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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB J. NASH, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL WEEKLY REPORT
ENDING December 9, 2000

NEW ISSUES

Republican Confirmation Offer

The Republicans do not want to confirm any Democratic nominees that would create a Democratic majority on bi-partisan term boards and commissions in 2001 and beyond. They want to make a deal with us. Their plan includes the confirmation of John Reich, retiring Senator Connie Mack's Chief of Staff, for a position on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in exchange for confirming a small percentage of the 221 nominees on the Hill. Most of these proposed confirmations are "Pleasure of the President" (POP) Democrat positions that will end with your Administration. It is not an acceptable offer.

Ambassador to Zimbabwe

We received Ambassador Tom McDonald's resignation. He wants to convey his deepest gratitude to you for selecting him for this appointment. His resignation will be effective on December 18, 2000.

Acting General Counsel of the Navy, Department of Defense

Stephen Preston resigned as General Counsel of the Navy on November 17, 2000. The Department of Defense has named John Sparks as Acting General Counsel of the Navy. Previously he was Deputy General Counsel.

John F. Kennedy Center Board of Trustees

The press releases on Smith Bagley, William McSweeney, and Thomas Wheeler were sent out on Friday December 8. A few of the other appointees that you have selected have not yet completed the vetting process. Counsel's office has assured us that they are on a "fast track" to complete their vetting.

Shelby White, Cultural Property Advisory Board (CPAB)

I am working with the Chief of Staff's office and the General Counsel's office to resolve the concerns raised by the Italian Ambassador regarding Shelby White's appointment to CPAB. Senator Moynihan (NY) recommended her for appointment to this board for which he wrote the legislation creating CPAB. She was appointed to the CPAB on 8/9/00.

Transition Activities

We are working with the Chief of Staff's office, GSA, OPM and NARA on transition activities covered by PL 4931 and your Executive Order to ensure a smooth transition for the President-elect.

Resignation Guidance

We have worked with the Chief of Staff's office, Cabinet Affairs and Counsel's office on resignation guidance for your appointees. We are setting up a system with Presidential Correspondence, Staff Secretary and Executive Clerk to ensure that all PAS resignation letters are acknowledged.

Letters of Appreciation for Past & Present Appointees

We are working with Presidential Correspondence to send a thank you letter from you to all your past and present political appointees.

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

- Smith Bagley, Member, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- William F. McSweeney, Member, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Thomas E. Wheeler, Member, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- James Robert Thompson, Jr., Member, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
- James H. Bilbray, Member, Security Policy Advisory Board
- Peter Albert Kind, Member, National Infrastructure Assurance Council
- Evan S. Dobelle, Member, Board for International Food and Agricultural Development
- Wellington E. Webb, Member, National Infrastructure Assurance Council

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

- Islam A. Siddiqui, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture

Key Confirmations by the Senate this Week:

- Jay Synder, United States Representative, United Nations General Assembly
- Larry Carp, United States *Alternate* Representative, United Nations General Assembly
- Richard Gardner, United States *Alternate* Representative, United Nations General Assembly

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

Presidential Appointees <u>with</u> Senate Confirmation (Full-time & Part-time)	40
Presidential Appointees <u>without</u> Senate Confirmation (Full-time & Part-time)	121
Total	161

Status of 2000 Nominations and Confirmations:

Status of All (Including Judges)

	Number
Current Nominations	221
Nominations on the Executive Calendar	53
Confirmed in 2000	203
Confirmation Percentage	48 %
Grand Total (Nominated or Confirmed)	418

Judges Only

	Number
Currently Nominated	42
Nominations on the Executive Calendar	0
Confirmed in 2000	47
Confirmation Percentage	53%
Grand Total (Nominated or Confirmed)	89

cc: John Podesta
Maria Echaveste
Beth Nolan

WEEKLY REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 8, 2000

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WEEKLY REPORTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING
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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) **Update on Global Markets/Interest Rates and Stock Prices**
- (B) **NEC**
- (C) **DPC**
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- (M) **Presidential Personnel**
- (N) **Political Affairs**

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Eighteen percent of former recipients returned to TANF sometime within 6 to 16 months, with 10 percent receiving welfare at the time of their interview. As one of 13 states and counties to receive HHS funding to study individuals leaving welfare or those who were diverted from welfare, Massachusetts focused on comparing outcomes for those who left welfare due to the state's two-year time limit or for other reasons. While employment rate were similar regardless of why someone left welfare, those who left due to time limits were less likely to have jobs with fringe benefits, more likely to continue receiving food stamps, and less likely to report improvements in their economic and emotional well-being situation.

4. Education -- TIMMS Study: On Tuesday, the National Center for Educational Statistics released the results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study-Repeat, (TIMSS-R), which compares math and science scores for eighth graders from 38 participating nations. The results show that the raw average scores for all U.S. eighth graders in math and science did not change since the 1995 TIMSS, although math scores for African Americans increased slightly. The U.S. ranked 17th out of 38 nations participating in the 1999 math assessment, and 12th out of 38 in the science assessment, results which are similar to the 1995 rankings. It also showed that U.S. eighth graders are above the international average in mathematics and science performance in all areas except for measurement, geometry, and physics, in which U.S. students performed at the international average. Though the study is a follow-up on the 1995 TIMSS study, many Western European nations that had been part of the 1995 study did not participate, and in place of these, the 1999 pool included less-industrialized nations, such as Turkey, Thailand, Chile, Tunisia and Moldova.

5. Education -- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) announced last week that it has certified another 4,694 teachers this year, boosting to 9,498 the total number of such teachers nationwide. NBPTS has also received 11,000 applications from teachers who wish to be candidates for certification in the 2000-2001 school year.

6. Education -- Increase in Unqualified Teachers in California: The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning released a study this week showing that the number of unqualified teachers entering California public schools increased last year by 13 percent. Overall, 14 percent of California's teachers (about 40,000) have no credential or hold the wrong credential for the class they are teaching. Many of these teachers without credentials work with the neediest urban students.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *GTF Jr.*

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Everglades Restoration Plan Enactment

The White House has received the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, including provisions authorizing the Administration's Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. The deadline for presidential action is December 16. Senator Bob Graham, Senator Bob Smith and others, including the State of Florida are interested in a signing ceremony. The current plan is for you to sign the bill this Monday.

Homestead Air Base Transfer

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the transfer of the Homestead Air base will be final on December 15 and made available to the public beginning December 8. The Record of Decision can be made beginning on January 15, 2001. Closure of the base, except for a reserve wing, followed the devastation of the area by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. We are assessing transfer options, including to Dade County for development of a highly controversial commercial airport or to the Department of the Interior to effect a trade of mineral rights in the Big Cypress Preserve with a developer to build a non-airport commercial development on the air base site. John Podesta is convening a principal's meeting on December 11 to discuss these options.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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

A Bear Hug for Preservation

As the National Zoo welcomes the city's newest residents, two giant pandas – Mei Xiang, a 2-year-old female, and Tian-Tian, a 3-year-old male – the nation's capital once again begins to help in the preservation efforts of the giant panda, one of the most critically endangered species in the world.



The giant panda was once widespread in southern and eastern China and in neighboring Myanmar and Vietnam. Today, however, there are only around 1,000 left, and all of these are found in one geographic region – the bamboo forests of southwestern China. However, destruction of the bamboo forest which are the panda's natural habitat is now a major threat to the survival of the species. Over the past eleven years suitable habitat for the animal has shrunk by 50 percent in six isolated regions. The killing of giant pandas by humans also remains a problem. A single panda pelt can bring up to \$200,000 in Japan, emboldening some poachers to risk the consequences of Chinese law regarding the taking of giant pandas – the death penalty. More frequently however, pandas are caught in snares set for other animals, such as musk deer. Adult giant pandas do not reproduce quickly, so the wild population is unable to grow rapidly enough to replace lost animals.

The international conservation strategy for giant pandas is two-fold: 1) protect the remaining populations in the wild, and 2) increase their population in zoos and breeding centers. The National Zoo is proud to be a part of this important effort.

Biodiversity issues, such as the protection of endangered species and habitats, have been a priority with your Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology for much of its existence. The PCAST publication, *Teaming with Life*, identified the importance of biodiversity in sustaining our national and world economies and laid out an agenda for effectively conserving our "natural capital." Working with the Smithsonian Institution, OSTP is close to completing a "primer" on biodiversity to help educate the public and Congress on its importance in sustaining our economy and the essential ecosystem services on which we all depend.

U.S. Continues to Rank Below International Peers in Math & Science Scores

The Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) announced the results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study Repeat (TIMSS-R), and the news is not good for Americans. According to NSF, which co-funded the study, the new results confirm previous evidence that the United States needs to strengthen math and science education in middle school.

TIMSS-R confirms findings of the original TIMSS study that the relative standing of U.S. students slips between the fourth and eighth grade, and that by the twelfth-grade, U.S. students scored below the international average. U.S. twelfth graders scored among the lowest of the TIMSS nations in mathematics and science general knowledge, as well as in physics and advanced mathematics. Further troubling was the finding that the gap between the performance levels of minority and majority students remains wide. This finding reaffirms our belief that the United States needs to focus on stronger math and science preparation in middle school.

The report points out that the timespan between the first and second assessment is not long enough to see effects from reform efforts that have been put in place since the original report came out four years ago. The Glenn Commission Report, *Before It's Too Late*, is a vital next step in these efforts. It lays out a blueprint for local, state and federal government agencies, as well as the private sector, to work together to improve student learning and teacher professional development in K-12 mathematics and science education.

Martian Water Theory

In a significant discovery, NASA scientists say high-resolution photos of Mars show deep layers of sedimentary rock, which may have been formed by ancient lakes. In a study to be published this week in the journal *Science*, scientists say the layers of rock show exactly the types of materials in which the record of Martian life, if it ever existed, is most likely to be preserved.



The photos taken by the Mars Global Surveyor clearly show horizontal deposits, the hallmark of sedimentary rock, in the walls of craters and chasms. Such layered rock structures are common on Earth where there were once lakes. Sediment can settle to the lake bottom and, over geologic time, form sheets of rock, one on top the other like pancakes in a stack. The new study adds to a strengthening theory that Mars was once a warm and wet planet, with an atmosphere that permitted the pooling of water. Such a scenario makes it more likely that life could have existed on Mars. Other studies have suggested that planet may still have subsurface pools of liquid water, or perhaps ice that is frozen there by the deep cold that now grips the planet.

Space Station is Wired

The latest Space Shuttle mission to the International Space Station has provided the ISS with two enormous solar wings that will power the Station. Until recently one of the Station's three rooms had been unheated and sealed off, but with more electricity, the station's inhabitants will finally have full run of the place. The \$600 million solar wings, 240 feet from tip to tip and 38 feet wide – larger than that of a Boeing 777 jetliner – are capable of producing 65 kilowatts at peak power. That is four times more power than the space station was producing before. During a third spacewalk Thursday, astronauts fixed a problem with the first solar array blanket and eliminated undesirable tension on the delicate wiring between the solar array panels.

The ISS's new wings are the largest structure ever deployed in space, covering half an acre. Three more identical pairs of solar array wings will be added to the ISS before assembly is complete. The bigger the wings, the more sunlight that can be collected for conversion into electricity.

The installation of the solar wings will also enable NASA's January launch of its flagship element, the Destiny lab module, which will become the heart of the Station's research effort. Each solar wing is designed to last 15 years and will keep operating even if individual solar cells are pierced by bits of space debris.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICKEY IBARRA *Micky*

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT

GOVERNORS

LIHEAP: The Coalition of Northeastern governors (CONEG), led by Governor Shaheen, has written urging that you immediately release all the remaining LIHEAP contingency funds and support increased LIHEAP funding in the Labor/HHS appropriations bill. This letter is signed by all six of the New England governors, as well as Governor Pataki. I spoke to Governor Shaheen about this issue on December 4. IGA is working with OMB and DPC to respond. We expect to act soon.

High-Speed Rail: A bi-partisan group of governors continues to aggressively lobby both the Administration and Congress in support of Sen. Lautenberg's high-speed rail bonding proposals. This week, Governor Carper called you about the issue, and Governor Hunt called John Podesta. Many governors, particularly in the Southeast, regard this as their top legislative priority in the closing days of this Congress. IGA continues to alert OMB and Legislative Affairs.

FEMA: On December 4, IGA notified Governor Pataki's office of your approval of his disaster declaration request for a snow storm of November 19-21, which crippled the City of Buffalo. On December 6, IGA notified Governor Marc Racicot's office of your approval of his disaster declaration request for the severe storms beginning on October 31 and ending November 20.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Yesterday, IGA participated in the Congress of Cities of the National League of Cities in Boston. Zina Pierre delivered remarks to the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board thanking them for their partnership with the Administration for the past eight years. A letter from you was read as well. In addition, Mayor Archer, NLC president, and Mayor Knight, past president, expressed their gratitude for your support of local elected officials.

DENVER MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY

This week the White House Millennium Council announced that Denver had been selected as the fourteenth and final Millennium Community of the Month. Mayor Webb is a long time supporter of the program and was grateful that Denver was selected for this honor.

INSULAR AREAS

Vieques: Navy Secretary Danzig agreed to set a date for the referendum. He has decided on November 6, 2001. The Navy will announce the date soon. We worked with Interior and other agencies to ask Congress to transfer the land on the western side of the island to local ownership rather than Interior. Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott (MS) said he is willing to talk to Governor-elect Sila Calderon about her plans to immediately end Navy training. He has previously called for a resumption of live fire. Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski (R-AK) said he would welcome such talks but Senators James Inhofe (R-OK) and Phil Gramm (R-TX) and Senator-elect George Allen (R-VA) said Vieques is needed. And Governor Pedro Rossello said your Directives meet local concerns to the fullest extent possible.

TASK FORCE

Yesterday in Salt Lake City, Director Barry McCaffrey and I co-chaired the first U.S. meeting of the White House Task Force on Drug Use in Sports. The Task Force was created by your Executive Order in August to make recommendations for eliminating the use of performance enhancing drugs at the Salt Lake Olympic Games in 2002 and other sporting events. Governor Leavitt, Mayor Rocky Anderson, and Congressman-elect Jim Matheson participated.

IN THE NEWS

Latino Education Initiative: This week Governor Ryan introduced Project Impact, a new education initiative targeted at the state's Latino population. The goal of the program is to increase student achievement and lower drop-out rates of Latino students, who will make up nearly 20 percent of the Illinois student population by 2005.

Project Impact, also known as Projecto Impacto, was created in response to data showing that the Hispanic population has the highest drop-out rate of any ethnic group in the country. This is a growing concern for the state of Illinois, which has the fifth highest Latino population in the United States. After conducting a study to discover the reasons for academic under-achievement among Hispanic students, Governor Ryan recognized the need to emphasize reading, job readiness, and diversity training for teachers.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. T.M.
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SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
December 2 - 8, 2000

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- **Taxes:** On December 5, Deputy Secretary Eizenstat met with business community representatives regarding the next steps for the Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) tax replacement legislation. He also addressed the Business Government Relations Council on trade and tax matters, including FSC. Later, he addressed the National Association of Manufacturers Tax and Budget Policy Committee on the tax policy implications of globalization. He emphasized the need for international coordination of the U.S. tax system with the tax system of other countries in forums such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and demonstrated this imperative with several examples relating to international tax policy.
- **G-7:** On December 12, Under Secretary for International Affairs Geithner will participate in the meeting of the Group of Seven Deputies in Paris. They are scheduled to discuss private sector involvement in the prevention and resolution of financial crises, IMF reform, Multilateral Development Bank reform, and individual country cases. Also on December 12, Deputy Assistant Secretary Sobel will participate in the meeting of the Group of Ten Deputies in Paris. They are scheduled to discuss a study of financial sector consolidation.
- **OECD:** On December 12, Under Secretary for International Affairs Geithner will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Working Party 3, the OECD's major international macroeconomic policy discussion group. They will discuss economic and financial policy developments in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and smaller member countries. Separately, on November 21, staff from Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network met with an OECD representative working on a project with the G-7 to examine the misuse of corporate entities in conjunction with money laundering and other financial crime activities.

- **Southern Frontiers:** On December 4, Under Secretary for Enforcement Johnson met with Attorney General Reno and other high-level U.S. law enforcement officials to discuss Southern Frontiers issues, which pertain to criminal conduct associated with drug trafficking along the southern border of the U.S., extending from Mexico to the Caribbean. They discussed, among other things, the current trends in narcotics flows in and through the Americas, major trafficking organizations in the region, and money laundering enforcement successes and lessons to be learned.
- **Money Laundering:** As part of his December 4 meeting with Attorney General Reno on Southern Frontiers issues, Under Secretary for Enforcement Johnson provided her with a detailed report on the status of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)/Non-Cooperative Countries and Territories (NCCT) initiative, particularly with respect to the affected Caribbean nations. He advised that the one remaining hurdle for Caribbean jurisdictions involves the effective implementation of improved anti-money laundering programs. Separately, on December 1, Treasury's Office of Enforcement and DOJ represented the U.S. at a meeting of the European Review Group of FATF's Ad Hoc Group on NCCT in Paris. During the meeting, a delegation from Liechtenstein provided an update on how it is addressing the deficiencies that FATF identified in its anti-money laundering program. The European Review Group will explain the steps that Liechtenstein has taken at the FATF plenary next February. The European Review Group is examining Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia as part of the second round of NCCT reviews currently underway. The Review Group expects to have reports on these second round jurisdictions completed by May.
- **Bankruptcy:** On December 7, the Senate passed the bankruptcy reform bill by a 70-28 vote. The bankruptcy reform bill limits the current right of debtors to discharge debts remaining after distribution of their assets to those debtors who do not have the capacity to repay a portion of their debts according to a means test. The bill also partially limits debtors' ability to shield assets invested in homes, provides new protection for debtors who want to reaffirm debts, and adds generic disclosures on credit card debts. The Administration indicated in early October that you would veto this bill if it were sent to you in its current form.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Drug Traffic Checkpoint Stops:** On November 28, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 against checkpoints at which law enforcement officers stop vehicular traffic, check motorist licenses and vehicle registrations, look for signs of impairment, and walk a "narcotics detection" dog around the exterior of each stopped automobile. The Court held that because the program's primary purpose is indistinguishable from the general interest in crime control, the checkpoints violate the Fourth Amendment. The Court distinguished other checkpoints it has upheld, such as those aimed at removing drunk drivers from the road, as being limited to the necessity of ensuring roadway safety, rather

than a general interest in crime control. The Court further concluded that the checkpoint program was also not justified by the severe and intractable nature of the drug problem and the efficacy of the program

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Ritidian Point Land Exchange:** Recent discussions have yielded no agreement on the transfer to the government of Guam of the area known as Ritidian Point. Guam Governor Gutierrez met with Secretary Babbitt to discuss Guam's proposal to exchange Guam property for Ritidian Point, which is part of the Guam National Wildlife Refuge. Governor Gutierrez has stated that his goal is to return Ritidian Point to its original owners. The property was declared excess by the Navy in 1993, but was claimed by DOI, which has not accepted Guam's proposal for a land exchange. DOI and Guam officials are continuing to explore all options.
- **U.S.-Mexico Western Gap Treaty:** Recently, the Mexican Senate ratified a treaty that establishes a maritime boundary within the Western Gap area of the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty in October. The treaty establishes, a 1.4-mile buffer area in which oil and gas exploitation will be prohibited place for ten years.
- **Urban Sprawl Workshop:** On December 6-8, the Federal Urban Sprawl Workshop took place in Harpers Ferry, WV. The workshop will bring together agencies of the Mid-Atlantic Federal Partners for the Environment, which consists of DOI's Geological Survey, EPA, the National Park Service, DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, FEMA, USDA, the Army Corps of Engineers, HUD, and DOC's National Marine Fisheries Service. MAFPE is preparing an integrated science plan to examine the impacts of urban sprawl on the health of ecosystems, quality of water supply, accessibility to natural resources, and effects on future land use and socioeconomic growth. Agencies will share work, examine areas of overlap, identify gaps, and begin construction of a coordinated research plan that supports the current Federal mission on topics that are related to urban sprawl.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Starlink Export Negotiations:** Japan and South Korea, two of the largest importers of U.S. corn, continue to be concerned about Starlink corn being mingled with exported corn shipments. While USDA has been successful in negotiating a sampling and testing protocol for corn exported to Japan for human food consumption, there is no such protocol in place for corn exported to Japan for animal feed. Officials from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) met with USDA and EPA officials on December 4-5 to discuss the situation and negotiate sampling and testing procedures for feed corn shipments to Japan. Initial discussions were positive and it appears likely that agreement on testing and sampling procedures with MAFF can be

finalized within the next seven to ten days. South Korean agricultural officials have asked USDA for testing and sampling procedures similar to those being discussed with Japan.

- **Revised *E. coli* 0157:H7 Contamination Risk:** In December, USDA will publish in the *Federal Register* a draft risk assessment for *E. coli* in ground beef products indicating that the pathogen is more prevalent than previously thought, and that it should be considered a hazard that is reasonably likely to occur at all stages of handling most raw beef products. Given the new data, USDA will publish in the *Federal Register* that manufacturers of raw beef products are expected to reassess their HACCP (food safety inspection system) plans to determine whether they appropriately address this hazard. If reassessment results determine that *E. coli* contamination is reasonably likely to occur in the plant's production process, then the plant must address the hazard in its HACCP plans. The notice will also explain how USDA's testing program is expanding and announce updated guidance material to processors, producers, and grinders.
- **Pearl Harbor Bombing Anniversary:** On December 7, at Arlington National Cemetery, Secretary Glickman attended the 59th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor National Tree Planting Ceremony.
- **Commodity Markets:** Cash and futures prices for wheat declined slightly because of poor export sales and improved conditions for the winter wheat crop. Concerns about the impact of the Starlink variety on exports sent corn prices lower. Soybeans continued to surge in anticipation of improved export prospects for beans and meal going to the European Union. Rice cash prices held steady, but futures dropped on sluggish exports. Tightening world supplies boosted cash cotton prices, but reports of a larger-than-expected Turkish crop led to a modest drop in futures. Cattle prices rose despite a drop in boxed beef values. Slowed marketings and higher pork prices lifted hog prices. Broiler prices were little changed, as a surge in fast food demand was matched by increased slaughter. A tightening milk market helped drive cheese prices almost to support. Slow churning schedules and short cream supplies boosted butter prices.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **OSHA Wins Hammer Award:** On December 13, the National Partnership for Reinventing Government will present a Hammer Award to OSHA to recognize the agency's Strategic Partnerships for Worker Safety and Health. The program is a national and regional program to improve workplace safety and health through cooperative, voluntary agreements between OSHA, employers, and employees. The Hammer Award recognizes successful efforts of Federal employee teams who have successfully reinvented a process or program in order to make it work better and cost less. This is the sixteenth Hammer Award that OSHA has received.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Influenza Activity Report:** Each year, CDC collects and reports U.S. influenza surveillance data during October-May. CDC recently released its report summarizing the data from October 1 to November 25. The report indicates that influenza activity was low this year, and lower than during the same period in 1999. While it is too early to know what strains will predominate this season, the viruses isolated most frequently are well matched to the current influenza vaccine strains. As of November 28, approximately 63 percent of the 75 million doses of influenza vaccine projected to be produced this year had been distributed. Aventis Pasteur is producing nine million of the 75 million doses, and that vaccine will be available for distribution in mid-December. Four prescription antiviral medications, which can reduce the duration of influenza symptoms by approximately one day if treatment is started within 48 hours of symptom onset, are approved for treating uncomplicated influenza.
- **HIV/AIDS:** On December 11-12, HHS's Health Resources and Services Administration, the Royal Society of Medicine, St. Christopher's Hospice, and the Guy's, King's and St. Thomas's School of Medicine are sponsoring a palliative care symposium in London, England. The event will address issues involving end-of-life care for minorities and socially excluded individuals. Participants will identify the strengths and weaknesses of palliative care systems in the U.S. and England, examine lessons learned, and develop recommendations.
- **Monitoring the Future (MTF):** MTF is tentatively scheduled for the end of the week of December 11. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and ONDCP will co-host a news conference to announce the findings of the 2000 Monitoring the Future Survey of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders. The survey has been conducted for 26 years. Current findings show sharp declines in cigarette smoking in several categories. The report also showed a decline in the use of cocaine, hallucinogens, and LSD among 12th graders. However, this contrasted with large increases in steroid use among 10th graders and dramatic increases in the use of the club drug Ecstasy in all reported age groups. NIDA launched a club drug initiative last year and will hold a meeting about Ecstasy on July 19-20, 2001, at the National Institutes of Health.
- **Abortion Data:** In its December 8 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, CDC reports 1997 data from its abortion surveillance program to document the number and characteristics of women obtaining legal induced abortions, monitor unintended pregnancy, and assist efforts to identify and reduce preventable causes of morbidity and mortality associated with abortions. The data included are from all 50 states and DC. The report finds that throughout the 1990s, there was a general downward trend in legal induced abortions. From data collected in 1997, the number of abortions declined each year from 1990 through 1995; however, in 1996, the number increased slightly, and in 1997, the number of abortions declined to the lowest level since 1978. In 1997, a total of

1,186,039 legal abortions were reported to CDC, representing a three-percent decrease from the number reported in 1996. Women who were undergoing an abortion were more likely to be young, white, and unmarried; approximately one half were obtaining an abortion for the first time.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **MS Housing Discrimination Case:** As part of an on-going campaign to stamp out housing discrimination, HUD has charged a Brandon, MS, man with violating the Fair Housing Act when he harassed and threatened an African-American family that had contracted to buy the house next to his. HUD began to investigate the case after receiving complaints from the family and their real estate agent earlier this year. The agent has since corroborated the family's account of the incident, as has an adult daughter of the couple selling the house. The neighbor, however, has denied to HUD investigators that he discriminated against or threatened the family.
- **Rochester, NY Homeownership Increase Grants:** Secretary Cuomo has awarded \$1M in HUD Neighborhood Initiative funds to the City of Rochester's Home Ownership Improvement Program to help low- and moderate-income families purchase and rehabilitate homes. Though the nation's homeownership rate has reached a record 67.7 percent, Secretary Cuomo noted at a press conference attended by Mayor William Johnson that the rate in Rochester is just 44 percent. Mayor Johnson recently reported that a city-HUD initiative launched in May has already resulted in the sale of more than 100 HUD homes, the vast majority of them to owner-occupants. To date, 71 percent of the homes sold in the Rochester-HUD program have gone to owner-occupants.
- **Home Sales Data:** On December 4, HUD and the Census Bureau released data on new home sales. New home sales in October were 928,000 units on a seasonally adjusted annual basis, down 2.6 percent from September but up 2.4 percent from October 1999 when 906,000 units were sold on a seasonally adjusted annual basis.
- **Gary, IN Gun Buyback:** The Gary Housing Authority will reprogram \$5,000 of its FY1999 Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program grant funding and will receive \$2,150 in matching funds from HUD for a total of \$7,150 for its Gun BuyBack Initiative. The goal of this program is to take approximately 143 guns off the street, each in return for a \$50 certificate. Additional value in the form of discounts or extra merchandise made available by businesses participating in the initiative may also be offered. The housing authority will also run a toy gun turn in, where children are encouraged to turn in their toy guns to their local police department in exchange for McDonald's gift certificates.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Mississippi River Oil Spill:** On November 28, the Tank Vessel *Westchester*, an 809-foot, Bahamian-flagged ship lost power while transiting upbound on the Mississippi River, 60 miles southeast of New Orleans. One of the vessel's cargo tanks was holed releasing approximately 554,400 gallons of Nigerian light crude oil. The *Westchester* was carrying a total of 20,077,176 gallons of oil. The Mississippi River has been opened to all traffic with restrictions. The Coast Guard has established a safety zone in the vicinity of cleanup operations and vessel traffic is being managed through the New Orleans Vessel Traffic Center. Approximately 25,000 gallons of oil have been recovered. Dozens of skimming vessels and vacuum trucks have been recovering spilled oil and 60,000 feet of boom has helped protect sensitive areas from the spill. A salvage plan for the vessel is being developed, and the incident is under investigation. There are about 200,000 ducks and more than 50,000 geese wintering at Delta National Wildlife Refuge, which is downstream from the spill. The Mississippi Delta, which is an all marsh/estuarine habitat, also harbors a state wildlife refuge area and currently has a large number of migratory birds. The lower Mississippi River is habitat for two endangered sturgeon species. DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service is working on-scene.
- **Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Program Report:** On November 29, DOT announced the release of a final report recommending stronger oversight of the IL and FL CDL programs and addressing other issues that may have contributed to licensing irregularities in those states. The report is from a panel appointed by Secretary Slater after IL Governor Ryan requested assistance in March 2000 to conduct a review of the state's CDL and driver safety programs. The report recommends that monitoring and oversight of organizations that conduct testing on behalf of the state be strengthened and greater opportunities be provided to state employees and to the general public to report potentially fraudulent licensing activity. Despite the need for improvement in management oversight and monitoring, the panel found that CDL programs in both states were fundamentally sound and meet the objectives of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The CDL programs in both states have all but eliminated the use of multiple licenses by drivers to avoid prosecution for moving violations and have also increased the professionalism of all drivers.
- **Drug Testing Case:** On November 28, the Supreme Court unanimously held that an arbitrator's conditional reinstatement of a commercial motor vehicle driver, after his employer had dismissed him for testing positive in a random drug test for the second time in 16 months, did not violate public policy and, therefore, could not be overturned by a court. The Court's holding adopted the position urged by the Solicitor General, on behalf of DOT that reinstatement would not violate public policy because DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations expressly give employers the option of reinstating positive-testing employees. The regulations also contemplate agreements by employers to submit decisions to dismiss positive-testing employees to binding arbitration.

- **LaGuardia Slot Lottery:** On December 4, FAA conducted a lottery to reallocate exemption slots at LaGuardia Airport. FAA has determined that 159 additional flights at LaGuardia is the number which will allow safe and timely operations there. The Aviation Investment and Reform Act (AIR-21) allowed for an unlimited number of additional flights at LaGuardia to promote competition and service to smaller airports. These additional flights were intended for carriers serving small hub and non-hub airports with aircraft having less than 71 passenger seats. Because of the limited capacity at LaGuardia, it is not possible for an unlimited number of AIR-21 exemption flights to be operated, so the lottery will allocate 159 FAA exemption slots for carriers with an AIR-21 exemption.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **CA Electricity Supply:** Electricity supplies in CA are expected to be tight through next week. DOE and two of its power marketing agencies, the Bonneville Power Administration and the Western Area Power Administration, are doing everything possible to get more power into the state. Expected cold weather in the Northwest next week could continue to imperil electric supplies throughout the West. DOE is monitoring the situation.

- **Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** In an effort that involved the coordination of 100 separate cargo deliveries to seven companies over a six-week period, DOE's Strategic Petroleum Reserve met its target of delivering 25.3 million barrels of crude oil into the marketplace by the end of November. Another seven million barrels will be delivered in December, completing the 30 million barrel oil exchange initiative that you announced in September.

- **Chernobyl Closure:** On December 15, Ukrainian President Kuchma will preside in a ceremony closing the last operating reactor at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, site of a deadly nuclear accident in 1986. Secretary Richardson will lead the U.S. delegation to Ukraine. Closure of the Chernobyl site meets Ukraine's commitment in a 1995 agreement with the G-7 members, and marks an important milestone in international efforts to improve nuclear power plant safety. Since 1995, the G-7 countries and other donors have provided nearly \$1B in grants for Chernobyl site safety projects, for decommissioning facilities. The U.S. has dedicated approximately \$100M for nuclear safety and regulatory assistance to Ukraine, including \$32.5M for construction of a replacement heat plant to support decommissioning of the Chernobyl reactors.

- **Ute Land Transfer:** On December 4, at a ceremony on the Ute Reservation in northeast UT, Secretary Richardson announced the transfer to Ute ownership and control of more than 85,000 acres in an area that is the aboriginal homeland of the Ute people. The undeveloped tract of land had been DOE's Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 2. It was taken from the Ute Tribe by the U.S. Government in 1916 for use as a potential source of fuel for the Navy's oil-burning ships. This transfer amounts to the largest voluntary return of

land to Native Americans in the lower 48 states in more than a century. This transfer was authorized by legislation proposed by Secretary Richardson in January and signed into law in October.

- **Biological Weapons Convention:** On November 13-December 8, DOE will participate in an Ad Hoc Group session of the Biological Weapons Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, responsible for negotiating a compliance protocol to the 1972 Biological Weapons and Toxins Convention. To date, the group has been unable to agree on such issues as definitions, declarations, on-site measures, technical assistance and cooperation, and export controls to include in the Protocol text.
- **Contaminated Lead Reuse:** Over 80 tons of contaminated lead will be reused as shielding for waste disposal containers at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. The project takes railcar casks, originally used to carry spent fuel, and reforms the lead into liners for waste disposal casks. The project avoids disposal of mixed waste, saving over \$80,000 in disposal costs and avoids contamination of virgin lead.
- ✓ **Gasoline Prices Down, Stocks Up:** Gasoline spot and futures prices fell for a second week, tracking a strong downturn in crude oil prices. World crude markets posted sharp declines despite a halt in Iraqi exports, as other producers pledged to make up the shortfall, and the International Energy Agency promised to take action if needed. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell 2.4 cents last week to 148.6 cents per gallon as of December 4, 21.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices fell solidly for all regions and formulations. Total motor gasoline stocks were up 4 million barrels on December 1 at 195.2 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline increased 1.1 million barrels to 41.2 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline rose 2.7 million barrels to 113.5 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 40 million barrels, 0.1 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- **Winter Reliability Assessment:** The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) released its 2000-2001 Winter Reliability Assessment, reporting that electric system resources will be adequate to meet projected electricity demand in North America this winter. Peak demand is expected to be three percent higher than last winter's actual demand and one percent higher than last winter's projected demand. Natural gas supplies and storage levels should be sufficient to meet the needs of the electric power industry this winter, which is about 28 percent of the total demand for natural gas, but gas supplies will be tight. In spite of NERC's assessment, the Northwest may experience problems this winter. Roughly 2,000 megawatts of generating capacity in Northern CA (which generally supplies power to the Northwest during the winter) has been shut down until June because the plants exhausted their supply of Nitrogen Oxide allowances by running more than expected during the summer.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **International Conference against Racism:** On December 5-7, Judith Winston, DOEd's Acting Under Secretary and General Counsel, attended the regional meeting of the Americas in Santiago, Chile, preparing for the August 2001 UN World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which will take place in South Africa. The UN conference will review progress in the fight against racism and related intolerance, reappraise barriers to further progress, and make recommendations to overcome those obstacles.
- **Charter Schools Conference:** On December 7-9, DOEd will hold the third National Charter Schools Conference in Washington, DC, for charter school operators, groups planning new charters, chartering entities, as well as policymakers and staff from state and district offices.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Confederate Flag Lawsuit:** On November 30, a hearing was held in Federal court on a suit filed by the Sons of the Confederacy to force VA to fly the Confederate flag on a daily basis. The lawsuit involves the VA-administered Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery in MD, which is a mass grave for about 3,000 Confederate soldiers. VA rules permit the Confederate flag to be flown on Memorial Day and Confederate Memorial Day at facilities with Confederate veterans.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Hudson River Cleanup:** On December 6, after a ten-year scientific study of the contamination of the Hudson River from polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), EPA announced a proposed plan to clean up the river and protect public health. The proposed plan calls for dredging and capping areas of PCB contamination in the upper Hudson River. The cleanup would remove over 100,000 pounds of PCBs that would potentially contaminate people, fish, and wildlife through the food chain. It would reduce risks to health and fish by five times immediately following the cleanup. The state will be able to relax fish consumption advisories within two years after the cleanup is completed. Without targeted dredging, concentrations of PCBs are not expected to reach acceptable health and safety levels and PCBs now buried in the river's sediments would continue to move downstream. The PCB contamination of the Hudson dates back to a 30-year period ending in 1977 during which the General Electric Company discharged as much as 1.3 million pounds of PCBs directly into the river from their facilities in Hudson Falls and Fort Edward, NY. EPA will now take public comment on the plan for the next two months and will target announcement of a final plan in late spring or early summer.

- **Diazinon Phase-Out:** On December 6, EPA announced an agreement to phase out diazinon for indoor uses beginning in March 2001, and for all lawn, garden, and turf uses by December 2003. Diazinon is the most widely used pesticide by homeowners on lawns, and is one of the most widely used pesticide ingredients for application around the home and in gardens. It is used to control insects and grub worms. The agreement reached with the manufacturers, Syngenta and Makhteshim Agan, will eliminate 75 percent of the use, which amounts to more than 11 million pounds of the pesticide used annually. EPA is taking this action under the Food Quality Protection Act, which you signed into law in 1996 after the Administration helped lead the way for the new, tougher national pesticide law. Since then, EPA has targeted a large group of older, riskier pesticides called organophosphates for review because they pose the greatest potential risk to children. By implementing this phase-out, consumers will be encouraged to move to safer pest control practices.
- **International Climate Change Negotiations:** Due to unresolved negotiations in The Hague last month, the U.S. and other industrialized countries will continue negotiations to address global warming over the next two weeks. The key issue for these discussions will be how to account for so-called "carbon sinks," such as forests, that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, in plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Informal meetings among technical staff from the U.S., European Union, Canada, and Japan began on December 6 in Ontario, Canada. If successful, these talks will likely be followed by a meeting next week in Norway between the countries' environmental ministers. Resolution of the sinks issue at these negotiations would facilitate the resolution of some of the broader issues with developing countries at negotiations in Bonn, Germany, next May. Other critical issues likely to be discussed at the Ontario meeting include the extent to which emissions trading could be used to meet a country's emissions reduction goals and several compliance issues.
- **Starlink Corn Assessment:** On December 5, EPA made public a report from its Scientific Advisory Panel on the potential allergenicity of Starlink corn. EPA asked the expert panel to provide an independent scientific assessment on the potential allergenicity, sensitization, and possible exposure to Starlink corn. The panel found, based on available information, a "medium likelihood" that Starlink protein is a potential allergen and that given the low levels of Starlink in American diet, there is a "low probability" of allergenicity in the population exposed to the corn. The panel declined to speculate on the sensitization to Starlink, but the Panel did note that children may be more sensitive than adults and study of infant diets should be given high priority. The panel recommended that individuals who claim to have experienced adverse effects from Starlink corn consumption be studied as soon as possible to determine whether Starlink was the source of the reactions.

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **Terrorism:** In a December 6 Open Briefing the UN Legal Advisor described UN actions in the fight against terrorism and the need for continued efforts to this end. Security Council members approved a Presidential Statement emphasizing that terrorism can never be justified and that continued efforts to eliminate the scourge of terrorism are needed.
- **The Middle East:** This week the Council will continue to discuss the Palestinian resolution on a UN Monitoring Force Security. USUN has opposed this resolution, arguing that both parties must agree to any observer force.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **U.S.-Japan Auto Negotiations:** It appears that Japan is going to propose holding the next High-Level meeting on automotive issues in Vancouver or on the West Coast on December 18-19. This will likely be USTR's last opportunity to resolve outstanding issues prior to the agreement's expiration on December 31.
- **WTO Accession of Russia:** A formal meeting of the Working Party to review legislative developments and new documentation on IPR and preferential trade arrangements will be held in Geneva on December 18-19.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Small Business Pension Reporting:** The Pension Welfare Benefit Administration (PWBA) released its final pension reporting regulation and included SBA-recommended modifications to cut down on costly paperwork and plan amendments. PWBA sought to require that each employee welfare plan (such as pension or health plans) establish new procedures to advise beneficiaries of the process to appeal a denial of benefits. PWBA estimated a cost of about \$100M for amending small business plans. SBA argued that the cost would be \$220M and therefore a significant burden to small businesses. SBA also asserted that the record regarding small pension plans claims denial did not support the new regulatory action. PWBA agreed and excluded small pension plans, saving \$220M from the 635,000 plans that will not have to be amended.
- **Faith-Based Institution Small Business Conference:** On December 9, SBA will co-sponsor a major faith-based institution small business conference at McCormick Place in Chicago. The conference is a key event in SBA's outreach to the African-American small business community, and is being presented in partnership with the 10,000-member Trinity United Church of Christ, South Shore Bank, Harris Bank, LaSalle Bank, *WBON AM* Radio, and the IL Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. More than 300 exhibitors have registered and over 3,000 participants are expected to attend.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **Welfare to Work:** Federal agencies have now hired 50,330 people off welfare. This represents 473 percent of the original goal that was set less than four years ago.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

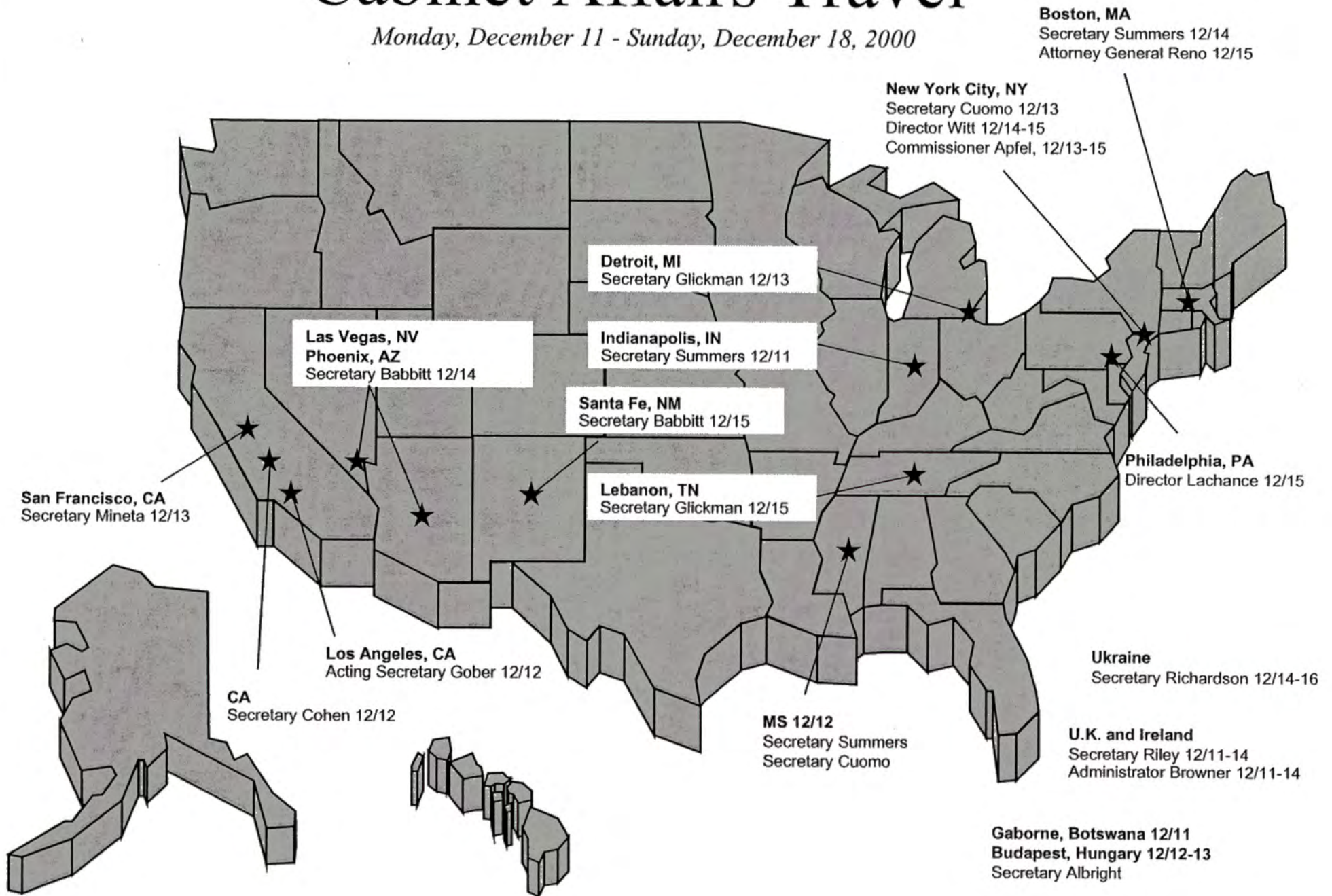
- **Presidential Transition:** On December 4, Administrator Barram testified before a House Government Reform subcommittee regarding his decision to withhold transition funds. Barram testified that the withheld transition funding because a winner of the 2000 presidential election is not yet apparent. Barram asked Congress to extend the time that transition funds may be spent to 60 days after the election from the current 30 days. The subcommittee, with Barram's backing, is looking at quick changes in the law that will make transition funding available to both parties, even before an apparent winner is declared.
- **Computers to AR Schools:** GSA recently donated 56 computers to 12 AR schools that were identified by the state as being in academic distress. The 12 schools are located in: Dermott, Lake View, Saratoga, Waldo, Gould, Helena/West Helena, Lee County, Winslow, Altheimer, Crawfordsville, Elaine, and Parkin.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Performance and Accountability Report:** On December 12, SSA will release its FY2000 Performance and Accountability Report. The report provides an overview of SSA's FY2000 financial operations, highlights the agency's accomplishments over the past year, and recognizes areas where improvement is needed. This year, the report includes a "Major Issues Section" that discusses a number of key issues that will impact SSA's future operations.

Cabinet Affairs Travel

Monday, December 11 - Sunday, December 18, 2000



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM

December 8, 2000

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TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
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RE: Communications Weekly Report

Overview

This week through events and other message vehicles, we pushed out the message that you continue to lead the nation on issues important to the American people, including preserving America's environmental treasures, promoting racial reconciliation and human rights around the world, improving air travel for Americans and promoting peace and prosperity abroad while protecting our national security. In your weekly radio address, you discussed the current state of the economy, highlighting its enduring strength as a result of your sound economic strategy – adhering to fiscal discipline, investing in people and paying down the national debt.

Next week, during your travel to Ireland and England, we will highlight your leadership at home and abroad in promoting peace and prosperity. On the domestic front, we will continue to convey your commitment to moving the nation forward by taking executive action on priority issues and urging Congress to send you the remaining budget bills.

Children's Immunization Event

On Monday, you will be joined by former First Lady Roslyn Carter, Betty Bumpers, children's advocacy groups and pediatricians here at the White House to announce new actions to improve children's health in America. You will direct Secretary Glickman and Secretary Shalala to increase immunization levels among at-risk children through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Data indicates that immunization rates for children enrolled in the WIC program are much lower than rates of other children. With this action, the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture will now evaluate the immunization status of every child applying for WIC, eliminate barriers to immunization assessments in WIC clinics and expedite the development of a national strategic plan to improve immunization rates of at-risk children. We are working with the Press Office to encourage specialty coverage of this event, including parenting and women's magazines. We will use this event as a vehicle to highlight your commitment to improving the health of America's children.

Water Resources Development Act of 2000

On Monday, joined by Members of Congress, environmentalists and others, you will sign the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 in the Oval Office. This legislation authorizes your Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, which calls for \$7.8 billion in water system improvements over the next 20 years to restore historic water flows to the Everglades. We are working with the Press Office and CEQ to release a written statement and a photo of the bill signing to encourage press coverage and convey your leadership in restoring the Everglades and protecting the environment, while ensuring adequate water supplies for South Florida's rapidly growing population.

Foreign Travel

In preparation for your foreign trip to the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain, we are working with the NSC and the Press Office to develop a communications strategy to effectively convey to domestic audiences your leadership in bringing peace to the region. On Thursday, you will give a major speech at Warwick University in England highlighting one of the greatest global challenges of the next decade -- narrowing the wealth gap between rich and poor, among and within nations. You will focus on initiatives for debt relief, infectious disease, basic education and the digital divide.

Budget

We are working with Cabinet agencies to compile anecdotal information on the negative effects of flat funding on the ability for government agencies to deliver services to the public. We are using these materials to demonstrate the need for Congress to finish the remaining budget bills and invest in America's priorities, rather than freezing current funding levels into the next year.

End of Administration Materials

All end of the Administration materials are going through final clearance processes and will be ready for distribution to Cabinet Secretaries, Members of Congress, other surrogates and press early next week.

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December 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

SUBJECT: OFFICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE FOR ONE AMERICA
WEEKLY REPORT

ACTIONS

Africana Women--The One America office co-sponsored the "Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium" event with the Millennium Council and Howard University. The event featured a panel of prominent African American women including: Renee Poussaint, Dr. Dorothy Height, Wilma Lewis, Esq., the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Sheila Sisulu, the South African ambassador to the United States. The panelists praised your race initiative and your commitment to development in Africa. After the panel discussion, guests viewed an exhibit featuring photographs, artwork and historic material celebrating the contributions of Africana women. Over 175 people attended this event.

CABINET RACE WEEKLY

Department of Health and Human Services

HIV/AIDS: On December 11-12, HHS's Health Resources and Services Administration, the Royal Society of Medicine, St. Christopher's Hospice, and the Guy's, King's and St. Thomas's School of Medicine are sponsoring a palliative care symposium in London, England. The event will address issues involving end-of-life care for minorities and socially excluded individuals. Participants will identify the strengths and weaknesses of palliative care systems in the United States and England, examine lessons learned, and develop recommendations.

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shop," would not be happy with the family moving into the "all-white neighborhood." HUD began to investigate the case after receiving complaints from the family and their real estate agent earlier this year. The agent has since corroborated the family's account of the incident, as has an adult daughter of the couple selling the house. The neighbor, however, has denied to HUD investigators that he discriminated against or threatened the family.

Department of Transportation

African-American Seat Belt Use: On December 13, Secretary Slater will participate in a press conference to issue a report developed by the Blue Ribbon Panel to Increase Seat Belt Use among African Americans to identify ways in which the various organizations represented by its members can actively contribute to increasing seat belt use among African Americans. This event will provide a key opportunity to galvanize the African-American community's support for the Buckle Up America Campaign, which targets all Americans to help reach the President's goal of 85 percent seat belt use nationwide by the end of 2000. On December 12 at a separate event, Secretary Slater will participate in a signing ceremony between DOT, DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC). The agreement demonstrates a joint commitment to increase child safety seat and seat belt usage rates among African Americans by working through CNBC's network of 65,000 churches and 19 million members.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial: On December 4, Secretary Slater delivered remarks on behalf of the President at a ceremony to dedicate the site for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. Senators Warner and Sarbanes and Representatives Morella and Dixon all attended the event, which received significant media attention. The Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 authorized Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to begin the process of building the memorial. The King Memorial site is a four-acre plot across the tidal basin. Fund raising and design work is ongoing.

Environmental Protection Agency

Tribal Grant: Last week, EPA granted \$500,000 to fund the AZ Hopi Tribe's proposal for a clean air partnership.

Small Business Administration

SBA Participates in CDFI Native American Roundtable: On November 28-29, SBA's Arizona District Office participated in the two-day "2000 CDFI Native American Lending Study-Equity Investment Roundtable" in Scottsdale, AZ, to address equity investment gaps in Indian Country. In addition to identifying barriers and investment strategies, the conference also addressed federal government assistance. SBA will play a dominant role in such assistance in the

future. Over 70 individuals attended the event with representatives from Native American tribes, the venture capital industry, and five federal agencies and law firms specializing in investment banking. This event was the last of 13 conferences held around the country addressing Native American capital access needs. Treasury will submit the report to Congress and the White House within the next few months.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT

FROM: Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr. *KHM*

SUBJECT: Special Envoy for the Americas Weekly Report

Chile FTA Launch: At the Blair House, I joined USTR Barshefsky, Ambassador John O'Leary, Karen Tramontano and others to launch the bilateral FTA negotiation. Despite public outcry from Brazil, Chileans tell us that other MERCOSUR countries quietly applaud the decision for providing renewed momentum to the FTAA negotiations and a template for treatment of labor and the environment. Latin governments and press are watching the progress we make in the weeks ahead. Many believe the hemispheric impact of an US-Chile FTA would be maximized if the agreement were concluded by next April, in time for the next Summit of the Americas and the FTAA ministerial.

Colombia: Last week's kidnapping of eighteen year-old Juliana Villegas, daughter of the country's leading industrialist, Luis Carlos Villegas, illustrates the great personal risk many companies undertake in the face of increasing security concerns and comparably high tariffs on apparel exports to the United States. As President Pastrana indicated during your visit with Speaker Hastert in August, the Colombia apparel legislation is about more than economics (although an estimated 120,000 jobs are at stake), it sends an important message of support to those who are committed to maintaining legal jobs and an economic future for Colombia. Maria Echaveste, Bill Brownfield (State) and I met with U.S. industry representatives who indicated their support for seeking duty free treatment of specified apparel products for ATPA countries. They also stressed the need for the Administration to raise this issue with the House leadership. The Andean Ambassadors recognize the limited, but urgent, benefits and hope to get more next year during ATPA renewal. Unfortunately, the contention of the final days of this Congress diminishes significantly the prospect of this revenue provision.

Summit & The Inter-American Dialogue: I addressed a recent conference co-hosted by the Inter-American Dialogue that focussed on the upcoming Summit of the Americas. My remarks highlighted the Administration's record on expanding trade throughout the hemisphere and the U.S. commitment to the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). We had an open and frank discussion on the debate surrounding labor and environment provisions in the context of FTAA. We also discussed President Lagos' suggestion for completing FTAA negotiations by 2003. Other participants included Mack McLarty, Richard Feinberg and Prime Minister Chretien's personal representative for the Summit, Marc Lortie.

Business Outreach: At the annual meeting of Caribbean-Latin America Action, I spoke to leading diplomats, policy advisors, and journalists on U.S. commitment to the region, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the outlook for trade in the next Administration and Congress. At Tampa Port Authority's annual "State of the Port" I highlighted the city's growth opportunities based on closer trade with Latin America.

Emergency Preparedness for the Americas Conference: Building upon issues raised at a White House meeting that I chaired in early October, my senior advisor, Mark Schlakman, addressed representatives from the public and private sectors at U.S. Trade and Development Agency conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He spoke about the need to promote disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation as critical elements of economic development in the Americas. I have been working closely with James Lee Witt, Senator Bob Graham and Enrique Iglesias, president of the Inter-American Development Bank, on these issues. This is an important issue for the Caribbean nations in particular and the next Summit of the Americas in Quebec City will provide an important opportunity to move these issues forward on a hemispheric basis.



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December 8, 2000

My Dear President Clinton:

Congratulations on the environmental legacy you have built during your Presidency. It has been encouraging to read that your commitment will continue in the future.

Since I have last seen you, I have continued to be deeply involved in creating the Green Cross International, which is led by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. It is a unique and powerful organization that is working to shift values toward the environment and uses methods of cooperation resolution, in bringing all sides to the table. We do not utilize confrontation.

Our board—most of whom you consider friends and supporters of your Presidency—would like to discuss your becoming involved in the organization. We would like to discuss the possibility of your becoming President of this organization, which in ten years will be the equivalent of the International Red Cross for the environment.

You have surpassed the definition of President of the United States and are considered by the world to be a major global leader. Being President of the United States does not necessarily confer this international leader status on past presidents of the United States. You are extraordinary in this regard. What you have been and done in your eight, all too short, years has brought this status to you. You are admired and respected globally. You can do, without the confines of a political title, much more to effect our world after you leave office than you could as President. That's why you, in partnership with President Mikhail Gorbachev, can literally save this Earth. As you well know, a destroyed environment renders all other issues moot. We leave nothing for our children if they cannot breathe clean air, drink clean water, eat clean food—it all stops and the human race becomes the next extinct species—thrown away by the Earth's natural laws.

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Green Cross International and its United States affiliate Global Green USA are focusing on eliminating weapons of mass destruction safely and sanely in the United States, Russia, and Eastern Europe; helping ensure adequate water for all while preventing conflict over this precious resource in the Middle East and elsewhere; and encouraging energy and resource efficiency in the United States that helps us stem climate change.

Given President Gorbachev's international leadership, you would be joined to take this organization—and the global environmental movement—to new heights. This movement—the Green Cross movement—emanates from the heart and head, knowing that we as humans are fundamentally connected to the Earth and all life on it. As Ghandi said, "Be the change" and that is what Green Cross International and Global Green USA are in fact.

Please consider this invitation. We so deeply hope to enlist you with President Gorbachev to literally sustain life on Earth. We would be honored to discuss this in detail with you or someone you designate to clarify the enlightened and global work we are accomplishing.

With love and gratitude,

Diane Meyer Simon
President Emeritus and Founder
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December 8, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you approach your final days as our President, I wanted to let you know that there are many in our community who appreciate your eight years of stewardship on behalf of our nation.

We in Key West appreciate the level of commitment that is required to face such a daunting task day in and day out. We want to let you know personally how much we appreciate you by honoring you with a dinner in Key West.

We were hoping to host such a dinner in your honor in February or March of 2001. The Truman Little White House would be our choice of locations for such a dinner. In fact, that facility has a housing accommodation that would be available for your use while you are in Key West. The last sitting president to stay at the Little White House was Jimmy Carter.

We would be willing to set up a pre-dinner event for the purposes of a fundraiser for your Presidential Library as well as an appropriate local beneficiary. I know the local Democratic Party would be interested in such a shared fundraising opportunity.

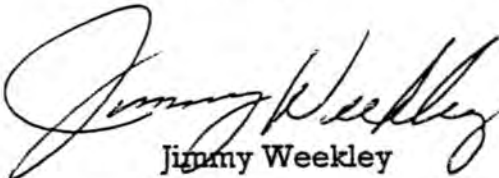
Our event would be organized by Henry Woods, the city's grant writer and a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who worked on Capitol Hill for twenty-five years and in your campaigns for president. Henry can be reached at (305) 293-8336 or by email at kwcgrant@aol.com. Please have a member of your scheduling staff contact him if you would be willing to honor us with a visit to our city.

We in south Florida are so grateful for your dedication to the environment, education, and our economy and to the promotion of tolerance and understanding. So much time and energy are devoted to discouraging and disparaging those who seek public office. We pride ourselves on being a people who know how to say "thank you!"

I know you plan to devote time to the organization of your Presidential Library in Little Rock when you leave office. I trust a trip to sunny south Florida in February or March would provide a welcome break from temperatures in central Arkansas at that time.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding our invitation.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Weekley
Mayor

Global Green USA and Green Cross International
"The Last Year's Accomplishments"



During the last 12 months, the growing work of Global Green USA and the Green Cross family in 26 countries were led by President Gorbachev to new heights with crucial victories and key accomplishments, including:

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The Legacy Program

- Ensuring the safe, environmentally sound destruction of chemical weapons in the US and Russia through:
 - Saving the Russian chemical weapons destruction program from elimination by the Republican leadership in Congress with letters from President Gorbachev and our board leading the way;
 - Creating a public campaign in Europe to build international support for the Chemical Weapons Convention and abolition of chemical arsenals.
 - Evaluating the demonstration of six alternative, non-incineration technologies in the US for the safe and environmentally sound destruction of chemical weapons.
 - Partnering with the state of Oregon and the Penza region in Russia, both burdened with Cold War chemical weapons stockpiles, in order to facilitate mutual stockpile destruction:
- Raising awareness about the environmental consequences of war and conflict, including leading a study with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) to evaluate the environmental consequences of the Kosovo conflict.
- Advancing environmental cleanup, democratization, and civic engagement in Russia by:
 - Facilitating public input to help ensure the protection of public health and safe destruction of 5400 tons of Russian nerve agent in Kurgan, Russia, and 916 Russian strategic ballistic missiles in Udmurtia, Russia.
 - Organizing and training the first two Citizens' Advisory Commissions in Russia, for the Kurgan and Udmurtia regions.

RESCUE* Program

- Reducing energy demands, creating healthier buildings, and conserving resources by:
 - Partnering with 19 California cities and counties to create cutting-edge green building programs;
 - Developing a national standard for residential green building with the US Green Building Council;
 - Conducting numerous workshops and trainings with cities to encourage sustainable communities and green building;
 - Serving on the executive committee -- as one of two nonprofits -- of the US Green Building Council, the US association for sustainable design and construction; and
 - Creating and distributing the Energy RoadMaps to reduce energy use in commercial buildings.

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'Green' allies aim to topple walls between humans, environment

By Keith Graham
STAFF WRITER

The names might not be household words. But the leadership of Green Cross International and its American affiliate, Global Green USA, seems determined that the organizations will be real players in enhancing the world's environment.

The most important of those leaders is the founder, Mikhail Gorbachev, the 68-year-old former leader of the Soviet Union.

"Not only are we mutually interdependent with others — no one nation alone can tackle pollution in the seas or warming of the atmosphere — but future generations are dependent on how we use the planet today," Gorbachev said in a recent interview, posted on the GCI Web site.

He spoke of desertification taking over vital farmlands, a looming freshwater crisis, air pollution threatening the health of billions in megacities, among other problems.

"To meet that challenge, we need to change our mentality just as we did to end the Cold War," Gorbachev said. "We need to take down the wall that separates the future from the present."

Gorbachev probably will reiterate those themes when he speaks Dec. 3 at the University of Georgia. He is sure to stress them when he speaks at Global Green USA's annual Legacy Forum at Georgia State University the following day.

The former Soviet president's commitment to the environment is the principal inspiration behind the founding of GCI. And, according to Matt Petersen, executive director of Global Green, Gorbachev is



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JOSE R. LOPEZ/New York Times

Building on the grim lessons of the Cold War, Global Green USA President Pat Mitchell and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who founded Green Cross International in 1993, are championing programs to "help create a sustainable future" and promote changes "in human values leading to greater respect and care for Earth's community of life in all its diversity."

"absolutely" sincere on the subject.

Petersen first met Gorbachev in 1994 and "was immediately blown away." "The thing about Gorbachev was that this man's soul comes through his eyes," Petersen said. "I think that's what makes him such a forceful presence."

However, inspired leadership is one thing. Practical building of programs is another. Petersen said the progress of the organization on that score has been incremental.

GCI was founded in 1993 to build on goals established at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Its mission broadly is to "help create a sustainable future by cultivating harmonious relationships between humans and the environment" and to "promote a significant change in human values leading to greater respect and care for Earth's community of life in all its diversity."

Examples of ways the group is

trying to accomplish that mission include:

- Helping draft an Earth Charter, intended to serve as a universal code of conduct on environmental issues.
- Examining the environmental legacy of wars and advocating solutions to lingering problems, including clean-up of former military bases and environmentally responsible destruction of chemical weapons.
- Promoting informed decision making on water management.

■ Disseminating information about ways to design energy-efficient housing and technology.

■ Developing educational materials on the environment.

Since its founding, the Swiss-based organization has developed country affiliates in 21 nations, including Global Green in the United States.

Global Green's programs parallel the international organization's and focus on cleaning up the environmental damage of the Cold War, fostering the design of energy-efficient housing and advocating alternative energy development.

"We don't litigate and we don't protest. Those are important things that environmental organizations do," Petersen said. But Global Green's mission is more of being a "mediator and catalyst."

"We bring people together," the executive director explained.

The organization has deliberately taken its programs "outside the Beltway" of Washington by establishing its headquarters in Santa Monica, Calif., and sponsoring events in such cities as Atlanta and Indianapolis.

The agenda for the forum at GSU, on the theme "Sustainability in the Southeast," reflects the group's aims. Guests from the military, business and government agencies as well as environmental activists will come together to discuss such topics as renewable energy, "smart growth" and the destruction of chemical weapons in the United States and Russia. Georgia State's J. Mack Robinson School of Business is the official host for the event, and the U.S. Army's Environmental Policy Institute is a co-organizer.

Petersen expects 150 to 250 people

to attend the two-day conference, which also will feature Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, but the crowd could more than double when Gorbachev speaks to an afternoon session Dec. 4.

Others will come to hear the man whose efforts led to a new era of freedom for people behind the Iron Curtain later that evening when he speaks at Global Green's Founder's Award dinner at the Ritz Carlton Buckhead. Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes is to introduce Gorbachev, and Sen. Max Cleland also is expected to speak.

The event will pay tribute to Pat Mitchell, president of CNN Productions/Time Inc. Television.

Mitchell's presence in Atlanta is the most important reason Gorbachev is making both the Athens and Atlanta appearances. She is a University of Georgia graduate and won a Peabody award for an acclaimed television series on the Cold War. She also is president of Global Green and has overseen production of nearly 200 hours of environmental programming for the Turner networks.

Petersen said Gorbachev and Mitchell have worked closely together, and that the former Soviet leader was especially touched when Mitchell came to the funeral of his wife, Raisa, in September.

"It really meant a lot to him that she came," he said.

For information on tables or tickets to the Dec. 4 Founder's Dinner, call Barbara Roos at 404-696-4737. To register for the Dec. 4 and 5 Global Green USA Legacy Forum at Georgia State University, sign up online at www.globalgreen.org or call GG USA's Washington office at 202-879-3181.

The Modesto Bee

Sunday, October 8, 2000

Ex-Soviet Leader is a Man on a Mission

■ Excerpts of discussion with The Bee's editors

THE BEE: What do you see as some of the greatest challenges in the world? And, are there any hopeful signs?

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV: We are at a crisis point right now, in regards to the environment. We have a crisis when it comes to water. In much of the world today, the water supply is not adequate. More than 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean drinking water. We must find a way to address that situation. The water needs to be cleaned. The process of desertification (the advance of the desert), that, too, needs to stop. Forests are shrinking, and this is also a challenge. And finally, air pollution and global warming. So that creates a situation I regard as the number one challenge. That requires us to change our ways of production and our consumption patterns and also our ways of thinking. We have to reorder our thinking in order to re-create some kind of harmony.

... It's not just a local problem. It's also the legacy of the arms race, the nuclear weapons that we still have.

So, all in all, the environmental challenge is still the number one challenge. And while businesses are thinking about markets and production ... if the environmental challenge is not addressed by the middle of this coming century, we could find that all of this could be irrelevant.

And this is the problem of us — human beings — it is what is happening in our minds, our heads, that will define future developments.

And that's why environmental education must become the norm in every establishment, in every school from primary school to university, in every home, the challenge of the environment has to be addressed. And a business cannot be regarded as successful if it neglects and ignores the demands of nature.

... Having described the problems, you might think that the situation looks hopeless. If I thought it were hopeless, then I would not be president of Green Cross. I would not be part of the environmental movement, I would not be doing all the projects that we're implementing within our organization.

I believe that there is now a greater understanding in the world of the importance of our environment. I think that the businesses, the governments, the citizens, the churches, the media — they all are already contributing to addressing the environmental problems.

For several years, Green Cross and the Earth Council were working on the earth charter, a declaration that has now been drafted and that we have proposed. It expresses our understanding of the environmental problems and it expresses our view of what should be done.

We are working on a number of projects concerned with drinking water, the environmental legacy of the Cold War, with environmental education. In particular, we are helping, as part of our legacy project, we are helping to clean up after the nuclear and chemical weapons race. The fact that the International Green Cross has branches in 26 countries, including Russia, the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, and a number of other countries, that in itself, I think, inspires some optimism.

THE BEE: What can people in communities like ours do to be part of the solution?

GORBACHEV: Well, first of all, you should



Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, right, addresses The Modesto Bee editorial board. Gorbachev spoke in Russian, with interpreter Pavel Palazchenko providing simultaneous translation in English. Excerpts of Gorbachev's comments on the environment are transcribed for Bee readers.

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above all, act to protect what you have. You have a natural environment that you must protect.

Secondly, you must be very efficient in the use of natural resources that are available, and you must make sure that every business takes the environmental problems into account. And, I would even say every family.

It's very important to make sure that the schools give environmental education to the new generation. Young people should, from the very start, live with a full awareness and a full understanding of the environment. It really all begins at home. And I am sure that I don't know this community very well, but I'm sure that you have parks, that you have rivers, you have all of those things that need protection. And if all of us do that in our community, then I think that it would all add up.

It is also for the citizens to make sure that every business, that every construction site really fulfills all the environmental requirements and laws. And let every newspaper have a section about the local environment. I am sure there is a lot to write about — there is a lot to say.

THE BEE: Are there any places, projects, that you are aware of that show us promise and potential for the best way to begin addressing the water problem?

GORBACHEV: Well, in the Green Cross, we have had for three years now a very specific project regarding water that we are doing together with governments, businesses and universities. It concerns the problem of water in the Middle East, and in this project we are working together with Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians. We have had several conferences and seminars including some in Paris and Amman, Jordan. Following those conferences, we developed some specific proposals that I took to the Middle East. I met with the prime minister of Israel, the king of Jordan and with Mr. Arafat and they all agreed about the importance of the project that we have initiated in the Middle East. They all agree that unless the situation is changed for the better

concerning the water in the Middle East within the next 10-15 years, we could see a new conflict in the Middle East that would be even more dangerous than they are facing today.

We have now established a coordinating group, and the members of that group are representatives appointed by the leaders of these three countries in the Middle East. They are now preparing an integrated project to address the water problem in the Middle East.

As part of that project, we will seek to use more efficiency with the water resources available in the Middle East. To use that water more efficiently in housing, in agriculture and in the economy generally. The second part of that project is developing new sources of water. The third aspect of that project is considering the possibility of using desalination plants in the Middle East. They are also considering the possibility of transferring some water from the rivers of neighboring countries, particularly Turkey and Syria. And I must say that this project is a very difficult one. But the leaders of those countries want us to be involved because they believe that if they don't have some outside help, it would be difficult for them to successfully address that problem.

There is another project with which the International Green Cross is involved, and that project is being done in the Republic of South Africa. And, finally, the Green Cross organization in Argentina is working together with the government there to address problems in that country. And Global Green USA, which is our branch here in this country, is considering a project to address the water problems here on the West Coast of the United States, and they have already started discussion of that project.

I do know what kind of problem Los Angeles is facing, and the authorities of Los Angeles have expressed interest in working with us on this project ...

THE BEE: In California there are two schools of thought on ways to manage water. One is that water is a private commodity and it is best to buy and sell water. Another is that water is a

public resource that the government should manage. Which do you think is the best way?

GORBACHEV: The Green Cross prepared a report that we submitted to the International Water Conference in the Hague this last summer when representatives from dozens of countries participated in that conference, and the preparatory commission asked us to prepare a report dealing with the problem of sovereignty and water resources.

In most cases, water resources are shared by many countries. For example, the Nile is shared by 12 countries and wherever you go just about every river is shared by several states. So, we brought together experts that studied this problem in great depth, and our conclusion was that water problems can only be addressed if the situation is handled comprehensively within the entire river basin.

Of course, we did not rule out the use of water as a commodity. There is actually trade in water resources that we regard as normal and that we do not challenge. But our main point is that no person should be deprived of access to water just like no one should be deprived of access to air. Water, in this sense, is just like air. This is a principle which we believe should be consistently applied.

Nevertheless, this does not exclude the possibility of using market approaches, market elements, in addressing water problems. But, that is only in order to insure the most efficient use of water resources. It is obvious that if water is supplied free of charge then, of course, there is no incentive to save water and a lot of water is wasted. So, on the one hand, there is the principle that water is a resource that should be made available and accessible to everyone. On the other hand, we should make sure that water is not wasted and that water is safe for every family in every house.

... Two basic principles have to be taken into account. The first principle is that the approach to water problems within water basins should be integrated, and the second principle is that water should be accessible to all people.

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Ridding Russia of Its Chemical Weaponry Requires U.S. Help

By MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV

Half a century of East-West animosity has left us with many daunting challenges: downsizing standing armies, closing military bases, cleaning up toxic and radioactive waste sites and rebuilding international bridges of trust between the United States, Russia and other nations long divided by the Cold War. Most daunting of all these Cold War legacies, however, is ridding the world of the enormous, dangerous and costly stockpiles of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Just three years ago, both the U.S. Senate and the Russian Duma ratified the international Chemical Weapons Convention. Today, 173 countries have signed this historic agreement, banning its signatories from researching, developing, producing, stockpiling or using these horrific weapons. It also obliges all nations, including the two major chemical weapons possessors, Russia and the U.S., to abolish their

arsenals over the next decade.

Chemical weapons were last widely used in World War I, yet Russia and the U.S. continue to have large stockpiles. Most recently, chemical weapons were used in the Iran-Iraq border wars and by Japanese terrorists in the Tokyo subway. With the exception of much smaller arsenals on the Korean peninsula and in India, both of which are being destroyed, Russia and the U.S. are the only major chemical weapons superpowers remaining. The United States, to its credit, has made considerable progress toward destroying its 31,000-ton arsenal at nine major stockpile sites (Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Oregon, Utah and the Johnston Atoll in the Pacific).

One of the major challenges for both countries is the cost of destruction. The total U.S. cost will approach \$20 billion, far surpassing the initial cost of developing chemical weapons arsenals. Russia estimates about half that cost, \$10 billion; although Russia's arsenal is one-third larger than the American cache, its weapons are less complicated and less loaded with ex-

plosives and propellants, making disassembly and destruction a more straightforward process.

Nevertheless, Russia's economic situation today cannot bear such a large burden. Russia therefore very much needs Western support. Fortunately, the U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction program, initiated eight years ago by Sens. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.), has committed about \$150 million to date to support construction of a facility in the steppes of Siberia to destroy 5,400 tons of Russian VX and other nerve agents.

But some members of the U.S. House of Representatives for the past two years have sought to close this program down, arguing that it would achieve less national security benefit for the United States than originally anticipated. While a compromise was reached that uses limited leftover money for the coming fiscal year, future U.S. funding is in jeopardy.

The Russian Duma also has been reluctant to fully fund this program. I have written to President Vladimir V. Putin as well as to several dozen other world lead-

ers about this, resulting in many responses of support, including from British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Putin has assured me that Russia will increase its budgetary allocations to chemical weapons destruction this year.

I applaud Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton, who criticized the shortsightedness of the U.S. Congress and warned that these are highly desirable weapons for terrorists and rogue states and represent a serious proliferation threat. While I am sympathetic to congressional calls for increased "burden-sharing" in helping Russia fulfill its obligations to abolish chemical weapons, I believe that the recent House actions are potentially harmful to U.S. national security interests. Russian chemical weapons, many small enough to fit into a backpack yet powerful enough to kill thousands, are very susceptible to theft and diversion.

It is essential that Russian chemical weapons destruction should remain a vital part of the Cooperative Threat Reduction program. At least a dozen other countries

and the European Union have committed about \$100 million to date to the Russian program. These commitments would be threatened if the U.S., the mainstay of the international effort, withdrew its support. And the Chemical Weapons Convention itself would be threatened should Russia withdraw, possibly leading to other key arms control agreements being jeopardized.

Both Russians and Americans committed trillions of dollars to wage a decades-long Cold War. It's now time that we commit a small percentage of those sums to rid ourselves of these dangerous wartime legacies that threaten our security, public health and the environment.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, is president of Green Cross International, an environmental organization in 26 countries whose work includes advancing the safe destruction of Cold War arsenals. The U.S. affiliate of Green Cross is Global Green USA. Web site: <http://www.globalgreen.org>.

Los Angeles Times

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

Putin Gives Word to Gorbachev on Upholding Free Press; Critics Not Swayed

By MAURA REYNOLDS
TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOSCOW—A week after denouncing the Kremlin for using strong-arm tactics to curb Russia's independent media, former Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev said President Vladimir V. Putin gave his personal pledge Tuesday that freedom of speech will be protected.

"The president clearly stood by his position—and these were not mere words or games—that he is committed to the principle of a free press," Gorbachev told reporters after meeting with Putin.

Gorbachev's remarks came just a week after he accused government officials of using "crude state blackmail" to try to wrest control of the

country's only independently owned television network, NTV, from its oligarch owner, Vladimir A. Gusinsky.

Putin insisted that he was unaware, Gorbachev said, of the legal machinations around NTV and its parent company, Media-Most, including a secret deal signed by the government's media minister that Putin termed "unacceptable behavior."

The Kremlin meeting was Putin's second in a week with moral authorities of the Soviet period, part of an apparent campaign to gain their public blessing and deflect criticism of efforts to rein in tough media coverage of his regime.

The first meeting took place last Wednesday with former dissident Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn, now an ardent and controversial national-

ist, who praised Putin's "quick mind and ingenuity" and said the president has "absolutely no thirst for personal power."

Analysts said the meetings permitted Putin to repeat generalized pledges to protect freedom while distancing himself from lower-ranking officials who are exerting pressure on the media.

"Putin proved once again that he must have been a good spy and a great recruiter," said analyst Andrei A. Piontkovsky, director of the Independent Institute for Strategic Studies in Moscow. "In a matter of two weeks, he publicly and brilliantly recruited two great living political symbols of Russia—Solzhenitsyn and Gorbachev—and made them work for the benefit of

the Kremlin."

Media-Most is embroiled in a nasty dispute with the state-owned gas monopoly, Gazprom, which owns a minority stake in the company. Media-Most has been unable to pay \$473 million in debts that Gazprom guaranteed.

Gusinsky has accused the Kremlin of using Gazprom to call in the debt in an effort to gain a controlling stake in the company. After prosecutors arrested him on fraud charges, the mogul signed a deal in July that would turn over shares of Media-Most to Gazprom in payment of the debt.

The deal also included a separate, secret protocol under which the government agreed to drop the charges against Gusinsky and permit him to

leave the country. The protocol was signed by Mikhail Y. Lesin, the media minister, who was called to the Kremlin on Saturday to defend his decision. Gusinsky now says he considers the deal null and void because he signed it under duress.

The scandal bolsters complaints that Putin is trying to gain greater control over the press and television.

"Putin talks to liberals about economic reform and basic freedoms, whereas to hard-liners he talks in the language of superpower status and patriotism," said Igor M. Klyamkin, director of the Moscow-based Institute of Sociological Analysis. "The two meetings with Gorbachev and Solzhenitsyn fit this strategy very neatly and are really impeccable PR stunts."

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Agneta Sibrava called - she received your letter about getting herself re-fingerprinted.

She was at the Memphis INS office approx. 2 months ago; they told her that they had lost her fingerprints and would have to be redone. However, they could not do that at that time as she had to fill out a form, send to Texas, then the Texas INS office will let her know when she has to go to Memphis to be refingerprinted. She sent the form to Texas in September (she said that she had a copy of the form) and she still is waiting to her from the Texas INS office.

She appreciates any help that you can give her on this.

12/4/00 10:40 a.m

Teresa

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November 30, 2000

Ms. Agneta E. Sibrava
983 Navy Drive
Pocahontas, AR 72455

Re: INS Application

Dear Ms. Sibrava:

Judge Hilburn has asked me to look into your pending application for citizenship by naturalization. I have made initial inquiry through the office of Congressman Marion Berry. Cong. Berry's staff contacted INS in Mesquite, Texas and was advised that your application is now stale because of your submitted fingerprints being over one year old.

I will continue my efforts and inquiries elsewhere on your behalf but in the meantime would suggest that you contact the Memphis INS office and present at that location as soon as possible in order to be re-fingerprinted.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

James A. McLarty

JAM/ltg

cc: Judge Tom Hilburn
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Jonesboro, Arkansas

November 13, 2000

Dear Tom,

These are the papers that I forwarded to INS without any luck. If there is anything you can do to expedience this process I would really appreciate it.
I would like to become a citizen of this country in the near future.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, Agneta Sibrava

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Notice of Action



Receipt with Exception			NOTICE DATE February 12, 1999
CASE TYPE N400 Application For Naturalization			INS A# A 014 097 259
APPLICATION NUMBER SSC*000075717	RECEIVED DATE November 27, 1998	PRIORITY DATE November 27, 1998	PAGE 1 of 1
APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS AGNETA E SIBRAVA 983 NAVY DRIVE POCAHONTAS AR 72455		PAYMENT INFORMATION: Single Application Fee: \$120.00 Total Amount Received: \$120.00 Total Balance Due: \$0.00	
The above application has been received by our office and is in process, but has been noted with one or more of the following exception(s): Missing Evidence(s) - your application was missing evidence(s) that you will need to provide at the time of your naturalization interview. You will be notified under separate notice of the necessary evidence(s) that you will be required to bring to your interview. Do not submit any evidence(s) by mail. Our records indicate your personal information is as follows: Date of Birth: (b)(6) Address Where You Live: 983 NAVY DRIVE POCAHONTAS, AR 72455 Please verify your personal information listed above and immediately notify our office at the address or phone number listed below if there are any changes. You will be notified of the date and place of your interview when you have been scheduled by the local INS office. You should expect to be notified within 365 days of this notice. IMPORTANT NOTICE: All naturalization applicants who were between the ages of 14-75 at the time of filing must have their fingerprints taken at an INS Application Support Center (ASC) so they can be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history check. If we received your application without a fingerprint card (FD-258), or your fingerprint card was received on or after December 3, 1997, you will need to go to an ASC to be fingerprinted. Do not have your fingerprints taken anywhere else. You will receive a notice that will provide you with information about when and where to go to have your fingerprints taken, and what you will need to bring with you. Please inform the office listed below immediately of any address changes.			
If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the status of your case, please contact our office at the below address or customer service number. You will be notified separately about any other cases you may have filed. INS Office Address: US IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE P. O. BOX 851488 MESQUITE, TX 78185-1488 INS Customer Service Number: (214) 381-1423 APPLICANT COPY 			



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Immigration and Naturalization Service
Texas Service Center
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Mesquite, Texas 75185-1488

September 25, 2000

Dear Sir,

I applied for citizenship on November 27, 1998 and I had my fingerprinting done at the Memphis office at the appropriate time set up by your office. I never heard anything about my status from either office regarding my citizenship application. Last Friday, September 22, 2000, I went to the Memphis INS office. They told me that my fingerprint application was no longer current. It was lost. Please, I need another appointment in Memphis to get my fingerprints done. I would appreciate it, if you could locate my file and inform me of my current status.

Sincerely,

Agneta Sibrava

983 Navy Drive
Pocahontas, ARKANSAS 72455

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USE EITHER PAGE 1 (General Inquiry) OR PAGE 2 (Permanent Resident Card Inquiry) OF THIS FORM

Please use this letter to make a written INQUIRY with the Texas Service Center (TSC)
Include no fees/money when using this form.

Please print your name and mailing address in this box:

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Please provide as much of the following information as possible (App/Pet = Applicant or Petitioner):

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Type of Inquiry: (please check one and describe on separate sheet if needed)

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☐ Expedite Request - Please explain why expedited processing is needed

☐ Status of I-551 Alien Registration Card (see other side)

☒ Other

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**Agneta Sibrava
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June 28, 2000

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is a request for assistance in locating my application for citizenship. I am forwarding a copy of my Notice of Action. This letter indicates that I was to have been notified at the latest Feb. 12, 1999. Since I have not heard from your office, nor have I been able to reach you by phone, please look over my application form again and notify me of my status.

Thank you, I am looking forward to hearing from you in the immediate future.

Sincerely,

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To Cohen for
Reply

William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

9 December, 2000

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Dear President Clinton,

Thank you for inviting my wife Joan and me to the Holiday Reception at the White House this evening. We are honored!

May I use this opportunity to call your attention to a very important issue?

Our only son, Henry, died on May 8, 2000 of AIDS. He contracted AIDS about 1983 when he was ten years old, from blood transfusions used to treat his hemophilia. Henry met you and Mrs. Clinton shortly after your inauguration as President in 1992. Henry was the "Eagle Scout AIDS Activist". He did a great deal of good. He was 26 when he died.

A few years ago Congress passed and you signed the "Ricky Ray Bill" into law. Although the bill to compensate hemophiliacs is now law, the funds to award the compensation have never been appropriated. The law promises each hemophiliac who contracted AIDS or their survivor \$100,000 as partial acknowledgement of the inactivity of our government in protecting the National blood supply. Henry was promised this money. His mother and I will inherit it when it is appropriated and authorized.

There are about 5,000 claims from hemophiliacs outstanding. It is estimated that less than 10% will be paid in the next year. Hundreds if not thousands of hemophiliacs may die with a Federal IOU for \$100,000 in their estate.

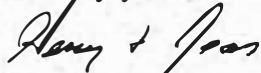
Although Joan and I will make good use of the money, it would have served Henry better if he had received it before his death.

Would you please use the authority of your office to do your best to expedite these claims so those families fortunate enough to still have a surviving hemophiliac will have the money to spend on the living?

Thank you for your consideration.

With the best holiday wishes to you and your family we are

Sincerely yours,



Henry and Joan Nicols

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December 7, 2000

Honorable William J.
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. President:

It was a pleasure to see you and the new Senator-Elect Clinton last night at the White House Holiday Party. As you requested, I am sending you updated information on Stargazer.

I would also like to reiterate my offer for you to have a greater involvement with Stargazer at the appropriate time. On the simplest level, you (and Ms. Clinton) are welcome to visit or use Stargazer's facilities any time for tutorials, meetings, press conferences, and so on. We would be honored to assist with your technology education. We are non-partisan, and do not lobby or take positions on any political issues.

In the longer term, we would be honored to have Stargazer be one of your personal platforms as you take on your new role of "Senate Spouse." There are a variety of possible roles for you with Stargazer, with the simplest being a Stargazer Advisor. Our Advisor list is rapidly growing, and includes people like Colin Powell, Jack Kemp, and Pat Swygert (President of Howard University). I do believe, however, that there is an even greater role for you with Stargazer, a role that would take very little time and effort.

StargazerNET, a project of the nonprofit Stargazer Foundation, is an Internet portal for nonprofit activities (e.g., teacher curricula) and organizations throughout the world. We have a broad and rapidly growing list of partners and affiliates, including America's Promise, The Conservation Fund, Points of Light Foundation, Share Our Strength, Teach for America, and Wolf Trap Foundation.

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President Clinton
December 7, 2000
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Individuals and organizations throughout the world will be able to recommend information of all kinds to be indexed in StargazerNET's Online Living Library, and teachers will be able to develop, share, and retrieve curriculum materials. Collaborative communications tools will also be available to promote distance learning and information sharing. StargazerNET will become the equivalent of the Carnegie Libraries online in the 21st Century, and it will be free of charge.

Regardless of which activities that you choose to pursue in the future, I believe that it is particularly important for you to understand the evolving information technology and to play a role in its promotion for the benefit of society. It will not take a great deal of time for you to become conversant in the StargazerNET technology. Then, regardless of whichever other endeavors you pursue, you will undoubtedly find yourself in a position to articulate the technology-related future and the Stargazer vision of hope.

StargazerNET will be an important component of the world's technology-related future, and you are uniquely qualified to play a catalytic role. People will naturally expect – and would welcome – your involvement in charitable activities. Stargazer would provide you with a charitable platform at the intersection of philanthropy, technology, and the New Economy. And, you would learn and have a lot of fun in the process!

Regardless of whether or not you choose to become involved with Stargazer, you know that Kathy and I are great admirers of your contribution to the world. Please know that we stand ready to assist you in any way that we can as you move forward to the next phase of your life and public service.

All our best wishes to you and your family for a joyous, and hopefully relaxing, Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur A. Bushkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Arthur A. Bushkin
Chairman & CEO

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With every good wish
for Christmas
and the New Year

Dear Mrs Matthews, My name is Gabriello, Basseyang.
I am writing to you as you were the name given to me by
The American Embassy here in Dublin. I would like you
to wish both President Clinton and Mrs Clinton all the
very best for Christmas and the new year. I would like to
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LYNNE ABRAHAM
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Send to Cohen?

Yes ☒No ☐

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20500

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Re: **Elimination of Medicaid IMD exclusio
and alcohol treatment)**

Dear President Clinton:

It has come to my attention that the White House is currently considering the elimination of the Medicaid IMD exclusion. This exclusion, which excludes federal match funding for non-hospital residential drug and alcohol treatment for poor people, exists pursuant to a current Health and Human Services definitional interpretation. You have the power to change this before you leave office. I urge you to do so.

The IMD exclusion is responsible for the denial of clinically appropriate treatment for thousands of Medicaid-eligible and severely addicted young mothers, pregnant women, and certain others.

Non-hospital residential treatment (and therapeutic communities in particular) is the most successful – and cost-effective – way of treating these addicts and alcoholics. In addition to benefiting the addicted individuals, it reduces fetal alcohol syndrome, reduces crack-baby syndrome, and brings down crime. Study after study confirms that government saves anywhere from four to seven dollars for every dollar invested in treatment. As intimated above, these savings are primarily in reduced criminal justice and impaired baby costs, but also include substantially reduced health care, welfare, workplace (accident, absenteeism and theft), domestic violence, child abuse, traffic crash, and other costs.

Mr. President, elimination of the IMD exclusion would be a fitting final touch on the Clinton legacy of giving a powerful hand up to those mired in self-destructive lifestyles while refusing to continue government benefits that only enable self-defeating life choices. Before you leave office, please help these women and children mired in addiction and eliminate the IMD exclusion.

Best wishes,

[Signature]
Lynne Abraham
District Attorney

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
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President Bill Clinton

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To Cohen for
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December 09, 2000

Mr. President:

We need your help! I am a member of the Board of Directors of CARF which is the largest Certification Commission for Rehabilitation Programs in the Nation.

We have employed a new CEO from Canada but he is having a very difficult time getting his INS - HIB Visa. He made application on September 26, 2000 at Laguna-Niguel, California and still has not had a reply. This is seriously hurting the work of CARF!

I would greatly appreciate it if you would have someone call the INS office in California at 949-831-8427. The man seeking the VISA is Mr. Brian J. Boon, Ph.D.

Thank you so much! Fran and I appreciate the work you have done!

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MS. CURRIE -

REV. JACKSON ASKED THAT THIS
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH,Erin

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December 6, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing today to express my deep concern over one of the pressing issues facing our nation today; our continued dependence on capital punishment. It is my belief that it is neither our job nor our right as a people, as a government or as a country, to use homicide as an instrument of social policy. If one of the most fundamental aspects of human development is learning by example, what then are we teaching our children by carrying out the barbaric practice of state-sanctioned killing? As Gandhi so simply put it, "An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind."

In light of the Justice Department's findings released this past September, detailing disturbing racial and geographic disparities in the application of the federal death penalty, I urge you to issue a national moratorium on the federal death penalty and to stop the first federal execution in nearly forty years by granting clemency to Juan Raul Garza. Mr. Garza's December 12th pending execution is a perfect example of the inherent problem, given that he is an Hispanic male who was convicted in Texas, where every one of the capital defendants prosecuted by U.S. Attorneys in that state (pre-1995,) was Hispanic.

I write this letter with a heavy heart as last night, under Governor George W. Bush, Texas executed its 38th inmate this year, breaking its previous record set in 1997. Sadly, two more condemned men in Texas have execution dates this week, with three more to follow in January. In light of Bush's apparent disregard for human life and thirst for revenge - and the very real possibility that he will become the next sitting President - this request is all the more urgent.

There is no doubt we have an imperfect system in place, and as you yourself have stated you are "troubled by the figures." While I understand that the Justice Department continues further studies as a result of some of the issues raised by the report, this alone cannot satisfy the growing public concern that our system of justice is alarmingly skewed. This study raises enough serious questions about the application of the death penalty in our federal system that at the very least you

The Honorable William J. Clinton
December 6, 2000
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should issue a moratorium until any and all bias is removed from the process. We cannot simply be troubled, rather we must take action.

The national dialogue has been rekindled. Public concern over the growing number of wrongfully convicted men and women released from death row continues to mount. In January of this year, I applauded Governor Ryan for his courageous decision to suspend the death penalty in my home state of Illinois. At least 10 states, and countless city governments, over the last several months are considering moratorium proposals, and the momentum is growing daily.

Given the extraordinary politicization of the death penalty today, your support for a moratorium would demonstrate that you are willing to do what is right even in the face of potential criticism. As you near the end of your successful tenure as one of our nation's greatest and most successful Presidents, you have the unique ability to offer the leadership required to guide the United States away from judicial executions and towards a better and more humane system of justice. Remember it was Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands during challenge and controversy."

By taking this stance you would be setting an example of courage over cowardice, of humanity over brutality. Your call for a moratorium would follow in the best traditions of Dr. King, Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi and Cesar Chavez. It would be clear by this act that you remain committed to the principles of justice and fairness. This is a unique opportunity to go out on the right side of history and, on the eve of your departure, to leave a lasting legacy as a true champion of human rights for all people.

Once again, I heartily urge you to take this bold step and call for reflection and examination. I look forward to continuing our dialogue and working with you at this critical juncture in our nation's development.

Sincerely,



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

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Liberalism Triumphant

Intro

Maligned through much of the last decade, liberalism has been greatly misunderstood. In recent years components of liberalism have been much in vogue and touted as components of the inexorable tide of history. Recent transformations in the East bloc and the continuing relative success of the West have led some to suggest that free markets and democracy are the wave of the future. Though they are liberal institutions, Liberalism they do not make. The essence of Liberalism as it has evolved through history is to serve the greater good of the individual. True Liberalism is now triumphing over the fading ideologies of Conservatism and Radicalism.

Liberalism as it has evolved through history has grounded itself on serving the good of the individual in his environment. The end for the institution of government in service to the individual has been and will be Utilitarianism. Criticism of Utilitarianism invariably stems from analysis of a narrowed conception of the scope of Utilitarianism. The concept of Utilitarianism that serves simultaneously competitive and supportive individuals is inclusive of different conceptions of Utilitarianism.

In writing this I have more than one objective, though all are tied to the political theory of Liberalism and it's standing in the world today. ^{I intend to show, first, that} ~~Liberalism~~ Liberalism which is grounded in the self-interested individual, is triumphing over the competing

ideologies of Conservatism and Radicalism; ~~Second, that~~
Utilitarianism is at the core of the political ideology of
Liberalism; ~~Third, that~~ Utilitarianism is broader and more inclusive
than previously conceived; ~~Finally, that~~ ~~Need to these~~ Liberalism has in
practice been the guiding ideology as long as democracy has been
in place. ~~that~~ Liberalism is descriptive of the objectives (the
end) of the political process in practice in democracies. In
light of the competitive and supportitive self-interested nature
of man in community, Liberalism served by democracy is a
perscriptive philosophy of what end government should morally
pursue. Though problematic, democracy best serves and mitigates
the interests of self-interested individuals in society.

2. 3 IDEOLOGIES

Cons: For conservatives the end is the state. Conservatism
prioritizes order internally and externally and the preservation
of the state. From this follows concern for the social good over
that of the rights and good of the individual. The state is seen
as an organic body (whole) with many parts which is the result of
a natural evolution.¹ The social cement for this partnership
is "esteem, deference, awe and respect." Conservatives speak of
the "connectedness of man" and "social obligations that bind."
Heirarchy and differentiated status are desireables. Elite
status and demonstrated capabilities are preferred
characteristics for leadership. Most modern conservatives are
supporters of democracy.²

Among other issues important for characterizing

conservative ideology are the issues of the individual, justice for the individual and change. The nature of man is viewed rather pessimistically by conservatives. Individuals are seen as generally irrational and prone to conflict. Justice for the individual is an important component for preserving social order. Conservatives emphasize rights and liberties instead of equality and freedom. Material benefits should correspond to talent shown and work done. They believe in equal rights but not "equal things." Change should be gradual according to conservatives. Conservatives operate with a decided preference for the existing order. Innovation and experiment are viewed skeptically. Change should strengthen the state or serve to stabilize the existing order better. 3

RADS

Radicals as the name suggests are after a more fundamental restructuring of society. After critical analysis of the entire social structure, radicals aim to implement a program of changing or replacing existing institutions to something more egalitarian in terms of material rewards and power relationships. This is at the heart of radicalism. For radicals man is essentially rational, capable of understanding social reality and of working together with others to make improvements. Radicals emphasize the negative consequences of modernization and industrialization. The degradation and poverty of workers is typical under capitalism in their eyes. The fragmentation and

atomization of social relationships is problematic for radicals as is the destruction of old ways of life without satisfactory replacements. For these reasons radicals reject capitalism. Along with capitalism radicals reject private property as a noxious sister ill which causes much devisiveness.⁴

The social class for radicals is the unit of importance in social structure. Radicals such as Marx argued that class structure was the important principle of social organization. For Marx the working class was the vehicle for a political revolution to bring about an end to the exploitation and alienation of lower classes by upper. Marx believed the working class needed only to be organized and their power utilized to bring an end to the tyranny of classes. An ultimate end of Marxism is the elimination of classes and political power which Marxist theory defines as "the organized power of one class for oppressing another."⁵ After a transitional centrally planned stage, Marx goal was a stateless society, free of classes, where social institutions were controlled directly by the "people" and repressive institutions were no longer necessary.⁶

LIBS

For liberals the emphasis is on the individual. Liberals stress the equal moral worth of individuals. Equality in terms of equal opportunity is stressed, not equal material and social goods to all citizens. Though the proper role of the state, for liberals, has evolved, the end has always been that which was

thought to be the good for the individual. Early in the evolution of liberalism this was in the form of securing rights to protect the individual, more recently this has meant an activist state. Representative democracy is fundamental to liberalism. The winning representative will be the exercised choice or preferred alternative of the greatest number of voters. The "free market", or in modified form, has traditionally been seen as the logical economic mechanism to serve the needs of competitively self-interested individuals, as man is seen in the liberal mold. The free enterprise element of capitalism is consistent with the value liberals place on individual freedom. Alexis de Tocqueville eloquently describes the liberal value of individual freedom as being central to a full and vibrant market place of ideas. This serves to enlighten man to a truer understanding of himself and thus make progress for all more likely. Rationalism and empiricism are tenets of liberalism which support their belief in the generality of man and thus the universalism of his nature. Also, for liberals the primary locus of power is the political system and not the economic system.⁷

3. LIB. TRAD

3.1 ~~PRELUDE~~ A response to ascribed status and religious conformity, the earliest liberal thinkers prioritized the individual rather than the preservation of unity or society. "Liberalism may be considered as a kind of individualism."⁸ Thomas Hobbes described man as an individual who is dominated by rational self

interest. This concept of man is referred to by some as atomistic individualism.⁹ Adherents to this view of man "think of the individual as having a fixed nature dominated by rational self-interest, emphasizing the satisfaction of preferences."¹⁰

Thomas Hobbes and John Locke believed people possessed natural rights. Hobbes believed man had the right to be free and the right to self defense. Hobbes believed in the equality, in ability, of man also. Locke additionally believed that man had the natural rights to life, liberty and property. It is to protect life, liberty and one's estate, what for Locke collectively constitute "property", that man agrees to come together into the contract of society. These concepts of what was the early evolving liberal ideology are directly traceable to the Protestant Reformation. "Luther and the other reformers encouraged people to value the individual conscience more than the preservation of unity or orthodoxy."¹¹ Though a large step to make, the movement to individual liberty was the attempt by liberal theorists to free the people from the ills of religious conformity and ascribed status. Locke thought that other natural rights existed and that these ought to be empirically discovered or determined. Though Locke professes these to be natural rights, the rights of man are to be those discovered by legislatures entrusted by man to find the rights as such. This concept of inviolable individual rights is a central tenet of liberalism, as is the empirical method of investigation. With

Locke and Hobbes is the grounding of Liberalism on the self-interested individual, basing liberalism on the premise of bringing justice to the individual will bring justice to the community of individuals. As evolved through time these rights are seen as individual rights established and protected for the good of individuals among all individuals of society and are not understood as natural rights as early liberal thinkers professed them to be.

Lib My Conception

The essence of Liberalism is the grounding of political institutions in the service of the individual among individuals. It is based on the premise that individuals over-arching all are self-interested. Through this discussion it is important to remember that as a social animal, humans crave social contact, thus a high priority is the quality and welfare of their social environment. Hobbes said humans come into society and agree to be ruled to realize the mutual benefit of doing so. At the core of Liberalism as the *raison d'être* or the end is utilitarianism. Utilitarianism is the logical political end in the market place of democracy. { All individuals are interested in a government that best serves them. The best government is one that delivers the greatest good to the greatest number of its citizens. This is utilitarianism. A basic outline of the traditional conception of utilitarianism is useful as a starting framework. This is helpful to better understand my developed conception of utilitarianism. } Also a traditional conception allows for weaknesses

3.2. UTILITARIANISM

and ambiguities of utilitarianism to be seen as having been resolved. In my conception of utilitarianism I try to be descriptive of individual human and collective human social realities. Then I attempt to explain ^{pr.} prescriptive methodology for assessing and improving the welfare of individuals in a society. Jeremy Bentham laid out the basic tenets of utilitarianism. My conception adds to this, noting that democracy reflects and weighs in on the calculus of utility which embodies the variables of the greater good and the greater number. Criticisms of Utilitarianism almost without exception result from inappropriately narrowed conceptions of it. Lastly, I discuss evaluation of preferred alternatives where quantification of utility is difficult or inefficient.

Dating ^{for} to the 18th century, Utilitarianism has been prominent in western civilization. Generally it has been understood as a political philosophy which stipulated that action is right for individuals if it tends to produce happiness and wrong if it tends to produce ill. This conception followed directly from the assumption Jeremy Bentham made, that individuals are motivated to experience pleasure and avoid pain. The pursuit of the greatest happiness and least ill for people in society came to be understood as the pursuit of the greatest good of the greatest number, owing to the multitude of self-interested individuals which make up society. Utilitarianism is thought to be concerned with consequences only and thus uninterested in

motives or the intrinsic nature of the act as critics charge.

3.2.1 Bentham

The developement of Utilitarianism owes more to Jeremy Bentham than ^{to} any other political thinker. Of all political philosophers certainly few have been misunderstood as widely as Jeremy Bentham. This is particularly troubling considering the thouroughly analytical, clear, and precise quality of the written work Bentham generated. For Bentham, the principle of utility is the greatest happiness of the greatest number. He says,

"Nature has placed man under the empire of 'pleasure' and of 'pain.' We owe to them all our ideas; we refer to them all our judgments, and all the determinations of our life. He who pretends to withdraw himself from this subjection knows not what he says. His only object is to seek pleasure and to shun pain, even at the very instant that he rejects the great~~est~~ pleasures or embraces pains the most acute. These eternal and irresistible sentiments ought to be the great study of the moralist and the legislator. The 'principle of utility' subjects everything to these two motives."¹²

Bentham goes on to say,

"I am a partisan of the 'principle of utility' when I measure my approbation or disapprobation of a public or private act by its tendency to produce pleasure or pain; when I employ the words 'just, unjust, moral, immoral, good, bad,' simply as collective terms including the ideas of certain pains or pleasures; it being always understood that I use the words pain

and pleasure in their ordinary signification, without inventing any arbitrary definition for the sake of excluding certain pleasures or denying the existence of certain pains."13

Clearly Bentham intended for the concept of utility to be inclusive in the broadest sense, to assess and evaluate variables that affect one's entire life. Further clarifying Bentham says,

"Moral good is 'good' only by its tendency to produce physical good. Moral evil is 'evil' only by its tendency to produce physical evil; but when I say 'physical', I mean the pains and pleasures of the soul as well as the pains and pleasures of the sense."14

The criterion for measuring or evaluating utility, as Bentham conceived it, include assessing the intensity, duration, certainty or uncertainty, propinquity or remoteness, fecundity, purity, and extent or the number of people it extends.

Democracy defines the relationship between the greater good and the greater number. People in all democracies live under the yoke of majoritarian tyranny. The object of candidates for office in the political marketplace is to appeal strongly enough to a minimal majority. This suggests that candidates, to the extent they prioritize getting elected and reelected will concentrate their political capital on a majority group of voters they have the greatest chance of securing support from. The democratic process ensures that among the voting public the winning supporters have gained their perceived greater good.

across a greater number than those who supported the losing candidate.

3.2.2 Anti-Bentham

Most charges against Utilitarianism only amount to narrowed interpretation of Utilitarianism or suggested prioritization of values. First some are critical that Utilitarianism is only concerned with consequences of acts and fails to recognize the ill of intrinsically bad acts and bad motives. There are consequences to involved parties of intrinsically bad acts or acts guided by bad motives. Such acts are indicators to evaluate the future likelihood of undesirable acts. Bentham accounts for this citing the fecundity (likelihood of the same sensations occurring again) of a pain. } Second, there is criticism that considerations of utility might sanction the breaking of a promise or the law. The individual is self-interested. Moral codes only carry weight to the extent the individual is conditioned and or sees it in his interest to act in compliance with such codes. "Rule" utilitarians arose as an off-shoot of traditional "act" utilitarians (conception developed earlier in paper) to address this perceived ill. "Rule" utilitarians advocate codification of rules that are generally useful. Acts of individuals are deemed right or wrong according to their obedience to the rule. But upon scrutiny the arguments of "rule" utilitarians collapse under the umbrella of "act" utilitarians. People adopt and abide by laws which are perceived to suit their interests. } Third, some have argued for a sort of

Unclear --
what is Bentham's
response?

"negative" Utilitarianism, saying ill should be taken care of before happy people are made happier. Here all that is said is that such prioritization has greater utility or is a greater good to those who prioritize in such a manner.

John Stuart Mill, the leading advocate of utilitarian thought through the mid 19th century, argued that Bentham's conception of Utilitarianism was incomplete. Mill argued that some pleasures are qualitatively preferred. Mill says

"It is better to be human being dissatisfied, than a pig satisfied..."

Basically Mill is making the argument for higher and lower ordered pleasures. Bentham, however, addresses this issue in discussing the proper evaluation of the intensity variable of his evaluating criteria. Bentham says,

"As to the intensity of the pleasures which a man may derive from it (an example property Bentham refers to), this is never thought of, because it depends upon the use which each particular person may come to make of it; which cannot be estimated till the particular pleasures he may come to derive from it, or the particular pains he may come to exclude by means of it, are brought to view."¹⁵

4. UTILITARIANISM & LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

John Rawls has mounted the leading liberal challenge to Utilitarianism. In his Theory of Justice, he accepts Henry Sidgwick's depiction of Utilitarianism as most representative of the "strict classical doctrine" of ^{Liberalism?} ~~utilitarianism~~ as stated in

Sidgwick's work The Method of Ethics.¹⁶ Summarizing Sidgwick's work, Rawls says,

"The main idea [of Utilitarianism] is that society is rightly ordered, and therefore just, when its major institutions are arranged so as to achieve the greatest net balance of satisfaction summed over all the individuals belonging to it."¹⁷

This conception of Utilitarianism fails the positive test of political science which describes how institutions actually function. People in all democracies live under the yoke of majoritarian tyranny. The end for political leaders is not the greatest good but the balance of the greatest good of the greatest number which gets them elected. The object of candidates for office in the political market place is to appeal strongly enough to a minimal majority. This suggests that candidates, ^{to} extent they prioritize ~~getting~~ getting elected and reelected, will concentrate their political capital on securing support from and not promoting the greatest good.

John Rawls proposes an alternative Liberal political end in his work A Theory of Justice. Rawls conceives of a brilliant scheme where all members of society are placed behind a veil and are blind to their physical and mental assets and abilities as well as their deficiencies. People are then to decide upon the distribution of responsibilities and rewards among all members of society. Rawls contends this society would be more just and

satisfying to its inhabitants than one driven by a utilitarian end. Rawls then develops his conception hypothesizing what sort of society people in fact would rationally configure. Though interesting, a glaring reality exists. The original position, behind the veil, is an impossibility which could never exist. Even if it were conceivable to adopt Rawls conception it would only be adopted in pursuit of utility through democracy.

5. Conclusion

With the spread of democracy enclosing the globe, Liberalism is indeed triumphing over the fading ideologies of Conservatism and Radicalism. The pursuit of order of conservatives is subordinate to a broader balance of priorities willed by a population of self-interested individuals who are more likely to die from cancer than civil unrest. For Radicals the pursuit of equality has floundered under the reality that self-interested individuals are in more or less demand based on their abilities and their very being. Thus equality of result will always be a fiction among self-interested individuals. Also wholesale change to unproven systems rings hollow to rational individuals who demand to see evidence for potential success. Though one can also argue that radicals and conservatives are liberals who value equality and order more highly and thus see more utility in their pursuit. Following the Liberal tradition of addressing the welfare of individuals in society, Jeremy Bentham assesses the realities for the pertinence and appropriateness of utility for serving the social organization of

society saying,

"The community is a fictitious body... The interest of the community... [is] the sum of the interests of the several members who compose it. It is in vain to talk of the interests of the community, without understanding what is the interest of the individual."18

Utilitarianism should be seen more broadly than some conceive. Though quantified cost-benefit analysis along the lines Bentham suggests is useful, the process itself sometimes lacks utility. What is necessary is to assess options, to assess relative priorities. Preferred alternatives have greater utility. Ordering relative desires or priorities of alternatives sensibly allows selection for options of greater utility. In public policy of recent years conservatives are suspicious, and rightly so, of fine-tune social engineering. Diligent adherence to prioritized agenda setting should always be a tandem with quantified cost-benefit calculation. Through the history of democracy with the policy of one man one vote, the Utilitarian core of Liberalism has been the guiding ideology. Utility, that which serves to develop the well-being of the individual among individuals, is the only logical end of leadership which wishes its support. In speaking of political theory and ethical political philosophy, I conclude espousing the individualism of Liberalism. If we as humans value ourselves and the company of other humans in community above all

else then there can their can be no other end than the welfare of
the individuals in that community.

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RECENT INFORMATION ITEMS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 2000

Recent Information Items for the Week
Ending December 8, 2000

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LISEL LOY
ADAM ROSMAN

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

✓ (A) **Echaveste memo re: rural jails/INS detainees** -- In response to your comment on a recent *Washington Post* article about rural jails profiting by holding INS detainees, Maria reports that she is working with Counsel's office to follow-up with INS on its policy on intergovernmental detention agreements; the DOJ Inspector General is also looking into the INS policy and investigating the particular case cited in the article. Maria will forward you more information when she receives it.

✓ (B) **Congressional Correspondence (via Casstevens)** -- Kay forwards letters from (1) **Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)**, thanking you for your kind words on his re-election victory; (2) **Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN)**, thanking you for your leadership and your help during her re-election campaign; (3) **Rep. Max Sandlin (D-TX)**, thanking you for your leadership and for attending his fundraiser in Houston; and (4) **Rep. William Goodling (R-PA)**, who encloses a copy of a 1986 letter he wrote to you that he recently found in his office.

Items executed on your behalf:

✓ **Ratification of Food Aid Convention** -- On Thursday we executed on your behalf the Ratification of the Food Aid Convention, which was signed on behalf of the U.S. on June 16, 1999, and ratified by the Senate on September 20, 2000. The Convention establishes a level of food aid commitments by its Parties to meet the needs of developing countries; the U.S. will be committed to donate or sell at least 2.5M tons of food aid annually. Sandy reports that we expect to surpass this level given our current and expected levels of agricultural production and overseas aid.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 4, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KAY CASSTEVEN *Kay*
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached for your review are letters from the following Members of Congress that I thought you would like to see.

- 1) Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)
- 2) Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN)
- 3) Rep. William F. Goodling (R-PA)
- 4) Rep. Max Sandlin (D-TX)

KENT CONRAD
NORTH DAKOTA



12-11-00

United States Senator
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

November 21, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500-0005

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your kind words on my re-election victory. It was very thoughtful of you.

I am grateful the people of North Dakota have re-elected me for an additional term in the U.S. Senate. The 107th Congress will have the opportunity to address the many challenges facing our country as we move into the 21st century.

Again, Mr. President, thanks for your kind note.

Sincerely,

KENT CONRAD
United States Senate

Happy Holiday to
you and your family!
K.



12-11-00

JULIA CARSON
UNITED STATES CONGRESS

November 15, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In this season approaching Thanksgiving I write with special appreciation-for your leadership, your vision, your stewardship, and for your extraordinary generosity to Julia Carson.

I have been truly privileged to work in the Congress during your last term, wondrously enriched by the opportunity to serve with you in the cause of our nation's future. It meant more to me than you can ever imagine that you came to Indianapolis to be of help for our life and times and for mine. And, then, when you gave your voice to the Indianapolis airwaves in behalf of my reelection, I had the extra joy of hearing you--and hearing about people hearing you--everywhere I went in the busy election wind up.

May your highway into the future be paved with golden opportunities and may your fondest dreams and wishes be glorified. Thank you for everything!

Sincerely,

Julia Carson

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separate
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

MAX SANDLIN
1ST DISTRICT, TEXAS

November 2000

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for attending the fundraiser for
men + houston. The event was highly successful -
due almost exclusively to your willingness to
help.

I sincerely appreciate and admire the job
you have done in leading this country. Clearly there
have been many challenges for you, but you have
always put the interests of the country first.

Please call if I can ever do anything to help
you or your family. I will always consider you
both a respected president and a respected
friend.

Best wishes,
N. Sandlin



12-11-00

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

BILL GOODLING
19TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

November 28, 2000

President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear President Clinton:

In cleaning out my office in preparation to depart this place after 26 years, I came across this letter I wrote to you on December 9, 1986.

Sincerely,

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

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12-11-00



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

BILL GOODLING
19TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

December 9, 1986

Dear Governor Clinton:

You've been elected governor four times and only 41 years of age--articulate--good eye contact--appear to be very knowledgeable and sincere. You have the world at your finger tips.

I was impressed with your remarks before the Interstate Migrant Education Council meeting which was held in Little Rock and would like some additional information on the contract idea of which you spoke.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

Honorable Bill Clinton
Governor, State of Arkansas
State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT *SS*
LAURA GRAHAM *LG*
SHANNON BUTLER

RE: Scheduling Priorities

CC: JOHN PODESTA

See block schedule attached.

Overview

We have received numerous requests for your schedule through January. After consulting with various offices, we have compiled the attached list of personal, official, political and press requests for your consideration. After reviewing the attached block please specify those you consider priorities.

Executive Actions

We will continue to schedule executive action announcements when appropriate. We are discussing events for the following announcements: Medical Privacy, Child Immunizations, Food Safety, International Hunger and Roadless. We are also planning an economic event in conjunction with the release of the E-commerce report.

Exit Speeches

The following exit speeches have been scheduled: Foreign Policy (12/8 University of Nebraska, Kearney), Globalization and Development (12/14 – Warwick University, UK) and Social Progress (1/11 – New Hampshire).

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ATTACHMENT A: PERSONAL
****Italics denote already scheduled**

MEETINGS

<i>Jim Harmon</i>	Scheduled for 12/11	
<i>Ted Widmer</i>	Scheduled for 12/11	
<i>Speakers Bureau</i>	Scheduled for 12/18	
<i>Portrait Sitting</i>	Scheduled for 12/20	
David Hamburg	Per your request	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Dinner w/Presidential Historians	To discuss Presidential libraries	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Bill Alexander	Per your conversation w/him	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
John Carlin	Regarding the library Bruce Lindsey feels you should do this meeting prior to departing; however it is not urgent.	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Weldon Lathom & Melvin Clark	You expressed interest several months ago – regarding minority businesses	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Dave Barram	John recommends <u>phone call</u>	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
B. Jeffrey Hirschberg	Regarding US-Russia Investment	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Cody P. Shearer	Regarding naming the new building for the US Institute of Peace after you	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Felix Rohatyn	Exit meeting	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Arthur Leavitt	Exit meeting	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority

ATTACHMENT A: PERSONAL (CONTINUED)

CHURCH INVITATIONS

Attend Bethel United Methodist Church	Chewsville, MD	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Attend Columbia Baptist Church	Falls Church, VA	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Attend Westchester Baptist Church	Chappaqua, NY	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Attend Heart Church Ministries	Temple Hills, MD	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Speak at Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church	Washington, DC	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Attend Mount Horeb Baptist Church	Washington, DC	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Attend New Psalmist Baptist Church	Baltimore, MD	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Preach at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church	Washington, DC	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Speak at St. John's Church	12/31, 1/7, or 1/14 Washington, DC	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Lunch with Dr. Hoffman Brown at Wayland Baptist Church	Baltimore, MD	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Preach and receive recognition from the congregation at Foundry United Methodist Church	Washington, DC	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority

ATTACHMENT B: OFFICIAL
****Italics denotes already scheduled**

Description	Proposed Date/Location	
<i>US Conference of Mayors Distinguished Service Award Presentation and Ceremony</i>	Scheduled for January 16 th White House	
Event/photo opportunity with Muslim community leaders to recognize Ramadan *If you are interested we will work with Public Liaison to develop the appropriate event.	Prior to December 27 th (End of Ramadan)	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Meeting with Members of the United States Commission on Civil Rights	December, White House	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Meeting with Senator Lincoln, Rep. Berry, Rep. Snyder to discuss remaining Arkansas issues	December, White House <i>Meeting</i>	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
FDR Wheelchair Statue Dedication *The Roosevelt Family and disability community would like you to dedicate this because of your support for the memorial.	January 2 nd – 20 th FDR Memorial	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Armed Forces Review and Awards Ceremony in your honor *You would be presented with medals from each of the services. The NSC strongly recommends.	January 3-12, Fort Myer, VA	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Israel Policy Forum Gala Dinner- *They would like to honor you for your work in the Middle East. HRC would accompany if you decide to attend.	January 7 th , Washington, DC	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
University of South Carolina 200 th Anniversary opening ceremonies	January 10 th , Columbia, SC	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
DC MLK, Jr. Holiday Celebration *Mayor Williams would like to present you with the 2001 King Holiday Commission's "Living the Dream" Award.	January 15 th , Washington, DC <i>Meeting</i>	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority

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ATTACHMENT B: OFFICIAL (CONTINUED)

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Description	Proposed Date/Location		
Dedication of Clinton Street *We are waiting for HRC guidance on timing for this event.	Village of New Square, NY <i>2/22/16</i>	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Attend dinner and receive the Voice of Indo Americans Award	January, Beverly Hills, CA	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Dinner with the Wasatch Group *You mentioned at last year's meeting that you would like to meet with them again	January, White House <i>1/22/16</i>	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Event for the Congressional Black Caucus *The CBC requests an event to include their members and major supporters. This is in lieu of their original request for you to host a fundraiser for the participants of the Tunica Golf Tournament.	January, White House <i>2</i>	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Meeting with Nobel Laureate Professor Elie Wiesel *Regarding Sudan	December/January White House	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Receive the Drum Major Institute's Legacy Award for Distinguished Service. *MLK, III requests your attendance.	January, New York, NY	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Farley/Penn Station Ground Breaking	January, New York, NY <i>1/22/16</i>	☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority
Meeting with Bill Strickland *Senator Lincoln requests this meeting to discuss revitalizing the Delta.		☐ Priority	☐ Not Priority

ATTACHMENT B: OFFICIAL (CONTINUED)

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Los Angeles Lakers</i>	Scheduled for December 18 th	
<i>New Jersey Devils</i>	Scheduled for December 18 th	
<i>Photo with President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board</i>	Scheduled for January 8 th	
St. Louis Rams	Offered January 8 th or 9 th	
Photo with the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation		☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Final Military/PPD Departure		☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Photo with US Park Police Mounted Patrol *Don Flynn would really like you to do this as you did with Metro Police.		☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development *Per your request, we are doing a photo with the award recipients.		☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Presentation of Presidential Design Awards Photo		☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Photo w/White House Volunteers		☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Receive James A Kelly Award for Advanced Accomplished Teaching *National Board of Professional Teaching Standards would like to present this award to you.		☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority

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ATTACHMENT D: INTERVIEWS

****Italics denotes already scheduled**

Description	Proposed Date/Location	
<i>Dan Rather</i>	Scheduled for 12/19 in conjunction with Medical Privacy Event.	
<i>Steve Holland, Reuters</i> *Regarding Ireland Trip	Scheduled for 12/14 upon return from UK/Ireland aboard AF1.	
Interview for Irish TV History on the Peace Process in N. Ireland *Tony Blair, John Major and Bertie Ahern are all participating in this series	December/January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Joe Conason *Per your request.	December/January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Mara Liasson, NPR	January	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Mark Knoller	January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Helen Thomas	January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Tom Brokaw	January	☐ Priority ☐ Not Priority
The Golf Channel *Per your request.	January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority
Professor Charles Haar, Harvard University Law School *You had expressed interest – requests 45 minute interview to focus on programs you have launched to revitalize inner cities. He is finishing a book entitled <u>Suburbs Under Siege: Race, Space and Audacious Judges.</u>	January	☒ Priority ☐ Not Priority

Grand Overview - He stuck with her

December 2000

*Presidential Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Medals of Science & Tech Photo-op Visit Whitman Walker Clinic World AIDS Day Speech Evening off RON DC* <u>Brd Anniv: W. Paducah, KY Shoot...</u> House Closed for Decoration	2 Live Radio Address RON DC*
3 Kennedy Center Honors Reception (5:15), WH Annual Holiday Photo-op Social Aide Photo-op Kennedy Center Honors, Kennedy Center RON DC*	4 Coral Reef Event Int. w/ Brill Congressional Meeting Congressional Ball, WH (7:30) RON DC*	5 Hold 1 hr,30 min for Fox Taping Team Harmony Satellite Feed Hold 1 Hour (BL) Dinner honoring the Senate of the 107th Congress, Supreme Court Holiday Reception #2 (9:30), WH RON DC*	6 Down until 10AM Human Rights Day Event Hold 30 minutes (NH) Int. w/ Discovery Channel Int. w/ Science Magazine Holiday Reception #3 (6:00), WH Holiday Reception #4 (8:30), WH RON DC*	7 Hold 1 Hr (NH) FAA Announcement Special Agents in Charge PPD Photo-op Credentials Ceremony, WH (6) Hold 30 Minutes (NH/SS) Evening off RON DC* <u>Pearl Harbor Day</u>	8 Foreign Policy Speech,U of Nebraska, Kearney, NE Visit to Archway, Kearney, NE Open airport arrival, Omaha, NE Nebraska Victory 2000 Reception, Omaha, NE Holiday Dinner #1 (8:30pm), WH RON DC*	9 Live Radio Address Library Design Unveiling Event Holiday Reception #5 (6:00), WH Holiday Reception #6 (8:30), WH RON DC*
10 Down until 2pm Dip Core Reception (2:00), WH Christmas In Washington (5:30) Press Reception (7:30), WH RON DC*	11 Down until 11AM Statement TBD (T) Hold 30 min. (TW) Pageant of Peace Reception (2:30), WH Pageant of Peace (5:00), WH Depart for Foreign Travel RON AF-1	12 Arrive in Dublin, Ireland Call to Irish President Mary McAleese Bilat w/ Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern Reception Speech at Dundalk RON Belfast, Northern Ireland	13 Mtg w/ David Trimble, Seamus Mallon and others TBD Speech,Odyssey Center Depart for Chequers RON Chequers, England	14 Speech, Warwick University Audience with her Majesty Return to DC (T) Int. w/ Reuters (AF-1) Special Olympics Event (8:00), WH	15 Day and Evening Off Tape Radio Address RON DC	16 Charles Ruff Memorial Service, DC Library Lunch, DC Holiday Dinner #2 (7:30), WH
<u>52nd Anniv: Human Rights Day</u>	Hold for Foreign Travel					
17 Holiday Reception #7A (12:30), WH Holiday Reception #7 (5:00), WH Holiday Reception #8 (7:00)	18 Hold 1 Hour (BL) US-EU Summit Meeting LA Lakers/NJ Devils Photo-op (T) Hold 30 Minutes (NH/SS) HRC Tribute Dinner, NY (T)	19 Down until 10AM Medical Privacy Event (T) Dan Rather Int. (T) Girl Scouts Report Presentation Photo-op (T) Enrico Fermi Photo-op (T) Christmas Story Hour (1:00) Holiday Reception (6:00), WH (T)	20 Meeting (NH) Malcolm Baldrige Award Photo-op (T) Arts and Humanities Ceremony HMX Christmas Card Presentation (T) Arts and Humanities Dinner (7:45)	21 Hold 1 Hour (NH) International Hunger Event (T) Menorah Lighting (T) Holiday Reception #9 (6:00), WH Holiday Reception #10 (8:30) <u>Hanukkah Begins at Sundown</u>	22 Day off Tape Radio Address Residence Staff Reception (5:30), WH <u>WH Pavilion goes down</u> Hold for Family Time Hanukkah	23 Day & Evening off
24 Phone calls to the Troops	25 <u>Christmas</u>	26	27	28	29 RON Camp David (T)	30 RON Camp David (T)
Hanukkah						
Hold for Family Time						
31 <u>New Year's Eve</u>	November 00 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 January 01 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					

January 2001

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Hold Evening (PSD)	3 Hold Day & Evening (PSD)	4 Down until Noon Message Event TBD Hold 30 Minutes (NH/SS) Hold Evening, NY (PSD)	5 Tape Radio Address POTUS/FLOTUS WH Tour (T) Hold Evening (PSD)	6 Staff Farewell Party, WH (T) Hold for Possible Dinner (T)
	Hold for Family Time					
7	8 Videos (T) Millennium Lecture (T)	9 Hold 30 Minutes (NH/SS) Yellow Oval Room Reception (CPM)	10 Message Event TBD	11 Hold for Possible Travel	12 Hold Day (DCM)	13 Live Radio Address
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Hold 30 Minutes (NH/SS) US Conference of Mayors Award Ceremony, WH (T)	17	18	19	20 Inauguration Day
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12-11-00

December 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT *SS*
CAROLINE SELF *CS*

CC: NANCY HERNREICH

SUBJECT: DEC. 15th RADIO ADDRESS

You are scheduled to have the day and evening off on Friday, December 15th. However, you will need to tape the radio address sometime during the day. There will be 150 guests in attendance.

When would you like to tape the radio address on December 15? *✓*

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8:30 a.m.*

CLOSE HOLD

12-11-00

FY'01 Education Appropriations Summary

	<u>FY'00</u>	<u>FY'01 Request</u>	<u>Oct. Agreement</u>	<u>Prop. Agreement</u>
Total Discretionary	\$ 35.6 billion	\$ 40.1 billion	\$ 42.6 billion	\$ 41.728 billion
After School centers	\$453 million	\$ 1.0 billion	\$ 1.026 billion	\$ 707 million + 200
Community Technology	\$ 32 million	\$100 million	\$ 80 million	\$ 63 million
Impact Aid	\$ 906 million	\$ 770 million	\$1.075 billion	\$ 1.0 billion
Eisenhower State grants	\$ 335 million	\$ 585 million	\$ 585 million	\$ 472 million
Title I Accountability	\$ 134 million	\$ 250 million	\$250 million	\$ 219 million
Class Size Reduction	\$ 1.3 billion	\$ 1.75 billion	\$ 1.75 billion	\$ 1.509 billion + 200
Bilingual Education	\$ 406 million	\$ 460 million	\$ 460 million	\$ 431 million
School Renovation	\$ 0	\$ 1.3 billion	\$ 1.333 billion	\$ 1.103 billion - 103
Special Ed State Grants	\$ 4.990 billion	\$ 5.280 billion	\$ 6.597 billion	\$ 6.278 billion - 218
Pell Grants Max Award	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,700
Pell Grants BA	\$ 7.64 billion	\$ 8.356 billion	\$9.036 billion	\$ 8.701 billion
GEAR UP	\$ 200 million	\$ 325 million	\$325 million	\$ 234 million

- ◆ After taking an across the board reduction of 2.7%, FY'01 education appropriations will total \$40.601 billion dollars, an increase of \$5 billion over FY'00 and \$500 million more than the FY'01 budget request.

- ◆ Hastert offered 108.5, or \$1.2 B above the Stevens offer. If the President chose, he could apply it all to education.

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Alternative Settlement Proposals for Labor/HHS/Education
(Budget authority in billions)

Category	Leadership	Admin 1st Counter	Byrd	Stevens	Admin Sunday Offer to Stevens	
					ATB/NDD	ATB/ALL
Deal	112.647	112.647	112.647	112.647	112.647	112.647
Program cuts.....	-4.100	-2.000	-3.246	-2.346	-2.346	-2.346
	108.547	110.647	109.401	110.301	110.301	110.301
ATB applied to HHS.....	-1.500	---	---	-3.041	---	---
HUD recaptures.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
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Adjusted Labor/HHS.....	107.047	110.647	109.401	107.260	110.301	110.301
ATB applied to all bills.....	---	-1.000	---	---	-1.000	-2.420
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Cut from deal.....	-5.600	-3.000	-3.246	-5.387	-3.346	-4.766
Total.....	---	109.647	---	---	109.301	107.881

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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The
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December 7, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington

Mr. President:

I write to ask you to review the enclosed file which provides background on the plight of The U.S. Russia Investment Fund where several of your longtime supporters such as Pat Cloherty, Bob Hormats and I are privileged to serve as *pro-bono* Directors. As the attached chart demonstrates, we are concerned that the State Department and USAID are attempting to renege on the \$440 million commitment made by you when TUSRIF was established, by trickling out increments of \$20-\$30 million each year, which covers overhead but not much more.

If it is to continue its operations, TUSRIF needs at least \$60 million in fresh money in FY 2001. We need your assistance, and we urgently need a meeting with you, Sandy Berger, and Strobe Talbott. I can be reached at (301) 229-6760; Pat can be reached at (212) 508-6576.

Respectfully,

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Patricia M. Cloherty
Mr. Robert D. Hormats

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP
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November 30, 2000

TO: Charles O. Flickner, Jr.
George M. Ingram
Richard Johnson
Kenneth Lanza
Donald L. Pressley
Todd Shelton
William B. Taylor, Jr.

CC: Mark C. Medish
Patricia M. Cloherty
D. Jeffrey Hirschberg
David A. Jones
Lori I. Singer

FROM: Robert C. Odle, Jr.

There were so many numbers on the table at our meeting Monday that afterwards I asked a paralegal to rack them up, and the attached chart is the result. I know that column three is accurate since I have notes from the AID document from the mid-'90s that explained how AID intended to "pay off" the "mortgage." These, of course, are the numbers that the Directors and Senior Staff have planned on having over the years.

TUSRIF's CFO confirms that the numbers in column four are the amounts which have hit TUSRIF's letter of credit over the years. Based on what we find on-line, we believe that the numbers in column two are accurate, but you will know what actually was appropriated better than we will.

The chart demonstrates that the annual funding of TUSRIF in the \$50-\$100 million range from an overall account in the \$800 million range (a) has been approved in the past; and (b) hopefully can be done now and in the future, so as to be able to pay off the mortgage before it is time to wind down the Fund.

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Attachment

Assistance for The Independent States of the Former Soviet Union and The U.S. Russia Investment Fund

	Total Appropriated by Congress for NIS	Promised to TUSRIF by USG in mid-90s	Given to TUSRIF and its Predecessors, RAEF and FLER
FY94	\$ 2,212,820,000	\$ 110,000,000	\$ 110,000,000
FY95	\$ 850,000,000	\$ 102,000,000	\$
FY96	\$ 641,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 50,000,000
FY97	\$ 625,000,000	\$ 99,000,000	\$
FY98	\$ 770,000,000	\$ 99,000,000	\$ 51,000,000
FY99	\$ 801,000,000	\$	\$
FY00	\$ 839,000,000	\$	\$ 23,000,000
FY01	\$ 810,000,000	\$	\$
Total	\$ 7,548,820,000	\$ 440,000,000	\$ 234,000,000

November 30, 2000

*Fortieth Floor
299 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10171*

VIA FAX #202-456-2883

September 6, 2000

The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
West Wing, 1st Floor
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sandy:

I tried to reach you by telephone the other day to discuss the plight of the U.S. Russian Investment Fund. As I believe you are aware, their funding has been cut off just at the time when they and I feel their organizational and operational prospects have so markedly improved.

As chairman of the Polish-American Enterprise Fund and the International Executive Service Corps, I have followed closely the uneven fortunes of the Russian Fund through a number of board and executive changes and the chaotic conditions within which they have, until recently, had to operate. I believe under the leadership of Pat Cloherty, they have now put it right. It would be tragic indeed if for lack of the resources, which they had every reason to expect, they should now face the very real prospect of organizational disarray.

I think you would agree that, in balance, the Enterprise Funds have served the nation reasonably well. The Russian Fund is our largest and I think most important undertaking in this program. I would appreciate it greatly if you would consider means to make available to them the funding which was originally appropriated and upon which they have predicated their operations.

With my very warm wishes.

Respectfully yours,



John P. Birkelund

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Patricia M. Cloherty
Chairman

June 20, 2000

The Honorable Mark C. Medish
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20504

The Honorable William B. Taylor, Jr.
Coordinator of NIS Assistance
U.S. Department of State
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The Honorable Donald L. Pressley
Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Europe and Eurasia
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 5.06-196
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Mark, Bill and Don:

I write to associate myself with fellow TUSRIF Director Jeff Hirschberg's comments in his attached letter to the Vice President, and I write also in response to Bill's letter of June 9 to Jeff. We know you are all trying to help us get through this critical period and we appreciate it.

Like Jeff, I return from Russia of two minds. On the one hand, we all see what an on-the-ground CEO and team can produce. On the other hand, though the new \$6 million helps, it isn't enough to support TUSRIF's current activities in Russia, much less keep pace with the planned growth of our direct investment program or the planned roll-out of new lending and leasing services, all of which have great momentum. Without the promise of funding for these initiatives, it will be increasingly difficult to keep our key staff interested and occupied. Good people won't remain simply to monitor.

We do appreciate the \$6 million. And we do understand Bill's point that \$38 and \$12 and \$5 and \$6 equals \$61. The problem is that the \$38 and the \$12 were spent or committed long ago, and the \$5 and \$6 cover overhead we are required to have in place, e.g., in the RFE. We may have had \$61 million last year, but we don't now.

Our Board meeting last week in St. Petersburg was bittersweet; things have never been better or been worse. Presenter after presenter cited the progress achieved in his or her program area against the need to cut the program due to the funding shortfall. Since you weren't there, I'm enclosing draft minutes from the meeting to "tell the story."

Gentlemen, we're approaching the last quarter of the fiscal year. I implore you once again to take steps to help us find the additional sums we need. You have to be the judges, but I think Jeff is correct in outlining three steps that might be taken:

The first would be to respond to the bipartisan request by Representatives Callahan and Pelosi and re-allocate \$35 million from ETRI to programs such as ours. This will still leave ETRI with a 150% increase, as the Representatives point out in their April 12 letter.

Second, as the fiscal year winds down, could unused end-of-year monies in the \$800 million plus NIS account be re-allocated?

Third, we need some assurance for our key staff, i.e., Dave, Piers, and Jamie, that this will not happen in FY 2001. Attrition is fatal.

We thank you in advance for your continued efforts. Additional funding now and a promise for next year will go a long way toward keeping the team together and establishing a demonstrable track record, both requirements to getting a parallel fund up and running.

My very best.

Sincerely,



Patricia M. Cloherty
Chairman

cc: The Board of Directors

Attachments

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg
1225 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

June 19, 2000

The Vice President
Washington

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As you may know, along with several other longtime supporters of the Administration including Patricia Cloherty of Patricof Ventures and Bob Hormats of Goldman Sachs, I have the honor of serving on the Board of Directors of The U.S. Russia Investment Fund ("TUSRIF"). TUSRIF was created five years ago by your Administration with \$440 million to assist the Russian Federation in its transition to a market economy. Unlike some of the programs that have been criticized by opponents of the Administration, none of TUSRIF's money goes to any part of the Russian government; our mission is to make equity and debt investments in the emerging Russian economy.

Along with my fellow Directors I returned Friday from several days in St. Petersburg where we "kicked the tires" of many of our investments, and held our quarterly Board meeting. I returned encouraged and frustrated, and would like to explain why.

I am encouraged because our CEO and his able staff (who live and work in Russia) have achieved critical mass and are now able to impressively perform in terms of the equity investments they find themselves able to make, and the developmental efforts (small loans, mortgages, banking services) Russia needs so desperately.

I am frustrated because for the first time with any of the enterprise funds, the FY 2000 portion of the money committed to us appears not to be available to meet our needs. As a result, we have lost key staff and have been forced to cut back important programs. We work closely with Mark Medish at the NSC, Bill Taylor at State, and Don Pressley at USAID -- they are sympathetic to our plight, and understand we are losing key people, but are not currently able to provide the FY 2000 funding we need for reasons beyond their control. However, a solution is possible.

The Vice President
June 19, 2000
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Mr. Vice President, the Administration should respond to a bipartisan request from the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee and re-allocate \$35 million from the Expanded Threat Reduction Initiative ("ETRI") to programs such as ours. As the two Congressional leaders point out, this will still leave ETRI with a 150% increase this year.

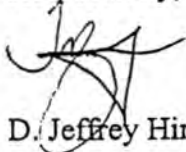
Second, as fiscal 2000 draws to a close, appropriate attention ought to result in finding sums from the roughly \$800 million appropriated for the NIS this year which cannot be used as planned and can be re-allocated to programs such as ours.

Third, it would be helpful to receive an early signal that this problem will not reoccur in FY 2001. We must retain the impressive on-the-ground investment staff we have trained and nurtured.

Mr. Vice President, I request that you have your staff sit down with NSC, State, and USAID, and find ways to respond to our urgent needs. Administration opponents will not criticize such a response, for TUSRIF enjoys bipartisan support. Indeed, the status quo invites attack, because it wastes the money that has already been spent should key staff see there is no future. Funding TUSRIF properly is good politics and good policy.

Any of the Directors are available to discuss this issue with whomever you choose.

Respectfully,



D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

cc: The Honorable Leon S. Fuerth
The Honorable William B. Taylor, Jr.