

TALKING POINTS

- **Various public housing authorities, under HUD's guidance, are seriously considering a lawsuit on behalf of public housing residents.** Every year, over 10,000 gun crimes, including hundreds of gun-related murders, take place in and around our nation's 100 largest public housing buildings alone. Moreover, every year, public housing authorities must spend \$1 billion dollars in security costs to address keep their tenants safe.
- **The Administration is asking HUD and the public housing authorities to hold off for now because the Administration would prefer to come to a voluntary agreement with the gun industry. The public housing authorities have agreed to hold off for now to determine whether a strong settlement can be achieved.** Over the past several months, HUD has looked closely at the viability of a lawsuit that would be brought by public housing authorities against the gun industry. HUD has concluded that a suit would indeed be viable, and the housing authorities are prepared to file if necessary. The Administration and HUD would prefer a strong comprehensive settlement, however. In the next several days, the Administration will engage the industry in an effort to spur a comprehensive settlement.
- **The Administration hopes to spur a settlement in ongoing talks between cities and states and the gun industry.** Talks are under way between gunmakers and states and cities that have brought suit against the industry, and there is an important role for the federal government to play in reaching a resolution. The Administration expects to work closely with these parties to help them reach settlement of lawsuits between the cities, states and industry.
- **Any settlement should have strong remedies with teeth.** This effort is not about the money; it's about saving lives. Instead, the Administration will join the cities and other parties in asking for a number of reforms to the gun industry. This would include industry distribution controls to prevent the leakage of firearms into the illegal gun market, and improvements in the design and safety of firearms to prevent accidents and unauthorized uses.
- **The Administration will continue to do everything in its power to keep guns out of the wrong hands, even as Congress fails to act.** We will continue to press for strong, common-sense gun legislation. The President and Vice President are determined to make progress on gun safety, with or without help from Congress. A negotiated settlement can secure many public safety gains, but Congress still has a responsibility to close loopholes in our gun laws.

Meeting Regarding Gun Litigation

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December 14, 1999

9:30 am

Departmental Conference Room

Mayor = M
Designee = D
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Yes	No	CITY	NAME	FAX	PHONE
D		New Orleans	Monial [Rhonda Spears] <i>W</i> Avis Russell will attend	504/565-6588	504/565-6400
D(2)		Chicago	Daley <i>W</i> City Attorney + Terry Winston	312/744-2324	312/744-3300
M		Miami/Dade	Penelas <i>W</i>	305/375-3618	305/375-5071
M		Bridgeport	Ganim <i>W</i>	203/576-8383	203/576-7201
D		Atlanta	Campbell <i>W</i> Susan Pease Langford (City Attorney)	404/658-7361	404/330-6100 404/330-6845
		Cleveland	White <i>W</i>	216/664-2815	216/664-3990
D		Wayne County, MI	Edward McNamara, County Exec Deputy County Exec <i>W</i> Mike Duggan	313/224-0818	313/224-0286 313/224-0344
D		Detroit	Archer <i>W</i> Phyllis James - Corp Counsel	313/224-4128	313/224-6340
		Cincinnati	Lukens <i>W</i>	513/352-5201	513/352-3250
D(2)		St Louis	Harmon <i>W</i> Wes Yates, Assoc. City Counselor Michelle Clay	314/622-4061	314/622-3201
D(3)		San Francisco	Brown <i>W</i> SF City Attorney Louise Renne + Owen Clements + Eve Maldonado	415/554-6160 415/554-4715	415/544-6141 415/554-4748
M		Berkeley	Dean	510/644-6255	510/644-6484
		Sacramento	Jimmie Yee <i>W</i>	916/264-7680	916/264-5407
		Oakland	Jerry Brown <i>W</i>	510/238-4731	510/238-3141
	M	East Palo Alto	R. B. Jones	650/853-3115	650/853-3100
D		Los Angeles City	Riordan <i>W</i> Los Angeles City Attorney James Hahn	213/485-1286 213/847-3014	213/847-3463 213/485-5408
D		Los Angeles County	Gloria Molina, Chair Supervisor, First District LA County Counsel Larry Hafetz	213/613-1739 213/974-1876	213/974-4111 213/974-1876
		Compton	Bradley (TBD)	310/605-5449	310/605-5590

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		West Hollywood	Heilman	323/848-6575	213/848-6460
D		Inglewood	Dorn City Attorney Charles Dickerson	310/412-8788	310/412-5300
		Camden	Milan	856/963-1841	609/757-7200
D		Boston	Menino <i>MC</i> Peter Welsh will attend	617/635-2858 617/635-3289 Liebowitz	617/635-3151
		Newark	James (TBD)	973/733-5352 (Public Info Ofc)	973/733-6400
M		Gary	King <i>MC</i>	219/881-1337	219/881-1301
M(2)		Wilmington	Sills	302/571-4102	302/571-4555
		San Mateo County	Mary Griffin, President Message left w/Kathy Koontz	650/599-1027	650/363-4571
D(2)		Camden County, NJ	Jeffrey L. Nash Chief Counsel Bob Millensky & Deborah Katz	609/225-5574	609/225-5466
	M	Alameda County, CA	Wilma Chen	856/272-3784	856/272-6693
X		NAACP	Dennis Hayes <i>MC</i> General Counsel	410-358- 9350	410- 486-9191

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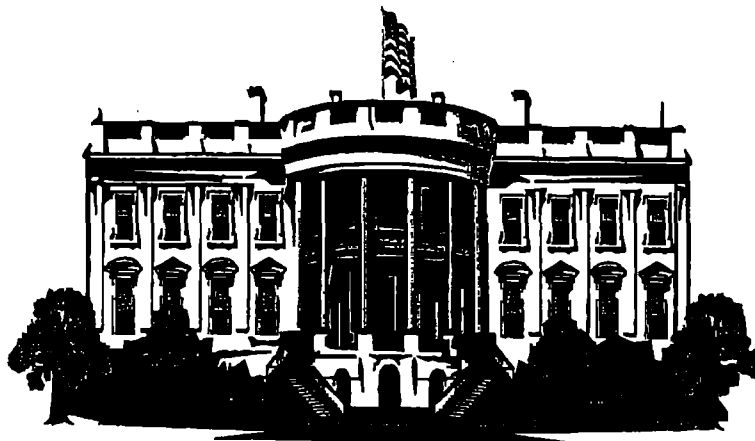
703-351-6020 Potter

Ruth Baum:

Fully Briefed

WH Plan

- United -- global settlement
- extra funding - WH asks us: case 4
- look at volume
- some meet w/you
- good understanding
- Fed by DOJ
- Justice Dept in AG deal



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COMMENTS: Eric wanted me to point out that the Deputy
County Executive from Wayne County, MI is the
guy that he was talking to you about.

if this does not make sense, please call me —

Thanks.

- Anna

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