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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HELEN HOWELL *Helen*

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

Tab A -
copied Echaveste/Hilley /
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Tabs D - G not
returned.

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

✓ (A) **Echaveste/Hilley follow-up on FDR memorial controversy.** They've been working to communicate your call upon the FDR Memorial Commission to incorporate an additional sculpture of FDR in his wheelchair, and to minimize disability protests. **Sen. Inouye.** Erskine called Sen. Inouye to inform him of your decision and of the need for legislation to modify the memorial, and Leg Affairs met with Sen. Inouye's staff and the Executive Director of the FDR Memorial Commission. As a result, Sen. Inouye preferred to have the Commission end, but agreed to introduce legislation authorizing Interior to modify the memorial. Sens. Cleland and Harkin agreed to co-sponsor the legislation. **Disability community.** Maria and John met with disability community leaders about your intention to send legislation to Congress and the response was favorable. Most leaders suggested that the addition be a free standing statue of FDR, and some suggested that the legislation should be enacted before May 2. *The Roosevelt grandchildren were also consulted, and the majority praised your action.*

✓ (B) **Sally Katzen follow-up on PCB contaminated vessels.** She notes that contrary to the impression given by a recent Cabinet Weekly Report, the Navy, Maritime Administration and the EPA are all sensitive to the fact that Federal facilities should meet or exceed environmental standards applicable to the private sector unless there is a compelling reason for special treatment. OMB has pulled together an interagency process to facilitate prompt resolution of these issues.

✓ (C) **Janet Yellen follow-up on OECD cryptography guidelines.** You asked about Silicon Valley's concerns. CEA consulted with OMB and concluded that Silicon Valley's concern is that our export controls are affecting their market share. In response to that concern, we have relaxed controls in exchange for commitments from companies to build key recovery encryption products. To date, 18 firms have requested licenses under this policy, and 10 have been approved. While OECD did not endorse key recovery per se, it did recognize government's need for lawful access to encrypted information. This action is the first fruit of our international effort to promote a market-driven, global key recovery system.

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B. Miller
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Recommendation by S. M. Miller of the Commonwealth Institute on how to frame the race relations issue. Via Rahm. Miller suggests drawing on the theme of respect and forwards an article by him on that topic.

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"Lesson from a Small Country," Thomas Lovejoy, The Washington Post, 4/22/97. Via Mack, the article focuses on Costa Rica's "unparalleled" effort to move toward sustainable development.

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Analysis of Elizabeth Drew's book, Whatever It Takes, on coordination between the NRCC and outside groups, and an April 21 AP story, "Senate Democrat Wants Probe of Big GOP Contributor." Via Rahm.

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B. Miller
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(G)

Sherwood Boehlert letter. He and Marianne are concerned that during your recovery you are not able to participate in meaningful recreational activity. So, they challenge you and Hillary to a Hearts competition when you have a few free hours.

We also received the following items:

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B. Miller
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(H)

Thank you note from Ron Scheman of the Inter-American Development Bank.

"You were terrific today with my parents on their 67th anniversary. They were ecstatic and said it was the high point of their long lives. Many, many thanks."