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The bottom line for FY '97 is
that all 3 NSSC programs have
been restored to FY '95 levels
in the House. Good news!
Have a good day. Elaine

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 1996 AND 1997
(dollars in thousands)

Activity,	1994 Enacted	1995 Enacted	1995 Revised Due to Rescission	1996 Enacted	1997 Request	1997 House Mark Request	Diff.: 1997 Request - 1996	Diff.: 1997 House - 1996
National and Community Service Act (NCSA):								
National Service Trust	\$93,250	\$145,900	\$115,070	\$59,000	\$129,096	\$0	\$70,096	(\$59,000)
AmeriCorps Grants	155,500	250,000	219,000	215,000	260,963	0	45,963	(215,000)
Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities	31,900	60,200	30,000	29,850	37,375	0	7,525	(29,850)
Audits and Evaluations	4,600	7,000	5,500	5,000	6,644	0	1,644	(5,000)
National Civilian Community Corps	10,000	26,000	18,000	18,000	22,300	0	4,300	(18,000)
Learn and Serve America: K-12 and Higher Ed	40,000	50,000	46,000	43,000	52,725	0	9,725	(43,000)
Program Administration/State Commissions	24,750	29,400	28,712	24,918	28,446	0	3,528	(24,918)
Points of Light Foundation	5,000	6,500	5,830	5,500	6,000	0	500	(5,500)
Subtotal, NCSA	\$365,000	\$575,000	\$468,112	\$400,268	\$543,549	\$0	\$143,281	(\$400,268)
Inspector General	944	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,125	0	125	(2,000)
TOTAL, NCSA	\$365,944	\$577,000	\$470,112	\$402,268	\$545,674	\$0	\$143,406	(402,268)
Domestic Volunteer Service Act (DVSA):								
Volunteers in Service to America								
VISTA	\$37,715	\$42,676	\$42,676	\$41,235	\$46,500	\$41,235	\$5,265	\$0
VISTA Literacy Corps	5,009	5,024	5,024	0	5,100	0	5,100	0
Subtotal, VISTA	42,724	47,700	47,700	41,235	51,600	41,235	10,365	0
National Senior Service Corps								
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	34,388	35,708	35,708	34,949	37,708	36,449	2,759	1,500
Foster Grandparent Program	66,117	67,812	67,812	62,237	72,812	63,737	10,575	1,500
Senior Companion Program	29,773	31,244	31,244	31,155	34,244	32,655	3,089	1,500
Senior Demonstration Program	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, Senior Programs	130,278	135,764	135,764	128,341	144,764	132,841	16,423	4,500
Program Administration	31,151	31,160	31,160	28,541	29,745	27,970	1,204	(571)
Subtotal, DVSA	\$204,153	\$214,624	\$214,624	\$198,117	\$226,109	\$202,046	\$27,992	\$3,929
TOTAL, CORPORATION	\$570,097	\$791,624	\$684,736	\$600,385	\$771,783	\$202,046	\$171,398	(\$398,339)

Note: 1996 levels include the Corporation portion of mandated governmentwide and b3-specific reductions.
1997 House mark reflects action through House floor for NCSA activities and through Committee level for DVSA activities.

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(FY96 was a 5% reduction from FY95 for NSSC.)

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES (3000)

		FY 1996 Comparable	FY 1997 Request	House Passed	vs. FY 1996 Comparable	vs. FY 1997 Request	
		-21-	-22-	-23-			
70150	TITLE IV - RELATED AGENCIES						70150
70175	ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME						70175
70260	Operation and maintenance (trust fund limitation).....	53,829	55,772	52,752	-1,077	-3,020	D 70260 UA
70360	Capital program (trust fund limitation).....	1,954	432	432	-1,522	---	D 70360 UA
70400	Total, AFPM.....	55,783	56,204	53,184	-2,599	-3,020	70400
70425	CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE						70425
70450	Domestic Volunteer Service Programs (formerly Action):						70450
70475	Volunteers in Service to America:						70475
70500	VISTA operations.....	41,235	51,600	41,235	---	-10,365	D 70500 UA
70575	National Senior Volunteer Corps:						70575
70600	Foster Grandparents Program.....	62,237	72,812	67,812	+5,575	-5,000	D 70600 UA
70625	Senior Companion Program.....	31,155	34,244	31,244	+89	-3,000	D 70625 UA
70650	Retired Senior Volunteer Program.....	34,949	37,708	35,708	+789	-2,000	D 70650 UA
70700	Subtotal, Senior Volunteers.....	128,341	144,764	134,764	+6,423	-10,000	70700
70750	Program Administration.....	28,541	29,745	27,970	-571	-1,775	D 70750 UA
70775	Total, Domestic Volunteer Service Programs.....	198,117	226,109	203,969	+5,892	-22,140	70775
70800	Corporation for Public Broadcasting:						70800
70825	FY99 (current request) with FY98 comparable.....	250,000	275,000	250,000	---	-25,000	D 70825 UA
70850	1998 advance (non-add) with FY97 comparable.....	(260,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(-10,000)	---	NA 70850 UA
70900	1997 advance (non-add) with FY96 comparable.....	(275,000)	(260,000)	(260,000)	(-15,000)	---	NA 70900
71000	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.....	32,815	32,579	32,579	-236	---	D 71000
71025	Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.....	6,184	6,332	6,060	-124	-272	D 71025
71125	National Commission on Libraries and Information						71125
71150	Science.....	829	897	812	-17	-85	D 71150
71325	National Council on Disability.....	1,793	1,793	1,757	-36	-36	D 71325
71350	National Education Goals Panel.....	994	2,785	974	-20	-1,811	D 71350
71400	National Labor Relations Board.....	170,266	181,134	144,692	-25,574	-36,442	D 71400

VISTA

The bill provides \$41,235,000 for the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program, the same as the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$10,365,000 below the budget request. The VISTA program supports individuals who recruit volunteers and organize community volunteer activities but who do not provide direct volunteer services.

National Senior Volunteer Corps

The bill provides a total of \$132,841,000 for the National Senior Volunteer Corps, an increase of \$4,500,000 over the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$11,923,000 below the budget request.

The bill provides \$65,889,000 for the Foster Grandparents program, an increase of \$3,652,000 above the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$6,923,000 below the budget request. This program provides volunteer service opportunities for low-income people aged 60 and over.

The bill provides \$31,244,000 for the Senior Companion program, an increase of \$89,000 over the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$3,000,000 below the budget request. The program provides project grants to private, non-profit organizations and State and local public agencies to offer volunteer service opportunities to low-income individuals aged 60 and over. These volunteers assist older adults with physical, mental or emotional impairments which put them at risk for institutionalization.

The bill provides \$35,708,000 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), an increase of \$759,000 over the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$2,000,000 below the budget request. This program provides part-time volunteer service opportunities for low-income individuals aged 60 and over to recruit volunteers and organize volunteer activities relating to a variety of social needs.

Program administration

The bill provides \$27,970,000 for program administration, a reduction of \$571,000 below the comparable fiscal year 1996 appropriation and \$1,775,000 below the budget request. This 2% reduction in funding from the 1996 level is consistent with the bill-wide policy regarding administrative activities.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

The bill provides \$250,000,000 in advance funding for fiscal year 1999 for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the same amount provided in the comparable fiscal year 1998 appropriation and \$25,000,000 below the budget request. Appropriations for the CPB are not authorized in law for fiscal year 1999.

The Committee urges the CPB in allocating funding to consider the impact of that allocation on rural radio and TV stations, particularly those which are sole service providers, have minimal donor bases, and serve areas with limited cable alternatives.

The Committee is encouraged by the improving relationship between CPB and minority program producers. The Committee di-

Moving the National Senior Service Corps Programs (Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and RSVP) is opposed by the National Senior Service Corps Directors Associations, the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Administration on Aging, and the Corporation for National Service? Why?

Each program has its own distinct mission

Administration on Aging programs focus on providing service *to* needy elderly, particularly those who are functionally and cognitively disabled, and low-income, minority, and rural elders. The Corporation for National Service, specifically the National Senior Service Corps, is dedicated to providing service *by* older persons *to all segments of the population*.

Each program maintains a different structure to award funds

Administration on Aging programs are generally awarded on a formula-grant basis to State and Area Agencies on Aging. Senior Corps programs are awarded on a project-grant basis to a wide range of public agencies and private non-profits, thereby enriching and expanding volunteer opportunities. Senior Corps sponsors, seventy five percent of which are *not* aging organizations, include those serving children, schools, and other community service organizations.

Senior Corps programs are "service" programs, not "aging" programs

President Nixon removed the Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion (SCP) programs from the jurisdiction of the Administration on Aging and placed them with other volunteer programs, like the Peace Corps and VISTA, under ACTION, the domestic volunteer service agency created by Executive Order to consolidate federal volunteer efforts in 1971. ACTION programs were transferred to the Corporation for National Service in 1993.

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Dear Eli:

I enjoyed our recent phone conversation and the opportunity to discuss our mutual efforts to strengthen our working partnership.

As you know, as part of REGO II, the White House has directed that the Administration on Aging explore possible ways to improve aging services. This effort includes looking at ways to enhance coordination of programs serving the aging among Cabinet agencies. The statutory authorities for the Older Americans Act and the Corporation's Senior Corps -- RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions -- both call for similar coordination, and as you know, our agencies have a long history of excellent collaborative efforts. The bi-monthly meetings of the National Core Group on Senior Volunteerism is a case in point.

Such collaboration effectively takes into consideration the differences in the missions and delivery systems of our respective agencies. The Older Americans Act programs give priority to the vulnerable elderly, particularly those who are low-income and minority, functionally and cognitively disabled, as well as the rural elderly. The mission of the Corporation for National Service is to provide opportunities for people of all ages to address the nation's education, human, public safety, and environmental needs. We have appreciated the benefits of your programs in unleashing the potential of the millions of healthy, active, older persons to serve children who are disadvantaged, counsel teenage parents, work on environmental education programs, organize neighborhood watch programs, and help meet the needs of frail and homebound elders.

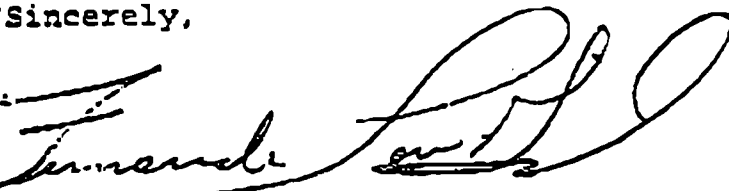
Our "Aging Network" of State and area agencies on aging, Tribal organizations and local service providers, maintain the delivery system for the aging services we support. The Corporation's Senior Corps programs are sponsored by a variety of community-based organizations, ranging from the American Red Cross, United Ways, Catholic Charities, Chambers of Commerce, Community Colleges, and the like, as well as a small percentage of our area agencies on aging. Our national collaboration has clearly fostered local coordination and communication.

I share your commitment and that of the President to the goals and mission of the Corporation for National Service. The Senior Corps programs are thriving as part of the national service family, and the advocacy and leadership you provide is unparalleled.

Secretary Shalala's letter to Congressman Goodling supporting the Senior Corps Programs remaining with the Corporation for National Service speaks for me as well. Secretary Shalala's letter referenced the significance of the overwhelming support of Resolution 20.1 -- "Acknowledging the Contribution of Older Volunteers" -- by delegates to the White House Conference on Aging. Resolution 20.1 was among the top ten resolutions receiving the most votes cast by delegates, of the fifty-one resolutions approved. Resolution 20.1 calls for the reauthorization of the National and Community Service Trust Act as a means of reaffirming the National Senior Corps Programs, charges the Corporation to take a leadership role in promoting volunteer service by older persons, and calls for a doubling of the Corporation's current Senior Corps Programs by the year 2000.

We at the Department of Health and Human Services and within the Administration on Aging support the content and spirit of Resolution 20.1 and look forward to our continuing discussions on ways to further involve national service participants of all ages in providing assistance to the needy elderly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fernando M. Torres-Gil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "F" and "T".

Fernando M. Torres-Gil
Assistant Secretary for Aging