEAVY: I'm not aware the letter has been received. Again, our folks are well aware of this issue. This has literally been something that's been in the works for years. We've looked into it, and everyone seems pretty confident that --

Q It seems to me that we have really missed the ball on this, because the Panama Canal Commission has been warning and warning the U.S. that this was about to happen. And it seems that we would want to keep our stake in this canal that we built.

MR. LEAVY: I think our stake in the canal is preserved, Helen. Again, we have legal remedies for the commercial transport. Our national security team feels confident that our security interests are protected, so I don't think that we're losing or damaging any --

Q I don't know what you base your confidence on.

MR. LEAVY: This is an issue that comes as no surprise. We've looked closely at it, and our team feels pretty confident.

Q And did the U.S. conclude that the bidding process was fair?

MR. LEAVY: I think there were some concerns back in '97. I believe the actual bidding -- that the bidding process wasn't as transparent as we would have liked. We protested that to the Panamanians.

Q And what came of it?

MR. LEAVY: I'm not aware of any actual remedy that was changed, but our protests were noted. I mean, the contract went forward to the Hong Kong-based company, so I don't think there's any --

Q Do you know at what level the U.S. will be represented at the transfer ceremony in December?

MR. LEAVY: No. No, I don't think that decision's been made.

Q David, one more. In 1956, the British and French went to war over the Suez Canal, when the Egyptians nationalized it. What's going to happen if --

MR. LEAVY: Well, I think we're sort of talking past each other a little bit. Let me just take one or two more on this and let's move on. This isn't -- the Canal's not being nationalized by the PRC. This is a private company that has several contracts to work out of the canal in terms of shipping containers of commercial products. We bid on that contract --

Q How many private companies does the PRC have?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I can't confirm any specific PRC or PLA links to these companies. But let me just say, as I've said many times so far, is that these are private companies. We've got legal remedies. Our interests, both commercial and security, will be protected. Okay? Last one on this.

Q Kind of a related issue. There's also these reports that the PRC is refurbishing a former Soviet listening post in Cuba. Are you at all concerned that the PRC is heightening its presence in the Western hemisphere somehow?

MR. LEAVY: I'm not aware of that specific report, Alex, and no one's informed me of any heightened state of alert.

Q No, no. Are you concerned that the PRC is moving as a more aggressive presence in the Western hemisphere?

MR. LEAVY: Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q While you're up there, Pakistan? New flights by the Pakistanis today?

MR. LEAVY: I haven't seen any new reports today. The only new piece on that is that our Assistant Secretary of State, Rick Inderfurth, had talked to the Ambassadors of both India and Pakistan yesterday about our concerns he raised what, both here and at the State Department, we've

been saying the last several days, about trying to get back to the Lahore dialogue. But I haven't seen any new reports of any action today.

Q I think it was the Pakistani Defense Minister who said they were going to increase their patrols along the border -- airborne patrols.

MR. LEAVY: Well, as I said yesterday -- and I believe Jamie over at the State Department said -- that there is a 1991 airborne agreement between the two countries that governs the -- excuse me for saying this -- the modalities of air flights around -- I know, I'm being criticized for using the "m" word here -- but the modalities of the flights between the two countries along the border, and I think that's the appropriate channel to govern these instances. Actually, while I have the podium, let me just do a little piece of news as well on Russia.

Mr. Putin called National Security Advisor Berger this morning. They spoke for about 20 minutes. As you recall, Mr. Putin was Sandy's counterpart in the Kremlin. Mr. Berger expressed appreciation for the good work that the two have done on Kosovo, and non-proliferation issues. Mr. Putin reaffirmed Russia's desire to strengthen the overall relationship and cooperation and expressed that the new government intends to follow the Yeltsin-Clinton agenda that was put forth in Cologne earlier this year and follow the good work that Prime Minister Stepashin has done. And finally, Mr. Berger stressed the important of making progress on a whole range of issues, including arms control, non-proliferation and economics.

Q Who made the call?

MR. LEAVY: I believe Sandy called last week to wish congratulations, and Mr. Putin returned the call today. So he actually placed the call today.

Q So the Putin-Gore Commission -- would that go forward forthwith, or would that await his confirmation?

MR. LEAVY: I don't think any official business will go forward until his actual confirmation, but I don't know of any plans specifically on the Gore Commission.

Q Did they discuss Dagestan?

Q How long was the phone call?

MR. LEAVY: 20 minutes. No, Dagestan did not come up.

Q While you're up there, could you explain why Clinton's going in October to Canada?

MR. LEAVY: He's going to Canada, as we put out the other day -- yesterday -- that's still the other day -- that's yesterday -- (laughter) -- at the invitation of Prime Minister Chretien to attend a federalism conference outside Montreal. I think the agenda for the rest of the trip is still being put together, but that's the primary focus -- is a

conference on federalism.

Q How long?

MR. LEAVY: It could be expanded but nothing to announce right now.

Q While you're at it, do you have any details on the New Zealand trip, other than what you put out yesterday on the trip --

MR. LEAVY: No, but we'll try to do a pre-trip briefing for you guys before you leave. It's going to be a little bit awkward because we have the Labor Day and then I think you guys leave the next day or the day after, so we're going to try to cram a briefing in between there and we'll put out a press schedule at some point, but --

Q Do you when he's meeting with the Chinese Prime Minister -- is that part of --

MR. LEAVY: I have no announcements today on that.

Q I'm sorry, on federalism -- would that be American federalism, or Canadian federalism? (Laughter.)

Q World federalism.

Q Is there some merger coming up we don't know about?

MR. LEAVY: I think, Mark, they'll probably share their experience -- no merger, but I don't have too much information on the conference, but sharing views on their experiences.

Q Federalism experiences.

MR. LEAVY: Federalism experiences. (Laughter.) That's it.

Q No trade?

MR. LEAVY: The conference is the primary event for the --

Q Will they be discussing a full range of bilateral issues as well?

MR. LEAVY: Yes, I'm sure the two leaders will meet in a bilateral context, but the meeting is the official reason for the trip.

Q Barry, can I ask you about the Puerto Ricans that President Clinton agreed to commute or remit the sentences of 16 of them?

MR. TOIV: Do you have a particular question, or --

Q Well, any --

Q Did he do it to help Mrs. Clinton in New York?

MR. TOIV: Why did he do it?

Q Yes. Why did he do it?

MR. TOIV: No, this has been an issue that has been under discussion in the White House for some time, and the President took this action in a way that recognizes that these individuals committed serious crimes. But that also recognizes that the sentences they received were far out of proportion to the nature of their crimes. And what he has done is to commute their sentences; some of them would be released on parole now, and others would be affected in different ways. But what he has done is to recognize that -- to recognize the unfairness of the original sentences, but to also apply conditions which first of all require them individually to renounce violence for any purpose, including political purposes, and they would also be required to keep to the conditions of parole.

Q Is this the beginning of a new series of clemency decisions the President --

MR. TOIV: I'm not aware of any other -- of any other decisions like that --

Q It's traditional at the end of a second term that the President does these kinds of decisions. If you recall, George Bush did a bunch of pardons and clemency decisions at the end of his term.

MR. TOIV: Did he do those at the end of his term?

Q At the very end.

MR. TOIV: At the very end. Yes. We're not anywhere near the end.

Q Before they went to jail.

MR. TOIV: We're not near the end of this term, so -- (laughter)

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Q Barry, is it your understanding that some of these individuals have declined the clemency because they wouldn't renounce violence?

MR. TOIV: I'm not sure. I've heard some reports as to -- that they're deciding whether to accept or not. I don't know if they're going to or not. So that would be their choice, of course. But I would add that these are individuals who did not -- who were not convicted of any crime involving physical harm to any person and, yet, some of them received sentences of upwards of 50 years; some of them would not have been released for another 25 years or more, in fact, if the President had not acted.

Q Do you know if there was consultation with Puerto Rican officials?

MR. TOIV: I believe there was, yes.

Q What about clemency, what about Pollard -- pardon? Is that dormant?

MR. TOIV: Whatever we're unchanged. (Laughter.) I can try and repeat it for you. No, that's being studied, I believe.

MR. LEAVY: No final decision has been made.

MR. TOIV: No final decision has been made.

Q Do you have any kind of a read out on the economic meeting today?

MR. TOIV: It's still going on, as a matter of fact -- Mr. Sperling today is in the second half of his economic briefing. (Laughter.)

No, yesterday was more of an economic review; today is a little bit more of a budget review, as they review the issues that we'll be facing in the months ahead, when Congress comes back.

Q Speaking of budget review, a review of what Congress has passed, the Appropriations Bill -- the President's budget is already out there.

MR. TOIV: A review of all the issues that we're facing, that you're all very familiar with.

Q Is this a strategy session for how you'll counter the Republicans' plan to barnstorm on tax cuts this month?

MR. TOIV: Well, some of those issues are likely to come up in the meeting.

Q In what fashion?

MR. TOIV: In the discussion. But I do not have any details on the discussion, nor do I expect to.

Q Do you have any reaction to the rather cool response that Speaker Hastert got yesterday, kicking off the barnstorming tour?

MR. TOIV: Hardly a surprise. Well, I'll give you more --

Q Is the President going to Camp David?

MR. TOIV: -- hardly a surprise. Yes, the President is going to go to Camp David tonight, that's the plan.

Q Through Sunday?

Q Is that for the weekend?

Q What's the purpose?

MR. TOIV: I believe for the weekend, yes. Let me go back and finish -- I shortchanged Rick.

The Speaker and other Republicans have a PR campaign going to try and sell a tax bill that is distinctly not in the interest of the American people. And I think they're going to have an awfully hard time selling it. It's a bloated tax bill that will not allow us to address the challenges facing Medicare and Social Security. It will not allow us to pay down the debt -- pay off the debt in 15 years, as the President is proposing. It would not allow us to address the defense, education, and other priorities that are facing us.

The President has proposed a tax cut that makes sense: \$250 billion tax cut, it's directed towards helping Americans save, primarily middle-income Americans. And we hope that when the Congress comes back -- if they want to, they can send that bill up here. It'll be vetoed. But whether or not they do, we need to get down to work. And let's do first things first. Let's start with Medicare.

Q Do you all have any reaction to Bush saying that he would have signed it in a heartbeat?

MR. TOIV: Yes, it's very disappointing. Any national leader, or anyone who hopes to be a national leader, who would suggest that they would sign a tax bill of this sort is someone who does not have the best interests of the U.S. economy at heart.

Q Are you going to mount any kind of counteroffensive, other than having the President criticize it here at the White House? Will Cabinet Secretaries be talking about it, other Democrats?

MR. TOIV: The tax bill?

Q Paid advertising? Yes.

MR. TOIV: I'm not aware of any paid advertising. But certainly, the President has been critical of the tax bill, and he will continue to be. And other -- members of the Cabinet and others know full well -- members of the Cabinet know as well as anybody what the impact of this bill would be on the programs in their areas, from education to defense to the environment. And so I'm sure that they will have some things to say in the coming weeks.

Q The White House has indicated that you'd be willing to look at some of their proposals, all the other priorities on that -- as long as it's in the \$295-billion, \$300-billion range. But if it's not -- if the bulk of that \$250-billion range isn't savings-oriented, wouldn't the administration be concerned if it -- if there are adverse economic consequences?

MR. TOIV: You know, I'm not sure I understood that question, Paula. Could you try it again?

Q Well, if the Republicans were to negotiate a proposal in the \$300-billion range, but it's not savings-oriented, instead, it has other things in the mix, would the administration still seriously entertain it?

MR. TOIV: Well, the President has made very clear that he is willing to consider other ideas as long as they are within that range for a total, of \$250 to nearly \$300 billion. Democrats in the Congress have proposed different ideas. The Vice President has proposed different ideas -- including, the Vice President has also proposed to include USA accounts as well.

But the President is willing to look at other ideas for how we shape that tax cut. He does believe that it should be primarily aimed at the middle-class. But he's willing to listen to different ideas.

But before we get there -- and I think you'll hear the President make this very clear in the interview that will be broadcast on Nightly Business Report tonight -- the President will make very clear that we need to do first things first. Don't put the cart before the horse. The President will say we need to focus on Medicare first, and we need to look at the other priorities, and then see what we can do about a tax cut.

Q And you're confident that they can't override a veto?

MR. TOIV: It sure looks that way to me.

Q Does first things first include Social Security, would that

mean that we'll see a White House reform plan on Social Security before a tax cut is discussed?

MR. TOIV: The President has already proposed that we establish a lockbox, a true lockbox for Social Security, so that the trust fund cannot be used for any other purpose. He's also proposed that we take the interest that we'd save by paying down the debt and apply it to the trust fund and extend the life of the trust fund. That, in itself, would go a long way toward addressing the Social Security issue.

Q But that's not a reform plan for eligibility or --

MR. TOIV: The President has, again, has said on a number of occasions that he wants to work with the Congress in a bipartisan way on other reforms that would be necessary.

Q Barry, did you get a chance to ask the President whether he thinks the students of Kansas are well served by evolution being removed from their curriculum?

MR. TOIV: Well, I have not talked to him directly. However, as you know, while we do believe that the federal government has a very important role to play in ensuring that all students have access to the kind of quality education that they deserve, curriculum is a state and local issue, so we won't have any comment on that specifically.

Q I apologize if this has been asked before, but Janet Reno

today suggested that state governments and the federal government explore the idea of gun licensing. Do you guys have a reaction to that?

MR. TOIV: Well, as you know, the Vice President has proposed ideas along those lines. And the President has had some positive things to say about the Vice President's ideas. Right now we are focused, though, on trying to get through the Congress sensible ideas for limiting access to guns to criminals and to children, in order to protect children. And those ideas have been enacted by the Senate and we are hoping that when they come back in the fall that the House Senate Conference Committee accepts the Senate provisions and that they can be sent to the President.

The President asked them to work on these issues over the break. He asked the Conference Committee to stay in town and work on it; he felt it was that important. They apparently did not. However, when they do come back they'll have another opportunity to go at it and we hope that they will.

Q So you're saying, Barry, that the White House has no position on whether schools should teach about Charles Darwin and evolution as a science, as a subject of science?

MR. TOIV: It's a curriculum issue. It's a curriculum issue, and curriculum issues are generally left to the state and local authorities. And that's -- so we aren't going to have any comment on that.

Q Don't you talk here about, you know, high-tech learning and

different types of things that you think should be on the curriculum, using the Internet and so forth?

Q Tolerance -- teaching tolerance?

MR. TOIV: We have supported that, absolutely.

Q So why won't you talk about this subject?

MR. TOIV: Because we feel this is an issue that -- this is a curriculum issue that is being addressed, and ought to be addressed, at the state and local level and we don't have anything else to say about it.

Q Has the President had any personal contact anymore with the L.A. shooting -- any of the victims or families?

MR. TOIV: Not that I'm aware of, Helen.

Q What can you tell us about the meeting with the Jewish leaders and what they're expected to discuss? How many are coming, and when this was all arranged and why?

MR. TOIV: Yes, this is -- the President will be meeting with a number of Jewish leaders later today. My guess is that it will be upwards of 30 or so -- maybe 40. And this is another one in a series of outreach meetings that he has done with various groups and communities. It was set up about a month ago -- is my understanding -- and among the issues that

they will talk about will be the Middle East -- in fact, I believe Sandy Berger and Secretary Albright will both be in the meeting. We also expect them to discuss the hate crimes issue and, in addition, I suspect that the President will use the opportunity to discuss his broader priorities as well, in terms of the economy, in terms of the budget, and other matters.

Q Do you expect the Pollard issue to come up during the meeting?

MR. TOIV: I don't know.

Q How many leaders will be here?

MR. TOIV: As I said, my guess is somewhere between 30 and 40, but we'll put out a list -- after the meeting starts and we know who's actually here, we'll put out a list.

Yes, Paula?

Q Let me -- just to make this clear -- if Republicans were to agree to first things first, the White House would not consider the veto date as long as it's in the \$300-billion range; any proposals like capital gains cuts, a state tax repeal, marriage penalty, or some form of across-the-board cuts?

MR. TOIV: What I said is after we do first things first; do Medicare and address these other issues, the President will be willing to

discuss other ideas. I did not say that the President would be prepared to accept necessarily any particular ideas.

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Q Barry, your answer somewhat requires us to ask -- does the White House --

MR. TOIV: Oh, oh -- what did I do?

Q -- does the White House accept the theory of evolution as a valid, scientific principle? (Laughter.)

MR. TOIV: The White House as an institution -- I'm not sure if the White House as an institution has addressed that issue. I'll have to check. I'll have to take a vote here. I'll have to take a vote.

Q Barry, given the trauma the Jewish community has experienced and the President's promise to open his outreach meetings to coverage for the press, wouldn't this be a good session to have at least some kind of coverage of what he's going to tell these Jewish leaders so the community as a whole can know his concern?

MR. TOIV: I suspect that people inside the meeting will come out and give you a good idea of what he talked about.

Anything else?

MR. TOIV: No, they're not.

Q Can we just go back to the evolution question just one more time? Doesn't that fly in the face of the President's efforts to have national testing -- standardized testing -- doesn't that conflict with that effort?

MR. TOIV: Well, for what it's worth, the standardized testing that we've proposed has to do with math and education. But beyond that --

Q Math and reading.

MR. TOIV: Math and reading -- I mean, I'm sorry. Thank you. But -- so I'm not sure that conflicts in any event.

Q But the basic principle of censoring what is considered by most people a legitimate, scientific theory -- does the White House have no comment, no position on whether local and state school boards should censor that kind of education?

MR. TOIV: Not today we don't.

Q Maybe later this afternoon?

Q Whoa! (Laughter.)

MR. TOIV: Sorry, I missed that. What?

Q Your position is evolving? (Laughter.)

MR. TOIV: That's a Darwinian position.

Q The Camp David thing -- R & R?

MR. TOIV: As far as I know.

Q Did the President make the decision to go -- before or after

he got to go through two days of Sperling briefings? (Laughter.)

Q When is he coming back from Camp David?

MR. TOIV: I think on Sunday.

Q Is the First Lady going with him?

Q Yes, who's going?

MR. TOIV: I think so.

Q Are there guests?

MR. TOIV: We don't talk about guests.

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MR. TOIV: Yes, he goes to Kansas City on Monday. But I don't know when he comes back.

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Juan, I really do think you've done a great presentation!!! I may be swayed from the Middle East pick I submitted.....

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Q Anything on Panama?

MR. LOCKHART: You want something on Panama? Well, it's Panama you want, Panama you'll get. The President completed a few moments ago his meeting with President Moscoso. The meeting lasted about 45 minutes, was a very productive session. For her part, President Moscoso focused the conversation on the historical importance of the Canal turnover, which will take place at the end of this year.

Q Is the President going there?

MR. LOCKHART: We haven't made a decision on who will head our delegation. She said that this is not the end of a relationship, but a new beginning of a strong friendship. She committed strongly on the protection and security of the Canal and committed to work with the United States government to meet that goal.

There was a discussion on our joint efforts on counternarcotics and also some environmental issues that the U.S. government and Panama have been discussing through the years.

Q What about counternarcotics?

MR. LOCKHART: They discussed our efforts on counternarcotics and also on the environment.

Q -- of the south border with Colombia of traffickers and stuff?

MR. LOCKHART: I'm not aware that it got that specific.

Q What are we involved in in terms of security? Haven't the Chinese bought the shipping rights on both ends?

MR. LOCKHART: No. That is the kind of silly stuff that gets out from time to time in this town. The security of the Canal will be

controlled by the commission controlled by Panama. There are two ports where cargo will be loaded and unloaded, that were put out to competitive bidding. That bidding process was won by a Hong Kong company, which is, I think, the largest company in the world doing this kind of business, so it was no surprise that they won this business. But the security, the locks at either end, will be controlled by Panama. And the treaty is very specific about the right of all nations to have equal access to the Canal.

Q I gather that she flatly ruled out any sort of narcotics center, anti-narcotics center in which the U.S. would be basing forces specifically --

MR. LOCKHART: Well, we had discussions going back some time on that kind of force, that we were unable to reach an agreement. We have reached agreement, now, with the government of Ecuador and with the Dutch Antilles, to have these forward locations, as they're called. You know, we worked in good faith with the government of Panama, but we were not able to reach an agreement.

Q What about the cleaning of the bases?

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President made the point clearly that we've met our treaty obligations of what was practicable to do, as far as cleanup. Most of the cleanup has been done. There are some areas that are impossible to get to, as far as moving forward. But he did say that we wanted to continue to remain engaged, and work with Panama in an effort to deal with this issue.

Q Wait, can we follow up, one more? The question of security, if there is a problem, if there is a breakdown, are there provisions for America to become involved?

MR. LOCKHART: There certainly are within the neutrality, within the Panama Canal Treaty and the Neutrality Act, the U.S. government has the right to intervene when we believe our national interests are at stake, and that was true when it was signed and it will be very true as we move into the next century.

Q Will any U.S. forces stay behind at all, Joe?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't think there will be any forces there, no.

Q What is the general feeling of the President, confident that the partnership is going to keep on going fine? Is there any concern?

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President was happy with the message brought by his counterpart that this is a new beginning of a very important relationship, a very strong friendship between our nations. We will work together on issues of trade, counternarcotics, and we're very confident that this handoff will go as expected and as detailed 22 years ago when the treaty was signed.

Panama?

Q Yes. Back during World War II, the Panama Canal was a very

important security concern of the United States not too many years ago. We're now in 1999, into the next century. Is it true that the Panama Canal is really not that important strategically as compared to what it used to be? I know you're concerned about security, you have the right to intervene. But is the truth that this is not the prize that it once was 50 years ago?

MR. LOCKHART: Let me just say I'm not going to try to rate in comparison. It remains important. I think there is a carrier there right now, as we speak, steaming through. So it still has importance to our strategic interests, and we made sure -- the United States government, working with the United States Senate in 1977 -- that our interests were protected. They were protected. They will remain protected going into the future.

Q Is the President planning a trip to Panama? I mean, he has been invited and --

MR. LOCKHART: I have no announcements to make on any travel to that part of the world.

Q He's never been there.

MR. LOCKHART: There are a few places still left on the list he hasn't been. (Laughter.) And we have 15 months to rectify that. (Laughter.) Nebraska and the rest of the world. (Laughter.)

Q Compare the two?

Q Mississippi.

MR. LOCKHART: We've been to Mississippi.

Q We have?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes.

MR. SIEWERT: We went to Mississippi. New Markets.

MR. LOCKHART: Yes.

Q To change the subject, what does the President hope to accomplish with this afternoon's meeting with congressional leaders?

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President hopes we can develop a framework for moving forward to meet our dual goals of maintaining our fiscal discipline and investing in our priorities. He's made very clear, the President is the one person who's involved in this who's put forward a plan that actually invests in our priorities of education, smaller class sizes, more teachers, more cops on the street, protecting our environment, while at the same time remaining fiscally disciplined, making the tough choices, the tough budget choices, that we need to make to continue to move forward.

As I said this morning, it's our hope the Republicans will put the attack ads aside, the talking points aside, and come down and work with us in good faith. We think that that's in the best interests of the American public, and that's what we hope will happen.

Q When you say develop a framework, what do you mean? Have everybody go along with what the President wants them to do?

MR. LOCKHART: No. We develop a process whereby we can work through these issues in an honest way that doesn't involve duelling sound bites, and involves real work, real choices, tough choices, to get the budget work done. We're in the end of this process. We are now into a period where we're going to have to go to a second CR. The time to get the work done is now, and the way you get the work done is you sit down and talk to each other.

Q Well, we've gone from a framework to a process. By a process do you mean a series of meetings or can you define that?

MR. LOCKHART: I can't define it because I'm not going to prejudge what frame of mind the Republican leaders will come down in.

Q You've got to have something to offer them.

MR. LOCKHART: And I'm not going to prejudge what frame of mind the Republican leaders will come down in, but clearly, we know what we have to get done, and I think this is the first step in sitting across a table

from each other and starting down that road.

Q Joe, their frame of mind, apparently, is they're declaring victory today with a bunch of news conferences, saying that the President, in fact, has acceded to their wishes on Social Security, that he came out of the box saying to set aside 62 percent of the surplus, and they said, no, let's just take 150 percent of the surplus and not use it toward the budget. And he came along late this summer and agreed to the same thing, and again yesterday.

MR. LOCKHART: I just have to tell you that that's one of the most absurd notions I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of absurd notions. We came forward with an overall plan on how to strengthen Social Security, how to reform Medicare and extend its solvency, and to make the investments we need. We haven't had a lot of help from Capitol Hill on that front. Now we're in a situation and the President put forward numbers at the mid-year that said we can do all this and we don't have to touch the Social Security surplus.

The Republicans are trying to use the night is day argument, that we'll do something, but we're going to say we're not doing it, and we think we'll be fooled by it. But I'll tell you something -- everybody knows what they're doing. Their own CBO has said their appropriations bills -- they're the only ones allowed to write these appropriations bills -- the bills that they've written, under no duress from anyone, spend the Social Security surplus.

The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, The Houston Chronicle, The Associated Press and The Washington Times have all said they're spending the Social Security surplus. I can give you the sites. So the argument that somehow, they have won a victory here, when they, through their own actions, through their own appropriators and appropriation process, have already dipped into the Social Security fund is absurd.

Q Is that a sound bite, Joe?

Q Joe, I don't quite understand that, because they're suggesting other ideas for potentially ameliorating that, like having across-the-board spending cuts, potentially this EITC notion. I mean, they haven't actually done that yet any more than you have. I mean, your offsets haven't been enacted, either; technically, you could say you've spent surplus as well.

MR. LOCKHART: If they want to put down on the table and if they bring down here on the table what would be a 17 percent across-the-board cut exempting defense, and if that is their position, if they should articulate it clearly and they should talk to us about how they believe that that won't impact the running of our government and working Americans around the country -- that's not what they're planning to do. What they're planning to do, and what they are doing is using a number of accounting gimmicks. They're using directed scoring, 13 months in the year, emergency spending designations to try to hide the fact of what they've done.

Again, what I said this morning: the need to put aside the talking points, put aside the attack ads, and move forward in an honest and straightforward way, to get their work done and work with the President so that the American people, in the end, come out ahead.

Q Is there coverage?

MR. LOCKHART: There is no coverage.

Q Does the President want to find some way to compromise with them? Or is he just going to try to convince them that what he's proposing all along is right?

MR. LOCKHART: No. I think the President said yesterday, he doesn't expect Congress to go along with 100 percent of what he wants. But he's got certain bottom lines, particularly on education, law enforcement, and the environment -- that he will make that point to them very clear today.

Q The President will get a CR in the next few hours, or day, that funds the government through the 29th. Is he prepared to sign that?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, we haven't seen what they've sent, but I think the President has indicated that it's unfortunate the Congress hasn't been able to get their work done. But if an extra few days helps them get that work done, that he most likely will let them do that.

Q -- spending more money on education than you asked for.

What's wrong with that?

MR. LOCKHART: I just don't buy the way that they've put their numbers forward. There are a series of issues that are important about how you go ahead -- how you attack our educational problems. I think the most important one that the President has articulated is on teachers and reducing class size. And they have written it in a way that makes it look like they support it, but they never will, because the money has to be authorized; it won't be authorized. They've made that clear.

On after-school, they've cut significantly the after-school program. They've not done what the President believes is quite important on accountability, as far as providing money to help the worst schools, the lowest-performing schools, either turn around or close down. Their attitude is, let's just close them down, let's fund some vouchers. The President doesn't agree with that approach.

Q Now, are you saying that they are not spending as much as they say they're spending, or that they may be spending more than you asked for, but not in the ways you want to spend --

MR. LOCKHART: I don't think -- first off, we're not all the way down the road on -- particularly the House is not spending -- is not providing the resources the President wants on programs. I'm not exactly sure where the Senate is.

Q They've had the money in education, though, and in some other areas of appropriations bills as well. Just as a general proposition, is that encouraging that they've started to, if it's not the same priorities as you, at least funded these things to a greater extent?

MR. LOCKHART: Obviously, through the process, they've made some steps in the right direction, but there's still more to do, and that's the purpose of this meeting today, to get the final work done.

Q Joe, is this no coverage idea the White House's idea, or did the Republicans request no coverage?

MR. LOCKHART: I'm not aware that they made a request. I think we just felt that it was more productive to let them get in and have a working session.

Q The NAACP is calling for a tourism boycott of South Carolina until the Confederate flag is removed from the State House dome. Will that affect President Clinton's plans to go there, as he has every New Year?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't know whether it will affect it since we haven't made a decision on what we're doing at the New Year yet.

Q I understand that you haven't made a decision, but will he take that into account?

MR. LOCKHART: I'll check. I hadn't heard that.

Q Speaking on those types of issues, the President seems to be talking a little bit more about inclusion. In today's speech on Capitol Hill, he talked about the hate crimes legislation. He's also talked about other issues racially. Is this an effort for the President to start laying the groundwork for this book on race that's impending?

MR. LOCKHART: No, I think his comments today on hate crimes is to try to convince Congress to reverse a very troubling decision they made in the dead of night. It is hard to see a justification for removing the language on hate crimes. I think there is a consensus in this country that this is a problem we need to deal with, and his comments today were an effort to put some pressure on Congress to restore that language to the bill.

Q Joe, a follow-up. Is it true that the President is definitely working on this book and is diligent in trying to get it out soon?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes. I talked to him about it last week.

Q So tell us what he said.

MR. LOCKHART: He said he's got some more things to do. He's got one chapter in particular that he's been spending some time on and it will be done when it's done.

Q Is that economic development?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes, I think particularly reflecting some new information and new thoughts he has in the aftermath of the New Markets tour, and in anticipation of continuing to stay involved in that issue.

Q On the hate crimes issue, is the White House going to demand that lawmakers restore that language this year or --

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President made clear that he thinks Congress should reverse the decision made late last night, and he's going to continue to keep pressure on them.

Q You just said a moment ago that one of the bottom line issues for the appropriations process is education, preserving education funding. And earlier this morning, you said that the President believes there's a better way to fund appropriations than through the Social Security surplus. But you didn't rule that out. So is Social Security also off limits? Is that a bottom-line issue?

MR. LOCKHART: Listen, you're asking me to make Shermanesque statements before the negotiations have started. Unlike our counterparts who want to tell you that night is day and black is white and whatever else, I'm telling you the President has put forward a plan that doesn't spend the Social Security surplus. I think it's incumbent on those who have already tried to spend it to explain why they have to do it this way, and that's what we're going to discuss.

Q Did you make a Shermanesque statement on whether or not he signed the VA/HUD bill today?

MR. LOCKHART: I can make a Shermanesque statement to say that he hasn't signed it, and it's possible that that may slip until tomorrow.

Q Oh, it may slip until tomorrow? Okay, and while we're on that, the ag bill -- you still have that. Is he planning to sign that?

MR. SIEWERT: We have not yet signed it.

MR. LOCKHART: We have not yet signed it. I think we have expressed a number of concerns about the majority's unwillingness to deal with some of the structural problems with the Freedom to Farm Act. Once again, they've sent down a bill that provides sort of across the board payments to farmers whether they are in distress or not. Payments are made to many who aren't even farming. But I think given the dire need of many farmers in this country and given the decisions and the timetables that they face, that the President will find a way to support that.

Q Joe, during the pre-campaign of Mrs. Clinton in New York, she has come out against using the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico as a firing range or military training range. The commission has just put out a report recommending that it be phased out in five years. There are hearings today in the Senate Armed Forces Committee. Is the President prepared to reconsider the notion and eliminate that?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, the President had asked the Secretary of Defense to take a look at this, and they went forward and appointed this panel. The Secretary of Defense I think made clear yesterday, or the Pentagon made clear, that they're not prepared to make a recommendation at this point. They've received the report from the commission, but Secretary Cohen has called for more mediation and dialogue to see if we can't work out something that is mutually acceptable to the people of Puerto Rico and to our national security interests.

Q So he will present the final recommendations to the President?

MR. LOCKHART: He will continue this process, and at some point we expect a recommendation from the Secretary of Defense. And the President will then act on -- make a decision after he's had a chance to see the recommendation.

Q -- continue, right -- the live fire --

MR. LOCKHART: No, there's no live fire going on currently there, is my understanding. And that's what -- we're trying to work through this issue as quickly as possible.

Q Joe, I wanted to ask you about the atmosphere leading up to this evening's meeting. Since the rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the veto of the foreign aid bill yesterday, the President decried what he called "new isolationism" by Republicans in the Senate.

And on the Hill you've got some Republicans who are privately saying this meeting is just a sideshow, they don't expect anything to come out of it. Given the sort of recriminations that have gone back and forth, should we really expect a good-faith, productive effort from both sides?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, you'll get a good-faith effort from the President. I know that the Democratic leaders have pledged to work forward in a good faith way, and I expect the Republican leaders to do the same. As the President said very clearly yesterday, people were sent here to do a job; we don't get paid to fight personal battles. And I think the President has proved time and time again that he can put aside the last battle and move on to the important work that he was elected to do.

Q Joe, speaking of last battle, James Carville said yesterday about the selection of Robert Ray to be the next independent counsel, or to fill Ken Starr's shoes, "this whole thing is just a political deal to try to help Giuliani; this thing stinks and I'm going to start a fumigation program." (Laughter.) Does the White House share that sentiment? Do you believe that there's some impropriety in selecting someone who worked for Mr. Giuliani?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't believe that -- personally, I don't believe that there's any impropriety here, and I haven't heard any repeated to me from anyone inside the White House.

Q And just to follow up, you had said earlier today that it was a dubious proposition to pick this gentleman in particular. The court

said yesterday they had confined their search to Starr's office because they thought that was the most expeditious way to move forward. Do you disagree with that assessment, do you think it --

MR. LOCKHART: No. Again, as I think -- I was out here Wednesday or Thursday, whatever day it was -- any criticism was not directed at one particular person. It was the idea that there seemed to be -- this seems to be an endless process, and we ought to wrap it up and find a way to, as some of us said, re-energize the process.

Q Joe, on Social Security, you mentioned your plan. Of course, Archer has a plan. Breaux has some ideas. What has to happen from the White House perspective before you can engage in some serious, constructive talk about reforming Social Security?

MR. LOCKHART: We've had actually some constructive talk this year with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle on reform of Social Security and extending the solvency. We have not given up on the idea that we can use the surplus, and move forward this year in the context of locking up funds and using them to extend the life of the Social Security surplus. We've heard a lot of rhetoric from the other side, but no real commitment to do something that would be effective in locking up the money.

I think we're going to continue to work on that front. We're going to get through the budget issues that the calendar forces us to settle over the next week or so, and the President remains open and

committed to working with anyone, whatever their party affiliation is, to get this done.

Q So after the budget is settled, the President will sort of push some effort to get together and --

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President has been talking about this and working on this for two years, and that effort is not limited to the appropriations calendar.

Q Has Senator Helms apologized to the President yet? Any phone calls, any --

MR. LOCKHART: No, Senator Helms has not apologized to the President, nor do I think he's indicated that he feels he needs to.

Q Joe, on Medicare, Senator Breaux calls the President's proposal not bold enough, says it's a half-measure. Some other critics are worried that cost instead of quality of care will go into the decisions about the preferred provider networks. Can you answer those criticisms?

MR. LOCKHART: Sure. I think the President has put forward a very broad and bold program to reform Medicare. I think we're at the point now where we're trying to make a down payment on that, and in the reforms that he's put forward in the fee-for-service programs in particular, these are very effective, very reliable private sector practices that will save money.

The important point is, there's two issues here on quality and on cost. On quality, quality will not be sacrificed under this plan; only the best and highest quality will be allowed -- quality health care providers will be allowed to participate in this. And on cost, obviously using private sector practices will help save money, will help lower copayments, but the important point to remember here is, this will be optional, it will be voluntary. For those who want to stay in their traditional fee-for-service program, they will be able to. So you'll have a system where you'll be able to lower costs, and not sacrifice choice, not sacrifice quality -- and we think actually improve quality, at a lower price.

Q Joe, the Pentagon has described Gulf War Syndrome as everything from a myth to a stress-induced psychological disorder. With today's findings from the Rand Corporation that an inoculation of PB against nerve gas cannot be ruled out as a cause of Gulf War Syndrome, would the President be willing to entertain compensation for Gulf War service veterans who have suffered from this syndrome?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, I think the Pentagon ordered this study, and I think it reflects their deep concern and commitment to understanding the roots of this issue. The study has come back and said that this PB, this bromide, they can't say it's the cause, but they can't rule it out. So new studies will be ordered to do additional work to try to get at the cause of this problem, and we're going to wait and see on the results of those. I'm not going to predict, one way or the other, of what action will be taken

short of the scientific evidence that the Pentagon has been searching for.

Q Can I follow up? On the anthrax inoculations, does the White House have any second thoughts on forcing the service people to take the anthrax vaccine?

MR. LOCKHART: I think if you look at the executive order that was issued last week on informed consent, you'll find that there's very -- there is a new waiver process and very strict guidelines for when informed consent will be used. So it's something we took a long, hard look at, and we think the executive order reflects that.

Q Joe, on the compensation question, are you saying that there would have to be some judgment that there was a definitive cause, and that it could be tied to one thing --

MR. LOCKHART: No. I'm saying that I'm not willing to speculate on that issue while the investigation and the review is still ongoing.

Q You're not saying that there is any consideration of compensation, but only looking to see whether or not it's the government's responsibility?

MR. LOCKHART: I'm saying that their focus is rightly on looking to see if there is some cause to what this study and several other studies have been looking at.

Q Joe, you've criticized the Espy -- investigation for having dragged on too long. Over the weekend, former Secretary Espy said that it was prompted by racial bias. Does the White House concur with the view that race played a part in that whole process?

MR. LOCKHART: I think former Secretary Espy certainly is in a position to make a judgment of his own. I don't know of a judgment that has been made here. I don't know that that particular issue has been considered.

Q Joe, is this going to be the last CR that the President will sign?

MR. LOCKHART: I think they certainly can get their work done, and I think they've given themselves now another eight-day extension. That's certainly enough time to get their work done. Ask me again next week.

Q How does that square, though, with Senator Lott saying that now their drop-dead deadline is November 19th for finishing up on --

MR. LOCKHART: I have to think that Senator Lott wants to get home, has probably spent too much time in Washington during the year, as all of his colleagues are. I can't believe that they have decided that they need another month of this.

Q Any further movement on the financial services discussions

since you talked this morning?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes, I think as I mentioned this morning, there was important progress, and I think an important victory for the administration for the issue of privacy as far as improving the notice and choice elements of the bill. As you remember, the House bill had some significant privacy protections in the bill that they passed. The Senate bill did not have those protections. We, in working with the conference and with congressional leaders of both parties, have been able to strengthen even what was in the House version.

I think there are talks ongoing now as far as dealing with the CRA provisions that we still have concerns about. We're moving in the right direction here, but we still have some concerns and we're trying to work them out.

Q On the agriculture bill, you said that he'd find a way to sign that. Is he going to do that soon? I mean, there's a lot of emergency money that presumably farmers would want to get quickly.

MR. LOCKHART: I think we will deal with that in a very prompt and efficient way.

Q What about Defense appropriations?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, I think we've made clear, on Defense and some other bills, that we need to sit down and talk to the leadership, and find out what their overall plan is. You know, Representative DeLay talked

openly about their secret strategy, of how they were going to bring us to their knees with their strategy of sending bills down here. We've said that enough is enough, let us know what the strategy is.

Defense appropriations -- the Republicans have talked a lot about our wanting to invest in priorities. But Defense appropriations goes significantly above what the President requested, and what the Pentagon requested. There's things in there that the Pentagon says that they don't need, particularly a ship that's being built, that will be build in Pascagoula, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's hometown. The Pentagon doesn't need it now.

But I think, overall, we need to wait and see how they plan to pay for all of the spending that's come down here, which their own CBO says goes into the Social Security surplus now.

Q Joe, on options on offsets, the Republicans have made pretty clear that they're not going to go for an increase in tobacco tax. So where does that leave you on other ways of offsetting increased spending?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, we put forward in our budget -- and you can go look at the budget -- a number of ways to offset spending. We have a number of those ideas. We'll talk about them. And what we've made clear is, where there is a shortfall -- and this is something that I think differentiates us from the approach the Republicans have taken -- where there's a shortfall, and where there's a priority that the President

believes must be funded, we will pay for it. And that is the message that he'll bring to the meeting today, and we hope that that's something that will be received.

Q Joe, any chance for us to see the President after today's meeting? And do you have any idea what he's doing tonight at these two --

MR. LOCKHART: He's going to -- he'll be speaking tonight, which you will -- the first one is -- is that just print reporter? He's got two events tonight, so you'll certainly see him coming and going.

Q How are you going to read out the budget meeting?

MR. LOCKHART: I expect that the participants will go out to the stakeout. I expect that Chief of Staff John Podesta will represent the White House and go out and talk after the meeting.

Q You're estimate is more than 90 minutes, right?

MR. LOCKHART: My guess is probably not before 6:30 p.m. or so.

Q How was the guest list chosen? DeLay's not coming. When your invitation went out, how was it phrased?

MR. LOCKHART: There are various ways to do this. This is what I think we call the "tight leadership," the small leadership group, which is the five leaders, and there are various, then, different formulations or

reconfigurations as you expand out. But this is the smallest group that comes down on a bipartisan basis.

Q On the banking bill and the Medicare giveback bills, would the President veto the Medicare giveback if those fee-for-service provision deficiencies, whatever you want to call them, aren't included as far as banking if the CRA provisions aren't --

MR. LOCKHART: I think the President has been very clear if they can't meet his concerns on CRA, that the bill isn't going anywhere. But again, we've been in productive discussions with them over the last few days, so I don't want to preclude that we can reach an agreement.

On BBA givebacks, it goes back to the very simple question that we raise on every bill, which is, how are we going to pay for it. We are not going to move forward in a way that just says we'll worry about that later, or we'll dip into this -- I think the Republican leadership on this have said that they want to use the on-budget surplus to pay for some of the BBA givebacks. But, unfortunately, seven other appropriators got there first and have already claimed the on-budget surplus, which is why the CBO says, again -- and I know everybody's tired of hearing this -- but the CBO said that they've spent -- and I know you're tired of reporting it, too -- but that the CBO says they've spent the Social Security surplus through their appropriations bills. These are the bills they wrote, they sat down and they wrote, and they are in the process of sending down to the President.

Q Joe, isn't it true that the CBO's latest assessment is that the budget, as submitted, does not spend the surplus?

MR. LOCKHART: No. It's that we have at least two, maybe three letters looking at --

Q The letter that I read from Crippen to Hastert said that his budget, as proposed, does not break the cast and does not spend Social Security.

MR. LOCKHART: I'd be glad to show you a couple other letters that --

Q They claim that it's a work in progress, and that the final work doesn't spend the surplus.

MR. LOCKHART: Well, I think a simple calculator, which we'd be glad to provide, helps them add this up. If they need it, we'll provide our help. But it's, ultimately, kind of a silly debate. On the day that your own CBO comes out and says, well, frankly, you're spending the Social Security surplus through your appropriations bills, the Republicans put on an ad attacking the Democrats for doing what they've just done.

As I said in the beginning, it's time to put that all aside -- put the politics aside, put the ads aside, put all the talking points and the press conferences and the gallery visits aside and sit down and get some work done.

Q Thank you.

MR. LOCKHART: Thank you.

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MR. LOCKHART: Good afternoon.

Q Hi.

MR. LOCKHART: Welcome to the briefing. Questions from our esteemed members of the press corps?

Q Has the administration been in touch with anybody in Russia about Chechnya, what's happened there?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes. There have been discussions, primarily from the embassy there, the ambassador, to Russian counterparts. We have been in touch on a regular basis over the last weeks, and have expressed our concern about the escalation of violence in Chechnya, and we have been in touch today. I expect there to be other contacts. We'll be talking to them on all diplomatic levels.

We are at this point trying to ascertain the facts in this case.

What's clear is there has been a tragic -- there is a tragic situation there with terrible loss of life. But there are conflicting reports and statements on the incident, and we are working hard, now, to find out what the facts are.

But we will continue, regardless of this incident, to make clear to the Russians and to both parties, that there is no way to find a purely military solution to this situation. There needs to be a constructive political dialogue, and that both parties need to engage in that dialogue.

Q Would the President pick up the telephone and call President Yeltsin about this? Is this something that rises to that level?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, the President recently wrote to President Yeltsin on this subject, expressing our concerns and expressing the principles that Strobe Talbott expressed in his testimony Wednesday on Capitol Hill -- that he has recently, as has been reported, heard back from President Yeltsin. But this is something that we are concerned about, and we have expressed both publicly and privately on many different levels with the Russians and we will continue to do so.

Q The Russians say that they are not behind the blast in Grozny marketplace. Do you accept that?

MR. LOCKHART: We are trying to ascertain the facts. There are conflicting reports. There are different versions that have come out from different parts of the Russian government. So we don't have a conclusive

answer right at this point.

Q Joe, is it fair to say that U.S. concern is greater today than it was before this incident?

MR. LOCKHART: Our concern has been -- we have raised our concern repeatedly in the last months about the escalation. It is certainly -- it is certainly troubling to see this kind of loss of life, and we have repeated to the Russians that we don't -- that we believe that a constructive political dialogue is the only way to end this, that we should not repeat the mistakes of 1994 and 1996. I think, you know, Prime Minister Putin is in Helsinki now meeting with the EU Chair and hearing a message very much like the message that we have sent, which is that they need to act in a way that finds a political solution and act in a way that conforms with the international conventions in a situation like this.

Q Is someone going to be talking about something today on this?

MR. LOCKHART: Not that I know of. I'll check over there but not that I know of. I've talked to him this morning, but I'm not aware that he's going out to make a statement of any kind.

Q Joe, what is the U.S. policy towards Chechnya, that it's an integral part of Russia or that they have the right to rebel?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, we recognize that this is a part of Russia. But I think, to take a step back, Strobe Talbott made several points when he

testified Wednesday and it very much underlines what our policy is.

First, we believe that the spread of violence in the region and the escalation of violence is contrary to everyone's interest, except those who rely on violence to meet their political ends -- and that includes the separatists. Second, the last war in Chechnya, 1994, demonstrated there cannot be a purely military solution to this problem. That means Russia has to engage in a serious political dialogue.

Third, all parties -- and all parties here that are involved should avoid indiscriminate disproportionate use of force. Fourth, Russia's progress towards developing a civil society, democracy and the rule of law will be in jeopardy if it permits a backlash against its citizens because of their ethnicity or religion.

And, finally, in defending their own territory, Russia should take special care to respect the independence and security concerns of neighboring states, especially Georgia and Azerbaijan.

So I think he, in testifying Wednesday, he laid out what our basic views on the situation are. But, obviously, you've heard from a number of quarters in the last months a real concern about the escalation.

Q Do you anticipate a U.S. and NATO response to similar to that which followed the market bombing in Sarajevo? I mean, I realize it's a different situation, but can you explain why?

MR. LOCKHART: I think it is impossible to try to compare those two situations.

Q Mr. Lockhart, could you please confirm if President Clinton will be in Greece November 13th?

MR. LOCKHART: Have we put the schedule out for that trip?

MR. TOIV: Not officially, yet, no.

MR. LOCKHART: Not officially, I can't confirm that, but the schedule is coming soon.

Q Joe, is there any progress on the budget talks this morning?

MR. LOCKHART: The budget talks. They met -- I think they've broken up or are in the process of breaking up. I'm not sure if this is just for a lunchtime break or they're getting back together. I talked to a couple of our people in the room. And they went in this morning with the appropriators and our budget team. They spent several hours discussing the issues. It started as a kind of general discussion of where we are in the process. And then they went through a series of particular issues, notably many of the objectionable language that's in some of the bills, particularly the Interior bill, the so-called environmental riders.

I think what is encouraging for our side is that we're moving forward on a workmanlike basis. We're doing this in a comprehensive way. It's not

15 different meetings in different places, going bill by bill. This is the appropriators sitting together, looking at the picture as a whole, which we believe is a prerequisite for getting this done.

On the discouraging front, you know, it's hard to know what's happening with those who are not in the room. The influence of those who want to play politics with this, rather than to get a deal done, is well-known. You know, I think Congressman DeLay has been a frequent visitor in front of any camera where the tape is moving, to make his points.

And I think it's important for our side to know who's calling the shots here. We want to get something done, we want to work with them, we want to work in a comprehensive way. There are certainly those who agree with that, who are moving forward in that way. But there are certainly forces within the majority party who would rather play politics here.

Q Do you suspect that Delay calling the shots?

MR. LOCKHART: You know, I suspect that we'll find out as we move forward. There is certainly some evidence that that's the case; I don't know that anyone knows for sure, and we'll find out.

Q Did the President -- you've mentioned it several times, did the President ask the leadership at this meeting Tuesday night to put the ads away. Did they mention that in any way?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't think there was any -- it was not reported to me that there was any discussion, per se, of the ads. I think certainly the President tried to make the point that it's hard for us to move forward in a process where the political institutional arm of the Republican Party is out spreading disinformation. And it is obvious disinformation. You only have to go as far as the CBO to know that.

It's a breathtaking attempt to recreate history but, I think, the people in the room looking at the numbers know the numbers. And, you know, we can get something done, we can have political fights but, at the end of the day, there has to be a commitment from both sides to get a deal done here. We are committed to getting it done. The people who are in the room with us, we believe, are committed to getting it done and we will just have to see if both sides can deliver.

Q You mentioned the environmental riders also. Hastert said last night that he wants to try to avoid putting that kind of thing on the appropriations bill -- on a TV show, he said last night. Did you get any response from them on that? Have any of those been taken off? Is that --

MR. LOCKHART: None that I know of. In fact, there was some discussion about how many there were. We sent up a letter that indicated we hadn't -- there were 19 objectionable riders, you know, language-based riders. There was some debate over that number, but I think there was agreement, upon reviewing our original letter, that that's the universe of language problems we have.

Q -- appropriations?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes, I think it's -- no, I'm sorry, that's on Interior.

That's just on Interior. I don't have an overall number. But Interior, I think, is the main -- it's certainly in volume, that there's important -- you know, there's obviously an important language problem on CJS, as far as U.N. arrears, so I don't want to say that because there's more on one, there aren't other important ones. But as far as volume, this is the one that has the most area problem.

You know, if the Speaker of the House says that he wants to get some of these extraneous things off the bills, that's a sign of progress. Now what's important is whether we'll be able to deliver that and get the work done in the group that's meeting now.

Q Joe, what's your evidence? You say there's some evidence that DeLay is calling the shots. What's your evidence of that?

MR. LOCKHART: Well, you know, we had a meeting here Tuesday night. And primarily the way we've moved from between then and today were a series of news conferences up on the Hill. So we'll have to find out.

Q Just that he is apparently violating the agreement made between the President and --

MR. LOCKHART: No. No, I think --

Q -- criticize?

MR. LOCKHART: No. He is free to criticize. The open question is whether that is his criticism, speaking for himself, or whether the strategy as he has articulated of bringing the Democrats to their knees is the strategy of the Republican Party. That is not a strategy that is conducive to getting a deal. That is not a strategy that's looking after the interests of the American people. It is a strategy that is designed for maximum political advantage -- and in that environment, if that is the overall guiding principle of the Republicans, this is going to be a long, tough battle.

Q Joe, I could have sworn I just heard the President say you guys are going to turn the other cheek. It sounds like you're really so angry about this.

MR. LOCKHART: I have said, our guys are there, they're in the room, they're talking. We are working through these issues. The only question is what is going on in the room, if that's real, if it represents where the Republican Party, where the majority party in Congress wants to be.

Q Well, Joe, isn't some of the rhetoric -- I mean, isn't it on both sides? I mean, yesterday you accused them of wanting more guns and less police officers, suggested that there's a slight possibly they were --

MR. LOCKHART: Listen, all I'd say on that front is I would have been glad to not do a lot of talking about the budget and would have, if

everyone wanted to, abide by the spirit of what came out of Tuesday night. They were barely out of the room Wednesday when we had them making, once again, the absolutely outrageous charge that they hadn't spent the Social Security surplus and somehow we had.

You know, I'm not going to stand by and let charges like that go unanswered because there is ample evidence that indicates that the situation is just the opposite, and I will keep saying that from now until this process is over with. I think the proof is in the commitment to getting the work done. We are up in the room, we want to get this done, we are working with the appropriators in the room and the question is, will we be able to do it.

Q Joe, what is the status on three points of Latin America? The status of Central America's reconstruction program, number one. Number two, the United States will be delivering to Panama the Canal, and the concern about the government of Panama's ability to manage the Canal under the continued government institutions, corruption and old boy network. And, third, fast track approval and if free trade -- America is going to be a reality as President Clinton has --

MR. LOCKHART: I don't really have anything on the first. On the second -- I don't have an update on the first question. On the second issue, we have worked very closely over the last 22 years with the government of Panama, with the Panama Canal Commission and we are satisfied that the hand over will go forward in a straightforward way and that the Commission will do a good job of running the Canal and that our interests

are protected.

On fast track, the President has made clear often how important fast track authority is to securing free trade agreements around the world, including near home. We will continue to push for that, but I don't have a near-term prescription for how we will work that through Congress.

Q Joe, partial birth abortion, do you know when it's going to be vetoed and will it be private or a ceremony?

MR. LOCKHART: I have no idea. It's not here yet.

Q Is it likely to be a ceremonial veto or just a private --

MR. LOCKHART: I'm not willing to speculate.

Q Joe, is the White House confident that Mrs. Clinton doesn't have any access to any lists that could provide, you know, fundraising -- names of fundraisers, likely targets for fundraising?

MR. LOCKHART: Access to what kind of lists?

Q Well, the database, for example Any kinds of lists, visitors logs, anything that might provide --

MR. LOCKHART: I would put that question to her campaign. I don't know anything about that.

Q Do you want to say anything on the banking bill?

MR. LOCKHART: Sure. I mean, I think, obviously, the President is very pleased with the work that Secretary Summers, Gene Sperling and some

of their fine staff did late into the night, working in a very cooperative way with leading Democrats and Republicans on the Hill. We had a number of issues that we felt, as we went into these final negotiations, that were very important as we moved to try to modernize the banking system in this country.

I think a lot of attention got focused, as we got near the end, on issues of privacy. We got a lot of work done there. There's still more work, as we go into the future, to do, but I think we secured significant work on things like notice and choice and enforceability, and also on allowing states to go further, which was an issue that tied things up for a while.

On CRA, the President made very clear he was committed to not moving forward unless there was an absolute commitment to community investment among banking companies. And the agreement reflects that commitment. Banks that have bad records as far as community investment will not be able to enjoy the opportunities and advantages that this law sets forth.

I think overall, getting away from the specific issues, the winners here are the U.S. economy, that we'll have banking institutions that will have the flexibility to be competitive going into the next century; and

consumers, who will be able to -- what is that?

Q The concert --

MR. LOCKHART: Oh, the concert. Sorry, I thought it was like -- I thought someone was getting bored with the answers, so they were beating the drum. (Laughter.) And consumers, who will have expanded choice and a stronger financial system here at home.

Q Joe, can I go back to this question about the First Lady? What's the law here? What are the rules here on the First Lady's access to White House data that might benefit her campaign?

MR. LOCKHART: There is an exploratory committee that she has set up. You should ask them.

Q Well, no. I mean, as the White House spokesman, I want to ask you whether there's a firewall or something that --

MR. LOCKHART: Of course there is, but you're asking me a legal question that I clearly don't know the answer to, so we can continue this and I won't have the answer, or we can move on.

Q What about Social Security? Somebody's going to brief us on this today?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes, later today, 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m., I think Mr.

Sperling and Mr. Apfel.

Q You want to take that question, and get back to me?

MR. LOCKHART: No, I think you should go ask the question of the appropriate place. Once you've done that, maybe I can look at it.

Q What's the appropriate place to ask that question?

MR. LOCKHART: The exploratory committee.

Q But the White House rules on --

MR. LOCKHART: Listen, I don't know the rules. You can check at Counsel's Office. You all know the answer to this, so why don't we just move on.

Q I don't know the answer to it.

MR. LOCKHART: Okay, well, check with some of your colleagues.

Q Joe, the reason for it is that a fundraising invitation was sent to Johnny Chung. The DNC's -- and all the Democratic fund organizations say his name is being purged from their lists.

MR. LOCKHART: Right.

Q Has his name been purged from the White House database, the White

House's --

MR. LOCKHART: I have no idea.

Oh, thank you. Next? Want the week ahead?

Q We do.

MR. LOCKHART: Week ahead. Saturday, October 23rd, the President and the First Lady participate in the Concert of the Century for VH-1's Save the Music on the South Lawn. In-house pool press.

Q What is that exactly?

MR. LOCKHART: Funny you should ask, I have a paragraph on that.
(Laughter.)

VH-1's Save the Music -- we've actually done some things on this. The First Lady's actually participated in several of these events. Let me read this, and if it's still unclear -- "Save the Music is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of education in America's public schools by restoring music programs in cities across the country, and by raising public awareness about the importance of music participation for our nation's youth." This is a pet project of the First Lady; she has participated in the Save the Music events in June '99 and September '98.

Basically, they're going around trying to restore music programs,

buying instruments for public schools because, you know, I think we have found in the last 10, 15 years, one of the first casualties in public schools are things like fine arts and music programs. So VH-1 has been very involved in this, and the First Lady has done a couple of events. So this is a big event for them and for the program.

Q Do you know who's expected here? Aren't there a bunch of musicians and stars?

MR. LOCKHART: There's a lot of them, but I don't have a list of them here. If you turn on VH-1, I think about every 12 minutes they advertise it. I'm afraid to give you the names that I think are here, in case one of them is not here and then it becomes an issue, so we'll get you a list.

Q Is anybody staying in the White House, Joe?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't know the answer to that. I know there's a lot of people around today because they're, as we now know, doing rehearsals out there. So I think they'll be around for the weekend, in and out. But I don't know that there is anyone actually staying here.

Sunday is an off day. Monday, the President will do an event talking about the importance of prescription drugs in the context of Medicare. He will then travel to New York at 4:00 p.m. to attend a Broadway For Hillary event. He will return to the White House that evening.

Q Is the White House event the prescription drug event?

MR. LOCKHART: Yes. I don't see a location, but I think it's some place here. Tuesday, the President has no schedule as of now. I will remind you that Tuesday also happens to be the First Lady's birthday.

Wednesday, the President meets with the former Italian Prime Minister and current European Commission President, Romano Prodi. At 3:00 p.m. the President will attend the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for former President Ford, on Capitol Hill. He will -- oh, really? I'm not going to tell them this.

Q Oh, come one.

MR. LOCKHART: That evening at 7:00 p.m., he attends a Bonior reception at the Hay-Adams, Congressman Bonior. Following that, a DNC reception at a private residence.

Thursday, the President will attend an education event which will highlight the Blue Ribbon Schools Commission at the Washington Hilton in the morning and then he has an official working visit with the President of Nigeria. I expect you will have a chance to put some questions to him at that.

Friday, the President will travel to Philadelphia to attend an event for mayoral candidate John Street. Then he will travel to Atlanta to attend a DNC dinner and, later, he will address the Anti-Defamation League which is having their meeting there.

Saturday, the President is down. Sunday evening, the President will depart in the evening for Oslo, Norway.

Q Will the Clintons be in town together for her birthday?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't know what the First Lady's schedule is. I know that they -- we are returning very late Monday night so, at least for some of the day, but I don't know.

I have, if you are interested, some of the people at this concert.

Q Oh, boy.

MR. LOCKHART: John Sykes, the head of VH-1, will open it up. Eric Clapton will perform. Eric Clapton and Lenny Kravitz will perform. Sheryl Crowe will perform. B.B. King and Eric Clapton will perform. B.B. King and Melissa Ethridge will perform. Garth Brooks, Gloria Estefan and NSync, John Fogarty, Al Greene, John Mellencamp.

Q Do we all have tickets? Can you get us in?

MR. LOCKHART: I don't know. Maybe we should stay out here a little while longer.

Q What's the coverage? I mean, is there --

MR. LOCKHART: In-house pool.

Q For the whole thing, or for taking out for a bit, or what?

MR. LOCKHART: I think probably taking it for the whole thing, because the remarks are at the beginning and at the end. The First Lady will speak near the beginning of the concert, after Mr. Sykes. And the President will sort of conclude it and thank everybody.

Q Joe, on this philanthropy conference this afternoon, what is the President's view on the deduction limit for corporations and individuals. Does he think that should be raised?

MR. LOCKHART: I haven't heard the President express any view that it should be raised. But one of the reasons we have these conferences is to hear from people who are involved in the philanthropy business, or whatever the business the conference happens to be on. It's an education process for the President and the First Lady. Again, I haven't seen an outpouring on this subject from the community. But if there are those with that view and we hope they express them today.

Q Joe, what's the radio address tomorrow -- topic?

MR. LOCKHART: Social Security. I'm sorry, I thought you said when. And I was like, it's always at the same time, 10:06 a.m. (Laughter.)

Q It's on Sunday.

MR. LOCKHART: Yes, it's Sunday, absolutely. It's Sunday and I look

funny in a tie, right. Thank you.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

ON PARENTAL LEAVE

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THE PRESIDENT: Hello. Thank you. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. The people here with me at the podium are, obviously, Secretary Herman, but also Katie and Eric Banks and their son, Collin, of Fairfax, Virginia; Jonathan and Teresa Graham and their two children from Baltimore; Darsie Cahall and James Baker and their three children from Takoma Park, Maryland.

I'll say a little more about them in a moment. You can see this is a family event. (Laughter.) We've orchestrated the children.

Before I leave for the World Trade Organization meeting on the West Coast, I want to talk a little about how we're using the strength of our economy to help strengthen working families.

Yesterday I signed a budget that maintains the fiscal responsibility that has given us what will be in February the longest economic expansion in our history, and at the same time lives up to the values of the American people. We have no higher value than family, but too many of our families are having trouble balancing the demands of home and work. Today I'm using my executive order -- authority -- to give these parents new tools to succeed at home and on the job.

The surging technology and soaring prosperity we currently enjoy are the result of a lot of hard work and very long hours by the American people. In fact, today many working parents are forced to make the unacceptable choice between being good workers and good parents. Too often, in our round-the-world, round-the-clock economy, there just don't seem to be enough hours in the day for parents to do what they need to do. That's why we've worked hard to help parents balance work and family.

Last May I asked Secretary Herman to develop new ways to address this problem. Today I'm announcing a proposed Labor Department rule that lets states use their unemployment insurance to offer paid leave to new parents. This initiative is totally voluntary for states. It helps them

empower more working parents, like the ones standing with me today. With this act, the United States joins the rest of the world's advanced economies, all of whom already have some form of paid leave for parents.

When little Collin was born, his mother, Katie, was working as a waitress, his dad was working as a head electrical technician for a small company. Unfortunately, he was born ill and had to be intensive care for several weeks. Katie took unpaid leave and eventually quit her job to be with her son. Collin's dad, Eric, wanted to take leave, but couldn't afford to do so. Once Collin was well enough, Katie looked for and, fortunately, landed another job. But both Katie and her husband would have, and should have, been able to take paid leave to care for their son. That's what this parental leave initiative is all about.

I believe giving states the flexibility to experiment with paid employment leave is one of the best things we can do to strengthen our families and help new mothers and fathers meet their responsibilities both at home and at work.

State flexibility and the voluntary nature of this effort are key to its success. In our strong economy, we hope states will take advantage of this new option, and we believe those that do will balance this new benefit with the imperative of maintaining a fiscally sound unemployment insurance program.

This effort builds on our commitment to give working families more tools to help them adapt to the new economy, from expanding the earned

income tax credit to our welfare-to-work efforts, from increasing funding for child care to HOPE scholarships.

In the budget bill I signed yesterday, we fought for and won a doubling of resources for after-school programs to give young people a safe place to study between the end of their school day and the end of their parents' work day.

I'm especially proud that the first bill I signed as President, in 1993, was the Family and Medical Leave law. Since then, millions of Americans -- we believe well over 20 million -- have used it to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a newborn or sick relative without losing their jobs. The importance of this benefit has been confirmed by the testimony of experts and parents at the first ever White House Conference on Early Childhood Development in 1997, and from groups like the Academy of Pediatrics. They all reinforce what we already know from common sense, giving parents and primary care givers time to bond with children leads to healthy development including boosting critical language and literacy skills.

But the current law meets just a fraction of the need. And the number one reason families give for not taking advantage of Family and Medical Leave is that they simply can't afford to take time off without a paycheck. The actions we take today will go a long way toward alleviating that burden if the states take up the challenge. I believe it will strengthen parents' bonds with both their children and their jobs.

As I've said, on the eve of this new century, we ought to set a goal that all parents can take time they need for their families, without losing the income they need to support them. The new state authority will move us in the right direction and gives another tool in our national efforts to both strengthen our families and reward the dignity of work.

Thank you very much.

Q Mr. President, what do you hope to achieve in Seattle at the WTO?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope we'll get a new round launched that will slash tariffs and other trade barriers in agriculture and other areas. I hope that we will agree to keep e-commerce free of unusual burdens, and that we will lead to more transparent and open rules among nations so that they believe the trading system is fair.

I also strongly, strongly believe that we should open the process up to all those people who are now demonstrating on the outside. They ought to be a part of it. And I think we should strengthen the role and the interests of labor and the environment in our trade negotiations.

This is not going to be easy to do, partly because some nations, particularly a lot of developing nations, see our concern for the environment and labor standards as a way to sort of keep them down. But that is not true. What we want to do is to make sure that when we open the trading system, that ordinary Americans benefit.

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In our country, about 30 percent of our growth has come from expanded trade. We have kept inflation down because we've kept our markets open and other people have been able to sell good quality products at lower prices in our markets. So we've had this huge growth with low inflation. I just want to make sure that ordinary people everywhere are benefitted by the trading system, and that the economy is not damaged by trading rules that could put short-term economic considerations over long-term environmental considerations.

So I'm very sympathetic with a lot of the causes being raised by all the people that are there demonstrating. And since this has now become a global society with global communications, as well as a global economy, I think it was unrealistic to assume that for the next 50 years, trade could be like it's been for the last 50 -- primarily the province of business executives and political leaders. I think more people are going to demand to be heard, and I think that's a good thing.

Q Mr. President, yesterday a report documented the problem of medical mistakes, and said that 44,000 Americans at least are killed every year because of these medical mistakes. What's your reaction to that, and is there anything that your administration is planning to do about it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you may remember that we had a task force a couple of years ago, headed by Secretary Herman and Secretary Shalala, which issued -- in fact, two reports -- one of them recommended the patients' bill of rights. The other set up a quality commission to deal

with problems like this.

If you looked at it, to me, one of the most interesting things was that a lot of these hospitals, which are very over-crowded and have people coming in all the time, and have doctors seeing all kinds of patients in rapid succession, have people lose their lives because of improper prescriptions of medicine, not knowing about a patient's allergy, or not knowing about what other medication they're taking. That's a -- and I think that we have an opportunity here to work with the public-private partnership which the task force set up to use modern technology, information technology, and to also do some basic old-fashioned changes in procedures that will save a lot of these lives.

I'm convinced we can do that. I talked yesterday, on the patients' bill of rights, to one of the leading managed care providers in the country, and suggested that they ought to be helping, too, and they agreed with that. We've all got to get together. No one has an interest in seeing these kinds of mistakes made. And we know that otherwise competent people are making a lot of these mistakes. So we've got to work through how we can use technology and how we can maybe even slow some of the actions to make sure that mistakes like this aren't made.

But I think we need -- this is a very welcome report; we need to study it very carefully. And in order to get something done on it, it's going to take a partnership of everybody involved in health care.

Q Mr. President, there's been yet another case of espionage

from Russia. Are you concerned that there's some sort of epidemic of spying going on? And what does this say about U.S.-Russian relations?

THE PRESIDENT: From where, from Russia? Well, I think what we should do is investigate this like we do all others. But I don't think we should stop our efforts to try to drastically cut nuclear weapons, or end corruption in Russia, or do all the other things we're supporting. I think this shows the importance of our work that the Congress ratified to continue to reduce the nuclear weapons in Russia and the nuclear threat associated with the decommissioning of nuclear weapons.

And I think that what we have to do is continue -- we have to deal with espionage firmly, but we need to try to reduce the consequences of error and mistakes and wrongdoing.

Q What do you hear about Yeltsin's health?

THE PRESIDENT: I think it's a case of pneumonia. That's what they said. I checked on it yesterday, and they believe that he'll be all right.

Q Mr. President, the Mexican Attorney General is reportedly saying that 22 Americans are among those found in the mass graves. Have you received any official word?

THE PRESIDENT: No. I asked about it just before I came out here, actually, and I haven't. It's a horrible example, apparently, of the

excesses of the drug dealing cartels in Mexico, and I think it reenforces the imperative of our not only trying to protect our border, but to work with the Mexican authorities to try to combat these.

You know, we had a lot of success a few years ago in taking down a number of the Colombian drug cartels, and one of the adverse consequences of that was a lot of the operations were moved north into Mexico. And there are organized criminal operations there, and they are particularly vicious. You may remember that in that same area a couple of years ago, an honest and brave Mexican prosecutor was shot over a hundred times in front of his wife and child. So it's a very violent, dangerous thing, and we have to be on top of it.

Thank you.

Q Mr. President, why aren't you going to Panama? I mean, it's a major event in history.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I have taken, and may have to take -- I've already taken, I think, a dozen foreign trips this year -- it is a major event; I think my interest in Latin America is well-known -- but I may have to take yet another trip before the end of the year, and about that time, which is why I asked President Carter and Secretary Albright to head our delegation.

I think that President Carter deserves enormous credit for his leadership in getting the Panama Canal Treaty through. It was, at the

time, as you remember, very controversial, immensely unpopular. A lot of members in the Senate were -- had their seats put in peril over it. And I think it --

Q So you're not against the turnover?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, no. I supported it at the time and I still support it. I think it's the right thing to do. I think that the new government of Panama is committed to maintaining the canal in an appropriate way and keeping it open and working with us to do so, and having good relations.

So no one in Panama or anywhere in Latin America should draw any adverse conclusion. We have a lot of things going on in the world now; I've been out of the country a lot; I need to get ready for the new Congress and the new budget, and I may have to take another foreign trip at about the same time, which is why I have not committed to make the trip. But I think --

Q What, which one?

THE PRESIDENT: I can't talk about it. (Laughter.) But I think -- I do think that Jimmy Carter deserves to lead our delegation down there. He did an historic and great thing in advocating the Panama Canal Treaty. But the people of Panama should know that this President and our government strongly support both the treaty and the event, which will occur in a few days.

Q You're not worried about the Chinese controlling the canal?

THE PRESIDENT: I think the Chinese will, in fact, be bending over backwards to make sure that they run it in an competent and able and fair manner. This is like them, like China coming into the WTO. I think they'll want to demonstrate to a distant part of the world that they can be a responsible partner, and I would be very surprised if any adverse consequences flowed from the Chinese running the canal.

Q When are you going to Ireland?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know. You know, I'd like to go once a month.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. Before I take your questions I have a statement to make. We are at a pivotal moment in the Middle East peace process, one that can shape the face of the region for generations to come. As I have said on numerous occasions, history will not forgive a failure to seize this opportunity to achieve a comprehensive peace.

We've made good progress on the Palestinian track, and I'm determined to help Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat move forward in

accordance with their very ambitious timetable.

We've also been working intensely, for months, for a resumption of negotiations between Israel and Syria. Today, I am pleased to announce that Prime Minister Barak and President Assad have agreed that the Israel-Syrian peace negotiations will be resumed from the point where they left off. The talks will be launched here in Washington next week with Prime Minister Barak and Foreign Minister Shara.

After an initial round for one or two days, they will return to the region, and intensive negotiations will resume at a site to be determined soon thereafter. These negotiations will be high level, comprehensive, and conducted with the aim of reaching an agreement as soon as possible.

Israelis and Syrians still need to make courageous decisions in order to reach a just and lasting peace. But today's step is a significant breakthrough, for it will allow them to deal with each other face to face, and that is the only way to get there.

I want to thank Prime Minister Barak and President Assad for their willingness to take this important step. And I want to thank Secretary Albright who has worked very hard on this, and, as you know, has been in the region and meeting with the leaders as we have come to this conclusion.

Before us is a task as clear as it is challenging. As I told

Prime Minister Barak and President Assad in phone conversations with them earlier today, they now bear a heavy responsibility of bringing peace to the Israeli and Syrian people.

On the Palestinian track, Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat are committed to a rapid timetable: a framework agreement by mid-February, a permanent status agreement by mid-September. I'm convinced it is possible to achieve that goal, to put an end to generations of conflict, to realize the aspirations of both the Israeli and the Palestinian people. And I will do everything I can to help them in their historic endeavor.

It is my hope that with the resumption of Israeli-Syrian talks, negotiations between Israel and Lebanon also will soon begin.

There can be no illusion here. On all tracks, the road ahead will be arduous; the task of negotiating agreements will be difficult. Success is not inevitable. Israelis, Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese will have to confront fateful questions. They face hard choices. They will have to stand firmly against all those who seek to derail the peace -- and sadly, there are still too many of them.

But let there also be no misunderstanding: We have a truly historic opportunity now. With a comprehensive peace, Israel will live in a safe, secure, and recognized border for the first time in its history. The Palestinian people will be able to forge their own destiny, on their own land. Syrians and Lebanese will fulfill their aspirations, and enjoy

the full fruits of peace. And throughout the region, people will be able to build more peaceful and, clearly, more prosperous lives.

As I have said, and I say one more time, I will spare neither time, nor effort, in pursuit of that goal. Today, the parties have given us clear indication that they, too, are willing to take that path. Peace has long been within our sight; today, it is within our grasp, and we must seize it.

Thank you very much.

Terry.

Q Mr. President, on another matter involving a foreign government, as a father, do you sympathize with the demand of Elian Gonzalez for the return of his six-year-old son to Cuba, now that the boy's mother and stepfather were drowned in a boating accident on the way to Florida?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think, of course, all fathers would be sympathetic. The question is, and I think the most important thing is, what would be best for the child. And there is a legal process for determining that.

I, personally, don't think that any of us should have any concern other than that, that the law be followed. I don't think that politics or threats should have anything to do with it, and if I have my way, it won't.

We should let the people who are responsible for this, who have a legal responsibility, try to do the right thing by the child.

These decisions are often difficult, even in domestic situations, but I hope that is what would be done, and it should be done without regard to politics.

Helen.

Q Mr. President, did both sides make a lot of concessions to get to this breakthrough point? And also, are you aware that Amnesty International says that Israel is continuing the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem and on the West Bank, and also, the expansion of the settlements? Are all these part of a package?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Prime Minister Barak made a very important statement about settlements yesterday, which I think was quite welcome. And it's a good first step. As you know, we believe that nothing should be done which makes it more difficult to make peace or which prejudices the final outcome. But I do think that the statement yesterday is a step in the right direction.

As to your question about Syria, I think it's very important at this point that we maximize the chances for success, which means it would not be useful for me to get into the details. But the negotiations are resuming on the basis of all previous negotiations between the United States and Syria -- I mean, between Syria and Israel, and with the United

States.

I think it is clear that both parties have sufficient confidence that their needs can be met through negotiations, or they would not have reached this agreement today.

Steve.

Q On Chechnya, you used sanctions to punish Yugoslavia and Indonesia for oppression; why aren't sanctions being considered against Russia?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, there are two categories of aid here in question -- or, at least -- let's talk about the aid. A sanctions regime has to be imposed by the United Nations, and Russia has a veto there. But I'm not sure that would be in our interest or in the interest of the ultimate resolution of the crisis.

Let me just say, with regard to the aid, because I've been asked about that -- I think it's important to point out to the American people that two-thirds of the aid that we spend in Russia is involved in denuclearization and safeguarding nuclear materials. And I think it is plain that we have an interest in continuing that.

The other third goes to fund democracy, the things that we Americans believe would lead to better decisions. It goes to an independent media; it goes to student exchanges; it goes to NGOs, helping

people set up small businesses. I don't think our interests would be furthered by terminating that. And as of now, there is no pending IMF transfer because of the general opinion by the IMF that not all the economic conditions have been met. So that's a bridge we'll have to cross when we get there.

Q Mr. President, when Israel and Syria do sit down, they obviously are going to have to confront the issue of the Golan Heights almost immediately. How are they going to resolve that? What will the U.S. role be? Will you see the administration -- Secretary Albright, yourself possibly -- being a mediator? And finally, why isn't President Assad sitting down with Prime Minister Barak at this point?

THE PRESIDENT: I think they're sitting down because they want to make peace, and they have now concluded that they can do it on terms that will meet both their interests. You've asked good questions, but any answer I give would make it unlikely that they would be successfully resolved. Frankly, we all took a blood oath that we wouldn't talk beyond our points today, and I'm going to keep my word.

Q Sir, maybe you misunderstood. I was asking why President Assad is not personally involved in the talks at this point.

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, he is very personally involved. I think that -- I believe that he felt it was better -- and maybe you should ask the Syrians this -- but let me just say, he is very personally involved in this. I think he thinks it better, for whatever reason, he's made the

decision that Foreign Minister Shara, who, thankfully, has recovered from his recent stroke and is perfectly able to come here, to do so. And I'm quite comfortable that this is as close to a person-to-person talk that they could have without doing it.

Q Mr. President, can I follow up about Cuba and Chechnya?

With regard to Cuba, you said that politics ought to stay out of this decision regarding the boy. Are you saying, sir, that you can envision a circumstance where, in your mind, it would be appropriate to return this young boy to communist Cuba?

Second question, regarding Chechnya -- given the fact that two-thirds of the aid goes to denuclearization, a third to democracy efforts, do you envision no circumstances, sir, under which the United States would cut off that aid? And how does that square with your statement that Russia will pay a heavy price for its war against Chechnya?

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, the first question first. I do not know enough about the facts, so you can draw no inferences to what I might or might not do because it's not a decision for me to make. There is a law here. There are people charged with making the decisions. I think they ought to do their best within the parameters of the law; do what seems to be best for the child.

That is all I have to say, and you shouldn't read anything into it. I don't know enough about the case and I don't think that any of us should interfere with what is going to be a difficult enough decision as it is.

Now, on Russia -- I have stated what my present view is, and that is all I have done. I think Russia is already paying a heavy price. I think they'll pay a heavy price in two ways. First of all, I don't think the strategy will work. As I said, I have no sympathy for the Chechen rebels; I have no sympathy for the invasion of Dagestan; and I have no sympathy for terrorist acts in Moscow, and none of us should have. But the people of Chechnya should not be punished for what the rebels did. They don't represent the established government of Chechnya. They don't represent a majority of the people there. And the strategy, it seems to me, is more likely to hurt ordinary citizens than the legitimate targets of the wrath of the Russian government.

So I think that -- first of all, I think the policy will not work, and, therefore, it will be very costly, just like it was before when it didn't work. Secondly, the continuation of it and the amassing of hundreds of thousands of refugees, which will have to be cared for by the international community -- we've already set aside, I think, at least \$10 million to try to make our contributions for it -- will further alienate the global community from Russia. And that's a bad thing, because they need support not just from the IMF and the World Bank, they need investors. They need people to have confidence in what they're doing.

They're about to have elections. And so there will be a heavy price there. And I don't think there's any question about that.

I think it's already -- yes, go ahead.

Q Sir, regarding the Cuban boy, you say you don't know enough about the facts. A lot of people in -- think the facts are pretty simple. They say that even though the boy's father's in Cuba, this boy would be better off growing up in the United States than in Cuba under Castro. What would you say to those people?

THE PRESIDENT: I think the decision-makers will take into account all the relevant facts. But I don't think I should make the decision. First of all, I can't make the decision under the law. And I don't think I should tell them how to make the decision because I don't know enough about the facts. I believe they will do their best to make the right decision.

Q -- growing up in Cuba as opposed to growing up in the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, of course, I'd rather grow up in the United States. But there may be other considerations there, and one was asked in the previous question about it. So we'll just have to evaluate it.

You know, there are times in the United States when judges have to make decisions -- the legal standard governing domestic cases is the best interest of the child -- there's a slightly different characterization, I think, of what will determine the international decision here. This is an unusual case for us. But even here, sometimes it's very hard to say. You know, will children be better off with their parents in America? Almost always, but not always.

So you just can't -- I don't think -- I can't serve any useful purpose by commenting on it, because I don't know enough about the facts of the family life, or even the governing law on this. I just know that I think we ought to let the people make the decision, urge them to do their best to do what's best for the child, and try to take as much political steam out of it as possible so that the little child can be considered.

Yes.

Q Sir, on another legal matter, your threat of a class-action against gun manufacturers, is this an attempt, sir, through either coercion or, ultimately, the Judicial Branch, to get accomplished what you couldn't get accomplished through legislation? And with the difficulties that you've had recently getting some of your initiatives passed in Congress, as you head into this last year of your presidency, is this the hint of a new tactic to get those initiatives passed, when you can't get them through Congress?

THE PRESIDENT: Let's talk about the gun suit first, and then I'll respond to the general question. The litigation, which is being initiated by public housing authorities, has a good grounding in fact. There are 10,000 gun crimes every year in the largest public housing authorities. Now, they spend \$1 billion on security. And I think it's important that the American people know they're not asking for money from the gun manufacturers, they are seeking a remedy to try to help solve the problem.

They want, first of all, more care from the manufacturers and the dealers with whom they deal. Senator Schumer released a study, you may remember, that said that 1 percent of the gun dealers sell 50 percent of the guns involved in gun crimes. Now, if that study is accurate -- and he believes it is -- that is a stunning fact. And there ought to be something done about that. And if there is a way that the court could craft a resolution of that, that would be a good thing, I think.

The second thing we want to do is to stop irresponsible marketing practices. You all remember that one company advertised an assault weapon by saying that it was hard to get fingerprints from. You don't have to be all broke out with brilliance to figure out what the message is there.

And the third thing they want is some safety design changes. Now, let me hasten to say that we have a lot of gun manufacturers in this country who have been, I think, immensely responsible. You'll remember the majority of the gun manufacturers signed on to our proposal for child trigger locks. I still would like legislation to cover them all. But this should not be viewed -- if you look at the nature of the release, they're not trying to bankrupt any companies; they're trying to make their living spaces safer. And I think it's a legitimate thing.

Now, to your general question. I think if you go back over the whole reach of our tenure here, I have always tried to use the executive authority in areas where I thought it was important. We're doing it on medical privacy. We're doing it on -- yesterday we had the press

conference on prevention of medical errors. We're doing it with the paid family leave initiative we offered to the states. We did it when we set aside the roadless areas in the forests. So I think this is an appropriate thing to do.

But I would also remind you at the end of this legislative session from the Congress, we got 100,000 teachers, 50,000 police, 60,000 housing vouchers to help people move from welfare to work. We passed the Kennedy-Jeffords bill to allow people with disabilities to move into the workplace and keep their medical care from the government. We passed the Financial Modernization Act, which will dramatically, I think, improve financial services, grow the economy. And we've protected the Community Reinvestment Act. We doubled funds for after-school programs. We provided, for the very first time ever, funds to help school districts turn around failing schools or shut them down.

So I'm continuing to work with Congress, and I will do so vigorously. But I think this was an appropriate thing to do on the merits.

Q Mr. President, some of your critics have suggested that the reason that you pressed the issues of the environment and labor at the WTO meeting in Seattle is to benefit the presidential candidacy of Vice President Gore, knowing that there might be a backlash from the developing nations. How do you respond to that?

THE PRESIDENT: That's wrong. And I would like to make two comments -- one on the WTO ministerial meeting, and secondly on that

general issue .

The Uruguay Round was launched in 1986. The trade ministers started trying to launch it in 1982. It took them four years to get it off the ground. The fundamental reason a new round was not launched here had, in my judgment, very little to do with my philosophy of trade, which I'll talk about in a moment. There were -- the big blocks here were the Europeans and the Japanese, on the one hand -- the United States and the developing nations, we all had positions that couldn't be reconciled. The Europeans were not prepared at this time to change their common agricultural policy, which accounts for 85 percent of the export subsidies in the world. The Japanese have their own agricultural and other issues to deal with.

The United States was not prepared to change its policy on dumping, because -- and I think the recent Asian financial crisis justified that, I might add. Even though we did finally move under our dumping laws, and we had to move, to try to keep our steel industry, which took down 60 percent of its employment and modernized during the '80s and the early '90s, we still bought 10 times as much steel during that crisis as the Europeans did.

The recent WTO agreement we made with China protects us from surges and unfair dumping. We have the largest trade deficit in the world. Now, we get a lot of good out of it -- we get low inflation, we get goods from all over the world. But there has to be some sense of fairness and balance here.

And the developing nations, for their part, felt that they had not yet gotten enough benefits from the last trade round and the entry into the WTO. They think that we and everybody else -- the Europeans, the Japanese, everybody -- they think we ought to have more open markets for agricultural products, which doesn't affect America so much, and for textiles, which does affect us. That's the big issue being negotiated still with the Caribbean Basin and the Africa Trade initiative.

So it's very important that you understand that there were real differences that we thought we could bridge, unrelated to labor and the environment, which we couldn't; and which I think would have been clearer, but for the backdrop of the demonstrations in Seattle over these other issues.

Now, to your second question. When I ran for President in 1992, and the big issue being debated was NAFTA, I said that I wanted to be for NAFTA, I would fight hard for it, but I felt strongly there ought to be provisions on labor and the environment in the agreement. And those provisions were included. I have always had what I guess you would call a third way position on trade. I think the position of Americans, including some in my party, that trade is bad for America and bad for the world, is just dead wrong.

I think that the world is more prosperous and I know America is more prosperous because of the continuing integration of the world's economy and the mutual interdependence of people, and people being able to

produce what they produce best in a competitive environment -- including costs. And I think we benefit, not just from our exports, but from the imports. That's what I believe. I believe we will have both a more prosperous and a more peaceful world if we have more of the right kind of globalization.

I read -- one of the many, many articles that's been written in the last several days in the aftermath of Seattle pointed out that many of the world's most troubled places -- the Balkans, the Caucasus, Africa, to some extent the Middle East -- suffer because they have too little economic interconnection with the rest of the world.

I believe, even though I'm proud of the role that we've played and especially proud of the role George Mitchell played in the Irish peace settlement, I think it is unlikely that we would have done that if, also, Ireland didn't have the fastest-growing economy in Europe and Northern Ireland weren't growing and people didn't imagine that they could have a totally different life if they just let go of what they've been fighting over.

So the people who don't believe that trade is good, I just think they're wrong. Now, having said that, I think that as the world grows more interdependent, it is unrealistic to think that there will be an international economic policy with rules unrelated to an emerging international consensus on the environment, and an international consensus on labor. That does not mean that I would cut off our markets to India and Pakistan, for example, if they didn't raise their wages to American levels.

I know that's what the sort of stated fear was. I never said that, I don't believe that.

But I think that -- let me give you an analogy. Several years ago, the Europeans did this, and I applaud them -- they were actually the impetus for protecting intellectual property more than the United States was -- and people debated that for years -- why, intellectual property has no place in trade bills. Who cares if people are pirating books and selling them for 60 cents apiece when they cost \$20 somewhere else. And now, we just take it as a given.

And it's a good thing for the United States. You think about all the software we're exporting, all the CDs we're exporting, all the things -- intellectual property is a big deal to us now. It was just as alien a subject a few years ago to trade talks as questions of labor and the environment are today.

So I think I've got a good position here. It has nothing to do with this campaign. It's a position I've had for years. And I believe the world will slowly come to it. We do have to be sensitive to the developing countries. We cannot say that, you know, you're out of here because you can't have the same labor environment we do. But we also have to -- all we ask for was to start a dialogue within the WTO on trade issues. On the environment, all we ask is, is that the decision-making process not degrade the environment when countries have environmental policies and interests, and just blithely override them because there's an immediate, short-term economic benefit.

I think that's right. And I believe that 10 years from now, somebody will be sitting here, and we'll all take it for granted that we've come a long way in integrating trade and the environment -- I mean, trade and labor. That's what I think, and that's what I believe.

Q Mr. President, I'm afraid this is in the pop-quiz category of questions, but I'll try to make it easy for you. Every year, this time of year, we pick a Man of the Year -- maybe one day it will be Person of the Year. I'd like to know what your pick of the Man of the Century would be -- and note that I'm not asking you for the millennium. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, if it were for the millennium, it might be someone different. Well, this century produced a lot of great men and women. But as an American, I would have to choose Franklin Roosevelt, because in this century our greatest peril was in the Depression and World War II, and because he led us not only through those things, and laid the building blocks for a better society with things like Social Security and unemployment insurance -- which was, interestingly enough, first recommended by his cousin, Theodore Roosevelt, when he was President -- but he also looked to the future, endorsing the United Nations and a lot of the other international institutions which were subsequently created under President Truman.

Finally, I think Roosevelt was an example to Americans of the importance of not giving up, and of the dignity inherent in every person. And when Franklin Roosevelt was first elected, Oliver Wendell Holmes was

still in the Supreme Court, he was 92 years old. And President Roosevelt was taken to see Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was still reading Plato in his 90s and all that. Holmes was a pretty acerbic fellow when he said, after meeting Roosevelt, that he thought he might not have had a first-class mind, but he certainly had a first-class temperament.

And he did. He understood that reality is more than the facts before you; it's also how you feel about them, how you react to them, what your attitude is. That "only thing we have to fear was fear itself" was much more than just a slogan to him. He had lived it before he asked the American people to live it.

So for all those reasons, if I had to pick one person, I would pick him.

Q Mr. President, I'd like to ask you two questions on two very important South American countries that are vital to U.S. foreign policy -- Colombia and Venezuela.

First of all, on Colombia, sir. President Pastrana has been extraditing people and they're still waiting for the help that he is expecting from the United States. Will you fight, will you go to the mat for this, starting in the year 2000, for President Pastrana? That's the first question.

The second question --

THE PRESIDENT: You're all asking two questions. That's pretty impressive. (Laughter.)

Q We're just following the others. You met President-elect Chavez when he first came to Washington, and then you met him as President in New York. He will be -- Venezuela will be holding a very unique plebiscite a week from today, which has polarized the country. Some people that back President Chavez thinks it's great; others think it will cause damage to democracy. I'd like your opinion on both subjects, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: My opinion on the second question is that I'm not a citizen of Venezuela, and I think that they ought to make their own decisions. But I'm glad that they're getting to vote on it.

My opinion on the first question is, I should point out -- remember now, Colombia is already the third biggest recipient of American aid. But I do think we should do more. And President Pastrana has, number one, extradited drug criminals to this country, which is important; number two, is facing a terribly difficult situation where he has both a longstanding civil insurgency in Colombia and all the problems of the drug cartels, and possible interrelation of the two. It's a terrible situation.

Colombia is a very large country. They've been our ally for a long time. They had a long period of steady economic growth. They have suffered terribly in the last couple of years. And I think we should do more.

I had a talk with Speaker Hastert about it, who is also, by the

way, very interested in this, when we were together in Chicago recently.

And I hope that early next year, we will have a proposal to provide further assistance to Colombia that will be substantial, effective, and have broad bipartisan support. That is my goal.

Q Vice President Gore has made a point of saying that his candidacy for president now will take precedence over his duties and activities as Vice President. I wonder, how has his role diminished in your administration, and how much has he missed? And does a diminished role by a Vice President in your administration hamper what you're trying to do in any way?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, obviously, he's not around as much. We don't have lunch every week, and I miss that terribly. But he was there all day today. He had the meeting with President Kuchma. He knows that the future of Ukraine is very important to our interests and to what we're trying to accomplish in that part of the world. And he came to our meeting this morning, and then, after our meeting was over, he ran a whole series of meetings for several hours after that. So in his critical functions, he's still performing them.

And I would say, first of all, I strongly support what he's doing. I think he has the right to run. I'm glad he's running, and you know I think he'd be a great President. But he -- even having said that, whenever there's an important decision in an area that he's been very active in, I always call him, we still talk about it. And his role is probably still larger than that of any previous Vice President, even though he's out campaigning. But it's just less than it used to be, because he's

not here all the time.

But I have no criticism of it. I think he's doing what he ought to be doing, and I think it's in the best interests of the country for him to do it.

Mara.

Q You're ending a tumultuous year that began with impeachment and closed with tear gas in Seattle. Could you tell us what you're proudest of this year, and what events or accomplishments of yours that you're the least proud of?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm very happy -- what I'm proudest of is that it turned out to be a very productive year. If you look at -- I'll just mention them again. I did before, but -- we wound up, after a year in which almost nothing was accomplished in the Congress, we wound up with a recommitment to the 100,000 teachers, to the 50,000 police. We passed the financial modernization bill. We passed an historic 60,000 -- housing vouchers to new people from welfare to work. We passed the bill to give disabled people the right to take health care into the workplace. We doubled after school funding. We passed this fund that I've been pushing hard for, for a long time, to help the states turn around or shut down failing schools. We had quite a lot of accomplishments.

On the foreign front, we had the China-WTO agreement; progress

with the Middle East peace; the Northern Ireland peace agreement; Kosovo, which I am very, very proud of. I still believe our country did the right thing there. And we've got talks starting on Cyprus now. We've got a Caspian pipeline agreement, which I believe 30 years from now you'll all look back on that as one of the most important things that happened this year.

We had the Conventional Forces in Europe agreement with Russia, which will result in the removal of their forces from Georgia and Moldova. We had the debt relief for the poorest countries in the world, something I'm immensely proud of and deeply committed to. We made a big dent in our U.N. arrears issue. And we have worked with North Korea to end their missile program. So I'm very proud of what happened this year.

What I'm most disappointed in is what still got left on the table. I'm terribly disappointed that we still haven't passed a patients' bill of rights; that we still haven't raised the minimum wage; that we still haven't passed hate crimes legislation; that we still didn't pass that common sense gun legislation, which was crying out for action after what happened at Columbine -- and we had another school incident this week.

I am disappointed that we didn't pass the school construction bill. I'm hoping will pass the New Markets Initiative next year. If we don't do something now to bring economic opportunity to the areas of this country which have been left behind, we will never forgive ourselves. And I'm profoundly disappointed that we still haven't done anything to take the life of Social Security out beyond the baby boom generation, and extend the

life of Medicare and add a prescription drug benefit.

So my only disappointments are what we didn't get done. But I'm gratified by what was accomplished.

Q -- for that, that you didn't put forward a plan on Social Security, to make it more substantive?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I gave them -- first of all, I asked them -- there's no point in putting forward -- look, I tried it the other way with health care. I put forward a plan. And everybody said, you put forward -- I remember Senator Dole saying, you put forward your plan, then I'll put forward my plan. We'll get together, we'll agree, and we'll pass a plan. And so, you know, I've had experience with that. That didn't work out too well.

So I had all these meetings on Social Security. You remember, I worked very hard on it, and I asked if we could get together and work out something. I still haven't given up on that, by the way. And I know the conventional wisdom is that these things are less likely to be done in election years, but in some ways they may be more likely.

And I did give them a plan which, if they had embraced it -- which would simply require them not only to save the Social Security surplus, but to take the interest savings from paying down the debt, with the Social Security surplus, and if you just put that back into Social Security, you could take Social Security out beyond the life of the baby

boom generation. And I offered to do more with them.

But in order to pass something like that, we've got to have a bipartisan process. And I will do whatever it takes to get that done. But I worked as hard as I could this year to keep working in a very open and collegial spirit with not only the Democrats, without whom I wouldn't have passed any of those things I just mentioned -- and all of you know that; they hung in there at the end, we got those things done -- but also with the Republicans, with whom I began to have, I think, some real progress there along toward the end of the legislative session. And I hope we will continue it.

Q Mr. President, on Chechnya, it seems as though the Russians don't feel they will pay a heavy price, and perhaps they don't care. I'm wondering if between now and Saturday's deadline you plan to try to directly contact President Yeltsin to once again convey your feelings on this matter.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I haven't decided what else I can do. I do think -- first of all, they may believe that because of their position in the United Nations, and because no one wants them to fail and have more problems than they've got, that they can do this. But most of life's greatest wounds for individuals and for countries are self-inflicted. They're not inflicted by other people.

And I will say again, the greatest problems that the Russians will have over Chechnya are, one is, I don't think the strategy will work.

I have never said they weren't right to want to do something with the Chechen rebels. But I don't think the strategy will work and, therefore, it will be expensive, costly and politically damaging, internally, to them.

Secondly, it will affect the attitude of the international community over a period of time in ways that are somewhat predictable and in some ways unpredictable, and that is a very heavy price to pay, because it works better when everybody's pulling for Russia. It's a great country and they have all these resources and talented, educated people, and they need to -- and yet, they've got a declining life expectancy as well as all these economic problems. And I think it's a bad thing for this to be the number one issue both inside the country and in our relationships with them. So I do think it's going to be a very costly thing.

Q Mr. President, with China building a second short-range missile base, allowing them to take Taiwan with little or not warning, are you concerned about America's ability to defend that island, especially with a Chinese company taking over the Panama Canal's ports at the end of this month?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's talk about the Panama Canal and then I'll come back to Taiwan. And to be fair, I think I may have misstated this earlier. It's important for the American people to understand that the Canal, itself, will be operated and controlled entirely by the government of Panama, through the Panama Canal Authority. That is the locks, ingress and egress, access, openness -- the Canal is completely and totally within the control of the Panamanians.

Now, the Hong Kong company which got the concession to operate the ports will be responsible for loading and unloading ships. They also do this in three or four ports in Great Britain. It's one of the biggest companies in the world that does this. The managing director is British. Most of the employees will be Panamanian. So I feel comfortable that our commercial and security interests can be protected under this arrangement. That's the first question.

Now, the second question is, China is modernizing its military in a lot of ways. But our policy on China is crystal clear. We believe there is one China. We think it has to be resolved through cross-strait dialogue, and we oppose and would view with grave concern any kind of violent action. And that hasn't changed.

There has been a lot of buildup of tension on both sides that I think is unnecessary and counterproductive. If you look at the amount of Taiwanese investment in China, for example -- that goes back to my Irish example -- if you look at the Taiwanese investment in China, it's obvious that eventually they're going to get this worked out because they're too inter-connected by ties of family and, increasingly, by ties of the economy, and the politics of neither place should lead either side into doing something brash. And I hope that this will not happen. But our policy is clear and you know what I've done in the past. And I think that's all I should say about it right now.

Q There is some confusion in people's minds about the First Lady's plans for the coming year. She has referred to the new house in New

York as, "my house," and indicated she plans to make that her primary residence. I'm wondering if you could tell us how much time you think the two of you will be apart in the coming year and how you feel about this arrangement?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I am happy for her, for the decision that she made. She was encouraged to run by many people and she decided she wanted to do it. And if she's going to do it, she's got to spend a long time in New York. So she'll be there a lot. She'll be here when she can. I'll go up there when I can and we'll be together as much as we can. We always make it a habit to talk at least once, if not more, every day. It's not the best arrangement in the world, but it's something that we can live with for a year. I love the house. We picked it out and we like it, and I'm looking forward to living there when I leave here.

But I've got a job to do and she now has a campaign to run, and so we'll have to be apart more than I wish we were. But it's not a big problem. She'll be here quite a lot and I'll go up there when I can and we'll manage it and I think it will come out just fine. I'm very happy for her.

Wendell.

Q Mr. President, just a couple of minutes ago you said that most of life's greatest wounds are self-inflicted. If I can paraphrase a recent request by Ken Starr, sir, I wonder if now you can tell us how much of the pain you went through last year was self-inflicted and how much due

to excesses by other people, political and Mr. Starr's excesses himself, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: The mistake I made was self-inflicted and the misconduct of others was not.

Q Mr. President, in the case of -- on the subject of corporate golden and platinum parachutes, particularly in the case of mergers and change of controlled packages, tens of millions, and more in most cases, are awarded to corporate officers. Directors just rubber-stamp most of these sales to the detriment of other stockholders.

THE PRESIDENT: What's the question?

Q I'd like to know what can and will the administration do to put a ceiling on this acrimonious alimony?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, unless it's an abuse of the stockholders -- and if it is, then we have federal agencies which have jurisdiction over it -- there's nothing we can do. We have made some changes in the tax laws, we did back in '93, that I thought were appropriate. But I don't think beyond that there's anything else we can do.

April, and then John. Go ahead. No, April -- I'll call on all of you, but April first.

Q Okay.

THE PRESIDENT: April first. (Laughter.) That's the way I feel up here sometimes. (Laughter.)

Q It should be that way, though. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, America is ending the century with resurfacing scars of racism. And where does the issue of race, in terms of your agenda for 2000, stand? And are you still prepared to release your book on race by the end of your term? And what do you think about the comments that there's internal infighting over this book in the White House?

THE PRESIDENT: There really isn't much. I have a draft, now, and I'm working on it. And I do plan to release it. And it will stay at the center of my concerns not only now, but after I leave the White House.

I think that after the Cold War, and with the sort of end of the ideological battles you've seen, I think that the biggest problem the world faces today is the conflict people have over their racial and ethnic and their related religious differences. And I plan to be heavily involved in it at home and around the world for the rest of my life.

Q When do you think the book will come out, though?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know. I've got a day job, you know, and I'm not going to -- I've got a library full of books on race, and almost all of them are quite good. But I don't want to put it out unless I think

it could make a difference, even if it just says what other people have said, somehow it can make a difference. And I'm trying to make sure how it ought to be done. I don't want to just put it out because I said I would put it out; I want to make sure when I do it, it at least achieves the objectives I'm trying to achieve.

John.

Q Mr. President, the number of Americans who are not covered by health insurance has increased since you took office by about seven million. Do you agree with Vice President Gore that Senator Bradley's plan for covering most of those people is irresponsible and unaffordable, even though we're enjoying the healthiest economy in decades?

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, I'm not going to get in the middle of the Gore-Bradley campaign -- I know you want me to, but I'm not going to do that for you -- (laughter) -- because I want you to write about Syria and Israel tomorrow.

Let me say, first of all, Hillary and I said when the health care plan went down that the number of people uninsured would go up. And you would all draw the same conclusion. You would have drawn the same conclusion back then if you spent as many years and as much time studying it as we have.

So what happened is exactly what we've predicted would happen. Ironically, all those people who attacked me and said I was trying to

socialize medicine, which was a ridiculous charge, trying to have the government take over health care, which is a ridiculous charge, they got their way in that debate, and the consequence is now we now have a higher percentage of Americans whose health care is funded by the government than we did in 1993. But we also have a higher percentage of people without insurance.

Now, I'm not going to get in the middle of that, but I'll tell you what questions you ought to ask. First of all, anybody who makes any proposal, you have to make certain choices. If you want to cover people who don't have coverage, and you accept the premise that they all can't afford it, you have to decide, are you going to make them buy insurance; are you going to make their employers to pay in? If not, are you going to have the government do it, or are you going to have a big tax subsidy?

All of those choices have problems with them. You know what the employer mandate problem was. We couldn't pass it, because a lot of people said it's too burdensome -- even though we exempted small businesses and tried to give them subsidies. If you give all taxpayers subsidies, the problem is you have to give subsidies to people who already have insurance, and it may operate as an incentive for employers to drop people even faster.

So there is no perfect plan -- let's start with that -- there is no plan without difficulty. If it were easy, somebody would have done it already.

Second question is, how much are you going -- if you're going to have the taxpayers involved, either in a tax incentive or expenditure program, how much does it cost, and what do you give up? And I think this is the way this thing ought to debate. People ought to actually try to figure out what the consequences of these plans are and evaluate them, and decide -- you talked about the prosperity of the country. That's true. We are prosperous.

But do we want to -- how much do we want to spend on that as compared with eliminating child poverty, or continuing to improve education? Are we willing to get into the Social Security surplus? If we're not, are we willing to raise taxes for it? In other words, I think -- whatever the choice is, I think it's important that we be as honest as possible about what it costs, everybody be as honest as possible that there is no perfect plan. And then you be as honest as possible about what else you're giving up if you do it. It's a very complicated issue.

I did my best on it. I am gratified that we finally passed the Child Health Insurance Program. And we might get those numbers down again. We've now -- I think we're at about 2 million. I think we've gone from 1 million to 2 million just in the last several months, in the number of people covered under CHIP. And if we can get up to 5 million, with CHIP and extra Medicare kids -- and the states are really gearing up, now; they're really trying, now -- then maybe we can drive that number back down some.

And what the Vice President is trying to do is to target discrete

populations, on the theory that you can cover more people for relatively less money. And that's his position, and he believes he can pass that.

Let me just say one other thing. It makes me proud to be a Democrat. I am proud that, number one, that my party is debating this. And as near as I can see, there is no debate going on in the other party. And if they pass the size tax cut plan they're talking about, they not only won't have any money to help more people get health care, they'll either have to get into the Social Security surplus or they won't have any more money for education or the environment or anything else. That's the first thing I want to say.

The second thing I want to say is, I'm grateful that my country is doing so well that these kinds of issues can be debated in this way, and be seriously debated, but I'm not going to get into handicapping the campaign. I can tell you what questions I think you should ask, how you should analyze it. But there is no perfect solution here. And I'm glad that the two candidates in the Democratic Party are debating it.

Yes, go ahead. I promised these people.

Q Mr. President, in the decade that's just closing, the American people have seen around \$1.5 billion of their tax dollars lost in space -- most recently, either up in smoke in the Martian atmosphere or trashed on Mars, itself. Does NASA need better quality control or better management? And, sir, how do you answer Americans who say that that money could be much better spent on more urgent needs here on this planet?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me try and answer all those questions. First of all, I think Dan Goldin has done a great job at NASA. He's adopted a lot of economy measures and gone for small and more discreet missions, including more unmanned missions, that I think make a lot of sense.

Secondly, we all use the slogan, "well, this isn't rocket science." Well, this is rocket science. We're trying to take a spaceship the size of a boulder and throw it 450 miles into a very uncongenial atmosphere and hit a target, and it isn't easy. I regret that both of those things didn't succeed as much as we all -- the first Mars mission we got quite a lot out of -- because I think it's important. I think it's important not only for the American tradition of exploration, but it's important if we want to know what's -- we have to keep doing this if we ever hope to know what's beyond our galaxy. We now know there are billions of them out there, and we know there are all these big, black holes in the universe. We know all these things, and I think it's important that we find out.

The third point I'd like to make is that we actually do get a lot of benefits here on Earth from space travel. We get benefits in engineering advances, in material science, in environmental protection, and in medical science. We've made quite a lot of interesting health-related discoveries. I remember going down to the Space Center in Houston and talking to people who were from the vast medical complexes in Houston about all the interesting joint work they were doing.

So I think the American people get things out of it right now. I think we have gotten a lot out of it in the past, and I think we'll get more out of it in the future. So I have always been a big proponent of the space program. They need to analyze what went wrong and figure out how to fix it.

But just think of all the problems we've had along the way with the space program. This is too bad, but this is nothing compared to the tragedy when those astronauts burned to death when their space ship was still on the ground. I'll never forget that as long as I live. But they didn't quit, and America didn't quit, and I'm glad. And I don't think we should quit now.

Q Mr. President, one of the things left on your plate for next year is pushing the historic trade agreement with China on Capitol Hill. China's labor standards are clearly not what you and the world community would wish for. And the question is, will it be difficult for you to sell that to members of your own party in Congress? And, more broadly, what do you think are the prospects for Congress approving the WTO accord with China?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, in our caucus some are for it, some are against it, and some have questions. We have a good deal of support for it and a good deal of opposition to it, and then some have questions. But I'm going to make an all-out effort to pass it. And I'll come back to your labor question in a minute.

I think it is plainly in America's interest. We gave up nothing, in terms of market access, to get this. It's very important that you understand that. What we gave in this was our assent to China's joining the WTO. What we got in return is much more market access on everything from farmers to people in the telecommunications industry. This is a huge economic benefit to the people of the United States. Plus, we have a big and growing trade deficit with China. We've got specific protections on dumping and anti-surge protections. So it is in the economic interest of the United States.

Secondly, it is in the strategic interest of the United States.

One of the great questions of the next several decades, as China's economy grows to match the size of its population, is whether China and the United States will have a constructive relationship or be at odds. I believe that, just as we worked together in the United Nations, even though we sometimes disagree, we will work together in the WTO. I think having China in a rule-based system for the international economy is profoundly important. And I think it would be a terrible mistake not to do it.

Now, do I agree with all their labor standards? No. But we shouldn't impose conditions on membership on China that we don't impose on any other country to get into the WTO. What we should do, in my judgment, is to go back to the American position. We ought to begin a dialogue on these labor initiatives within the WTO -- that's all we ask for -- and then we ought to get everybody to ratify the International Convention on Child Labor and observe it, and deal with the other most egregious forms of labor

abuses in the world. That is the right way to proceed here.

Last question.

Q Mr. President, in future years, what do you see taking greater precedence, sir, national sovereignty or international institutions? And how does the world prevent such slaughters as you've had recently in the Balkans, in Africa, or East Timor, without violating national sovereignty or interfering in international affairs?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, at least from the International Declaration of Human rights 50 years ago, the world community recognized that sovereignty was not the only value in human society. The Russians, even though they've criticized our intervention in Kosovo -- although now I might say the Russian soldiers are doing a very good job there, working with all the other allies -- recently acknowledged in their signing off of the new charter of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, that the internal affairs of a country can become the legitimate concern of others, whether it's in East Timor -- now, wait a minute.

So what I think will happen is, national sovereignty is going to be very, very important for a very, very long time. But countries are becoming more interdependent, and they will still have to make decisions about the kinds of internal systems they will have for how their people live together and work together; they will still be able to make decisions about when they will or won't cooperate worldwide in many areas. But if you want the benefits of interdependence, you have to assume the

responsibilities of it.

And we've all recognized that from the beginning of the United Nations. Nobody, no country in the United Nations, has given up its sovereignty, even though some people still allege that's true. But the more interdependent the world grows, the more likely we are, in my judgment, to have more broadly-shared prosperity, fewer wars, and a better life for everyone. That does not require us to give up our national sovereignty, but it does require us to act in our real national interests.

Q Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: Last question.

Q Thank you. I have another question on the issue of race, and it's on your record of appointing minorities to top-level jobs in your administration. You've talked throughout your career about the importance of diversity and inclusion, and, setting aside your Cabinet and federal bench appointees, the top seven West Wing jobs in your administration have all been held by whites. Twenty-six people have had the jobs --

THE PRESIDENT: I disagree with that. What are they?

Q Well, Chief of Staff, National Security, Domestic Policy, Economic Advisor, White House Counsel, Press Secretary, Senior Advisor, Counselor -- all those jobs have been held by -- not a single person of color has held any of those jobs. And I wonder if you could tell us why?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, you might be interested to know there were a couple of people of color that I tried to get to do those jobs, but preferred other jobs in the administration. And they had jobs they liked better. And I have -- you didn't point out that a lot of those jobs have been held by women, who also had never held those jobs before I came along. And I think that -- all I can tell you is I have never not tried to recruit minorities for any job that was open in the White House. And I have never followed a quota system. I have had more blacks who have served in my Cabinet, more Hispanics who served in my Cabinet. More people from Asia have been appointed to my administration than any previous administration by far -- it's not even close. So there was never a decision made. I now have a Hispanic woman who is my Deputy Chief of Staff.

So I never thought about those seven jobs to the exclusion of others. I've tried to make sure that the senior jobs -- my Political Director is an African American woman. Alexis Herman, before she became Secretary of Labor, was head of Public Liaison. I was unaware that those were the seven most important jobs in my Cabinet and in the White House in the way that you said them.

Thank you very much.

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