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Subject: draft weekly piece on poverty

Here's draft of what I'm going to send forward in response to POTUS note to Bruce on Chicago Tribune article, asking that we prepare list of things we've done for the poor and trips he's taken to poor communities and share it with him and the reporter. I'm sure it'll get edited, but let me know ASAP if you have any major comments.

Initiatives to Address Poverty: You recently asked us to pull together information about your initiatives for the poor and the trips you have made to poor communities in response to a Chicago Tribune story in August. We are working with NEC to update and expand documents that were prepared as part of your first New Markets tour that could be released in conjunction with the new Census income and poverty numbers on September 30th. Similar information could also be used for your next New Markets tour. These documents will highlight our accomplishments to help both poor communities and poor families, as well as the initiatives we continue to fight for (including EZ/ECs, CDFI, EITC, CHIP, Head Start, minimum wage, New Markets, child care, Welfare-to-Work, etc). We will make sure the Tribune reporter gets the information.

I'm working on updating the list of trips that Lisa shared with me, and we can continue to work together to update an accomplishments and 'what's left to be done' paper along the lines of what Carl and I discussed in the Census/CPS meeting yesterday. For accomplishment, the 7/5/99 'background on the Administration's record on community development' is a good start - but I'll add more of the 'what we've done for poor people' since the current document focuses more on communities than individuals. We weren't planning to actually send any of the documents in with the weekly -- just tell him we're working on them.