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REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS  
October 13, 2000

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President,

We met at World AIDS Day on December 1, 1998. Enclosed is a picture that was taken just before I shared my family's story with you and those gathered in the OEOP. As I said at the time, I was so grateful to be able to share something of Carla Barrett's story with you. I could not imagine that this young woman would go through her struggle anonymously. Your recognition and kind words, to say nothing of the financial commitment that you made to AIDS orphans in 1998, helped to quell our grief at Carla's loss.

I am now writing to ask two things. My first request is for a signature on this photograph. This photo means a great deal to me and to my family. I have copied it and sent it to relatives, but I plan to hang this original in our home. My second request is an invitation.

I have taken over the helm at DC Vote, the Coalition for DC Representation in Congress -- the last suffrage movement in the United States. My plan is to bring the same passion and dedication to securing voting rights for the residents of the District of Columbia that I brought to my AIDS advocacy work. My first efforts have been to raise the profile of our popular "Taxation Without Representation" campaign.

Mayor Anthony Williams and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton are hosting a welcome reception for me at Georgia Browns on Wednesday, October 25, 2000 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Your presence at this event would move our civil rights issue immediately onto the national stage. It would also provide me with an opportunity to thank you for your help and support.

Cynthia and I would love to see you again, and would be honored if you could fit a visit into your busy schedule. My hope is that Carl and Margaret Whillock will also be able to attend this event and celebrate this new phase of my career and the national kick-off of the fight for full Congressional voting representation for the District of Columbia.

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Sincerely,

Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.  
Executive Director

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

October 20, 2000

THE AMBASSADOR

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.Thom  
Staff Secretary

Dear Mr. President:

In view of all you have done in the past week, I wanted to write to tell you how proud I am that I supported you for president and what an honor it has been to serve in your administration. Your tireless efforts in the Mideast and eloquence at the memorial service inspire all of us in the foreign policy arena to do more as I told my staff during our preparations for the OAS CICAD meeting here in Trinidad next week.

On a personal note, Polly and I just returned from a trip to Peru and Chile where we had a wonderful evening with John and Patricia O'Leary. We stayed at the home of the British Ambassador to Chile who was previously posted here, and I can assure you from his comments that John is highly regarded there.

Thanks to you I have made many great new friends like Stan McLelland, Arthur Schechter and Kit Ashby with whom I recently had dinner in Miami. I was glad Kit had a chance to meet John Broderick at the White House and I should add that John told me he tremendously enjoyed his visit with you and will never forget your personal support while he was under the gun.

I have greatly enjoyed the challenges at this post. We have made good progress on the business, military and counternarcotics fronts. You will particularly be interested to know I have started 17 new Fulbright Scholarships for Trinidadians and raised over \$1 million from the private sector here to fund them.

Please give my best to Hillary. I like the sound of "Senator Clinton." I hope I will see you before too long.

All the best,

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Edward E. Shumaker, III

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

**Oil & Gasoline Prices & Supplies:** Oil for November delivery closed on Friday at \$33.75 per barrel, down \$1.24 from last Friday's close of \$34.99 per barrel. The price of crude oil fell early in the week as tension was reduced in the Middle East, but rose later in the week in response to reports of lower than expected inventories of crude oil, Israeli/Palestinian violence on Friday, and market uncertainty leading to the Arab summit this weekend. The wholesale price of heating oil for November delivery closed at 97.11 cents per gallon, down 4.5 cents from last Friday's close of 101.61 cents per gallon. Last Monday, DOE reported that during the previous week, the nationwide average price of self-service regular gasoline rose 3.7 cents per gallon from \$1.502 to \$1.539. Separately, Secretary Richardson will travel to Venezuela this weekend to meet with Oil Minister (and OPEC President) Rodriguez.

**Strategic Petroleum Reserve Swap:** On Monday, DOE issued a solicitation for new bids for the 7 million barrels of oil that was not exchanged in the first round because the winning bidders could not provide the Department with adequate financial guarantees. The most recent solicitation requires that financial guarantees be provided with the bid in order to ensure that winning bidders can complete the transaction. DOE was criticized in hearings on Thursday in both the Senate Energy Committee (Chairman Murkowski) and the House Energy and Power Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee (Chairman Barton) for accepting bids from non-qualified bidders.

**Home Heating Oil Reserve:** Last weekend the home heating oil reserve received its final shipments of heating oil, nearly three weeks ahead of schedule. The Northeast heating oil reserve is full with 2 million barrels of heating oil.

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**H-1B:** The Labor Department on Friday announced \$54 million in H-1B grants to fund high-skills training for American workers in areas where companies are facing labor shortages. This is the final installment of a more than \$95 million investment in U.S. workers funded by H-1B fee revenue in calendar year 2000. In addition, DOL announced \$14 million awarded to 13 minority colleges and universities. These latter grants (not from H-1B fee revenue) are for projects to enable the schools to build up their capacity and build partnerships so as to better compete for H-1B grants in the future. As a result of the new H-1B legislation you signed into law on Tuesday, fees collected from employers bringing in H-1B workers will fund a federal investment of approximately \$690 million in worker training and math, science and technology education over the next three years.

**Provider Givebacks:** The Republican leadership finally unveiled its partisan Medicare provider givebacks package on Thursday. The package was negotiated without any Democratic or Administration input. While cost estimates and legislative language are not yet available, it appears that the Republicans would devote more than a third of new spending towards Medicare managed care plans (who are overpaid but still withdraw from communities and drop benefits). This spending is crowding out provisions that increase Medicare reimbursement to more needy hospitals and home health agencies as well as provisions that benefit people, such as your coverage priority to extend Medicaid and CHIP coverage to legal immigrants. Speaker Hastert extended an invitation to the Administration to meet to discuss the givebacks proposal but we would not meet with him without Congressional Democrats present.

It appears that the Republican leadership will try to move the givebacks package as a freestanding vehicle or as an attachment to a partisan tax package. Director Lew and Secretary Shalala wrote a letter to Hastert and Lott this week stating they would recommend that you veto the Republican givebacks package if it does not reduce unjustified managed care increases and does not include your (and Democrats') priorities. On Friday, Jack Lew and Chris Jennings met with Congressman Thomas to discuss provider givebacks, at the invitation of Speaker Hastert. They presented your (and Democratic) priorities including coverage of legal immigrants as well as concerns about managed care spending. Thomas promised to supply language and cost estimates and agree to meet with the Administration tentatively on Monday.

**Vaccine Registries:** You had asked us to evaluate a very preliminary Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposal supported by Betty Bumpers to use funds under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for the development and operation of vaccine registries. Such registries would help States keep track of vaccinations in order to ensure better pediatric vaccination rates and compliance. HHS has already increased federal funding of registries by permitting States this year to access Medicaid funding at an enhanced federal matching rate for registries. We are looking at the proposal and it appears to have merit; however, the proposal is still in its early development stage. Because it is possible that the proposal may not require a legislative change or regulation, we may be able to implement it before the end of the year. We will work with the First Lady's Office to continue to evaluate and monitor this.

**US-EU Beef/Bananas Disputes:** USTR's Greg Frazier met with European Commission officials on October 16-17 regarding the beef and bananas disputes. On beef, the two sides worked toward a compromise that would compensate U.S. producers with increased quota for non-hormone-fed beef. In return, U.S. producers would no longer push for access for hormone-fed beef, which is increasingly looked upon with suspicion by European consumers. On the more difficult issue of bananas, USTR listened at length to a new EC proposal, but asked the EC to put it aside in favor of a return to work on earlier proposals favored by most Latin American countries and Chiquita. The EC negotiator expected that request and agreed to seek guidance from higher levels before resuming discussions again soon.

**Commodity Exchange Act Renewal.** The House voted Thursday to renew the Commodity Exchange Act and adopt a number of the unanimous recommendations of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets, chaired by Secretary Summers and including the Chairmen of the Federal Reserve, Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of the recommendations relate to the over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives market which allows parties facing risk exposure to transfer that exposure to other parties that want and may be in a better position to assume the risk. Several Congressional committees had considered more ambitious legislation, but a consensus has emerged around a pared-down version. Enactment of this bill would provide greater legal certainty for the OTC derivatives market and prevent movement of many OTC transactions overseas. These reforms have been a priority of Secretary Summers, Chairman Greenspan and the financial markets, although they face an uncertain future in the Senate, due to potential opposition from Senator Gramm.

**Steel:** The United Steel Workers of America and 75 U.S. steel firms wrote you on October 16 to request specific relief steps on recently increased imports from China, India, Taiwan, Ukraine and others. Rep. Viscloskey has gathered over 200 co-sponsors on a House resolution in support of the letter. Without prejudging the legitimacy of the requests, agencies have agreed to develop quickly a package of measures addressing the new concerns, e.g., initiating consultations with some of the countries concerned. Our goal is to finalize the package by October 23.

**Vietnam:** This week we held the second in a series of Deputies Committee meetings to examine economic deliverables for your November trip to Vietnam. The trade related issues of textiles, labor, and the environment demanded the most attention. We are considering creation of a joint commission to coordinate preparations for negotiations or other formal steps as needed, so that we fully leverage the visit to make progress on these Administration priorities. The Deputies also discussed options for creating significant new opportunities for Vietnamese students to study in the United States, either through new resources to existing programs like Fulbright or in the form of a new Trust which Senator John Kerry and others have been pushing. Other deliverables include OPIC financing for an emerging enterprise in Vietnam founded by Vietnamese emigrants, technical assistance in support of Vietnam's economic transition, and site visits and remarks that underscore the power of entrepreneurship to bring greater prosperity to Vietnam.

**APEC Aviation Agreement:** NEC staff is working to ensure that ongoing negotiations produce a multilateral open skies aviation agreement as a deliverable for the APEC summit. As the first multilateral open skies pact, this agreement would provide an important template for other multilateral open skies negotiations, particularly between the US and the EU (the EU's current proposal is very problematic). The key issue in the APEC negotiations has to do ownership and control of *foreign* airlines. Under our bilateral open skies agreements, the U.S. must recognize a foreign airline (say, New Zealand Airlines) only if it is "effectively controlled" by nationals of that same country. Other APEC members, as well as US airlines, want to relax that provision somewhat -- e.g., to recognize a New Zealand airline that is effectively controlled by Singapore nationals. However, U.S. labor groups oppose any relaxation of the provision, for fear that U.S. airlines will invest in airlines in lower-wage countries. We are talking to all sides in an effort to understand their positions and help negotiate an acceptable compromise.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Barbara Chow

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

**1. Housing -- New Vouchers and Flexibility:** In addition to securing 79,000 new housing vouchers in the VA-HUD appropriations bill, we were also able to amend the statute to significantly improve the local 'project-basing' option for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs). Project-basing permits the PHA to expand affordable housing options and improve voucher utilization by promising that vouchers will be available for up to 25 percent of the units in a building as long as the owner/developer agrees to guarantee the availability of those units for tenants with a voucher for 10 years. While this authority existed before, it was very difficult to use, failed to preserve tenant choice, and did not permit the PHA to terminate a contract when tenants no longer chose a particular building. The new language ensures that tenants can move from a project-based unit by getting the PHA's next regular Section-8 voucher. In the past, tenants were locked into a particular building because project-based vouchers did not have this 'continued assistance option'. In addition, PHAs will now be able to terminate contracts with an owner if no tenants want to live in the building ensuring that federal dollars are not locked into a development that becomes undesirable for some reason. Finally, project basing can be used to create supportive housing arrangements like a Second Chance Home or elderly housing.

**2. Welfare -- Immigrant Food Stamps and Health Insurance:** On Monday, you released a statement for World Food Day in which you called upon Congress to enact your budget proposals to restore access to food stamps and health coverage for vulnerable legal immigrants. These changes would build on the progress made in 1997 and 1998 to fix the harsh immigrant provisions in the welfare reform law that had nothing to do with welfare reform. The statement was very well received in the religious, immigrant, and nutrition advocacy communities. Meanwhile, Congress passed the Agriculture appropriations bill that failed to include immigrant food stamp provisions. Also, after Lamar Smith and Bill Archer wrote a letter last week urging Hastert to reject health care restorations for legal immigrants, the Republican leadership released preliminary details on their partisan BBA givebacks package which excluded state options to extend Medicaid and SCHIP to pregnant women and children. We will continue to work with the groups and key members of Congress to add these health and nutrition work supports for legal immigrants to any available vehicle.

**3. Welfare -- Out-of-Wedlock Births:** Last week, the Centers for Disease Control released a report on nonmarital childbearing from 1940 to the present. While this does not contain any new data, it does put the encouraging trends of the past few years in context -- after a period of dramatic growth from 1940 to 1990, out-of-wedlock childbearing has leveled off or slowed its rate of increase during the 1990s. The birth rate for unmarried women dropped 1 percent between 1998 and 1999, and 6 percent since its peak in 1994. While the 1999 rate (43.9 births per 1,000 unmarried women aged 15-44) is technically the lowest level since 1990, it is only slightly lower than the 1997 birth rate due to an upward blip in 1998. The percent of all births that are to unmarried women increased through the early 1990s, but has stabilized at between 32 and 33 percent since 1994. The number of unmarried births rose slightly (averaging just over 1 percent per year) during the 1990s, but at a much slower rate than the average annual increase of about 6 percent during the 80's.

**4. Education -- Report bolsters NBPTS:** A report by the Center for Educational Research and Evaluation was released this week on the value of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. The statistically-based study focused on two of the 16 NBPTS certificate areas -- Early Adolescence/English Language Arts and Middle Childhood/Generalist. The report essentially confirms the validity of the NBPTS system as a means of assessing and identifying accomplished teachers, and has high praise for and the quality of teachers that undergo the national certification process. Secretary Riley will be addressing the annual NBPTS conference on Saturday, and will read a letter from you. The new National Board Teachers will be announced in November. It is anticipated that this new round of certification will more than double the current level of 4,804 of National Board Certified teachers across the country.

**5. Health Care -- Update on the Balanced Budget Refinement Act:** On Thursday, the Congressional Republican leadership released their Medicare / Medicaid provider and beneficiary refinement initiative. Despite the Administration veto threat on this legislation, it continued to include a significantly disproportionate allocation of resources towards HMO payment increases, and an insufficient investment in longstanding beneficiary and health care provider priorities. In fact, the legislation dedicates over a third of the \$28 billion / 5 year package to HMOs, despite the fact that these plans serve only 16 percent of the population. Just as troubling is the fact that it included no accountability provisions to require plans to stay in service areas in return for these payment increases. Although this legislation was viewed as unstoppable at the beginning of this week, the Democrats' embrace of the Administration's opposition to the current distribution of dollars has slowed the momentum towards Congressional passage. This may enable us to negotiate a better agreement over the weekend. This will only happen if the Congressional leadership chooses to engage in a meaningful negotiation and take the position that it is in their best interests to pass a bill that is certain to be enacted. If they do, our top priorities will be to increase teaching academic health centers, hospital, and home health payment rates, and key beneficiary improvement provisions. Such provisions include Medicaid coverage for legal immigrant children and pregnant women, full funding of the Ricky Ray trust fund, expanding the homebound definition for home health care services so that individuals with disabilities do not lose their eligibility if they leave their homes, immediate Medicare coverage of individuals with Lou Gehrig's disease (Lois Capps' highest priority), funding for the Grassely-Kennedy Family Opportunity Act, which provides a new Medicaid option for children with disabilities, and waiving cost sharing requirements for

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Medicare preventive services. We will advocate for at least partially offsetting the cost of these initiatives by reducing the excessive HMO payment increases. However, in addition to advocating for the elimination of expensive and unnecessary provisions, we will almost inevitably have to insist on more funds to finance our priorities – approximately \$35 to \$40 billion over five years. Speaker Hastert may be an advocate in this regard, as he requires significant additional Medicaid investments to help pay for a fund to ease the transition to our new UPL policy for states and hospitals.

6. **Children and Families -- Early Learning Opportunities Act:** Senators Stevens and Kennedy have agreed with Representative Goodling to attach a five year authorization of S. 2866, the Early Learning Opportunities Act to the Labor-H appropriations bill. The bipartisan Early Learning Opportunities Act, introduced in July of 2000, is a direct successor to the Administration's Early Learning Fund proposed as part of your Child Care initiative in the 1998 State of the Union. This bill would allow the Secretary of HHS to award grants to States, who in turn would award grants to local collaborative early learning councils, for the purposes of improving the quality of child care and providing quality early learning opportunities to children under five year of age.

7. **Education -- Pennsylvania First State Approved for Ed Flex:** As you know, the Education Flexibility Partnership Act (Ed Flex) was enacted last year, with eligibility dependent upon states having their standards, assessments, and accountability mechanisms in place in line with the Title I requirements. Pennsylvania is the first state that has been approved for Ed Flex, though eight others have applied, and three of the states that participated in the 12-state Ed Flex Demonstration are anticipated to apply soon because their Ed Flex status has expired. Under Ed Flex, Pennsylvania now has the authority to exempt local school districts from certain statutory and regulatory requirements under ESEA; in exchange, the schools must demonstrate that they will improve student achievement. The state has already approved one district for the program.

8. **Education --GAO Report on Funds for Construction, Including Charter Schools:** The GAO released a report requested by Rep. Goodling a week ago that details the difficulties charter schools encounter in accessing funds for construction and facilities. It suggests options such as grants, direct loans, loan guarantees, loan pools, and tax-exempt bonds and tax credits that the federal government could utilize if it were to take on a greater role in financing charter school facilities. The report also concludes that "increased federal assistance would change the nature of the federal government's relationship with traditional and charter schools as well as with the local and state governments that are primarily responsible for purchasing, constructing, renovating and leasing school buildings." The report projects that it would cost \$112 billion to bring school buildings nationwide up to par (the Department estimates the cost at \$127 billion).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: ROGER BALLENTINE   
RE: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLY

**Climate Change**

Press, Science and Industry

Seven major corporations, including DuPont, Shell, and Alcan Aluminium, have committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 15 percent by 2010, *The New York Times* and others reported (10/18). In their announcement, the corporations emphasized that market-based mechanisms like emissions trading are crucial to their ability to meet these targets, and stated that the companies will trade emissions reductions amongst themselves.

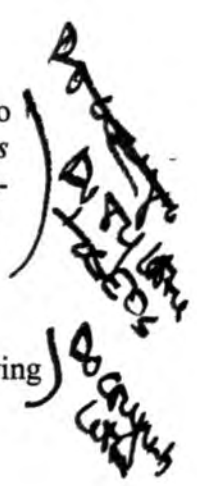
GM announced today that its Precept Technology Demonstration Vehicle has achieved the PNGV goal of 80 miles per gallon. GM praised and credited the PNGV partnership for allowing this breakthrough goal.

The EU is unlikely to meet its pledge under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 8 percent below 1990 levels by 2010, according to a study by a leading German research group and reported by *Reuters* (10/17). Of the six EU nations studied, only Britain will likely meet its Kyoto target, researchers said.

Severe climate change 34 million years ago wiped out 90 percent of all life forms living along the Gulf Coast of the US, according to a study published in the journal *Nature* (10/19). The study found that extremely cold winters, with average temperatures 7 degrees Fahrenheit below previous norms, were responsible for the mass extinction.

State and Local

California announced that it will begin converting its entire 10,000 vehicle fleet to low-polluting, mostly hybrid or natural gas vehicles the *LA Times* reported (10/19). The state has also adopted regulations that require up to 10% of the new cars sold in California by 2003 to be non-polluting.



### The Kyoto Protocol

Our negotiators finished the final pre-COP6 discussions on the Kyoto "flexibility mechanisms" this week in New Delhi. However, major political differences remain to be resolved by the Ministers at COP6. Some progress was also made in developing the compliance rules for countries that fail to meet their emission reduction commitments, and our proposal for legally binding consequences is gaining greater support.

African Ministers gathered this week in Dakar, Senegal to develop common positions for COP6. Assistant Secretary of State David Sandalow traveled to Dakar to press for support for our positions. We view this meeting as a positive development because we think that African countries, many of which are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, can help moderate more ideological voices in the G-77.

### Legislative

In the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, we got an overall increase of 12% for USDA's biobased products and bioenergy initiative -- less than 20% of our requested increase.

cc: The Vice President  
John Podesta  
Steve Ricchetti  
Sandy Berger  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

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FROM: NEAL LANE *Neal*  
CC: JOHN PODESTA  
SUBJECT: OSTP WEEKLY REPORT

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**Cord Blood Transplant Is Working**

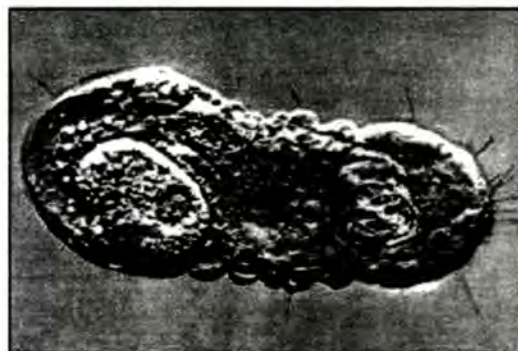
Doctors declared success Wednesday in the groundbreaking case of 6-year-old Molly Nash who received a transplant of umbilical cord blood from her baby brother, Adam. Molly suffers from a rare blood and immune system disease, but Adam's cells are taking over the functions of Molly's bone marrow, making platelets and disease-fighting white blood cells. The Nash parents used a technique called "preimplantation genetic diagnosis" to select among 15 embryos created via *in vitro* fertilization. They knew Adam would be free of the Fanconi anemia that threatened Molly's life, and that his cells could be used to correct Molly's condition, which is genetically based, at no risk to Adam. This procedure has raised ethical concerns among some people about new technologies enabling the production of "designer babies" or embryos whose organs might be used for transplantation. In this case, it helped a couple fearful of having a second child affected by Fanconi anemia have a healthy baby who could also help his sister.



Dr. John Wagner holds a sleeping Adam Nash, whose umbilical cord blood was transplanted into his sister Molly, left.

**New Animal Represents Previously Unknown Class**

In the chilly depths of a well in Greenland, researchers have discovered a remarkable new animal. According to researchers, the 0.1-millimeter-long freshwater organism, dubbed *Limnognathia maerski*, does not fit into any of the previously known animal classes. Researchers have thus drawn a new branch on the animal family tree to represent this novel class, which they are calling Micrognathia.



Studies of *L. maerski* (right) have revealed that the diminutive creature has a set of surprisingly complex jaws, which it uses to extricate the bacteria and algae it feeds on from the aquatic moss

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that grows in the well. It also shares some features with certain marine animals. An all-female colony of the organisms, which reproduce asexually, is being kept for further study.

### ~~Neither Oceans~~ Nor Land Offer Unlimited "Sinks" For CO<sub>2</sub>

Last week's *Science* magazine reviewed the overall capacity of the oceans and terrestrial vegetation to absorb carbon dioxide and concludes that **both** will likely decline over the next century as the climate warms. This work represents the views of several international research organizations. The paper shows that human mitigation measures, such as attempts to fertilize the oceans, cannot significantly increase ocean uptake of CO<sub>2</sub>. Managing forests, soils and other vegetation, however, offers near-term opportunities to increase removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere for a few decades, but this is likely to reverse towards the end of the next century. Our draft National Assessment "Climate Change Impacts on the United States" agrees with this conclusion about terrestrial ecosystems. The clear implication is that enhancement of terrestrial "carbon sinks" offers near-term benefits, but neither the oceans or the vegetation can serve as an effective substitute for efforts to control and reduce energy emissions over the longer term.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. *TMJ*  
KRIS M. BALDERSTON *KMB*

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports  
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- **Derivatives:** On October 19, the House passed the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 by a vote of 377-4. This legislation would reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and modernize the legal and regulatory framework regarding over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives transactions and markets. This would implement many of the unanimous recommendations regarding the treatment of OTC derivatives made by your Working Group on Financial Markets. Prior to the vote, the Administration issued a statement in strong support of the bill. Treasury will continue to work with the Senate to try to enact the bill this session, although significant obstacles remain.
  - **Money Laundering:** On October 26, Secretary Summers will address the Treasury-DOJ national money laundering conference. The conference will have working groups examine the issues of bulk cash smuggling and the use of wire remitters in money laundering activity, receive reports from the four High-Intensity Financial Crime Areas designated in the 2000 National Money Laundering Strategy, and discuss how to make more efficient use of suspicious activity reports.
  - **G-20 Meetings:** On October 24-25, Secretary Summers and Chairman Greenspan will attend the second annual meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Montreal, Canada. Ministers and Governors are expected to discuss the economic benefits and policy challenges associated with globalization, as well as how to reduce countries' vulnerability to financial crisis.

- **China:** On October 26, Secretary Summers and Chinese Finance Minister Xiang Huaicheng will co-chair the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the U.S.-China Joint Economic Committee in Washington, DC. The meeting will focus on macroeconomic issues, including China's exchange rate policy, structural issues, such as reform of China's state-owned enterprise and financial sectors, and enforcement issues, including anti-money laundering efforts. Minister Xiang will also have a bilateral meeting with NEC Director Sperling.
- **Tax Negotiations:** Although Treasury's Office of Tax Policy continues to meet with the Congressional taxwriting committees, an overall tax agreement remains elusive. This is partly because the recent focus in Congress has been on completing remaining appropriations bills. Several tax issues remain in play, including your school construction bond proposal, small business tax incentives possibly combined with a minimum wage increase aspects of the Portman/Cardin pension reform bill, New Markets and Community Renewal provisions, and the Foreign Sales Corporation tax replacement legislation.
- **Firearms:** Treasury, serving as the lead of an interagency team, is participating in final negotiations in Vienna on a UN Protocol to Combat the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components, and Ammunition. The U.S. has been working with other interested countries on this Protocol for almost three years, and it will constitute the first global instrument regulating the international flow of firearms. The contentious issues in the negotiations are applying marking provisions to persons manufacturing firearms for personal use or for their collections, marking of firearms lawfully imported by returning servicemen for their personal use or collections, regulation of shotgun parts, and criminalizing the obliteration of markings other than a serial number on a firearm.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Immigrant Detention Case:** The Supreme Court granted DOJ certiorari in two cases concerning the Attorney General's authority to detain an alien subject to a final deportation order, where the removal cannot be effected immediately and where the Attorney General has determined that the alien would pose a risk of flight or danger to the community if released. In one case, after finding it unlikely that an alien would be deported to Cambodia in the foreseeable future, a Federal court concluded that continued detention under such circumstances violated the constitutional right to substantive due process. The Ninth Circuit affirmed that decision, but is in conflict with the Fifth Circuit's opinion in the other case, which upheld the constitutionality of the Attorney General's detention power.

- **Campaign Finance:** On October 10, the Supreme Court granted DOJ certiorari in a case presenting the question whether a political party has a First Amendment right to make unlimited campaign expenditures in coordination with the party's congressional candidates, notwithstanding the limits imposed by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA). DOJ is arguing the principle that a Federal elected official should not be unduly beholden to a single source of financial support, that it nullifies a careful balance struck by Congress on a matter peculiarly within the legislative competence, and that it threatens substantial disruption of FECA's statutory scheme.
- **School Crime Report:** During the week of October 23, DOJ plans to release *Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2000*. This report presents data from an array of sources on crime at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, principals, and the general population.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **AZ Land Exchange Agreement:** On October 20, Secretary Babbitt will sign an agreement with Governor Hull to facilitate an exchange of Federal and state lands within AZ. If Congress later passes a law to carry through this exchange, the federal government will acquire over 180,000 acres of state in-holdings within national parks, ranges, and monuments, and will prevent development of the highly vulnerable Lake Pleasant/Bradshaw Mountains Area.
- **CA Trinity River Fisheries:** On October 27, DOI expects to release the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Trinity River Mainstem Fisheries Restoration in CA. This historic program will address impacts to the Trinity River as a result of the 1955 authorization and subsequent construction and operation of the Trinity River Dam and other facilities on the Trinity River as part of the Central Valley Project. Historically, a significant amount of water from the Trinity River basin has been exported over the mountains to the Sacramento River and the Central Valley. Over time, these exports have had drastic effects on the river and the fisheries that depend on the river. In addition, the interests of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, whose reservation borders the Trinity River, and the Yurok Tribe, whose reservation borders the Klamath River downstream from its confluence with the Trinity, have been affected. DOI has evaluated options to restore the Trinity River consistent with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and other statutory directives, as well as its trust responsibility to Indian Tribes. The Preferred Alternative would provide, on average, approximately 48 percent of the natural flow to the Trinity River; it proposes a significant amount of mechanical restoration in the Trinity River itself at 47 sites; and it contains a significant watershed restoration component to lessen the amount of fine sediment entering the river from a variety of sources, thus minimizing the amount of flow necessary to address that impact to fishery resources.

- **NY Indian Casino Project:** Media reports indicate an Indian casino project may be close to a deal that would bring gambling to Monticello, NY. According to the reports, Park Place Entertainment would buy out Alpha Hospitality and its partner Catskill Development for about \$300M and build a casino with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe at the Monticello Raceway. Earlier reports were saying the offer to Catskill was \$55M. While the reports indicated that the deal may have come undone since the tribe was not talking to them, the investors are stating they are certain there will be a breakthrough soon.
- **Spirit Cave Man Decision:** BLM has issued a final decision in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act on the cultural affiliation of Spirit Cave Man, the 9,000-year-old mummy found on public lands in 1940. The decision follows a preliminary determination that although the remains are Native American, they cannot be culturally affiliated with any contemporary group. In making the final decision, BLM sent a letter to representatives for the Pyramid Lake Paiute-Shoshone Tribe denying their request to postpone making the final decision until January 31, 2001. In the denial, BLM said that while it appreciates the Tribe's position, it considers this issue to have been deliberated thoroughly at this level and it is time to close the matter so that the Tribe may investigate other options. Spirit Cave Man will continue to be housed at the Nevada State Museum, as it has been for the past 60 years.
- **Lake Roosevelt Damage Assessment:** DOI's Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is considering its role in a BIA proposal to seek funding for a Natural Resource Damage Assessment at Lake Roosevelt above Grand Coulee Dam in WA. The proposal, which BIA prepared in consultation with the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Spokane Indian Tribe, seeks funds to investigate the contaminant level in lake sediments resulting from decades of mining, smelting, and paper operations upstream in the U.S. and Canada. At the Tribes' request, EPA is also conducting an initial evaluation of whether the reservoir should be considered for listing as a superfund site. In a September 26 memorandum to several Federal agencies commenting on Endangered Species Act-related documents, the Colvilles alleged that reservoir operations were contributing to sediment exposure and subsequent releases of contaminants into the air. The Colvilles also allege that BOR is a potentially responsible party for the contamination.
- **Mercury in IN Precipitation:** A fish consumption advisory has been in effect for most water bodies in IN due to the finding of mercury in fish tissue. One source of the mercury in aquatic ecosystems is atmospheric deposition, primarily in precipitation.
- **Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Cleanup:** Researchers and divers are starting a month long litter cruise through the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, seeking out and recovering hundreds of miles of fishing line, tons of netting and other debris. The debris washes up on the shores and gets caught on the coral reefs. It then traps fish, seals, turtles, birds and other wildlife. Hawaiian monk seals are of particular concern, because pups often play

with tangled nets and become trapped. Entanglement is becoming an increasing threat to the declining seal population. The Center for Marine Conservation is a sponsor of the expedition, along with HI Sea Grant, DOC's National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service, the Coast Guard, and other organizations. In 1998, six tons of debris was collected in six days. A 29-day venture last year recovered 25 tons.

- **SD Tribal College Agreement:** Recently USGS signed an agreement with officials of Sinte Gleska University near Mission, SD. The agreement establishes a cooperative framework to promote earth science careers and professional development among students, and build relationships with the Federal government and private industry.

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **New Biomass Heating Oil:** On October 13, USDA reported to senior Federal energy officials on USDA's use of a new, biomass heating oil blend called "B5," 5 percent of which is composed of soybean biomass. USDA is demonstrating the new blend in a project boiler plant that heats 12 buildings at USDA's Beltsville, MD, Agricultural Research Center. B5 could significantly reduce the use of heating oil and create a new secondary market for agricultural products.
- **Brazil Agrees to Accept U.S. Wheat:** On October 17, Secretary Glickman announced that Brazil has agreed to re-open its market to imports of U.S. hard red spring wheat and soft red winter wheat. In 1996, Brazil imposed import restrictions on wheat which only allowed imports of hard red winter wheat. At that time, Brazil was purchasing roughly 760,000 tons of U.S. wheat worth about \$174M per year. Brazil is expected to publish official notification of its decision by November 15.
- **Food Safety Inspector Homicide Case:** On October 10, it was announced that the death penalty will be sought for the Oakland, CA-area meat-processing plant owner who is charged with killing two Federal and one state food safety investigators during a June 21 investigation of his plant.
- **Commodity Markets:** Dry conditions in the Central Plains and reduced production prospects for the Australian crop sent wheat prices higher for the week. Corn prices also advanced, supported by the rise in wheat and bullish supply-and-demand projections issued by USDA. Harvest pressure sent soybean prices tumbling. Rice cash prices held steady, but futures advanced on reports of flooding in South and Southeast Asia. In a volatile week, cotton prices wound up little changed, on average. Firming beef prices helped boost cattle. Hog prices dropped despite heavy buying activity as the weekend approached. Broiler prices were up slightly on good retail and food service demand. Cheese prices continued to trade below support in a very light market. Butter prices fell modestly as cream supplies are readily available.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Protecting Confidential Census Data:** Secretary Mineta continues to voice opposition to proposed legislative language to grant access to confidential Census data to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation. The proposed CBO amendment would allow a virtual fingerprint to be developed utilizing quarterly Social Security earnings records and the confidential information provided by respondents on the Census survey forms. CBO has promised to pursue every avenue to get this language included in legislative actions.
- **China and South Korea Seminars:** On October 26-27, DOC's Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) will host a seminar with China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation in Shanghai, China. The BXA team will then travel to Seoul, South Korea, to hold a seminar on export control policies and procedures. Among the topics that will be discussed in South Korea is the recent change in U.S. sanctions on North Korea.
- **New Encryption Regulations:** On October 19, DOC's Bureau of Export Administration published encryption regulations to implement the encryption policy updates announced by the White House on July 17. This final encryption rule permits most encryption products to be exported to the 15 nations of the European Union as well as to eight other key trading partners, Australia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, and Switzerland. The new regulation tracks with recent regulations adopted by the EU, ensuring the continued competitiveness of U.S. industry in international markets.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Los Angeles County Employee Dispute:** The dispute between 42,000 public employees and Los Angeles County continues. Employees returned to work after a one-day general strike on October 12. Strikers had included those who work in jails, libraries, beaches, and health clinics. Negotiations resumed on October 17. The union wants 15.5-percent raises over three years, while the county has offered a nine-percent increase. About 60 percent of county workers earn less than \$32,000 a year, according to the union.
- **Disability Awareness Month:** DOL will observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month on October 24. This year's theme, "Building upon your Abilities," focuses on increasing the participation of persons with disabilities in the workplace and affirms your commitment to significantly increase their representation in the Federal workforce.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **2001 Medicare Rates:** On October 18, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) announced the 2001 rates for the Medicare Part A deductible and Part B monthly premium amounts paid by beneficiaries. The Medicare Part B monthly premium, which covers physician services, hospital outpatient care, durable medical equipment, and other services outside hospitals, will be \$50 in 2001, an increase of \$4.50 from this year, but significantly lower than earlier projections. In addition to health-care costs, this year's increase reflects legislative changes that increase Part B spending. The beneficiary-paid Part B premium represents 25 percent of total Part B spending. The Part A deductible for inpatient hospital care will rise only about two percent, reflecting savings from reductions in Medicare hospital payments and other program changes signed into law in the Balanced Budget Act to help protect and preserve the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.
- **HMO Expansion in FL:** On October 18, HCFA approved a request by Well Care HMO to expand managed-care coverage to Medicare beneficiaries in Hernando and Pasco counties in the Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL, area. The counties are currently served by two Medicare managed-care plans, however the two plans have announced they will withdraw from the county on December 31. Well Care HMO, along with United Healthcare, Inc., which was approved in September, will begin serving Medicare beneficiaries starting on January 1. Approximately 129,000 Medicare beneficiaries live in the plan's newly approved service area. Beneficiaries will be eligible to enroll beginning on November 1.
- **North Carolina SCHIP:** On October 20, it is anticipated that HCFA will approve an amendment to NC's SCHIP plan to eliminate cost sharing for documented Native Americans.
- **Uganda Ebola Outbreak:** On October 17, CDC sent a team of six experts to assist in the management of patients, diagnosis of suspect clinical cases, and epidemiologic investigation of the Ebola outbreak in Uganda. These are the first human cases of Ebola ever reported in Uganda. As of October 16, 71 suspected cases, including 35 deaths, have been reported.
- **New Technical Assistance Center:** On October 26, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will open a new technical assistance center in Silver Spring, MD, to aid minority institutions of higher education and community groups in preparing proposals for HRSA grants. The center is one of several efforts to increase the involvement of minority institutions and community groups in HRSA programs.

- **Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Children's Care:** On October 31, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality will issue a press release on an article entitled "Racial and Ethnic Differences in Children's Access to Care." The researchers explored reasons for racial and ethnic differences in children's access to care and concluded that the disadvantage some Hispanic children experience may be related to their parents' inability to speak English well enough to interact fully with the health-care system. The findings imply the need for interpreters or bilingual providers and office staff to help reduce these disparities.
- **Domestic Violence Grants:** On October 23, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality will issue a press release to announce the funding of four new research projects on domestic violence. The projects topics are: treatment outcomes for abused women in public; computerized screening for domestic violence victims; comparing and contrasting seven existing domestic violence interventions located in different hospital settings; and outcomes for intimate partner violence.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **National Neighborhood Networks Week:** From October 14-22, residents of more than 200 HUD-assisted and public housing complexes in all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico will celebrate the first-ever celebration of National Neighborhood Networks Week. Neighborhood Network Centers enable residents of HUD housing to acquire computer skills, enroll in distance learning courses and access the Internet. Since 1995, HUD has provided technical assistance to help open more than 1,100 such community technology centers.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Firestone Tire Investigation:** On October 17, DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released new information regarding reported complaints, injuries, and fatalities relating to Firestone ATX and Wilderness tires under investigation by the agency. NHTSA is aware of 119 reported fatalities related to these tires, an increase of 18 from the 101 that had been reported by mid-September. The number of complaints and reported injuries that are related to these tires has also increased to 3500. NHTSA will continue to place summaries of complaints on the Internet as it continues its investigations of ATX/Wilderness and Steeltex R4S and A/T tires.
- **Electric Vehicle Safety Standard:** On October 17, DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration published a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard to prevent deaths or injuries after an electric vehicle is involved in a crash. The new standard, "Electric-Powered Vehicles: Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection," will be effective on October 1, 2001. It applies to all vehicles that use more than 48 volts of

electricity as propulsion power and that have a maximum speed greater than 25 mph. It will not apply to electric vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Compensation for Sick DOE Workers:** On October 12, Congress approved the 2001 National Defense Authorization bill, which included an amendment to provide compensation to DOE contractor workers with work-related illnesses. Under the legislation, several thousand workers (or their survivors) will be eligible to receive \$150,000 plus prospective medical payments. The workers will also be able to apply for lost wage payments through state workers compensation programs.
- **Nuclear Weapons Laboratory Security:** On October 17, Secretary Richardson accepted the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) recommendation for improving security and other facility operations at DOE's Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, both operated by the University of California (UC). Secretary Richardson has authorized NNSA to immediately restructure DOE's current contracts with UC to address security and management issues. DOE will also commence negotiations with UC that, if successful, would lead to additional performance requirements and a three-year extension of the contract. The current UC contract for the operation of the laboratories runs through September 2002.
- **Plant Management Contract Competitions:** On July 26, DOE announced the selection of BWXT Pantex, a team of BWX Technologies, Bechtel National, and Honeywell International, as the new contractor for the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, TX. This selection has been protested by Day and Zimmerman, the incumbent contractor, which caused a halt in contract transition activities. GAO is evaluating the protest and a decision is expected by November 13. On August 31, DOE announced the selection of BWXT Y-12, a team of BWX Technologies Inc. and Bechtel National Inc., to manage the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, TN. The contract transition began on September 1 and the new contractor will assume full responsibility for management and operation of the plant on November 1.
- **Drinking Water Well Contamination:** Los Alamos National Lab has confirmed the presence of tritium in a drinking well serving Los Alamos County, NM. Testing has shown that a well located in Pueblo Canyon, shows tritium at about 40 curies per liter (far below the safe drinking water standard of 20,000 curies per liter.) Los Alamos County and NM have been officially notified and the results were mentioned at the October meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board.

- **Women-Owned Business:** On October 16, Secretary Richardson signed an agreement between DOE and a coalition of the nation's leading associations of women-owned businesses. The formal agreement will expand opportunities for women business organizations and entrepreneurs, empowering them to successfully bid for subcontracts with DOE. Secretary Richardson signed the agreement with representatives of 15 women business organizations during a ceremony at an international meeting of the Business Women's Network. The organizations signing the document represent over 175,000 businesses nationally. The groups also represent 40 percent of all small business owners nationwide.
- **Gasoline Prices Up, Stocks Down:** Gasoline spot prices on most U.S. markets ended with solid increases over the past week, after rising sharply in response to news about Middle East violence and inventory reports. Crude oil led markets upward for most of the week, peaking on Thursday following new clashes between Israeli and Palestinian forces and an apparent terrorist attack on a U.S. Navy ship in Yemen. Prices eased on Friday and Monday, but still ended significantly higher than the previous week, except on the West Coast. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose after three weeks of decline, increasing 3.7 cents to 153.9 cents per gallon as of October 16. The average was 30.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices gained solidly for most regions and formulations, led by sharp increases in the Midwest. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 2.5M barrels on October 13 to 193.3 million barrels, 12.7 million barrels below the level for the same week last year.
- **Distillate Prices Up, Stocks Down:** The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil increased 1.25 cents on October 16 to 97.55 cents per gallon. Heating oil stocks at 45.8 million barrels fell by 0.8 million barrels for the week and were 25.4M barrels below a year ago. Heating oil stocks in New England fell 0.3 million barrels to 3.1M barrels while in the Central Atlantic stocks rose 1 million barrels to 17.5 million barrels. The Northeast Heating Oil Reserve stocks were 2.0 million barrels on October 13. The Reserve is now fully stocked.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **TX Higher Education Desegregation:** On September 15, TX submitted a revised plan to DOEd to fulfill the terms of the state's commitment to enhance its historically black colleges and improve minority participation at public universities. DOEd has provided preliminary comments on the recent submission and identified areas of concern. Official written comments have also been provided to the Office of the Governor and the Board of Education. On October 27, TX will submit its final plan.

- **GAO Letter on DOEd Financial Weaknesses:** On October 16, GAO issued a letter to Representatives Kasich and Biggert regarding financial management weaknesses at DOEd. DOEd reviewed the draft letter, but the requesters asked that GAO restrict release of the final report for one week. The draft letter: 1) analyzed financial management weaknesses identified in DOEd's FY1999 financial statements in the context of possible program and budgetary implications; 2) identified corrective actions that DOEd has taken to address the weaknesses; and 3) explained how DOEd prepared reliable FY1997 cost estimates for its loan programs and resolved a related material weakness. The bulk of the draft letter was a restatement of financial management weaknesses previously reported to Congress by GAO. While it generally identified corrective actions DOEd has taken, the emphasis was on the problems, not DOEd's efforts to address them.
- **Crime Data Deadline Missed:** On October 18, the *Sacramento Bee* reported that as many as 3,700 college campuses across the country missed the October 17 deadline to submit crime statistics to DOEd as required by law. By law, colleges were required to turn in the statistics to DOEd by October 15. DOEd has extended the deadline again to October 24 to accommodate the complaints by college campuses that they were having difficulties submitting their information electronically
- **Charter School Report:** DOEd will soon release the report, *Charter Schools and Student Achievement*, which provides case studies of 32 charter schools with particular emphasis on student achievement.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **USS Cole Victims:** VA personnel are ready to provide assistance to service members and their families affected by the USS Cole explosion. All of the Cole's dead are eligible for burial in VA's national cemeteries, and survivors may receive VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, plus Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. Injured sailors who are medically discharged will be eligible for lifetime VA treatment and compensation for their disabilities.
- **Agent Orange and Diabetes:** On October 11, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a long-awaited report that found "limited/suggestive" evidence of a link between Agent Orange, to which service members were exposed during the Vietnam War, and the kind of diabetes that is known as "adult-onset" or "Type 2." VA's senior leadership and program experts have begun a high-level review of the IOM finding. Acting Secretary Goyer has 60 days to decide whether or not a presumption of service connection is warranted for Vietnam veterans with adult-onset diabetes.

- **Starlink Corn Cancellations:** Aventis has announced that they have voluntarily canceled their registration for their genetically modified Starlink corn (which had been approved by EPA for feed uses only) as a result of finding the corn in products made for human consumption. EPA strongly urged the company to take this action. This means that Starlink corn can no longer be planted for any agricultural purpose, ensuring that no new Starlink corn will find its way into processed foods. EPA does not have any evidence that food containing Starlink corn will cause any allergic reaction in people, and the agency believes the risks, if any, are extremely low. However, because Aventis did not meet its responsibility for ensuring that Starlink corn only be used in animal feed, the request was made to cancel the registration. The remaining Starlink corn will be used only for animal feed or industrial uses until existing stocks are depleted.

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✕ { **Brownfields Program Wins Award:** EPA's Brownfields program has been named one of the ten winners in the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and Council for Excellence in Government's Innovations in Government Awards. The Brownfields initiative clearly demonstrates that economic prosperity and protection of public health and the environment can coexist. Since 1993, the Brownfields program has provided over 500 grants to communities across the country to assess contaminated sites, clean them up, and train workers in environmental cleanup. This unprecedented effort has led to the successful redevelopment of hundreds of contaminated properties, the creation of more than 7,000 permanent jobs, the leveraging of over \$2.3B in private investments, and training of hundreds of environmental professionals.

- **Ethyl Parathion Cancellation:** On October 16, EPA announced that it has signed an agreement with Cheminova, the major registrant of the pesticide ethyl parathion, to cancel all remaining uses of ethyl parathion. One of the most toxic pesticides still registered for use in the U.S., and one of the most restricted pesticides on the market today, ethyl parathion poses risks to workers and wildlife, according to EPA's revised risk assessments. The agreement immediately stops the use of ethyl parathion on corn grown for seed, which poses the greatest potential risk to re-entry workers. It phases out use on other agricultural crops (alfalfa, barley, corn, cotton, canola, sorghum, soybean, sunflower, and wheat) over the next three years, ending all use of ethyl parathion in the U.S. by October 2003.
- **Malathion Briefing:** A technical briefing to discuss the revised risk assessments for the Organophosphate pesticide malathion is scheduled to be held on November 9, in Alexandria, VA. Malathion is one of the pesticides used to combat West Nile Virus last year in NY.

- **U.S.-Canada Smog Agreement:** On October 12, the U.S. and Canada finalized a draft agreement to reduce smog-forming emissions in both countries. The "Ozone Annex" will bring similar emissions standards to both countries for the primary smog-forming chemicals: nitrous oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Some emissions from the midwestern U.S. move downwind to Canada, while some Canadian emissions in Ontario move downwind towards the northeastern U.S. While EPA will not have to draft any additional regulations to respond to the Annex, Canada has agreed to meet the standards of EPA's recent action to address NOx emissions from power plants in the eastern U.S. that travel across state borders. In addition, Canada agreed to strengthen to U.S. levels its emissions standards for cars, trucks, buses, and non-road equipment, as well as its fuel standards and emissions from certain other industries (e.g., the pulp and paper industries). EPA expects the two governments to sign the Ozone Annex by the end of the year. The agreement is an annex to the landmark 1991 Canada- U.S. Air Quality Agreement.

#### UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **The Middle East:** On October 18, the UN General Assembly resumed the so-called 10<sup>th</sup> Emergency Session of the General Assembly on "Illegal Israeli Actions in Occupied East Jerusalem." The session was scheduled to hear remarks from the Israeli delegation, the Palestinian Observer Mission, and perhaps one or two other delegations before suspending until October 20. USUN expects that the Secretary-General will address a resumed session on October 20.
- **Women and Peace and Security:** On October 23, The UN Security Council President (Namibia) will hold an "Arria-style" meeting (outside the Council chamber) with members of the NGO community to discuss the thematic topic "Women and Peace and Security". On October 24, Council members will participate in an Open Debate in the Formal Council chamber on the same topic.

#### UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Conflict Diamonds Conference:** On October 25-26, USTR will participate in the London Intergovernmental Conference on Conflict Diamonds. The objective is to develop recommendations building on the outcome of the September 21 Pretoria Ministerial.
- **WTO Accession of Moldova:** USTR led the U.S. delegation to the penultimate informal Working Party meeting on October 20 to assess status of Moldova's implementation of the conditions necessary for accession to the WTO.

- **Meat Packer Price Reporting:** Last week OMB contacted SBA and requested review of a final rule on mandatory-price reporting for meat packers prior to its publication in the *Federal Register*. The rule would require lamb, pork and beef packers to report pricing information daily in order to promote greater transparency in meat prices and eliminate the possibility of collusion in pricing. Upon review, SBA determined that the Agricultural Marketing Service at USDA had made a number of changes to the rule that resulted in less burden for small businesses, but that more alternatives should have been considered to further reduce the burden. Moreover, SBA expressed concern that the cost of the technology required to enter and transmit pricing data daily had not been assessed adequately.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **Hispanic Federal Employment:** On October 12, you signed Executive Order 13171, which will improve the recruitment of Hispanics into the Federal workforce, and calls on agencies to offer improved career development opportunities for Hispanics. The EO also asks agencies to assess and eliminate any systemic barriers to the effective recruitment of Hispanics and incorporate the objectives of the order into their agency's Government Performance and Results Act planning.
- **Federal Overtime Pay Legislation:** While two bills have been introduced in the House to correct an inequity under which some supervisory Federal wildland firefighters earn less than their usual rate of pay for working overtime during emergencies, neither bill has been approved by the House Government Reform Committee. On October 17, the House did pass a bill that contains a provision authorizing NTSB investigators to receive time-and-one-half of their hourly rate for overtime hours worked at the scene of an accident or which is critical to an accident investigation. The overtime pay problems addressed by the NTSB bill are very similar to the problems addressed by the two bills for Federal wildland firefighters. The passage of the NTSB legislation has renewed interest in legislation that would do the same for wildland firefighters. While no committee or floor action has been scheduled, there is now a distinct possibility that the bill's sponsors will seek to have their language adopted as an amendment to must-pass legislation or fast-tracked for floor action.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **International Disability Law and Policy Symposium:** On October 22-26, SSA and other Federal agencies will sponsor an international disability law and policy symposium in Washington, DC. The Symposium, "From Principles to Practice," will include leading law and policy advocates, and individuals with disabilities from over 40 countries who will examine international developments related to disability legislation and discuss issues and strategies for future reform.

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Secretary Albright

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Director Lachance 10/27

WA 10/23  
OR 10/24  
Secretary Riley

Minneapolis, MN  
Secretary Babbitt 10/27

MI  
Secretary Shalala 10/26  
Administrator Alvarez 10/27

New York City, NY  
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Secretary Shalala 10/23

Grand Forks, ND  
Director Witt 10/26

Medford, OR  
Director McCaffrey 10/24

Cleveland, OH  
Secretary Shalala 10/27

Princeton, NJ 10/25  
Secretary Richardson

Grand Canyon, AZ  
Secretary Babbitt 10/26

Chicago, IL  
Secretary Glickman 10/25

Detroit, MI  
Secretary Riley 10/27

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Secretary Slater

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OH  
Commissioner Apfel 10/24-26

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Secretary Glickman 10/26

Los Angeles, CA  
Secretary Herman 10/26

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Secretary Richardson 10/23

Pepe Fields, NJ 10/26  
Administrator Browner

Memphis, TN  
Secretary Glickman 10/25

White Sulfur Springs, WV  
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Albuquerque, NM  
Administrator Alvarez 10/29

San Diego, CA  
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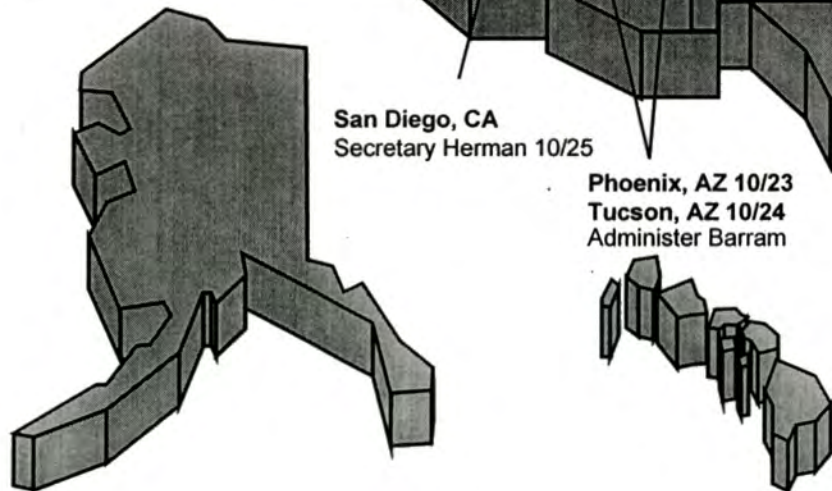
Phoenix, AZ 10/23  
Tucson, AZ 10/24  
Administrator Barram

FL 10/24  
Administrator Browner

Tampa, FL  
Secretary Cohen 10/27

Boca Raton, FL  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

10-21-00

October 20, 2000

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TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI  
STEPHANIE CUTTER

RE: Communications Weekly Report

**Overview**

This week, through events and other message vehicles, we continued to put pressure on Congress to finish its work and pass a fiscally responsible budget that invests in America's priorities, especially education. Also this week, your role as world leader and Commander-in-Chief was highlighted at the Middle East Peace Summit in Sharm el-Sheik and the U.S.S. Cole Memorial Service.

Next week, we will continue planning events, statements and other message opportunities to highlight the need for Congress to send you the remaining appropriations bills – investing in America's key priorities. We also will continue to call on the Republican leadership to finish its work for the American people on other priorities, including passing tax cuts targeted toward working families, an affordable prescription drug benefit for all Medicare beneficiaries, a meaningful Patients' Bill of Rights, a minimum wage increase, hate crimes legislation, and equal pay for women.

**.08 Blood Alcohol Level/Transportation Appropriations Bill**

Pending your final approval, on Monday, you will sign the Transportation Appropriations Bill prior to your departure for New York. In an event at the White House with representatives of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), key Members of Congress and others, you will highlight a key provision in this bill, which sets the national standard for drunk driving at .08 Blood Alcohol Content – a significant step forward in efforts to reduce drunk driving. This event will convey your leadership in keeping our communities safe from drunk driving, protecting the health of Americans and your efforts to work with Congress to move the nation forward.

### **School Construction/Surplus**

On Tuesday, against the backdrop of the quintessential little red schoolhouse – an age-old symbol of our nation's commitment to quality education – you will be joined by Democratic leaders, union representatives, children and supporters of your school construction initiatives to call on Congress to pass this important proposal to help build and modernize the nation's schools. You will also announce the final FY2000 surplus numbers, highlighting this historic opportunity to use the surplus to invest in key priorities like education and the success of the Clinton/Gore economic strategy. This event will demonstrate your commitment to improving education for America's children as well as provide a contrast between your balanced plan and the Republican plan, which fails to provide communities with the help they need to build and modernize schools.

### **Jordanian Free Trade Agreement Signing**

On Tuesday, in an East Room ceremony, you will witness the signing of the U.S.-Jordan Trade Agreement, the first free trade agreement with an Arab nation. This Agreement will foster economic development throughout the Middle East, while improving efforts to preserve the environment, protect labor rights and promote e-commerce. Joined by King Abdullah of Jordan, Jordan Deputy Prime Minister of Trade, Mohammed Halaika, USTR Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky and others, you will demonstrate your leadership in promoting free trade and economic freedom throughout the world. This event also will give you an opportunity to comment on the developments in the Middle East Peace Process – conveying your commitment to achieving peace and stability in the region.

### **Disability Mentoring Day**

In recognition of the first National Disability Mentoring Day, Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October), we are considering announcing several Administration grants, including nearly \$22 million in Work Incentive Grants. We are working with Cabinet Affairs, DPC and others to coordinate an appropriate roll-out strategy with Cabinet secretaries.

### **Budget/Congressional Activity**

On Wednesday and Friday, we are holding time for statements to continue to push out your domestic agenda and play into congressional activity on the budget and other priority issues.

### **Post-Election Communications**

In preparation for expected post-election, retrospective stories, Communications has begun preparing materials that showcase the enormous transformation that has occurred across the nation and throughout the world over the last 8 years as a result of your leadership. These materials include: a catalogue of stories of "real people" whose lives have improved as a result of a Clinton/Gore initiative; a profile of how the average American family is better off today than in 1992; and fact sheets on signature issues – such as fighting crime, protecting the environment, and growing the economy – to demonstrate the significant progress made under your leadership. We are working with the Chief of Staff's Office and the policy offices to plan how to best compile and use these materials.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHUCK BRAIN *CMB*  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

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**Joint Action**

**Continuing Resolution:** On Thursday, H.J. Res. 114, making continuing appropriations through October 25, 2000 was passed by both the House (262-136) and the Senate (unanimous consent).

**Energy and Water/VA/HUD Appropriations:** On Thursday, the Senate passed (85-8) and the House passed (386-14) the Conference Report to H.R. 4635, the VA/HUD Appropriations Act. Senators Allard (R-CO), Feingold (D-WI), Graham (D-FL), Gramm (R-TX), Grassley (R-IA), Inhofe (R-OK), Kyl (R-AZ), and Voinovich (R-OH) voted against the conference report. This bill includes a modified version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill without the controversial Missouri River provision.

**Agriculture Appropriations:** On Wednesday evening, the Senate passed (86-8) the Conference Report to H.R. 4461, the Agriculture Appropriations bill clearing it for your signature. Senators Allard (R-CO), Feingold (D-WI), Gramm (R-TX), Kyl (R-AZ), McCain (R-AZ), Nickles (R-OK), Smith (R-NH), and Voinovich (R-OH) voted against the bill, clearing measure for your signature. There is significant interest among Members for a signing ceremony. *RW  
Stewart*

**BBA:** Administration officials met on Friday with bipartisan bicameral health committee members and staff to outline what is missing from the current Republican package. Director Lew and Secretary Shalala sent a letter to the Hill announcing a veto threat on the package if the givebacks are too heavily directed to HMOs (currently about 1/3). It isn't clear if the Republicans are interested in Democratic views on how to improve the package or are committed to moving forward and risking a veto.

**Taxes:** The Republicans are working on a package, without the participation of Hill Democrats or the Administration, that could include: minimum wage and small business tax relief, repeal of the Foreign Sales Corporation, New Markets, above the line health care deduction, long term care insurance deductions, MSA's, repeal of the temporary FUTA surtax, and Portman/Cardin pension relief.

**House of Representatives**

**Floor Activity:** The House convened on Tuesday for legislative business and considered a number of suspension bills, but only held recorded votes on Wednesday and Thursday. Among these bills, the House passed (385-0) H.R. 3218, the Social Security Number Confidentiality Act. This modest measure enacts current government practice prohibiting the display of Social

Security numbers in the mail. Also passed (377-4) was H.R. 4541, the Commodity Exchange Act Reauthorization. This legislation, which your Administration strongly supported, would reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and modernize the Nation's legal and regulatory framework regarding over-the-counter derivatives transactions and markets. In addition to these suspension bills, the House passed the following measures subject to a rule:

**WRDA:** On Thursday, the House passed (394-14) S. 2796, the Water Resources Development Act, sending the bill to conference with the Senate. This includes the Administration's Everglades initiative. We are working to include the Delta Regional Authority in a conference report if one is completed.

**Debt Relief:** On Thursday, the House passed (voice) a Pelosi (D-CA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4811, the FY 2001 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, to insist on the highest possible level of funding for debt relief for highly indebted poor nations.

### **Week Ahead**

The House will reconvene on Monday for legislative business, with votes held over until Tuesday after 6:00 pm. In addition to a number of measures under suspension of the rules, the House is scheduled to consider, if and when available, the conference reports on the final four appropriations bills: Foreign Operations, Labor/HHS, the District of Columbia, and Commerce/Justice/State. Also, on the House schedule:

**Lake Tahoe Basin School Site Land Conveyance:** H.R. 4656, the Lake Tahoe Basin School Site Land Conveyance Act would authorize the Forest Service to convey lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin to the Washoe County School District for use as an elementary school site. Your Administration sought to amend the bill to require that the lands would be conveyed without using restrictions and reversion. Because of the condition of the transfer and concerns that the conveyance does not fairly compensate the government, House Democrats defeated this bill, sponsored by Representative Gibbons (R-NV) when it was considered under suspension last week.

**SBA Reauthorization:** H.R. 2614, the Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act Conference Report, which contains reauthorization provisions for the Small Business Administration, may go to the floor as a "shell" for the larger tax package.

### **United States Senate**

**Bankruptcy:** Thursday, the Senate passed (89-0) the motion to proceed to the Conference Report to H.R. 2415, bankruptcy reform legislation. Several Democrats have promised a filibuster because this version does not contain the Schumer clinic violence amendment but does include an unacceptable homestead provision. (Indeed, the Republicans have gone backward from the written homestead offer they made to us last month.)

**Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reauthorization:** Thursday evening, after removal of the oil royalty payment provisions to which Senator Boxer (D-CA) objected, the Senate passed (by unanimous consent) H.R. 2884, which extends energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through FY 2003 and includes the Strategic Petroleum Reserve reauthorization and authorization for the home heating oil reserve. The bill still contains

objectionable Alaska hydro issues which circumvent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission control and must be conferenced with the House.

**Week Ahead**

The Senate will next convene at 4:45 pm on Monday, but votes are expected no earlier than Tuesday.

**Bankruptcy:** We expect Majority Leader Lott to file cloture on Conference Report to H.R. 2415, bankruptcy reform legislation, by early next week in an effort to prevent a filibuster by Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) and others. The vote on cloture, which will likely take place next week, will almost certainly succeed.

Given the strong support for the bill in the House, the goal is to avoid a veto-proof vote in the Senate. We originally hoped that the Republican Leadership would have been forced to forego bringing the bill to the Senate floor, because Congress was to adjourn this week. The Senate will be in session next week, however, and will therefore likely have sufficient time to bring up and pass the bankruptcy bill.

We continue to believe, however, that Congress will likely adjourn *sine die* in the near future; thus, allowing you to pocket veto the bill. While a pocket veto will obviate a veto override, it does allow some Members to feel as if the bankruptcy vote is a "free vote." The consumer and choice groups are scoring this vote in an attempt to hold Democrats accountable, and we are making efforts to echo this point.

cc: The Vice President  
John Podesta  
Steve Ricchetti  
Joel Johnson  
Maria Echaveste  
Karen Tramontano  
Loretta Ucelli

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## NEW ISSUES

We continue to nominate as many candidates as possible before the Senate's *sine die* adjournment. The White House Counsel vetting team is working feverishly on clearing as many of our priority PAS (Political Appointees with Senate confirmation) as possible. We hope with the continuance measure taken by Congress this week, that we will see more confirmations. We had two confirmations last week: Robert Pirie, Under Secretary of the Navy and Robert Shamansky, Member of the National Security Education Board. John McLaughlin, was confirmed this week, to be Deputy Director of the CIA.

Appointed

Secretary Albright has suggested John S. Wolf, a career foreign service officer, to be appointed as Ambassador to the Philippines as a recess appointment. The State Department has vetted him and White House Counsel is in the process of completing their part of the process. Peter Burleigh, who has been nominated for this position since 5/26/99 and who is on the Executive Calendar, will not be confirmed. He has since retired from the Foreign Service and could not hold this position even if he was confirmed.

Maria Haley, Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel, has an interest in being recess appointed to this position. I have spoken with Secretary Albright's Chief of Staff, Elaine Shocas, about Maria's request. Their preference is to recess appoint Mr. Wolf.

Maria Haley and I wrote you a memo to respond to Smita Shah's request regarding the Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders and her interest in serving on this commission.

McCaffrey recently announced his resignation as Director of ONDCP effective early-January 2001. Donald R. Vereen Jr., (African American male) is currently Deputy Director of ONDCP, and is also the Principal Deputy Director. We will send a decision memo recommending him in the near future.

**History of Confirmations and Recess Appointments**

Our recent record of recess appointments is displayed below. Notices those years with an asterisk are election years and the percentages are extremely low.

| <u><b>Year</b></u> | <u><b>Percentage Confirmed</b></u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1995               | 71%                                |
| 1996*              | 45%                                |
| 1997               | 75%                                |
| 1998               | 71%                                |
| 1999               | 66%                                |
| 2000*              | 42% (to date)                      |

Given that the Republican controlled Senate has only confirmed 42% of our nominees, I am discussing with the Chief of Staff, Legislative Affairs and Counsel's office the idea of recess appointing a significant number of our nominees. The previous and current recess appointment statistics are below.

| <u><b>Administration</b></u> | <u><b>Recess Appointments Done</b></u> | <u><b>Years in Office</b></u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Carter                       | 69                                     | 4 years                       |
| <u><b>Reagan</b></u>         | <b>239</b>                             | <b>8 years</b>                |
| Bush                         | 78                                     | 4 years                       |
| <u><b>Clinton</b></u>        | <b>85</b>                              | <b>almost 8 years</b>         |

Of the 236 nominees currently pending before the Senate, at least one-third are nominated for positions that will make a discernable difference in the make up of the Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions they will serve on.

**Status of PAS Nominees Pending Before the Senate**

Of our 236 PAS nominees currently pending before the Senate, the breakdown between Republicans and Democrats is shown on the chart on page 3. (\* Some of the nominees, such as judges and U.S. Marshalls do not identify a party and therefore are not represented in the chart below.)

*Status of PAS (Party Identified) Nominees Pending Before the Senate*

| <b>Pending Before the Senate</b>                    | <b><u>Republicans</u></b> | <b><u>Democrats</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Number of Nominees*                           | 29                        | 150                     |
| Number of Nominees for Part-time Boards/Commissions | 21                        | 70                      |
| Number of Nominees for Full-time Positions*         | 8                         | 82                      |
| Number of Nominees on the Executive Calendar*       | 5                         | 45                      |

**Key Individuals Approved by the President and sent to the desk of the Executive Clerk for Appointment this Week:**

- Howard Kyongji Koh, Member, National Cancer Advisory Board
- Frances, Visco, Member, President's Cancer Panel
- Craig Jarolimek, Member, Advisory Committee for Trade Policy Negotiations
- David E. Bresler, Member, White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Veronica Gutierrez, Member, White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Linnea Larson, Member, White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Donald W. Warren, Member, White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Xiao Ming Tian, Member, White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine

**Key Nominations sent to the Executive Clerk for Delivery to the Senate this Week:**

- Robert Mark Ledbetter, Member, Broadcasting of Governors
- Tom Korologos, Member, Broadcasting of Governors
- Fred Duval, Member, Board of Directors, Inter-American Foundation
- Willie Grace Campbell, Vice Chair and Member, Board of Directors African Development Foundation
- Claude Allen, Member, Board of Directors, African Development Foundation
- Peggy Goldwater Clay, Member, Board of Trustees, Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation
- Lois Epstein, Member, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- Bill Duke, Member, National Council on the Humanities
- Norman Wulf, United States Alternate Representative, International Atomic Energy Agency

## Key Confirmations by the Senate this Week:

- John McLaughlin, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency

## Number of Individuals Approved by the President and Currently Being Vetted by the White House General Counsel's Office:

I have spoken to the White House Counsel vetting team and Beth Nolan regarding the importance of clearing the Presidential Appointments *without* Senate Confirmation as quickly as possible. They are going to clear our candidates as rapidly as possible.

|                                                                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Presidential Appointees <i>with</i> Senate Confirmation<br>(Full-time & Part-time)    | 62         |
| Presidential Appointees <i>without</i> Senate Confirmation<br>(Full-time & Part-time) | 158        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                          | <b>220</b> |

## Status of 2000 Nominations and Confirmations:

### *Status of All (Including Judges)*

|                                                 | <b>Number</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Current Nominations                             | 236           |
| Nominations on the Executive Calendar           | 59            |
| Confirmed in 2000                               | 172           |
| Confirmation Percentage                         | 42%           |
| <b>Grand Total<br/>(Nominated or Confirmed)</b> | <b>408</b>    |

### *Judges Only*

|                                       | <b>Number</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Currently Nominated                   | 42            |
| Nominations on the Executive Calendar | 0             |
| Confirmed in 2000                     | 39            |

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Confirmation Percentage                         | 48%       |
| <b>Grand Total<br/>(Nominated or Confirmed)</b> | <b>81</b> |

cc: John Podesta  
 Maria Echaveste  
 Beth Nolan

10-25-00

CORPORATION  
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October 23, 2000

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your powerful talk to AmeriCorps members in Philadelphia, with a strong call for reauthorization. As so often, the media did not pick it up.

These are the critical hours or days that will determine whether AmeriCorps and the Corporation's other programs are reauthorized. And as I wrote you last month and John Podesta last week, your determination will be a deciding factor.

Queen Elizabeth I's response when one of her ministers told her she **must** take a particular action was reported to be: "How darest thou say 'must' to thy sovereign, little man." Knowing how important AmeriCorps is to you, I am going to come very close to using that word "must."

Here is the situation, as I see it:

John Podesta, Jack Lew, Barbara Chow and team have been alert to the problem and I know are dedicated to winning reauthorization, among the other competing end-of-session priorities.

Senator Kennedy (with Senator Jefford's support) thought they had struck a deal with Senator Hutchinson to accept his bill (which passed the House) for an audit of the Education Department if and only if Republicans agreed to reauthorization of the Corporation.

In further discussions, Kennedy's negotiator (Jane Oates) has said we would accept a reauthorization for two years instead of five. (In 1993 the logjam in the Senate was broken when we reduced the length of authorization from five years to three.)

N Kennedy's threat was to block any bill providing for the Education audit without agreement for the reauthorization. Now Hutchinson has put the audit bill on the list of Republican demands for attachment to one of the pending appropriations bills (presumably Labor-HHS now being negotiated). If we are to get reauthorization it seems essential that the audit bill not be accepted unless the Corporation reauthorization is agreed to.

It is, in any case, essential that your determination be conveyed with all necessary persuasive force. A key Republican supporter says: "This bill can get passed – but only if the President uses his muscle to press for and bargain for it. The leaders will get the bill passed if the President makes clear that this is 'must pass' legislation."

You will know how to do it. So go to it! – with our faith and hope.

Respectfully,

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Harris Wofford

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Cynthia P. Schneider  
Ambassador

Embassy of the United States of America

The Hague, the Netherlands

October 3, 2000

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President William Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you for so generously receiving Prime Minister Wim Kok and his delegation at the White House last week. I know that having that final meeting with you meant a great deal to the Prime Minister. The friendship between the two of you was easy to observe at the meeting and at the lunch. I hope that the Dutch will be able to play a useful role in the UNMEE Force and also in their capacity at the head of the Security Council in November. I will do whatever I can to be helpful towards those ends.

Listening to you discuss so many different regions of the globe with Prime Minister Kok, from your uniquely personal perspective, made me realize once again what a difference you have made in the world. No one doubts that the Middle East peace process would not have progressed as far as it has - the recent violence notwithstanding - without your personal efforts and commitment. After we saw the new Andrew Lloyd Weber play "The Beautiful Game" (which is about conflict in Northern Ireland) in London last weekend, I told Tommie about how you set the current peaceful state of Northern Ireland in motion through your personal intervention. It was sad to hear you refer to the time when you would no longer be "around." About the only thing I can say for certain about that time is that our family will be there as your friends. For a pep talk about life after ..., you might try Wes Clark who called me the other day and was in fine spirits. In his words, he said he was "having a ball" but since he said he was as busy as ever, he did confess to missing some of the accoutrements of his former job.

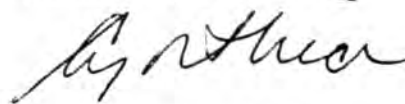
I am grateful every day for the honor you have given me in appointing me to this position. Tom and I look back on those early days nine years ago, when we first called people to be asked "Bill who?", as the best investment of time we have ever made. You know there is always a place for you in an old house in Maryland. We look forward to many more good times there together with you and your family.

I hope that you have enjoyed the catalogue of the collection at my residence that I left with Betty for you. Perhaps it will even tempt you to accept the speaking invitation for this spring in Amsterdam from Toon Woltman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Amsterdam . I would certainly love to have the opportunity to show you the art in the house myself. But of course that depends on many things....

If you choose to accept my invitation to further inscribe your name in biotechnology history by contributing a foreword to the publication of the papers of the conference we held last January, I will be extremely grateful. (Request for a Foreword for the special supplement of BioLaw & Business sent via Nancy - copy attached). If, however, you elect not to for whatever reason - time would certainly be an understandable one - I will understand.

I look forward to seeing you at Christmas if not before. Perhaps Tom will be able to join you for golf before then.

All the very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cynthia P. Schneider', written in dark ink.

Cynthia P. Schneider

Enclosures



*Embassy of the United States of America*  
*The Hague, the Netherlands*

Cynthia P. Schneider  
Ambassador

September 11, 2000

President William Clinton  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I hope that you are well. I am looking forward very much to seeing you later this month, when you will meet with Prime Minister Wim Kok at the White House. Thank you very much for extending this invitation, which means a great deal to one of our staunchest allies.

I am writing to make a request regarding one of the many areas in which you have advanced the U.S. position in the world, biotechnology. (And you thought only Tom pestered you on this subject!) Last January, the U.S. Embassy in the Hague organized and hosted an international conference, "*Biotechnology: the Science and the Impact*", which brought together pre-eminent scientists, advocates for the developing world, policy makers from the U.S., EU, and Dutch government, and NGOs (for example, Greenpeace), and consumer advocates for an exchange of views on biotechnology. The conference itself and the subsequent media attention demonstrated that informed debate can help overcome opposition to biotechnology. Members of the Dutch government have told me that the conference (at which three Dutch Ministers spoke) played a pivotal role in shaping the fundamentally positive attitude towards biotechnology of the Dutch government and public.

My request to you is that you write a brief (2 to 3 pages) forward to be included in the publication of the proceedings of the conference in a special edition of The Journal of Biolaw and Business. I am all too aware that time is running short, but I hope, nonetheless, that you will make time to take your rightful place in a publication that testifies both to the extraordinary scientific advances made during your tenure, and to the pro-active position of the U.S. government, both at home and abroad, in gaining acceptance for the safe application of this promising new technology.

Having just received full funding from the State Department, we are moving ahead to publish this autumn. While I realize that the approval process can be time consuming, I hope that, if you consent, you will submit the Forward to the editor of BioLaw, Robin J. Blatt, within a month, by October 10<sup>th</sup>. To save time, I would suggest that you send it to her directly at the following address:

Robin J. Blatt, Editor and Publisher  
The Journal of Biolaw & Business  
292 Prince Street  
West Newton, MA 02465  
Telephone: 617-244-4762  
Facsimile: 617-964-0971  
Email: [biolaw@mediaone.net](mailto:biolaw@mediaone.net)

For your information, I enclose the following to facilitate decision-making about, and execution of this request: suggested talking points for your forward; proposed Table of Contents for the special supplement of The Journal of Biolaw and Business; a copy of the proceedings of "Biotechnology: the Science and the Impact"; an example of The Journal of Biolaw and Business, and information about the Journal.

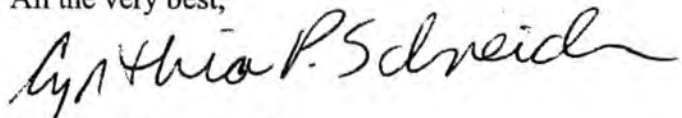
I hope very much that you will agree to lend your views on biotechnology, and the prestige that accompanies them, to this publication. This special edition of the Journal of Biolaw and Business is intended as an "ambassador for biotechnology", of sorts. The exchange of views between supporters and opponents contained within it will demonstrate that the United States supports free and open debate on biotechnology, supported by facts. Equally importantly, it will provide a reference for members of the USG at home and abroad of the full range of accomplishments and potential of biotechnology in agriculture, medicine, genomics, sustainability, and aid to the developing world. In addition, the information contained within the proceedings offers an informed guide to thorny questions about risk/benefit analysis by clarifying what is and is not known about potential future risks both from biotechnology, and from alternative methods. Since the speakers included the leaders in their fields, the publication will remain a standard for a long time to come.

In short, I believe that this publication will be a source both of value and pride to the full range of U.S. government entities involved with biotechnology. As the leader of both the campaign to earn acceptance for this technology, and, through your announcement with Tony Blair of the genome sequencing, of US/EU cooperation on this subject, your name rightfully belongs in the front pages. I hope you will consent to putting it there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please give my best to Hillary and Chelsea. Both of them look more beautiful every day in the press photos. Chelsea looked great at the UN summit; Hillary looks as if she is thriving.

All the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia P. Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being more prominent and the last name "Schneider" following in a similar style.

Cynthia P. Schneider

Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider  
American Embassy The Hague

***Biotechnology: the Science and the Impact***

Suggested Talking Points for the Foreword by President Clinton

- ◆ We stand on the threshold of rapid scientific advances that will change our lives and those of our children and grandchildren in ways we can only begin to imagine.
- ◆ With the joint announcement of the mapping of the human genome Prime Minister Blair and I were proud to host, science has assumed center stage in world affairs.
- ◆ Thanks to the discoveries of biotechnology, both health care and agriculture as we know them will be transformed over the next century.
- ◆ Knowledge reaped from the mapping of the human genome will contribute to a gradual shift from diagnostic to prognostic medicine.
- ◆ Greater understanding of the genetic and environmental influences on health and disease will make it possible to know to which conditions we may be predisposed.
- ◆ The next step will be the ability to detect and cure today's diseases, including cancer, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and Alzheimer's.
- ◆ Developments in agricultural biotechnology offer the promise of more efficient and more environmentally sound food production.

- ◆ Biotechnology uses modern scientific techniques, including genetic engineering, to improve or modify plants, animals and microorganisms. Biotechnology in agriculture is not new, except in the degree of accuracy that genetic transfer through DNA offers in comparison with traditional plant breeding methods.
- ◆ Agricultural biotechnology holds the promise of food security for the developing world. Not only that, but with new developments that significantly improve nutritional content, such as vitamin “A” enforced rice, biotechnology offers hope to millions who suffer from hunger and disease.
- ◆ Crops can be genetically modified to flourish alongside “weeds,” eliminating the need for herbicides, thus protecting plant, insect, and bird bio-diversity.
- ◆ We in America are committed to ensuring the safety of this technology and its products through a sound system of science-based testing and regulation.
- ◆ Rarely has there been a comparable opportunity to influence and shape the destiny of science -- and the future -- as there is now. At this historical juncture, the public, professionals, and regulatory officials face the challenges of: (1) reaping the benefits of the new knowledge and technology; (2) extending those benefits globally; and (3) ensuring and protecting the safety of the consumer and the environment as the innovations of the new sciences are introduced.
- ◆ We realize that the understanding and acceptance of biotechnology varies across the world.
- ◆ Key to creating a safe and open climate for the introduction of scientific innovations is: (1) increasing understanding of the science itself; and (2) creating a sound science-based regulatory framework.

- ◆ Open dialogues between different shareholders in the life sciences -- scientists, consumers, consumer advocates, policy makers and NGOS -- are needed to broaden understanding of the issues and of our mutual stakes in them.
- ◆ The conference *Biotechnology: the Science and the Impact*, organized by the U.S. embassy in The Hague under the leadership of Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider, fostered just such an open dialogue by bringing together diverse groups of experts to examine cutting-edge issues related to biotechnology and the life sciences. The conference assembled leading international figures in biotechnological research to de-mystify biotechnology and to discuss its potential advantages and disadvantages for both the developed and developing worlds.
- ◆ With publications such as this one, and with the continuing dialogues among scientists, policy makers, and citizens all over the world, we will work together to make the most of this new technology for the benefit of all mankind.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 24, 2000

MR. PRESIDENT:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BETH NOLAN *BN*  
BRUCE LINDSEY  
MEREDITH CABE *me*

SUBJECT: Setting of Execution Date for David Paul Hammer

An execution date has been set for David Paul Hammer, another inmate on federal death row. Judge Muir, the sentencing judge in the case, ordered that Hammer's sentence be carried out on November 15, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

Hammer successfully sought dismissal of his direct appeal, and has indicated he does not intend to apply for clemency. He specifically asked that a date be set and that his sentence be carried out expeditiously. He has also, however, changed his mind several times about the course of his case, accepting and later rejecting legal representation, and submitting and retracting his appeal. It is possible that he may again change his mind and decide to seek clemency.

We are in the process of arranging a time to discuss this case and another clemency matter with you.

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<sup>1</sup> Hammer was sentenced to death for the murder of another inmate, Andrew Marti.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Date 10/25/00

To: Eric Morse DPC

From: The Staff Secretary

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ENROLLED BILL STATUS; S106-2  
(for all bills received since 09/15/00)

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| BILL NO.     | DEADLINE | ACTION DATE | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                  |
|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| H.J.Res. 72  | 10/10/00 | 10/10/00    | Red River Boundary Compact                                                                                   |
| H.J.Res. 109 | 10/10/00 | 09/29/00 S  | Continuing Resolution FY 2001,<br>(Continuing Resolution # 1 thru<br>October 6, 2000)                        |
| H.J.Res. 110 | 10/17/00 | 10/06/00 S  | Continuing Resolution FY 2001,<br>(Continuing Resolution # 2 thru<br>October 14, 2000)                       |
| H.J.Res. 111 | 10/25/00 | 10/13/00    | Continuing Resolution FY 2001,<br>(Continuing Resolution # 3 thru<br>October 20, 2000) cleared<br>10/12/2000 |
| H.J.Res. 114 | 10/31/00 | 10/20/00    | Continuing Resolution FY 2001 (#<br>4 through 10/25/00),                                                     |
| H.R. 34      | 10/31/00 |             | Corrections to the Coastal<br>Barrier Resources System Map                                                   |
| H.R. 208     | 10/31/00 |             | Thrift Savings Plan Rollover<br>Distributions and Waiting Period                                             |
| H.R. 209     | 11/04/00 |             | Technology Transfer<br>Commercialization; Federally<br>Owned Inventions                                      |
| H.R. 468     | *        |             | Saint Helena Island National<br>Scenic Area Act (cleared on<br>10/24/00)                                     |
| H.R. 707     | 10/31/00 |             | Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000                                                                              |
| H.R. 940     | 10/07/00 | 10/06/00    | Lackawanna Valley National<br>Heritage Area Act of 2000                                                      |
| H.R. 999     | 10/10/00 | 10/10/00    | Beaches Environmental Assessment<br>and Coastal Health Act of 2000                                           |
| H.R. 1143    | 10/18/00 | 10/17/00 S  | Microenterprise for Self-Reliance<br>and International Anti-Corruption<br>Act of 2000                        |
| H.R. 1162    | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00    | William H. Natcher Bridge,<br>between Maceo, Kentucky and<br>Rockport, Indiana                               |
| H.R. 1509    | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial<br>Foundation                                                               |
| H.R. 1605    | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00    | J. Smith Henley Federal Building<br>and U.S. Courthouse, Harrison,<br>Arkansas                               |
| H.R. 1654    | 10/31/00 |             | National Aeronautics and Space<br>Administration Authorization Act<br>of 2000                                |
| H.R. 1695    | 11/01/00 |             | Ivanpah Valley Airport Public<br>Lands Transfer                                                              |
| H.R. 1715    | 10/31/00 |             | Defense Production Act Amendments                                                                            |
| H.R. 1725    | *        |             | Miwaleta Park Expansion Act<br>(cleared on 10/23/00)                                                         |
| H.R. 1729    | 09/27/00 | 09/22/00    | Pamela B. Gwin Hall<br>(Charlottesville, VA)                                                                 |
| H.R. 1800    | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | Death in Custody Reporting Act of<br>2000                                                                    |
| H.R. 1901    | 09/27/00 | 09/22/00    | Kika de la Garza United States<br>Border Station (Pharr, TX)                                                 |
| H.R. 1959    | 09/27/00 | 09/22/00    | Adrian A. Spears Judicial<br>Training Center (San Antonio, TX)                                               |
| H.R. 2296    | 10/31/00 |             | Revised Organic Act of the Virgin<br>Islands Amendment                                                       |
| H.R. 2302    | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | James W. McCabe, Sr., Post Office                                                                            |
| H.R. 2348    | 10/31/00 |             | Endangered Fish Recovery in Upper<br>Colorado and San Juan River<br>Basins                                   |
| H.R. 2389    | 10/31/00 |             | Secure Rural Schools and<br>Community Self-Determination Act<br>of 2000                                      |
| H.R. 2442    | *        |             | Wartime Violation of Italian<br>American Civil Liberties Act<br>(cleared on 10/24/00)                        |
| H.R. 2496    | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Junior Duck Stamp Conservation<br>and Design Program Act<br>Reauthorization                                  |

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| H.R. 2607 | 11/01/00 |             | Commercial Space Transportation Competitiveness                                                           |
| H.R. 2641 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 Technical Corrections                                            |
| H.R. 2647 | 10/10/00 | 10/10/00    | Ak-Chin Indian Community Water Rights Amendment                                                           |
| H.R. 2752 | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | Lincoln County Land Act of 2000                                                                           |
| H.R. 2773 | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act of 2000                                                                  |
| H.R. 2778 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act                                                             |
| H.R. 2833 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000                                                          |
| H.R. 2842 | 10/31/00 |             | Federal Employees Health Benefit Children's Equity Act of 2000                                            |
| H.R. 2879 | 10/31/00 |             | Commemorating the Martin Luther King, Jr., "I Have a Dream" Speech at the Lincoln Memorial                |
| H.R. 2883 | 10/31/00 |             | Good Citizenship Act of 2000                                                                              |
| H.R. 2884 | *        |             | To Extend Energy Conservation Programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (cleared on 10/24/00) |
| H.R. 2909 | 10/07/00 | 10/06/00    | SC Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000                                                                      |
| H.R. 2938 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | John Brademas Post Office                                                                                 |
| H.R. 2961 | 11/04/00 |             | International Patient Act of 2000                                                                         |
| H.R. 2984 | 10/31/00 |             | Irrigation District Conveyance                                                                            |
| H.R. 3030 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Matthew F. McHugh Post Office                                                                             |
| H.R. 3069 | 11/01/00 |             | Southeast Federal Center                                                                                  |
| H.R. 3201 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Public-Private Development                                                                                |
| H.R. 3235 | 10/31/00 |             | Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Study Act of 2000                                           |
| H.R. 3236 | 10/31/00 |             | National Police Athletic League Youth Enrichment Act of 2000                                              |
| H.R. 3244 | 10/31/00 |             | Weber Basin (Utah) Water Conservancy District Contracts                                                   |
| H.R. 3292 | 10/31/00 |             | Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (VAWA)                                         |
| H.R. 3363 | 10/14/00 | 10/10/00    | Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act                                                     |
| H.R. 3454 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | For the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated                                                             |
| H.R. 3468 | 10/31/00 |             | Henry McNeal Turner Post Office                                                                           |
| H.R. 3577 | 10/31/00 |             | Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act                                                                 |
| H.R. 3632 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Minidoka Reclamation Project                                                                              |
| H.R. 3646 | *        |             | Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act of 2000                                      |
| H.R. 3657 | *        |             | Relief: Persian Gulf Evacuees (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                       |
| H.R. 3671 | 11/04/00 |             | KATY Land Conveyance (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                |
| H.R. 3676 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000         |
| H.R. 3679 | *        |             | Santa Rosa and Santa Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000                                      |
| H.R. 3745 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | 2002 Winter Olympic Commemorative Coin Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                          |
| H.R. 3767 | 10/31/00 |             | Effigy Mounds National Monument Additions Act                                                             |
| H.R. 3817 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act                                                                         |
| H.R. 3909 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Jaryd Atadero Legacy Trail - Colorado                                                                     |
|           |          |             | Henry W. McGee Post Office - Chicago, Illinois                                                            |

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| H.R. 3985 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Vicki Coceano Post Office -<br>Miramar, Florida                                                    |
| H.R. 3986 | 10/31/00 |             | Prosser Diversion Dam Chandler<br>Pumping Plant Water Exchange<br>Study                            |
| H.R. 3995 | 10/31/00 |             | District of Columbia Receivership<br>Accountability Act of 2000                                    |
| H.R. 4002 | 10/31/00 |             | Famine Prevention and Freedom<br>From Hunger Improvement Act of<br>2000                            |
| H.R. 4063 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Rosie the Riveter/World War II<br>Home Front National Historical<br>Park Establishment Act of 2000 |
| H.R. 4068 | 11/04/00 |             | Religious Workers Act of 2000                                                                      |
| H.R. 4110 | 11/04/00 |             | National Historical Publication<br>and Records Commission<br>Authorization                         |
| H.R. 4115 | 10/14/00 | 10/12/00    | United States Holocaust Memorial<br>Museum Authorization                                           |
| H.R. 4132 | 11/01/00 |             | Reauthorize Grants for Water<br>Resources Research and Technology<br>Institutes Act                |
| H.R. 4157 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Matthew "Mack" Robinson Post<br>Office                                                             |
| H.R. 4169 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office                                                                  |
| H.R. 4205 | 10/31/00 |             | Department of Defense<br>Authorization FY 2001                                                     |
| H.R. 4226 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Black Hills National Forest &<br>Rocky Mountain Research Station<br>Improvement Act                |
| H.R. 4259 | 10/31/00 |             | National Museum of the American<br>Indian Commemorative Coin Act of<br>2000                        |
| H.R. 4275 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | Colorado Canyons National<br>Conservation Area and Black Ridge<br>Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000   |
| H.R. 4285 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Texas National Forests<br>Improvement Act of 2000                                                  |
| H.R. 4286 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Cahaba River National Wildlife<br>Refuge Establishment Act                                         |
| H.R. 4315 | *        |             | Larry Small Post Office (cleared<br>on 10/24/00)                                                   |
| H.R. 4318 | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00    | Red River National Wildlife<br>Refuge Act                                                          |
| H.R. 4320 | 11/04/00 |             | Great Ape Conservation Act of<br>2000                                                              |
| H.R. 4365 | 10/17/00 | 10/17/00 S  | Children's Health Act of 2000                                                                      |
| H.R. 4386 | 10/31/00 | 10/24/00    | Breast and Cervical Cancer<br>Prevention and Treatment Act of<br>2000                              |
| H.R. 4389 | 10/31/00 |             | Northern Colorado Water<br>Conservancy Conveyance                                                  |
| H.R. 4392 | 11/04/00 |             | Intelligence Authorization Act<br>for Fiscal Year 2001                                             |
| H.R. 4435 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Coastal Barrier Resources System<br>Boundaries                                                     |
| H.R. 4444 | 10/21/00 | 10/10/00 SC | U.S. - China Relations/Normal<br>Trade Relations with China (PNTR)                                 |
| H.R. 4447 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Samuel H. Lacy Sr., Post Office                                                                    |
| H.R. 4448 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr.,<br>Post Office                                                    |
| H.R. 4449 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Dr. Flossie McClain Dedmond Post<br>Office                                                         |
| H.R. 4450 | *        |             | Harry Augustus Cole Post Office<br>(cleared on 10/24/00)                                           |
| H.R. 4451 | *        |             | Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr., Post<br>Office (cleared on 10/24/00)                                   |
| H.R. 4461 | 11/01/00 |             | Agriculture Appropriations FY<br>2001                                                              |

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| H.R. 4475 | 10/23/00 | 10/23/00 C      | Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001                               |
| H.R. 4484 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | Everett Alvarex, Jr., Post Office                                                                        |
| H.R. 4516 | 10/30/00 |                 | Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2001 / Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 |
| H.R. 4517 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | Alan B. Shepard Post Office                                                                              |
| H.R. 4534 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | James T. Broyhill Post Office                                                                            |
| H.R. 4554 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | Joseph F. Smith Post Office                                                                              |
| H.R. 4578 | 10/19/00 | 10/11/00 C      | Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001                                 |
| H.R. 4579 | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00        | Utah West Desert Land Exchange Act of 2000                                                               |
| H.R. 4583 | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00        | Air Force Memorial Foundation Memorial Authorization                                                     |
| H.R. 4608 | 09/27/00 | 09/22/00        | James H. Quillen United States Courthouse (Greeneville, TN)                                              |
| H.R. 4613 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00        | National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000                                                    |
| H.R. 4615 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office                                                                           |
| H.R. 4625 | *        |                 | Gertrude A. Barber Post Office (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                     |
| H.R. 4635 | 10/31/00 |                 | VA/HUD Apporpoiations FY 2001/ Energy/Water Appropriations FY 2001                                       |
| H.R. 4642 | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00        | Personnel Flexibility for the General Accounting Office                                                  |
| H.R. 4658 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building                                                                        |
| H.R. 4681 | 10/31/00 |                 | Syrian Nationals Status Adjustment                                                                       |
| H.R. 4700 | 10/10/00 | 10/10/00        | Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact                                                |
| H.R. 4733 | 10/19/00 | VETO # 10/07/00 | Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act 2000                                                     |
| H.R. 4786 | *        |                 | Samuel P. Roberts Post Office (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                      |
| H.R. 4788 | *        |                 | United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/24/00)                          |
| H.R. 4806 | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00        | Carl Elliot Federal Building, Jasper, Alabama                                                            |
| H.R. 4828 | 10/31/00 |                 | Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000                                        |
| H.R. 4831 | *        |                 | Roberto Clemente Post Office (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                       |
| H.R. 4835 | 11/04/00 |                 | George Washington Memorial Parkway Land Exchange                                                         |
| H.R. 4850 | 11/01/00 |                 | Disabled Veterans Benefits; COLA                                                                         |
| H.R. 4853 | *        |                 | Arnold C. D'Amico Station (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                          |
| H.R. 4864 | *        |                 | Veterans Claims Assistance (cleared 10/17/00)                                                            |
| H.R. 4884 | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00        | William S. Broomfield Post Office Building                                                               |
| H.R. 4919 | 10/07/00 | 10/06/00        | Security Assistance Act of 2000                                                                          |
| H.R. 4931 | 10/14/00 | 10/12/00        | Presidential Transition Act of 2000                                                                      |
| H.R. 4975 | 10/24/00 | 10/23/00 C      | Frank R. Lautenberg Post Office and Courthouse                                                           |
| H.R. 5036 | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00        | Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendment of 2000                                                  |
| H.R. 5107 | 10/31/00 |                 | Work Made for Hire and Copyright Corrections Act of 2000                                                 |
| H.R. 5164 | 11/01/00 |                 | Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, & Documentation (TREAD) Act                           |

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| H.R. 5193 | 10/14/00 | 10/06/00    | FHA Downpayment Simplification Extension Act of 2000                                                                 |
| H.R. 5212 | 10/31/00 |             | Veterans' Oral History Project Act                                                                                   |
| H.R. 5229 | *        |             | Ruth Harris Coleman Post Office (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                |
| H.R. 5234 | 11/04/00 |             | Extend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to certain Former Spouses of Deceased Hmong Veterans Amendment |
| H.R. 5273 | *        |             | U.S. Mint Numismatic Coin Clarification Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                    |
| H.R. 5284 | 10/18/00 | 10/13/00    | Owen B. Pickett U.S. Customhouse, Norfolk, Virginia                                                                  |
| H.R. 5362 | 10/24/00 | 10/17/00 S  | H-1B Petitioner Fee                                                                                                  |
| H.R. 5417 | 10/31/00 |             | McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Naming                                                                        |
| S. 302    | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | Private Relief: Kerantha Poole-Christian                                                                             |
| S. 366    | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Act                                                         |
| S. 406    | 11/01/00 |             | Alaska Native and American Indian Direct Reimbursement                                                               |
| S. 430    | 10/07/00 | 10/06/00    | Kake Tribal Corporation Land Transfer Act                                                                            |
| S. 484    | *        |             | Bring Them Home Alive Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                      |
| S. 501    | *        |             | Glacier Bay Fisheries Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                      |
| S. 503    | *        |             | Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                   |
| S. 610    | *        |             | Westside Irrigation District Land Conveyance Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                               |
| S. 614    | *        |             | Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                   |
| S. 624    | 10/31/00 |             | Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000                                                                 |
| S. 698    | *        |             | Denali National Park High Altitude Rescue Report Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                           |
| S. 700    | *        |             | Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                            |
| S. 704    | 10/14/00 | 10/12/00    | Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 2000                                                                   |
| S. 710    | *        |             | Vicksburg Campaign Trail Battlefields Preservation Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                         |
| S. 748    | *        |             | Alaska Native Hiring and Contracting (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                           |
| S. 893    | *        |             | Merchant Seamen Wage Protection Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                            |
| S. 938    | *        |             | Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Adjustment Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                  |
| S. 964    | *        |             | Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                          |
| S. 1030   | *        |             | Bar Land Exchange Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                          |
| S. 1088   | *        |             | Arizona National Forest Improvement Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                        |
| S. 1198   | 10/17/00 | 10/17/00    | Truth in Regulating Act of 2000                                                                                      |
| S. 1211   | *        |             | Colorado River Basin Salinity Act Amendment (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                    |

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| S. 1218  | *        |             | Landusky School District Land Transfer Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                               |
| S. 1236  | 10/24/00 | 10/19/00    | Arrowrock Dam Hydro Project                                                                                                    |
| S. 1275  | *        |             | Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                       |
| S. 1295  | 10/11/00 | 10/10/00    | Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office                                                                                        |
| S. 1296  | 11/01/00 |             | Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Rivers Act                                                                                      |
| S. 1324  | 10/10/00 | 10/10/00    | Gettysburg National Military Park Boundary Revision                                                                            |
| S. 1367  | *        |             | Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site Boundary Adjustment (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                 |
| S. 1374  | 09/27/00 | 09/22/00    | Jackson Multi-Agency Campus Act of 2000                                                                                        |
| S. 1402  | 11/01/00 |             | Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000                                                                      |
| S. 1438  | *        |             | National Law Enforcement Museum Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                      |
| S. 1455  | 11/01/00 |             | College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 2000                                                                               |
| S. 1474  | *        |             | Palmetto Bend Conveyance Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                             |
| S. 1482  | *        |             | National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                               |
| S. 1586  | *        |             | Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                 |
| S. 1638  | 10/03/00 | 10/02/00    | Eligibility for Financial Assistance for Spouses and Dependent Children of Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty |
| S. 1705  | 11/01/00 |             | Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000                                                                                      |
| S. 1707  | 11/01/00 |             | Inspectors General Criminal Investigator Academy and Forensic Laboratory                                                       |
| S. 1752  | *        |             | Coastal Barrier Resources Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                            |
| S. 1778  | *        |             | Cascade Reservoir Land Exchange Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                      |
| S. 1794  | 10/17/00 | 10/13/00    | Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse, Jackson, Wyoming                                                                        |
| S. 1809  | 10/31/00 |             | Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000                                                           |
| S. 1849  | 10/24/00 | 10/24/00    | White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System                                                                                 |
| S. 1865  | *        |             | America's Law Enforcement and Mental Health Project (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                      |
| S. 1894  | *        |             | Park County (WY) Land Conveyance Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                     |
| S. 2045  | 10/17/00 | 10/17/00 S  | American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act of 2000 (H-1B Nonimmigrant Aliens, visas)                             |
| S. 2069  | *        |             | Powell, Wyoming, Land Conveyance Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                     |
| S. 2102  | 11/01/00 |             | Timbisha Shoshone Homeland Act                                                                                                 |
| S. 2272  | 10/17/00 | 10/17/00    | Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts Act of 2000                                                                             |
| S. 2300  | *        |             | Coal Market Competition Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                      |
| S. 2311  | 10/23/00 | 10/20/00 S  | Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000                                                                                         |

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| S. 2345  | *        |             | Harriet Tubman Special Resources Study Act (cleared on 10/24/00)                                                                |
| S. 2412  | 11/01/00 |             | National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2000                                                                     |
| S. 2425  | *        |             | Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                              |
| S. 2460  | 10/03/00 | 10/02/00    | Payment of Rewards to Individuals Furnishing Information Relating to Persons Violating International Humanitarian Law in Rwanda |
| S. 2498  | 11/01/00 |             | Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array, Kea at Hilo, Hawaii                                                  |
| S. 2686  | 10/31/00 |             | Reduced Rate Mail                                                                                                               |
| S. 2719  | *        |             | Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/23/00)                            |
| S. 2812  | *        |             | Immigration and Nationality Act Amendment (oath; disabilities) (cleared on 10/19/00)                                            |
| S. 2869  | 09/29/00 | 09/22/00 SC | Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000                                                                    |
| S. 2872  | *        |             | Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                            |
| S. 2882  | *        |             | Klamath Basin, Oregon and California Water Supply Enhancement (cleared on 10/23/00)                                             |
| S. 2917  | 11/01/00 |             | Santo Domingo Pueblo Claims Settlement Act of 2000                                                                              |
| S. 2950  | *        |             | Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000 (cleared on 10/23/00)                                      |
| S. 2951  | *        |             | Management of Salmon Creek Watershed of the Upper Columbia River (cleared on 10/23/00)                                          |
| S. 2977  | *        |             | Diamond Lake Interpretative Center Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                    |
| S. 3022  | *        |             | Nampa and Meridian Conveyance Act (cleared on 10/23/00)                                                                         |
| S. 3062  | *        |             | District of Columbia Performance Accountability Report to Congress Amendment (cleared on 10/19/00)                              |
| S. 3201  | 11/01/00 |             | Smithsonian American Art Museum                                                                                                 |

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