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MEMORANDUM TO: LEON PANETTA

CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT B. REICH  
SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT - Week of November 27

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DATE: November 30, 1995

#### I. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Week Ahead (December 3

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? OSHA to Issue Citations to Massachusetts Companies: On Monday, December 4, DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will issue egregious willful citations to Saugus Construction Corporation and J.M. Cashman, Inc. for exposing their workers to fall hazards of from 31 to 50 feet. Penalties are being proposed totalling \$448,000 for Saugus Construction and \$770,000 for J.M. Cashman. I will travel to Boston on Monday for an event highlighting the importance of OSHA and other worker protection programs and emphasize the risk to workers if

such programs are severely cut as proposed by the Republican

-controlled Congress.

? Garment Enforcement: The Department of Labor's enforcement activities in the garment industry and the release of our "Trendsetter" list will dominate my activities throughout next week. On Tuesday, December 5, I will release the Fair Labor Fashions "Trendsetter" list at an event at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, Virginia. I will be joined by spokesmodels Beverly Johnson and Christine Jennings and several dozen Marymount University fashion design students. Extensive media coverage is expected.

? Travel to Denver, CO and San Francisco, CA: I will deliver a speech to the Denver Forum on Tuesday, December 5 and to San Francisco's Commonwealth Club on Wednesday, December 6. The speeches will be entitled "The Revolt of the Anxious Class." While in Denver and San Francisco, I will take part in activities highlighting DOL's garment enforcement

initiative and will meet with Colorado and California state labor federation officials to discuss the minimum wage. In San Francisco, I will teach a class at San Francisco Community College where I will discuss DOL's Garment 2000 initiative, a re

-training program for garment workers that retrains them for high

-tech jobs in the garment industry.

In Los Angeles, I will host a roundtable with garment workers and union representatives to discuss sweatshop conditions in the garment industry.

? Numbers Day: The Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the unemployment numbers will be released on Friday, December 8. As is my usual practice, I will take part in press interviews throughout the day.

? CPI Release Date: There has been a change in the release date for the Consumer price Index for November 1995. It will be released on December 14 instead of the scheduled date of December 13.

? Unemployment Compensation Meeting: The Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation (ACUC) will hold its last meeting on December 13. The ACUC was established on January 24, 1992 to evaluate the overall unemployment insurance program, including the purpose, goals, counter

-cyclical effectiveness, coverage, benefit adequacy, trust fund solvency, funding of State administrative costs and other aspects of the program. The ACUC will make recommendations to the President and to Congress shortly.

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Grant Information:

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Recently Awarded:

? Illinois: \$1,879,844 Clean Air grant awarded on 11/13/95, to assist 100 coal industry workers laid off from four companies.

? Maryland: \$771,500 EDWAA grant awarded on 11/27/95, to fund the planning of a dislocated worker project administered through a collaborative effort with OPM and the States of MD and VA, and the District of Columbia. The grant project will assist up to 25,000 of the anticipated 60,000 Federal workers who are expected to be laid off in the D.C. metro area over the next 3 to 5 years.

? Massachusetts: \$1,762,000 Defense Diversification grant awarded on 11/21/95, to help retrain approximately 55 Textron Defense Systems workers. The grant will help the employees keep their jobs as the company converts to non-

defense, commercial products.

? Montana: \$420,000 EDWAA grant awarded on 11/13/95, to assist 100 workers dislocated from Rhone

-Poulenc Basic

Chemical Company's phosphate manufacturing plant located in Silver Bow.

Pending Applications:

? California: \$10 million Defense Conversion grant application to serve 1,000 civilian and 500 contractor workers affected by the closure of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

? Colorado: \$350,000 EDWAA grant application to serve 710 of the 2,117 civilian and 186 contractor employees being dislocated from the Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center.

? Illinois: \$4,421,170 Clean Air grant application to assist coal miners dislocated from the Bushy Creek Coal Mine.

? Illinois: \$476,221 Clean Air grant application to continue needs

-related payments during the completion of existing grant projects serving miners laid off from the Sahara and Peabody coal mines.

? Kentucky: \$5,230,400 Clean Air grant application to assist laid off coal miners throughout the State.

? Maryland: \$1,250,015 EDWAA grant to assist 1,000 workers being dislocated from Westinghouse Corp. throughout the State.

? Massachusetts: \$2,138,585 Defense Conversion grant application to assist dislocated Raytheon workers throughout the State.

? Oklahoma: 892,000 EDWAA grant application to assist workers dislocated from the Pillsbury and Strongheart Dog Food Companies.

? Pennsylvania: \$2,466,508 Defense Conversion grant application to assist 613 workers being laid off from the Naval Air Warfare Center.

? Texas: \$22.5 million Defense Conversion grant application to assist approximately 5,100 of the workers being dislocated as a result of the BRAC closure/realignment of Kelly Air Force Base.

? Texas: \$1,500,000 EDWAA grant application to assist 300 of 1,000 workers being dislocated from Vought Aircraft Corporation.

? Utah: \$704,000 Defense Conversion grant application to assist 128 of the 776 civilian workers being dislocated from Hill Air Force Base as a result of BRAC recommendations.

## II. CONGRESS

? Affirmative Action: The House Constitution Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing on H.R. 2128, the Dole

-Canady anti

-affirmative action bill for December 7, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. The Committee has not completed its witness list.

? GI Bill for America's Workers: DOL staff met with the key Democratic staff of the Senate and House conference committee on the education and training reform bills. The Department of Labor staff provided draft comparisons of many provisions in the bills and draft analyses of the funding allocations among the various activities authorized under the bills. The Congressional staff asked for further technical assistance on talking points dealing with specific issues.

? Glass Ceiling Commission: On November 21, 1995, the Glass Ceiling Commission voted to adopt a set of recommendations that are designed to break the glass ceiling. All of the Commissioners, that participated in the vote, voted to accept the recommendations. This includes the proxy votes of all of the Congressional Commissioners. They are, Senator Snowe (R

-ME), Senator Murray (D

-WA), and Representative Lowey (D

-NY). Three Commissioners did not participate. The recommendations report, entitled, "A Solid Investment: Making Full Use of the Nation's Human Capital," is in the process of being officially printed and is expected to be completed during the week of December 10, 1995.

? ICC Termination Act: On Tuesday, November 28, the Senate passed by voice vote the bill to abolish the ICC. DOL functions not considered obsolete would be transferred to a newly created body in the Department of Transportation. There were no labor protection provision amendments. The bill now goes to conference. The Administration urged transferral of labor protection to DOL, not the new board. There is a split within organized labor on this matter.

DOL has a technical correction and a Service Contract Act problem with the Senate

-passed version.

? Immigration: The Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee marked

-up S. 1394, the Immigration Reform Act of 1995, on November 29. The bill was reported out of the Subcommittee by a 5 to 2 vote, with Senators Kennedy and Simon opposing the bill. A number of important provisions to DOL are included in the bill as reported. They include an employer training fee of \$10,000 or 10%, whichever is higher for each alien worker to be paid into a private funds for scholarships and training; no layoff, recruit and retain, and prevailing wage requirements and employee protections for conditional status workers. Senator Simpson concluded the mark

-up by attaching his illegal immigration bill, S. 269 to S. 1394 for the purposes of Full Committee action before the Congress recesses.

? Minimum Wage: Assistant Secretary Bernard Anderson testified before a House Democratic Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee forum on the Administration's proposal to increase the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour. Other witnesses included Minority Leader Gephardt, who has introduced the Administration's proposal, and representatives from the AFL

-CIO, women's groups, academic economists, and low wage workers.

? OSHA: Assistant Secretary Joe Dear testified before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on November 28, 1995 regarding S. 1423, legislation introduced by Senator Judd Gregg (R

-NH) to reform OSHA. Mr. Dear stated the Department's serious concerns with the legislation in the areas of protecting workers who complain about unsafe working conditions and the lessened of enforcement tools available to OSHA under the legislation. Other witnesses

included Linda Chavez

-Thompson representing the AFL

-CIO and representatives of the Labor Policy Association and small businesses groups. In addition, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and the Senate Small Business Committee will hold a hearing on the legislation on December 6.

? Pension Fraud: On Tuesday, November 28, the Department announced a campaign against pension fraud that is occurring in 401(k) plans. More than 300 companies nationwide are being investigated for potential violations, both civil and criminal. At the same time, the Department has proposed legislation, the ERISA Enforcement Improvement

Act of 1995, that addresses the type of abuse found in these cases. The bill requires auditors and plan administrators to directly report egregious violations of ERISA to the Department. DOL is working with Senators Jeffords (R

-VT) and Simon (D

-IL) to advance this legislation.

### III. UPDATE ON MAJOR LABOR UNION ACTIVITIES & DISPUTES

? Federal Express: Members of the Air Line Pilots Association employed by Federal Express are continuing to "work

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-rule", and continuing to decline overtime. The job action began at 12:01 a.m. November 25, the end of the Railway Labor Act "status quo" period. On November 26, FedEx unilaterally implemented pay increases and rule changes. Pilots' pay will increase an average of four percent in December, pilots will be required to fly another route when one is canceled, and the company will hire temporary pilots and lease aircraft during peak package seasons and operational emergencies. FedEx has already begun to lease aircraft and flight crews. Negotiations are currently recessed. National Mediation Board Chairwoman Magdalena Jacobsen is in contact with the parties, and will ask that negotiations resume when progress is likely.

? Machinists Reject Boeing Contract: Despite a unanimous recommendation from union negotiators to approve, on November 21 production workers represented by the International Association of Machinists rejected a tentative contract settlement with Boeing. Some 34,000

workers represented by the IAM struck Boeing facilities on October 6. The parties reached a tentative agreement on November 19. The principal issue leading to the rejection was a provision requiring workers to pay part of the premiums for health insurance. The IAM leadership is holding membership meetings and assessing what contract changes are necessary to gain approval. Although no new talks have been scheduled at this time, negotiations are expected to resume following the completion of the membership meetings.

? Metro

-North Strike: Although Metro

-North and seven rail unions have reached tentative settlements, the dispute involving the Teamsters continues to threaten an interruption of service. The Railway Labor Act "status quo" period ended 12:01 a.m. November 28 and, that morning, the Teamsters conducted a limited job action which affected commuters using the Hudson Line. Negotiations are currently

recessed. NMB Member Ernest DuBester is assisting in the talks.

? Caterpillar: Striking Caterpillar workers will vote Saturday and Sunday on a new company offer to settle the protracted labor dispute. The offer was presented to UAW negotiators on November 28. Both sides declined to disclose any details, and UAW negotiators would not say whether they will recommend approval. Speculation persists that the union's leadership will call for a return

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-work even if the offer is rejected. The UAW has been engaged in ULP strikes against Caterpillar since June 1994, and has not had a labor contract with the company since September 1991.

#### IV. FOIA REQUESTS

There are no significant FOIA requests to report this week.

#### V. WEEK IN REVIEW (November 27

-December 1):

? 401(k) Pension Fraud Campaign: On Tuesday, November 28, I held a major press conference to launch a campaign against pension fraud. I described ten warning signs workers can use to protect their 401(k) plan contributions from

employers who may misuse the funds. Throughout the week I had a number of television, print and radio interviews to discuss the pension fraud campaign.

? Conference Call with Mayors: On Wednesday, November 29, I hosted a conference call with several Mayors to discuss the current budget situation and the President's priorities before a balanced budget can be agreed to.

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? Council on Foreign Relations Speech: On Thursday, November 30, I addressed a Council on Foreign Relations meeting in New York City. The Council, which has membership of 3000, is the nation's premier nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving Americans' understanding of U.S. foreign policy and international affairs.

? Garment Event in New York: On Thursday, November 30, I announced the results of a New York City strike force conducted recently in garment shops around New York. I made the announcement during an event in front of the garment worker statue in New York. This announcement showcases the Department's aggressive enforcement efforts and sets the stage for the December 5 release of DOL's "Trendsetter" list, which is a list of garment manufacturers who have adopted labor law enforcement initiatives.

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This Week's Press:

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On Monday November 27, I was on WBUR's The Connection hosted by Chris Lydon and was interviewed by The Boston Globe.

On Tuesday November 28, I was on CBS This Morning talking about 401k fraud. I had a press conference that day regarding the Department's 401(k) pension fraud campaign which was attended by all the major networks, CNN and financial press. I was interviewed on CNN and WCBS radio regarding the pension fraud campaign and by The National Journal on job training and education programs.

On Wednesday November 29, I had an interview with Monitor Radio on the state of the Midwest economy and strong employment in that region. During my trip to New York this week, I did New York One's New York Close Up, and I talked about 401k fraud and sweatshops that have been found in New York City.

On Thursday November 30, I was interviewed on Fox Morning News in New York regarding the Department's garment sweatshop initiative and had an interview with Newsweek

regarding 401(k)s.

On Friday November 24, I had an interview with the New York Times on the garment issue.

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MEMORANDUM FOR KITTY HIGGINS  
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FROM: ROBERT B. REICH  
SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT  
WEEK OF MAY 27, 1996

DATE: MAY 30, 1996

#### I. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Black Lung Advisory Committee Meeting: The third Advisory Committee meeting on the elimination of pneumoconiosis among coal miners will be held May 29

-30 in Charleston, WV. The meeting will include discussions on exposure monitoring and medical surveillance and a panel discussion by the National Black Lung Association.

? National Employment Situation: On June 7, the Secretary will announce the national employment and unemployment data for May.

? Bally Total Fitness: Bally Total Fitness voluntarily paid almost \$1.5 million in back wages to over 3,000 employees. The wages were owed to workers because of violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act wage and hour requirements. The violations were discovered during a self

-audit  
supervised by the Labor Department.

? Enforcement Summary for the Week:

Discrimination: Four cases were settled to resolve hiring discrimination issues for 17 minority employees. The total financial of these settlements is \$214,223.

Garment: Garment investigations of 21 contractors disclosed \$322,000 in minimum wage and overtime back wages owed to 309 employees; a total of \$25,000 in civil money penalties were assessed against 13 companies for repeat violations.

Child Labor: Child labor civil money penalties of \$87,350 were assessed against 8 companies for the illegal employment of 109 minors; two of the companies agreed to pay \$30,000 in overtime back wages to 30 minors.

Fair Labor Standards Act: Overtime back wages of \$413,640 were paid to 1,200 workers.

Litigation Activities: The Department has been sued in U.S. District Court, Western Texas, by the Fort Hood Barbers Association. The issue is the appropriate Service Contract Act wage rates that should be paid to barbers working under contract with the Army and Air Force Exchange Services. The attorney has also filed a petition for review with the Administrative Review Board.

On May 14, the Northeast region announced the issuance of a judgment by the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut against Kofkoff Egg Farms of Bozrah, CT, requiring the payment of \$80,000 to 34 employees who were not paid the minimum wage.

An administrative action has been filed against Merchant Construction Co. for debarment and recovery of \$22,000 in Davis

-Bacon back wages for

11 employees. The firm's president recently pled guilty to criminal charges in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District Illinois, including conspiracy, procuring the contracts via false statements, paying employees as little as \$5.50 per hour while inducing them to state that they were properly paid, falsifying payrolls, obstructing a grand jury investigation, and bribing witnesses. Merchant is currently serving three months probation, with six months home monitoring.

On May 21, the Northeast region announced the debarment of Transcom Associates of Buffalo, NY, for Davis

-Bacon prevailing wage violations

and the submission of falsified certified payroll records for which the firm and its responsible official were criminally prosecuted and fined \$20,000.

On May 17, a simultaneous complaint/consent judgement was filed in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania against the owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer. The judgment enjoins the firm from further violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act and orders payment in the amount of \$160,000 to approximately 200 ?stringer? reporters/photographers.

On May 16, an administrative law judge issued a favorable decision requiring the payment of more than \$105,000 in Davis

-Bacon back wages to

45 employers of Ron Meyer & Associates Excavating, Inc.

The Department filed a civil contempt action against John G. Frye of St.

Paul, MN, in U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, for allegedly violating a U. S. District Court judgment requiring the payment of \$312,745 in unpaid overtime compensation and an equal amount in liquidated damages.

? Collective Bargaining Update:

Kaiser Permanente: The Service Employees will limit their planned one

-day strike and/or picket on May 30 to Kaiser Permanente clinics in southern California only. The withdrawal of the 10

-day notice for such

action in northern California followed Local 250's decision to consider a settlement package. Local 399's action in the southern part of the state will be confined to outpatient facilities which a Kaiser spokesman stated would remain open that day. Some 14,000 Kaiser employees represented by Local 250 have been working without a contract since last October, while another 10,000 workers represented by Local 399 have been without contract since the end of March.

Aluminum: Talks at ALCOA and Reynolds Metals are intensifying as the aluminum producers move toward a May 31 expiration of their contracts with the Steelworkers and the Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers. Some 20,000 workers at sites across the country are covered by the contracts.

McDonnell Douglas: After a weekend break, talks aimed at replacing a contract which expired on May 19 resumed today between District 837 of the Machinists and the McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Corp. The contract covers nearly 7,000 workers at the company's facility in the St. Louis area.

Denver Supermarkets: As the work stoppages affecting King Soopers and Safeway stores in Denver and Colorado Springs enter their third week, the parties are preparing to return to the bargaining table for their first talks since the strike/lockout began. Both chains have been

operating on a reduced schedule since the stoppages began, using mainly supervisory personnel and replacement workers.

The past week was marked by tragedy as two Safeway employees were killed while picketing when they were struck by a car which had gone out of control. During the week also, the work stoppages spread to stores in the Pueblo area and the Albertson's chain extended its contract with UFCW Local 7 indefinitely.

Railroads: The three presidential emergency boards appointed this month are continuing their investigations of the disputes involving six railroad unions and the nation's major freight railroads. AFL

-CIO

President John Sweeney is scheduled to testify today before the board assigned to help resolve the dispute involving the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. Under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, each board is directed to present a report to the president within 30 days of its creation. During that period, and for 30 days following submission of the report, both parties are prohibited from resorting to ?self

-help? measures.

Yale: Negotiators for Yale and Locals 34 and 35 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union failed to reach an agreement in the days preceding the university's 295th commencement ceremonies, and it is not certain when talks will resume. The commencement program which was held as usual on the Old Campus thus coincided with a People's Graduation rally a short distance away on the New Haven Green. The rally, which attracted several thousand participants, reportedly didn't disrupt the commencement.

## II. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: On May 23, the congressional Leadership introduced your comprehensive pension reform measure, the Retirement Savings and Security Act. Secretary Reich, Secretary Rubin and Administrator Lader joined the congressional leadership at a press conference to announce the introduction of the legislation.

? Minimum Wage: The Secretary continues to push for Senate action on your proposal to raise the minimum wage. The House passed an increase last week and the legislation is currently awaiting Senate action.

? G.I. Bill for America's Workers: The conference on the workforce development legislation reconvened on May 24. While, the legislation is modeled on your G.I. Bill for America's Workers, the Administration has voiced strong objections to certain portions of the legislation. The Department continues to work with the conferees to ensure that the key elements of your proposal are included in the final conference document.

?Corporate Citizenship: On May 28, the Secretary met with Juergen Schrempp, Chairman and CEO of Daimler

-Benz to discuss corporate citizenship, education and training.

## III. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

?Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations: The House Labor, HHS and Education Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee will mark

-up the 1997 appropriations bill on June 6. The subcommittee allocation was \$1.6 billion above the final FY '96 bill, but is still \$2.5 billion below a "freeze" level from the one

-time savings that were included in the FY '96 bill. We are

concerned that funding could be below last year's actual dollar level. The Chairman's mark is also likely to continue last year's ergonomics rider prohibiting OSHA action.

?Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Resolution: On May 23, the Senate passed its FY '97 budget resolution on straight party

-line votes. Senators overwhelmingly accepted a Domenici amendment to increase the FY '97 non

-defense discretionary allocation by \$5 billion. The Senate also agreed -- by voice vote -- to a Kennedy sense

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-Senate amendment that assumes no changes in the Davis

-Bacon Act.

?G.I. Bill for America's Workers: The conference on the workforce development legislation reconvened on May 24. In response to the Administration's pressure for an adequate level of investment, majority members advocated ?such sums? authorization level in hopes of avoiding a Presidential veto the level of investment. Senator Kassebaum continues to oppose mandatory vouchers -- a key element of your proposal. House majority conferees noted that if a compromise on the skill grants (vouchers) could not be reach, the entire bill might never see enactment.

?Retirement Savings and Security Act: On May 23, the Congressional Leadership introduced your comprehensive pension reform measure. In the House, 67 original co

-sponsors joined Minority Leader Gephardt in introducing the legislation. In the Senate, 8 original co

-sponsors joined Minority Leader Daschle in introducing the legislation which was introduced as four separate bills due to committee jurisdiction.

#### IV. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

?Boston College Speech: On June 3, the Secretary will deliver the keynote address regarding American jobs, economic growth and global competition at the Boston college Conference on Prospects for a New Economy.

?Smithsonian Institution: On June 5, the Secretary will meet with Mike Heyman of the Smithsonian Institution. The informal meeting will include a discussion of mutual concerns.

?Summer Jobs: On June 5, Secretary Reich will kick

-off the Department's Summer Youth Employment Program with a press briefing with youth workers and employers from the Washington and Baltimore area.

?Labor Meeting: On June 5, the Secretary will participate in the monthly labor leadership meeting at the White House.

?Social Security Trust Fund: On June 5, the Secretary will participate in the legislatively required meeting of the trustees of the Social Security Trust Fund. The meeting will include Secretaries Shalala and Rubin, Commissioner Chater and the public trustees.

?America's Job Bank: On June 6, the Secretary will hold a press conference to highlight the America's Job Bank on the Internet.

?Career College Association Speech: On June 6, the Secretary will deliver remarks at a meeting of the Career College Association. His remarks will focus on the state of the job market. He will also discuss your G.I. Bill for America's Workers and the key components to success in the workforce development system: information, accountability and choice.

?Monthly Employment Situation: On June 7, the Secretary will release the monthly employment situation numbers for May. He will participate in a number

of press interviews to discuss the numbers.

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## -CABINET SCHEDULE

?On May 31, Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, a meeting of about 800 senior corporate secretaries and general counsels. She spoke on downsizing, lay

-offs, and excessive corporate compensation.

?Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will make a keynote address to the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association Meeting in San Francisco and present Hammer Awards on June 3.

?J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, attended the Third Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Pneumoconiosis Among Coal Miners from May 29 to May 30 in Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting agenda included medical surveillance and a panel discussion by the National Black Lung Association.

?Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, Joaquin F. Otero, will travel to Geneva, Switzerland June 6 to 14. He will head the United States delegation to the annual International Labor Conference of the International Labor Organization. Secretary Reich will participate in the Conference on June 11 and 12.

?Assistant Secretary for Veterans? Employment and Training Service, Preston M. Taylor testified before the Veterans? Affairs Committee Education, Training, Employment and Housing Subcommittee on May 29. This oversight hearing addressed the Service Members Occupational Conversion Training Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and Veterans Preference.

## VI. PRESS

?May 28: The Secretary was interviewed by a reporter with U.S. News & World Report to discuss the CAREERS Act and poaching. A reporter with People magazine interviewed him for a story on sweatshops in the garment industry. He was interviewed by Nickelodeon?s Nick News show for a story on minimum wage. The Secretary was also interviewed by an editor with Performance magazine on corporate citizenship and employee

-management relations.

?May 29: Secretary Reich met with a reporter from the New York Times to discuss general Department of Labor issues and concerns. A reporter with the New York Bureau of the Associated Press interviewed him for a story on sweatshops in the garment industry. The Secretary had interviews with reporters from the Corporate Board journal and the New York Times Sunday magazine to discuss corporate citizenship. He was also interviewed by the host of PBS? To the Contrary to talk about women and pensions.

?May 30: Secretary Reich held a press conference on workplace safety for youths. He had several radio interviews to discuss information released at the news conference with National Public Radio (NPR), the AP Radio Network and the Bob Levey Show. The Secretary was interviewed on the BBC?s Business Breakfast Show to discuss job insecurity and corporate downsizing. An editor at Training magazine interviewed the Secretary on corporate citizenship and employee training. He was interviewed by a reporter with Governing magazine to discuss the Task Force on Excellence in State and Local Government Through Labor

-Management Cooperation report. The Secretary was also interviewed on

the Gil Gross radio show to talk about sweatshops in the garment industry.

?May 31: The Secretary traveled to New York City where he met with Kathie Lee Gifford to announce her role in the fight to eradicate sweatshops in the garment industry at the Fashion Industry Forum. While in New York he had several interviews with both electronic and print reporters to discuss sweatshops in the garment industry.

#### VII. FOIA REQUESTS

?On May 6, Josh Gerstein of ABC News requested a copy of all requests the Department has received for information related to Senator Dole, his congressional staff or his presidential campaign after July 1, 1994. This request includes, but is not limited to, correspondence from news organizations or political campaigns seeking information on the above subjects. The Solicitors office is contacting Mr. Gerstein in an effort to narrow the request since it overly broad as written.

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