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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SEAN MALONEY *SM*
LISEL LOYD *LL*

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

- Handwritten notes on left margin:*
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- (A) **Secretary Summers memo on new G-20 economic and financial forum** – Larry updates you on efforts to establish a new, expanded Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' forum, initiated as part of preparations for the Cologne summit, to broaden economic and financial dialogue; this effort is similar to the successful G-22 discussions in October 1998. The parties have agreed to an approach for establishing the forum, and G-7 Finance Ministers will announce the group on September 25, targeting December in Berlin for its first meeting. The membership and leadership of the new group are consistent with our original conception.
- (B) **Reed/Rotherham memo on Bush education speech** – Bruce and Andy provide a side-by-side analysis of Bush's education speech compared with current law and your ESEA plan. They report little new substance in Bush's speech; much of what he proposed, including state testing of Title I students, became law in 1994. Bush's proposal to punish failing schools by turning federal funds over to parents leaves him vulnerable to attacks from Democrats and Republicans and, unlike your plan, he offers few other specifics on how to help failing schools. Bruce expects Goodling to introduce a Title I bill tracking Bush's approach as part of the House's effort to reauthorize ESEA, which we will oppose over vouchers. *Please see memo for details.*
- (C) **NBAC report on stem cell research** – responding to your November 1998 charge to review issues associated with human stem cell research, the Commission submits its report, "Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research." Among its 13 recommendations, NBAC concludes that federal sponsorship of research that involves the derivation and use of human embryonic stem (ES) cells and human embryonic germ (EG) cells should 1) be limited to two sources of these cells -- cadaveric fetal material and embryos remaining after infertility treatments; and, 2) be contingent on an open system of national oversight. *The report is on file in our office; we have attached the executive summary.*

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Sennie

(E) **Echaveste memo on Chinese detained in Ullin, IL** – In response to your question about whether there's anything that could be done for the 88 Chinese migrants being detained in a maximum security jail in Illinois, Maria forwards information from the INS on their status: 10 have been released to the care of immediate family; 25 are in shelters; 54 remain in custody and will be granted changes of venue to cities closer to their legal representatives – their parole requests are being considered on a case-by-case basis.

(F) **Letter from Barry McCaffrey re: General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan (GCIP)** – Barry reports that interagency consensus has been reached on the National Counterdrug Intelligence Coordination chapter of the GCIP, establishing a structure for future counterdrug intelligence policy coordination. He plans to forward the chapter to key congressional members as a progress report. The interagency working team is preparing the remainder of the GCIP and expects it to be complete in November. *A copy of the chapter is attached.*

(G) **Memo from Harris Wofford on America's Promise** – Wofford reports on General Powell's recent approach to the National Service Corporation, seeking a closer alliance between America's Promise and the Corporation, and expressing an interest in receiving a small amount of appropriated funds to support America's Promise's basic operations -- a departure from their original approach of seeking only private funding. Wofford sees potential benefits for the Corporation and Americorps as well as for America's Promise, and recommends that you include an additional \$7.5 million in your FY '00 budget for the Corporation to support America's Promise. (The Points of Light Foundation receives appropriated funds through the Corporation; Wofford recommends increasing this year's \$5.5 million request for Points of Light to \$7.5 million to establish parity with America's Promise). *We have forwarded Wofford's memo to Jack Lew and Bruce Reed for their review.*

(H) **Ballentine memo on Natural Capitalism** – Roger thanks you for the loan of Amory Lovin's book and returns it with key passages underlined, as you requested. Lovin highlights the fundamentally new pattern of scarcity we face today: the scarcity of natural capital (e.g. green space, clean water). For the first time, this scarcity of natural resources is a potential barrier to sustained, global economic growth; natural capitalism is a construct designed to respond to this new pattern of scarcity. Overall, Roger believes that you and the Vice President are already promoting the central lesson of the book: that economic and environmental issues are one and the same and that rational economic principles demand that we grow the economy while cleaning up the environment.

(I) **Ucelli memo with Clinton-Gore Accomplishments** – Loretta forwards an updated list of

your Administration's accomplishments.

(J)

Note and draft bill from Barney Frank (via Ann Lewis) – forwards photo of you receiving a hongi greeting in New Zealand; makes a joke about domestic partners and forwards draft legislation on the issue.

(K)

Neal Peirce article on Little Rock sprawl (via Podesta) – John forwards Peirce article on sprawl that he received from Keith Laughlin at CEQ (on your Livable Communities Task Force).

(L)

Glickman note forwarding cartoon – Dan forwards a farm policy cartoon he thought you'd enjoy; says "it seems that farm policy debates never really change."

(M)

Congressional correspondence (via Brain) – Chuck forwards letters from 1) **Rep. Tony Hall** (D-OH) thanking you for your remarks at Stanley Chesney's, praising your New Markets Initiative and expressing interest in joining you on a second trip; 2) **Rep. Jerry F. Costello** (D-IL) wishing you a happy birthday; 3) **Rep. John Conyers, Jr.** (D-MI), forwarding note from John Conyers, III, thanking you for the gift of the Ford Thunderbird; 4) **Rep. Amo Houghton**, (R-NY) thanking you for your birthday wishes.

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