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August 26, 1999

Memorandum to: Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Secretary to the Cabinet, Cabinet Affairs

From: Jacquie Lawing, Deputy Chief of Staff *JML*

Re: Possible \$283 Million Welfare to Work Announcement for President Clinton

This is to offer the President an opportunity to announce **\$283 million in Welfare to Work Rental Assistance Vouchers** that are ready to be awarded. These vouchers are of great significance, as they are the first new housing vouchers that Congress has appropriated in the past four years. Obtaining these funds was a true victory for the Clinton Administration.

HUD will award 92 grants to state agencies, Public Housing Authorities, cities and counties in 35 states. Approximately 40,000 new vouchers are targeted to families who are currently receiving, are eligible for, or who have left welfare within the last two years, and for whom the housing assistance is essential to obtaining or retaining employment. Without stable, affordable housing, their dream of self-sufficiency may never become a reality. These vouchers, therefore, will be a critical tool to help families with children move from welfare to work – successfully *and* permanently. Also, this effort addresses the desperate need for housing that many low-income families face.

For many families, decent, affordable housing must be combined with being located near employment. This can be essential to getting a job in the first place. Currently, about two-thirds of new jobs are being created in the suburbs, but three out of four welfare recipients live in central cities or in rural areas.

The welfare to work vouchers are being made available to communities on a competitive basis that requires housing authorities to develop their plans together with welfare and workforce development agencies. This will make sure the housing assistance is combined with child care and other services families need for a successful transition from welfare to work. It will also ensure that the vouchers are provided to the families for whom they will be most critical to a successful transition.

Secretary Cuomo and the Department are prepared to work with the White House on this.

Please call me at 708-0270, or Jon Cowan at 708-2713 to let us know if you would like us to work with you to prepare this announcement for the President. HUD will need to make Congressional notifications prior to this announcement. I appreciate your consideration.

cc: Bruce Reed, Domestic Policy Council
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