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October 4, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

Although a lot of our friends on the Longhorn-Exxon payroll have attempted, through an environmental assessment process, to resolve concerns of environmental groups and state, local and county governmental entities, it is obvious from the attached complaints that they have *completely* ignored your executive order protecting neighborhoods of color on environmental justice issues.

In the course of time your environmental justice executive order will add greatly to the Clinton legacy. In view of the artificially imposed sense of urgency surrounding this issue, I urge you to review the attached materials and consider the disproportionate impact this pipeline will have on neighborhoods of color.

Mr. President all anybody has asked for is a full *Environmental Impact Study*.

Sincerely,

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People Organized In Defense of Earth and her Resources

September 25, 2000

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Re Longhorn Pipeline in Texas

Dear President Clinton:

I know you are coming to Texas soon. I want to make sure that you are aware of a serious case of environmental injustice that is apparently being perpetrated by your administration. Our organization, PODER, offices in Austin, Texas and we work against environmental racism throughout our state. There is an effort underway by Longhorn Pipeline and other large corporations to activate a 50 year old crude oil pipeline and use it to ship gasoline from Houston to El Paso. PODER wrote to Mr. George T. Frampton Jr., Acting Chair of Council of Air Quality on April 20, 2000, requesting a full Environmental Impact Study be undertaken to safeguard the health and environment of our communities. We also wrote to Mr. Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation regarding our concerns. Letters of request have also been sent to USEPA representatives. To this day we haven't received a response from any of the above agencies.

Mr. President, you worked so hard to bring to the forefront the issue of environmental racism. You signing Executive Order No. 12898: *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* on February 11, 1994, has earned you the legacy of working to put an end to environmental racism.

Mr. George Frampton, Jr., Acting Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from the White House has written a letter (dated September 7, 2000 to Mr. W. Michael McCabe, USEPA & Mr. Mortimer Downey, USDOT) that severely undermines our effort to protect our neighborhoods. His letter has the affect of ordering the agencies to accept the draft Environmental Assessment and not moving forward with a full Environmental Impact Study, which is what we have been asking for. Longhorn Pipeline and its representatives do not want an Environmental Impact Study, because they know the result of it would show that people and not just salamanders will be endangered by the flow of gasoline through this 50 year old pipeline.

Several months ago, we discovered that an Environmental Assessment was underway. We also learned that draft copies of it were being discussed. To our surprise and dismay, we read in the paper that in the draft that 19 miles of that old pipeline were being replaced in the Western part of Travis County and Hays County. That is a relative affluent part of our community, and sits over the Edwards Aquifer, which supplies some of the drinking water for our area. The draft does not require replacement of the pipeline for the 19 miles immediately preceding where numerous streams flow into the Colorado River, and where the less affluent residents live. Even the draft admits that 6,998 people live within a 1,250 feet of the pipeline in the poor neighborhoods and that 39.98% of those are people of color. On that portion being replaced, using a similar 19-mile stretch only 2,051 people live and only 372 of those are people of color (minorities). Should a full



Environmental Impact Study occur as we have been requesting, it would be revealed that the people of color (minorities) population in the low-income area is substantially larger than that of reported in the draft environmental assessment. There is an endangered salamander in the Aquifer where the pipeline is being replaced, which is used as the justification for replacing the pipeline in that area. Nevertheless, over 2,000 people are protected in that area, because they live within 1,250 feet of the pipeline. In our neighborhoods, nearly 7,000 people live within that distance, and the Environmental Assessment offers nothing.

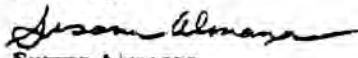
There is also a long stretch of the pipeline in Houston (Harris County) where 9,803 people live within 1,250 feet of the pipeline, and 81.4% of those are people of color. Even the study done in preparation for the draft Environmental Assessment admits that this Harris County area raises the biggest environmental injustice issue. The same problems exist in part of El Paso and Bastrop County.

In Travis County, the environmental community that lives over the aquifer, has substantial monetary resources and is powerful politically. The representatives of the pipeline knew that they had to satisfy those people before they could proceed. So, they worked with David Frederick who works for the United States Fish and Wildlife in Austin, Texas. They agreed to replace the pipeline over the aquifer to satisfy him and the environmental community. The local United States Fish and Wildlife people have told us that they have been satisfied and that it is not their responsibility to deal with the safety of the people. The poor neighborhoods in Travis, Bastrop, Harris, and El Paso counties don't have the political power or the resources to resist therefore, their health and welfare is being ignored.

Mr. President, in Executive Order No. 12898, you stated that all Federal agencies' mission would be to achieve environmental justice. We believe that your own office in the letter written by Mr. Frampton, Jr. breaks that mission. Mr. Frampton, Jr. should withdraw his acceptance of the Environmental Assessment. Mr. President you should demand that a full Environmental Impact Study be undertaken. You have worked hard to ensure that environmental justice is achieved in your administration. You have set in place for the future the instruments to protect people of color from environmental racism, don't let your staff erase that from your legacy.

We will take all necessary legal action under the laws that protect against discrimination and environmental racism to give the same protection to low-income and people of color neighborhoods as is given to the salamander and those more wealthy residents in the western part of Travis County and we are hopeful that you will do the same Mr. President.

Sincerely,


Susana Almanza
Director

cc: Mr. George Frampton, Jr., Acting Chair-Council on Environmental Quality
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Mr. Rodney Slater, Secretary of Trans(Frampton, FHA
Mr. Ronald A. Stroman, Director-OCR US DOT
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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY**

**BY THE TEXAS STATE
CONFERENCE
OF NAACP BRANCHES
IN BEHALF OF MINORITY
CITIZENS OF THE STATE
OF TEXAS**

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ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches and files this their complaint pursuant to (1994) Executive Order 12898, the departmental orders implementing the same and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and in support thereof would show the following:

I.

The Longhorn pipeline is a 700 mile structure that is proposed for use to transport gasoline and jet fuel across Texas to markets throughout the United States. About 450 miles of the pipeline was built in 1950 to ship crude oil from Crane in West Texas to refineries in Baytown. A group of pipeline and energy companies purchased the pipeline in 1995 and are building a 250 mile extension from Crane to El Paso. Pipeline partners include Exxon Pipeline Company, Amoco Pipeline Company, Williams Pipeline Company, Beacon Group Energy Investment Fund and Chisum Holdings. Recently your federal agencies have approved the use of this pipeline for the intended purpose. To the extent that any of the above referenced companies or their related, affiliated or subsidiary companies receive federal funds, a Title VI complaint is made.

As a result of concerns raised by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, apparently the pipeline participants are providing new pipe for a portion of the pipeline. However, no new pipeline will be provided to areas that are predominately minority, though there are many such areas throughout the pipeline.

The Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches Executive Board voted unanimously to oppose the use of the Longhorn Pipeline for the desired purposes as stated in the current permit application.

II.

**(1994) EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898
FEDERAL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN
MINORITY POPULATIONS AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS**

This executive order provides the following for Agency responsibilities:

To the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, and consistent with the principles set forth in the report on the National Performance Review, such Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States and its territories and possessions, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Marian Islands.

Though the Federal Agencies have agreed to permit the new use of the pipeline, the Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office has taken an appropriate position of not supporting this decision—at least at this time. The Agencies have not appropriately assessed the disparate and undue impact on minority populations as a result of the new permitted use of this pipeline, which would include but are not limited to the following:

1. In the Austin area there will be approximately 19 miles of new pipeline provided. However, no pipeline will be provided to predominately minority areas.
2. In the Austin area there are at least 10 schools that are near the Longhorn Pipeline, and of that group, the schools that have the largest percentage of minorities will not be getting new pipeline but the other schools will.
3. In Northwest Harris County, where some of the most populous areas are located near the pipeline, there are 13,000 minorities in Harris County within 1,250 feet of the pipeline (in some areas 90% or more of those located near to the pipeline are minorities);
4. In predominately minority areas such as near the airport in Austin, the pipeline is adjacent to the back yards of homes or yards of Churches (50 feet from structures), while in the non-minority areas surveyed the homes are substantially further from the pipeline. The explosion in Abilene shows the danger for homes to be located too close to a pipeline transporting gasoline.
5. The new pipeline proposed has a disparate impact on racial minorities and also on low income populations which are disadvantaged both by the current placement of the pipeline and by the proposed new pipeline which will not benefit them.

III.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY HAZARDS

There are numerous environmental, health and safety hazards caused by the exposure of any community to gasoline and its byproducts. Minority communities have traditionally been exposed disproportionately to such environmental health and safety hazards, and the proposed use of the Longhorn Pipeline will serve to disadvantage minority communities disproportionately

(without justification) in a number of ways, including but not limited to the following:

1. Increased risk of disease and health problems;
2. Depreciation of Property;
3. Loss of use and enjoyment of property; and
4. Lowered marketability of property.

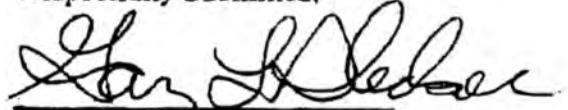
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The location of the pipeline, the intended use of the pipeline and the decision in regards to the limited amount of new pipeline are all factors whose impact are known to the makers.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches requests that you undertake an investigation into whether Executive Order 12898 and Title VI have been complied with and/or violated, and upon the finding of a violation to do the following:

- a. enjoin the newly proposed use of the pipeline from being implemented;
- b. provide such other and further relief as may become necessary or to which the minority community may show itself to be entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,



Texas State Conference of
NAACP Branches

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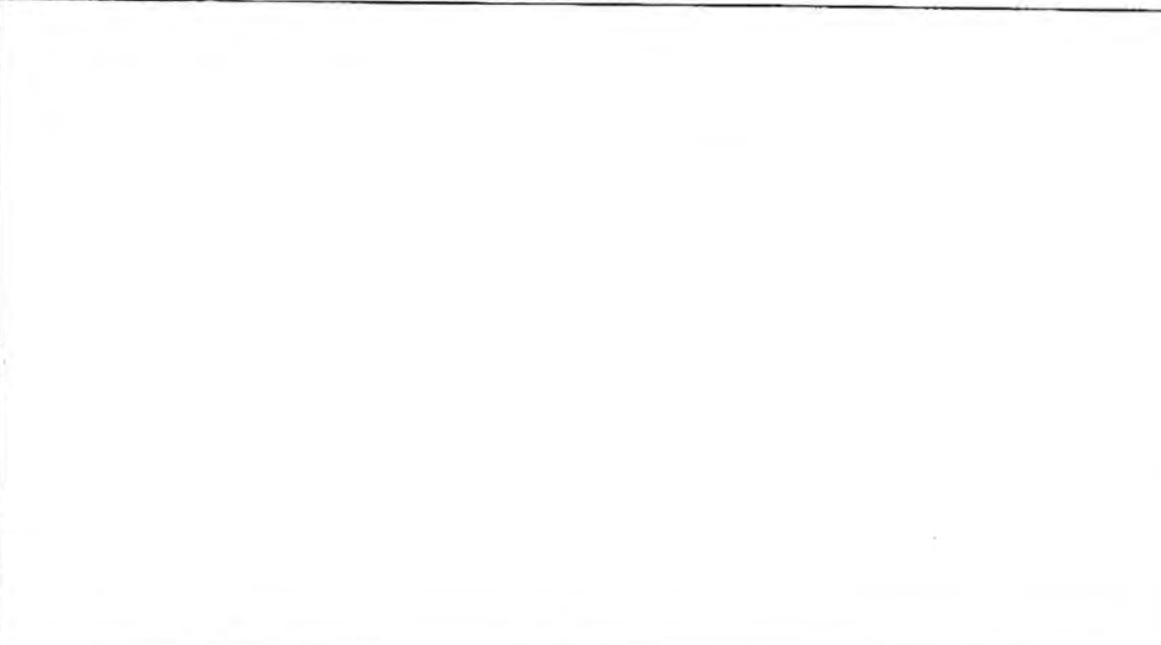
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WEEKLY REPORTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING
November 3, 2000

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) **Update on Global Markets/Interest Rates and Stock Prices**
- (B) **NEC**
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**WEEKLY REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING
NOVEMBER 3, 2000**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

Bankruptcy: In a surprise, Senator Lott's motion to invoke cloture failed last Wednesday, by a vote of 53-30 (60 ayes required). Our calls the night before to wavering members had not suggested we would do as well. Lott himself voted 'no' to preserve his ability to renew the cloture motion during the post-election session. However, if the next session is relatively short, you may still have the option of a pocket veto. Not all the 29 Democrats voting no on cloture will oppose the bill. Some, like Minority Whip Reid -- a bill supporter who rallied votes against cloture, were simply infuriated by Republican disregard of minority prerogatives. Other Senators who voted for cloture may yet oppose the bill on the merits. The vote did demonstrate that sentiment against the bill has grown somewhat in Democratic ranks since Senate passage last January. Nonetheless, if a pocket veto is not assured, getting a veto sustaining margin may yet prove a challenge. I spoke with Wellstone, Kennedy and former Senator Metzenbaum following the vote and they are enormously appreciative of your leadership on this issue.

Medicare Provider Restorations: Last Monday, House Democrats offered an alternative to the Republican Leadership's Medicare provider give-back legislation included in the Republican tax package passed by the House. The Democrats' attempt to bring the alternative up was defeated on a procedural vote 189-169 along party lines. The alternative would have modified or added to the provider and beneficiary policies in the Republican package, at a cost of \$11 billion/5 and \$29 billion/10, and would have attached accountability provisions to increased spending for Medicare HMOs. The Administration strongly supported the House Democratic alternative.

The provider provisions of the alternative included additional spending for teaching hospitals, rural hospitals, and home health agencies. The beneficiary provisions included Medicaid coverage of children with disabilities, extending Medicaid for those moving from welfare to work, and Medicaid and S-CHIP coverage for legal immigrant pregnant women and children. All of the beneficiary policies either were previously approved by the Commerce Committee or have overwhelming bipartisan support. We are continuing to work with the press, advocates, and bipartisan members of Congress on a strategy to encourage the Republican Leadership to include these priorities in their give-back legislation.

New Markets: Last Wednesday, David Wilhelm stopped by to update us on his firm's progress in establishing venture capital funds that invest in, and provide assistance to, medium sized companies in rural and underserved areas. The Appalachian Ohio Development Fund will close in mid-December with \$15 million in capital to invest in firms in Wilhelm's home region of southeastern Ohio. (Recall that you announced the formation of the fund during your New Markets tour stop in Kentucky.) Wilhelm is currently raising capital for a second fund focused on Southern Illinois. Primary investors have been banks, utilities, and labor unions. In both cases, Wilhelm has worked closely with universities with small business expertise (Ohio University and Southern Illinois University), so that the funds can tap proprietary deal flow and local business advisers. Wilhelm was inspired to organize these funds after a tour of Appalachia with Rev. Jackson, during which local businesses described the scarcity of equity capital in rural areas and how lack of equity limited their growth potential. While he has persevered in the absence of government subsidy, he speaks enthusiastically of how passage of the New Markets Tax Credit and technical assistance components of your New Markets initiative would help expand his efforts.

Oil, Heating Oil and Gasoline Prices and Supplies: Oil for December delivery closed on Friday at \$32.71 per barrel, down 3 cents from last Friday's close of \$32.74 per barrel. At the beginning of the week OPEC increased production quotas by an additional 500,000 barrels a day. Although the market initially was concerned that Venezuela's and Iran's quotas (OPEC's 2nd and 3rd largest producers) were above their sustainable rates of production, the Saudi oil minister subsequently indicated that Saudi Arabia would increase production to compensate for other OPEC producers that cannot meet their production quotas. Towards the end of the week, oil prices rose in response to lower than expected inventory levels and then fell in response to reduced tension in the Middle East. Heating oil for December delivery closed the week at 92.17 cents per gallon, down 5.25 cents from last week's close of 97.42 cents, as the market concluded that there was sufficient heating oil on hand to meet demand into early December. Last Monday, DOE reported that during the previous week the nationwide average price of self-service regular gasoline fell 0.6 cents per gallon from \$1.551 to \$1.545; the price held steady in California at \$1.796. The nationwide average price of diesel fell 1.9 cents to \$1.629.

Strategic Petroleum Reserve Swap: Approximately six million of the thirty million barrels of crude oil exchanged in the swap already has left the reserve. Seventeen million of the remaining barrels must be taken by the end of November. The remaining seven million barrels must be taken by the end of December, but may be accepted sooner.

On bananas, however, Lamy backed off very little from the EU's new proposal, which is a non-starter for the United States, Caribbean nations, and every Latin exporter except Ecuador. He invited a joint proposal from that group of countries, which Amb. Barshefsky said we hope to pull together quickly in light of Congressional expectations that Carousel action should be taken soon. On Airbus, Amb. Barshefsky explained that we want informal consultations on topics subject both to our 1992 aircraft accord and also the 1994 WTO subsidies code, the latter being implicated by the non-commercial financing terms which Airbus consortium countries are known to be preparing. Lamy was non-committal except to promise a response on those terms for consultations soon.

New Korea Tobacco Legislation: Korea's cabinet is expected shortly to adopt legislation that may reduce the current level of public health regulation of tobacco products in Korea. There is confusion over whether Korea intends to drop certain health-oriented regulatory protections or, instead, to transfer the legislative authority for certain tobacco regulations to health and safety legislation to be proposed later. U.S. tobacco companies are upset that the legislation also would increase the tariff on imported cigarettes from 0% currently to 40% as of 1/1/2001. It also would end the current prohibition on foreign investment in Korea's tobacco manufacturing sector, but require a minimum foreign investment roughly equal to Korea's entire current domestic manufacturing capacity for cigarettes. It may be that the latter two measures are intended to attract (heretofore-scanty) foreign investor interest in the privatization of KTG, the government-owned firm with a monopoly on domestic production of tobacco products. I am working with Bruce Reed to develop an interagency consensus on how to respond, consistent with a statutory prohibition (the Doggett amendment) against promoting market access overseas for tobacco products. There is interagency disagreement over whether the effect of proposed legislative changes in Korea would result in "discrimination" against U.S. producers as defined under the Doggett Amendment. A finding of discrimination would permit trade action to prevent or correct the discriminatory measure.

Global AIDS Funding. We did very well on HIV/AIDS in the Foreign Operations appropriations bill, with an increase from \$190 million to \$315 million in one year. However, we are still seeking additional resources for the World Bank AIDS Trust Fund proposed by Representatives Leach and Lee, which will provide grants to governments and NGOs for AIDS prevention, care, and treatment. The Trust Fund was authorized at \$150 million per year for two years, but will receive at most \$20 million from the \$315 million in Foreign Ops in 2001. Leach and Lee are continuing their drive to increase the Trust Fund level, and, while it may be a long-shot, we will continue to work with OMB to try to get an additional \$30 million during final budget negotiations with Congress.

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Financial Problems in Argentina: Continued economic stagnation, a high foreign debt burden, and political instability, culminating with the resignation of the head of the national intelligence service on October 23 over a Senate bribery scandal, have combined to unsettle Argentina's financial markets. The peso, which is linked one-to-one with the U.S. dollar through a currency board arrangement, has not been affected, but the interest rate that Argentina has to pay for its debt has jumped noticeably in the past few weeks. Standard and Poors announced this week that it was placing Argentina on its watch list for a likely credit rating downgrade. NEC co-chaired a meeting with NSC this week to assess the situation and consider possible USG responses. Your advisers agreed that the economic/financing problem in Argentina has at least three dimensions: 1) a need for more pro-growth policies (to improve investment climate--cut tariffs, reduce taxes on businesses), 2) the need for a more coordinated message from President de la Rúa's economic team, and 3) the need for a financing plan for 2001, when the country must roll over \$14.8 billion in foreign debts. We agreed that it makes sense to send a senior Treasury official to Argentina for a visit the week after next to offer advice on these matters. You should know that Argentina does have a program in place with the IMF under which it could draw \$2.4 billion by early 2001 and another \$2.4 billion later in 2001. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Bolivia: During a half-day session on November 2, the Bolivians called on the USG to help them through a rough patch economically. Administration officials indicated we are inclined to be as helpful as we can, while calling on them to stay the course. The Bolivians believe that this economic period is their toughest in fifteen years, and has a number of causes that, unfortunately, have converged simultaneously. These include external factors such as Brazil's devaluation, deteriorating terms of trade, and El Niño, and internal factors such as Bolivia's successful eradication of coca production, which they estimate represented 3 percent of GDP and employed 51,000 now-displaced workers. They also pointed to their pension reform, which they argue is the right decision in the longer term, but is causing short-term problems.

Treasury signaled general support for the Bolivian proposals before the IFIs, including tweaking some programs and shooting for early disbursement of funds. Treasury reported on the Congress' recent decision to fully fund HIPC. Bilaterally, Treasury said that we are prepared to forgive 100 percent of Bolivia's debt when it goes to the Paris Club. On trade, Bolivia is hoping that the White House can tell Speaker Hastert that we support language in a bill by Senator Graham that would provide greater access for Bolivian textiles made with alpaca and llama. (We are reviewing this proposal to determine whether such a change would be acceptable domestically.) The Bolivians are skeptical about the pace of the FTAA, and asked that we negotiate a bilateral FTA with them.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Barbara Chow

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

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1. Education -- U.S. Panel Allows Union Organizing by Postgraduates: The National Labor Relations Board has ruled for the first time that graduate students who work as research and teaching assistants at private colleges and universities have the right to form unions to negotiate wages, benefits and other conditions of employment. The ruling Tuesday, in a case involving graduate student assistants at New York University, reverses the board's position from the mid-1970's, and will make it easier for graduate students to unionize.

2. Child Support/Fatherhood - - Status of Bipartisan Legislative initiative: We remain cautiously optimistic that the bipartisan child support/fatherhood legislative initiative can be enacted, most likely as part of Labor/HHS appropriations. Over the past two weeks, key parties have agreed to several changes to overcome objections by states and others, including making all the child support changes a state option. Our understanding is that all key authorizers are now satisfied with the proposal and have committed to help get this done this year. However, Senator Nickles still has concerns; other supportive Republicans, including Nancy Johnson, continue to work to persuade him.

3. Health Care -- HCFA Approves Vermont Medicaid Prescription Discount Waiver: On Friday, HCFA formally approved a request from Vermont Governor Dean's for a Medicaid prescription drug discount waiver. If all goes according to plan, seniors of all income levels without prescription drug coverage and the uninsured and non-elderly up to 300% of poverty will be eligible to access Medicaid discounts in return for a small fee some time early next year. It is highly likely, however, that the pharmaceutical industry will attempt to stop this program from going forward. They fear that the statutorily-set price discounts for the Medicaid program that are required as a condition of participation in the Medicaid program will become accessible to too many Americans throughout the nation.

4. Health Care -- Executive Directive to Labor Department to Issue Appeals Regulation: Over the weekend, you will announce your intention to direct Labor Secretary Alexis Herman to

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issue final appeals and consumer information regulations within two weeks. These regulations will establish a fair and unbiased internal appeals process for the review of medical benefits claims; require timely coverage and appeals decisions; and direct health plans to provide meaningful information to patients advising them of their rights to the appeals process. It will be applied to all private health plans sponsored by employers, which cover over 130 million working Americans and their families. The release of this regulation had been delayed pending Congressional action on the much more comprehensive Patients' Bill of Rights. Since this now looks unlikely, we are recommending that the Administration proceed to release this in an expedited fashion.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *DSS for*

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

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BUDGET

Everglades Restoration

With a vote of 312-2, the House of Representatives added the final vote of support to the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA) conference report today. Foremost in the bill are our Everglades restoration provisions, but it also authorizes many projects we support, including a major project to deepen channels in the New York/New Jersey harbor, estuary restoration in the lower Columbia River and support for the Puget sound ecosystem. Many projects to which we objected were dropped from the conference report. However, others, particularly those expanding the mission of the Army Corps of Engineers to include over \$400 million in environmental infrastructure projects, are likely to be added to the Labor/HHS Appropriations bill instead.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Longhorn Pipeline

After several years of controversy surrounding the proposed 700-mile Longhorn oil pipeline in Texas, the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation are expected to make their final recommendation next week. The Agencies will likely announce that the pipeline will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and that the Environmental Assessment will be completed with a finding of No Significant Impact rather than beginning the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. We expect the pipeline opponents to continue the litigation, challenging the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment. As you know, local elected officials are sharply divided on this matter.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM TOXICS

Pipeline Safety Regulations

The Administration took two significant steps today to ensure the safety of oil and gas pipelines across the country. The first move will apply new safety regulations for integrity management that applies to hazardous liquid pipeline operators that operate more than 500 miles of pipeline. These regulations include a rigorous schedule of inspections and repairs. Second, you directed

the Department of Transportation to take actions that will further strengthen pipeline safety standards, improve enforcement, form strong federal-state partnerships, increase public access to information, and enhance technology using existing authorities to their fullest extent. These actions come after Congress has failed to pass a comprehensive pipeline safety law this year.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. **T.M.**
KRIS M. BALDERSTON

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
October 28 – November 3, 2000

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- **Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC):** On November 1, the Senate approved the FSC tax replacement bill as a free-standing piece of legislation. The action occurred after Deputy Secretary Eisenstat place calls to Senators Hollings, Durbin, and Lautenberg, asking them to drop their opposition. As of November 3, the House leadership indicated that it would not act on the Senate-revised, free-standing FSC bill separate from the overall tax relief bill that you indicated you would veto. The WTO originally had given the U.S. until October 1 to come up with a replacement for the FSC regime. When Congress did not meet that deadline, the date was further extended between the U.S. and the EU. If the replacement legislation is not approved by November 17, it is possible that approximately \$4B in sanctions could be imposed on affected U.S. exports. On November 2, Secretary Summers sent a letter to Speaker Hastert strongly urging him to allow the House to act on the bill as soon as possible.
- **FY2002 Budget:** Treasury, CEA, and OMB are in the process of producing the Administration's economic assumptions for the January budget on an accelerated schedule because of the upcoming turnover of administrations. Treasury expects that the final forecast will be completed by mid-November. The most important issue is the projection for growth in productivity and potential output. Efforts are ongoing to further understand the roles of investment, capital deepening, and information technology in the recent increase in productivity growth.
- **Money Laundering:** On November 1, senior Treasury officials delivered opening remarks for the 15th meeting of the Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group, which brought together representatives of the law enforcement, regulatory, and financial services

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communities. The focus of the meeting was to provide an update on the status of the National Money Laundering Strategy for 2000 and Treasury's efforts to provide more feedback on suspicious activity reporting. In addition to reviewing privacy issues raised by anti-money laundering requirements, speakers at the meeting discussed recent international developments and their implications for U.S. financial institutions, as well as money laundering vulnerabilities in special situations. The next Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for April 2001.

- **Child Labor:** On November 7, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Bresee will address a working meeting of Businesses for Social Responsibility (BSR), an organization of member businesses that presents best practices and helps affiliates address a number of important social issues involving businesses, such as environmental impact and labor relations. Bresee will focus on the forthcoming U.S. Customs Service Advisory on Forced and Indentured Child Labor, an informational document intended to help importers, manufacturers, retailers, and other businesses involved in importing merchandise to identify merchandise that may be produced with forced or indentured child labor, and thereby facilitate voluntary compliance with Federal law prohibiting the importation of such goods.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Environmental Regulation Cases:** During the week of October 30, the Solicitor General presented oral argument in a case involving a challenge to the Army Corps of Engineers' denial of a permit request to dispose solid waste on 500 acres of wetland. The Corps denied the permit request on the ground that the site was an important wildlife habitat for migratory birds. The suit alleges that the Corps exceeded its regulatory authority because the wetlands are not "waters of the United States" within the meaning of the Clean Water Act, and if the Act does cover these waters, then the Act exceeds Congress's power under the Commerce Clause. DOJ argued that the Corps' interpretation of the Act is entitled to deference and is reasonable because the term "waters of the United States" signaled an intent to extend regulatory authority beyond traditional concepts of navigability as a purpose of the Act was to provide extensive protections for fish and wildlife. Second, DOJ argued that this exercise of Congressional authority over wetlands is constitutional under the Commerce Clause.
- ✓ **Embassy Bombings Guilty Plea:** On October 20, a former U.S. Army Sergeant, a native of Egypt, pleaded guilty to multiple charges of conspiracy in connection with the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa. The bombings resulted in more than 200 deaths and more than 4,000 injuries. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. The trial of five other defendants in custody is scheduled to begin in January 2001. Three other defendants are the subjects of extradition proceedings in the United Kingdom. Eight defendants remain fugitives.

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- **DC Congressional Representation:** On October 23, the Supreme Court affirmed, without oral argument or opinion, the judgment of a lower court for the District of Columbia in companion cases that challenged the constitutionality of the denial of voting representation for DC residents in the House. The lower court had held that the Constitution required that the House be composed of representatives of "the several states," and that the District is not a state for the purposes of the relevant constitutional provisions.
- **Ku Klux Klan Case:** On October 30, the Supreme Court invited the Solicitor General to file a brief in a case regarding MO's denial of the Ku Klux Klan's application to participate in the adopt-a-highway program.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Fire Policy Symposium:** On December 7, the Andrus Center for Public Policy and the ID Statesman will convene a symposium in Boise, ID, on fire policy. The symposium will bring together a panel of fire scientists, economists, and other fire experts who will discuss this year's events and make recommendations. Following the panel, representatives of the timber industry, environmentalists, ranchers, and others will present their views. Stephen Pyne, one of the world's leading historians on wildland fire, is the keynote speaker for the conference.
- **Atlantic Salmon:** DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service and DOC's National Marine Fisheries Service expect to list the wild Atlantic salmon indigenous to the Gulf of ME as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. These salmon are currently found in eight ME rivers. Although significant efforts have been made to recover the species under a conservation plan developed by ME, the population is at very low levels and faces growing threats, including disease, interbreeding, and competition from ME's rapidly expanding aquaculture industry. The agencies will also designate critical habitat for the species. Governor King and the ME congressional delegation strongly oppose the listing. By court order, the agencies must make a listing decision by November 17.
- **Woodrow Wilson Bridge Land Transfer:** DOI's National Park Service (NPS) recently conveyed to VA's Department of Transportation (VDOT) a six-acre perpetual bridge easement over a portion of Jones Point Park for construction, operation, and maintenance of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge. NPS also conveyed approximately one acre of land to the MD State Highway Administration (MDSHA) at Oxon Cove Park for planned improvements to I-295 as it approaches the new Wilson Bridge. NPS issued a permit to MDSHA and VDOT to dredge a portion of the bed of the Potomac River within DC. Concurrently, FHA transferred their jurisdiction of the land beneath the existing Wilson Bridge to NPS subject to a bridge easement previously granted to VDOT.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Agriculture Appropriations:** On October 28, you signed the FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations Act, providing over \$3.5B in disaster aid for farmers and funding for additional priorities like food safety, and removing or modifying a number of riders which the Administration had found objectionable. The bill includes a provision prohibiting the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment from supervising, managing, or directing the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- **Grain Standards Act:** Congress has passed a reauthorization of the Grain Standards Act, which has been delivered to the White House for your signature. USDA has written to Director Lew recommending that you approve the bill, which includes important provisions extending the fee collection provisions of the Grain Standards Act, assuring that grain exports will not be jeopardized by lack of revenue to continue this program. The bill also includes provisions related to the U.S. Warehouse Act, Agricultural Mediation and Rural Development, and important nutrition provisions. Watershed Program provisions that the Administration expressed concerns over remain in the bill, but USDA believes that they are not serious enough to prevent your approval of the legislation.
- **Bioenergy Program:** On October 31, Secretary Glickman announced details of a \$300M program encouraging production of environmentally-friendly fuels made from corn, soybeans, and other crops. The program, which was initially proposed in your FY2001 budget as part of the farm safety net, will help expand markets for agricultural commodities and promote use of bio-fuels like ethanol and soy-based biodiesel. Under the program, USDA will make cash payments to bioenergy companies that increase their purchases of corn, soybeans, and other commodities to expand production of ethanol, biodiesel, or other biofuels. The program will provide higher payments to small and new-to-market processors, including cooperatives, to encourage the expansion of domestic bioenergy production capacity. USDA will provide up to \$150M for the program in FY2001 and another \$150M in FY2002.
- **Starlink Corn:** On October 26, USDA, FDA, and EPA issued a joint "Notice to Exporters," announcing that U.S. grain exporters may ship corn known to contain Starlink, provided that the importer uses it for feed or industrial non-food uses, and the importing country does not prohibit this use. The buyer and seller's contract must specify that these conditions have been met, and will be subject to audit by USDA. Meanwhile, ConAgra's corn mill in Atchison, KS, has been shut down during the past two weeks due to the Starlink situation.

- **Dairy Farmers Assistance Program:** On October 24, Secretary Glickman announced significant new assistance for dairy farmers. The Agriculture Appropriations bill provides an estimated \$667M to help dairy farmers cope with low milk prices, which have decreased for three consecutive years and are now at their lowest level since 1991. About 80,000 dairy farmers across the country will receive an average of \$8,300 each from the program. The maximum payment per farmer will be capped at \$25,000. Overall, USDA expects to distribute more than twice as much dairy market loss assistance in FY2001 than in the last two years combined.
- **National Monument Designation Lawsuit:** On October 25, logging and recreational groups announced that they are filing suit to overturn your Giant Sequoia National Monument designation.
- **Commodity Markets:** Wheat cash prices dropped as much-needed rain fell in the Southern Plains, but futures rose slightly on fund buying. Corn cash prices moved higher as farmer selling remained slow, but futures fell on concerns about exports. Cash soybean prices received a boost from a strong export inspections report, but futures sank under the weight of large supplies on the horizon. Rice cash prices were up as harvest activity cut into farmer sales, but intensifying export competition sent futures down. Bullish export developments lifted cotton prices. Wholesale beef price increases helped raise cattle prices. Hog prices moved below \$40 per cwt as "Pork Month" comes to an end. Broiler prices were unchanged. Cheese fell further below support despite active CCC purchases. Butter prices held steady at \$1.14 per pound.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Export to China:** DOC's Bureau of Export Administration has received written concurrence from Defense and State to proceed with the Presidential certification process for the export of a controlled missile technology item to China. In jointly reviewing the license application, the three departments reached a consensus to approve a beam centerline used to manufacture and test pressure vessels for conventional power plants to be exported to China pending Presidential certification.
- **U.S.-Japan Auto Agreement:** DOC and other U.S. officials met with a Japanese Government delegation on October 26-27 in Hong Kong to discuss the next steps when the current auto agreement expires at the end of December. The two sides discussed a full range of issues and agreed to bilateral discussions at the expert level in November.
- **Ukraine and Taiwan Steel Talks:** At NEC's direction, DOC officials traveled to Ukraine and Taiwan and met with appropriate officials to discuss U.S. concerns about increased steel exports.

- **Southern U.S. Drought:** DOC's National Weather Service reports that significant rainfall has partially alleviated drought conditions across portions of the southwest U.S., primarily TX, OK, and NM, but that the drought continues over the central and eastern part of the affected region. Even with recent rainfall, water reservoirs in portions of TX remain well below normal and water restrictions are still in effect. In AL, severe to extreme drought conditions persist with water levels at 50 percent below capacity. Fines are being imposed for outdoor water usage and significant economic loss is expected in the catfish and poultry industries. In MS, the rainfall deficit since January ranges from 25 inches along the coast to 13 inches over the northern counties. GA deficits average 12-13 inches statewide, while rainfall in eastern TN is approximately ten inches below normal.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Philadelphia Teachers:** On October 30, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers reached a tentative settlement with the city. Accordingly, schools opened on time as teachers and staff reported to work. About 21,000 public school teachers had struck on October 27 (a Friday afternoon). In the main issue dividing the parties, the teachers and the city agreed to lengthen the school day by one half hour. Wages and health care benefits were also at issue. On November 2 the union ratified the settlement.
- **Wildfire Dislocated Worker Grant:** DOL recently awarded a \$4,314,800 emergency grant to MT to create temporary jobs for dislocated workers in cleanup and restoration in 48 counties and on six Indian reservations that were affected by this summer's wildfires.
- **Worker Retraining Grant:** DOL awarded a \$257,326 National Emergency Grant to IA to provide re-training and re-employment assistance to 39 of 95 workers who lost their jobs as a result of the closure of Tredegar Film Products in Manchester, IA, and layoffs at Racing Champions/Ertl Company in Dyersville, IA. The project will be operated by the East Central Intergovernmental Association.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Flu Vaccine:** On November 2, Secretary Shalala sent letters to Cabinet members regarding the delay in the availability of the flu vaccine this year. The letter provides guidance to help ensure that everyone gets the needed flu vaccine and that those most in need are the first to be immunized by defining who is at most risk. Following the Advisory Committees on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines, HHS recommends focusing vaccination efforts on persons at high risk of complications associated with influenza disease as well as on health care workers, scheduling mass vaccination campaigns later in the flu season and assuring pneumococcal vaccination of high risk persons early in the influenza season.

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- **Mental Health Symposium:** On November 8, Surgeon General Satcher will deliver the keynote address at the Roslyn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy in Atlanta, GA, on the national vision for mental health. On November 9, HHS's civil rights director will speak on health disparities.
- **Glaucoma Device:** On November 8, an FDA advisory panel will meet to review a drainage device that is implanted in the eye to reduce intraocular pressure in patients with glaucoma. It is the first of its type and would be an alternative to laser treatment.
- **Breastfeeding:** On October 30, Surgeon General Satcher released the first comprehensive framework to increase breastfeeding rates and promote optimal breastfeeding practices. The *Blueprint for Action* promotes a plan for breastfeeding based on education, training, awareness, support and research. The plan was developed by health and scientific experts from 14 Federal agencies and 23 health care professional organizations. In November, Satcher will discuss the *Blueprint* in an address to the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago, IL.
- **Genetic Testing Report:** On November 3, HHS's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing is expected to make public its report on enhancing the oversight of genetic tests. The Committee's primary recommendation is that additional oversight is warranted for all genetic tests and that the level of review applied to each test should correlate with the level of scrutiny warranted by the test. HHS has convened a workgroup to study the Committee's report and to develop a departmental response.
- **Phenylpropanolamine Removal:** On October 27, an FDA advisory panel determined that PPA cannot be considered to be safe when used in over-the-counter cough/cold and weight control products. FDA is working to implement the recommendations.
- **Health Disparities Meeting:** On November 12-16, the 128th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will be held in Boston, MA. Secretary Shalala will receive an award and make remarks. Surgeon General Satcher and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Administrator will address the conference on eliminating health disparities.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

✓ **Homeownership Highest Ever:** The percentage of Americans who own their homes hit a record high 67.7 percent in the third quarter of 2000, shattering the end-of-Administration target of 67.5 percent set by the Administration in 1995. There are now 71.6 million homeowners in the U.S. In addition to the historic national homeownership rate, all-time high rates were set for minorities (48.2 percent), Hispanics (46.7 percent),

central city residents (51.9 percent), households headed by females (53.3 percent), households earning less than the median family income for the quarter (52.2 percent), and married couples younger than 35 (61.0 percent).

- **Plan to Cut Mortgage Insurance Costs:** Secretary Cuomo has released the details of a plan that will save more than one million homeowners with Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages more than a billion dollars annually in insurance costs. The FHA's Homebuyer Savings Plan will reduce up-front insurance premiums by one-third, eliminate annual premiums after a homeowner has built 22 percent equity in the home, and pay premium refunds to current FHA borrowers. Secretary Cuomo made the announcement the 87th Annual Mortgage Bankers Association Convention in San Francisco.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Singapore Airlines Accident:** On October 31, Singapore Airlines Flight SQ006, a Boeing 747, crashed while attempting to take off from Taipei, Taiwan. There were 179 passengers, including 47 American citizens, and crew on the flight. On November 1, NTSB dispatched a team of investigation experts to the accident scene to support the Taiwanese investigation. An FAA representative joined the NTSB team. As of November 2, there were 81 confirmed fatalities and 24 Americans were dead or missing.
- **Vehicle Crash Test:** On November 1, DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that it will crash test 113 model year 2001 vehicles to obtain safety information that will help consumers make buying decisions. Once the crash testing is complete, frontal safety information will be available to consumers on about 82 percent of the model year 2001 vehicles sold in the U.S. The agency will provide side impact safety information on about 81 percent of the vehicles sold in the U.S. Vehicles are twice as likely to be involved in severe frontal crashes as in severe side crashes.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Energy Star Study:** On October 28, DOE announced the dramatic energy savings resulting from the installation of Energy Star-labeled clothes washers in an apartment complex in Reading, MA. The washers saved 50 percent of the energy, 44 percent of the water, and 24 percent of the detergent used by the conventional washers they replaced. Maytag donated and installed the Neptune washers and matching dryers. The study results show that an average Boston-area family doing eight loads of wash a week could save up to \$100 in energy and water costs, and over 7,100 gallons of water each year, by using Energy Star clothes washers. If every Boston-area household used these machines, they would cut their combined annual energy bill by nearly \$11M, save enough power to run 14,500 homes, and save more than 1.5 billion gallons of water.

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- **Mars Exploration Program:** On October 26, NASA outlined a revamped program to explore Mars. Six major missions are planned in this decade, and they will be comprised of Mars orbiter spacecraft and missions deploying long-range, long-duration mobile science laboratories that will be landed and operated on the Martian surface. For several of these missions, NASA plans to use DOE-provided radioisotope power systems and radioisotope heater units to provide electricity and the necessary heating for critical sensitive components. In addition, NASA is proposing the use of Stirling Radioisotope Power Systems, currently under development at DOE, to power the large rover on the 2007 Mars mission.
- **Low Emission Boiler System:** Corn Belt Energy Corporation, of Bloomington, IL, has taken the lead in building a 91-megawatt, \$137M coal-fired power plant in central IL that will culminate DOE's development of an advanced, low-emission boiler system. The local energy cooperative's entry into the project provides the necessary market for the plant's electricity and is a major step toward the start of construction in 2001. The plant, also backed by IL, will be the first coal-fired power plant built in the state in 14 years. It will incorporate a significantly improved version of a pulverized coal boiler system that DOE began developing in 1992.
- **Gasoline Prices Mixed, Stocks Down:** Gasoline spot prices declined east of the Rockies over the past week, largely in parallel with crude oil price movements. Continuing violence in the Middle East and Iraqi threats to halt exports were overshadowed by the likelihood of an automatic OPEC output increase under the price band mechanism. On the West Coast, rumored refinery problems have again driven product prices strongly upward. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 5.47 cents on October 30 to 95.53 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price rose 6 cents to 130 cents per gallon. (The spot price for West Texas Intermediate crude oil at Cushing, OK, went from \$34.90 per barrel to \$32.86 per barrel during the same time period.) The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell after two weeks of increases, dropping by 0.6 cent to 154.5 cents per gallon as of October 30, 31.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Price changes were mixed across regions and formulations, led by a solid decrease for conventional grades in the Midwest. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 4.1 million barrels on October 27 to 188.1 million barrels, 16.5 million barrels below last year. Stocks of reformulated gasoline decreased 1.2 million barrels to 38.1 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline fell 3.1 million barrels to 108.7 million barrels.

 **Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Grants:** DOE is completing the selection of proposals to install alternative fuel infrastructure in support of Federal fleets in three of the six Federal Alternative Fuel Vehicle Utilization Supporting the Expansion of Infrastructure (AFV USER) Cities. It is anticipated that the grants will be awarded during the first or second week of November. The total amount of the awards will be approximately

\$300,000 and will result in the construction and promotion of Compressed Natural Gas and Ethanol infrastructure in San Francisco, CA, Minneapolis, MN, and the Kennedy Space Center, FL. Additional infrastructure projects valued at up to \$300,000 in the remaining three AFV USER Cities are currently under review and are expected to be awarded by the end of December.

- **Greenhouse Gases Report:** On October 31, the DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) released its annual report, *Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 1999*. Each year, EIA presents aggregate statistics on estimated U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. The EIA greenhouse gas estimates and energy consumption data are transmitted to Congress as well as to the EPA, which uses the EIA data to compile the official U.S. inventory of greenhouse gases.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Class Size and Special Education:** On October 25, the *D.C. Daily* reported that smaller classes bring positive results to students with disabilities, according to a new study. The study highlighted several areas, including New York City, where class size reduction funds were used to reduce classes and hire new teachers in the city's special education district. It also indicated that the class size reduction program is becoming an essential ingredient in the efforts by urban schools to reform and to accelerate student achievement.
- **School Safety Report:** On October 26, DOEd's third annual school safety report indicated that schoolchildren are twice as likely to be victims of serious violent crime away from school than at school. The report finds a steady and significant decline in the percentage of high school-aged students who reported carrying a weapon to school, from 12 percent in 1993 to seven percent in 1999. It also found that overall school crime continues to drop, consistent with a declining rate of crime against students outside of school.
- **International Education Week:** Secretary Riley has declared the week of November 13 International Education Week in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of international cooperation in education.
- **Math and Science Report:** On December 5, DOEd will release the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Online VA Forms:** On November 3, Acting Secretary Goyer convened a news conference to launch two new Internet-based systems for veterans to receive speedier benefits. One is an online version of the basic VA form to apply for disability compensation or pensions. The other is an online form used by veterans to enroll in VA's health care system.

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **Afghanistan:** On November 3, the Secretary General's Personal Representative, Francesc Vendrell, briefed the Security Council on the "guardedly optimistic" results of his considerations with the Taliban and Northern Alliance. Vendrell will announce the beginning of peace talks between the parties in mid-November and, as long as the parties are engaged in a dialogue, his opposition to the introduction of further measures against the Taliban. The Russians and USUN plan to introduce a resolution calling for further measures, and will consult with Vendrell to seek his understanding and support.
- **The Middle East:** There are likely to be Security Council consultations over the next several weeks to discuss a Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)-backed proposal, but a working paper on the issue has been distributed by the Palestinians. A number of delegations, including USUN, have indicated that for this proposal to be viable it would require the consent of the Government of Israel. If faced with opposition in the Council, the NAM/Arab Group will probably reconvene the Tenth Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly to push their views.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **WTO Korean Steel Dispute:** On November 9, USTR expects to receive the preliminary draft report of a WTO dispute settlement panel convened at the request of Korea to examine U.S. antidumping duties on stainless steel plate in coils imported from Korea.
- **WTO Ruling on Lamb Meat Action:** USTR received the preliminary draft report of a WTO dispute settlement panel that has reviewed a challenge by Australia and New Zealand to U.S. safeguard actions on imports of lamb meat, and the panel intends to rule against the U.S. on all but two of the claims. USTR expects the final report to be issued to the parties by early December, and to the public by mid-December.

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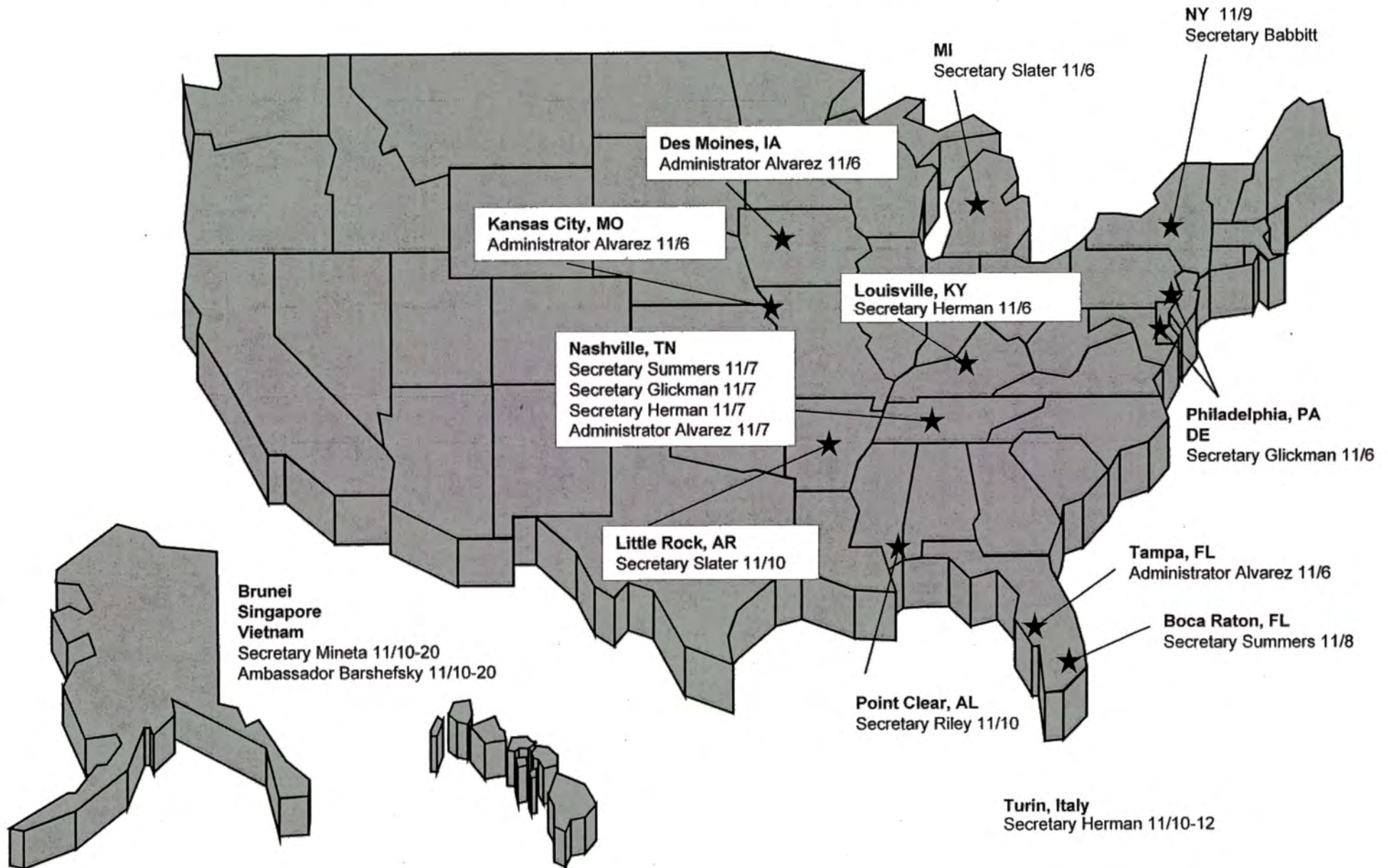
- **Firefighter Overtime Pay Legislation:** The House-passed national resources bill that contains language to change overtime provisions for wildland firefighters has not yet been acted on by the Senate.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **New Internet SSA Service:** On November 2, Deputy Commissioner Halter held a press conference at the National Press Club to announce the launching of a new Internet service that will enable the public to apply for Social Security retirement benefits online.
- **U.S.-Japanese Totalization Negotiations:** From November 6-9, a delegation from SSA's Office of International Programs will travel to Tokyo to engage in the initial round of formal negotiations on a bilateral Social Security (Totalization) agreement. These agreements are designed to provide limited coordination of the U.S. retirement, survivors, and disability insurance programs with the programs of other countries. The purpose of the agreements is to eliminate dual Social Security coverage and taxation, a situation that occurs when a person from one country works in another country and is required to pay Social Security taxes to both countries on the same earnings. Currently, the U.S. has Totalization agreements in force with 17 countries, including Canada and virtually all of Western Europe, and new agreements with Chile and South Korea are expected to enter into force next year.
- **U.S.-Chinese Fiscal Cooperation:** On November 15-17, senior SSA officials will meet with officials from China's Ministry of Finance in Beijing, China. SSA and officials from Treasury are members of a U.S. delegation that has been asked to discuss budget and fiscal management procedures with the Chinese Ministry of Finance to help in establishing a fiscal management information system in China.

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Monday, November 6 - Sunday, November 12, 2000



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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Minyon Moore

SUBJECT: Weekly Political Report

ELECTION 2000 OUTLOOK

Presidential election and control of House too close to call; GOP will retain control of U.S. Senate, and state governorships, but Democrats will control state legislatures. While the presidential election and control of the House are too close to call, the GOP almost certainly will hold on to its majorities in the U.S. Senate and the nation's statehouses while Democrats are expected to retain control of state legislatures. However, whichever side wins the Presidency, the House or the Senate, will do so with the slimmest majorities in decades.

WHITE HOUSE 2000 OUTLOOK

Vice President behind in popular vote but in contention in Electoral College. Going into the final weekend before the election, the Vice President was running behind Governor Bush by 3-5 points in most national polls but was extremely competitive in the Electoral College. Analysts say that the Vice President has to win most of the battleground states of Florida, Washington, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Oregon and Wisconsin to win in the Electoral College, but that he could do it. (See national and state-by-state polls at the end of this report.) In fact, a memorandum from a GOP pollster to the Bush campaign on Tuesday night said that Bush and the Vice President were tied 269-269 in the Electoral College. The memo predicted that in addition to Bush's base (which includes Louisiana and Kentucky), Bush would win New Hampshire, Ohio, Tennessee, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and West Virginia. It said that the Vice President would win Michigan, Washington, Maine, Oregon, Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Illinois.

A major factor in the race is how much of the Nader vote will revert back to the Vice President, and an ABC News poll suggests that as much as half of it might. Talk has started about the possibility that the Vice President could actually lose the popular vote but win in the Electoral College, something no one has done since 1888. In fact, some Bush advisors admit they are already preparing for such a contingency by readying for a huge lobbying effort involving talk radio and other media to provoke a popular uprising should it occur.

Also impacting on the race is Bush's Thursday evening admission that he was arrested in 1976 for driving under the influence of alcohol, and questions about whether he has lied about the incident in the past.

Voter turnout expected to be about 49%, but higher in some battleground states. According to Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, while overall voter turnout on Tuesday will probably be around 49%, the same as 1996, some of the battleground states, particularly those with other high-profile elections - Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Washington - may have higher turnout. In Missouri, for example, Secretary of State Bekki Cook, the state's chief elections officer, predicts voters will break the 1992 record, when 2.4 million ballots were cast. "All of the ingredients are in place for a massive voter turnout," Cook said. They include record voter registration -- up from 3.64 million in 1998 to 3.68 million this fall; tight races for governor and U.S. Senate, and a big demand for absentee ballots, generally a signal of a large turnout. Michigan turnout is also expected to be high because of massive get-out-the-vote campaigns.

The likelihood is that this election will not be like 1996, when every state had lower turnout, but since about 33 states and the District of Columbia were not targeted by the campaigns, it is likely that turnout will fall in most of those states. A poll this week by the Pew Research Center also predicted turnout similar to 1996. It found that two-thirds of registered voters say they have given quite a lot of thought to Tuesday's election, which is about the same as October 1996, a year when 49% voted, and October 1988, when 50% voted.

U.S. HOUSE 2000 OUTLOOK

Control of House is a toss-up. Heading into Election Day, the current makeup of the House is 221 Republicans, 210 Democrats, two Independents, and two vacancies. Most analysts predict that the Democrats will pick up at least 2-3 seats, but beyond that there is great disagreement as to whether they will gain enough to take back control. All agree, however, that this is the tightest election in 50 years and whichever party wins, it is likely to control the House by only one or two votes – a margin that could be overturned later by party-switchers, deaths and special elections.

For some time, Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) has been the most endangered Democratic incumbent. In the past week, however, Republicans have focused their efforts on defeating four other incumbents -- Sam Gedjenson (CT-02), Bill Luther (MN-06), David Minge (MN-02) and Corinne Brown (FL-03) -- putting these seats in jeopardy.

In open seats, the pivotal races are in MI-08 (Stabenow), MO-06 (Danner), and WV-02 (Wise), all currently held by Democrats and heavily targeted by the NRCC. Two other seats to watch are PA-04 (Klink), where Republicans are virtually guaranteed to pick up a seat, and VA-02, now held by retiring Rep. Owen Pickett (R), where some prominent Democrats predict an upset.

Overall, the DCCC has identified 55 races to watch, 23 currently held by Democrats, 32 by Republicans. (In addition, 19 of the 55 districts are open seats.) The Office of Political Affairs has classified these races as follows:

<u>Dem Pickup</u>	<u>Remains Dem</u>	<u>Rep Pickup</u>	<u>Remains Rep</u>	<u>Toss-Ups</u>	
UT-02*	CA-20	NY-01*	AL-04	AR-04	MT-AL*
	CT-05	PA-04*	CA-38	CA-15*	NJ-07*
	FL-03		GA-08	CA-27	NJ-12
	GA-02		IL-15*	CA-36	NY-02*
	IL-17		IN-02*	CA-49	NC-08
	KS-03		IN-08	CT-02	NC-11
	MN-02		NJ-03	FL-08*	OH-12*
	MN-04		NM-01	FL-12*	OK-02*
	MS-04		PA-15	FL-22	PA-10
	NV-01		TX-05	IL-10*	PA-13
	TX-25		TX-14	KY-03	VA-02*
	WA-01			KY-06	WA-02*
				MI-08*	WA-05
				MN-06*	WV-02*
				MO-06	

(See detailed breakdown in polls/charts section at the end of this report.)

Post-election totals

Democrats	201
Republicans	204
Independents	2
Toss Up	28

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* indicates open seat

U.S. SENATE 2000 OUTLOOK

GOP expected to retain majority. Republicans head into Election Day with a 54-46 majority, and most analysts predict they will hold onto the Senate, albeit by a smaller margin. There are 34 Senate seats up this year, 15 of which are currently held by Democrats, and 19 by Republicans. (See detailed breakdown in polls/ charts section at the end of this report.) According to polls heading into the weekend, the outlook for Tuesday is as follows:

<u>Dem Pickup</u>	<u>Remains Dem Incumbents</u>	<u>Rep Pickup</u>	<u>Remains Rep Incumbents</u>	<u>Toss-Up</u> <u>Currently Dem</u>
Florida	California	Nevada	Arizona	Virginia
Minnesota	Connecticut*		Indiana	
Delaware	Georgia		Maine	Currently Rep
	Hawaii		Mississippi	Michigan
	Maryland		Ohio	Missouri
	Massachusetts		Pennsylvania	Montana
	New Mexico		Rhode Island	Washington
	North Dakota		Texas	
	West Virginia		Utah	
	Wisconsin		Vermont	
			Wyoming	
			Tennessee	
	Open			
	Nebraska			
	New Jersey			
	New York			

This would result in the following Republican-Democrat split:

Post-election totals

Democrats	45*
Republicans	50*
Toss Up	5

Due to the health of Senators Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and Jesse Helms (R-NC), there is a chance the Democrats could take control of the Senate even if they fall just short on Election Day. If either must step down, Democratic governors would appoint their successors.

(*These numbers are based on a Joe Lieberman Senate win in Connecticut. If efforts to legislate a special election in Connecticut fail, Republican Governor John Rowland will choose Lieberman's successor.)

GOVERNORS 2000 OUTLOOK

GOP will retain majority of statehouses. Going into Tuesday's elections, the Republicans control 30 of the nation's statehouses, the Democrats 18, and Independents 2. While Democrats have a chance of picking up one or two, it is unlikely that the ratio of Democrat to Republican governors will change significantly. (See detailed breakdown in polls/ charts section at the end of this report.)

There are 11 statehouses up for election this year (not including Puerto Rico and American Samoa), seven of which are currently held by Democrats, and four by Republicans. According to polls heading into the weekend, the outlook for Tuesday is as follows:

<u>Remains Dem</u> <u>Incumbents</u> Indiana New Hampshire Vermont Washington	<u>Remains Rep</u> <u>Incumbents</u> Utah	<u>Toss-Up</u> <u>Currently Dem</u> Missouri
<u>Open</u> Delaware North Carolina		<u>Currently Rep</u> Montana North Dakota West Virginia

This would result in the following Republican-Democrat split:

<u>Post-election totals</u>	
Democrats	17
Republicans	27
Independents	2
Toss Up	4

(In the territories, Democratic incumbents in Puerto Rico and American Samoa are both locked in tight races that are considered too close to call.)

STATE LEGISLATURES 2000 OUTLOOK

Democrats will retain majority of state legislatures. Going into Tuesday's election, Democrats control 52 of the country's 99 legislative chambers (Nebraska is unicameral and runs non-partisan elections) and very little net change is expected, possibly a gain or loss of as much as two chambers.

Based on polls going into the weekend, the following are the chambers Democrats are watching the most along with the projected outcomes:

<u>Dem Pickup</u> PA House MN House OR Senate OR House WA House KY Senate	<u>Remains Dem</u> IN House ME Senate MO House NM House NM Senate NC House TX House IL House	<u>Rep Pickup</u> WI Assembly AZ Senate CO Senate NH Senate	<u>Toss-Up</u> TN Senate MO Senate WA Senate WI Senate VT Senate SC Senate
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WHITE HOUSE 2000 NEWS

Gore-Lieberman Campaign

Vice President completes whirlwind tour. In direct contrast to Governor Bush's more laid-back style this week, the Vice President criss-crossed the nation's battleground states, slamming Governor Bush's Texas record and charging that Bush is not ready to be president. The Vice President said that in promising change, Bush wanted to reverse successful policies and jeopardize U.S. prosperity. The Vice President completed a Great Lakes "Peace and Prosperity" tour before visits to the West Coast, Florida, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Illinois and other key states. At his rallies, he drew large crowds (an estimated 51,000 in Chicago on Thursday) and passionately spoke about the difference between his proposals and those of Governor Bush.

The Vice President continued to hammer on Social Security this week, and it was obvious from the Bush camp's response that the issue has taken hold. On Tuesday, Governor Bush did what he said he would not do, air negative ads against the Vice President (in 20 states, including California). The text of Bush's 30-second ad reminds listeners about the controversy surrounding the Vice President's assertion that he had to pay more for the same prescription drug for his mother-in-law than he did for his dog. The ad then goes on to claim that the Vice President is bending the truth about Bush's Social Security plan and that Bush has set aside \$2.4 trillion to strengthen Social Security. Bush also sent out a press release saying that eight former Cabinet Secretaries and two Social Security Commissioners have endorsed Bush's plan.

On Thursday, Bush made a gaffe about Social Security, suggesting that it is not a federal program. Bush said: "They [the Vice President's camp] want the federal government controlling Social Security like it's some kind of federal program." Later, the Vice President jumped on the remark saying: "If Governor Bush doesn't even know what Social Security is, he's clearly not ready to be president."

On Thursday, the Vice President released a tough new TV ad that bluntly questions whether Bush is "ready to lead America." The commercial criticizes Bush's Texas record on the environment, health care and the minimum wage, and attacks his proposals on Social Security. It is scheduled to run often in all 17 battleground states, and in most of those states it will constitute half of the campaign's advertising in the final five days of the campaign.

Missouri Senate race could help Vice President. On Monday, Jean Carnahan, wife of deceased Senate Candidate and Governor Mel Carnahan (D), said she would accept appointment to the Senate, should her husband win his race posthumously. Analysts felt this might bring more women to the polls, which would help the Vice President carry the state.

DNC and Vice President spend \$15 million on ads this week; RNC matches it. The DNC, together with the Vice President's campaign, has spent at least \$15 million this week on ads charging that Governor Bush would ruin the economy. A DNC ad says: "Eight Nobel Laureates conclude that George W. Bush's promises more than exhaust the surplus, increasing interest rates and the deficit. The Bush plan does not add up." The RNC, however, matched the \$15 million with an ad questioning the Vice President's veracity. One RNC ad says: "The truth? Nonpartisan analysis confirms George Bush's plan sets aside \$2.4 trillion to strengthen Social Security. News papers say Gore has a problem telling the truth."

Both candidates and their supporters have spent roughly same amount on ads. According to NYU's Brennan Center, the Vice President and groups supporting him have spent about \$62 million on political commercials, while Governor Bush and those supporting him have spent \$65 million. The Brennan

Center found that the Vice President and his supporters and Governor Bush and his supporters have run the following number of ads in the following areas since June 1:

Location	Gore	Bush
Philadelphia	4,762	2,898
Seattle/Tacoma	4,085	3,490
Portland, OR	4,248	2,921
Detroit	4,344	2,627
St. Louis	4,043	2,485

What brings TV spending for the Vice President almost to parity with that for Bush is the amount third parties, such as Planned Parenthood and Handgun Control, Inc. are contributing to the effort. Groups supporting the Vice President spent \$9.3 million on TV ads since June 1, while pro-Bush groups have spent only \$423,000.

“Where was George?” veterans’ rally held in Nashville; *Boston Globe* resurrects story about Bush skipping Guard duty. On Thursday, a veterans’ rally was held at the War Memorial in downtown Nashville to support the Vice President and react to new allegations from the *Boston Globe* that Governor Bush probably skipped service in the Air National Guard and later lied about it. Reps. John Tanner (TN-08), Bob Clement (TN-05), and Bart Gordon (TN-06), and Senators Max Cleland (GA), Bob Kerrey (NE) and Daniel Inouye (HI) all spoke at the rally -- the last two, both Congressional Medal of Honor winners, by teleconference.

The issue of Bush skipping national guard duty heated up again earlier in the week. The *Boston Globe* reported that since it first broke the story, an Alabama veterans group has offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could verify Bush’s claim that he performed service at a Montgomery Air Guard unit in 1972. There have been no takers. And last week, the Bush campaign acknowledged that Bush knows of no witnesses who can attest to his attendance at drills after he returned to Houston in late 1972 and before his early release from the Guard in September 1973. Bush refuses to be interviewed about the matter, but says he performed all duty satisfactorily and points to his Honorable Discharge as proof.

Vice President gets edge in support from Hollywood stars. Cher was up Wednesday at 4 a.m. to give drive-time interviews to East Coast radio stations plugging the Vice President’s candidacy. Martin Sheen, who plays the president on TV’s “West Wing,” worked the ropeline alongside the Vice President in a California rally this week. Sheen and a host of other cheerleaders for the Vice President, led by director Rob Reiner, stormed Midwest battlegrounds this week: Ben Affleck, Whoopi Goldberg, Christine Lahti, Susan Dey, Melissa Etheridge, Jewel and Alfre Woodard. During the Vice President’s bus tours in Michigan and Wisconsin this week, rock singer Jon Bon Jovi raced ahead of the caravan to keep waiting crowds happy until the candidate arrived.

Action-movie star Chuck Norris was with Governor Bush at a rally in Fresno, California, on Monday, and country music’s Loretta Lynn popped up here and there for Bush. Actress Bo Derek, best known for the 1979 Blake Edwards’ comedy, “10,” is also a public Bush supporter.

Most Hispanics want Vice President for Oval Office. According to a survey of Hispanic voters in California, Illinois, Texas, New York and Florida by the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, a Latino-oriented think tank, Hispanics favor the Vice President in all but one state (Florida):

<u>State</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Governor Bush</u>
California	63%	17%
New York	65%	14%
Illinois	56%	23%
Texas	54%	29%
Florida	31%	56%

Bush-Cheney Campaign

Bush does "Bringing America Together" tour. Governor Bush spent the week exuding confidence and visiting California and the Midwest. After taking a day off on Sunday, Bush launched the final week of his campaign in New Mexico, promising to build up education and tear down partisan divides in Washington. He then made what some analysts said was a major gamble, spending part of two days in California visiting three congressional districts where races are very close. The districts were CA-20, where former TV anchor Rich Rodriguez (R) is running against Rep. Cal Dooley (D); CA-27, where Rep. Jim Rogan (R) is in the most expensive congressional race in the nation against state Senator Adam Schiff (D); and CA-15, where Assemblyman Jim Cunneen (R) is running against Assemblyman Mike Honda (D). Bush spoke about his own battle with alcoholism and comforted a recovering addict at a rescue mission in San Jose. He then made trips to the Pacific Northwest and the Midwest. During the week, Bush drew large crowds at rallies that some analysts likened to "Up With People" concerts. Bush spoke in general terms and made statements such as wanting to be a "uniter not a divider," to "raise the spirits of this nation," and to make sure the "American dream touches every heart."

Bush and Cheney decline free airtime. When "NBC Nightly News" offered the candidates an interview on the issues every night this week, the Vice President eagerly accepted, but Governor Bush did not. However, after the Vice President got four uninterrupted minutes to talk education with Tom Brokaw Monday night, the Bush camp called with a counteroffer. Bush gave Brokaw an interview that aired Tuesday night, but unlike the Vice President, he did not return Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Similarly, on Wednesday morning, Senator Lieberman appeared on NBC's "Today Show" and host Katie Couric said that opponent Dick Cheney had rejected several invitations to appear on the show. Lieberman spoke against changing horses in midstream, particularly to a horse going in the other direction.

Bush admits DUI arrests. On Thursday, Governor Bush admitted that he was arrested for DUI in Maine in 1976. The media pounced on the story, exploring both the question of whether Bush had lied about the act and whether the Vice President's campaign had engineered the revelation. *Dallas Morning News* reporter Wayne Slater says that Bush did lie to him about the incident, when he told Slater that he had not been arrested for anything since 1968. Bush said he had not revealed the incident to the public before because he did not want his twin daughters to know about it. The Bush campaign said that the governor has had only two other arrests, an incident in which he was cited for stealing a Christmas wreath as a Yale student, and an altercation in which he was asked to leave a college football game for disruptive behavior. When a reporter asked whether the governor has had a problem with any other substances, a Bush spokesperson said, "The governor has acknowledged in the past that he has made mistakes." Prior to speaking to reporters about this incident Thursday night, Bush had not held a press conference since October 6, even though earlier he had criticized the Vice President for going for weeks without a press conference.

Dick Cheney has had two DUIs, in 1962 and 1963, which the press had reported on earlier. Cheney had disclosed the incidents privately in 1989, when President Bush nominated him to be Secretary of Defense.

Ross Perot endorses Bush. On Thursday on "Larry King Live," Ross Perot endorsed Governor Bush. Perot said that although he had voted for Bush's opponent in the Texas 1994 gubernatorial election, Bush has proven himself as governor, especially with his record of improving education in the state.

Noach Dear endorses Bush. On Thursday, Councilman Noach Dear, a Brooklyn Democrat challenging Rep. Anthony Wiener as a Republican, said he will support Governor Bush, despite years spent boasting of his relationship with the Vice President. Dear played up a single issue – solidarity with Israel – as he walked a Brooklyn street alongside Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R). Dear is widely seen as a loser on Tuesday.

Other Campaign News

Nader remains defiant despite efforts to minimize his support. On Sunday, on ABC's "This Week," Ralph Nader (Green) scoffed at charges that he could initiate the fall of Roe v. Wade by helping elect Governor Bush, saying that even if Roe v. Wade were reversed, that doesn't end the story; it just reverts it back to the states. Nader added that Bush has said he would not "push" for overturning the decision unless public opinion on abortion changed, and noted that many Senate Democrats voted to confirm Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, two of the court's current opponents of Roe v. Wade. Further, in a Tuesday interview, Nader came right out and said a Bush win might be a good thing: "A bumbling Texas governor would galvanize the environmental community as never before," he said. "The Sierra Club doubled its membership under James Watt" (Ronald Reagan's controversial Interior Secretary).

At least three groups undertook efforts to block Nader's appeal this week. About 20 of the House Democratic Caucus's most progressive members, many of whom have decades-long ties with Nader, were dispatched to key states to plead with Nader supporters to switch their support to the Vice President. The members included: Barney Frank (MA-04), Maxine Waters (CA-35); Nancy Pelosi (CA-08), George Miller (CA-07), Tammy Baldwin (WI-02), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (IL-02), and John Tierney (MA-06). Planned Parenthood aired \$1 million of TV ads against Nader this week, and a group of advocates for the environment, gay rights, and abortion rights armed with the slogan "Remember the Supreme Court," kicked off a five-state tour aimed at taking votes away from Nader.

This week Nader campaigned in Michigan, Minnesota (where he appeared with Governor Jesse Ventura), Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington, Colorado, California and Florida. On Thursday he unveiled a second television ad, a parody in which children talk forlornly about their dim hopes for the future.

At least three Internet sites set up to broker vote swapping among those wanting to vote for Nader in battleground and non-battleground states were taken off the Internet this week under threats that what they were doing was illegal, but others remain in operation.

NY Times criticizes TAAS. On Monday, following last week's questioning of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test by the RAND corporation, *The New York Times* did its own study of the TAAS, which became new fodder for criticism of Governor Bush's Texas record this week. *The Times* found that many parents and teachers charge that preparation for the TAAS overwhelms the rest of the curriculum. *The Times* also found that one reason TAAS scores have improved is because so many weaker students have simply dropped out of school. State statistics show the drop-out rate is 15%, but others say it is as high as 30%. In 1999, the *El Paso Times* published an investigation showing that more than 30,000 students labeled by the system as "transfers" were most likely dropouts. *The Times* also found that the test is padded with easy questions, and the American Federation of Teachers found the TAAS to be far easier than its counterpart in New York. Texas educational officials concede the math part of the 10th grade test is probably at 8th grade level. Another criticism voiced by the *Times* was that financial bonuses to principals and teachers for high performances on the TAAS have led to cheating in several districts.

Philadelphia schools strike ends without a day of missed school. The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers (PFT), which officially went on strike at the end of the school day last Friday, reached an agreement with Mayor John Street (D) early Monday morning, permitting schools to open on Monday. As a result, although the teachers were theoretically on strike for the weekend, the Philadelphia schools were never closed. The union overwhelmingly ratified the new contract on Thursday.

Anti-VP media bias? According to a Project for Excellence in Journalism study of 1,149 newspaper stories, eight TV news shows and five Internet news sites, the Vice President received about the same amount of media coverage as Governor Bush. Only 13% of the stories were positive toward the Vice President, while 24% of the stories were positive for Bush.

Polls show little support for vouchers in Michigan and California. Even with well-financed campaigns to back them, Proposition 38 in California and Measure 1 in Michigan, both of which endorse the use of private school vouchers, appear headed for defeat on November 7. A Public Policy Institute of California poll taken October 11-18 showed Prop. 38 being defeated 36%-55%, while a *Detroit News/Mitchell* poll reported October 27 shows Measure 1 losing 29%-56%. Voucher advocates have yet to win a statewide referendum anywhere.

Pataki says phone calls re: Cole incident were wrong. New York Governor George Pataki (R) called "wrong" the state Republican Party's telephone campaign last week attempting to link contributors to the First Lady's campaign to the kind of Mideast terrorism that has been blamed for the bombing of the destroyer Cole. Pataki said: "It was wrong. I didn't know of it. Rick Lazio didn't know of it. The minute he heard of this and I heard of this, we said stop this. It's not the right thing to do." Pataki's comments appear to contradict a statement he made Monday that "I didn't play any role in what they did or didn't do, starting or stopping." Lazio has yet to denounce the calls in public. Reminded of this, Pataki said: "I think he has said it is wrong ... and I know that Rick Lazio has told me that he thinks it's wrong."

Meanwhile, it was revealed this week that Lazio's campaign sent a letter, over Lazio's signature, to the chairman of the New York chapter of the American Muslim Alliance, the very group whose contributions to the First Lady kicked off the controversy. The letter said: "I may not have the President of the United States in my corner but that's OK, I'd rather have you!"

POTUS Job Approval Rating/Mood of Nation

Job Approval Rating	Poll/Date Conducted
59%/39%	Democracy Corps (10/30-31)
61%/33%	Bloomberg (10/23-29)
56%/40%	Voter.Com/Battleground (10/29-11/1)

Generic House Ballot/Congress Job Approval

Democrat	Republican	Undecided/Other	Poll/Date Conducted
46%	45%	--	Time/CNN (10/25-26)
43%	41%	17%	Voter.Com/Battleground (10/29-11/1)
44%	37%	10%	CBS News (10/29-31)
49%	44%	7%	Democracy Corps (10/30-31)
46%	44%	10%	Newsweek (10/25-27)

National Polls

Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other/DK	Poll/Date Conducted
41%	49%	1%	4%	5%	Newsweek (10/25-27)
43%	49%	1%	3%	--	CNN/Time (10/25-26)
43%	47%	1%	4%	5%	CNN/USA Today/Gallup (10/30-11/1)
42%	45%	1%	5%	7%	MSNBC/Reuters/Zogby (10/30-11/2)
43%	46%	1%	4%	6%	Rasmussen Research (10/31-11/2)
39%	46%	1%	5%	10%	Voter.Com/Battleground (10/ 29-11/1)
45%	49%	1%	3%	3%	ABC News/Washington Post (10/30-11/1)
41%	45%	2%	4%	7%	Fox News (10/25-26)
40%	49%	1%	3%	--	Business Daily/Christian Science Monitor/TIPP (10/27-30)
40%	43%	3%	9%	--	ICR (10/25-29)
42%	47%	1%	3%	8%	IBD/CSM (10/31-11/2)
43%	46%	1%	5%	5%	Bloomberg (10/23-29)
45%	45%	2%	5%	3%	Democracy Corps (10/30-31)
43%	47%	1%	3%	6%	Pew Research (10/29-11/01)
43%	47%	--	--	--	Wirthlin Worldwide (10/20-23)
43%	44%	2%	4%	7%	CBS News (10/29-31)

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RACES TO WATCH

ALABAMA (9)		GORE 36%	BUSH 51%	NADER ---	BUCH --	AL Education Association Capital Survey (10/20-22)	
AL-04	Former First Lady Martha Folsom (D)						Remains Rep
	Representative Robert Anderholt (R)						
	Undecided						
ALASKA (3)		26%	47%	17%	--	American Research Group (9/17)	
ARIZONA (8)		39%	49%	3%	--	KAET-TV/ASU (10/22)	
ARKANSAS (6)		44%	45%	4%	1%	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (10/27-29)	
		46%	46%	3%	--	KATV TV7 of Little Rock (10/27-30)	
AR-04	State Sen. Mike Ross (D)				46%	KATV (10/27-28)	Toss Up
	Representative Jay Dickey (R)				46%		
	Undecided				8%		
CALIFORNIA (54)		47%	40%	5%	--	Research 2000/KCRA-TV (10/30-11/1)	
		44%	41%	6%	1%	Rasmussen Research (10/28-30)	
		47%	40%	4%	3%	The Field Poll (10/27-31)	
CA-15 OPEN	Assemblyman Mike Honda (D)				51%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up
	Assemblyman Jim Cunneen (R)				40%		
	Undecided				8%		
CA-20	Representative Cal Dooley (D)				44%	Sacramento Bee (10/25-11/1)	Remains Dem
	Former TV Anchor Rich Rodriguez (R)				42%		
	Undecided				13%		
CA-27	Adam Schiff (D)				46%	Schiff Campaign (D) (10/23-25)	Toss Up
	Representative James Rogan (R)				40%		
	Undecided				8%		
CA-36	Representative Steve Kuykendall (R)				45%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up
	Former Representative Jane Harman (D)				40%		
	Undecided				11%		
CA-38	Representative Steve Horn (R)				43%	Schipske Campaign (D) (8/6-8)	Remains Rep
	Nurse Gerri Schipske (D)				32%		
	Undecided				--		
CA-49	Assemblywoman Susan Davis (D)				50%	KETV-10 (10/2)	Toss Up
	Representative Brian Bilbray (R)				43%		
	Undecided				--		
COLORADO (8)		37%	46%	5%	--	Denver Post/9News/KOA News (10/29-11/1)	
CONNECTICUT (8)		48%	32%	4%	1%	University of Connecticut (10/1)	
CT-02	Representative Sam Gedgejenson (D)				44%	New London Day (10/28-30)	Toss Up
	State Representative Rob Simmons (R)				43%		
	Undecided				13%		
CT-05	Representative Jim Maloney (D)				46%	UConn Center for Survey Research (10/27-30)	Remains Dem
	'98 Nominee Mark Nielson (R)				36%		
	Undecided				14%		
DELAWARE (3)		42%	46%	--	--	WBOC-TV/Mason-Dixon (10/20-11/1)	
Governor OPEN	Lt. Governor Ruth Ann Miner (D)				48%	Mason Dixon (10/31-11/1)	Remains Dem
	Businessman John Burris (R)				36%		
	Undecided				16%		
Senate	Governor Tom Carper (D)				44%	Mason Dixon (10/31-11/1)	Dem Pickup
	Senator William Roth (R)				44%		
	Undecided				10%		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (3)		73%	14%	5%	--	American Research (9/11)	

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FLORIDA (25)		49%	44%	2%	--	American Research (10/30-11/1)	
		44%	48%	2%	--	Los Angeles Times (10/27-29)	
		46%	42%	6%	1%	Reuters/MSNBC/Zogby (10/31-11/2)	
		44%	46%	--	--	The Orlando Sentinel (10/30-31)	
Senate OPEN	Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson (D)				42%	Zogby (10/31-11/2)	Dem Pickup
	Representative Bill McCollum (R)				36%		
	State Rep. Willie Logan (I)				7%		
	Undecided				14%		
FL-03	Representative Corrine Brown (D)						Remains Dem
	Retired Navy Commander Jennifer Carroll (R)						
	Undecided						
FL-08 OPEN	Attorney Ric Keller (R)				50%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up
	Fmr. County Commissioner Linda Chapin (D)				38%		
	Undecided				6%		
FL-12 OPEN	State Representative Adam Putnam (R)				37%	Stedem Campaign (D) (8/24-29)	Toss Up
	Car Dealer Andy Stedem (D)				35%		
	Undecided				28%		
FL-22	Representative Clay Shaw (R)				46%	Sun Sentinel (10/26-29)	Toss Up
	State Representative Elaine Bloom (D)				40%		
	Undecided				14%		
GEORGIA (13)		40%	48%	--	1%	Mason-Dixon (10/14)	
Senate	Senator Zell Miller (D)				49%	Mason-Dixon (10/12-14)	Remains Dem
	Former Senator Mack Mattingly (R)				30%		
	Undecided				19%		
GA-02	Representative Sanford Bishop (D)						Remains Dem
	'98 Nominee Dylan Glenn (R)						
	Undecided						
GA-08	Fmr. Macon Mayor Jim Marshall (D)						Remains Rep
	Representative Saxby Chambliss (R)						
	Undecided						
HAWAII (4)		57%	29%	2%	--	American Research Group 9/11)	
IDAHO (4)		30%	56%	4%	2%	Mason-Dixon (10/25-26)	
ILLINOIS (22)		42%	45%	4%	1%	FOX News (10/25-26)	
		48%	41%	4%	2%	St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/31-11/2)	
		43%	44%	--	--	FOX News/Opinion Dynamic (10/25-26)	
		46%	43%	3%	1%	Copley Newspapers/Mason-Dixon (10/28-30)	
		46%	42%	4%	--	Zogby (10/27-20)	
		48%	42%	4%	1%	Research 2000/Week-TV (10/31-11/1)	
IL-10 OPEN	Former Porter Chief of Staff Mark Kirk (R)				45%	Daily Herald (10/19-26)	Toss Up
	State Representative Lauren Beth Gash (D)				39%		
	Undecided				15%		
IL-15 OPEN	State Representative Tim Johnson (R)				35%	Kelleher Campiagn (D) 10/2-4	Remains Rep
	Professor Mike Kelleher (D)				31%		
	Undecided				--		
IL-17	Representative Lane Evans (D)						Remains Dem
	'96/'98 nominee Mark Baker (R)						
	Undecided						
INDIANA (12)		30%	53%	--	1%	Indianapolis Star (10/26-28)	
		39%	53%	--	--	Howey Political Report (10/28-29)	
Governor	Governor Frank O'Bannon (D)				49%	Indianapolis Star (10/26-28)	Remains Dem
	Representative David McIntosh (R)				33%		
	Undecided				16%		
IN-02 OPEN	Attorney Robert Rock (D)				46%	Rock Campaign (D) (8/14-16)	Remains Rep
	Former talk show host Mike Pence (R)				17%		
	Businessman William Frazier (I)				9%		
	Undecided				28%		

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IN-08		Dr. Paul Perry (D)						Remains Rep
		Representative John Hostettler (R)						
		Undecided						
IOWA (7)		41%	44%	2%	1%	Capital Communications (10/30)		
		40%	43%	2%	--	Heartland/University of Iowa (10/5-11/2)		
		44%	43%	4%	1%	Research 2000/KCCI-TV (10/31-11/1)		
		43%	46%	2%	1%	PSI/Iowa 2000 Poll (10/30)		
KANSAS (6)		32%	55%	2%	--	American Research Group (9/15)		
KS-03	Representative Dennis Moore (D)				49%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)		Remains Dem
	State Representative Phill Kline (R)				40%			
	Undecided				11%			
KENTUCKY (8)		40%	55%	1%	--	Louisville Courier-Journal (10/26-29)		
KY-03	Representative Anne Northrup (R)				46%	Jordan Campaign (D) (11/1)		Toss Up
	State Representative Eleanor Jordan (D)				42%			
	Donna Walker Mancini (Libertarian)				--			
	Undecided				--			
KY-06	Representative Ernest Fletcher (R)				42%	Lexington Herald-Leader/WKYT-TV (9/7-17)		Toss Up
	Former Representative Scotty Baesler (D)				36%			
	Gatewood Galbraith (Reform)				8%			
	Undecided				8%			
LOUISIANA (9)		39%	52%	1%	1%	LA Gannett Newspapers (10/20-22)		
MAINE (4)		42%	41%	5%	1%	Portland Press Herald (10/22-25)		
MARYLAND (10)		48%	40%	5%	1%	Mason-Dixon (10/25-26)		
MASSACHUSETTS (12)		57%	26%	6%	--	American Research Group (9/13)		
MICHIGAN (18)		42%	41%	--	--	FOX News (10/25-26)		
		39%	45%	5%	--	Marketing Research Group (10/24-26)		
		43%	42%	5%	2%	Celinda Lake & Ed Goeas (10/22-26)		
		50%	40%	3%	1%	Toledo Blade/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (10/31-11/2)		
		48%	44%	3%	--	Los Angeles Times (10/27-29)		
		50%	41%	3%	--	Zogby (10/27-30)		
		46%	40%	3%	1%	Detroit News (10/30-11/1)		
		48%	44%	3%	1%	American Research Group (10/30-11/1)		
Senate	Representative Debbie Stabenow (D)				47%	Zogby (10/31-11/2)		Toss Up
	Senator Spencer Abraham (R)				41%			
	Undecided				12%			
MI-01	Representative Bart Stupak (D)							Remains Dem
	Businessman Chuck Yob (R)							
	John Loosemore (Libertarian)							
	Undecided							
MI-08 OPEN	State Sen. Dianne Byrum (D)				45%	Byrum Campaign (D) (10/29-30)		Toss Up
	State Sen. Mike Rogers (R)				44%			
	Bonnie Bucqueroux (Reform)				2%			
	Undecided				8%			
MINNESOTA (10)		44%	41%	8%	1%	St. Paul Pioneer Press/Mason-Dixon (10/26-27)		
Senate	State Auditor Mark Dayton (D)				47%	Mason Dixon (10/26-27)		Dem Pickup
	Senator Rod Grams (R)				42%			
	James Gibson (Independence)				5%			
	Undecided				6%			
MN-02	Representative David Minge (D)				48%	Minge Campaign (D) (10/19)		Remains Dem
	Mark Kennedy (R)				39%			
	Gerald Brekke (I)				--			
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MN-04 OPEN	Betty McCollum (D)	43%	McCollum Campaign (D) (10/28-30)	Remains Dem			
	Linda Runbeck (R)	29%					
	Tom Foley (Independence)	18%					
	Undecided	10%					
MN-06	Representative Bill Luther (D)			Toss Up			
	'98 Nominee John Kline (R)						
	Undecided						
MISSISSIPPI (7)		37%	48%	1%	--	American Research Group (9/16)	
MS-04	Representative Ronnie Shows (D)	50%	Shows Campaign (D) (10/19)	Remains Dem			
	District Attorney Dunn Lampton (R)	36%					
	Ernie John Hopkins (Libertarian)	--					
	Betty Pharr (Reform)	--					
	Undecided	--					
MISSOURI (11)		44%	45%	4%	1%	The Kansas City Star/Mason-Dixon (10/24-25)	
		45%	47%	3%	1%	St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/31-11/2)	
		43%	46%	4%	--	Zogby (10/27-30)	
		45%	45%	4%	1%	Research 2000/KOMU-TV (10/31-11/1)	
Governor OPEN	Representative Jim Talent (R)	45%	St. Louis Post Dispatch (10/31-11/2)	Toss Up			
	State Treasurer Bob Holden (D)	40%					
	Undecided	14%					
Senate	Governor Mel Carnahan (D)	47%	Research 2000 (10/31-11/1)	Remains Rep			
	Senator John Ashcroft (R)	42%					
	Undecided	11%					
MQ-06 OPEN	State Senator Sam Graves (R)	45%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up			
	Former State Senator Steve Danner (D)	42%					
	Jimmy Dykes (Libertarian)	--					
	Undecided	12%					
MONTANA (3)		37%	49%	5%	2%	Lee Newspapers/Mason-Dixon (10/23-24)	
Governor	State Auditor Mark O'Keefe (D)	46%	Mason Dixon (10/23-24)	Toss Up			
	Lt. Governor Judy Martz (R)	44%					
	Stan Jones (Libertarian)	1%					
	Undecided	9%					
Senate	Senator Conrad Burns (R)	45%	Billings Gazette (10/23-24)	Remains Rep			
	Rancher Brian Schweitzer (D)	44%					
	Undecided	10%					
MT At Large OPEN	State Superintendent Nancy Keenan (D)	47%	Keenan Campaign (D) (10/30)	Toss Up			
	Former Lt. Governor Dennis Rehberg (R)	45%					
	Jack Tikalsky (Libertarian)	--					
	Undecided	--					
NEBRASKA (5)		31%	56%	2%	1%	Omaha World-Herald (10/25-27)	
Senate	Former Governor Ben Nelson (D)	49%	Omaha World Herald (10/25-27)	Remains Dem			
	Attorney General Don Sternberg (R)	37%					
	Undecided	14%					
NEVADA (4)		43%	47%	2%	1%	The Las Vegas Review-Journal (10/26-28)	
Senate	Representative John Ensign (R)	54%	Mason Dixon (10/26-28)	Rep Pickup			
	Attorney Ed Bernstein (D)	37%					
	Undecided	8%					
NV-01	Representative Shelley Berkeley (D)	47%	Las Vegas Review Journal (10/26-28)	Remains Dem			
	State Senator Jon Porter (R)	37%					
	Undecided	14%					
NEW HAMPSHIRE (4)		43%	40%	5%	--	AP/WNDS-TV (10/22-25)	
		43%	42%	3%	1%	Boston Herald (10/30-31)	
		46%	42%	2%	1%	Research 2000/Concord Monitor (10/30-11/1)	
		40%	45%	5%	2%	American Research Group (10/31-11/1)	

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Governor	Governor Jeanne Shaheen (D)				51%	Research 2000 (10/30-11/1)	Remains Dem
	Former Senator Gordon Humphrey (R)				42%		
	Undecided				4%		
NEW JERSEY (15)		41%	36%	--	--	The Asbury Park Press (10/26-28)	
		47%	35%	--	--	Newark Star-Ledger (10/23-26)	
		50%	38%	--	--	Quinnipiac University (10/24-30)	
Senate	Businessman Jon Corzine (D)				47%	Quinnipiac University (10/24-30)	Remains Dem
	Representative Bob Franks (R)				39%		
	Undecided				14%		
NJ-03	Representative James Saxon (R)						Remains Rep
	Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin (D)						
	Undecided						
NJ-07 OPEN	'98 Nominee Maryanne Connelly (D)				37%	Connelly Campaign (D) (7/15-17)	Toss Up
	'98 Nominee Mike Ferguson (R)				34%		
	Undecided				--		
NJ-12	Representative Rush Holt (D)				47%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up
	Former Representative Dick Zimmer (R)				37%		
	Carl Mayer (Green)				3%		
	Worth Winslow (Libertarian)				13%		
	Undecided				23%		
NEW MEXICO (5)		41%	44%	6%	1%	Santa Fe New Mexican/Mason-Dixon (9/30)	
NM-01	Representative Heather Wilson (R)				49%	Kelly Campaign (D) (10/30)	Remains Rep
	Former U.S. Attorney John Kelly (D)				41%		
	Dan Kerlinsky (Green)				--		
	Undecided				--		
NEW YORK (33)		52%	37%	4%	--	The New York Post/FOX5 (10/31-11/2)	
		50%	36%	4%	1%	Marist Institute (10/29-30)	
		53%	35%	5%	1%	Newsday/WB11 (10/28-31)	
Senate	First Lady Hillary Clinton (D)				47%	Newsday (10/31-11/2)	Remains Dem
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)				46%		
	Undecided				7%		
NY-01 OPEN	Attorney Regina Seltzer (D)						Rep Pickup
	Town Supervisor Feliz Grucci (R)						
	Suffolk County Legislator William Holst (G)						
	Jack Fisher (Independence)						
	Undecided						
NY-02 OPEN	Huntington Council Leader Steve Israel (D)				32%	Israel Campaign (D) (9/26-28)	Toss Up
	Islip Town Clerk Joan Johnson (R)				29%		
	David Bishop (Independence/Green)				11%		
	Robert Walsh (RTL)				8%		
	Richard Thompson (Conservative)				3%		
	Undecided				17%		
NO. CAROLINA (14)		41%	48%	--	--	NC Insider/Mason-Dixon (10/27-30)	
Governor	Atty. General Mike Easley (D)				48%	Research 2000 (10/30-31)	Remains Dem
	Former Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot (R)				40%		
	Barbara Howe (Libertarian)				--		
	Douglas Schell (Reform)				--		
	Undecided				11%		
NC-08	Representative Robin Hayes (R)						Toss Up
	'98 Nominee Mike Taylor (D)						
	Undecided						
NC-11	Representative Charles Taylor (R)				44%	Neill Campaign (D) (9/22-24)	Toss Up
	Attorney Sam Neill (D)				36%		
	Undecided				--		

NORTH DAKOTA (3)		42%	52%	--	--	Research 2000/WCTI-TV12 (10/30-31)	
		30%	53%	2%	1%	<i>The Fargo Forum</i> (10/23-28)	
Governor	Banker John Hoeven (R)				49%	Fargo Forum (10/23-25)	Toss Up
	Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp (D)				46%		
	Undecided				5%		
OHIO (21)		42%	50%	4%	1%	University of Cincinnati (10/18-25)	
		40%	48%	4%	--	Zogby (10/27-30)	
		41%	50%	3%	1%	<i>Toledo Blade/Pittsburgh Post</i> (10/31-11/2)	
OH-12 OPEN	State Representative Pat Tiberi (R)				48%	DCCC (10/4-5)	Toss Up
	Councilmember Maryellen O'Shaughnessey (D)				45%		
	Nick Hogan (Libertarian)				--		
	Gregory Richey (Natural Law)				--		
	Undecided				--		
OKLAHOMA (8)		33%	51%	--	--	<i>The Tulsa World</i> (10/2)	
OK-02 OPEN	Attorney Brad Carson (D)				45%	<i>The Tulsa World</i> (10/28)	Toss Up
	Car Dealer Andy Ewing (R)				30%		
	Undecided				--		
OREGON (7)		45%	44%	6%	2%	<i>Portland Oregonian/KATU-TV</i> (10/24-30)	
PENNSYLVANIA (23)		45%	40%	5%	5%	<i>U.S. News</i> (10/22-26)	
		46%	39%	--	2%	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics (10/25-26)	
		45%	41%	8%	--	<i>Toledo Blade/Pittsburgh Post</i> (10/31-11/2)	
		42%	43%	5%	1%	<i>Philadelphia Daily News/FOX News/Philadelphia Keystone</i> (10/26-29)	
		45%	47%	2%	--	<i>Los Angeles Times</i> (10/27-29)	
		47%	41%	7%	--	Zogby 10/27-30)	
		48%	42%	3%	1%	American Research Group (10/30-11/1)	
Senate	Senator Rick Santorum (R)				51%	Zogby (10/31-11/2)	Remains Rep
	Representative Ron Klink (D)				33%		
	Undecided				16%		
PA-04 OPEN	State Representative Melissa Hart (R)				49%	<i>Beaver Times</i>	Republican Pickup
	State Senator Terry Van Horne (D)				34%		
	Undecided				15%		
PA-10	Representative Donald Sherwood (R)				46%	Reuters/Zogby (10/27-30)	Toss Up
	'98 Nominee Pat Casey (D)				40%		
	Undecided				12%		
PA-13	Representative Joe Hoeffel (D)						Toss Up
	State Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R)						
	Undecided						
PA-15	Representative Patrick Toomey (R)				44%	O'Brien Campaign (D) (10/8-10)	Remains Rep
	Labor Leader Ed O'Brien (D)				34%		
	Undecided				20%		
PUERTO RICO							
Governor	Carlos Pesquera (NPP)				46%	<i>El Vocero/Precision Research</i> (10/19-21)	Toss Up
	Sila Calderon (PDP)				41%		
	Rueben Berrios (Independence)				6%		
	Undecided				5%		
RHODE ISLAND (4)		47%	29%	8%	1%	<i>The Providence Journal-Bulletin</i> (10/21-22)	
Senate	Senator Lincoln Chafee (R)				52%	<i>Providence Journal</i> (10/21-22)	Remains Rep
	Representative Bob Weygand (D)				28%		
	Undecided				18%		
SO. CAROLINA (8)		38%	53%	2%	1%	Mason-Dixon (10/27-30)	
SO. DAKOTA (3)		33%	51%	--	--	KELO-TV (10/19-26)	
TENNESSEE (11)		45%	47%	2%	--	Reuters/MSNBC/Zogby (10/31-11/2)	
		49%	43%	2%	--	American Research Group (10/30-11/1)	
TEXAS (32)		30%	58%	3%	--	American Research Group (9/19)	

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TX-05	Regina Coggins Montoya (D)						Remains Rep
	Representative Pete Sessions (R)						
	Undecided						
TX-14	Rancher Loy Sneary (D)						Remains Rep
	Representative Ron Paul (R)						
	Undecided						
TX-25	Representative Ken Bentsen (D)						Remains Dem
	Attorney Phil Sudan (R)						
	Undecided						
UTAH (5)		32%	57%	4%	1%	Deseret News (10/9-12)	
UT-02 OPEN	Energy Consultant Jim Matheson (D)				45%	Deseret News/KSL-TV (10/9-12)	Dem Pickup
	Businessman Derek Smith (R)				35%		
	Bruce Bangerter (Independence)				--		
	Undecided				--		
VERMONT (3)		52%	36%	5%	1%	Research 2000/Rutland Herald (10/25)	
Governor	Governor Howard Dean (D)				49%	Burlington Free Press (10/23-25)	Remains Dem
	'98 Nominee Ruth Dwyer (R)				35%		
	Anthony Pollina (Progressive)				7%		
	Undecided				9%		
Senate	Senator James Jeffords (R)				61%	Rutland Herald (10/23-25)	Remains Rep
	State Auditor Ed Flanagan (D)				33%		
	Undecided				6%		
VIRGINIA (13)		45%	49%	3%	1%	The Washington Post (10/22-26)	
		41%	49%	3%	1%	Mason-Dixon (10/30-31)	
Senate	Former Governor George Allen (R)				49%	Mason Dixon (10/30-31)	Toss Up
	Senator Chuck Robb (D)				44%		
	Undecided				7%		
VA-02	Attorney Jody Wagner						Toss Up
	State Senator Ed Schruck (R)						
	Undecided						
WASHINGTON (11)		44%	44%	6%	1%	Reuters/MSNBC/Zogby (10/31-11/2)	
		41%	41%	5%	1%	AP/KING-TV/KCTS-TV (10/30-11/1)	
Governor	Governor Gary Locke (D)				56%	Elway Poll (10/18-20)	Remains Dem
	Former Radio Host John Carlson (R)				31%		
	Undecided				13%		
Senate	Senator Slade Gorton (R)				49%	Zogby (10/31-11/2)	Toss Up
	Former Representative Maria Cantwell (D)				43%		
	Undecided				8%		
WA-01	Representative Jay Inslee (D)						Remains Dem
	State Senator Daniel McDonald (R)						
	Bruce Newman (Libertarian)						
	Undecided						
WA-02	Snohomish Co. Council Chair Rick Larsen (D)				37%	Larsen Campaign (D) (10/30)	Toss Up
	State Representative John Koster (R)				37%		
	Undecided				-		
WA-05	Representative George Nethercutt (R)				48%	Spokane Spokesman Review (10/23-25)	Toss Up
	Attorney John Keefe (D)				39%		
	Undecided				12%		
WEST VIRGINIA (5)		40%	50%	2%	1%	Charleston Daily Mail (10/11-24)	
		39%	41%	1%	1%	Charleston Gazette (10/23-26,30-31)	
Governor	Governor Cecil Underwood (R)				44%	Charleston Daily Mail (10/11-24)	Toss Up
	Representative Bob Wise (D)				42%		
	Undecided				10%		

WV-02 OPEN	State Senator Jim Humphreys (D)				38%	Charleston Gazette (10/23-27)	Toss Up
	State Delegate Shelly Moore Capito (R)				32%		
	John Brown (Libertarian)				5%		
	Undecided				25%		
WISCONSIN (11)	46%	41%	4%	1%	Reuters/MSNBC (10/31-11/2)		
	43%	42%	6%	3%	U.S. News (10/22-26)		
	39%	46%	5%	2%	Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel (10/25-28)		
	45%	42%	5%	--	Zogby (10/27-30)		
	46%	40%	4%	1%	Research 2000/WISC-TV (10/31-11/1)		
WYOMING (3)	37%	57%	2%	--	Mason-Dixon (9/17)		

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Clover Gibson
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Area-born mourner, O'Connor had bond

Rockford native Janet Bedin credits the late N.Y. cardinal with helping restore her faith.

By ALEX GARY
Rockford Register Star

ROCKFORD — A Rockford native who called Cardinal John O'Connor "a second father" is among the 2,500 people personally invited to attend his funeral today in New York.

Janet Bedin, a 1972 Rockford Jefferson graduate, met O'Connor on a chance encounter at the Vatican in 1998.

Bedin will be in select company. Dignitaries expected to attend O'Connor's funeral include President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Vice President Al Gore; former President George Bush and his son, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush.

Bedin had traveled to Rome to have a photograph of her father blessed. Her father, Emeric Bedin, had died seven months earlier.

Emeric Bedin was a World War II veteran who worked for Rockford's water department for 34 years.

"I was taking an elevator

down for a personal audience with the pope when I literally ran into Cardinal O'Connor," said Bedin, who moved to the Big Apple in 1975 and works for the New York law offices of Winston and Strawn.

O'Connor blessed her father's picture and held a special Mass for him the next day.

After Bedin returned to New York, O'Connor called her and she spoke with him often.

"I had drifted away from the church, and he drew me back to it," she said. "He was perceptive enough to know I was a suffering daughter, and he filled the role of surrogate father."

O'Connor will be interred today in the crypt beneath the cathedral's altar, where all the previous archbishops of New York are buried.

The archbishopric of New York is considered the most influential Catholic post in the United States. O'Connor made an art of using the position to weigh in on the news of the day, often injecting himself into political debates on issues like abortion or attempting to heal rifts in controversies involving race.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Janet Bedin



Emeric Bedin

Emeric J. Bedin 77½:

Loving father, husband, uncle, brother-in-law and friend

Emeric J. Bedin, 77½, nobly passed away the morning of April 22, 1998, in the loving warmth of his wife, Dolores, son, Lex, and with his forehead being caressed by his devoted daughter, Janet, after a valiant and courageous battle with his illness. Family photos and his World War II medals were surrounding him.



Born Oct. 18, 1920, to Girolamo and Angela (Nicola) Bedin. Lived in Rockford until he was 3 years old, and returned to his parents' hometown of Brendola, Italy, where they owned the Hotel Colomba in Barbarano, Italy. In 1928, he and his father returned to America, steerage class through Ellis Island, returning to Rockford. He grew up in south Rockford and, as he said in later years, "spent the best times of my life with my father fishing and hunting." His first job was delivering newspapers at 10 years old. Emeric attended St. Anthony's Grade School, graduated from West High School and attended Rock Valley College and the University of Illinois. When World War II broke out, Emeric's patriotism brought him to enlist in the U.S. Army, based in St. Athanas, Wales. He married Dolores DeGrandis on Jan. 15, 1948, in St. Anthony Catholic

Church; they just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Emeric was assistant superintendent of the city of Rockford Water Department, retiring in 1980, after 34 years of service. In the 1980s and 1990s, he enjoyed painting portraits and landscapes, being with his daughter, Janet, in New York City and Italy, and playing chess with his son, Lex. He always loved dancing to big band music. He volunteered his time at the National Lung Program, State of New York Department of Economic Development and National Association for Home-care and Hospice. He was an excellent blackjack player and loved Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He was a loving, handsome, charming, humorous husband and father, able to work out a solution to any problem thrown at him and most of all believed in helping people. Emeric's motto was: "It gives you that good feeling inside to help someone." He understood and practiced the gift of empathy. In 1995 he was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, given six weeks to live. His great warrior attitude defied the medical community who predicted a much shorter life span. Emeric and family fought to change the limited approach offered by some doctors who assumed patients like Emeric were "too old with a terminal prognosis" to evaluate and offer the full testing and available treatment that otherwise would be offered. He was actually told by doctors to give up. He taught them a lesson with his comeback that the will to fight can overwhelm even scientific knowledge and doctor's assumptions. He was called a "Miracle Man" by North Shore Hospital in New York. Conferences were held at Mount Sinai and Memorial Sloan-Kettering because of his continual comeback; he was not a statistic. Emeric was a U.S. Army, World War II hero, landing in Normandy and fighting in and around the Battle of the Bulge. He was interviewed by WABC-TV in 1995 for carrying out his battle with cancer like a military operation, "he just wouldn't give up." When he was hit with a piece of shrapnel in France, he didn't fall down. He just kept on fighting, for which he received the Purple Heart and many other medals. In 1996, Emeric, accompanied by his daughter, was invited to Brendola, Italy, and was honored by the mayor for his life achievements including his WWII courage and his battle with cancer. He was received in Rome by the secretary of state of the Vatican, Monsignor Re, in 1996, who told him that the men of 1920, like the Pope, are the strongest men of this century. Thanks in New York to Mount Sinai

Hospital, Memorial Sloan-Kettering and to Dr. Philip Luloff for his encouragement. Emeric appreciated the visits of Gov. and Mrs. Cuomo who provided encouragement during his surgeries and to Mayor Rudy Giuliani for his visit with Emeric last July. Deep appreciation to Dr. Paul Maxwell for helping Emeric throughout the three years. Special thanks to nurse Mary Beth Clayton. Thanks to Dr. Kent Hoskins at Rockford Memorial Hospital and staff for appreciating Emeric's will to forge on. Deep gratitude is expressed to his special nieces Julie, Jennifer and Janel Thomas for no matter what hour, were there for Uncle Emeric. A heartfelt thank-you to the generosity of spirit and support of Richard Wurster. A special thank you to Sue, Corrine and Michael Bedine. Emeric was predeceased by parents; father- and mother-in-law, Frank and Minnie DeGrandis; and special friend and brother-in-law, Robert Steffani. Survivors include wife, Dolores; son, Lex of Rockford; daughter, Janet of New York City; sisters, Bianca Ortigara of Chicago and Stella Pellicetti of Rome, Italy; sisters-in-law, Grace Thomas, Ange Steffani, Pauline Panozzo of Rockford and Alexandra DeGrandis of Madison, Wis.; brothers-in-law, Jay Thomas and Gino Panozzo, both of Rockford; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30, in St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Father Luke Poszworowski officiating. Entombment in Calvary Mausoleum. Visitation 6 to 8, with prayer service at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in Fred C. Olson Funeral Chapels Ltd., North Chapel, 2811 N. Main St.; prayer service also from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday in North Chapel.

Emeric's legacy in battling his illness is in the following:

"We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender." — Churchill, 1940.

The battle ended 2½ years beyond the statistics, his spirit won and his spark lives on which brought him nobility and still lights the passages to those who love him. (Dad, I love you as big as the moon and the stars — that is where you now are and I will always look up there to you — Your Brendolina). 4-26-3



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STILL A WARRIOR: World War II hero Emeric Bedin with medals and family at Mount Sinai Hospital yesterday.

Battling cancer gets him medals from another war

By HEIDI MAE BRATT

It's taken a battle with lung cancer for the WWII veteran Emeric Bedin to get the hero's medals he earned 50 years ago.

Flanked by his family and army officials, Bedin yesterday received the Purple Heart and eight other awards at an informal ceremony at Mount Sinai Hospital, where he's recovering from surgery.

It was a surprise for his 75th birthday.

"This has been the most exciting birthday of my life," Bedin said, tears welling in his eyes.

Bedin, a retired city worker from Rockford, Ill., said he didn't hang around to collect his medals when he was discharged from the

Army after surviving tough battles at Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland.

"I just wanted to go home," Bedin said.

But his daughter, Janet, started thinking about her dad's medals after he came to New York for a visit and discovered he had cancer.

She called the office of Sen. Carol Mosley Braun (D.-Ill.) and asked for help.

Bedin predicted his military experience will help him in his latest fight.

"You always had to outfox your enemy, that's what we were told," he said. "That's what I'll try to do with my cancer."

**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL BEDIN AMERICO J		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 36 372 991	3. GRADE PFC	4. ARM OR SERVICE INF	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION CO M 109TH INFANTRY		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 30 DEC 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION CAMP GRANT ILL SEPARATION CENTER		
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12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9		13. COLOR EYES HAZEL	14. COLOR HAIR BROWN	15. HEIGHT 5 7	16. WEIGHT 130
17. RACE ☒ WHITE ☐ NEGRO ☐ OTHER (specify)	18. MARITAL STATUS ☒ SINGLE ☐ MARRIED ☐ OTHER (specify)	20. U.S. CITIZEN ☒ YES ☐ NO		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. FOUNDRY WORKER 8-82.10	

22. DATE OF INDUCTION 17 SEPT 42		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 1 OCT 42		24. DATE OF EXPIRATION ACTIVE SERVICE 1 OCT 42		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE CAMP GRANT ILL	
26. REGISTERED ☒ YES ☐ NO		27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 3		28. COUNTY AND STATE WINNEBAGO ILL		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 823 HOUGHTON ST ROCKFORD ILL	
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55. EDUCATION (Years) 8 HIGH SCHOOL 0 COLLEGE	

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67. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO									
68. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN									

69. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directions)	
PURPLE HEART GO #144 HQ 298 GENERAL HOSPITAL 26 JUN 45 LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR SCORE (2 SEPT 45) 78 ERC FROM 17 SEPT 42 TO 30 SEPT 42	
70. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Americo J. Bedin	71. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) MARION C. HAHONEY TST LT WAC



SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

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This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL			MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
BEDIN AMERICO J.			10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
2. ARMY SERIAL NO.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.			
36 372 991	Pfc		3	Pvt	Infantry Basic
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)			33	Pfc	Mortar Gunner 607
1002 Curve St. Rockford, Ill.			3	Pfc	Postal Clerk C56
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	7. DATE OF SEPARATION	8. DATE OF BIRTH			
1 Oct 42	30 Dec 45	18 Oct 20			
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION					
Camp Grant, Ill.					

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

MORTAR GUNNER 607

Served with an infantry outfit in combat operations as a gunner on an 81 MM Mortar Section. Served in ETO for 26 months.





Janet Bedin, direttore esecutivo per l'Italia del dipartimento per lo sviluppo dello stato di New York. A destra, Wall Street.

New York 1993. È ancora possibile oggi, nella metropoli delle grandi corporations, delle mille banche, dei fiumi di miliardi che ogni giorno passano per i terminali di Wall Street, metter su un ufficio o una bottega con la propria insegna, e farcela? Gulliver sostiene di sì. E in queste pagine spiega perché e come.

Negli ultimi quarant'anni l'industria manifatturiera di New York ha perso 600 mila posti di lavoro. Questa perdita è stata però più che compensata dalle 23 mila aziende che operano nei settori dei servizi avanzati e delle comunicazioni. Il governatorato della città prevede che nel giro di qualche anno altri 110 mila posti saranno offerti dalle attività d'avanguardia, quelle che qui vengono chiamate *cutting edge*, cioè a fil di lama.

A New York la forza lavoro è composta per il 45 per cento dai bianchi, per il 32 per cento dai neri, per il 23 per cento dagli ispanici più qualche altra minoranza. La disoccupazione si aggira attorno al 9 per cento, eppure la gente continua ad arrivare da tutto il mondo. Ci sono 400 mila immigrati illegali, il 5 per cento della popolazione, e crescono a un ritmo di 25 mila ogni anno. Degli illegali si occupa l'Ins, Immigration and naturalization service, e non la polizia. I controlli più severi avvengono negli aeroporti internazionali di partenza e di arrivo. Una volta che il

clandestino è entrato nel paese, seguirne le tracce è più difficile perché negli Stati Uniti non esiste un documento d'identità nazionale e obbligatorio. Chi è sorpreso senza i documenti in regola se ne deve andare ed è quasi impossibile che possa in seguito ottenere permessi di soggiorno. Il rischio di espulsione risulta elevato soprattutto per gli ispanici: secondo le statistiche rappresentano più del 90 per cento dei clandestini scoperti. Per scoraggiare l'immigrazione illegale, l'Ins punta anche sulle multe ai datori di lavoro, che vanno da 250 a 10 mila dollari, cioè da 400 mila lire a 16 milioni.

Nello stato di New York gli italiani in regola con il permesso di soggiorno sono 200 mila (gli italo-americani sono milioni), quelli illegali sono circa 26 mila. Asiatici, neri e ispanici trovano

lavoro, in genere a salario, nell'abbigliamento e nella ristorazione, nella sanità e nelle vendite al dettaglio. Gli italiani che sbarcano qui con un capitale e un'idea abbastanza precisa di come investirlo, oggi possono sperare di realizzarsi professionalmente meglio che in patria: aprire un'azienda e avviare un'attività in proprio non è un sogno, se si sanno sfruttare le opportunità, la semplicità delle pratiche legali e gli incentivi che vengono dalla città. Del resto, ci sono ancora quelli che arrivano, come un tempo, armati soprattutto di buona volontà, voglia di riuscire e, ma

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ENTRO POCHI ANNI**

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**U.S. MISSION TO THE U.N. AGENCIES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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FROM: Judy Edelhoff
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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Please find attached a personal message from Ambassador George McGovern to Secretary Dan Glickman which he thought you would like to see. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Edelhoff
Judy Edelhoff

11-7-00

To NSC for reply?

Yes - No -

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George McGovern



Nov. 6, 2000

U.S. Mission
UN Food and Agriculture Agencies
U.S. Embassy, Rome

Secretary Dan Glickman, USDA

Dear Dan,

I'm sure that you are being pressed hard by the PVO's on the global child feeding initiative. But I remain convinced that there is only one overseas agency with the field offices and the experience to undertake now a worldwide school lunch program - the WFP. PVO's can help and should be encouraged to do so, but their role should be subordinate.

I would urge you to release at least 200 million in commodities to the World Food Program now. They are ready to go and will do a good job. The remaining 100m will be there for the voluntary agencies or other needs.

Of course what I really hope that you will decide hungry kids need \$500 million with \$400 million going to WFP. Bob Dole agrees with all of this.

Eleanor & I were with Miles and Nancy Rubin and Eli and Phyllis Dwyer this past weekend. They spoke warmly of you. As always, Doris

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