

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CHAMPIONS
APRIL 6, 1998**

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Congratulations to the most successful team in Major League Soccer history, winners of the 1996 and 97 MLS Cups. Each year -- despite torrential rains during both championship games -- you've showed us all how strongly united you are. With ~~an undefeated season~~ ^{3 and 1 start} this year, you're well on your way to threepeat -- something I often wish I had the chance for in my current job.

DC United is ~~making soccer as popular in the United States as it is all over the world.~~ ^{helping to make soccer more & more popular every year, especially among young people!} Just after the World Cup in '94, the coach of the Brazilian team and I had a conversation about U.S. soccer. He had been concerned that soccer "wasn't our game." However, he was tremendously impressed, and after it was over, deemed our World Cup the best in history. DC United has helped us live up to that reputation while setting the standard for the future of U. S. major league soccer. ^{Chelsea? ★}

The DC fans, as Kevin Payne has said before, are the 12th man in your winning efforts. Despite those rains, over 57,000 fans went to RFK Memorial Stadium to watch you win last year's championship. These fans add to the life of this city with a spirit that's becoming famous in it's own right. ^{from all backgrounds} ~~The love of soccer is now a universal language that binds us all together across racial and ethnic divides. The diversity of this team & of your fans~~ ^{are testament to what we can achieve as one America}

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Congratulations and welcome to the President and General Manager of the team, Kevin Payne; Coach Bruce Arena [a-REEN-na], the members and staff of DC United -- the most successful team in Major League Soccer history, winners of the 1996 and 97 MLS Cups. Each year -- despite torrential rains during both championship games -- you've showed us all how strongly united you are. This season, you've got a great record and you're well on your way to threepeat -- something I often wish I had the chance for in my current job.

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~~As the love of soccer is becoming a universal language,~~ *the love of soccer is bringing Americans of all backgrounds together.* **DC United is linking America to the world.** Last year, despite those rains, over 57,000 fans went to RFK Memorial Stadium to watch you win the championship. The DC United fans come from nearly every country on earth, their diversity and their spirit add to the life of this city. Your fans are, as Kevin Payne has said before, the 12th man in your winning efforts.

We can all be proud of how united you are with the community of Washington D.C. Your partnership with DC Scores supports after school reading and writing programs combined with the joys of playing soccer. I want to acknowledge the winners of that program's essay contest who are here today: Anoa [a-NOAH] Hunter and Aton [a-TON] Kent-Trout. They wrote outstanding essays on "What United Means to Me," -- an inspiring question for all of us to think about.

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Let's say fans can be proud of your work off the field.
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The President. First of all—let me make a couple of comments about that. First of all, I have had no conversations to that effect with anyone in the Justice Department. Secondly, there is no way in the world we would do anything like that. Thirdly, this investigation has been going on for months. I have been in Chicago before with Congressman Rostenkowski. I am going there and will be with other Members of Congress, at least one other I know and perhaps more, to talk about issues that directly relate to this administration's work that he is a critical part of, health care and crime. And finally, there is still a presumption of innocence in this country. He has not yet been charged with anything.

But I can tell you, there has been absolutely no contact of any nature about this case with the Justice Department and the White House that anyone could draw any inference of impropriety on. And I have received nothing back the other way that I shouldn't go to Chicago. I am going there to fight for things I believe in that he has played a critical role in. I am going to be with at least one other, perhaps more Members of Congress—I don't know yet—and I'm going to be doing something that I have already done while this investigation has been going on. No one ever said anything about it before.

Yes, Gene [Gene Gibbons, Reuters].

Ames Espionage Case

Q. You said that the Ames case had caused significant damage to the national security. Can

you be more specific, sir? And secondly, you've said the FBI investigation is ongoing. Are you satisfied that we know the full extent of the penetration of the CIA at this point?

The President. Well, I can say very little about that except to assure you: I talked with Director Freeh this morning myself; I am confident that the FBI, working with the CIA, is doing everything that is humanly possible to fully investigate this case. I do not want to raise red herrings or other possibilities, only to say this, that it is not unusual, as the FBI Director said this morning. Sometimes it happens that when you're in a criminal investigation and you're on to something, the investigation turns up information that could not have been anticipated in the beginning. I am not trying to say that has occurred. I'm not trying to raise any false hopes. All I'm telling you is, I have directed the FBI and the CIA and everybody else to do everything they can to get to the full bottom of this. And I have nothing else to say about it.

And again, I'm not trying to raise some tantalizing inference, I'm just saying that we have to keep going and try to root it out. After all, this is fundamentally a problem within America, about whether people here who are Americans are spying, and that's our responsibility to try to find it out.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President's 49th news conference began at 11:55 a.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House.

Remarks to the NCAA Soccer Champion University of Virginia Cavaliers February 25, 1994

Thank you very much, Mr. Vice President, Senator Robb, Mrs. Reid, and to the captains and all the members of this wonderful team, and your coach, and your athletic director, and your parents and friends.

We're very honored to have you here today. I was thinking about this a little bit. The Vice President is right, he and I are from the South, and when we were boys nobody played soccer down there, and we had to learn about it really through our children. And one of my most prized pictures is a picture of my daughter try-

ing to do what they did. It hangs on my wall in the White House now, with Chelsea kicking her soccer ball. I have followed this game closely since she was about 5 and entered a league which had both boys and girls in it. And I watched the little girls grow up in this league, fighting with the boys on the soccer field. It was a great experience for me. And I'm really proud that the United States is going to host the World Cup here. I think it will do a lot for soccer in the United States and a lot for

our image as a soccer-playing country throughout the world.

But I think that today I'd like to focus on what this fine team has done for the sport in the United States and to thank you for that. I also noticed that, Coach, my researchers tell me that your record is 252-54 and 29 ties. And if that is true, we would like to invite you to become a congressional liaison. [Laughter] We would like margins like that on our major bills. I don't know how you did that.

I also was thinking we might recruit your goaltender, Jeff Causey, where are you? That's what being President is like; people take shots at you all the time, day to day. [Laughter] And we decided that you could help us be in the right sort of frame of mind to come to work every day.

We're delighted to have you here. We're proud of you. We're proud of what you represent and proud of the teamwork that you represent. And that's the last point I'd like to make.

One of the things I really like about soccer is that even though people are given the chance to star, to excel, to score, it really is fundamentally a team sport. It's a sport where people really have to think about what's best for the team and how they can do well together. And that's a lesson we're trying to get across to America now. There are a lot of economic and educational and social problems that we can only face if we start to think of each other again as well as ourselves and start to play on a team again. And so you've set a good example not only for soccer but for the way we might do better in our own lives. We thank you for that and wish you well. Congratulations.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:30 p.m. in the Indian Treaty Room at the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Landra Reid, mother of Cavaliers soccer player Key Reid and wife of Senator Harry Reid of Nevada; Cavaliers coach Bruce Arena; and Jim Copeland, director of athletics, University of Virginia.

Nomination for Ambassador to Egypt February 25, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward S. Walker of Maryland as Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

"Ambassador Walker's broad experience in the Middle East and his dedicated service to the United States in the Foreign Service will

be a valuable asset to our Embassy in Egypt," said the President. "I am delighted to nominate him to this position."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

The President's Radio Address February 26, 1994

Good morning. Today I'm speaking to you from the First Police District in Washington, DC, the base for hundreds of police officers under the command of Inspector Robert Gales. The men and women who are with me here today and the other police officers throughout our Nation are a lot like you; they're our neighbors and friends, they're mothers and fathers, brothers, sisters, daughters, and sons. The difference, though, is that it's their job to keep

our streets, our workplaces, and our schools safe, and it's a dangerous job. In the last year alone, about 150 police officers were killed in the line of duty. Today I want to talk about two officers, one who died this week in Los Angeles, and the other, killed a few weeks ago just blocks from where I'm sitting now. Both followed in the footsteps of their fathers who also wore a badge. They served with idealism, dedication, and honor, and they died in the line of duty.

And I want you to believe, every time you put on one of these midnight basketball shirts, every time you participate in a tenant patrol, every time a student joins a drug-free program, every time one of these kids goes into a community service program like City Year, every time you do that, you are saying, "I not only claim my rights as an American, I recognize I have responsibilities as an American. I'm going to do my part to give this country back to the kids

and take it away from the drug dealers and the gun-toters." That's what we've got to do together. And I know we can do it.

God bless you, and thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:20 a.m. on the basketball court outside the community center. In his remarks, he referred to community resident Tiffany Hudson, U.S. Attorney James B. Burns, and Bishop Louis Henry Ford, pastor, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, Chicago, IL.

Remarks at the Opening Day Ceremonies for World Cup Soccer in Chicago

June 17, 1994

Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Americans, citizens of the world, the United States is honored to play host to this magnificent celebration. The World Cup has captured the imagination of our country, as has the game itself in the last few years. The love of soccer is now a universal language that binds us all together. So I welcome all who have come from all countries and all continents and all who will watch these games in the United States for the next 30 days.

We will reward with our cheers the courage and skill of all the players. Let us, in the proc-

ess, come to appreciate the unity of people throughout the world that this game represents. I say especially to President Sanchez and the people of Bolivia, *buena suerte* today. To Chancellor Kohl and the people of Deutschland, *Viel Gluck*. Good luck to you all, and welcome to the United States.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:40 p.m. at Soldier Field. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Long Island Rail Road Strike

June 17, 1994

For commuters who depend on the Long Island Rail Road to commute to work, it is regrettable that the talks between the Rail Road and the United Transportation Union have not been successful in averting a strike. In an effort to bring the parties together I appointed two Presidential Emergency Boards and, late Wednesday night, Secretaries Reich and Peña helped persuade both sides to stay at the bargaining table for another 24 hours.

It is important now that the parties get back to the table, with the continued assistance of the National Mediation Board, and engage in serious round-the-clock negotiations to end the

strike. I have instructed the Secretaries of Labor and Transportation to closely monitor the situation and report back to me.

In addition, I have directed the Department of Transportation to assist local authorities in providing appropriate assistance to the traveling public.

I understand that members of the New York congressional delegation are drafting legislation to deal with this situation which I have asked the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Transportation to review. I will continue to confer with Governor Cuomo, the congressional leadership, and the New York congressional del-

Soccer Facts and Figures:

- The first two Major League Soccer (MLS) seasons drew a total attendance of over five million fans -- an average of over 16,000 per game.
- MLS regular season games are broadcast worldwide by ESPN International, reaching more than ninety million households outside the United States.
- MLS Cup '97, the league's championship game won by DC United last fall, drew 57,431 fans at RFK Stadium -- the second largest sporting event ever held at the stadium.
- During the past two seasons, MLS television ratings have been comparable to both college basketball and National Hockey League regular season broadcasts.
- More than eighteen million American participate in soccer nationwide.
- Soccer is the second most popular sport among people under the age of eighteen, with over thirteen million youth participants.
- Soccer is now recognized as the youth sport with the most players engaged in organized activities -- a record 3.2 million kids registered to play in competitive leagues last year.
- While youth participation accounts for approximately 75% of all participants, adult interest in soccer is on the rise -- adult play rose 33% over the past year.



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US SOCCER PARTICIPATION TOPPED 18 MILLION IN '96 Adult Play Rose 33%

NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA (May 1, 1997) — More and more Americans are getting their kicks out of soccer, according an annual study published by the *Soccer Industry Council of America* (SICA). The 1997 National Soccer Participation Survey reports that 18.1 million individuals played soccer at least once last year, an 8% rise from the 16.8 million level recorded in 1995. While 13.4 million children under the age of 18 accounted for three out of every four people who played soccer, some 4.7 million adults also took to the field in 1996, 1.2 million more than competed a year before—a 33% increase.

The SICA survey also revealed:

- a 15% rise in male participation (from 9.5 to 10.9 million);
- a 12% gain in the number of players aged 12-17 (from 5.4 to 6.0 million);
- an 11% jump among "aficionados"—those who consider soccer their favorite activity (from 3.7 to 4.1 million).

Utah again led the nation with the highest rate of soccer participation as 18.4% of the state's residents aged six and over played the game last year, followed by Kansas (15.6%); Delaware (12.3%); Missouri (11.8%) and Iowa (11.5%).

Kansas City topped all metropolitan areas with a soccer participation rate of 18.7%, trailed by Cincinnati (12.7%), Minneapolis/St. Paul (12.2%), St. Louis (10.8%) and Houston (10.5%).

Although ranking second among team sports in the number of participants among the 6-11 age group (after basketball) and third among those 12-17 (trailing basketball and volleyball) soccer is now recognized as the youth sport with the most players engaged in *organized* activities (scheduled league competition). A record 3.2 million kids registered to play with US Youth Soccer, American Youth Soccer Organization or Soccer Association for Youth last year.

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SICA News Release

US SOCCER PARTICIPATION TOPPED 18 MILLION IN 1996---2

"Increases in all categories of play suggest that more moms, dads and kids will all be sharing the passion of playing the game and supporting their favorite teams, says SICA chairman Chris Price, president of Xara Sportswear USA. "Soccer is taking over as the sport of choice for the American family."

"We're excited to see the increased retention of older players, which was always a problem in the 80's, observes Peter Moore, vice president of global soccer marketing at Reebok International and member of SICA's board of directors. "With no professional leagues, many players 'flew the coop' to other sports. Now, with so many opportunities to play professionally in the States and overseas, players are staying with the game."

The National Soccer Participation Survey is derived from a syndicated tracking study conducted by American Sports Data, Inc., designed to identify general patterns, trends and relationships among a spectrum of sports and recreation activities. Copies of the entire report are available for purchase through the Soccer Industry Council of America.

The **Soccer Industry Council of America**, a committee of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, is a national coalition of soccer apparel, footwear and equipment suppliers and related businesses dedicated to promoting the growth in the USA of the world's most popular sport.

The **Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association**, the national trade association of North American manufacturers, producers and distributors of sports apparel, athletic footwear and sporting goods equipment, is dedicated to increasing participation in sports and recreation activities and fostering industry growth and vitality.

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1997 National Soccer Participation Survey

(measuring sports activity in 1996)

KEY FINDINGS

Total Participants.....	18,098,000.....	100%
(U.S. Population, 6 yrs or older, at least once per year)		
Male.....	10,858,000.....	60%
Female.....	7,240,000.....	40%
Under 18.....	13,410,000.....	74%
18 and over.....	4,688,000.....	26%
Frequent Participants.....	7,694,000.....	43%
(25 or more days/year)		
"Core" Participants.....	3,231,000.....	18%
(52 or more days/year)		
"Aficionados".....	4,048,000.....	22%
(Soccer is favorite activity)		
Northeast.....	4,211,000.....	23%
North Central.....	4,506,000.....	25%
South.....	5,233,000.....	29%
West.....	4,148,000.....	23%

YOUTH TEAM SPORTS RANKINGS

Participants 12 - 17 (000)

1. Basketball.....	12,702
2. Volleyball.....	8,708
3. Soccer.....	6,034
4. Football (Tackle).....	5,435
5. Softball.....	5,418
6. Baseball.....	4,444
7. Ice Hockey.....	785

Participants 6 - 11 (000)

1. Basketball.....	9,520
2. Soccer.....	7,376
3. Baseball.....	5,047
4. Softball.....	4,690
5. Volleyball.....	3,825
6. Football (Tackle).....	2,603
7. Ice Hockey.....	431

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1997 National Soccer Participation Survey

(Total Participants)**

TOP 20 SOCCER STATES

1.	California	2,111,000
2.	New York	1,431,000
3.	Texas	1,276,000
4.	Pennsylvania	1,041,000
5.	Ohio	962,000
6.	Michigan	733,000
7.	New Jersey	641,000
8.	Maryland	611,000
9.	Florida	574,000
10.	Missouri	526,000
11.	Washington	505,000
12.	Illinois	469,000
13.	North Carolina	457,000
14.	Minnesota	450,000
15.	Indiana	447,000
16.	Wisconsin	418,000
17.	Oregon	343,000
18.	Colorado	307,000
19.	Iowa	297,000
20.	Kansas	293,000

TOP 10 SOCCER MARKETS***

1.	New York/New Jersey/Connecticut/Pennsylvania	1,210,000
2.	Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County	1,142,000
3.	Washington, DC/Baltimore	636,000
4.	Houston/Galveston/Brazoria	477,000
5.	Philadelphia/Wilmington/Atlantic City	457,000
6.	Detroit/Ann Arbor/Flint	419,000
7.	St. Louis	331,000
8.	Cleveland/Akron	322,000
9.	Minneapolis/St. Paul	301,000
10.	Chicago/Gary/Lake County	299,000

**Compiled as an average of 1994, 1995 and 1996 participation

***Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)

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1997 National Soccer Participation Survey

(Total Participants)

TOP 15 STATE PARTICIPATION RATES

		Number of Participants**	Participants Per 100 People
1.	Utah	278,000	18.4
2.	Kansas	293,000	15.6
3.	Delaware	212,000	12.3
4.	Missouri	526,000	11.8
5.	Iowa	297,000	11.5
6.	Minnesota	450,000	10.3
7.	Indiana	447,000	10.1
8.	Connecticut	241,000	9.8
9.	Colorado	307,000	9.7
10.	Washington	505,000	9.4
11.	New York	1,431,000	9.4
12.	New Jersey	641,000	8.8
13.	Ohio	962,000	8.8
14.	Maryland	611,000	8.5
15.	California	2,111,000	8.1

TOP 10 SOCCER MARKET PARTICIPATION RATES***

1.	Kansas City	275,000	18.7
2.	Cincinnati/Hamilton	255,000	12.7
3.	Minneapolis/St. Paul	301,000	12.2
4.	St. Louis	331,000	10.8
5.	Houston/Galveston/Brazoria	477,000	10.5
6.	Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton	277,000	10.0
7.	Philadelphia/Wilmington/Atlantic City	457,000	9.2
8.	Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County	1,142,000	8.9
9.	Portland/Salem	244,000	8.6
10.	New York/New Jersey/Connecticut/ Pennsylvania	1,210,000	8.3

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1997 NATIONAL SOCCER PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Key Findings

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CATEGORY	1996 PLAYERS	1996 PERCENTAGE	1995 PLAYERS	1995 PERCENTAGE	1995/ 1996 CHANGE
Total Participation (US Population 6+ years at least once / year)	18,098,000	100 %	16,785,000	100 %	+7.8 %
Male	10,858,000	60 %	9,464,000	56 %	+14.7%
Female	7,240,000	40 %	7,321,000	44 %	-1.1 %
Under 18	13,410,000	74 %	13,271,000	79 %	+1.0 %
18 & Over	4,688,000	26 %	3,514,000	21 %	+33.4 %
Frequent Participants (25+ days / year)	7,694,000	43 %	7,314,000	44 %	+5.2 %
"Core" Participants (52+ days / year)	3,231,000	18 %	3,165,000	19 %	+2.1 %
"Aficionados" (Soccer is favorite activity)	4,148,000	22 %	3,725,000	22 %	+11.3%

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Crew Ends United Streak

McBride's Goal Tags D.C. With 1st Loss; Pope Ejected; Crew 2, United 1

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 4—When referee Tim Weyland blew his whistle for a final time tonight, signaling the end of the Columbus Crew's 2-1 victory over D.C. United, it was just about the only time everyone inside chilly Ohio Stadium agreed on the official's decision.

On a contentious night that left each team without a defender following controversial red cards, the Crew celebrated its home opener before 14,148 by sending two-time defending Major League Soccer champion United to its first defeat in four matches and snapping an eight-game winning streak dating from last season.

Forward Brian McBride scored the go-ahead goal in the 56th minute while his team was a player short, and United was unable to solve Crew goalkeeper Juergen Sommer, who made three excellent saves in the second half.

But the subject on the minds of many was Weyland, who ejected Columbus's Mike Lapper in the 20th minute -- just seven minutes after Lapper had given his team a 1-0 lead -- and tossed United's Eddie Pope in the 64th. He also issued three yellow cards and was confronted numerous times by players angered by calls.

"It was a very bizarre game given the circumstances," United Coach Bruce Arena said. "I don't think anyone on the field could figure out how the game was being called. . . ."

"If we had played any longer, it would have been seven on seven." }

Referees have been instructed by the league this year to penalize players more severely for tackles from behind and for blatant fouls. And although there was a lot of contact on the narrow, congested field, players and coaches from both teams said they thought some of the decisions were misguided. In addition to being ejected, Lapper and Pope must sit out their teams' next matches. For Pope, the MLS defensive player of the year last season who missed the first two games with a foot injury, it means not playing play in next Saturday's home game against Colorado.

"It seemed like every foul in the first half was a yellow card," said Pope, who received one in the 20th minute -- only his third yellow card in three seasons. His ejection, for tackling McBride from behind at midfield, was the first of his pro career.

Weyland "was throwing yellows around everywhere," Pope added.

Lapper was tossed for a reckless tackle on Jaime Moreno near the sideline.

"I'm not sure it was as bad as it looked," Crew Coach Tom Fitzgerald said, commenting on both red cards. "Jaime and Brian made it look worse than it was" by their animated reactions.

United took advantage of Lapper's dismissal immediately. Marco Etcheverry delivered the ensuing free kick into the middle of the box, where it was deflected to the left. Moreno, MLS's leading goal scorer last year, had no trouble putting it away for his first goal of the season.

But that was as good as it got for United, which allowed McBride's goal and then lost its man advantage when Pope was sent off.

McBride's goal spoiled a brilliant sequence by United goalkeeper Scott Garlick. After making a lunging save on Jason Farrell's long bid, Garlick stuffed McBride's rebound shot. Seconds later, he soared to his right to tip away Mike Clark's clear blast, but McBride fought off Pope at the six-yard box and knocked the ball into the vacant net.

Each goalkeeper made sure the score didn't change. Garlick stopped Billy Thompson's sharp bid with his legs in the 70th minute, and Sommer made a spectacular reaching save on reserve Ben Olsen's 16-yard shot two minutes later.

Then, with United applying heavy pressure, Sommer dived to his right to rob Brian Kamler, and with 30 seconds to go, United reserve Carey Talley sent a solid header from six yards just over the crossbar.

Despite its problems with the officiating, United also blamed itself for an inconsistent attack in the second half.

"We were a little rushed at times," midfielder Richie Williams said, "and we just didn't seem to get into the flow of the game. We were choppy."

United Notes: Defender Carlos Llamosa did not play because of flu, and forward Roy Wegerle (sore knee) didn't make the trip.

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Subject: Re: If you have a chance this weekend. . . .

A few thoughts re soccer:

- can't say "soccer is as popular here as abroad." IT AIN'T!!!! Say getting more and more popular every year ...

- say something about how soccer links America to the world, that the 57,000 fans at RFK were from every country on earth (i.e., the soccer fans are a LOT of immigrants) -- in other words, make a 'one america' diversity point

- also say something about soccer gaining such popularity among young people, especially children. soccer leagues across america -- boys and girls, need energy and determination (it's easier for a 6 year old to play soccer than to hit a baseball). (I say this as the parent of a child entering a soccer league!)

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO DC UNITED SOCCER TEAM
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CHAMPIONS

APRIL 6, 1998

*President of the team
and General Manager*

Congratulations and welcome. A special welcome to the National Student Athletes who join us. I thank Richard Lapchick for bringing them here and for all his work with the President's Initiative on Race. To Kevin Payne, *Coach* Bruce Arena -- who, ~~I've told~~, came to the United after an unmatched coaching career in college sports -- members and staff of this talented DC United team, it's an honor to have you at the White House today.

Congratulations to the most successful team in Major League Soccer history. You're undefeated this season. ~~CHECK You're widely considered~~ the best team in the league. And you're well on your way to threeppeat this year -- something I often wish I had the chance for in my current job.

DC United is making soccer as popular in the United States as it is all over the world. During the World Cup in '94 I spoke with the coach of the Brazilian team who was concerned about U.S. soccer. This sport, he said, wasn't our game. But we eased his worries and impressed everyone with the best World Cup in history. With DC United's amazing play in the '97 championship ... and in Saturday's stellar game against the Crew ... You are setting the standards for the future of major league soccer in the United States.

DC fans are helping you set that standard, with a spirit that's earning a reputation of its own. Despite torrential rains, over 57,000 fans went to RFK Memorial Stadium to watch you win last year's championship. No question about it, the DC fans, as Kevin Payne has said before, are the 12th man in your winning efforts.

And off the field DC fans can be proud of their team. DC United has become a valuable squad to the people of Washington. Your partnership with DC Scores supports after school reading and writing programs combined with the joys of playing soccer. I want to point out the winners of that program's essay contest who are with us today. They wrote outstanding essays on "What United Means to Me," an inspiring question I think about each day. *Wmms*

*Pronunciation
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Game stories*

Things to do:

. Check on this weekend's game!!

Get Acknowledgments

Info on National Student Athlete Day

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Did Packers win first two Superbowls? World Series info?

Where is Summit of Americas?

Is it possible that President would or could watch their game this weekend?

Richard Lapchick - w/ Race Initiative
Lapchick (w/ Nat'l Stds. Ath. Sports, Race Diversity, Race (Conflict Resolution) Social Issues)

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Fans - 12th player

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Student Athletes who are here

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for bringing them in
Thanks to R.L. & the fine work his organ is doing
w/ Pres. Initiative on Race.

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DC United ✱ valuable

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IN 2 Championship game stats a weekend's game.

You're undefeated this season You're widely considered best

And you're well on your way to 3peat ...

Bruce Arena

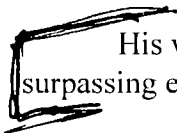
Head Coach and Assistant General Manager

1997 MLS Coach of the Year.

In those two seasons (96, 97), Arena has recorded 42 total victories, the most of any MLS coach.

In 1996 Bruce Arena stepped out of his own, very long shadow cast by his 18 years at the University of Virginia, to take the helm of D.C. United, where he confidently went about making the transition from one of the most successful coaches in U.S. collegiate soccer history to a winning professional coach in Major League Soccer's all important inaugural season. As his team pulled off a stunning overtime victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy in the inaugural MLS Cup final, it was clear that Arena, in his first year as an MLS coach, had left his own indelible stamp on professional soccer and its return to the USA.

Arena, 46, was named head coach and assistant general manager of D.C. United on January 3, 1996. Three months earlier, in October 1995, the United States Soccer Federation appointed him to the head coaching job for the under-23 team that would represent the USA in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

★  His winning percentage (.807) at UVA ranks among the best ever in collegiate sports surpassing even the legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden (.804).

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION - DC UNITED EVENT

Scheduled for Monday, April 6, 1998

- DC United is Washington D.C.'s team in Major League Soccer (MLS) - the professional soccer league in the U.S. (just as the Redskins are for the NFL).
- MLS started in 1996. DC United won the league championship that year -- the inaugural season. DC United also won the 1997 championship and they are favored to "threepeat" this year. (POTUS should refer to them as "MLS Cup Champions." The MLS Cup is the name of the championship game, just as the Super Bowl is the NFL's championship game.)
- We tried to arrange for the team to come here last fall, but schedules just didn't work.
- ★ The 1998 season began 3 weeks ago and DC United is 3-0. They play this coming weekend as well and should win -- I'll give you an update on Sunday/Monday. They are widely considered to be the best team in the league.
- D.C. has four players who play on the US National Team: Jeff Agoos (AYgus), John Harkes, Eddie Pope and Roy Wegerle (WAYgerlee). The National Team represents the U.S. in the World Cup every four years. It was played in the U.S. for the first time ever in the summer of '94 (the President went to the Opening Ceremonies in Chicago); this year it is being played in France during June and July.
- The two best players on the team are from Bolivia -- Marco Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno. Etcheverry, known as "El Diablo" for his wild hair and menacing scowl, is considered one of the better players in the world. Moreno was the leading goal scorer in the league last year.
- The team is coached by Bruce Arena, formerly the coach at the University of Virginia. He won several national championships at UVA and visited the WH with those teams.
- DC United has partnered with a local afterschool reading/writing program called DC Scores. The kids stay after school and engage in reading/writing programs, and then two days a week they play soccer games. DC Scores sponsored an essay contest, "What DC United means to me" with first prize being this trip to the WH. The two winners will come along with the team and help the captains of the team present the jersey to the POTUS.
- It is also National Student Athlete Day. The POTUS will take a photo with representatives of this group before the DC United Event. It's probably a good thing to mention in his remarks.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO DC UNITED SOCCER TEAM
MAJOR LEAGUE ~~SOCCER~~ SOCCER CHAMPIONS
APRIL 6, 1998

① *Capunk*
Congratulations and welcome. Mr. Payne, Mr. Arena, to the captains, members and staff of this talented team, ~~I am very excited by your visit and honored to be the first president to host the MLS Cup Champions at the White House. You would have thought that we'd hold this event much earlier, what with all the talk in the '96 election about soccer moms. But we're glad you're here now. Earlier today I met with some student athletes who visited for National Student Athlete Day. Some of you came to the White House a few years ago as remarkable student athletes at the University of Virginia. I'm glad you're back.~~ *the more bench to the world*

② ~~I especially want to congratulate you as the most successful team in Major League Soccer history, however brief that is. All of you should be proud of what you have accomplished, winning the MLS Cup two years in a row. And now, as you've started this season undefeated??, you're well on your way to a threepeat -- an accomplishment I unfortunately can not match in my current job. You are setting the standards for the future of major league soccer in the United States.~~ *ad. me charlie my States. I especially want to congratulate you as the most successful team in Major League Soccer history, however brief that is. All of you should be proud of what you have accomplished, winning the MLS Cup two years in a row. And now, as you've started this season undefeated??, you're well on your way to a threepeat -- an accomplishment I unfortunately can not match in my current job. You are setting the standards for the future of major league soccer in the United States.*

③ *DC United is making soccer as popular as it is*
Soccer has traditionally been more popular elsewhere in the Americas. I remember during the World Cup in '94 I spoke with the coach of the Brazilian team who was concerned about what the games would be like in the U.S. where, as he put it, soccer wasn't our game. But we eased his worries with the best World Cup ever. ~~Soccer has established a strong foothold in the U.S. sports world. Over 18 million Americans play soccer and the number is growing, especially among older players. Interest in Major League Soccer is booming, as well. Your 1997 championship game drew over 57 thousand fans to RFK Memorial Stadium and was the second largest sporting event ever held there. And as I was unwinding this weekend from my two-week trip to Africa, I tuned in, along with many others, to see your thrilling win over the Crew. (?)~~

④ *DC Fans are helping you set that standard*
~~The thing I love best about soccer is that it is fundamentally a team sport. It's a sport where people really have to think about what's best for the team and how they can work together. This dedication to team work has served you well on the field. And off the field DC United has teamed up with DC Scores to sponsor after school reading and writing programs combined with the joys of playing soccer. I want to point out the winners of that program's essay contest who are with us today. They wrote outstanding essays on "What United means to me," a question I think about each day as I work to realize the dream of one America.~~ *has been a valuable*

So congratulations and welcome to the White House.

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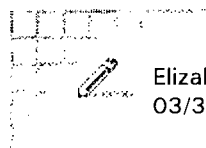
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Laura - If this is confusing, we can talk about it. The gist of this all is that Lapchick's organization will be highlighted by the PIR as a "Promising Practice." The PIR throughout the year has recognized community based organizations that are doing positive work on race relations.

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I just spoke with Jose Masso, Senior Associate Director, and Kevin Matthews, co-author of the Racial Report Card with Richard Lapchick, of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society. We will be highlighting the Center for its following activities:

1. Racial Report Card 1997 - A comprehensive analysis of the hiring practices of women and people of color in the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the NCAA and its member institutions. The Center has printed 5500 copies.
2. Diversity training and conflict resolution in partnership with the NBA - the first ever partnership with a professional league around diversity training which will be required of a huge number of people from coaches to support staff to players
3. Co-Sponsors with the *Boston Globe* of Boston Healing Day dedicated to create racial harmony which included an appearance by Muhammad Ali

Richard Lapchick is the director of the Center and the National Consortium for Academics and Sports. NCAs was established by the Center in 1985 with 11 schools which has now grown to 140. The NCAs evolved in response to the need to help keep the "student" in student-athlete. Lapchick is also described as a social activist and an internationally recognized expert on sports issues.

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D.C. UNITED TO VISIT WHITE HOUSE

HERNDON, Va. (April 1, 1998)

HERNDON, Va. (April 1, 1998) - It's become a tradition for the champions of the sports leagues in the USA to visit the White House and meet with the President of the United States. On Monday, April 6, D.C. United will have that honor as two-time champions of Major League Soccer.

D.C. United President and General Manager Kevin Payne, D.C. United Head Coach Bruce Arena, the members of the 1997 MLS championship team and the United front office staff, will meet President Bill Clinton in a brief ceremony in the White House. As is tradition, President Clinton will be presented with a D.C. United jersey.

"We're privileged to have been invited to the White House to meet President Clinton, especially as the two-time champions of Major League Soccer," Payne said. "It's a great honor for our entire organization. It represents a tremendous amount of hard work by our players, our staff, our volunteers and our fans, and we're really looking forward to it."

Three members of the United team have made a White House visit before. Arena, forward A.J. Wood and defender Clint Peay were all members of the 1993 University of Virginia that met with President Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore after becoming the first team in NCAA Division I soccer history to win three consecutive national titles.

I think they won 4 consec. titles.



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Team work ...

Thoughts:

Soccer Moms

Soon - to Summit of Americas in ?

Soccer very big
there

But And it's getting
bigger
here, too.

Threepeat!

I would too, if I could but...

You all have an opportunity to do something I am
forbidden from doing - 3peat

Watched their game this weekend in order to unwind from exhausting Africa
Trip.

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Manager? owner? Captains?

2 winners of DC Scores
Essay contest?

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 27, 1997

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT EVENT FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOOTBALL TEAM

The East Room

5:55 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: President and Mrs. Lombardi, Athletic Director Foley, Mayor Jennings, Congresswoman Thurman -- I know what a happy day this is for you. Senator Breaux, we're glad to see you here. Senator Breaux thinks he represents anyplace that's perpetually warm. (Laughter.) We're honored to have you here.

Let me say, when Coach Spurrier and Danny and I walked in I was hoping, when I hobbled in, that one of you might mistake me for a member of the team who just had a rough time in the bowl game. (Laughter.) But I remembered that a few years ago, Danny had a little knee injury, and if I come back from mine as well as he did from his, my future is secure, I think.

I am delighted to be here with you. I look forward to these occasions every year, but I especially want to congratulate you on a wonderful season and an astonishing championship game. The 32-point margin of victory, I'm sure all of you know, against the number one ranked team is the largest in bowl history and something that the University of Florida can always be very proud of. (Applause.)

I'd also note -- it's somewhat difficult for me to note this, being from Arkansas, but every year I've been President Florida has won the Southeastern Conference championship. (Laughter.) I was impressed not only by the stars on the team -- by Danny Wuerffel and Ike Hilliard, and by the fact that Terry Jackson joined his brother, Willy, in Sugar Bowl history by rushing for over 100 yards -- I was impressed by the teamwork of this team.

And I have followed college football very closely for nearly 40 years now, and I really believe that the University of Florida, in the last five or six years, has written a whole new chapter in college football in much the way that Oklahoma did a few decades ago with the wishbone. You have changed football forever and for the better. It is more exciting than it has

ever been before, and you do it better than anyone else.

I know that this national championship was a special triumph for Steve Spurrier because when he played for the Gators, he won the Heisman Trophy. He came back as a coach to have many successes, but there is no success like winning the national championship and doing it for your alma mater after so many efforts and so many fine performances, and, frankly, when it doesn't come so easily, when you have to keep fighting for it -- even sometimes when you think it's not quite fair must make it all the sweeter.

I've also been in a position of having to try to defeat someone who once beat me for something I cared a great deal about, and that makes it a little better, too. (Laughter.) So again, let me say it's a great honor to have you in the White House. I know I'm too old to play for this team, but don't hold my injury against me.

Coach Spurrier, the floor is yours. Thank you. (Applause.)

COACH SPURRIER: Thank you, Mr. President, for those kind words. I really appreciate it, and I'm sure our players do, also. And I do agree that the teamwork and the team camaraderie and the way I think our guys really care about each other was a big reason for our success these past few years.

On behalf of our coaches and players and all of our travel party, we want to thank you for this invitation to come up here to the White House and visit Washington, and also thank the White House staff. They've done a wonderful job showing us around, and I'm sure it will continue throughout the day.

We have a presentation to make to you -- Danny Wuerffel is going to do it in a minute -- not only signifying that the Gators are number one this past year, but also that we think you, President Clinton, do a super job, excellent job, as good as anybody does, of running our country, and that you're number one also with the Gators.

So, Danny, come on up. (Applause.)

MR. WUERFFEL: Again, we would just like to thank everyone here in Washington for making it such a memorable trip to come up here. It's been a special time. It's been a special season for all of us Gators the way that the team came together, and teamwork is really something that is stressed so much in America as our forefathers put together a government that worked on team and the team concept.

So, on behalf of our team, we would like to present you with this Gator jersey, Mr. President.

(The jersey is presented.) (Applause.)

COACH SPURRIER: I don't know if you can wear that jogging or not.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I can. Thank you. Move that out of here so we can take a good picture of this.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

END 6:00 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 17, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT RECEPTION FOR WORLD SERIES CHAMPION
FLORIDA MARLINS

The East Room

4:42 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Well, welcome to the White House. Mr. Smiley, Mr. Leyland. Glad to be joined by the Executive Director of the Players Association, Don Fehr; Congressman Deutsch, Congressman Foley, Congressman Wexler. I think I should also say -- I see my EPA Administrator, Carol Browner, here. You should know that this administration has three members, along with Carol Browner, Attorney General Janet Reno and the Secretary of the Treasury Bob Rubin who all grew up in South Florida. They're fairly happy about the outcome of the World Series.

You can tell that I am not running for office anymore -- I might not have said that here. But we are delighted.

When I was first elected President I never could have dreamed that a lot of the things that would occur in the last five years have occurred. I didn't imagine then that millions of people would be using the Internet every day. When I was first elected President, there were only 50 sites, and they were all the province of physicists. I couldn't have imagined that the deficit would come from \$300 billion to zero in five years. And I could not have predicted that the Florida Marlins would be here because they hadn't even played a game yet. That is a truly astonishing achievement.

But what you did in a short time was a gift to your magnificent leader, Jim Leyland, for a lifetime in professional baseball. And all of us who are baseball fans of whatever team had to be happy about that.

And, of course, a manager can't win without talented players and without teamwork. Livian Hernandez dazzled us with his pitching and became only the second rookie ever to win the World Series MVP Award. Charles Johnson's defense earned him the Gold Glove as catcher for the third year in a row. Edgar Renteria's name will live in baseball history forever for ending

one of the most exciting World Series in history with his two-out single in the bottom of the 11th. You know, those games got so long, some of us really did want them to go on forever after a while.

Baseball I think made a huge comeback as America's national pastime in this World Series, thanks to the magnificent competition which you won deservedly.

You know, a lot of the players on this team are newcomers to our country, and so are many of the fans of the Florida Marlins. I suppose it's only right that the capital of the Americas would take its turn as the baseball capital of the world. But even more importantly, we should be proud of the example this team set, proving once again that people of very different ethnic backgrounds can play together and win together. Now, it may not be the precise same Marlin team that played the Indians last year that takes the field on opening day, but if the players keep the same spirit they'll be sure to be in the hunt again when the season comes to a close.

Congratulations. For all of us who grew up with baseball as a national pastime, you gave America a great gift last year that none of us will ever forget. Thank you.

MR. SMILEY: Mr. President, thank you very much. On behalf of our owner, Wayne Huizenga; General Manager Dave Dombrowski, Jim Leyland's wife Katie, our players, our coaches, all of our front office staff back home, our officers, and especially our fans of South Florida, we were very excited to win the World Series, obviously, but we're very excited to be here today.

We thank you for this invitation to come to the White House. We're exhilarated by it. And hopefully, real soon we'll be able to do it again, after our next World Series Championship. Thank you.

Mr. President, we do believe baseball has made a comeback, and I believe that from our personal standpoint with the Florida Marlins, if I'm half as successful in balancing our budget as you were with America's, we will be back and we will win championships for years to come.

I have to give Bobby Bonilla some credit for that. He actually thought of it. But, anyway, Mr. President, we would like to let you know, and the First Lady know, and your entire Cabinet, that you are in our prayers and we will be thinking of you as you have these tough decisions to make here shortly.

Thank you very much.

MR. LEYLAND: Thank you very much. Mr. President, I really don't know if you know this or not, but you are the most important person I ever played golf with in my life. And I, too, would like to echo those sentiments --

SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE: Who won?

THE PRESIDENT: We did. We we're partners.

MR. LEYLAND: I also would like to echo those sentiments on behalf of the Florida Marlins. We are truly honored to be invited here today. It is a true pleasure for us. And we cannot thank you enough for the job that you have done in running this great country, the greatest country in the world, during your time as President of the United States. And that's from myself and all the players. Keep up the good work. And thank you for tremendous efforts in everything you've done for us.

And at this time, I would like to introduce one of our players who has a presentation for President Clinton. I know you're very familiar with this player, Mr. President, because he was a Baltimore Oriole for a short time but I hate to tell you that we had to get him to South Florida before he could get that World Championship. Here's Bobby Bonilla.

MR. BONILLA: On behalf of the Florida Marlins, the World Champion Florida Marlins, I mean -- I'm kind of nervous here because this is a kid from the South Bronx getting ready to stand here and give the President of our United States a World Series jersey. So this is really exciting for me. And I wish all of us on that World Championship team could be here, but they are working on that '98 budget cut. But this is a great bunch. It's a great bunch. So here you go.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Since you mentioned our golf game, I want to make two brief points before we adjourn -- we're going to take a picture. Number one is I want you to get another ring so you can quit about the time I quit, and then we'll go on the senior tour together.

Secondly, if you really thought of that line about the budget, we have a position open in the speechwriting staff that you'd be welcome to anytime.

END

4:52 P.M. EST

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO D.C. UNITED SOCCER TEAM
MAJOR LEAGUE CUP SOCCER CHAMPIONS
APRIL 6, 1998**

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I especially want to congratulate you as the most successful team in Major League Soccer history, however brief that is. You are setting the standards for the future of major league soccer in the United States.

(In a few weeks I will head to ??? for the Summit of the Americas) Of course, Soccer has traditionally been more popular elsewhere in the Americas. I remember during the World Cup in '94 I spoke with the coach of the Brazilian team who ^{was concerned} ~~confessed to me that he was a little worried~~ about what the games would be like in the U.S. where, as he put it, soccer wasn't our game. But ^{we eased} ~~he and the rest of the world found it was the best World Cup ever.~~ D.C. United and major league soccer have grown ^{out of that spark} ~~out of that spark~~, and Soccer is establishing a strong foothold in the U.S. sports world. Over 18 million Americans play soccer and the number is growing, especially among older players. Interest in Major League Soccer is booming, as well. Your 1997 championship game drew over 57 thousand fans to RFK Memorial Stadium and was the second largest sporting event ever held there. And as I was unwinding this weekend from my two-week trip to Africa, I tuned in, along with many others, to see your thrilling win over the Crew. (?)

The thing I love best about soccer is that it is fundamentally a team sport. It's a sport where people really have to think about what's best for the team and how they can ^{work} ~~do well~~ together. You ^{This D.C. to T.W. has served you well, on and off the field.} ~~all~~ have done so well on the field with your dedication to team work. And off the field D.C. United ^{has teamed up w/ DC Scores to sponsor} ~~recognizes the importance~~ teamwork plays in the education of our children. Your commitment to DC Scores is a fine example of the great things that can happen when schools and outside organizations unite. Engaging our children in after school reading and writing programs and ^{a little} ~~in the game of~~ soccer will surely help our children.!!@#!@# And I want to point out the winners of that program's essay contest who are with us today. They wrote outstanding essays on "What United means to me," a question I think about each day as I work on realizing the dream of one America.

So congratulations and welcome to the White House.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA

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Miami, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much, Secretary Cisneros, for that stirring set of remarks, for your kind and generous introduction, but more importantly, for your creative, vigorous and effective leadership in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The department now known as a source of innovation, well run, efficiently run, but also a place where values count, where ideas count, on the cutting edge of change.

Henry Cisneros, whether he is trying to integrate a housing development in Vidor, Texas, or trying to give safety and security back to the children in the public housing in Chicago, or donning a hard hat to try to take some buildings down and make public housing more humane all across the country, he's the model of what we all ought to be in public service today. (Applause.)

Let me also say, only half jokingly, he also has just demonstrated Clinton's third law of politics -- which is, whenever possible, be introduced by someone you've appointed to high office; they will brag on you every time. (Laughter.)

To President Raul Yzaguirre -- we were just reminiscing that he has been a leader of La Raza now for 20 years. I'm very glad you don't have term limits. (Laughter.) He's been a good thing for your organization.

To your board chair, Audrey Alvarado; to all the members of Congress who are here -- Congressman Pastor and Congressman Esteban Torres, who came from Washington with me and represents California; and all the members of the Florida delegation who are here -- Representatives Meek and Brown and Deutch, Diaz-Belart, and Shaw. And to my good friend, Senator Bob Graham and Lt. Governor McKay -- and I think Governor Chiles is here; I know he was here. I am delighted to be

here in Florida and most especially with La Raza.

I want to say that when Henry and I were discussing what I should say today he said I should say -- let's see if I do it -- si, su puede -- yes, we can. (Applause.) That has been the model of my presidency, and in some ways it was the model I was raised with by my wonderful mother, who never spoke a word of Spanish but understood that message.

I want to especially recognize, too, the honored guests you have here for Seniors Day. They know the meaning of those words, and they have done so much for us. (Applause.)

As we gather here today looking into a future that will begin a new century and a new millennium, I think it is important that we view all the specifics that we discuss -- those that you have already discussed and the things I am about to say -- in the larger context of the challenges of this time. I asked the American people for this office because I believe that we had to do much more to restore our economy, to restore the American Dream, to help to create a world of peace and prosperity in which Americans could live up to their full potential -- because I believed that we could not do that unless we made a great strength of our diversity; unless we were a country coming together, not coming apart; and because I believed we could not do that unless the government of the United States worked for ordinary citizens again.

The future of the 21st century, the America that I want to see us build together, will be an America where Hispanic leadership anchors its place in boardrooms, schoolrooms and all the halls of power, in which Hispanic Americans will be sought out as leaders among opinion shapers and policymakers. In the America that's now just around the corner, in all our futures, Hispanics running for mayor, governor, Congress and, yes, for president won't be running against the tide, but with it. They will be leading the rebuilding of America and a renaissance of community, family and work from the grassroots up.

Of course, much of this is happening already. More than 5,000 Hispanics hold elective office in America today, a world away from the numbers of a generation ago. The Hispanic Congressional Caucus has grown to 18 members and will surely grow more.

Up and down the Americas as we nurture democracy and expand trade, Hispanics are the bridges between our different countries and our cultures -- bridges that will lead us to tomorrow.

There is no doubt that in the unity of Hispanic Americans there is great strength, and that in the diversity of America there is great strength if we will but develop it and nourish it.

In the last 18 months since I took office, we have followed that course -- a course set in a long campaign and, before that, in a long public life -- a course of change that you deserved. One of the things I have tried to do -- and Secretary Cisneros referred to that -- is to try to make this administration look more like America.

Henry Cisneros and Federico Pena have become household names. But there are 288 other Hispanic American appointees, 2.5 times as many as in the previous administration, many at the senior level. Eleven percent of the judicial appointments are Latinos, compared to just two appointments in each of the last two administrations.

There are people who may or may not be well known, but they are making a difference every day -- people like Aida Alvarez and Nelson Diaz at HUD, Norma Cantu and Mario Moreno at Education, Fernando Torres Gill at HHS and Jack Otera and Maria Echeveste at Labor. Joe Velasquez, Suzanna Valdez, Carolyn Curiel and many others in the White House.

I have recently nominated Gill Casellas to head the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. We've been joined by Polly Baca as Director of Consumer Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services -- (applause) -- and by General Ed Baca as head of the National Guard, the first Hispanic ever to head the National Guard in the history of the United States. (Applause.)

If you ask me do we need to do more and better, I would say yes. But we are doing better than people have done before. You just keep urging and working, and we'll keep doing better, broadening the base of America's government.

The whole purpose and strategy of everything that I have tried to do as your president is to make the American Dream a real possibility for all of our citizens in a dramatic -- even breathtakingly -- changing world.

The first thing we had to do was to get our economic house in order, to end the drift of the economy. Last year Congress voted by the narrowest of margins for the economic plan that I proposed that included \$255 billion in spending cuts, tax breaks for 15 million working American families making 90 percent of our small businesses eligible for tax reductions, increasing income taxes on the wealthiest 1.5 percent of our people.

When that budget, combined with this budget, which eliminates over 100 government programs, cuts 200 others and reduces the federal work force by over a quarter of a million, giving us the smallest federal government in 1999 that we've had since Kennedy was President, when these two budgets are put together, we will have reduced the federal deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President of the United States. (Applause.)

The federal debt we will pass along to our children and grandchildren will be \$700 billion less than it was estimated to be when I took office as President. We're also trying to grow this economy through expanding exports, through trade agreement, like NAFTA and GATT, bringing down foreign barriers to our products and services, eliminating our own barriers to the exports of a lot of our high-tech products.

Already because of NAFTA we're exporting autos to Mexico at more than five times the rate of a year ago. And overall exports to Mexico

are growing faster than to any other country with which we trade. Mexico's exports to the United States are also up, too. Both of us are winning, because we did the right thing on NAFTA last year.

And I have just come from a meeting of distinguished citizens of South Florida who are working to make the Summit of the Americas, near the end of this year, a success.

You know, this meeting that we're going to have will include the Democratic leaders of this entire hemisphere, the Caribbean and Central and South America, as well as in North America. We are going to talk about what we can do to strengthen democracy, what we can do to continue to integrate all of the Americas economically. And what we are going to do to help to build a system of sustainable development so that we can preserve our precious natural resources and grow our economies at the same times. It will be an historic meeting, and we are having it right here in Miami. (Applause.)

I told the folks who were there that I had the opportunity last night to talk to the coach of the Brazilian Soccer Team and the head of the Brazilian Federation of Soccer. (Applause.) Once again reminding me of some of the things we have to do as Americans because he spoke very good English and I didn't speak his language. "

But he said an interesting thing to me. He said, "You know, when we all came here we wondered about this World Cup because we knew soccer was not your game. And, yet, we've had wonderful attendance. We've had an open door to all of our people coming from other countries to see your games. The American people have made this the best World Cup ever." Well, it put me to thinking, soccer may not be our game, but democracy is; enterprise is; diversity as a strength is. We can make the Summit of the Americas a truly historic event for all of you in this room and all you represent. Twenty years from now we'll look back on what is happening in Miami at the end of this year as one of the most important events, paving the way to the right kind of future in the 21st century. (Applause.)

Let me say this strategy is working: bringing the deficit down, investing more in education and training, investing more in new technologies, opening new trade opportunities. It's working. The last 18 months our economy has generated more than 3.8 million jobs, the unemployment rate has dropped 1.7 percent, last year we had the largest number of new businesses started in the United States than any year since the end of World War II. We are going in the right direction. (Applause.)

But we know we need to do more. We know we have to give our citizens the confidence they need to grow. We know that among Latinos there has been stronger support for the idea of education and hard work through education as the way out of poverty and the way to the American Dream than perhaps any other community in the United States. But we also know that we have not yet provided our people with the kind of lifetime learning opportunities that we now know are necessary to succeed and win in the global economy.

The average person, after all, will change jobs seven times in a lifetime. So we need a world-class system that starts from the day someone enrolls in kindergarten or pre-school, to the day they finish high school, to the day they go to college or go into a job-training program, or go into work for the first time until the day they retire. And we are working on that.

This year the Congress has provided, largely on a completely bipartisan basis, perhaps the most important education reforms we have had in a generation -- a total reform of the Head Start system serving more children at a younger age; expansion of childhood immunization; the Goals 2000 bill, which sets international educational goals for all of our schools and encourages grass-roots reforms to meet them; the school-to-work transition bill which trains young people who don't go on to college, but who do need at least two years of further training to get good jobs with a growing income. We must do that for every one of our non-college-bound young people. And we are now considering a way to change the unemployment system into a reemployment system so that when people lose their jobs they can immediately begin to retrain for the jobs of tomorrow.

Now, when you put all that with what the Congress did last year in the economic program, which was to reform the college loans so that -- listen to this -- we made 50 million Americans eligible for lower interest rates, better repayment on their college loans -- so that no one should ever not go to college again because of the cost of a college education -- we are on the right track to the future. (Applause.)

We are trying to do things that honor your values -- opportunity, responsibility, community, and the soul of the Hispanic culture -- our families. Last year we enacted the Family Medical Leave law, and we cut taxes on 15 million working families to encourage people to stay in the work force, not to slip back into welfare. We established a White House commission on Hispanic educational excellence, chaired by Raul. And I am confident that he will find even more ways for us to help the people who need help.

Our program of national service, AmeriCorps, has benefitted from the guidance of La Raza. This year we will have 20,000 young Americans all across the country working in their communities to deal with problems, and earning money to continue their education. Year after next we can have 100,000 young Americans rebuilding America from the grass roots up. In Texas alone, the community service program helped to immunize 100,000 extra children in the first year it was in place.

To give you an idea of the dimensions of what national service can do for America, in your communities, in the largest year of participation of the Peace Corps, the largest number we ever had participating was 16,000. We'll have 20,000 this year in national service, 100,000 the year after next. It can help to rebuild America. And the spirit of La Raza should be there in project after project after project after project. (Applause.)

There are two issues I want to speak with you about in closing today, without which we cannot make America what it ought to be. The first is crime. It is tearing our country apart, costing us too much in money and in humanity. And we have to take control of our streets and our neighborhoods again. Right now we are very close to winning passage of an historic crime bill that would put 100,000 more police officers on the street -- a 20 percent increase in the number of police officers on the street. It would ban assault weapons that too often make gangs better armed than the police who are supposed to be protecting the American people. (Applause.)

And I might add, for those of you who come from rural sporting constituencies like mine, it would identify over 600 sporting and hunting weapons that could not be banned or restricted in any way. It is a law enforcement measure.

It would provide tougher penalties for repeat offenders, more money for local governments to build jail cells, but for the first time ever, \$8 billion in prevention -- to give our young people something to say yes to as well as something to say no to. (Applause.)

But we've been slowed down in the last few weeks, and we need to speed up to pass the crime bill. If anybody doubts why we need it, notice your morning papers. Yesterday the Department of Justice released a study that showed that in America children between the ages of 12 and 17 are five times more likely to be beaten, raped and robbed than adults in America. Children are the new victims of crime in America. Our children are the most common victims. And the trends are not good because our children are also more and more likely to be the most common perpetrators. Violent crimes committed against children are up 23 percent since 1987, even in many cities where the overall crime rate is going down. We are allowing our children to be terrorized, a generation of children to be lost in place after place in America, and we must stop it.

And this problem is infecting people without regard to their race. I'll never forget meeting the parents of Polly Klaas, who was kidnapped from her bedroom in Petaluma, California, and subsequently killed. And then there was the letter I got in late April or early May, which a lot of you remember, from nine-year-old James Darby of New Orleans. He wrote me this letter and pleaded with me to do something about the crime problem. He said, "I think somebody might kill me, and I'm asking you nicely to do something about it." Nine days later he was gunned down; nine years old, writing the President, pleading for help. Then yesterday we get the statistical horror that our children are five times more likely to be victimized than the rest of us.

The names of Polly Klaas and James Darby and all the others we're going to lose if we don't act -- it's time, it's time to put all of our differences aside, to work out the problems we have to work out and pass that crime bill. Every day, every week, every month that goes by is another period of time when the police aren't on the street, when the assault weapons ban is not in place, when the tougher penalties on

repeat offenders are not in place, when we don't have the prevention programs on the streets in every neighborhood in the United States. This is the best and biggest and most significant fight on crime in the history of the United States, and we ought to act on it and do it now. (Applause.)

The other problem I need your help and I have to thank you for is health care. I want to thank first, La Raza, for issuing its statement in favor of universal coverage and shared responsibility. But I also want to talk frankly about this. You know, for 60 years our country has tried under presidents of both parties to reform our health care system, to provide health security for all Americans. And we have never been able to do it.

There are reasons for that. But, first, let me ask you to look at the system we have now. What is good about it? The doctors, the nurses, the technology, the medical research --if you can get it, it is the finest in the world. And there are a lot of selfless people -- I have been to a public health clinic here in Miami that I will never forget. Treating people without regard to their means, and giving the best health care they possibly could.

But if you look at our system and compare it to others, and if you want America to compete and win in the global economy, we must be willing to rigorously compare ourselves to others -- both our strengths and our weaknesses -- here are the facts: We spend a bigger percentage of our income, 14.5 percent on health care, than any other country. Nobody is over 10 percent. Canada spends 10 percent, Germany and Japan spend about 8.5 percent.

But we are the only nation that simply cannot figure out how to cover everybody; in fact, we're going in reverse. Ten years ago, 88 percent of our people were covered with health insurance or covered by government programs. Today we're back to 83 percent and dropping.

States have struggled with reforms. Forty states have enacted various kinds of insurance reforms. Of the states which have acted, 30 of those states have still had an increase in the number of people without insurance. You say, well, 83 percent, that means only one in six Americans don't have health insurance. That's not too bad -- even though nobody else would tolerate it, it's not too bad. But it is bad. Why? Because nearly everybody can lose your health insurance. Who can't lose their insurance? If you're rich, you can always buy it, if you're poor the government will give it to you, if you're in jail you'll get it, if you work for the government you'll get it. Anybody else can lose it, even if you've got it. And we simply have to find a way to deal with this.

The second big problems we have is, I saw all of you nodding your heads when I was talking about education and training out there, identifying with what I said. Most Americans without regard to their party would say the United States today should be spending more investing in our future. More on education and training, more on airports, more on roads, more on technology. More to build a powerful

economy. You ought to look at your federal government budget.

Now, I am proud of the fact that we're eliminating 100 programs and cutting over 200 others. Proud of the fact that I gave the Congress the first budget in 25 years if it passes this way, that will actually reduce domestic spending, excluding health care and the other things we've called entitlements. But if you look at what we're doing, we are cutting defense and I don't believe we can cut it much more. We are right at the edge, beyond, below which we shouldn't go. We've cut it dramatically.

We're holding all other domestic spending constants and health care is exploding. We're exploding health care costs at two and three times the rate of inflation, paying more for the same health care. You're going to be listening to presidential campaigns from now till kingdom come if we don't do something about health care where the people will be standing up and telling you something that's not so because they won't be able to spend a nickel to see the cow jump over the moon. They will have to spend all the money, pay more every year for the same health care.

Small businesses in America are paying 30 percent more on average than big business and government, and more and more people are going without health care coverage. Now, this is the biggest issue -- a bigger issue to Hispanic Americans than any other group. Why? Because more working Hispanics are uninsured than any other group of Americans. More than 32 percent of the Hispanic population is uninsured, compared to 13 percent for Anglo Americans and 20 percent for African Americans.

Why is that? Is that because more of you are on welfare? No. If you were on welfare you'd have health insurance. It's because you are working -- for small businesspeople, or part-time for jobs that do not have health benefits, often for employers that honestly cannot afford health benefits in the current environment.

Now, one of the real problems we have with this debate is that the people who want to stop us from fixing it say they're sticking up for small business. They say that small business can't afford one percent of payroll, or two percent of payroll to provide for health care. The problem is that most small businesses today are trying to provide health care, and they're paying too much for two reasons: Number one, because they're having to carry the burden for those who won't do anything for their employees; and number two, because they're small, they can't get the same good rates that people who work for government and big business can. And it's not right. (Applause.)

We have always believed that the states were the laboratories of democracy. I'm supporting the state of Florida now in a very innovative thing they want to do with health care. But we do have one state, Hawaii, who 20 years ago decided that there ought to be shared responsibility, a 50-50 deal -- employers pay half of health insurance and employees pay half of it, and everybody get covered. They have about 98 percent coverage. Their infant mortality rate has dropped by 50 percent. Their average longevity is more than the national average.

You say, well, Hawaii is a healthy, happy place. We all go there to play golf, or whatever. The truth is that 20 percent of their health burden are poor native islanders. And the most important thing is that small business premiums there are 30 percent below the national average. Why? Because nobody is refusing to do their part, and because the little guys can join together in big pools and get the same costs that bigger employers can.

My fellow Americans, the Hispanic community has always stood for work over welfare, for holding families together against all the odds, and for the notion that the community was important, that we all became more by working together and being loyal to one another than we could just pursuing our individual destinies. And yet we are living in a country that is the only advanced country in the world that cannot figure out how to cover all of its people. We are punishing the small businesses who try to do the right thing. We are spending 40 percent more of our income than anybody else. We are losing ground on coverage every day. And a lot of people say that what we ought to do is put a Band-Aid on the present system.

I say to you, this is one issue where the political rhetoric is divorced from the reality. The right thing to do for small business that will generate more jobs is to ask everybody to be responsible, give small business a break, give small business the voluntary opportunity to join a buying cooperative so they can get better rates, but cover everybody. Cover everybody.

We have experience. We know what works and what doesn't. This is a very tough fight because we are spending so much of our money on health care on things that relate to the financing of health care, not keeping people healthy or treating them when they're sick. And a lot of people don't want to change the status quo. But if you look at the trends, it is truly frightening -- 32 percent of Hispanic Americans, working people -- of all the people in America without health insurance today, 85 percent of them get up every day and work for a living. And if they would quit and go on welfare, we'd give them good health care.

Is that the message we want to send to our people? Is that the message we want to send to our children? Do you want health care for sure? Go on welfare, go to jail, get elected to Congress or get rich. (Laughter.) I'm not criticizing the Congress. Be a federal employee. Be the President. Be President. I've got it. And I'm not going to lose it. And it's not right. And we know what to do. Do we have the will, do we have the courage, do we have the vision to do it?

I ask you this because it isn't just that one in six Americans don't have health insurance; it isn't just that one in three Hispanics don't have health insurance; it's that the two and three who do have it could lose it. Eighty-one million of us live in families like Henry Cisneros' family, where his young son, who means more to him than anything in the world, has fought a heroic battle against a tragic health problem. And he works for us, so he's got health insurance. What if Henry Cisneros were a traveling salesman? What in God's name

would have happened to his son?

There are 81 million of us that live in these families. We owe it to them to be able to work, to grow, to flourish, to take care of their children. Or if their wives get premature breast cancer or a man has a heart attack at 40, we cannot shut them down. And unless you cover everybody, if you try to fix their problem, the only thing you're going to do is raise everybody else's insurance and have more middle class people losing their insurance. We know what to do. Do we have the courage to do it?

La Raza is here after 26 years because you kept pushing people to change, because you did not deny the existence of real problems, but instead embraced the exhilaration of dealing with them. Now, I know a lot of the things I do as President aren't always popular, but I'll tell you what, I show up for work every day and I ask people to face real problems. This is a real problem. Crime is a real problem. Welfare is a real problem. Continuing to make this economy go forward is a real problem. They are also enormous opportunities. This is the greatest country in human history. I believe we can deal with this if you'll give us the energy and support we need to do it.

Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE
SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much. Senator Graham, Governor Chiles, Lt. Governor McKay, all the members of the committees who have worked so hard to make this a success -- I'm delighted to look out there and see so many friendly faces. I thank all the members of Congress who are here -- Congresswoman Meek and Congresswoman Brown. Congressman Deutch and his wife and two children went jogging with me on the beach today. (Laughter.) Congressman Diaz-Balart, Congressman Shaw. Congressman Fascell, we miss you in Washington. (Applause.)

I am delighted to see so many of my friends from the Florida legislature and from state government, and Mr. Hawkins and all the people from the county government, and all the mayors who are here. I thank you all for working together and for working together across party lines, regional lines, governmental lines, to make this a great success.

When I ran for president, I was obsessed with the idea that we had to do something to bring our country together, to face the major challenges here at home and abroad that would be barriers to our people living up to their full potential as we move toward the 21st century. And it seemed to me then, it seems to me now even more strongly that there are three or four things that we have to do. One of them is embodied in this great meeting.

First, we had to get our economic house in order, bring the deficit down, get the economy going again at home. That's happened. We're on the verge of passing a budget which will give us three years of deficit reduction for the first time since Harry Truman was president, and by 1999 the smallest federal government since John Kennedy was president, and has produced about 3.8 million new jobs. So that's the first step.

But the second thing we have to do is to train and educate our people for the 21st century. And we're working on that. Lifetime learning must become the law of the land.

The third and the fourth things we have to do it seems to me both relate to this summit, but especially the third one. We have to find more partners. We have to expand the frontiers of trade and investment. That's what NAFTA was about; that's what the GATT agreement is about; that surely is what the Summit of the Americas is about.

Finally, we have to find ways to continue to grow in a world of limited resources, sustainable development. We have to find it through environmental technologies. We have to find it through the information superhighway that the Vice President talks about. We have to prove, in other words, that the skeptics who believe that in the 21st century technology for the first time in all of human history will reduce total economic opportunities are dead wrong.

And if you think about the Summit of the Americas and what it means not just to Miami and Dade County in Florida, but to all of the United States as we move toward the 21st century, in that context you can see the historic importance of the endeavor in which you are engaged. We have got to find a way to capitalize on the fact that all but two nations in this hemisphere are now governed by democracy.

When we consulted with all of our friends and partners and all the other nations that will participate, there was a consensus that we ought to focus on three things: first of all, how to strengthen democracy in these nations. All of us know, as we argue and fight and struggle, that democracy, as Churchill once said, is the worst form of government in the world except for all the others. (Laughter.) But it requires a lot of management. It's not an easy, clean, neat thing. And it requires a lot of infrastructure. So the first thing that our partners wanted us to discuss is how we can keep democracy alive in all these nations, and how we can make it function better; what kinds of systems do they need to develop in various countries to help that.

The second thing, obviously, that everybody wanted to discuss was how we can continue to integrate the Americas economically, to expand the frontiers of trade and investment and to help all the nations to grow.

The third thing that they all wanted to discuss was what now has become known as sustainable development. How can we preserve the environment and promote the economy. And, interestingly enough, it is not just an issue for the developing nations; it is not just an issue for Amazonia. It's an issue for the United States and Canada as we struggle to preserve the salmon population in the Pacific Northwest and still make it possible for our people to make a living up there.

So these things will be the focus of this summit, the political focus, the economic focus, the sustainable development focus. And if we do it right, if we prepare well, if we organize well, if we listen to our friends well, and if then we have a real system for following up on

this, this will not only be a phenominal thing for all of you here in this region, but 20 or 30 years from now, people will look back on it as a truly historic event for the United States. I think some evidence of that is the importance we attach to it.

I want to thank two people in particular who are here today. First of all, Congressman Esteban Torres of California doesn't represent Dade County but he showed up today because he supports what we're trying to do, and he is a very good man. (Applause.) And, secondly, I would like to thank my Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Henry Cisneros, who has also come to Miami to make an important announcement later today. (Applause.)

The last thing I want to do is to say, if I might, a simple thank you, and go get 'em -- because I am well aware that this conference cannot succeed without the kind of enthusiasm that you've already expressed here this morning be sustained between now and December.

I just, last night, had an interesting talk with the coach of the Brazilian soccer team. (Laughter.) But one of the things he said that will leave a lasting impression on me, he said, in quite good English -- once again, impressed upon me that I couldn't speak Spanish very well, much less Portuguese -- he said, when we came to America, no one quite knew what to expect because your country was not supposed to be the home of soccer. But it's the best World Cup we ever had.

Now, we are the home of democracy. We are the home of expanded trade. We are the country that, of all the great democracies of the world, has the most racial and ethnic and cultural and religious diversity. And we must make these nations feel that we are their true friend and partner, and that we are going into the next century together -- not just for our children, but for theirs as well.

That is your mission. If you can do it, I will say again, 20 or 30 years from now, the entire United States, indeed, this entire part of the world, will look back on this event and thank you for setting us on the proper course to the future.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CHAMPIONS
APRIL 6, 1998

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