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CoS SCHEDULING MEETING AGENDA

March 14, 2000

I SHORT TERM ISSUES

- 3/15 MoCs Gun Event w/Nix Report or w/o Nix Report (East Room)
- 3/16 Domestic Violence (T) (Off-Campus)
- 3/16 3rd Greater Washington Business Philanthropy Summit (DC)

Note: Need to respond to Potus inquiries to attend this summit.

II OUTSTANDING MESSAGE OPPORTUNITIES

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Week of March 26th

- 3/29 Framing Speech/Internet Town Hall (East Room) **or** Digital Divide Event (East Room)
- 3/30 Fiscal Responsibility Event (Release of SSA/Medicare Trustees Report-New York)

Week of April 2nd

- 4/4 School Construction (Building & Construction Trades Conference – DC)

Week of April 9th

- 4/10 Youth Violence/Guns - Possible NBC Town Hall (Colorado)

III. LONG TERM ISSUES

- TBD April Press Conference
- 4/13 Export-Import Bank Conference (DC)
Note: Potus has expressed interest in attending this conference.
- 4/18 Digital Divide/E-Commerce (Comdex Computer Show - Chicago)
Note: This day was intended to be a day off b/c of demanding weekend schedule.
- 4/19 OKC National Memorial Dedication (Oklahoma)
- 4/20 Columbine Anniversary: Event TBD
- 4/28 or 4/30 NAACP Int'l Summit on Racial, Economic & Social Advancement (Detroit)
- TBD Nat'l Meeting on Narrowing Education Gap for Hispanics w/HRC & VP (White House)
- 5/2 Conference on Raising Responsible Teenagers (White House)
- 5/3 -5 or 5/11 - 13 Education Tour
- 7/4 International Naval Review/OpSail Ceremonies (NYC)

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Note: Potus & HRC have also been invited to attend the Intrepid Gala 7/5 in NY.

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February 11, 2000, Friday CITY EDITION

SECTION: NEWS;

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HEADLINE: Memorial gets donor

BYLINE: Jack Money, Staff Writer

BODY:

State Farm Insurance Cos. donated more than \$ 150,000 to the Oklahoma City National Memorial on Thursday.

The donation leaves the memorial foundation about \$ 2.6 million short of its fund-raising goal for the memorial, museum and anti-terrorism institute. The foundation needs \$ 29.1 million to build, operate and maintain the memorial.

"The people who suffered in this tragedy were our neighbors, our customers and our employees," said Doug Eaton, regional vice president for State Farm. "What better way to show that we are really good neighbors than to support this cause?"

State Farm representatives presented the memorial with two checks, the first for the \$ 150,000 and a second for about \$ 3,000. The second was from change collected at State Farm's Tulsa offices after employees there were challenged to raise money for the cause.

Eaton extended the challenge to competitor Farmers Insurance on Thursday and encouraged other companies to issue similar challenges.

The outdoor memorial opens in April. Go to www.168days.com to learn more about the memorial.

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HEADLINE: Admission Fee Upsets Survivors

BYLINE: Jack Money, Penny Owen, Staff Writers

BODY:

Charging an admission fee to the museum at the Oklahoma City National Memorial may be a necessity, but not everyone likes it.

Some victims' relatives and survivors of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building said a fee to enter the museum upsets them, even if it is a modest one.

Admission fee supporters said they hope it is only a temporary requirement. They said such charges are a reality because representatives of the memorial foundation wanted to be sure victims' relatives, survivors and rescue workers would have a say in how the museum is designed and operated.

The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation is represented on the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust, the presidential-appointed body that will operate the museum and the outside memorial.

Federal officials agreed to the creation of the trust only if it would be responsible for paying for the memorial's creation and operating costs.

If no such commitment had been in place, the federal government probably would control the park.

Trust Chairman Robert Johnson said that arrangement would have been unacceptable to a majority of people the bombing affected.

"The National Parks Service is very capable of handling it," Johnson said. "But they are also facing an \$ 8 billion deficit on deferred maintenance that Congress won't likely fill. And what that did was set the stage for the parks service to say they were going to have to start charging, anyway.

As with everything involving the bombing, feelings run deep about a museum admission fee.

"It just makes you sick that our family's memories are going to

be put on a price tag," said LaDonna Madkins, whose parents, Calvin and Peola Battle, were killed in the bombing.

"What they are making out of our tragedy is a sideshow."

Madkins thinks people should have a place to go to where they can pay their respects, but she doesn't like what the memorial has become.

"We just needed a place to go and lay maybe a flower or two," she said. "We don't need a big pond, we don't need 50 million trees."

"If they do charge, I'll never spend a dime down there. If the world wants to come see it, they should see it for free."

Jim Denny, whose two children were injured in the America's Kids day-care center, offered similar sentiments.

"I just wanted Oklahoma to be different," Denny said, "more sensitive to people's feelings when they come here."

Charlie Younger, a Murrah Building bombing survivor and a member of the foundation's memorial committee, hopes the admission charge eventually will be dropped.

The plan is to raise a large enough endowment fund to pay for the memorial's operation.

Younger notes that the Texas School Book Depository museum dedicated to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy also charges a fee ranging from \$ 5 for adults to no charge for children ages 5 and younger.

He said the foundation hopes to set up a similar fee structure in Oklahoma City.

"I don't think anyone particularly wants it," Younger said.

Some bombing survivors have other ideas about how to help defray expenses.

Denny, for example, suggested that Oklahoma sell a special memorial license tag for automobiles, using a portion of the proceeds to help.

Susan Urbach, a bombing survivor who was inside the Journal Record Building, said that memorabilia sales and visitor donations should be used for such expenses.

"When you walk through some museums, they have a place where you could drop in a donation of your choice," Urbach said.

Dennis Purifoy, a bombing survivor from the Social Security office, said he doesn't see a problem with charging a fee.

"I think most people who go to any of the national parks or monuments expect to pay a modest fee.

"I don't think a couple of bucks will deter anybody from going through there," he said.

Urbach, meanwhile, said she trusts the memorial foundation's judgment.

"There is a lot of thought that's gone into everything, and everything has been done very, very well, so why should I not think that all these (issues)... haven't already been looked at?"

Johnson appreciates such comments.

He assumed leadership of the memorial foundation in September 1995 and has led the group through the process to plan and build the outdoor memorial and the museum, which will be inside the Journal Record Building.

Last week, he presided over the announcement of a design team for the memorial museum and told onlookers that it appears the museum will open as much as a year before originally planned.

Johnson said the foundation is adamant about making sure people who were most directly affected by the bombing continue to have input in the memorial's design and operation.

"Ideally, we would like a private endowment sufficient in size to operate and maintain the outdoor memorial and museum... so that we can share the story that will be told in the memorial center with the maximum number of people we can in this world," he said.

"It is part of our mission statement to reach as many people as we can to share the message of what happened in Oklahoma City and the senselessness of it all."

Johnson said he believes more people would visit if the museum was free.

"But we have to balance that with economic reality, that we need to maintain and operate it at a quality level."

Johnson said the trust was facing two choices - either making local, state or national taxpayers foot the bill, or pay for it using admission fees.

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From: Mary Smith

Date: February 15, 2000

Re: Fifth Anniversary of Oklahoma City Bombing

On April 19, there will be a dedication service at the site of the Oklahoma City bombing. The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation is responsible for the memorial that is being built. The Foundation is overseen by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust, which is a presidential-appointed body that will operate the museum and the outside memorial. The federal government agreed to the creation of the trust only if it would be responsible for paying for the memorial's creation and operating costs. Robert Johnson is chairman of the Trust. The Foundation has a website at www.168days.com.

There will be three main parts to the memorial:

1. Outdoor Memorial (Dedicated on April 19): A three-acre parcel in downtown Oklahoma City will become a new national park. There will be a reflecting pool on the spot where Timothy McVeigh parked a rental truck packed with explosives. There will also be a small orchard and 168 chairs made of glass, brass, and granite placed in nine rows, representing each of the victims and the nine floors of the federal building. There will be two free-standing "Gates of Time" framing the site. The 9:01 Gate symbolizes life before the tragedy, and the 9:03 Gate represents lives forever changes. Finally, the fence erected to protect the site, which has become a shrine in itself, will remain with all the tributes and mementos attached to it.
2. Memorial Center (Fall 2000): This will consist of a museum and visitor's center that will tell the story of the bombing, the stories of those most directly affected, and the story of the response of Oklahoma City.
3. Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism and Violence (Fall 2000): This is envisioned to be a public/private research and assistance center.

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To: Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP@EOP

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Subject: OKC Memorial - New Info

I called my contact at the Foundation to check-in on the latest ...

1) Bush

He can't confirm with absolute certainty Bush's ultimate intentions, though the Governor has said he would like to attend. He did say it was unlikely the Governor would attend if the President did so. In other words, if the VP is there then the Governor wants to be there. Also, he again emphasized the Governor would have no role in the memorial dedication (i.e. he'd sit like everyone else).

2) Press

The Today Show has tracked the bombing and the construction of the memorial since its beginning and will air a 1-hour show detailing the last few years and the now-completed Memorial. Brokaw, Rather, and Jennings are confirmed, as are the major networks morning shows' for live coverage the morning of the event.

3) Attendance

At last count, they have received 12,000 VIP RSVPs (donors, electeds, survivors/victims families, and so on). This number does not include the public tickets, which are being distributed throughout the OKC metro area at neighborhood grocery stores - a few-to-several thousand are expected to attend in this manner.

4) Luncheon

I don't know much about the luncheon that will take place earlier in the day, but I was told 3,500 have RSVPed for it.

I think that about covers it.

Thanks,
Tim

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Subject: OKC Memorial - New Info

George W. Bush, through an invitation extended by the OK Governor to all governors several months ago,

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Subject: Oklahoma City

Just wanted to let you know we received a letter from Governor Keating encouraging potus to attend the dedication on April 19, 2000

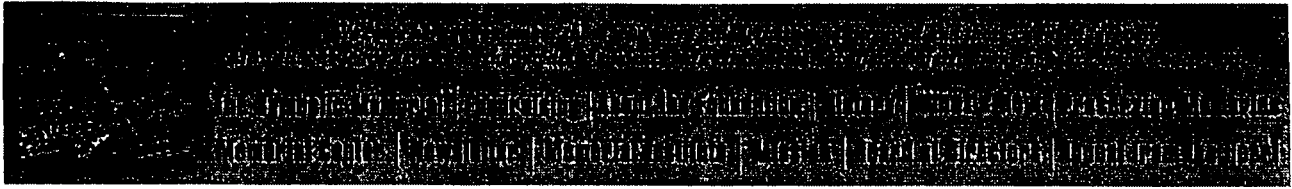
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will now attend this ceremony. My friend, the fundraising director for the Memorial Foundation, assures me that under no circumstances will Bush speak. The last thing they want is for this event to become a political sideshow to the 2000 Election.

This development has compounded the Memorial folks' wish that the President attend and address the April 19 (5:00pm) dedication. They feel, and rightly so, that his presence would defuse the political speculation/circus that Bush's (and Gore's) attendance would bring. Obviously, their interest in the President has always been immense, and the Bush RSVP has brought a sense of urgency to the event - it is just three weeks away.

Of 10,000 VIP invitations, they have received 5000 positive RSVP's and they'll next begin distribution of tickets to the public through local supermarkets. They expect 10,000 people to attend. Jennings, Rather, Koppel, and other news notables, along with the Today Show, have signed-on to provide coverage from the event site.



Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation

When a massive bomb exploded in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Building on April 19, 1995, it shook our foundations, shocked the world and changed our lives forever. The blast ripped away almost half of the nine-story building, killed 168 children and adults, injured hundreds and left American feeling the security within its shores had been destroyed.

However, something unexpected also emerged that day in Oklahoma City and the days that followed: our response proved that this nation would not be defeated by forces that sought to divide us. Our spirit, our hope and our determination would not be stilled. Rather, Oklahoma City reminded us that we are a great nation, capable of repelling terrorism and its insidious effects, capable of great compassion and selflessness.

Mindful of the far-reaching impact of the bombing and aware of the historic nature of the event in June 1995, Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick appointed local attorney and civic leader Robert M. Johnson to head a 350-member volunteer task force charged with developing an appropriate and enduring memorial.

The Task Force was charged with insuring that everyone could participate in the planning process. Volunteers gathered extensive input from families, survivors and the public about what visitors to the memorial should think, feel and experience. Based on such input, a mission statement setting forth consensus objectives of the Memorial was unanimously adopted. Volunteers will carry out an international design competition process and, ultimately, develop a plan for construction, administration and maintenance of the Memorial, including citizen oversight during the construction. This process has been called "the most open and inclusive in the history of Oklahoma City."

The opening four lines of the Mission Statement are:

***We come here to remember those who were killed,
those who survived and those changed forever.
May all who leave here know the impact of violence.
May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity.***

The Oklahoma City Memorial will be designed in three components to ensure the criteria of the mission statement are met.

1. The first component will be a world class symbolic Memorial to be located on a three-acre space dedicated to the victims and survivors of the bombing. This area is bounded on the south by the north wall of the former Murrah Federal Building, on the North by the south wall of the Journal Record Building, on the West by Harvey Avenue and on the East by Robinson Avenue. The design of the symbolic element will be determined by an International Design Competition commenced in mid-November and will conclude with the selection of the final design for the Memorial in July 1997.
2. The second component of the Memorial Complex will be the Memorial Center. It will consist of a museum and visitor's center that will tell the story of the bombing, the stories of those most directly affected and the story of the Oklahoma Standard of response. The Memorial Center may be located in the Journal Record Building, if arrangements can be made to preserve this historic landmark.
3. The third component of the Memorial will be the establishment of the Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism and Violence, envisioned to be a public/private research and

assistance center unlike any in the world. The Institute, firmly rooted in the Oklahoma experience, will act as a common meeting ground for discussion among the public, the religious community, government and academic scholars. Interrelated academic disciplines may include the social and political sciences, the law, the humanities, the arts, religion and health sciences.

By design, each component is inextricably linked to the others. Acting in concert, the Institute, a strong symbolic Memorial and an interactive museum and visitor's center will not only memorialize the losses suffered in Oklahoma City but, moreover, will reflect our resolve that those losses were not in vain.

Effective as of September, 1996, the Task Force was transformed into the Oklahoma City Memorial Foundation, a 501 c (3) tax-exempt no-profit foundation. Staffed offices were opened at 420 N. Robinson Ave. in the Bank of Oklahoma Autobank lobby.

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HEADLINE: TRAVEL & ADVENTURE
Oklahoma City bombing site
to become new national park

BYLINE: Robert Krier

DATELINE: OKLAHOMA CITY

BODY:

Lynn Weeks stared at the chain-link fence, quietly contemplating the incomprehensible. The eyes of dozens of weathered stuffed animals stared back at him. Weeks stood outside the grounds of what was once the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. On the other side of the fence, construction workers removed temporary, wood-frame supports from the 9:03 Gate, one of the monuments that form the borders of the memorial to the victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing.

By next spring, this three-acre parcel in downtown Oklahoma City will become a new national park. Landscaping will be in place around a 318-foot-long reflecting pool being built on the spot where Timothy McVeigh parked a rental truck packed with explosives.

A small orchard, a tribute to the scores of rescue workers who came here, will stand a few yards away. Within the footprint of the former building, 168 chairs made of glass, brass and granite will be placed in nine rows, representing each of the victims and the nine floors of the devastated federal building.

And by fall of 2000, a Memorial Center will house a museum/learning center and the Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism and Violence.

But this simple, informal fence and all that is placed on it was what gripped Weeks. More than a million visitors who have come here since the explosion have been similarly transfixed.

The fence was erected to protect the bombing site and keep people away; today it draws them and has evolved into a permanent part of the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

'I'm waiting for my feelings to emerge,' said Weeks, who lives in Ventura and was in Oklahoma City on business with his son. 'It's important for me to see this, not to turn my eyes away from an awful thing like this.'

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For those who do not turn away, for those who try to absorb the magnitude of the thousands of words and symbols attached to the fence, the emotions that emerge are often intense.

Poems, Bible verses, birthday wishes, baby rattles and small toys paint painful, poignant pictures of personal loss. Scores of teddy bears share space with laminated photos of toddlers and parents killed in the explosion.

A note in a child's scrawl: "Dear Aunt Kim, I miss you more than anything. Love you, Kevin."

Written on a T-shirt: "We (heart) U Mom. ... We think of you every day and you are in our hearts always. We're living our lives like you would have wanted us to, but it's so hard to do without you because we miss you so much."

But the fence and the bombing site have evolved into something more than a shrine to the victims. The site has become hallowed ground, a sacred spot where people with no ties to Oklahoma come to reflect on the evil and the good in America. The scene of the worst terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil evokes the kind of solemnity one might encounter at Gettysburg or Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

Although Oklahoma is not exactly on the tourism trail, the memorial foundation estimates that 300,000 to 500,000 people a year visit the bombing site.

"You walk down to that site, you'll feel the reverence," said Kari Ferguson, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation. "When you come face to face with it, that's when it becomes real."

"My nephew and a class of hyper, ninth-grade teen-agers came down here. On the way over, they were yelling and screaming. When they got to the site, they were totally quiet. It's a very solemn, quiet place."

For many people, the fence provides a cathartic release. It's a way to express solidarity with the survivors, the citizens of Oklahoma City and the rescue workers who struggled to save those trapped in the rubble. And it's an opportunity to condemn violence and to promote peaceful resolution to conflict.

Many visitors are compelled to leave behind messages or mementos. Some of the more elaborate remembrances are planned for months; others are simple, spur-of-the-moment tokens from visitors who must somehow show that they were there and they cared.

A collection of badges and pins from police, fire and emergency rescue departments from around the country fills one area of the fence. License plates from all over America are interspersed with maps and miniature flags from around the world, military medals, leis, rosaries, posters, wreaths and homemade dolls brought from Africa. Jews leave rocks (symbolizing that the deceased is still loved and remembered), and American Indians leave dream catchers and eagle feathers.

A silk-screened T-shirt tied to the fence read: "Victims and families of Columbine High School. Littleton, Colorado, 4-20-99." Written on the shirt in pen: "Stop the violence here, Stop the violence there, Stop the violence

'everywhere. God's Peace, Brad Hill.'" Also on the shirt: "'Dear God: Replace this world's heart of stone with a heart of love and end the hate that now seems to prevail. R.J. Hill.'"

The collective weight of the photos, letters and commemorations can be overwhelming.

"'I'm a lot more shaken up than I thought I was going to be,'" said Angela Hunter, from Gibson, Okla., as she walked along the fence. "'It really grabs you a lot deeper to see the faces. And the pain. There's a lot of pain here.'"

Dick Brumage, from South Carolina, said the fence made him think of all the people whose lives were changed by the bombing.

"'It's not just the people here,'" Brumage said. "'It's their friends, their families. It's a domino effect that keeps on going out and out.'"

Weeks said that since he was in the area, it was imperative for him to visit the site. Strolling along the fence transformed the victims from an abstraction to real people, he said.

"'I could identify. If this were my wife, I know how I would feel. I'm really glad I came.'"

Ferguson, who has worked for the memorial foundation since shortly after the bombing, visits the site every day to keep tabs on the progress. She said she looks at the fence but doesn't stop to read everything on it.

"'I know why we're building this memorial,'" she said. "'I know what we're doing here. But I just can't go there emotionally. I don't put myself through that. You couldn't function if you had to read that stuff every day.'"

The fence, with its spontaneity, emotional impact and healing capacity, works well with the more formal elements of the memorial.

"'This icon of the fence has become a powerful piece,'" she said. "'But the fence falls a little short in the educational component. The memorial will tell the story. It will be polished and it will be slick. We're trying to combine the best of both.'"

Everything within the memorial grounds will be a reflection of what happened at 9:02 a.m., the moment the bomb exploded.

Two free-standing "'Gates of Time'" frame the site. The 9:01 Gate, on the eastern border, symbolizes life before the tragedy. The 9:03 Gate on the western edge represents lives forever changed. It is called the "'healing side.'"

Construction of the outdoor memorial should be completed by March. The site will be dedicated April 19, 2000 the fifth anniversary of the explosion. The museum/learning center and the Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism are on target for completion in the fall of 2000. They will be housed next door in the former home of the Journal Record newspaper; the building, badly damaged in the blast, is being remodeled and reinforced.

On a warm afternoon last spring, Ferguson wore a hard hat as she led a

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' visitor around the evolving memorial grounds. She paused on the promontory near the symbolic Survivor Tree, a 60-year-old American Elm. The tree, severely injured in the explosion, has been nurtured back to health by the Oklahoma Department of Forestry.

' 'What we are creating will tell generations to come how senseless this tragedy was,' she said as she looked out over the scene. 'And it will tell them how one minute in a person's life can make a difference.

' 'I hope that when visitors come to this site, they'll realize what's happened, they'll be changed, and they'll resolve never to let this happen again.' '

(The Oklahoma City National Memorial is downtown, between Robinson and Harvey avenues. For more information, call 405-235-3313 or write to P.O. Box 323, One Leadership Square, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73101. Or visit the Web site, <http://www.oklahoman.net/connections/memorial>.

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