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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Job Training Partnership Act Regulations

Attached is the information you requested on the disagreement between OMB and the Labor Department over reporting guidelines under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). I have also attached a full copy of the article the President noticed in yesterday's News Summary.

Joe Wright assured me that this matter will be settled between the agencies, probably by next week. Briefly, Labor is concerned that monitoring of the program be sufficient to prevent it from developing the accountability problems that plagued CETA. OMB feels that Labor's concern is appropriate, but wants to prevent DOL from mandating what it feels is an excessive paperwork burden. Wright feels that a compromise can be reached which will satisfy the concerns of both agencies.

OMB, Labor dispute spurs call for probe

By Dwight Cunningham
WASHINGTON TIMES STAFF

An Office of Management and Budget decision rejecting a Labor Department proposal to monitor performance in its new \$3 billion training program for youths and disadvantaged workers has spurred a call for a congressional investigation.

House Government Operations subcommittee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., expressing "outrage" at OMB's decision that eliminated strict reporting guidelines under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Monday said his manpower subcommittee would hold oversight hearings soon to ensure the program's future effectiveness. The JTPA replaces the troubled Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) jobs-training program on Oct. 1.

"What they're doing is inviting the government to waste its money," Frank said. "We'll probably have to act legislatively to overrule that."

Meanwhile, as Labor Depart-

ment officials worked to devise an alternate plan that would satisfy both OMB's "paperwork reduction" requirement and federal oversight of the job-training program, AFL-CIO spokesman Rex Hardesty said the federation was "extremely disappointed that a federal role continues to be abdicated in job training."

OMB notified Labor Employment and Training Undersecretary Albert A. Angrisani this week that it was rejecting the department's regulations to write performance standards by which to measure the new job-training program. In a letter to the department, OMB said that requiring the states to meet universal reporting requirements would be "unnecessary" and "unduly limits the flexibility of states to adjust these standards for individual service delivery areas.

"The degree of prescription," OMB continued, "is not consistent with permitting states to exercise wide latitude in tailoring performance standards to state and local conditions, and is incompatible with the concept of federal-state

partnership envisioned by the JTPA."

Frank, when told by a reporter of OMB's rationale, replied that it was "total nonsense," because representatives of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Governors' Association and the National Association of Counties all agreed that their members were eager to take on the burden that OMB is unwilling for them to bear.

Without the discipline of national reporting standards that measure actual performance, its proponents contend local program operators may be tempted to go for high placement rates, regardless of whether participants are really being trained.

Frank said he and Government Operations Committee Chairman Augustus F. Hawkins, D-Calif., are pressuring OMB to justify its position at next week's hearings. After that, he said, it is likely that Congress will move to amend JTPA to include mandatory reporting of trainee placement data.

Angrisani yesterday refused to join in the criticism and said implementation of the JTPA on Oct. 1 will not be stalled by the setback.

But, he said, reaching "the bottom line" on the program's effectiveness to ensure that it is not mired in fraud and abuse commonplace in CETA "may be harder to come by."

Washington Times
July 29, 1983



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM BAKER

FROM: JOE WRIGHT

SUBJECT: Joint Training Partnership Act Regulations

The JTPA directs the Secretary of Labor to establish performance standards for measuring the effectiveness of the adult, youth, and dislocated workers programs in increasing employment and earnings and reducing welfare dependency. The standards are also to be used by Governors to allocate 6 percent of their block grants under the act (about \$113 million) as incentives for good performance among each State's "Service Delivery Areas (SDA's)." The Act does not say at what level (national, state or SDA) the performance standards are to be set, but does give Governors the flexibility to vary performance standards within parameters established by the Secretary to accommodate State and local economic and demographic circumstances, and the type of services to be provided in the SDA.

DOL's draft rule establishing the performance standards would collect universal, nationwide data on every participant (about one million each year). The rule would also prescribe the exact methods and data requirements every Governor would be required to use for establishing performance requirements within his State. DOL believes this is necessary for monitoring program performance on a nationwide basis and that there is only one way to develop reliable local standards--through a precise econometric model. The model which States would be required to use was developed on the basis of CETA experience.

OMB has objected to the DOL approach on grounds of excessive paperwork and undue restraint on the States. The total new paperwork burden resulting from universal reporting by all States and approximately 567 SDA's would be approximately 500,000 hours annually.

OMB believes sampling rather than universal reporting would be at least as effective in evaluating the results of the program (auditing program operations for waste and fraud and abuse is not an issue here since the Labor IG is performing separate, highly detailed data collections for this purpose). OMB also believes the Governors should be allowed to vary performance standards

within general parameters for purposes of allocating their 6 percent incentive funds among their service delivery areas. OMB has serious reservations about the accuracy of DOL's proposed econometric model in measuring SDA performance or its effectiveness in helping the system achieve program goals.

OMB recently rejected DOL's rules on these grounds under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The rejection was sent because some action was required last week under the time constraints of the Paperwork Act. DOL is apparently preparing an alternative approach, and the Secretary will be meeting with John Cogan and Chris DeMuth to hammer out some sort of compromise. *

There have been several irregularities in the way this matter has developed. The DOL-proposed rule establishing the national standards was published in violation of the President's Executive Order on Regulation, which requires pre-clearance by OMB. The Labor Solicitor acknowledged the violation and promised to avoid this sort of thing in the future. In addition, the current lobbying campaign against the OMB position has been in part federally funded. The National Commission for Employment Policy (NCEP), a federally-funded advisory committee that was a major participant in the development of the DOL rule, sent letters to Governors' staffs and State officials urging them to write to Stockman in advance of upcoming House hearings on the issue in support of the DOL rule--with copies to Donovan, Angrisani, and NCEP.** A copy of one of these letters was sent to OMB, and OMB's General Counsel informing them of the legal implications of this kind of activity. The head of NCEP has just written OMB apologizing for this "serious error in judgment" and assuring that "it will not happen again."

* MEETING TO OCCUR NO LATER THAN MON/TUE ~ I WILL ALSO ATTEND : GET RESOLVED BY MID-WEEK.

** ATTACHED ARE LETTERS FROM LOBBYING GROUP.

JW

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July 28, 1983

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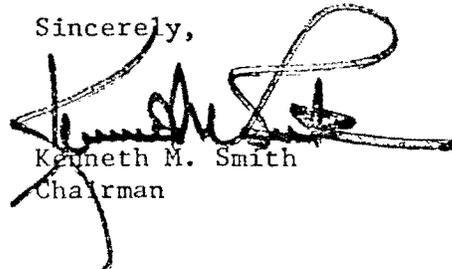
Dear Mr. Horowitz:

Patricia Hogue and John Wallace have reported to me in detail the substance of your meeting on Tuesday, July 26. They have described to me the very serious light in which you and other OMB officials view certain specific activities of the Commission staff in support of the Department of Labor's position on performance standards and reporting requirements as published in the April 26 Federal Register.

I believe the particular action by an individual staff member was a serious error in judgement, and I can assure you that it will not happen again.

Your concerns will be communicated to the other Commissioners and I hope that this one error in judgement can be put behind us as we pursue mutual goals for the future.

Sincerely,



Kenneth M. Smith
Chairman

KMS/gmw

cc: John F. Cogan
Harold I. Steinberg

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6/27/83

Dear Cathy,

First, thanks for running interference on this issue. From the national perspective, it is a very important one for the employment and training system.

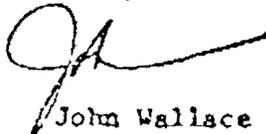
Attached is a briefing paper that explains the issue. The need for national reporting of outcomes and participant characteristics under JIPA is essential, as the briefing paper states. All the public interest groups, from NGA to NAB to NACo and USCM and NAPIC, support the position outlined on the attached. Several other governors have written or are in the process of writing Mr. Stockman to support the Department's April 26th issuance in the Federal Register, including Governors DuPont, Robb, Alexander, Bond, Matthieson, Orr, and Lamm. Attached are copies of letters from the Commission, NAB, and Governor Lamm.

It would be very helpful if Governor Thompson would send a letter to Stockman on the issue, and particularly if the letter reinforces the need for national reporting of participant characteristics. Please send a copy of the letter to Secretary Raymond Donovan and Assistant Secretary Albert Angrisani; if possible, I would also like a copy. The sooner this is done the better, but it would be most helpful if it could be received by Mr. Stockman prior to the JIPA oversight hearings of the Government Operations Committee that are scheduled right now for the second week in July.

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Again, I appreciate your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-1545.

Best,



John Wallace
Assistant Director

Enclosures

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BRIEFING PAPER:

NATIONAL REPORTING SYSTEM FOR

THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1982, TITLE II

Introduction

Title II of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 (JTPA) establishes a Federal-State-local delivery system for providing employment and training services to the economically disadvantaged across the Nation. The JTPA statute places the administrative and program emphasis on outcomes rather than process by clearly establishing three goals for the program: increased employment, increased earnings and reduced welfare costs. In addition, the Secretary of Labor is required to select performance measures for these goals, and to establish the performance standards which the system is expected to meet. Governors have the ability to vary the standards for local service delivery areas within parameters set by the Secretary of Labor.

On April 26, 1983, the Department of Labor (DOL) published draft reporting requirements for JTPA. These represent a 70 percent reduction in reporting requirements over CETA. Quarterly reports have been reduced to fewer than six items on four different reports, while an annual report would require more in-depth, detailed information on outcomes and client characteristics by service delivery area.

Issue

Under the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, DOL is required to submit Federal reporting requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. OMB is currently reviewing the draft JTPA reporting requirements. They have informally notified various parties that the draft reporting requirements will not be allowed.

This is viewed by many interested parties, including the National Commission for Employment Policy, the National Governors' Association, the National Alliance of Business, and others, as a serious threat to the long-term success of the JTPA system (see below).

Requested Action

If you are in agreement with the need to have a national reporting system for JTPA (for the reasons stated on pp. 2-3, or other reasons), please send a letter from your State's or local area's perspective on the need to have such a system. The letter should be addressed to:

Mr. David Stockman, Director
Office of Management and Budget
New Executive Office Building, Room 7001
Washington, D.C. 20503

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A copy of the letter should also be sent to:

Honorable Raymond Donovan
Secretary of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Honorable Albert Angrisani
Assistant Secretary for Employment
and Training
U. S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.,
Room G-2307
Washington, D.C. 20210

Timing

The letter should be sent immediately.

Reasons for a National Reporting System for JTPA, Title II

The key reasons for needing to have a national reporting system under JTPA, that gathers information in sufficient detail, are as follows:

1. Title II of JTPA establishes an employment and training system which, although it is administered by States and operated by local service delivery areas, is a totally federally funded, national system.

2. Reporting program outcomes, client characteristics, and program activities is not an intrusion of the Federal Government into process. It does not infringe upon local or State flexibility in selecting appropriate outcomes, clients, or services. It does provide basic management information essential for the President, Congress, DOL, States and local areas to monitor and evaluate programs.

3. Without a national reporting system as presented in the Department of Labor's April 26th issuance in the Federal Register, the Secretary of Labor would be unable to implement the universally accepted method for setting performance standards. This method takes into account variations in client characteristics and local economic conditions, but in order for this information to be used, it must be gathered. Further, it does not reward "creeping" of clients; each local area is judged according to its own plan and local economic conditions. It is not possible to establish this system on a State-only basis. National level reporting is required. Other methods of gathering the data, such as national sampling, have been examined and found to be seriously inadequate.

4. Without a national reporting system, each State could have to establish its own reporting system—but it lacks the authority to do so in the legislation. JTPA gives only the Secretary of Labor the authority to establish reporting requirements. Hence, if DOL fails to establish sufficient requirements, they likely will not exist in the system as a whole.

5. States, in cooperation with service delivery areas, may still attempt to establish State reporting requirements that enable them to track outcomes, client characteristics and program activities. However, since JTPA is, in a sense, producing the same "product" in each local area across the Nation, it is not cost-effective for each State to have to undertake such a process.

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6. Over time, it is likely that 50 different reporting requirements may emerge to discuss employment and training programs. Communication across States and local areas for the purposes of management and information dissemination would be greatly hindered. Each State would speak its own language.

7. Most local areas across the country have internal reporting systems that meet more detailed and frequent reporting requirements that required under the IOL draft issuance. This level of information is needed at the local level, for management purposes. Reporting it to the State level adds only incremental costs, not "new" costs, to reporting.

8. All key organizations in the employment and training community support the draft reporting system, including:

- The Department of Labor
- The National Commission for Employment Policy
- The National Governors' Association
- The National Alliance of Business
- The National Association of Counties
- The United States Conference of Mayors
- The National Association of Private Industry Councils

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

JAB--

FYI, Joe Wright and I have gone over the disagreement between OMB and Labor on the Job Training Act reporting requirements.

Joe will have a paper to me on this by around noon today. I will make sure it explains both viewpoints (I know Labor's), and will be sure you have it in case you want to give it to the President before he leaves for Camp David. (Or would you prefer to just send it in thru Dick?)

JC

JAB

Both departments are right on this --
There is a middle ground, and they
will probably find it now that Joe's
involved.

JW
JAMES W. CICCONI
Office of James A. Baker, III
456-2174

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

TO: ARAM BAKSHIAN

RE: ABA Speech

The comments I forwarded last night still apply to the 9 p.m. draft, for the most part. I would add the following more general thoughts:

1. The "excellence" portion of our three part Agenda for Opportunity does not seem to fit, especially since we make it appear the most important by placing it first. (I recognize the points we want to work in under that heading, but feel this means is awkward.)
2. The thrust of the civil rights sections do not leave the proper impression. We seem to be saying "you're on your own" and that minorities can expect no special government help beyond enforcement of anti-discrimination laws.
3. We need to speak to working women in that section of the speech; the lead-in seems to speak primarily to homemakers.
4. Suggest more discussion of our opposition to quotas. (Let's put those supporting quotas on the defensive.)

Jim Cicconi *JNC*

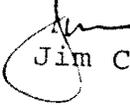
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

TO: NANCY RISQUE

Would you please pass the attached memo on to the person who is handling the CBI ceremony. If there is any problem, I'm sure it can be worked out directly with Lee.

Thanks.


Jim Cicconi

Nancy -
I assume your office will
end up coordinating this.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE SIGNING CEREMONY

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands played a significant role in the early development and eventual passage of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Now that the CBI has passed Congress, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will play an equally important role in the implementation of the program in the Caribbean. In recognition of their important contribution to the CBI, I would like to recommend that the following individuals be invited to participate in any White House ceremony (signing, etc.) regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

PUERTO RICO

Governor Carlos Romero
Congressman Baltasar Corrada
Mayor Hernan Padilla (San Juan)
Former Governor Luis Ferre

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Governor Juan Luis
Congressman Ron DeLugo

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG FULLER

FROM: Jim Cicconi, -

SUBJECT: Letter from Bill Coleman

Attached is a letter from Bill Coleman, who is writing about the proposed new regulations governing the Combined Federal Campaign. He is writing in his capacity as chairman of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

It is forwarded for staffing and for distribution as you feel appropriate.

Thanks.

cc: Joe Wright

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Honorable James W. Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
and to the Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim:

As you know, I serve as Chairman of the Board of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. ("LDF"). As a result of a lawsuit filed by LDF in 1980, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. v. Campbell, 504 F.Supp. 1365 (D.D.C. 1981), which resulted in a ruling by Judge Gesell favorable to us, the Legal Defense Fund has participated in the Combined Federal Campaign for the last two years. Judge Gesell ruled that the requirement that CFC participants provide "direct services to persons in the fields of health and welfare services" was invalidated in 1981 as "too vague to comport with the strict standards of specificity" required by the First Amendment. LDF v. Campbell, 504 F.Supp. at 1366-67.

On January 10, 1983, President Reagan issued Executive Order No. 12404 in an effort to reinstate the direct services requirement but with greater specificity. The announced purpose of the new Executive Order was to exclude legal defense funds from the CFC. Devine memorandum of Feb. 2, 1982, "New Executive Order for the Combined Federal Campaign."

On July 15, 1983, however, Judge Joyce Green ruled that Executive Order 12404 violated the First Amendment. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. v. Devine, No. 83-0928 (D.D.C.). Judge Green ruled that the CFC constitutes a limited public forum and that the government cannot exclude some charitable organizations because their message is controversial.

The issue that must now be resolved is what rules will govern the 1983-84 campaign. It is important that this question be resolved expeditiously because preparations for the 1983 Campaign are already well under way.

Although legal defense funds must be allowed to participate in the 1983-84 Campaign as the result of Judge Green's order, the Office of Personnel Management has not yet begun to implement the Court's decision. Rather, Director Devine has announced that he plans to appeal the Court's ruling but he has not yet done so. In the meantime, Local Federal Coordinating Committees still are operating under instructions from OPM to make eligibility decisions on the basis of Executive Order 12404, even though Judge Green has declared it invalid. Furthermore, while Director Devine has announced that the start of the Campaign will be delayed until mid-October, in order to permit orderly resolution of the claims of legal defense funds, we were informed last week by one Local Committee that its Campaign will begin on September 13, and that the NAACP Legal Defense Fund will be excluded on the basis of the Executive Order. When informed of Judge Green's decision, the Local's reply was that OPM had not changed its instructions.

This type of confusion will severely damage the 1983-84 Campaign. The only fair action at this time is for OPM to announce immediately that the 1983 Campaign will be conducted under the pre-existing regulations. The government has the right to appeal Judge Green's decision, although I do not believe such an appeal should be taken. However, in the event an appeal is taken, it should be directed toward future Campaigns and should not be used to further delay and confuse the current Campaign.

Specifically, I urge that should an appeal be taken, the government not seek a stay of Judge Green's ruling. In addition to the confusion that would result, such a stay would be inequitable. It was the Office of Personnel Management that delayed resolution of the lawsuit until the eve of

the Campaign, by delaying issuance of regulations under Executive Order 12404. Moreover, our participation in the 1983-84 Campaign will not harm the CFC. Legal defense funds have participated in the past two years, and in each year contributions increased significantly. It seems to me the only fair and just thing is to announce that the 1983-84 Campaign will be conducted under the same rules as applied in the 1982-83 Campaign. As you know, the Majority Leader of the Senate has sent a letter to Ed Meese making the same request.

Please call me and I will be happy to discuss this matter further.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Coleman, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Phone Conversations with Jeff Bergner

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WASHINGTON

Je: 8/2
Good work.
JAB ✓

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JAB

I thought you should see this only because they mentioned that the next step might be "for Sen. Lugar to call Jim Baker." (I doubt he will, though).

Je

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

TO: JAB III

FYI, I have passed on a
copy of the attached
memo to Nancy Risque for
handling in coordination
with Lee Verstandig.

JC

File:
also plz pass
to scheduling. Thank
JAB III

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WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE SIGNING CEREMONY

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands played a significant role in the early development and eventual passage of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Now that the CBI has passed Congress, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will play an equally important role in the implementation of the program in the Caribbean. In recognition of their important contribution to the CBI, I would like to recommend that the following individuals be invited to participate in any White House ceremony (signing, etc.) regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

PUERTO RICO

Governor Carlos Romero
Congressman Baltasar Corrada
Mayor Hernan Padilla (San Juan)
Former Governor Luis Ferre

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Governor Juan Luis
Congressman Ron DeLugo

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Finkelstein Poll in Texas

The Texas Foundation for Conservative Studies, headed by Dick Collins, recently commissioned a poll to be conducted in Texas by Arthur Finkelstein. The sample consisted of 606 registered voters. Partial results are as follows:

1. President's Popularity

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Overall	61.3	28.6
Male Voters	65.6	25.2
Female Voters	56.8	33.3
Ticketsplitters	67.2	23.5
Conservative Democrats	57.6	31.3

2. Vice President's Popularity

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Overall	64.8	18.6

3. Presidential Pairings

	<u>RR</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Reagan-Mondale	51.4	37.9	10.7
Reagan-Glenn	49.1	34.5	16.4
Reagan-Cranston	56.4	22.1	21.5

4. Democratic Primary Preference

Walter Mondale	39.0
John Glenn	19.5
Jesse Jackson	4.4

5. Senatorial Candidates' Popularity

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
John Tower	48.6	15.8	30.0
John Tower (ticketsplitters)	55.1	13.8	27.5
Bob Krueger	18.6	12.3	34.6
Bob Krueger (conservative Democrats)	14.6	15.5	
Bob Krueger (liberal Democrats)	20.5	7.7	

6. Senatorial Pairing

John Tower	49.9
Bob Krueger	27.1

The figures relating to the President are due for release today; those on the Democrats will be released on Friday.

Please note that the Tower figures are confidential. (The Senator piggy-backed this poll, and he owns the figures.)

Also, it should be noted that previous polls conducted in Texas by Finkelstein have often been at odds with other opinion polls which more regularly survey the state.

cc: Ed Rollins
Lee Atwater

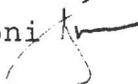
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August 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Intervention in International Financial Markets

This morning, Secretary Regan informed the CCEA that Treasury and the Federal Reserve made a joint decision last Friday to intervene in the international financial markets because of the continued rise of the dollar. Extreme nervousness and instability in the markets was a major factor in the decision. Yesterday, the Germans and Japanese agreed to join the U.S. in a coordinated intervention, selling dollars and buying Deutsch Marks and yen. The intervention began this morning as the markets opened, and has since been joined by the Swiss and Dutch. Indications are that the dollar is indeed being weakened as a result of this action, and other currencies are being strengthened.

Regan emphasized that this intervention treats the symptoms, not the disease; however, he felt the situation required prompt action. He described the intervention as "substantial" in comparison with previous actions, and said a decision on how long to continue is a matter of market judgment.

cc: Richard Darman

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WASHINGTON

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August 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi *Jim*
SUBJECT: Crime Package

For your information:

The Senate Judiciary Committee has now reported out all components of our crime package. Floor debate will probably take place in the fall.

You may recall that the Committee divided the package into separate bills to increase chances of passage. The separate bills are: the omnibus legislation (which includes our sentencing and parole reforms), capital punishment, changes in the exclusionary rule, federal habeas corpus reforms, and adjustments to the Federal Tort Claims Act. It should also be mentioned that the Judiciary Committee reported out a bill this week which creates a single federal official responsible for drug enforcement; this bill has surfaced in the past, and we still oppose it.

the "Drug Czar" bill

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August 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 
SUBJECT: Space Commercialization

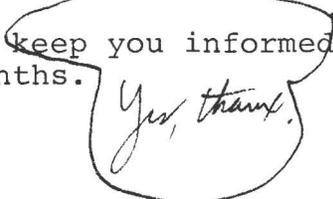
For your information:

I have been attending the recent series of meetings organized by Craig Fuller to discuss commercialization of space. Participants include the heads of most of the large aerospace corporations. The purpose is to work toward a consensus on what actions the government should take to encourage commercial ventures in space.

While discussions are still in the early stages, there seems to be agreement among the companies on several key points:

1. Commitment: The Administration must make a public commitment to the commercial development of space to provide more certainty for commercial investment.
2. Infrastructure: A manned space station is necessary for any real commercial development, and should be our stated goal. The Shuttle is a proven success as a means of travel to and from space, but it is similar to a truck; a permanent base of operations is required for most types of commercial activity, such as space manufacturing.
3. Incentives: Companies need assurance of patent and proprietary protection for their ventures. Also, they feel tax and depreciation incentives are called for.

If you want, I will keep you informed as this develops over the next several months.



August 3, 1983

TO: JAB III

Re the attached, Elizabeth recognizes that Goldman is a liberal Republican, but feels we beg for trouble if we replace her.

Also, she said she thought you had been a supporter of Goldman in the past.

JC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 
SUBJECT: Patricia Goldman

For your information:

Elizabeth Dole called regarding Patricia Goldman, who currently serves on the National Transportation Safety Board. Goldman is former Senator Charles Goodell's wife, and is up for reappointment in December.

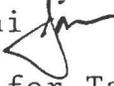
Elizabeth feels that we should quietly reappoint Goldman, arguing that she has been an important bridge with moderate Republican women. Further, replacing Goldman with someone more conservative would probably cause us more problems than the change would be worth.

Elizabeth said she has also conveyed the above to Mike Deaver.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: Jim Cicconi 
SUBJECT: Clearance for Task Force on Food Assistance

The attached memorandum may have some bearing on FBI clearance procedures for Dr. Carlos Diaz-Alejandro for membership on our Task Force on Food Assistance. It was forwarded to me by Cathi Villalpando.

Thanks.

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WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983



MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Vice President's Task Force on Regulatory Relief

For your information:

On Thursday, the Vice President will release a statement explaining the achievements of the Task Force on Regulatory Relief, and announcing its termination. The reasons given are that the review of new rules has now been institutionalized in OMB, and that the main deregulatory efforts are now pending in Congress. Thus, it is argued that the Task Force has completed its basic mission.

The VP's statement goes on to suggest that Congress work with the President "to find a mechanism for periodic legislative review of statutes now that the legislative veto has been ruled unconstitutional." Such statutory review would complement the regulatory review already set up within the Executive Branch.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983



TO: JAB III

Ken Khachigian called to say thanks for what we did on cotton PIK. In that regard, I hope you noted that we ended up having to accept relief amounting to \$100 million. If we had cut a deal early, when you first raised the issue with Meese in the Mess, we could have satisfied everyone for \$40-60 million.

Khachigian also asked me to tell you that he's called Deaver and recommended Ben Elliott for Aram's job. He feels Ben would do the best job in current circumstances.

JC

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR STAFF

FROM: Jim Cicconi *JCC*

SUBJECT: Senior Staff Meetings

There will be no senior staff meetings from August 15 through September 5 due to the President's stay in California. Regular meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 6.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: James Cicconi *JMC*

SUBJECT: Yesterday's Luncheon with Hispanic Leaders

As you know, the President had lunch yesterday with a group of seven Hispanic leaders from Texas and California. Senator John Tower also attended. The group was bipartisan, though friendly, and was chosen more on the basis of their ability to represent different viewpoints on a variety of issues.

The group consisted of Alberto Garcia, Ed Avila, Gil Avila, Dr. Tomas Rivera (from California), Oscar Moran, Ed Prado, and Charles Uranga (from Texas).

Based on the sparse notes I managed to take during lunch, the following general concerns were raised:

1. Education: the group was largely in accord with the educational excellence report that the President has stressed, though they seemed to feel that merit pay by itself was not the answer. They argued that steps were needed to improve the training of teachers before they get in the classroom (this is consistent with the report). They went on to emphasize the importance of quality education to Hispanics.

The group also raised the subject of bilingual education. They acknowledged the different definitions of the term, but made clear that it was a "gut issue" to Hispanics. (An earlier discussion agreed that bilingual education is more properly viewed as a transition to English, and not as a step toward a dual language system.)

2. Immigration: the consensus on this was that Simpson-Mazzoli, which we support, would be strongly opposed by Hispanics. The main fear is that employer sanctions would frighten small firms out of hiring any Hispanics at all. The President stated that we did not like all features of the bill, but preferred to pass it and later clean up any problems that surfaced.
3. Southwest Border States Working Group: the group stressed the need for immediate federal aid to the border areas, though they added that it should be in the form of economic aid and not handouts. The President agreed with both the need and the fact that increased welfare or food stamps

was not the answer. He said that we would look into the group's suggestions, which included using Surface Transportation Act funds for immediate construction projects, and the idea of leveraging DOD sole source contract funds to enhance the use of border companies as sub-contractors. One particularly striking comment was that we cannot let the border area develop into a "Hispanic Appalachia."

4. Hispanic Business Development: the group followed up on remarks that they did not want handouts by pointing out that their major need was for the government to help "open the door" for Hispanic business development. They argued that government policies should be focused on providing such opportunities and not "corporate welfare" for firms which are already prosperous. (This may have been an implicit endorsement of the 8(a) "graduation" program at SBA, which has been under attack by black groups.)

Overall, the meeting was friendly, upbeat, and seems to have accomplished its primary purpose of giving the President some first-hand exposure to Hispanic concerns via a small, bipartisan group. The President later repeated some of the luncheon statements during the 2:00 Cabinet meeting on the Southwest Border Working Group's recommendations. As for the participants, they were uniformly impressed with the President and his genuine concern for their views (the President had jotted down some questions in longhand that he said he wanted to ask them, and this also impressed the group).

For your information, I have attached a copy of the suggested agenda I prepared shortly before the luncheon. It reflects the preliminary issues discussion that Cathi Villalpando and I had with the group. As you can see, we were unable to cover all the matters of concern to them within the time available. Foremost among the other issues was the unanimous and strongly held view that a high-level Hispanic appointee was needed in the Administration (i.e. at the Cabinet or sub-Cabinet level).

cc: Michael A. McManus

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR HISPANIC LUNCHEON

1. Immigration Moran, Prado, Garcia
-- employer sanctions and their effect
2. Appointments Ed Avila, Gil Avila
-- need for visible, high-level Hispanics in the Administration
3. Central America Rivera
-- Hispanic concerns about US policy
4. Unemployment/Economy Moran, Gil Avila, Uranga
-- need to address particular problems along the Southwest Border
5. Education Ed Avila, Moran, Rivera
-- bilingual education and its importance to the Hispanic community
-- need for quality education, increased opportunity for access to higher education
6. Equal Employment Opportunity Moran, Garcia
-- feelings about affirmative action, EEOC and quotas

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: Jim Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Department of Education Appointments

Yesterday I received a call from Gary Jones, Undersecretary of Education. He was complaining about what he and Secretary Bell feel is a series of arbitrary decisions by Presidential Personnel. He listed the following and asked that it be brought to your attention:

1. Jesse Soriano, director of the bilingual education program, was not initially invited to the Presidential meeting with Hispanic appointees. This was despite Jones' statement that no Department of Education appointees would attend unless Soriano was invited. (In the end, Soriano was indeed invited and attended the event.)
2. Jones said that Jenny Vance was rejected by Presidential Personnel for the position of executive director of the Department's Intergovernmental Advisory Council. This was despite the fact that Vance was the unanimous choice of all eighteen Reagan appointees on the Council, and had strong support of both Bell and Jones. The rejection came via a letter from Becky Dunlop; Jones said he never received a call about this and that he was "furious" about the way it was handled.
3. Secretary Bell has strongly supported Benjamin Alexander to be Deputy Director of NIE. Alexander is the distinguished black former president of the University of the District of Columbia, is supportive of the President's education policies, and is a man of high integrity. Bell was later informed that someone else would be appointed.

Apparently Secretary Bell shares Gary Jones' view that the above actions are attributable to Becky Dunlop. According to Jones, Bell said he has "had enough of these arbitrary actions by Becky," and complained that she has deliberately been a thorn in his side for quite a while.

I told Jones I would pass his comments on to you. I have also mentioned this to Craig Fuller (who was subsequently called by Jones).

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1983

TO: CRAIG FULLER

Attached is a copy of the letter to Mark White regarding the West Texas draught situation.

As you can see he left the door open for assistance if the draught worsens.

Jim Cicconi

Aug 15 1983

Honorable Mark White
Governor of Texas
State Capitol
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor White:

Thank you for your telegram concerning the livestock feed situation in West Texas and requesting implementation of the Emergency Feed Program (EFP).

The EFP is a discretionary program to be administered when the Secretary of Agriculture determines that cost-share assistance is needed by livestock producers. The program was officially terminated on April 8, 1982, because of the need to reduce Federal spending.

We are aware of the adverse weather conditions in Texas and are keeping a particularly close watch on the livestock situation in West Texas. At the present time, we do not plan to implement the EFP. However, we will keep a close watch on the situation and if the drought expands and becomes more serious, we will again consider the need to implement some sort of assistance for livestock producers.

Sincerely,

John E. Black
Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 18, 1983

TO: ED ROLLINS
KEN DUBERSTEIN

The attached is for your information.


Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. CICCONI
FROM: VIRGINIA H. KNAUER *Virginia Knauer*
SUBJECT: Criticism of the Administration Program
for the Disabled

Some of my staff were present at the National Rehabilitation Association meeting in Boston this week when Senator Weicker delivered an address very strongly and persistently critical of the Reagan Administration and its policies toward the disabled. He stated that his "burden is not the handicapped of the country, but the White House," criticized the education block grant proposals as a ploy to "eliminate" the costs of these programs for the handicapped, the efforts of the Administration to get the Federal government out of education programs as a thinly disguised effort to eliminate the Federal advocacy for "free and appropriate education" for the handicapped, and quoted cynically the Administration letter opposing a half-dozen sections of the reauthorization bill for vocational rehabilitation.

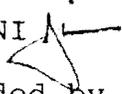
The message was clearly a call in a very receptive audience to join with the Senator in opposing anti-handicapped Administration policies. The perception of my staff was that his remarks went far beyond a discussion of a difference of opinion on the issues and in both delivery and content seemed contemptuous and pejorative. Since Senator Weicker chairs the two Senate Subcommittees most directly affecting the handicapped on the Appropriations and Labor and Human Resources Committees, his views are especially significant.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CATHI VILLALPANDO

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Names Recommended by Richard Hernandez

The six people who were unable to attend the Hispanic luncheon because of our "miscommunication" with Richard Hernandez are:

Joe Cox
Stella Ornelas
Miguel Cano
Jose Fernandez
Steve Ramirez
Ray Estrella

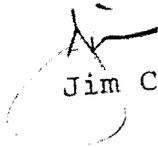
(I discovered that the names were still in my files after all.)
Thanks again for handling this.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1983

TO: CATHI VILLALPANDO

The attached is FYI. (At the time, I did not feel this was significant enough for the President to mention.)


Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Circos

July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
MICHAEL DEEVER
EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: VELMA MONTOYA *VM*

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPIC FOR POTUS' SPEECH
TO THE GI FORUM

I've received a few calls about the Hispanic community's delight that the President will speak to the GI Forum on August 12th.

The GI Forum led the successful initiative that one of the sculptures in the forthcoming Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Statue be Hispanic in appearance. (See the attached letter for confirmation.) This fact has not been well-publicized, and the President could get alot of mileage from mentioning it in his speech. (At least 25 percent of all Vietnam casualties were Hispanics from the five Southwestern states.)

The Forum's effort was led by Homero Gallegos, head of the Forum's Veteran's Outreach Office in Laredo, Texas.

For further details about the Statue, contact Robert A. Carter, Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 202/659-2490.

cc: Edwin L. Harper



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Commissioner Tony E. Gallegos
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Commissioner Gallegos:

Thanks for your letter of June 30, 1983 concerning the sculpture to be placed at the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The sculptor, Frederick Hart, is now more than 50 per cent complete on the life size sculpture and is just beginning to work the facial details. ~~This is to confirm that one of the three figures will be representative of Hispanics.~~

Thank you for your interest and support of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I am confident we can work this problem to the mutual satisfaction of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Carter
Executive Vice President

cc: Frederick Hart

RAC/caj

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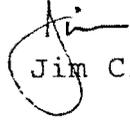
August 18, 1983

TO: FRED RYAN

Please note the attached resolution, which designates September 26 as National Historically Black Colleges Day.

This subject might be worth discussing at the next scheduling meeting. It might make a good event.

Thanks.


Jim Cicconi

cc: Mel Bradley
Bill Sittmann

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN HERRINGTON

FROM: James Cicconi 

SUBJECT: Holocaust Memorial Council

As I understand it, one of the members of the Holocaust Memorial Council, Ben Epstein, passed away several months ago. Epstein was a former National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith.

If this position on the Council has not yet been filled, it might be good to consider Mr. Nathan Perlmutter for the slot. Perlmutter is the current National Director of the ADL, which is probably the most supportive of the major Jewish organizations. Perlmutter has been active in helping us on confirmation of our nominees to the Civil Rights Commission, and has been a backer of our policies in Central America. His comments in a recent issue of National Journal (an article entitled "Religion and Politics") were also helpful, especially given the direction the article might have taken.

Thanks.

cc: James A. Baker, III

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JAMES CICCONI
FROM: BARBARA MCQUOWN *BW*
SUBJECT: Holocaust Memorial Council

In regards to your memorandum of August 30, 1983 recommending Nathan Perlmutter ~~for~~ appointment to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, there are currently no vacancies on this Council.

However, should a vacancy develop, please know that we will keep Mr. Perlmutter's credentials in mind.

Thank you for apprising us of his interest and qualifications.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 1, 1983

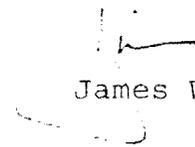
TO: JOSEPH SALGADO

RE: Resume of Miguel R. San Juan

Attached is the material I mentioned in our phone conversation. Miguel San Juan comes highly recommended from my very good friend, Barbara Lezar, who heads the International Business Section, Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. San Juan has an impressive resume, and excellent political credentials. I feel he is exactly the type of person we should try to recruit into the Administration.

Thank you.


James W. Cicconi



Barbara Lezar
Manager
International Business

Aug. 9

Jim

Here, long promised, is Miguel's resumé -- both professional & political. Let me stress that this is one helluva solid guy who is a potential candidate. We had never met until Strake sent him to me when I had a staff opening. Miguel is very interested in our Latin American relations -- both corporate & political -- and he biddogs his stuff for us here at the Chamber. He is also playing a key

role in sensitizing the Chamber leadership to Hispanic sentiment on immigration policy options, and the pressing need for a bi-national options dialogue.

Miguel is our point man on the CBI + Staffs the Guatemala Sub-Comm. (We have a Twin Chamber deal there).

He is very well regarded by our 400-member Intl. Bus. Comm. + has done a lot of work for the Vesp's Ofc. in generating Hispanic forums of one kind or another.

Solid Republican, but known + liked in Dem./Hispanic circles.
major interest: Latin American policy.

Cheers.

s. Mine to follow. We'll think of you guys at camp this weekend.
B.

RESUME

Name: Miguel R. San Juan

Phone: (713) 658-2441 office
(713) 491-6983 home

Address: 10319 Rancho Bernardo
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Education: University of Houston, B.A., Political Science, 1974
Minor in Latin American Studies

Languages: Fluent Spanish

Personal: Born: October 24, 1950, Havana, Cuba (U.S. Citizen)
Married: Maria A. San Juan, Medical Assistant

August 1982 to Present: Staff Executive, Int'l Business, Houston Chamber of Commerce

- Develop and administer Chamber programs designed to promote the international economic development in Houston.
- Work closely with senior international corporate executives and diplomatic officials in implementing Chamber programs, including a 400-member committee.
- Monitor federal and state actions impacting international business and develop policy recommendations.
- Conduct economic briefings on Houston for visiting foreign dignitaries, trade delegations, and overseas investors and coordinate contacts between these groups and the Houston business community.

September 1979 to July 1982: Vice President-International Sales - Truequip, Inc.

- For an international oil field equipment company, held senior positions, in the following divisions: Sales and public relations, purchasing and expediting, handling sales and bids, maintaining established accounts and establishing new ones; substantial influence on inside and outside policy making.

March 1980 to present: Stockholder and Editorial Contributor, "La Voz de Houston"

- Assist in formulating editorial policy and story ideas, and occasional contributing articles.
- Participate directly in internal policy for the largest Spanish-Weekly newspaper in Houston. (Circulation: 20,000)

October 1975 to August 1979: Court Coordinator, Judge Lawrence H. Wayne, Harris County, Texas

- Oversaw judicial process of public citizen complaints resulting in either a conviction or a dismissal. Issued warrants and managed the criminal caseload process.

June 1977 to December 1978: Executive Vice President and Editor "Forum Latino," Houston, Texas

- Edited and administered publication of this Spanish-Language monthly magazine.

June 1970 to September 1975: Manager, San Juan Texaco, Houston, Texas

- Leased and managed this independent service station. Supervised purchasing, inventory control and materials management.

MIGUEL R. SAN JUAN
June 1983, Houston, Texas

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- 1970 ● "Students for George Bush for U.S. Senate"(Houston Campaign): Co-chairman, University of St. Thomas
- 1972 ● "Archer for Congress" Campaign(successful U.S. Congressional race-Houston, Texas): Area Coordinator-Precincts 215 & 360
- 1972 ● "Re-Elect the President"(campaign to Re-Elect President Nixon-Houston, Texas): Volunteer at County Headquarters
- 1976 ● Reagan for President, Harris County Campaign: Volunteer at County Headquarters
- 1978 ● Hispanic Effort-Clements for Governor: George Strake, State Chairman- Volunteer at Houston Headquarters
- 1978 ● Hispanic Effort-Texans for Tower: Volunteer at Houston Headquarters
- 1979 ● Co-Founder; Houston Chapter Republican Hispanic Assembly
- 1980 ● Reagan for President: Volunteer at Houston Headquarters
- 1982 ● Texas Credit Union Commission-Appointed by Governor William P. Clements, Jr.
- 1982 ● Coordinated Luncheon for Vice President Bush-hosted by the Institute of Hispanic Culture of Houston
- 1982 ● Elected Chairman- Precinct 32, Fort Bend County Republican Party
- 1982 ● Delegate, Texas GOP Convention (Austin, Texas)
- 1982 ● Hispanics for Clements: Member, Harris County/Steering Committee(Houston, Texas)
- 1982 ● Hispanics for Strake for Lt. Governor: Member, State-wide/Steering Committee
- 1982 ● Strake for Lt. Governor/Texans for Strake: Chairman-Precinct 32, Fort Bend County
- 1980-83 ● Hispanic Press Liaison--on an informal basis, facilitate coverage in Hispanic written and electronic media of GOP candidates and issues
"La Voz De Houston"(Spanish-Weekly newspaper):
Investor and Editorial Contributor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JWC*

SUBJECT: Bilingual Education

As I understand it, a sub-committee of the House of Representatives is making plans for hearings regarding bilingual education on September 14 and 15. This will occur during Hispanic Heritage Week at a time when the President will be involved in several Hispanic-oriented events.

We should expect that any Congressional hearings on bilingual education will attempt to focus attention on budget cuts in the program. In this regard, would it be possible for the Department of Education to provide us with a fact sheet on the issue (if they have not already done so)?

Thank you for your help.

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI
SUBJECT: Conversation with David Brody

Last week I had a very long lunch with David Brody at which time he raised a variety of subjects. He asked that I ask you specifically about two of them:

1. Brody would like to have you be his guest at a small dinner with leaders of the Anti-Defamation League. He is, of course, aware that you attended such a dinner with Jacques Torczyner. Would you want to give him a green light for dinner and if so, how far in the future? *Mo*
2. Brody suggested that it might be politically advantageous if you were to visit Israel. I mentioned that I thought that this was unlikely for a number of reasons. He countered by arguing that you could make such a visit with Susan as private individuals and on a low key basis, yet still derive domestic political advantage for the Administration. Another angle on this suggestion would be for the First Lady to conduct a purely private visit--an idea which on its face has some appeal.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE BAROODY

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: News article on ~~the~~ 761st
Tank Battalion.

Attached is a news article regarding the 761st Tank Battalion, an all-black unit that served during World War II.

If you will note the last column, it mentions that the unit feels it is due certain honors resulting from its wartime service. Provided the Defense Department agreed that further recognition is justified, this might make a nice event. What do you think?