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**DELTA INITIATIVE MEETING
SYNOPSIS
AUGUST 12, 1999**

The second meeting of the Delta Initiative Inter-Agency Task Force took place on August 12, 1999, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

NOTE: FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS IN LAST PARAGRAPH.

Attendees: Jerry Malone, OST/DOT; Al Eisenberg, DOT; Marianne Smith, DOT; Linda Darr, DOT; Ken Schwartz, OMB; John Dean, USDA; Lee Powell, USDA; LaVarne Burton, HHS; Mike Compson, Treasury; Ryan Morse, ONDCP; Karen Kelleher, DOI; Sean McMahon, DOI; Nelson Peacock, DOJ; David Leiter, DOE; Randall Yim, DOD; Bill Halter, OMB; Ed Christopher, BTS; Jana Evans, Evans Planning Group; Bill Stroud, OMB; Laura Garcia, HUD; Steve Mancini, ED; Dawn Cromer, DOC; Zina Pierre, SBA; Melody Flowers, DOT; Gloria Royce, VA; Gail Cooper, EPA; Donna Kelly, DOL; Jill Schuker, TKG; Don Anawalt, DOD; Martin, Weiss, DOT.

Following a welcome and introductions, Jerry Malone, Chief of Staff for the Department of Transportation, discussed the President's recent trip to the Delta. Mr. Malone emphasized that the entire nation will benefit from the Delta Initiative and New Markets Initiative, not just the people from those particular regions. He noted the President's dedication to helping the people of the Delta region, as well as the President's enthusiasm about the opportunity we have during this time of unprecedented national prosperity, to allow all citizens to benefit from this growth. Furthermore, Mr. Malone stated the President's intent to fulfill the motto, "promises made, promises kept" with respect to the Delta.

Committee Report on Listening Sessions: Marianne Smith reported that four tentative dates and sites at which to hold the listening sessions have been selected: Baton Rouge, LA, September 24; Vicksburg, MS, September 25; West Memphis, AR, September 30; and Cape Girardeau, MO, October 1. Four dates have also been preliminarily selected, September 24, 25, 30, and October 1. It was noted that all four sites have universities that would help defray costs. The question was raised, "How do the different agencies want to be involved in the sessions?" An open invitation to join the Listening Sessions Committee was offered. All comments should be directed to Marianne Smith at 202-366-0523.

Committee Report on the Final Report: Al Eisenberg reported that the Final Report Committee has initiated the review process for the 68 goals contained in the 1990 report, and distributed two documents detailing the goal review process (see attachments) the Committee undertook during their August 10, 1999 meeting. The 68 goals have been divided into twelve sections, as in the 1990 report. Each section has been assigned a lead agency, suggested partner agencies and a facilitator to complete the goal review process for that section. The lead agency is responsible for convening a meeting with these partners within the next two weeks, preferably before August 25, to complete the review

of their section.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS:

- All agency task force representatives need to review the revised, 47-page “Interim Report,” and submit edits to Lee Powell at lpowell@ocdx.usda.gov by COB on Wednesday, August 18. Each agency needs to closely review their own section, and can make comments on the entire report if desired.
- All agencies must have their stakeholder lists sent to Harold Gist at harold.gist@ost.dot.gov by COB on Wednesday, August 25.
- **The next meeting of the Final Report Committee will be on Wednesday, August 25 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Department of the Interior.** We will inform you of the room number before the meeting.

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fyi (i originally sent this from my machine at home before vacation)

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[I will be on vacation until August 23. I will be reachable at home P6(b)(6) until about noon on Monday, August 9. Please call me at that time if you have questions.]

Lincoln talked about two pieces of legislation she is working on (1) creating the Congressional Delegation of the Delta Region which she said would give priority status to grants from the region and (2) a bill to designate the "Delta Regional Commission." [According to OMB the legislation would have to specify that any grant applications from this region are priority or there would need to be language in each appropriations bill containing money for the region.]

The President talked about his New Markets Tour noting that five main areas have not benefited from the strong economy that the rest of the country is experiencing the Delta, Appalachia, Indian Reservations, inner cities and some medium sized towns. He said that getting more investment in the US is appealing to investors because it can be done without leading to an increase in inflation.

Herby Branscum and other state highway officials were present at the invitation of Secretary Slater.

State Senator Kevin Smith announced the formation of the Arkansas Delta Caucus, of which he is Co-Chair. The Caucus plans to come to Washington to march for awareness of issues in the Delta. He said they will want to meet with Senator Lott and with the President.

The President said that improving investment and other opportunities in the Delta was going to be one of

his highest priorities in the next 18 months.

Follow up:

1. Talk to Tom McRae (Co-Chair of Delta Compact and Director of Southern Development Bank Corporations, Enterprise Group Division. Former President of the Rockefeller Foundation) to get plans he is to develop at the request of the President on (1) improving technical assistance for development and employment in the region (the President asked where it would go, how much is needed, and what it would look like) and on (2) housing. Mr. McRae said that this is the key element of providing complete opportunities to folks with incomes in the \$20-35 thousand annual salary range. Discussion indicated that capital investments from CDFI were very helpful, but that the region needed human resource investment too.

Action: I will call him with Jerry McGlone at Transportation in a couple of weeks and get the plans to cabinet or to DOT to circulate as a part of the Delta Regional Commission report.

2. Eliminate Matching requirements for certain educational grants. In discussions with Karen Buchanan (Superintendent of Marinan School District) the President said that he had been have conversations about eliminating matching requirements for poorer school district like he is proposing for prescription drug coverage for persons at certain levels of poverty. The President also said he had been looking at changing participation requirements for schools that cannot get wired to the internet through the E-rate because of infrastructure requirements. He also stressed his interest in not creating a digital divide.

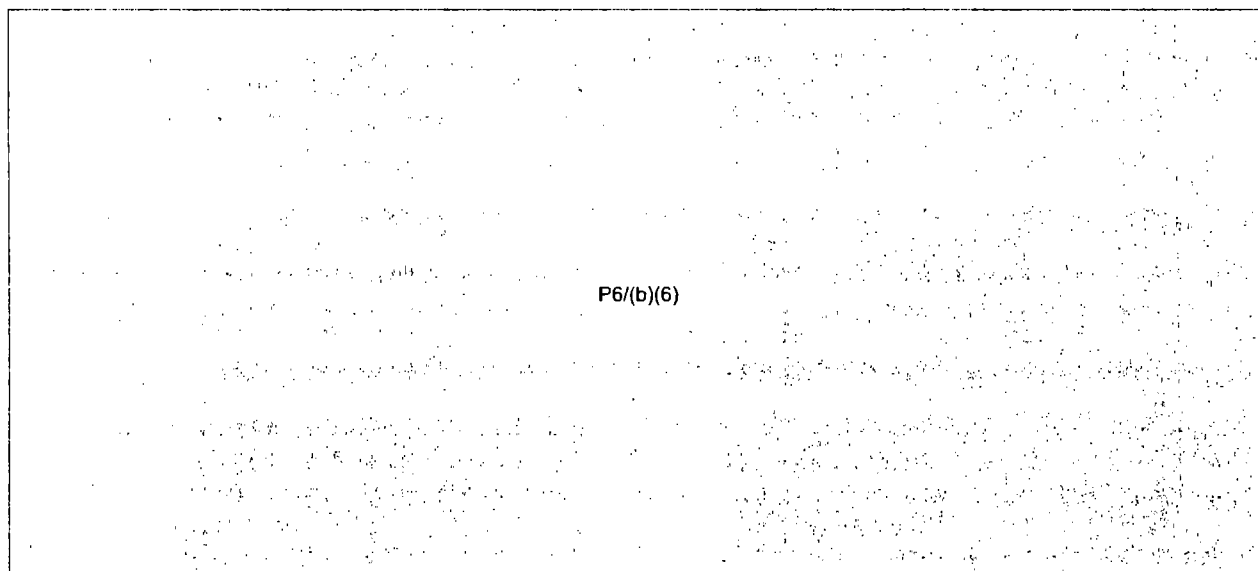
Action: OMB to look at these two options.

3. After the meeting Jerry and I talked to Frederick Freeman (President and CEO of the Freeman Group) who is going to send forward a proposal that to visit a new high school that is opening in the Delta with an eye toward including it during an October/end of the year visit. The idea would be to highlight the racial diversity and the technological potential at the facility.

Action: DOT will submit the scheduling request when the proposal is sent to the Department.

4. Secretary Slater announced that the DOT would provide 100 computers to the region.

Action: DOT



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7. EPA research facility. Rep. Berry talked to the President after the meeting about the citing of a new EPA research facility. It is planned evidently to work with the University of Arkansas. According to Rep. Berry, the facility was slated to be in the Delta Region, but now there is interest in putting it in Little Rock. The President indicated he would like to see it stay in the Delta Region as originally planned.

Action: OMB to work with EPA

8. Federal prison expansion. There is also a pending expansion competition between Mississippi and Little Rock. Rep. Berry and Sen. Lincoln would like to see the expansion go to Little Rock.

Action: OMB to check status.

9. EC upgrade. Calvin King (Director, Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation) said they would like \$6 million to upgrade the Enterprise Community in the Eastern Region. They were unsuccessful in trying to get Empowerment Zone status.

Action: OMB to see if this is possible.

10. \$1.5 million at the National Water Resource Center. Calvin King also raised this item. He said Rep. Berry and the Secretary had worked to get this money for work at the University of Arkansas but that it has not materialized.

Action: I will follow up with Rep. Berry to try to get more information and forward that to OMB.

11. Bob Cole (Retired USDA Administrator, Private Community Development Consultant) has forwarded a proposal to Rep. Berry and DOT. He expressed concern that a recent HUD discretionary grant went to Pulaski County, not East Arkansas and the Delta.

Action: I will get a copy of the report and forward it to OMB to review.



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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

DATE: September 2, 1999

TO: Jay Dunn
Lisa Green

FROM: Betsy Kim

SUBJECT: Proposed sites for President's Trip to Arkansas

CC: Michele Kreiss
Anna Chavez

Attached is a memo with some ideas for the President's upcoming trip to Arkansas.

MEMORANDUM

To: Betsy Kim

From: Anna Chavez, GC/MED

Re: New Market Presidential Tour – Arkansas

Date: September 2, 1999

Per your request, I am submitting the following information that may useful in your discussion with the White House today.

HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program

As you know, the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program provides federal contracting opportunities for qualified small businesses located in distressed areas. Fostering the growth of these federal contractors as viable businesses, for the long term, helps to empower communities, create jobs, and attract private investment. The program encourages economic development in historically underutilized business zones - "HUBZones" - through increased contracting activity. SBA's Hubzone program is in line with the efforts of both the Administration and Congress to promote economic development and employment growth in distressed areas by providing access to more Federal contracting opportunities.

There are 46 census tracts and 26 non-metropolitan counties in Arkansas that qualify as HUBZones. We could coordinate an event for the President's New Market Initiative Tour that would feature the HUBZone Program and the newly certified HUBZone companies in Arkansas. We currently have 2 certified HUBZone firms in Arkansas and they are actively seeking their first HUBZone contracts.

The Higher Ground Electric Company is located in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was the first HUBZone company certified in the state. The co-owners of the company, Mr. Alan Thompson and Mr. Charles H. Lewis, Jr., established the Electric Company in 1995 and currently employ 17 people. The Higher Ground Electric Company is also 8a and SDB certified. The company installs electrical, telephone and cable infrastructure both overhead and underground. The African-American owned company does extensive work with the North Little Rock Electric Department, the Entergy Arkansas Inc., and the Little Rock Housing Authority.

The second HUBZone company is owned and operated by Jacqueline Gray and is located in Deer, Arkansas. J. Gray Construction, Inc. is also SDB certified and currently performs dozing, grading, excavation, installation of underground piping, and landscaping for local construction projects. Ms. Gray started the business in 1998 and

currently employs 2 people.

BusinessLINC: Arkansas Enterprise Group (AEG) and Good Faith Fund (GFF)

The BusinessLINC initiative is focused on building business-to-business relationships that build the competitive strengths of small businesses, especially those located in economically distressed urban and rural areas. A number of intermediary organizations focus specifically on bringing the benefits of BusinessLINC strategies to economically distressed areas, and from the perspective of firms in the economic mainstream, these areas should not be overlooked when considering a focal point for the President's tour in the Fall. The Arkansas Enterprise Group (AEG) and Good Faith Fund (GFF) are exemplary examples of intermediary BusinessLINC organizations which help fill the financial gaps and supplement skill training in distressed communities.

AEG is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization and a subsidiary of the Southern Development Bancorporation, Inc. AEG's mission is to strengthen the economy of eastern and southern Arkansas by helping small, locally owned and operated businesses to grow and to create jobs for residents of these low-income communities. Since 1992, AEG has borrowed \$1.25 million from the SBA and has loaned the funds through AEG's Good Faith Fund. The Good Faith Fund, headquartered in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, makes microenterprise and small business loans, and conducts self-employment training.

The Good Faith Fund's mission is to increase the incomes and assets of low and moderate income residents of the Arkansas Delta through the development of entrepreneurial skills, the provision of credit, training for self-employment and membership support services. The Good Faith Fund is committed to broadening the profile of successful entrepreneurs and the fully employed to include women, minorities, and Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) eligible adults. AEG and the Good Faith Fund provide over 10 thousand hours of technical assistance a year to small businesses.

SBA has also given a grant to the Good Faith Fund to establish the first Women's Business Center in Arkansas. They already have an excellent track record of working with women, have a mentor program established, and are currently working with women who were on public assistance. The grand opening of the Women's Business Center is scheduled for either September 17 or September 30, 1999.

Two true stories of success illustrate how SBA and the Good Faith Fund contribute to small business development and help entrepreneurs in Arkansas succeed. A single mother from Pine Bluff, raising two children on the income from a part-time job, wanted to open a dry cleaning business. After working with her loan officer for two years, she received a \$25,000 loan to renovate a building and buy laundry equipment. With ongoing support from her advisers at the Good Faith Fund, her business has steadily grown. She has now purchased her own building and installed modern dry cleaning

equipment. During her 5 years as a client, she has never missed a payment or a learning opportunity. The business now employs five people.

In another story of success, a counselor at Phillips County Community College, one of the poorest counties in the state, attended a Good Faith Fund workshop and received information on SBA's Microloan Program. With assistance from SBA and the Good Faith Fund, he started a vending machine business with 10 gum machines. The business has expanded to 100 machines in an area bordered by Memphis, Tennessee, and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The Good Faith Fund made computers available and helped the entrepreneur prepare cash flow projections and understand his business needs. With a second microloan, he has expanded to placing copying machines in grocery stores and now employs two full-time employees.

The Southern Development Bancorporation, Inc., and its family of development companies are the embodiment of BusinessLINC strategies. First, Southern is a bank holding company, with three banking subsidiaries, Elk Horn Bank and Trust, First National Bank and Delta State Bank, as well as, a real estate development subsidiary, Opportunity Lands Corporation (OLC) and the non-profit business development affiliate, AEG. Through this structure, Southern provides local bank-financed loans, provides equity and near equity loans to Delta businesses as well as fixed-asset financing, and also provides equity financing to community-based organizations. Southern development monies are targeted to assist small and minority businesses in less development rural communities in the AR/MS Delta.

#1 SBA lender in AR

To date, through its development initiatives, Southern has delivered over \$70 million in development financing, created or sustained over 3,365 jobs, developed 72 units of housing and 36,99 square feet of office space. This does not address the over 800 participants who have been a part of Southern's Basic Business Orientation, Fast Trac or Women to Women Mentoring programs.

The following Southern program sites in the Delta would be a great location for a presidential site visit. Please note that Hilary Clinton was a member of Southern's Board of Directors and made significant contributions in the start-up phase of this development initiative.

Phillips County

Southern has two bank locations in Phillips Co., one in Helena and the other in Elaine, Arkansas. These sites serve as a staging point for Southern to launch its business finance, human resource development and welfare to work programs into the Delta. From this site, Southern will also expand their programs into nine (9) counties in the State of Mississippi.

Pine Bluff, AR

Site of the Good Faith Fund, a nationally recognized program of AEG

that targets the most underserved populations and offers an array of innovative training and development programs.

Stuttgart, AR

Site of the Industry Partners, ETC (IPE) program. IPE is designed as an innovative welfare-to work community-based collaborative formed by the Good Faith Fund/AEG and a variety of area manufacturing industries and social and supportive service agencies located in five Arkansas Delta counties.

Arkadelphia, AR

Southern corporate headquarters and site of a presidential visit to view storm damage. The President could view some of Southern's housing programs and view how the community has rebuilt itself from a terrible storm.



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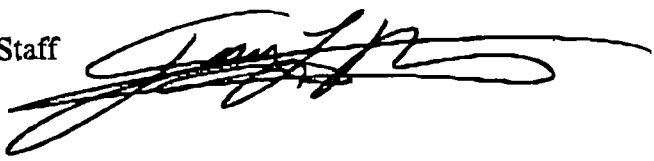
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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Mississippi Delta Region Initiative Task Force

From: Jerry L. Malone, Chief of Staff 

Date: July 27, 1999

Subject: Next Meeting of the Task Force

The next meeting of the Mississippi Delta Initiative Task Force will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, in the Fletcher Room (10214) of the Nassif Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC.

I have attached for your information the following items:

- a synopsis of the July 21 task force meeting,
- a list of those who attended the meeting, and
- a list of all representatives designated thus far.

A meeting agenda will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Please RSVP concerning your attendance at this meeting to Ms. Loretta Stevenson at 202/366-4450. Should you have any questions about the meeting, please call Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Al Eisenberg at 202/366-4450. Thank you.

Attachments

Mississippi Delta Region Initiative Task Force
Synopsis of July 21, 1999 Meeting

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Al Eisenberg welcomed the attendees and offered remarks on the purpose of this meeting and the task before the group. This meeting's purpose was to set the stage for the task force's work and to organize the effort, which will be intense and concentrated.

Mr. Eisenberg noted that the future of the Delta is a high priority for the President. Under the leadership of Secretary of Transportation Slater, who is both a native of the Region and has long been involved with both the Region and the Mississippi Delta Region Initiative, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has taken on the lead for pursuing this Initiative. The first task will be to conclude and distribute an interim report on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the 1990 Commission report, and then to develop a final report on the Initiative. The Final Report will chronicle the accomplishments of the Initiative, provide direction for continued work on those things yet to be done, and establish new goals, strategies and actions.

The attendees were asked to provide Mr. Eisenberg with the names of the official representatives to the Task Force from their agencies. These representatives should be at the political level and be prepared to commit the time and effort necessary to accomplish the purpose of the group.

Meeting attendees were reminded that Secretary Slater convened a meeting of 10 departments and agencies on the Delta a year ago, which resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on next steps on enhancing the progress of the Delta Region. Additional agencies are now being asked to sign that MOU, and the DOT Executive Secretary will make arrangements for the MOU to be signed by the designated agencies and departments.

Organization

Bill Schulz, Director of DOT's Office of Public Affairs, and Linda Darr, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at DOT, will act as one-person committees on Public Affairs and Budget, respectively. Those interested in those aspects of the Task Force should contact Mr. Schulz and Ms. Darr directly. Mr. Eisenberg made clear that every organization is expected to contribute financially to the effort. There will also be committees on (1) outreach, listening sessions, and a fall conference and (2) on construction of the final report.

The full Task Force will meet again in about three weeks, with succeeding meetings as frequently as every 2 weeks thereafter. Conference calls can be expected to take place as frequently as every other week. Committee meetings should take place more frequently.

Agendas for the meetings and the conference calls will be circulated prior to the calls in order to secure essential additions and corrections.

Work of the Task Force

Lee Powell is assembling an interim report on the Delta Initiative, with the help and cooperation of the agencies and departments designated. The draft of this report describes the efforts undertaken by the 10 signatories of the MOU and three other departments that have submitted information. Any information that should be included in the interim report from the designated agencies and departments was to be sent to Mr. Powell by COB Friday, July 23.

The interim report will be sent out as a completed document with the purpose of informing a process designed to elicit comments and recommendations for the final report. It will be distributed to stakeholders as a mechanism to stimulate views and ideas for the final report. Harold Gist of DOT, who will be coordinating the stakeholder contact activity, asked that the agencies send him their lists of Delta stakeholders.

The final report will focus on new recommendations aimed at completing the work of the Initiative, with strategies for doing so building on the knowledge of the Federal agencies and the views of the stakeholders. Listening sessions will be held in the Delta Region organized around a set of questions designed to elicit information for the final report.

Al Eisenberg will chair a committee that will develop the final report. Harold Gist and Marianne Smith will serve on the Committee that will develop the Outreach/Listening Session/Fall Conference approach and strategy. (The conference planning may be broken out as a free-standing activity later.) Membership on both committees is open to representatives from all agencies. We ask that individuals sign up for each committee.

Mr. Eisenberg indicated the general time frame for the work as follows:

Organization and planning work – August
Listening Sessions – September
Final Report – end of October
Conference – late November

Next year will be used to put down the Initiative's roots and to begin seeing tangible results from the direction of the Final Report.

Ann McGuire of the White House Cabinet Affairs Office noted that the White House is very interested in the Delta Initiative and is committed to meeting these deadlines, will be monitoring progress, and is looking for full cooperation. A White House conference call to the Chiefs of Staff will reiterate these points.

Questions

O: Will the reports be signed by the Cabinet Members?

A: That is an open question for the final report, but the interim report will not be sign by the Cabinet Members.

Q: Will the Fall Conference be a White House Conference?

A: Undecided.

Q: Should the interim report be disseminated; will it lead to confusion, unneeded response?

A: We understand that there will be comments. There has been a commitment to preparing a report to stakeholders. We recognize that the document will not cover all departments and agencies—only 13. It will be made clear what the report is and what its limitations are. It will be distributed as an information item, and in a form and context designed to elicit information and recommendations for the final report.

Q: How will the interim and final reports be released?

A: That strategy has not been developed or decided. (Bill Schulz asked for public affairs contacts from the agencies.)

In adjourning the meeting, Mr. Eisenberg thanked the participants for attending and asked those interested in serving on the committees to please sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM, subject to call of the chair three weeks hence.

DELTA INITIATIVE MEETING

[Mississippi]

July 21, 1999

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Date: August 20, 1999
To: Delta Leaders/Legislators in Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee,
Kentucky, Southern Illinois.
From: State Senator Kevin Smith; Representative Joe Harris; Delta Caucus, Arkansas
Municipal League, Arkansas Association of Counties.
Re: Delta Caucus "March on Washington" and Meeting at the White House.

Many of you have been keeping up with efforts to attract attention to the problems of the Lower Mississippi Delta Region and attract Federal funding for the region. As you recall, President Clinton recently included Clarksdale, Mississippi and Helena, Arkansas on a tour of those blighted regions of the United States not participating in the nation's economy. Unfortunately, of the four major areas he toured, only the Delta is without targeted Federal funding for economic assistance. It is also the poorest region in the country.

The Delta Caucus is a grass-roots bi-partisan coalition of legislators, county officials, mayors, chambers, farmers, bankers, and others who want to change this by going to Washington and requesting "targeted regional funding" for the seven-state Delta Region. We are asking civic clubs, political leaders, and just plain folks in the Delta to sign the "Delta Covenant", which is both the mission statement and a petition asking Congress and the President to support significant Federal funding and economic assistance for the Delta. We have attached a copy of the "Covenant" so that you can see that it does not specifically endorse any particular agenda or special interest for any one state or interest in the region. It is simply a general request on behalf of the entire region, and there are no plans to change that mission. Anyone from any Delta state can voluntarily join the Delta Caucus, and there is no membership fee or any other obligation other than supporting this mission.

Recently, at a meeting in West Memphis, Arkansas, over 150 local leaders came together from over 25 Delta Counties, signed the Delta Covenant, and pledged to go to Washington in October to meet with President Clinton and appear before Congressional committees about the needs in the Delta. We are calling this the Delta's "March on Washington".

Two weeks ago, in a private meeting regarding this issue in Helena, President Clinton personally agreed to meet with the Delta Caucus the week of October 4, 1999, just over a month from now. We are planning to have a rally style meeting on the South Lawn of the White House, followed by a "march" down either Pennsylvania Ave. or the Mall to Capitol Hill, followed by another press conference. Tuesday and Wednesday will

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be used to testify before Congress and to fan-out among all members of Congress to drop-off copies of the Delta Covenant and a Delta Issues "Info-Pack". We will have a follow-up press conference on Wednesday before going home. All of the final arrangements and schedules, with assignments for each participant, will be presented at an organizational event on Sunday evening.

This is a truly historic event and we want you to make plans now to attend.
Please contact Kevin Smith at 870-673-2112 to join, or to get more information. We have also attached a travel package with a group rate for your convenience. Of course, you may use anyone you would like, but if you do make arrangements on your own please call us at the number above so that we can keep track of the number of people involved and where you are staying. We might also need additional information for those who want to go to the White House

Again, please do not miss this historic opportunity to bring much needed attention and help to the Delta Region. The more people we have in Washington, and the more states that are represented, the more successful this effort will be.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS TODAY!

The Delta Covenant

We the undersigned, as citizens and residents of the Lower Mississippi Delta Region of the United States, recognize the following truths:

- *that our Delta Region has been established by the Congress of the United States as the Poorest Region of the Nation;**
- *that the Delta has suffered economically more than any other region, even in the midst of widespread economic prosperity nationally;**
- *that the Delta is also the only economically blighted area of this country that does not receive direct economic assistance from the Federal Government;**

Therefore, we the citizens of the Delta Region do hereby request that the President and the Congress of the United States establish in the next Fiscal Year a Specific and Targeted Economic Assistance Program with Substantial Federal Funding for the Lower Mississippi Delta Region of the United States.

DELTA CAUCUS MEETING
OCTOBER 3-6, 1999
Washington, DC

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Delta ^{Finance} Summit in early October

build upon current momentum

Sponsors - State Bkly Assoc's Arkansas, Amos, FDIC
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Agenda:

Wayne Swed - Chm of Delta Program ^{Business INC}

Conference meeting in Delta
importance of doing this

Secretary Sumner Participation

1st week panel

Panel - Treasury, SBA, programs to channel
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institutional investors

Bank Enterprise Awards - apps due end of November

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AGENDA
MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION INITIATIVE
Meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 1999

The meeting will be held at USDOT's Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10214, the Fletcher Room in the Office of the Secretary. (202/366-4450)

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WASHINGTON

Arkansas

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FROM:

Stephanie Streett

Can this be a possible
venue for the New Markets?

To: → Sylvia / Lisa / Gene / Stephanie

I think this could work
for President's ^{1st} Arkansas/Delta
visit focusing on New Markets.
Let's work on it and see
what else Lisa Green has come up
with —

Maria

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

cc: Stephanie
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August 27, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Just over a decade ago, during your tenure as Governor, Arkadelphia faced incredible economic challenges. Fortunately, thanks in great part to your support and help, we located some new businesses in our community that gave us the economic boost we needed.

We continue to celebrate those successes today and would like for you to join us for a series of upcoming events:

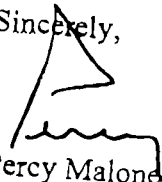
- Scroll Technologies has recently been named a winner in *Industry Week* magazine's "Best Plants" competition. The Arkadelphia facility was selected from among 419 applicants throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, and we are very proud of all the Scroll employees who played a part in this recognition. The celebration of this award will be held between October 20 and November 12, at a date and time convenient for you. Key leaders from United Technologies, York International, Carrier Corporation and Bristol Compressors are also expected to attend.
- B.F. Goodrich (formerly ROHR, which announced this location while you were Governor) is ready to begin production in the Arkadelphia facility, which is expected to employ 400 - 700 area residents. We also would like to celebrate these new jobs during your visit.
- Finally, you were kind to visit Arkadelphia and extend your help and prayers just after the March 1, 1997, tornado devastated our community. We would like for you to see our first steps to recovery, and we would like to offer you a tour of the "new Arkadelphia" that is ready for the next century.

The Honorable William J. Clinton
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Personally and on behalf of all Arkadelphia citizens, I invite you to spend a day with us to celebrate these wonderful accomplishments for our area. Again, the date is flexible within the October 20 to November 12 timeframe. I truly hope your schedule can be arranged to allow you to join us.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Percy Malone

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Friday, September 3, 1999

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer - See Distribution below

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SUBJECT: Congressional Draft Bill on Delta Regional Development Act

DEADLINE: Noon Thursday, September 9, 1999

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President. **Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.**

COMMENTS: The Administration has been asked for its comments on this congressional draft bill.

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**RESPONSE TO
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You may also respond by:

(1) calling the analyst/attorney's direct line (you will be connected to voice mail if the analyst does not answer); or

(2) sending us a memo or letter

Please include the LRM number shown above, and the subject shown below.

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The following is the response of our agency to your request for views on the above-captioned subject:

 Concur

 No Objection

 No Comment

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~~2nd Session~~~~H.R.~~

To provide economic development assistance and the planning and coordination needed to assist in development of the lower Mississippi Delta region.

DRAFT~~IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES~~~~1998~~**A BILL**

To provide economic development assistance and the planning and coordination needed to assist in development of the lower Mississippi Delta region.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
2 Congress assembled,

3 **§ 1. Short title**

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5 This Act may be cited as the "Delta Regional Development Act of 1998⁹".

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7 **§ 2. Findings and statement of purpose**

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9 **(a) The Congress finds that:**

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11 (1) the lower Mississippi River Delta region, though rich in natural and human resources,
12 lags behind the rest of the country in economic growth and prosperity;

13 (2) this region suffers from a greater proportion of measurable poverty and unemployment

1 than any other region of the country, resulting in a drain on the national economy and
2 diminishing the national wealth;

3 (3) the greatest hope for economic growth and revitalization in the region lies in the creation
4 of jobs, the expansion of existing businesses, and the development of entrepreneurial local
5 economies;

6 (4) the economic progress of the region requires an adequate physical infrastructure, a
7 skilled and trained workforce, enhanced local leadership and civic capacity; and greater
8 opportunities for enterprise development and entrepreneurship;

9 (5) a concerted and coordinated effort among Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as
10 with the private sector, non-profit groups, and community-based organizations is needed if
11 this region is to share in the prosperity of the nation;

12 (6) economic development planning on a regional or multi-county basis offers the best
13 prospect for achieving the maximum benefit from public and private investments; and

14 (7) improving the economy of the Delta requires a special emphasis on those parts of the
15 region that are most economically distressed.

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17 (b) The purpose of this Act is to:

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19 (1) promote and encourage the economic development of the Delta region so that the
20 communities and people in the region have the opportunity to participate more fully in the
21 nation's prosperity and so that the region's economy will no longer lag behind the rest of the
22 nation on leading indicators of economic performance;

23 (2) establish a formal framework for joint Federal-State collaboration in meeting the region's
24 economic development needs and for focusing national attention on those needs;

25 (3) assist the region in obtaining the basic infrastructure, skills training, local leadership
26 capacity, and opportunities for enterprise development that are essential for strong local
27 economies;

28 (4) foster coordination among all levels of government, the private sector, community
29 organizations, and non-profit groups in crafting common regional strategies that will lead to

1 broader economic growth;

2 (5) strengthen efforts that emphasize regional approaches to economic development and
3 planning;

4 (6) encourage the participation of interested citizens, public officials, groups, agencies, and
5 others in developing and implementing local and regional plans for broad-based economic and
6 community development; and

7 (7) focus special attention on those areas of the region that suffer from the greatest
8 economic distress.

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10 (c) Public investments made in the region under this Act shall be concentrated in areas where there
11 is significant and concentrated economic distress, and where the expected impact on the region's
12 poorest communities will be the greatest. While economic development in the Delta will require a
13 wide range of investments, the limited federal funds available under this Act shall be focused on the
14 following activities in order to best build the foundations for long-term, self-sustaining economies and
15 complement other federal and state resources in the region: basic infrastructure in distressed counties;
16 job related infrastructure; job training or employment-related education; leadership and civic
17 development; and business development, especially entrepreneurship.

18 19 ***TITLE I - THE DELTA REGIONAL COMMISSION***

20 21 **§ 101. Membership and voting**

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23 (a) There is hereby established the Delta Regional Commission (hereinafter referred to as the
24 "Commission") which shall be composed of one Federal member, hereinafter referred to as the
25 "Federal Cochairman", appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
26 and one member from each participating State in the Delta region. The Federal Cochairman shall be
27 one of the two Cochairmen of the Commission. Each State member shall be the Governor. The State
28 members of the Commission shall elect a Cochairman of the Commission from among their number
29 for a term of not less than one year. ~~Prior to confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Cochairman,~~

1 ~~the Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission shall act as the Federal member~~
2 ~~of the Delta Regional Commission.~~

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4 (b) Except as provided in section 103(c), decisions by the Commission shall require the affirmative
5 vote of the Federal Cochairman and of a majority of the State members (exclusive of members
6 representing States delinquent under section 103(c)). No decision involving Commission policy, or
7 any modification or revision thereof, approval of State or regional development plans, or any
8 allocation of funds among the States may be made without a quorum of State members present. The
9 approval of project and grant proposals shall be a responsibility of the Commission and exercised in
10 accordance with section 223 of this Act.

11
12 (c) Each State member may have a single alternate, appointed by the Governor from among the
13 members of the Governor's cabinet or the Governor's personal staff. The President, by and with the
14 advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an Alternate Federal Cochairman for Legislative and
15 Intergovernmental Affairs. An alternate shall vote in the event of the absence, death, disability,
16 removal, or resignation of the State or Federal representative for which he is an alternate. A State
17 alternate shall not be counted toward the establishment of a quorum of the Commission in any
18 instance in which a quorum of the State members is required to be present. No Commission powers
19 or responsibilities specified in the last two sentences of subsection (b) of this section, nor the vote of
20 any Commission member, may be delegated to any person not a Commission member or who is not
21 entitled to vote in Commission meetings.

22
23 (d) The Federal Cochairman shall be compensated by the Federal Government at level III of the
24 Executive Schedule in subchapter II of chapter 53 of title V, United States Code. His alternate shall
25 be compensated by the Federal Government at level V of such Executive Schedule, and when not
26 actively serving as an alternate for the Federal Cochairman, shall perform such functions and duties
27 as are delegated to him by the Federal Cochairman. Each State member and his alternate shall be
28 compensated by the State which they represent at the rate established by law of such State.

1 **§ 102. Functions of the Commission**

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3 **(a) In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Commission shall, in addition to the authorities and**
4 **responsibilities elsewhere described in this Act -**

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6 **(1) develop, on a continuing basis, comprehensive and coordinated plans and programs,**
7 **establish priorities and approve grants thereunder for the economic development of the**
8 **region, giving due consideration to other Federal, State, and local planning and development**
9 **activities in the region. Not later than 9 months after the effective date of this Act, the**
10 **Commission shall establish priorities in a regional development plan included in which shall**
11 **be five year regional outcome targets;**

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13 **(2) provide for an understanding of the region's needs and assets through research,**
14 **demonstration, investigation, assessment and evaluation of the region, in cooperation with**
15 **Federal, State, and local agencies, universities and other nonprofit groups where appropriate,**
16 **which will further the purposes of this Act;**

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18 **(3) review and study, in cooperation with the agency involved, Federal, State, and local**
19 **public and private programs and, where appropriate, recommend modifications or additions**
20 **which will increase their effectiveness in the region;**

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22 **(4) formulate and recommend, where appropriate, interstate compacts and other forms of**
23 **interstate cooperation, and work with State and local agencies in developing appropriate**
24 **model legislation;**

25
26 **(5) encourage the formation of, build the capacity of, and provide support for, local**
27 **development districts;**

1 (6) encourage private investment in industrial, commercial, and other economic development
2 projects;

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4 (7) serve as a focal point and coordinating unit for Delta programs; and

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6 (8) provide a forum for consideration of problems of the region and proposed solutions and
7 establish and utilize, as appropriate, citizens and special advisory councils and public
8 conferences.

9
10 (b) The Federal Co-Chairman shall provide effective and continuing liaison between the Federal
11 Government and the Commission.

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13 **§ 103. Authorities of the Commission**

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15 (a) To carry out its duties under this Act, the Commission is authorized to -

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17 (1) adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of its
18 business and the performance of its functions.

19
20 (2) appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director and such other personnel as
21 may be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its functions, except that such
22 compensation shall not exceed the maximum rate for the Senior Executive Service under
23 section 5382 of title 5, United States Code, including any applicable locality-based
24 comparability payment that may be authorized under section 5304(h)(2)(c) of such title 5. The
25 executive director shall be responsible for carrying out the administrative functions of the
26 Commission, for direction of the Commission staff, and for such other duties as the
27 Commission may assign. No member, alternate, officer, or employee of the Commission,
28 other than the Federal Cochairman of the Commission, his staff, and his alternate and Federal

1 employees detailed to the Commission under paragraph (3) shall be deemed a Federal
2 employee for any purpose.

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4 (3) request the head of any Federal department or agency (who is hereby so authorized) to
5 detail to temporary duty with the Commission such personnel within his administrative
6 jurisdiction as the Commission may need for carrying out its functions, each such detail to be
7 without loss of seniority, pay, or other employee status.

8
9 (4) arrange for the services of personnel from any State or local government or any
10 subdivision or agency thereof, or any intergovernmental agency.

11
12 (5) make arrangements, including contracts, with any participating State government for
13 inclusion in a suitable retirement and employee benefit system of such of its personnel as may
14 not be eligible for, or continue in, another governmental retirement or employee benefit
15 system, or otherwise provide for such coverage of its personnel.

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17 (6) accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or property, real, personal, or
18 mixed, tangible or intangible.

19
20 (7) enter into and perform such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other
21 transactions as may be necessary in carrying out its functions with any department, agency,
22 or instrumentality of the United States (which is hereby so authorized to the extent not
23 otherwise prohibited by law) or with any State, or any political subdivision, agency, or
24 instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm, association, or corporation.

25
26 (8) establish and maintain a central office at such appropriate location as it may select and
27 field offices at such other places as it may deem appropriate.

1 (9) take such other actions and incur such other expenses as may be necessary or
2 appropriate.

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4 (b) The Federal agencies and the Appalachian Regional Commission shall cooperate with the Delta
5 Regional Commission and shall provide such assistance in carrying out the purposes of this Act as
6 the Federal Cochairman may request. In particular, during the eighteen month period following the
7 effective date of this Act, technical support and assistance in all areas of operation, including but not
8 limited to financial, legal, and programmatic, shall be provided to the Commission by the Appalachian
9 Regional Commission under contractual arrangement between the two Commissions to be agreed
10 upon by their respective Federal and State Cochairmen.
11

12 (c) Administrative expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Federal Government for the
13 period ending on September 30, 1999. Thereafter, such expenses shall be paid 50 per centum by the
14 Federal Government and 50 per centum by the States in the region, except that the expenses of the
15 Federal Cochairman, his alternate, and his staff shall be paid solely by the Federal Government. The
16 share to be paid by each State shall be determined by the Commission. The Federal Cochairman shall
17 not participate or vote in such determination. No assistance authorized by this Act shall be furnished
18 to any State or to any political subdivision or any resident of any State, nor shall the State member
19 of the Commission participate or vote in any determination by the Commission while such State is
20 delinquent in payment of its share of such expenses.

21
22 **§ 104. Information.**

23
24 In order to obtain information needed to carry out its duties, the Commission shall:

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26 (1) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, receive
27 such evidence, and print or otherwise reproduce and distribute so much of its proceedings and
28 reports thereon as it may deem advisable, a Cochairman of the Commission, or any member
29 of the Commission designated by the Commission for the purpose, being hereby authorized

1 to administer oaths when it is determined by the Commission that testimony shall be taken or
2 evidence received under oath; and

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4 (2) arrange for the head of any Federal, State, or local department or agency (who is hereby
5 so authorized to the extent not otherwise prohibited by law) to furnish to the Commission
6 such information as may be available to or procurable by such department or agency.

7
8 **§ 105. Personal financial interests**
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10 (a) Except as permitted by subsection (b) hereof, no State member or alternate and no officer or
11 employee of the Commission shall participate personally and substantially as member, alternate,
12 officer, or employee, through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of
13 advice, investigation, or otherwise, in any proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other
14 determination, contract, claim, controversy, or other particular matter in which, to his knowledge,
15 he, his spouse, minor child, partner, organization (other than a State or political subdivision thereof)
16 in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, or any person or organization
17 with whom he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, or any person or
18 organization with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective
19 employment, has a financial interest. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this subsection
20 shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

21
22 (b) Subsection (a) hereof shall not apply if the State member, alternate, officer, or employee first
23 advises the Commission of the nature and circumstances of the proceeding, application, request for
24 a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, or other particular matter and makes
25 full disclosure of the financial interest and receives in advance a written determination made by the
26 Commission that the interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the
27 services which the Commission may expect from such State member, alternate, officer, or employee.

28 (c) No State member or alternate shall receive any salary, or any contribution to or supplementation

of salary for his services on the Commission from any source other than his State. No person detailed to serve the Commission under authority of subsection 103(a)(4) shall receive any salary or any contribution to or supplementation of salary for his services on the Commission from any source other than the State, local, or intergovernmental department or agency from which he was detailed or from the Commission. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this subsection shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(d) Notwithstanding any other subsection of this section, the Federal Cochairman and his alternate on the Commission and any Federal officers or employees detailed to duty with it pursuant to subsection 103(a)(3) shall not be subject to any such subsection but shall remain subject to sections 202 through 209 of title 18, United States Code.

(e) The Commission may, in its discretion, declare void and rescind any contract, loan, or grant of or by the Commission in relation to which it finds that there has been a violation of subsection (a) or (c) of this section, or any of the provisions of sections 202 through 209 of title 18, United States Code.

TITLE II - DELTA PROGRAMS

Part A - Programs

§ 201. Economic and Community Development Grants

(a) The Commission is authorized to approve grants to States and public and nonprofit entities for projects, approved in accordance with Section 223 of this Act, which will:

(1) assist the region in obtaining the job training or employment-related education, leadership and civic development, and business development, especially entrepreneurship, that are essential for building strong local economies;

1 (2) provide special assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped counties that lack
2 financial resources for improving basic services;

3 (3) fund research, demonstrations, evaluations and assessments of the region, technical
4 assistance, training programs, and construction of necessary facilities incident to such
5 activities; or

6 (4) otherwise serve the purposes of this Act.
7

8 (b) Grant funds may be provided entirely from appropriations to carry out this section or in
9 combination with funds available under other Federal or Federal grant-in-aid programs or from any
10 other source. Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the Federal share in any such other
11 program, funds appropriated to carry out this section may be used to increase such Federal share, as
12 the Commission determines appropriate.
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14 **§ 202. Supplements to Federal grant-in-aid programs**
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16 (a) In order to enable the people, States, and local communities of the region, including local
17 development districts, to take maximum advantage of Federal grant-in-aid programs (as hereinafter
18 defined) for which they are eligible but for which, because of their economic situation, they cannot
19 supply the required matching share, or for which there are insufficient funds available under the
20 Federal grant-in-aid law authorizing such programs to meet pressing needs of the region, the Federal
21 Cochairman may use amounts made available to carry out this Act for all or any portion of the basic
22 Federal contribution to projects or activities (hereinafter referred to as projects) under such Federal
23 grant-in-aid programs authorized by Federal grant-in-aid Acts, and for the purpose of increasing the
24 Federal contribution to projects under such programs, as hereafter defined, above the fixed maximum
25 portion of the cost of such projects otherwise authorized by the applicable law. Funds provided
26 pursuant to this Act shall be available without regard to any limitations on areas eligible for assistance
27 or authorizations for appropriation in any other Act. The term "Federal grant-in-aid programs" as
28 used in this section means those Federal grant-in-aid programs authorized for the acquisition or
29 development of land, the construction or equipping of facilities, or other community or economic

1 development or economic adjustment activities.

2
3 (b) In the case of any program or project for which all or any portion of the basic Federal
4 contribution to the project under a Federal grant-in-aid program is proposed to be made under this
5 subsection, no such Federal contribution shall be made until the responsible Federal official
6 administering the Federal grant-in-aid law authorizing such contribution certifies that such program
7 or project meets the applicable requirements of such Federal grant-in-aid law and could be approved
8 for Federal contribution under such law if funds were available under such law for such program or
9 project. The certifications and determinations required to be made by the Commission for approval
10 of projects under this Act in accordance with section 223 shall be controlling and shall be accepted
11 by the Federal agencies. Any findings, report, certification, or documentation required to be submitted
12 to the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government responsible for
13 the administration of any Federal grant-in-aid program shall be accepted by the Federal Cochairman
14 with respect to a supplemental grant for any project under such program.

15
16 (b) The Federal portion of such costs shall not exceed 80 percent of project costs except as provided
17 in Section 204 (b) of this Act.

18
19 **§ 203. Local development districts; certification and administrative expenses**

20
21 (a) For the purposes of this Act, a "local development district" shall be an entity certified to the
22 Commission either by the Governor of the State or States in which such entity is located, or by the
23 State officer designated by the appropriate State law to make such certification, as having a charter
24 or authority that includes the economic development of counties or parts of counties or other political
25 subdivisions within the region. No entity shall be certified as a local development district for the
26 purposes of this Act unless it is:

27
28 (1) a non-profit incorporated body organized or chartered under the law of the State in
29 which it is located; a nonprofit agency or instrumentality of a State or local government; a

1 nonprofit agency or instrumentality created through an interstate compact; or a nonprofit
2 association or combination of such bodies, agencies, and instrumentalities; and
3

4 (2) organized and operated in a manner that assures broad-based community participation
5 and an effective opportunity for other non-profit and citizen groups to contribute to the
6 development and implementation of Delta programs in the region.
7

8 (b) Local development districts will be the lead organizations serving multi-county regions at the
9 local level, and will provide the linkage between state and local governments, non-profit
10 organizations, including but not limited to community-based groups and educational institutions, the
11 business community and citizens. Activities of these organizations will include but are not limited to
12 multi-jurisdictional planning, technical assistance to local jurisdictions and potential grantees, and
13 leadership and civic development assistance.
14

15 (c) The Commission is authorized to make grants for administrative expenses of local development
16 districts, but (1) the amount of any such grant shall not exceed 80 percent of such expenses, (2) no
17 grants for administrative expenses shall be made for a State agency certified as a local development
18 district for a period in excess of three years beginning on the date the initial grant is made for such
19 development district, and (3) the local development district contributions for administrative expenses
20 may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including but not limited to space, equipment, and
21 services.
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23 § 204. Distressed Counties and Economically Strong Counties 24

25 (a) **Designations.** Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act, and annually thereafter,
26 the Commission, in accordance with such criteria as the Commission may establish, shall (1) designate
27 as "distressed counties" those counties in the region that are the most severely and persistently
28 distressed and underdeveloped; and (2) designate as 'economically strong counties' those counties
29 in the region which are approaching or have reached economic parity with the rest of the Nation.

1 **(b) Distressed Counties.** The Commission shall allocate at least 50 percent of the appropriations
2 made available under Section 301 of this Act for programs and projects designed to serve the needs
3 of distressed counties. The funding limitations contained in Section 202 (c) of this Act shall not apply
4 to projects providing basic services to residents in one or more of the Region's distressed counties.
5

6 **(c) Economically Strong Counties: Funding Prohibitions.** Except as provided in this
7 subsection, no funds may be provided under this Act for a project located in a county for which a
8 designation as an "economically strong county" is in effect under this section. This prohibition shall
9 not apply to local development district administrative projects authorized by section 203(c) of this
10 Act. The Commission may approve further exceptions to this prohibition for multi-county projects
11 that include an economically strong county and for other projects upon a showing of significant
12 potential benefits in areas of the region outside the designated economically strong county.
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14 **Part B - General Provisions**

15 **§ 221. Development planning process**

16 **(a)** Pursuant to policies established by the Commission, each State member shall submit on such
17 schedule as the Commission shall prescribe a development plan for the area of the State within the
18 region. The State development plan shall reflect the goals, objectives, and priorities identified in
19 the regional development plan, which shall be developed as required by section 102(a)(1) of this
20 Act. Such State development plan shall (1) describe the State organization and continuous process
21 for development planning, including the procedures established by the State for the participation of
22 local development districts in such process, the means by which such process is related to overall
23 statewide planning and budgeting processes, and the method of coordinating planning and projects
24 in the region under this Act, and other Federal, State, and local programs; (2) set forth the goals,
25 objectives, priorities and expected outcomes of the State, for the region, as determined by the
26 Governor, and identify the needs on which such goals, objectives, priorities are based; and (3)
27 describe the development strategy for achieving such goals, objectives, priorities, and expected
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1 outcomes. States plans submitted pursuant to this section, shall describe how their proposed
2 strategies will advance the Commission's goals and outcome targets." In carrying out the
3 development planning process, including the selection of programs and projects for assistance,
4 States shall consult with local development districts, local units of government, citizen groups, labor
5 and civil rights organizations and take into consideration the goals, objectives, priorities, and
6 recommendations of such bodies.

7
8 (b) Public participation in the development, revision, and implementation of all plans and programs
9 under this Act by the Commission, any State or any local development district shall be provided for,
10 encouraged, and assisted. The Commission shall develop and publish regulations specifying
11 minimum guidelines for such public participation, including public hearings.

12
13 **§ 222. Program development criteria**
14

15 (a) In considering programs and projects to be given assistance under this Act, and in establishing
16 a priority ranking of the requests for assistance presented to the Commission, the Commission shall
17 follow procedures that will ensure consideration of the following factors:

18
19 (1) the relationship of the project or class of projects to overall regional development;

20
21 (2) the population and area to be served by the project or class of projects including the
22 relative per capita income, poverty and the unemployment rates in the area;

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24 (3) the relative financial resources available to the applicants for assistance seeking to
25 undertake the project;

26
27 (4) the importance of the project or class of projects in relation to other projects or classes
28 of projects which may be in competition for the same funds;
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1 (5) the prospects that the project for which assistance is sought will improve, on a
2 continuing rather than a temporary basis, the opportunities for employment, the average level
3 of income, or the economic and social development of the area served by the project; and
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5 (6) the extent to which the project design provides for detailed outcome measurements by
6 which grant expenditures may be evaluated.
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8 (b) No financial assistance shall be authorized under this Act to be used to assist establishments
9 relocating from one area to another.
10

11 (c) Funds may be provided for programs and projects in a State under this Act only if the
12 Commission determines that the level of Federal and State financial assistance under laws other than
13 this Act for the same type of programs or projects in that portion of the State within the region, will
14 not be diminished in order to substitute funds authorized by this Act.
15

16 **§ 223. Approval of development plans and projects**
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18 State and regional development plans and any multistate subregional plans which may be developed,
19 shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission in accordance with section 101(b) of this Act.

20 An application for a grant or for any other assistance for a specific project under this Act shall be
21 made through the State member of the Commission representing such applicant, and such State
22 member shall evaluate the application for approval. Only applications for grants or other assistance
23 for specific projects shall be approved which are certified by the State member and determined by the
24 Federal Cochairman to implement the Commission-approved State development plan; to meet the
25 applicable criteria under section 222; to have adequate assurance that the project will be properly
26 administered, operated, and maintained; and to otherwise meet the requirements for assistance under
27 this Act. After the approval of the appropriate State development plan, certification by a State
28 member of an application for a grant or other assistance for a specific project pursuant to this section

shall, when joined by an affirmative vote of the Federal Cochairman for such project, be deemed to satisfy the requirements for affirmative votes for decisions under section 101(b) of this Act.

§ 224. Consent of States

Nothing contained in this Act shall be interpreted as requiring any State to engage in or accept any program under this Act without its consent.

TITLE III - AUTHORIZATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 301. Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Commission to carry out this Act and for necessary expenses for the Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Commission, his alternate, and his staff, and for payment of the Federal share of the administrative expenses of the Commission to be available until expended, \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003.

§ 302. Definition of Delta region

As used in this Act, the term "Delta region" or "the region" means that area of the United States consisting of the following counties and parishes (including any political subdivision located within such area):

In Arkansas, the counties of Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clay, Cleveland, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Fulton, Grant, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Union, VanBuren, White, Woodruff,

1 In Illinois, the counties of Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson,
2 Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, White, Williamson;

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4 In Kentucky, the counties of Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden,
5 Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken,
6 McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, Union, Webster;

7 In Louisiana, the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Caldwell,
8 Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin,
9 Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison,
10 Morehouse, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Richland, St. Bernard,
11 St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, Tangipahoa,
12 Tensas, Union, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana, Winn;

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14 In Mississippi, the counties of Adams, Amite, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne,
15 Coahoma, Copiah, Covington, DeSoto, Franklin, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys,
16 Issaquena, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lawrence, Leflore, Lincoln, Madison,
17 Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Panola, Pike, Quitman, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson,
18 Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington,
19 Wilkinson, Yalobusha, Yazoo;

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21 In Missouri, the counties of Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent,
22 Douglas, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark,
23 Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Scott, Shannon,
24 Stoddard, Texas, Washington, Wayne, Wright;

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26 In Tennessee, the counties of Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette,
27 Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy,
28 Madison, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, Weakley.

§ 303. Applicable labor standards

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the construction, alteration, or repair, including painting and decorating, of projects, buildings, and works which are financially assisted through the Federal funds authorized under this Act, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a - 276a-5). The Secretary of Labor shall have with respect to such labor standards, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267), and section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (48 Stat. 948, as amended; 40 U.S.C. 276(c)).

§ 304. Severability

If any provision of this Act, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 305. Records

(a) The Commission shall maintain accurate and complete records of its doings and transactions and of all transactions and activities financed with Federal funds. The records of the Commission shall be available for audit and examinations by the Comptroller General or his duly authorized representatives.

(b) Recipients of Federal assistance under this Act shall, as required by the Commission, maintain accurate and complete records of transactions and activities financed with Federal funds and report thereon to the Commission. Such records shall be available for audit by the Comptroller General and the Commission or their duly authorized representatives.

1 **§ 306. Annual report**

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3 Not later than six months after the close of each fiscal year, the Commission shall prepare and
4 submit to the President, for transmittal to the Congress, a report on the activities carried out under
5 this Act during such year.

Proposal for a Delta Finance Summit



When: During the week of October 4

Where: Monroe, Louisiana

Purpose: Encourage increased investment in underserved communities. Build on Delta-region momentum and activities related to the New Markets Initiative. Encourage increased use of CDFI, SBA programs; Educate, encourage support for Delta BusinessLINC

Audience: Business finance industry (lenders, venture capitalists, institutional/individual investors, intermediaries, etc.); Corporate representatives (CEO's of regional BRT members and other target companies); Insurance companies; Economic/community development representatives

Hosts: Delta BusinessLINC, Delta region offices of the FDIC, State banking associations, Louisiana Dept. of Economic and Community Development, Enterprise Corporation of the Delta

Agenda:

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome |
| 10:10: - 10:30 | Wayne Leonard, Entergy CEO and Delta BusinessLINC Chairman |
| 10:45- 12:00 | Private Sector Panel: <i>(Private sector investors talk about why and how they support business development/community economic development in the Delta)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fred Miller, President Mississippi Bankers Association <i>(small bank perspective)</i>- Entergy <i>(corporate)</i>- John Palmer, Skytel <i>(individual)</i>- Bank of America <i>(large bank)</i> |
| 12:30 – 1:45 | Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez- Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | New Markets Resource Panel: <i>(discussion of programs to support investment in the Delta)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SBA (New Markets Programs, BusinessLINC, etc.);- Treasury (CDFI, BEA, New Market Tax Credit, etc.);- Enterprise Corporation of the Delta- Ouachita Enterprise Community |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | Reception (networking and display booths) |



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Lisa, I'd like to propose that we proceed with a Louisiana - based Delta Finance Summit as described in the attached memo. This change would greatly simplify matters, given the short timetable and related logistical considerations.

The meeting could be framed in the context of a follow up to the Clarksdale trip, and as a precursor to an Arkansas visit - hence making the Delta's New Markets push clearly regional in scope.

You will notice that the proposed agenda includes Administrator Alvarez on the agenda with Secretary Summers (per our conversation). Also, I deleted the BusinessLINC panel as several other panelists will include BusinessLINC in their comments (Entergy, Bankamerica and the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta).

Efforts are underway to include Senator Lott in the Entergy announcement later this month.

Please give me your feedback asap. Thanks for your help.

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Subject: Delta finance summit

I am leaning toward convening a Louisiana - based Delta Finance Summit - preferably on Tuesday, October 5. This change would greatly simplify matters, given the short timetable and related logistical considerations.

The meeting could be framed as a follow up to the Clarksdale trip, and as a precursor to an Arkansas visit - making the Delta's New Markets push clearly regional in scope.

Please note that the attached revised agenda which includes Secretary Summers and Administrator Alvarez (per our conversation) as speakers. Efforts are underway to include Senator Lott in the Entergy announcement later this month.

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Some groundwork for the Monroe meeting has been covered (local hosts, facility, etc.), and this meeting can be pulled off successfully -- if I get a green light regarding the availability of Summers (and Alvarez?) early next week. (While Tuesday, October 5 is my preference, space is also available at the Holiday Inn on the Monday the 4th and Friday the 8th. Or if needed I can try to secure another Monroe location on another date that week).

Please give me your feedback asap. Thanks for your help.

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If needed you can call me at home P6/(b)(6) Have a good weekend.

Bill Bynum

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Subject: Delta Update

Let me know if you need anything from me.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded by Adrienne C. Erbach/OMB/EOP on 09/03/99 11:55 AM -----

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LISTENING SESSION DELIVERABLES**

To: Delta Task Force Members

From: Albert C. Eisenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary
For Transportation Policy, USDOT

Subject: Listening Session Deliverables

Date: September 21, 1999

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These deliverables are necessary for two reasons: 1) to amplify the message that the Federal Government is an important partner with Delta residents, businesses, and institutions and to emphasize our continued commitment to the Delta region, and 2) so that all departments or agencies are informed by current events and announcements.

If your department or agency has any grants, awards, agreements, or other actions that it is planning to announce, either at the listening sessions themselves or during the period September 25-October 4, please apprise us of:

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You may contact me at 202/366-4871 or at albert.eisenberg@ost.dot.gov. **Thanks!!**



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Friday, September 17, 1999

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Contact: Bill Adams
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U.S. Transportation Secretary Slater Announces Series of Listening Sessions Advancing Lower Mississippi Delta Initiatives

Continuing President Clinton's effort to spread the nation's economic prosperity to underdeveloped regions such as the lower Mississippi Delta, U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater today announced listening sessions in West Memphis, Ark.; Baton Rouge, La.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"Much work still needs to be done to bring opportunity and hope to the Delta's people and improve the quality of life and together we can accomplish this objective," Secretary Slater said. "The listening sessions are intended to elicit the views of those with the most at stake in the future of the Mississippi Delta Region: the businesses, institutions, organizations, and people who live and work there."

These listening sessions will provide new action recommendations and initiatives for the Delta now and beyond 2000.

The listening session in West Memphis will be held on Sept. 25 in the Ruby Warden Activities Center on the North Campus of Mid-South Community College; in Baton Rouge on Oct. 1 in the Ballroom of the Smith Brown Memorial Student Union on the Jesse N. Stone Road at Southern University; at the Southeast Missouri State University, 1 University Plaza in Cape Girardeau on Oct. 4 and in Vicksburg on Oct. 2. Each session will begin with registration at 8 a.m.

Issues to be discussed include:

- Roles for states and communities in the initiative to improve the social and economic conditions in the Delta region;
- Roles for the private sector (both profit and non-profit) in the Delta's future; and
- Top priorities that should be undertaken to secure the Delta's future economic and social progress.

Individuals and organizations wishing for more information on the listening sessions

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should contact the U.S. Department of Transportation's toll-free number for The Delta Initiatives, 1-888-273-4117.

The Delta Initiatives is an agency-wide collaborative effort of the Clinton-Gore Administration. The listening sessions announced today follow "The Delta Beyond 2000" conference, which Secretary Slater convened in July 1998 in Memphis. Nine other federal agencies – U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, and Interior, the Small Business and Environmental Protection Administrations participated in the conference as well as a broad array of state and local leaders. Since 1998, additional agencies have joined the effort.

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Clinton

September 8, 1999

The Honorable Joe Harris, Jr.
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Arkansas
Post Office Box 781
Osceola, Arkansas 72370-0781

Dear Joe:

Thank you for getting in touch with me during my trip to Arkansas. It's always great to come home, and I appreciate the warm welcome I received.

I'm glad to have your support for my New Markets Initiative. As you know, I am deeply committed to broadening access to our thriving economy through a national effort to encourage public and private investment in our nation's underserved areas; and I believe that this initiative will create businesses and jobs and give those living in these areas the tools they need to succeed.

It has been an honor to work with so many business, government, and community leaders in this endeavor, and I am encouraged by the bipartisan support for the New Markets Initiative. As we continue our efforts to widen the circle of opportunity in the Delta and across America, I appreciate your leadership.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Maureen A. Hudson

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Subject: Presidential Message

Sorry to bother you, but Sec'y Slater's office sent us a draft yesterday for a proposed Pres'l message that they need tomorrow for a series of "listening sessions" in the Mississippi Delta. (Apparently they were expecting a video, which fell thru, so we need to produce something in writing for the events.) I've edited their proposed draft, but since so much of it seems to involve New Markets issues, I thought it best to run by you for edits/approval -- by noon tomorrow, if that's possible? Thanks so much!

" Warm greetings to everyone participating in the Mississippi Delta 2000 Initiative listening sessions. I appreciate your willingness to participate in these sessions and to share your counsel, ideas, and recommendations for the Delta's future development.

Lying at the center of America, the Mississippi Delta is a major region of our country, encompassing seven states, 219 counties and more than 8 million people. It is blessed with bountiful natural resources and people motivated by a deep work ethic; yet the Delta has historically faced profound social and economic challenges. While we have made some progress in addressing those challenges during the 1990s, we also recognize that the citizens of this region have not participated fairly and fully in the unprecedented prosperity we have enjoyed as a nation in this decade.

During my New Markets tour this summer, I visited the Delta, the Southwest Border, Appalachia, Native American reservations, and other areas that America's economic recovery has not yet reached, meeting with grassroots leaders. I am convinced that these underdeveloped regions offer the private sector great opportunities for opening new markets. By creating and sustaining a working coalition of federal, state, and local entities, we can make these opportunities a reality.

Throughout my Administration, I have tried to encourage investment in undeveloped areas like the Delta region through such innovations as Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, the Community Development Financial Institutions, and the Community Reinvestment Act. But these investment incentives are only part of the cooperative federal, state, local and private sector efforts needed to revitalize the region. I commend Secretary Slater and all the other leaders of the Delta 2000

MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/28/99

To:

From: Lynn Cutler

RE: President Clinton's Delta Initiatives

On October 3 - 5, 1999, a group is coming to Washington from the East Arkansas portion of the Delta. Initiatives to improve this community are extremely important to the President.

On October 4, there will be a briefing/listening session with this group in room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Bob Nash, Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential personnel will open the meeting. Maria Echaveste, Deputy White House Chief of Staff will conduct the remainder of the meeting. White House personnel from the Office of Management and Budget and the National Economic Council will also be present.

We will invite representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Labor, and Commerce. Certain members of Congress may also attend.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

In preparation for the October 4th briefing, there will be a meeting from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on October 1, 1999 in the Roosevelt Room of the White House to prepare for the briefing.

Your attendance at this meeting is also requested.

In order to RSVP, please contact my assistant, Adrienne Lavallee, at alavalle@who.eop.gov. Adrienne will need the full name, date of birth, and social security number of all meeting attendees. If you have any questions about the meeting, you can call Adrienne or me at 456-5019, but clearance information should be transmitted via e-mail if possible.

MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION INITIATIVE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TEMPLATE

Introduction

As previously agreed upon, an Action Agenda Report will be produced that includes a set of recommendations to guide the future social and economic progress of the Delta Region. Each Department and Agency represented in the Delta Task Force is responsible for developing its own recommendations for inclusion in that report. The recommendations will articulate federal actions, although for any given recommendation, it may appropriate to expect state, local, and/or private participation, in the form of financial or in kind matches and other expressions of partnership.

Developing the Recommendations

In developing these recommendations, Departments and Agencies are expected to consider the following: whether recommendations contained in the 1990 Mississippi Delta Region Development Commission report have relevance today and tomorrow; whether any should be revised or discarded; and what new recommendations should be developed for the Region. In arriving at these conclusions, it is also expected that the results of the listening sessions will be actively considered, and that any revised or new recommendations will pay particular attention to new events, trends, and conditions that have occurred during the past 10 years. In addition, it is expected that the total number of recommendations will be much smaller than originally put forth in the 1990 report—perhaps as few as 75 to 100, instead of the 400 produced ten years ago. Recommendations will also have measurable outcomes by which to guide and judge performance, and will be mindful of budget discipline.

A draft of the task force's recommendations will be presented to OMB for its consideration and suggestions. Therefore, it is imperative that in order to have a set of recommendations that can be included in the President's proposed FY 2000 budget, task force members must proceed to conclude their work speedily.

To facilitate the preparation of the Action Agenda Report and the work of each task force member, a template below is suggested.

Proposed Template for Recommendations

The following information must be provided for each recommendation:

1. What is the recommendation category?
2. Provide a brief description of the actual recommendation. (It should be stated as briefly as possible and should constitute an action.)

3. What are the details of the recommendation, and why is it important to include it in the report?
4. What are the potential costs of the recommendation?
5. What are the measurable goals and outcomes expected to occur if the recommendation is adopted and implemented?

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mississippi Delta Task Force Members

FROM: Albert C. Eisenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Transportation Policy

SUBJECT: Mississippi Delta Task Force Meeting

The Mississippi Delta Task Force Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W. in the Fletcher Room - 10214 will consist of two parts:

Part I will be a review of the information presented at the four listening sessions and Part 2 will be a discussion of the process for developing recommendations.

Because of the need for OMB review, each task force member agency or department must provide the general framework and substance of its each of its recommendations, with a dollar figure attached, by c.o.b. October 14. Again, this is necessary in order for OMB to begin its reviews of the Delta Initiative recommendations for inclusion in the FY 2001 budget.

I stress that the recommendations at this point are not expected to be detailed or fully fleshed out or vetted. Our task is to provide specific information on what you want to do and how much it will cost so that OMB can properly handle its review responsibilities. It is anticipated that the bulk of your recommendation will be funded from reallocation within your FY 2001 proposed budget or will not cost very much. I know this imposes substantial time pressure on you. It imposes on DOT equally as much.

If you have any questions before Friday, please give me a call at 366-4450.



Loretta Stevenson <Loretta.Stevenson@ost.dot.gov>

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Subject: Mississippi Delta Task Force Meeting

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When: Friday, October 8, 1999

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: U.S. Department of Transportation

400 7th Street, S.W.

Fletcher Room - 10th Floor - Room 10214

Please note your calendars. The agenda will be sent to you prior the meeting.

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Lynn G. Cutler
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Adrienne*

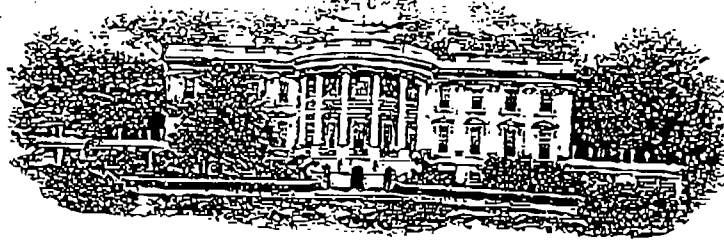
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*MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, DC*for Natasha?*

Memorandum

To: CEB Working Group Members**From:** Alvin Brown**Date:** 10/05/99**Re:** CEB Working Group Meeting Friday, October 8, 1999

There will be a meeting of the CEB Working Group this coming Friday, October 8, 1999, at 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the VP Ceremonial Office in the Old Executive Office Building. Please contact Ryan Hampton at (202) 456-9881 with your date of birth and social security number for clearance purposes. The agenda will be as follows:

- I. HUD and USDA update on the activities of the urban and rural communities.
- II. CEB Agency reports of upcoming events or announcements (provide written version for handouts (30) copies).
- III. CEB Principals' Meeting agenda for October 19, 1999.
- IV. WH CEB Washington Metropolitan Federal Fair for mid-January, 2000.

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October 14, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: MARIA ECHAVESTE

FROM: LYNN CUTLER

CC: GENE SPERLING, NANCY HERNREICH, BOB NASH, STEPHANIE STREET
ADRIENNE ERBACH, LISA GREEN

SUBJECT: TRIPS TO ARKANSAS

New Markets Trip, in November or December

- We propose that you go to Hermitage either during the New Markets trip in November or when you return in December, to highlight the Hermitage Tomato Cooperative Association and Burger King agriculture deliverables. This proposal is further explained in the National Economic Council memorandum to you.

East Arkansas Trip, December 10 to 11, 1999

We propose that you go back to East Arkansas in December. During this trip, you would be able to announce several deliverables that would be crafted in a way that would answer their concerns about long-term poverty, and access to government resources. We recommend that the following be part of that trip:

- You announce your support for the formation of the Delta Regional Commission and the inclusion of money to make it a reality in your 2001 budget.
- You meet with the Chief Executive Officers of Federal Express, United Parcel Service, White Trucking Company, and others to get their commitment to help construct the facility at Mid-South Community College which will become the hub of a job training effort. This program will create a skilled labor force for the transportation industry. The idea of this proposal is to create a training program that begins in the region's high schools, moves on to the community colleges, and then to the four year university.
- You direct the creation of a Circuit Rider project for the Delta: This program would consist of a team of people from the agencies (The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Transportation, Health and Human Services, and Education), working with local community colleges, and the University of Arkansas. The team would go from one small town and county to the next--start a process of grant applications—and then come back to check on

progress and offer help. With 88% of cities and towns having less than 5,000 people and no staff, the Departments could work with the State, the Arkansas regional development commissions, the county extension offices and the federal regional offices to try provide information and technical assistance.

- There are several smaller projects that the Office of Management and Budget is looking at that were part of the concerns expressed to you during the trip to Helena this summer. We hope to have some of those for you to announce.
- As you know, Wayne Leonard, at your urging, has become Chairman of the Delta Business Line project. They would like to hold a meeting of Chief Executive Officers from the region when you are there so that you can meet with them. It would be similar to the meeting that you and the Vice President held in Washington at the mop factory and they would be prepared to bring deliverables to the table.
- We would continue to look for other opportunities between now and December 10, 1999, so that you could respond to the cries for help from this terribly distressed area. As you can see, we are talking about a combination of public and private efforts.
- We would further request that you call the Governor and engage him in the pieces that the state needs to do to make some of these projects work. We will have a specific call sheet for this.