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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 2/9/00 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 2/11/00Subject: CANDIDATES FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mary Beth Cahill 

RE: **Candidates for the White House Youth Advisory Council**

A few weeks ago, you approved the recommendation of the Office of Public Liaison and the Domestic Policy Council to form a White House Youth Advisory Council to build on the significant progress this administration has made to connect with our nation's youth. This Council will provide young Americans with an opportunity to consult with you and your administration about issues such as poverty, race relations, education, social security, and youth violence, and give a national voice to their ideas and concerns.

The directors of the Office of Public Liaison and the Domestic Policy Council will serve as the Council's co-chairs. Up to 15 youth leaders from across the country will be appointed to the Council based on their ability to provide solutions to national issues such as education, social security, and youth violence. Youth leaders will be responsible for implementing a communication mechanism for youth input on the nation's agenda and the White House Council Against Youth Violence. These young leaders will also have the opportunity to highlight those positive solutions created by young Americans in response to the needs and interests of their generation, and will help prepare reports on various aspects of problems relating to youth. The Council will meet three times a year in March, June and September with you and/or the co-chairs. Youth leader membership will change for each session, and up to 15 new youth leaders will be appointed to serve at each separate meeting.

Listed below for your review are the names and biographies of 14 youth leaders. Both the Office of Public Liaison and the Domestic Policy Council believe these candidates are uniquely qualified for the Council's first session in March. A separate decision memo regarding the appointment of youth leaders for the June and September sessions will be forwarded to your attention shortly. **I recommend that you approve the following individuals as members of the White House Youth Advisory Council:**

Mr. Martin Banda, Age 17, Harlington, Texas

Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year. Martin Banda, an Hispanic American, is the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year and Southwest Regional Youth of the Year. He is an 11-year member of the Boys and Girls Club of Harlington, Texas. He has served as a Boys and Girls Club peer leader for the SMART MOVES drug, alcohol, and teenage pregnancy prevention initiative. SMART MOVES is a student managed program that assists in developing leadership skills for teenagers.

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Mr. Jody Carter, Age 21, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Youth In Action National Youth Advisory Council and Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation.

Jody Carter has been a board member of the Youth In Action Council for three years, and is responsible for highlighting the thousands of youth solutions that are presented to Youth In Action on their Web site. One of the youth solutions to school violence featured by Youth In Action includes "Across the Lines" in Concord-Carlisle High School in Concord, Massachusetts. This weekly program brings together students from different backgrounds to discuss racial stereotypes and race relations. Mr. Carter is also a member of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation where he teaches youth leadership skills.

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Ms. Marie Celestin, Age 22, Boston, Massachusetts

Growing Individuals Reacting to Life's Struggles (G.I.R.L.S.) Marie Celestin, an African American, is the founder of a girl-led non-profit organization called G.I.R.L.S. Her organization coordinates annual conferences and monthly forums for young women in the Boston area on gender discrimination, body image, and self-esteem. She is a member of the Title 9 Advocacy Project Policy Advisory Committee which works on gender discrimination and sexual harassment in schools. She is also a member of the Youth In Action National Youth Advisory Council.

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Mr. Charlie Dominguez, Age 19, New York, New York

Hetrick Martin Institute's Youth Leadership Program. Charlie Dominguez is an Hispanic American who is gay. He is currently participating in the Youth Leadership Program at the Hetrick Martin Institute in New York. He also works on a program called POP (Peers Outreaching to Peers), a peer anti-violence program which seeks to reduce the level of violence--especially gang related violence--against both gay and straight kids.

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Mr. Jeffrey Johnson, Age 25, Baltimore, Maryland

NAACP National Youth Council. Jeffrey Johnson, an African American, serves as the NAACP National Youth Council Coordinator. In this capacity, Mr. Johnson represents over 30,000 young people in 450 NAACP youth councils nationwide. As a student at the University of Toledo, Mr. Johnson served two terms as president of the Black Student Union and as president of the student government. He now serves as a minister at United Baptist Church in Baltimore.

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Ms. Erin McCarthy, Age 18, Seattle, Washington

Winner of the 1999 MAVIA Youth Peacemaker Award. Erin McCarthy was the recipient of the 1999 Mother Against Violence in America (MAVIA) Peacemaker Award. She has worked to end violence through workshops and forums, bringing together people from different groups to talk about issues such as race, poverty, and violence. She has also spoken at numerous engagements and has gone before the Seattle City Council to express her concerns for such issues.

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Ms. Isolde Raftery, Age 17, Seattle, Washington

SAVE Program. Isolde Raftery is an active member of SAVE's program at Garfield High School. SAVE's chapter collaborates with the police to work on projects to reduce violence in the area. She spoke at the Red Hot Chili Pepper's "Concert to End Violence."

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Mr. Hans Reimer, Age 25, Oakland, California

The 2030 Center. Hans Reimer is the founder and director of the 2030 Center, an organization that mobilizes youth around Social Security, Medicare, pay equity issues, and education and employment issues. He is the author of *Strengthening Social Security for Young Workers*, and served on a White House Panel to discuss the impact of budget policy on younger generations.

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Ms. Cathy Serafica, Age 24, Los Angeles, California

UCLA Pilipino Recruitment and Enrichment Program (PREP). Cathy Serafica, an Asian-Pacific American, became involved in the UCLA Pilipino Recruitment and Enrichment Program (PREP) first as a high school student and later as an organizer in college. Through PREP, she helped to facilitate weekly community forums for Filipino American high school students from the Los Angeles area and UCLA college students to discuss Filipino American history, culture, and higher education and contemporary community issues. As a graduate student, she is an active member of the Diversity Recruitment and Mentoring Committee of the UCLA Department of Information Studies.

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Mr. Jason Summey, Age 17, Asheville, North Carolina

Winner of the 1998 President's Service Award. Jason Summey, an African American, was the recipient of the 1998 President's Service Award. When he was president of his 8th grade class, he launched "Be Cool ... Stay in School" and a "Dropout Patrol" Both of these programs provide support and counseling for students who are considering the possibility of leaving school.

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Mr. Marlin Thomas, Age 23, Alton, Illinois

National Council on Disability Youth Leadership Council. Marlin Thomas, an African American, is a peer mentor for youth with disabilities. He is an active member of the National Council on Disability Youth Leadership Council. In Illinois, he works at a local adult independent living center that was developed from a grant by the Department of Education. In his peer mentorship role, Mr. Thomas communicates with youth in local schools and colleges about the Disability Rights Movement and issues affecting youth, such as school violence.

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Mr. David Winkler, Age 18, Denver, Colorado

Students Against the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE) Students of Colorado. David Winkler was strongly affected by the tragic events at Columbine High School, and has spoken out about the need to listen to our nation's youth and to keep guns out of the wrong hands. He participated in a youth panel discussion at the Colorado Governor's Conference on Youth Violence in June of last year. Last July, Mr. Winkler lead a group of 95 high school students from Colorado to Washington D.C. to urge Congress to put aside politics and pass reasonable gun reforms. He took a year off before college to organize and serve as executive director of SAFE Students, a national youth movement dedicated to reducing gun violence. He is also a spokesperson for the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

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Ms. Mee "Molly" Yang, Age 17, St. Paul, Minnesota

Hmong American Partnership Peem Tsheej Program. Molly Yang, an Asian-Pacific American, is a part-time youth outreach worker with the Hmong American Partnership Peem Tsheej Program that works with serious juvenile offenders and young people that are on the brink of joining gang. She joined the Peem Tsheej Program as a participant in 1993. She has served as the chief editor of the *Hmong Teen* magazine and is the former president of the Asian Council. She has won numerous awards, including the United Way Youth Leadership Award.

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Ms. PaHoua Yang, Age 25, Wausau, Wisconsin

Mental Health Worker. PaHoua Yang, an Asian-Pacific American, works for a mental health clinic that aggressively reaches out to juveniles who are either experiencing serious mental health problems or are involved in the juvenile justice system. While in college, she served as the president of the Hmong Student Association at the University of Wisconsin. She also played a leading role in organizing the 1997 Hmong National Development Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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