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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HOT ISSUES IN
NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

DATE: June 5, 1996

I. CALIFORNIA HOT ISSUES

? Sprint Corporation: In July, 1994, Sprint Corporation closed a facility called La Conexion Familiar in San Francisco.

The closure took place shortly before an union representation election and more than 200 workers, mostly Hispanic women, lost their jobs. An unfair labor practice charge was filed by the Communications Workers of America which alleged that Sprint had violated fair labor practices by closed the facility to avoid unionization and other infractions. On August 30, 1995 an Administrative Law Judge found that Sprint had committed a number of unfair labor practices, but that the closure itself did not violate the National Labor Relations Act. The decision is being appealed. Meanwhile, the Mexican Telephone Workers Union initiated action under the labor side agreement to NAFTA. Despite the fact that no Mexican workers were involved, the Mexican Telephone Workers filed a complaint alleging that the U.S. government was not enforcing its labor laws. The Secretary of Labor held consultations with the Mexican Labor Minister and a public forum was held in San Francisco on February 27. Sprint presented its case for closing the facility while others spoke about the alleged violations of

fair labor practices. Also pursuant to the consultations, the Secretariat of the Commission for Labor Cooperation in Dallas, TX was tasked to conduct a study on the practice of workplace closings that avoid union formation. The study will be completed in September.

? Minimum Wage: A proposed state initiative to raise the minimum wage has qualified for the November ballot. The initiative, the Living Wage Act of 1996, would boost the minimum wage to \$5 per hour in March 1997 and to \$5.75 per hour in March 1998. It includes a ban on ?sub

-minimum

wages? for employees who receive tips, such as restaurant and hotel workers. The initiative would raise the wages of 1.8 million workers in California. Recent polls in the state show that between 70 and 80 percent of the public support an increase. No organized opposition has been announced.

? Service Employees: The Service Employees International Union representing 5,000 Bay Area janitors picketed a dozen Oakland office buildings June 3 to begin a ?rolling strike

strategy? targeting commercial buildings throughout the Bay Area. The union implemented the open

-ended strike following

the May 31 expiration of the previous contract with no new agreement in sight. The union represents janitors in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties which clean an estimated 75 percent of the commercial and industrial buildings in those counties. Discussions about a new contract are scheduled to resume Friday, June 7.

? California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI): The CCRI, a November ballot initiative related to California?s civil rights laws, will rewrite the state?s laws on sex discrimination and make it more difficult for women to seek legal protection from discrimination and sexual harassment in the California courts. More than 50 women?s rights and civil rights organizations have joined together in a campaign to protect women?s rights.

II. RECENT CALIFORNIA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

? Targeted Industries Partnership Program (TIPP): TIPP is an experimental interagency program that combines the efforts of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and the Department?s Wage and Hour Division. The TIPP program focuses on the enforcement of laws in two industries: agriculture and garments. The program enforces wage and hour laws, child labor, licensing and registration, workers? compensation insurance coverage, field sanitation, injury and illness prevention programs, migrant housing and unemployment tax contributions. TIPP?s concentrated enforcement and education efforts since 1994 have resulted

in employees receiving back wages, safer working conditions and information on basic employment rights.

? Working Women Count! Honor Roll: As a follow up to the Working Women Count! survey, the Department's Women's Bureau has been soliciting pledges from California employers to improve the lives of working women. Employers are committing to issues like pay and benefits, family

-friendly workplaces, and education and training. Sixty

-three California organizations have pledged support. For example, the Children's Council of San Francisco agreed to develop policies offering employees extended maternity leave; and Wells Fargo Bank committed to lending one billion dollars to women

-owned businesses within the next three years to expand business opportunities for women.

? Garment Enforcement: On May 9, Secretary Reich released a

newly completed survey of California garment companies. The survey -- jointly produced by the Labor Department and state of California -- demonstrated that monitoring programs in the garment industry have significantly reduces the minimum wage and overtime violations. The survey also revealed that labor law violations are a continuing problem in the industry. The survey was conducted at 76 randomly selected California sewing firms. Almost half of the firms are being monitored for wage and hour compliance by manufacturers. The report was part of the Wage and Hour Division's continuing efforts to eradicate sweatshop abuses in the garment industry. In a related effort to aggressively enforce the nation's wage and hour laws, in the first six months of 1996, the Department recovered over \$400,000 in wages for more than 1350 garment workers in California.

? Recent Grants:

February 22	\$1.1 million	NAFTA Transitional
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Adjustment Assistance award to assist workers dislocated by NAFTA.

February 15	\$1.7 million	Trade Adjustment
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Assistance award to California workers dislocated because of trade.

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December 7	Up to \$6.1 million	Dislocated worker assistance grant to assist 1,000 workers losing jobs because of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard closing.
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November 27	\$1.26 million	Trade Adjustment Assistance grant for workers laid
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-off from electronics, lumber,

paper, automobile, aircraft, oil and gas industries.

November 8 \$1.78 million Job Corps
contract for site preparation for the new Long Beach Job Corps
Center.

November 8 \$1.38 million Trade Adjustment
Assistance grant for workers laid

-off from electronics, lumber,
paper, automobile, aircraft, oil and gas industries.

September 22 \$1.28 million NAFTA Trade
Adjustment grant to train state workers and fund an automated
tracking system.

September 14 n/a Dislocated
worker grant of \$3 million to the AMTRAK corporation to assist
1,200 workers in 27 states. Includes workers in Los Angeles.

III. NEVADA HOT ISSUES

? New Safety and Health Program Initiative: The State of Nevada is attempting to improve employee safety and health throughout the state. The State has expanded its occupational safety and health training, produced new regulations and developed special programs for hazardous industries. As a result, Nevada has experienced a 28% reduction in ?lost time? claims as reported by the Workers? Compensation System from 1992 to 1995. During the same period, employment has increased from 630,400 in 1992 to 760,700 in 1995. On July 1, the State promulgated regulations requiring all employers to establish safety and health programs at their work sites. Employers with more than 25 employees are required to establish safety and health committees.

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

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK OF JUNE 24 AND JULY 1, 1996

DATE: July 2, 1996

I. HEADLINES

? Minimum Wage Speech: On July 2, the Secretary delivered a major speech on the minimum wage at the National Press Club. He addressed proposed congressional action to attach amendments to your proposed minimum wage increase that would seriously limit the scope of any increase. He reiterated your commitment to veto any bill that did not provide for a clean minimum wage increase.

? Employment Situation: On July 5, the Secretary will release the national employment and unemployment numbers for June. He will participate in a number of media interviews associated with the numbers release.

? Employment and Training Conference: The Joint Employment and Training Technology Conference (JETTCON) will take place July 9, 10 and 11 in Washington. Secretary Reich will address the group. About 1,300 individuals from the employment and training community will attend. Sixty technology companies will exhibit employment and training technologies. Companies participating include IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Sun and Digital Equipment Corporation. In addition, 25 innovative uses of technology by federal, state and local governments will be showcased. JETTCON brings together private sector technologies with the public sector market.

? New York Travel: On July 11, Secretary Reich will travel to New York City.

He will meet with Labor Department staff who are investigating wage and hour violations in the New York garment industry. While in New York he will meet with representatives of the fashion industry press to highlight sweatshop abuses in the garment industry.

II. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Child Labor: On June 28, Secretary Reich participated in an event to announce the International Labor Right Fund's "Foul Ball" campaign to eliminate the use of child labor in the production of soccer balls. The Secretary was joined by Senator Harkin, Congressman George Miller, Congressman Joe Kennedy and Congressman Chris Smith in the announcement. In a related event, Secretary Reich opened public hearings on child labor issues on June 28. Senator Tom Harkin, Congressman George Miller, Congressman Barney Frank, Congressman Joe Kennedy and Congressman Chris Smith provided testimony at the hearing. Additional testimony was provided by organized labor, business, academics and various international organizations.

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? Mine Safety: During the week of June 24, the Mine Safety and Health Administration launched an effort to warn miners and

mine operators about dangers of operating in environments that are unfamiliar. During the next several weeks, MSHA inspectors will discuss these hazards at mining operations nationwide. This effort was initiated in response to 13 deaths in the past five years.

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? Monthly Labor Review: On June 24, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the Monthly Labor Review. Articles include information on measures of poverty, cyclical patterns of employment and public/private pay differentials.

? Unemployment Report: On July 2, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the monthly State and Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment Report for May.

? Producer Price Index: On July 12, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the Producer Price Index for June.

? "Black Lung" Court Decision: The en banc Fourth Circuit issued a favorable black lung decision in Lisa Lee Mines v. Director, OWCP. The court supported the Secretary's interpretation of "duplicate claims." The "duplicate claims" regulation allows a coal miner -- whose earlier claim had been denied -- to file a subsequent claim when suffering a material change in conditions.

? Occupational Safety and Health: Agency attorneys in Boston have begun an Occupational Safety and Health Act enforcement trial against ICF Kaiser, the construction manager for the Deer Island/Boston Harbor cleanup project. A Kaiser employee was killed while trying to board a "man trip," a powered train that carries employees to the project's underwater tunnel. Kaiser was cited along with a contractor for failing to provide safe access to the work area.

? Mine Safety: The Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission issued a favorable decision in a case regarding the Secretary's establishment that a violation is "significant and substantial" within the meaning of the Mine Act. The Commission held that the established test for "significant and substantial," does not require the Secretary to prove that such an injury is "more probable than not" to occur.

? Fair Labor Standards: Agency attorneys negotiated favorable settlements in two Fair Labor Standards Act cases pending against Eastgate (OH) Health Center. In one case, the Department sought contempt sanctions against Eastgate for failing to comply with an injunction from an earlier case requiring that it pay nurses and nurses aids for all hours that they worked. The contempt action was settled after Eastgate agreed to pay \$37,000 in back wages to 89 employees and to comply with the injunction. The other case, which involved the Department's claim for a civil money penalty against Eastgate because of its repeated and willful violations, was settled based on Eastgate's agreement to pay \$7,500 in civil money penalties.

? Grants Summary:
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-School Youth Grants: On June 27, the Secretary announced an \$8.9 million grant for pilot projects to improve the employment rate for
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-School Youth in high

-poverty areas. These "Kulick Grants," named after the late federal youth program official Donald J. Kulick, were awarded to Los Angeles (\$3 million), Chicago (\$3 million), and Houston

(\$2.8 million). These cities will provide additional monies in private

-sector and public funds to enhance the programs.

Dislocated Workers: This week, the Secretary and Chief of Staff Panetta announced a \$2.1 million grant to serve 353 dislocated workers in Alameda County California, due to the closure of the San Leandro Plant of the Kellogg Corporation, layoffs by First Nationwide Bank, and layoffs by other resident employers. California has received \$112,784,709 in dislocated worker grants from since January 1993.

BRAC Dislocation: This week, the Secretary and Leon Panetta announced a \$5.85 million grant to assist 1,500 workers dislocated by closure of the U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command (ATCOM) in the St. Louis Missouri metropolitan area. Missouri has received \$27,280,650 in dislocated worker grants from ETA since January 1993.

? Collective Bargaining Update:

McDonnell Douglas: The first talks since the beginning of the McDonnell Douglas strike were held on June 27. After meeting for several hours, the parties recessed. Nearly 7,000 workers represented by the Machinists at the St. Louis area plants of the military aircraft maker walked off their jobs on June 5 after negotiations failed to produce agreement on a new contract. Outsourcing and job security are the principal issues in dispute. The company has continued operations with supervisory and other nonunion personnel.

Denver Supermarkets: Members of the United Food and Commercial Workers in Denver and Colorado Springs have ratified three

-year agreements with

King Soopers and Safeway stores, thus ending a strike/lockout which began in the Denver area on May 14 and spread to other cities. Workers in the Pueblo and Fort Collins areas were scheduled to vote on June 28 and 29, respectively. The agreements which were finalized on June 24 include an annual two

-percent wage increase, a 33 percent increase in pension payments, and relaxation of certain work rules. Both chains operated on reduced schedules throughout the strike/lockout, using mainly supervisory personnel and temporary replacement workers. Longshoremen: Negotiators for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific Maritime Association intensified negotiation efforts as they approached the July 1 expiration of their present contract. Some 8,000 longshore and dockside workers at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington are covered by the contract. Currently the contract is being extended on a day

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-day basis.

Municipal Employees: With contracts between the city of Philadelphia and District Councils 33 and 47 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees expired at midnight June 30, the parties have reached a tentative agreement. The agreement is subject to ratification. Some 12,000 blue collar and 3,000 white collar workers covered by these contracts are looking to recover some of the concessions made during the last round of bargaining.

Railroad: The three presidential emergency boards appointed in the current round of railroad negotiations submitted their reports and recommendations to you on June 23. On the issue of wage increases, each board referred the parties to the terms of the arbitration award issued in May for the carriers and the United Transportation Union. The recommendations of such boards are not binding on the parties, but generally provide a basis for further negotiations. Under the provisions

of the Railway Labor Act, the parties are prohibited from resorting to self

-help? measures for thirty days following submission of these reports.

New York Hospitals: On June 24, some 6,000 workers represented by Local 144 of the Service Employees struck seven hospitals and six nursing homes in the New York metropolitan area after being notified a week earlier that the League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes would implement unilaterally its final offer for a new contract. The parties returned to the bargaining table on June 27 for the first time since the strike began; talks are continuing. The striking technical, maintenance, and service workers had been working under a contract which expired on November 30, 1995. Management demands for concessions, including establishment of a two

-tier wage structure, are at the heart of the

dispute. The institutions have continued service with supervisory personnel and replacement workers.

Auto Workers: With the ceremonial opening of contract talks behind them, the United Auto Workers (UAW) and each of the Big Three U.S. auto makers have settled down to the task of negotiating contracts to replace those expiring on September 14. UAW President Stephen Yokich has indicated that the union's "strike target" -- the company with which it will attempt to negotiate a pattern settlement -- should be chosen by August 22, an earlier date than usual. Some 400,000 auto workers are covered by the UAW's contracts, with more than half of them employed by General Motors (GM). Another 20,000 GM workers are represented by the International Union of Electronic Workers (IUE) whose contract also expires on September 14.

California Service Employees: Talks between representatives of Service Employees Local 1877 and cleaning companies in four northern California counties have yet to produce a contract to replace that which expired on May 31. Meanwhile, the local is continuing its strategy of rolling strikes, targeting area high

-tech and commercial buildings for one

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protests. Elsewhere in the region, contract talks have begun between Service Employees Local 87 and contractors employing some 4,000 janitors in San Francisco. Agreements covering those workers will expire on July 31.

Kaiser Permanente: Members of Service Employees Local 399 employed by Kaiser Permanente in southern California ratified (56 percent to 44 percent) a five and one

-half year contract which freezes wages through October 1997 when it will be reopened for talks on compensation and job security. The agreement provides also for the formation of a jointly selected committee of health care economists which will study these issues and offer recommendations. The 10,000 Kaiser employees represented by Local 399 had been working without a contract since the end of March.

Consolidated Edison of New York: Representatives of Consolidated Edison of New York and Local 1

-2 of the Utility Workers of America reached tentative agreement on a four

-year contract during a marathon bargaining session on June 22 when their existing contract was set to expire. With the industry facing deregulation, job security was a major union concern, and the contract reportedly assures continuation of employment during its term for the 11,000 covered workers. The ratification process is expected to extend into late July.

III. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Minimum Wage: On June 26, the Senate entered into a unanimous consent agreement to debate a minimum wage increase beginning July 8. The

Secretary delivered an address on July 2 at the National Press Club which highlighted the proposed attempt to attach amendments to the bill that would seriously limit the scope of any increase. On July 1, Secretary Reich hosted a press roundtable to highlight the Senate "poison pills" with reporters from The New York Times, Money, ABC News, CNN, the Associate Press, and USA Today.

Family and Medical Leave: On June 21, Senator Christopher Dodd and Representative Pat Schroeder introduced legislation modeled on your proposed changes to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act to allow for unpaid leave for parent involved in their children's schooling. On June 24, the Secretary traveled to Nashville with you and the Vice President for the family conference announcing your proposed changes in the law.

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Reinventing Government: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced the removal of 645 pages of regulations involving the construction and shipyard industries.

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IV. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Pension Security: On June 26, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee favorably reported the Employee Retirement Income Security Clarification Act. The bill -- a response to the Supreme Court's decision in *John Hancock v. Harris Trust* -- will clarify the treatment of assets invested in insurance company general accounts. Chairman Kassebaum offered a substitute amendment correcting technical concerns raised by Secretary Reich. An agreement between Senators Simon and Kassebaum meant that Simon did not offer a planned amendment regarding audit provisions of your Retirement Savings and Security Act. According to the agreement, the amendments will be marked

-up after the Independence Day recess.

Also on June 26, the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, Subcommittee on Employer

-Employee Relations held a hearing to examine proposed changes to the private pension system. Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits Olena Berg testified on behalf of the Department in support of your Retirement Savings and Security Act. Rep. Earl Pomeroy also testified and urged support for three pension bills including your bill.

Federal Contract Compliance: The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs presented a sample affirmative action plan to the House Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities Subcommittee on Employer

-Employee Relations on June 28. The plan applies Executive Order 11246 affirmative action guidelines (for private sector employers) to the agency.

G.I. Bill for America's Workers: Workforce development legislation is still in conference. Conferees will not meet again until after the Independence Day recess. Negotiations among the Republican Conferees have continued and a purely partisan bill -- which does not address your concerns raised in a letter to Chairman Kassebaum -- is possible. On

June 27, Chairman Kassebaum spoke on the Senate floor attacking both the Administration and right wing interest groups.

?Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations: The House Appropriations Committee completed mark

-up on the FY 1997 Labor/HHS/Education bill on June 25.

An Obey and Neuman amendment restored funding for Veterans Employment programs with an offset from Unemployment Insurance administration funding. The Department supports the increase in veterans' funding, but is concerned about the cut to unemployment administration -- now 6% below your budget request. Floor action on the bill is scheduled for July 9.

?Fair Labor Standards: On June 26, the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee marked

-up the Working Families Flexibility Act.

The bill -- sponsored by Republican Cass Ballenger -- would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to allow compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay. The bill was reported out of committee with all Democrats opposing the bill because of a lack of employee flexibility.

?Negotiated Rulemaking: On June 27, the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Joe Dear, testified that negotiated rulemaking has helped the agency develop partnerships among adversaries and eliminate red tape. The testimony was delivered at a House Judiciary Committee hearing considering reauthorization of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act. Dear highlighted the law as a core component of OSHA's effort for reinvention.

?Labor Racketeering Hearing: On July 11, the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on Labor Racketeering. Davitt McAteer, the Solicitor of Labor, will testify.

V. PRESS

?June 25: The Secretary met with a reporter from the Boston Globe. He had interviews in Nashville in connection with the Vice President's family conference. Reich was interviewed by a reporter with Money magazine for a story about economic progress over the past four years. He taped a television interview with a CNN producer about jobs and the new economy. Secretary Reich spoke with reporters from the Associated Press, The New York Times, USA Today, and The Washington Post, to discuss the minimum wage.

?June 26: Secretary Reich had several interviews with members of the regional press in California and Missouri to discuss dislocated worker grants. He was interviewed on the Judy Jarvis Show to discuss minimum wage and family friendly workplace proposals. The Secretary also had an interview with The National Journal to discuss workforce development.

?June 27: Secretary Reich discussed dislocated worker grants and family friendly workplace proposals on The Peter Tilden Show with Traci Miller. He was interviewed by a reporter with The Congressional Quarterly to discuss family friendly workplace proposals. He talked about sweatshops with a reporter from The Boston Globe. A Washington Post reporter interviewed him about his 'rules' for recent college graduates. He discussed out

-school youth grants with a reporter from the Associated Press. Secretary Reich was also interviewed by a correspondent on CNN on negotiating and overtime violations.

?June 28: Secretary Reich was interviewed by AP Broadcast Service for a story on child labor. He was interviewed on Lexington, KY?s WVLK Front Page talk radio show to discuss family friendly workplace proposals. The Secretary was interviewed by a reporter with the St. Paul Pioneer

Press to discuss technology in the workplace and worker retraining. A reporter with U.S. News & World Report interviewed him about the workforce development legislation. Secretary Reich hosted a conference call with members of the regional press including reporters with the Memphis, TN Commercial Appeal; the Cleveland, OH Cleveland Plain Dealer; the Kent, WA Valley Daily News; and the San Francisco, CA San Francisco Chronicle.

?July 1: The Secretary had an interview with KQED radio in San Francisco, CA to discuss child labor. He hosted a conference call with magazine editors and reporters with Family Circle; Working Woman; Working Mother; Self; The Christian Science Monitor; Ladies? Home Journal; and Redbook to discuss family friendly workplace proposals. Secretary Reich also hosted a press roundtable with reporters from The New York Times; Money; ABC News; CNN; AP; and USA Today to discuss minimum wage. The Secretary had an interview on CNBC?s Charles Grodin show to talk about sweatshops and minimum wage.

?July 2: Secretary Reich had an interview with a reporter from The New York Times to talk about Employee Stock Ownership Plans and downsizing. He had an interview with CNN/FN to discuss America?s Job Bank on the Internet. He was interviewed by a reporter with The Chicago Tribune to talk about teen safety in the workplace. The Secretary was interviewed by Bloomberg Personal Finance to discuss 401(k) Retirement savings. The Secretary also delivered his speech, ?Nickel and Diming America?s Working Families,? at the National Press Club Newsmakers Luncheon.

?July 3: Secretary Reich will meet with the host of Talk of the Nation.

?July 5: Secretary Reich will conduct several interviews with the print and radio media outlets to discuss the unemployment figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He will be interviewed by reporters with CNBC, Dow Jones, Reuters, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, USA Today, the Associated Press, ABC Radio, NBC Radio, CBS Radio, and NPR.

VI: FOIA REQUESTS

?Requested from the Washington Post: Correspondence between the Department and Senator D?Amato from January 1, 1986 to the present. Correspondence between the Department and Senator Lott from January 1, 1988 to present.

?Numerous requests from the Oklahoma Department of Labor regarding wage surveys, communications with certain unions, the termination of Richard Sawyer (former Secretary?s Representative on the West Coast), transfer of Timothy Reardon in Dallas, and all actions regarding Randall O?Neal, J.M. Villarreal, Maria Echaveste, Davitt McAteer and Jim Cantu.

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?The Mine Safety and Health Administration received a request from ABC News for correspondence between Senator Dole and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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Alabama
? Occupational Safety: An Occupational Safety and Health Administration cooperative compliance program in Alabama, called ?Alabama Four?, was initiated in June at the Alabama Labor

-Management Conference. The program will leverage employers in four industries with high injury and illness rates to improve workplace safety and health.

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

California
? Janitors Strike: A four

-week strike by janitors in San Jose ended with the ratification (on July 1 and 2) of a new contract containing higher wages and better medical benefits. The San Jose Mercury News reported on July 3 that the janitors, represented by the Service Employees International Union, claimed victory.

? Space Shuttle Contract: The contract to create the next space shuttle was awarded to Lockheed. The contract will result in approximately 2,000 new jobs.

? Garment Regulation: The Department is working to eliminate violations of wage and hour laws in the growing garment industry in the Los Angeles area. The Department?s ?No Sweat? initiative used strengthened

enforcement and an educational campaign to highlight sweatshop abuses. A recent compliance survey of garment contractors in Southern California indicates that there is some improvement in the level of compliance since the last survey in 1994. However, the violation rate in the garment industry is still unacceptable. The recent survey found that 43% of the contractors did not pay the minimum wage and 55% did not pay overtime. Under the Targeted Industries Improvement Program (TIPP) the State and the Department's Wage and Hour Division have conducted education, outreach and enforcement activities. In August 1995, a TIPP investigation found 72 workers in an El Monte sweatshop earning as little as \$.70 an hour.

Colorado

Connecticut

? Nontraditional Occupations: The Connecticut Department of Labor has received a \$252,167 grant to increase the capacity of Connecticut's job

training system to include training in nontraditional occupations for women. The project, June 1996 to December 1997, would integrate the existing efforts to promote awareness and access to training.

? Occupational Safety: The Department is continuing to work with the state Department of Health, and the Department of Transportation in a cooperative program to identify and eliminate workers' exposure to lead in the construction industry. The program includes information, enforcement and training in such high

-risk operations as bridge repair.

A similar joint approach is currently being developed to target asbestos removal operations.

Delaware

District of Columbia

? Farmworkers: In May, the Department received a favorable decision for the U.S. Court of Appeals in NAACP v. Reich. The Court ordered the district court to dismiss the case and agreed with our contention that the abandonment of the H

-2A program in favor of mechanical harvesting made the dispute moot. The Court also concluded that the workers lacked standing to pursue the issue of back wages with the Department since H

-2A provides no mechanism to force the payment of back wages. This decision marks the probable end of the 14 year litigation. The farmworkers still have a chance to receive a substantial back pay award in litigation against the growers.

Florida

? Nursing Homes: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is preparing to commence a Florida nursing home initiative. Florida is one of seven states with a significant number of nursing home injuries. The initiative will include outreach, training, labor

-management cooperation
and focused enforcement to reduce injuries and illnesses in the nursing
home industry.

Georgia

? Olympic Injuries: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has investigated two accidents at the Olympics. A 1995 accident resulted in one fatality at the Atlanta Olympic Stadium construction site. And a steel collapse at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center site in 1996 resulted in no injuries. No citations were issued for the fatal accident, but an OSHA referral was made to the Georgia Engineers' Licensing Board for design defects. OSHA's investigation of the 1996 accident is continuing.

? Suwanee Swifty: The Labor Department has filed suit in Georgia federal court to recover approximately \$650,000 in back wages for employees of Suwanee Swifty Stores, Inc. That company operates about 200 convenience stores in three states. The lawsuit alleges that Suwanee Swifty Stores failed to pay proper wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

? Olympic Jobs: The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported on July 2 that the Olympics are expected to add 60,000 jobs in June and July. While

the games end August 4, the employment impact should be measurable well beyond the games.

Hawaii

Idaho

? School

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-Work: On June 27, the Idaho Statesman reported a local controversy regarding the School

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-Work Opportunities Act. State Superintendent of Schools Anne Fox admitted that she failed to read an \$11 million grant application before signing and submitting it to federal officials last month. Some Idaho parents worry that the program takes control from locally elected school boards and that children may not be prepared to be placed on a career path. There was also criticism directed at the fact that federal rules governing the five

-year grant
were not published until just two weeks before the deadline.

Illinois

? Settlement: The Department entered into a settlement agreement with the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) to settle three inspection at their facility in Decatur, Illinois. The inspections were triggered by three events; a fatal accident in a baghouse on December 7, 1995; a fatal accident involving a confined space; and a carbon monoxide poisoning resulting in two fatalities. The company agreed to all the citations

and a fine of \$690,500.

Indiana

? Explosion: On March 27 an explosion of a high pressure water tank occurred at Beta Steel in Portage, Indiana resulting in the death of three workers. The 40

-foot tank was used where hot

-rolled steel is

cleaned as part of the finishing process. The State of Indiana's investigation is still ongoing. The State requested the assistance of the EPA as well as the OSHA Health Response Team.

Iowa

? The Department of Labor provided a \$900,000 grant to fund the start up of a dislocated worker center to assist 1,322 workers who have lost jobs as a result of the closing of a Monfort plant in Des Moines.

Kansas

? Plane Manufacturing: The Wichita Eagle reported on May 30 that a recruiting effort -- called "Flying in Formation" hopes to fill 4,000 new jobs at Wichita's plane makers. Recruiting efforts have filled 2,000 jobs to date.

? A cooperative occupational safety compliance program -- called "K

-150"

-- to encourage voluntary compliance among employers experiencing the many workplace injuries and illnesses, will begin July 22.

? Job Training Coordinating Council: The State of Kansas has been without a State Job Training Coordinating Council since Governor Graves took office in January 1995. Initially, the outgoing Council fulfilled mandated responsibilities. However, lack of a Council this year has resulted in partial funding of Wagner

-Peyser activities, pending compliance with legal requirements.

Kentucky

Louisiana

? Jobs: The Times Picayune reported on June 26 that New Orleans lost 4,900 jobs over the past year, primarily from the closing of Harrah's casino.

Maine

? Occupational Safety: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration office in Bangor, Maine is continuing its work on the "Maine 200" program, an innovative partnership program which has resulted in the reduction of injury and illness rates among 65% of the participant companies working with OSHA to improve worker safety and health.

? Hathaway Shirt Company: The 159 year old C.F. Hathaway Shirt Company, a division of the Warnaco Group, Inc., announced it would be closing its Waterville, ME, factory by September. The plant closing will effect

approximately 500 employees who make an average of between \$7.00 and \$9.00 an hour.

Maryland

Massachusetts

? One Stop: The Boston Globe reported on June 25 that -- despite support from business and labor -- Massachusetts? experiment with one

-stop job service centers faces potential problems. Two legislators -- Rep. Daniel Bosley and Sen. Henri Rauschenbach -- say they support the one

-stop concept but refuse to dismantle existing agencies before seeing proven results. Massachusetts was awarded one of six three

-year
One

-Stop implementation grants. It was selected because of its unique competitive customer

-focused model.

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

? Occupational Safety: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration?s compliance program in Mississippi -- ?Project Safe Mississippi? -- was kicked off by Assistant Secretary Joe Dear on March 22. The program includes information, enforcement and training in high

-risk jobs.

Missouri

? McDonnell Douglas: The first talks since the beginning of the McDonnell Douglas strike were held on June 27. After meeting for several hours, the parties recessed. Nearly 7,000 workers represented by the Machinists at the St. Louis area plants of the military aircraft maker walked off their jobs on June 5 after negotiations failed to produce agreement on a new contract. Outsourcing and job security are the principal issues in dispute. The company has continued operations with supervisory and other nonunion personnel.

? Aviation and Troop Command (ATCOM) Scheduled Closure: ATCOM in St. Louis is scheduled for closure. As a result, 3,700 civilian and military personnel will go through a layoff procedure beginning in October 1996. Approximately 500 people will be transferred to other locations. The State has received a \$5.85 million Defense Conversion Adjustment (DCA) Grant from the Department to serve 1,500 workers.

Montana

? A proposal to raise the minimum wage \$.50 a year until it reaches \$6.25 in 2000 will appear on the November ballot.

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

?Jobs: The Manchester Union Leader reported on June 21, that New Hampshire has outperformed its neighbors in recovering from jobs lost in the 1990

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recession. The growth is credited to the low cost of doing business in the state.

New Jersey

New Mexico

?Nontraditional Occupations: The New Mexico Department of Labor has received a \$252,500 grant commencing June, 1996 and terminating December, 1997, for a project to increase the emphasis on training women in nontraditional occupations.

New York

?The New York Daily News reported on June 23 that the New York City Council is considering legislation to raise the salaries of roughly 5,000 minimum wage employees who perform work for the city but are employed by private companies under contract.

?Garment: In New York City, a contract shop sewing goods carrying the ?Kathie

Lee? label for Wal

-Mart failed to pay 45 employees for several weeks and failed to pay proper overtime. Seo Fashions, the garment contractor sewing the good, is no longer operating. Bonewco Fashions, the manufacturer of the goods, has paid \$19,623 to the Department of Labor for disbursement to the affected employees. Bonewco has also agreed to pay \$22,000 in penalties assessed against Seo Fashions for repeat and willful violations of the law. Negotiations continue with Bonewco to finalize a compliance program agreement with the Department to monitor all of their contractors.

?Pensions: On July 2, the Labor Department filed suit under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in a New York federal court against the trustees of the New York District Council of Benefit Funds. The suit alleges that the trustees misused more than \$37 million in plan assets of various New York City District Council of Carpenters funds. The latter group sponsors employee benefit plans under collective bargaining agreements with contributing employers. Those plans cover more than 23,000 members; they also have had assets of more than one billion dollars.

North Carolina

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

?The Daily Oklahoman reported on June 11 that Boeing will add 1,000 new jobs in Oklahoma City. The average salary of the new jobs will be \$42,000.

?Wage Survey: In early 1995, Oklahoma State Labor Commissioner Brenda Reneau alleged that the prevailing wage rates issued by the Department under the Davis

-Bacon Act for Federal construction projects in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas were based on false data. On July 11, 1995 Commissioner Reneau submitted to Labor and the Congress an ?investigative report? which sought to document evidence of the alleged fraud in the Oklahoma City heavy construction wage survey. The report stated that wage data had been manufactured and submitted on phantom projects, significantly inflating the wage rates that had been issued in November 1994. The report was referred to the Department of Justice with a request to consider a criminal investigation. As of July 1, 1996, the DOJ investigation is still ongoing. In addition, the Department has undertaken a number of corrective actions, including reviewing, revising and reissuing certain of the wage determinations and conducting new wage surveys. New procedures were also implemented to verify the survey data submitted and conducting training for DOL staff. Nonetheless, the Commissioner continues to allege fraud in the process.

?Congressman Frank Lucas, on behalf of the City of Oklahoma City, has asked President Clinton to suspend the requirements of the Davis

-Bacon Act during the rebuilding and reconstruction of areas damaged by the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The Davis

-Bacon Act, which sets prevailing wage rates for Federal construction, was enacted in 1931 to prevent the erosion of local wage standards by contractors bidding on Federal construction work. The Act provides for its suspension in the case of a "national emergency". In the last 65 years, the Act has only been suspended three times.

Oregon

Pennsylvania

?Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and Base: The Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and Base has received close to \$40 million dollars in Defense Conversion Act (DCA) and National Reserve Account (NRA) funds from the Department to help workers dislocated by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission ?93 closure.

Rhode Island

?ALMACS Supermarkets: ALMACS Supermarkets filed for bankruptcy and closed 27 stores, leaving 2,000 employees unemployed. The State Department of Employment and Training received a National Reserve Account (NRA) grant to provide retraining and/or reemployment services for an estimated 600 to 800 affected workers.

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

?Collis Foods: The Labor Department has sued Collis Foods, which operates about 60 ?Waffle House? restaurants in four states, for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The company may have failed to pay for certain hours of work. Several million dollars in back wages may be at stake in this case.

Texas

?Kelly Air Force Base: The Department of Labor awarded the second largest Defense

-related National Reserve Account (NRA) grant (\$10,875,000) to the State of Texas to serve workers who will be adversely affected by the closure of Kelly Air Force Base. The base could experience 6,000 layoffs.

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

?The Charleston Gazette reported on June 9 that investigations have revealed that a string of problems led to a leak at an FMC plant in Nitro, WV. The leak

-- six months ago -- sent a toxic cloud of hydrochloric acid over the plant and into the community. The incident forced thousands of people to take shelter in their homes and sent a handful of residents to the hospital. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the company for 11 violations concerning operating procedures.

Wisconsin

Wyoming

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SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK OF JULY 8, 1996

DATE: July 11, 1996

I. HEADLINES

? Decoster Egg Farm Citations: On July 12, the Secretary will hold a press conference to announce Occupational Safety and Health Administration egregious and willful citations to Decoster Egg Farm of Turner, Maine. The proposed penalty to be issued is \$3,660,500. The inspection -- which resulted in this action -- was initiated as a comprehensive monitoring inspection to assess Decoster's compliance with OSHA regulations. Some of the violations found included exposure to unguarded machinery used in chicken barns and health hazards in employer

-provided housing.

? Fashion Industry Forum: As part of Secretary Reich's ?No Sweat? initiative, the Department will hold a Fashion Industry Forum on July 16 at Marymount University. Garment retailers, manufacturers, consumers, workers, national and local union leaders, celebrities who endorse projects, fashion models, fashion editors and policy experts will all be represented at the conference. The Forum will highlight companies that have demonstrated that it is possible to make a profit without resorting to sweatshop labor. The goal of the Forum is to discuss specific strategies that everyone can take to ensure that sewing, cutting, and

assembly shops treat their workers fairly and pay workers their wages due.

? Olympic Guestworkers: As of July 10, the Atlanta Committee on the Olympics (ACOG) has completed the ?H

-2B? foreign guestworker process.

II. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Employment and Training Technology: On July 9 through 11, the Joint Employment and Training Technology Conference (JETT*CON) took place in Washington. JETT*CON is co

-sponsored by the Department's Employment and Training Administration, the National Alliance of Business, and a coalition of national organizations. The conference is designed to provide a forum for the demonstration of employment and training technology that can improve the quality of services provided to American workers and employers. Secretary Reich addressed the group and presented the Vice

-President's Hammer Award to the America's Job Bank.

In addition, Reich announced a corporate partnership between IBM and the Job Bank in which IBM will list all of their jobs on the electronic job bank starting in September. IBM expects to list about 24,000 job listings a year. Sixty different companies exhibited at JETT*CON, including IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Sun and Digital Equipment Corporation. Innovative applications of technology in workforce development from various governments were also showcased.

? Pension Judgement: Agency attorneys from the Boston regional office successfully negotiated a consent judgment resolving long

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litigation on the District 65 Pension Plan. Under the consent judgment, the defendants will pay over 6 million to the Security Plan. Our attorneys negotiated to ensure that participants -- who had paid for medical expenses out of their own pockets -- will be reimbursed.

? Veterans Employment and Training Grants: On July 10, the Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) announced \$5.8 million worth of grants to 12 states under the Job Training Partnership Act to provide training, counseling, and placement services to Vietnam

-era and disabled

veterans. On July 14, VETS announced an award of \$1.3 million to provide services to homeless veterans. The funding, provided by HUD, matches a similar amount of money awarded by VETS in February as part of the agency's discretionary spending.

? Enforcement Summary for the Week:

Discrimination: The Owens & Minor Company agreed to pay \$300,000 in back wages and salary adjustments to 14 minorities and 29 women to resolve compensation and other employment related issues.

Fair Labor Practices: Fair Labor Standards Act overtime back wages of \$621,740 were paid to 1,019 workers.

Davis

-Bacon and Service Contract Act: Back wages of \$785,800 were paid to 1,838 employees. A joint enforcement effort with the Departments of the Army and Justice and our Office of Inspector General has resulted in the recovery of more than \$344,000 in Service Contract Act back wages for 1,250 employees of Archetype Services in the Seattle area.

Litigation

-Related Activities:

On June 21, we filed a complaint in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, against Manuela Pardo of Belmore, OH, alleging violations of the housing provisions of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

On June 3, an administrative law judge issued an order debarring Thomas Piersiah & Sons, Inc. in Taunton, MA, for Davis

-Bacon violations. The case is being considered for criminal prosecution.

? Collective Bargaining Update:

McDonnell Douglas: Negotiators for McDonnell Douglas and the Machinists met for nearly seven hours on July 3, but reported little progress toward a settlement to the five

-week strike at the St. Louis area plants of the military aircraft maker. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 10. Nearly 7,000 workers walked off their jobs on June 5 after negotiations failed to produce agreement on a new contract. Outsourcing and job security are the principal issues in dispute. The company has continued operations mainly with supervisory and other nonunion personnel.

Longshoremen: Members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union remained at their jobs following the July 1 expiration of their contract with the Pacific Maritime Association. Meanwhile, negotiations continued, including a marathon session over the July 6 weekend. Talks resumed on July 9. A coastwide walkout isn't anticipated at this time, but brief stoppages and slowdowns could occur at individual ports and terminals. Some 8,000 longshore and dockside workers at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington are covered by

the contract.

Municipal Employees: On June 30, as their contracts were about to expire, representatives of the city of Philadelphia and District Councils 33 and 47 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees reached tentative agreement on four

-year pacts.

Members of District Council 47, which represents more than 3,000 white collar workers, approved their agreement during a July 2 membership meeting. District Council 33, whose contract covers some 12,000 blue collar employees, expects to complete its mail ballot ratification process by mid

-July.

The agreements provide a bonus of \$1,100 soon after ratification and wage increases totaling 10 percent in years two through four. Veterans

Day, one of four holidays lost in 1992, will be restored as a paid holiday in 1997. The agreements also impose a two

-year moratorium on
the city's privatization efforts while a joint labor

-management
committee is established to study ways to improve operating efficiency.
Railroads: The status quo period in the current round of railroad negotiations ends during the week of July 22. At that time, in the absence of settlements or Congressional action, the parties will be free to resort to "self

-help" measures.
Service Employees: On July 1 and 2, members of Service Employees Local 1877 ratified a four

-year contract with cleaning companies in four northern California counties. The agreement covering some 5,000 janitors provides an average 16 percent wage increase over term and offers eligibility for family health insurance to all members before its expiration. The local had staged a series of rolling strikes in the month which elapsed between expiration of its contract and the new agreement.

Supermarkets: Work stoppages at King Soopers and Safeway stores in the Pueblo and Fort Collins, Colorado, areas ended on June 28 and 29, respectively, as members of the United Food and Commercial Workers ratified new three

-year contracts. The stoppages in Denver and Colorado Springs had ended earlier in the week.
Hospitals: The strike at New York area hospitals and nursing homes by Service Employees Local 144 continues as talks with the League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes have yet to produce a contract to replace that which expired on November 30, 1995. However, the number of institutions affected fell from 13 to 12 in late June when some 500 strikers returned to work after their union reached a separate agreement with the Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale. The stoppage began on June 24 when about 6,000 technical, maintenance, and service workers left their jobs after being notified that management would implement unilaterally its final offer for a new contract. The institutions have continued service with supervisory personnel and replacement workers. In a related development, the 1199 National Health and Human Service Employees Union, which represents about 400 workers at two of the struck hospitals, plans a one

-day sympathy strike on July 12 at those facilities.
Paperworkers: Members of Local 7591 of the Paperworkers approved a three

-year contract with the Trailmobile Trailer Corporation on July 1, thus ending a lockout which began January 21 at the company's Charleston, Illinois, plant. Three weeks earlier, the workers had

rejected an employer offer which failed to include wage increases. The new contract provides hourly increases totaling 58

-cents over term.

Nearly 1,000 workers were locked out, but only about 600 reportedly will return to their jobs in July.

Others: Among other lengthy disputes, the Steelworkers this week will observe the second anniversary of their strike against Bridgestone/Firestone with various activities, including a mass rally in Nashville on July 13. The first anniversary of the strike at the Detroit News and the Free Press will be observed with a series of activities, including rallies at the headquarters of the two papers.

III. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

? G.I. Bill for America's Workers: Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Tim Barnicle, continues to participate in the Administration's efforts to resolve outstanding issues between the House and Senate versions of workforce development legislation. The conference is currently stalled.

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: Portions of your Retirement Savings and Security Act passed the Senate as part of the Small Business Job Protection Act. Departmental staff are reviewing the legislation to determine the specific changes and additions proposed in the bill.

? Minimum Wage: On July 9, the Senate approved your proposal to increase the minimum wage by 90 cents over two years. The Senate also defeated a Bond amendment that would have exempted million of workers from an increase. The measure now goes to conference with the House version of the bill.

IV. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

? Education Assistance Tax Exclusion: An extension of Section 127 of the tax code was added to the minimum wage bill. The section expired at the end of 1994. Section 127 allowed up to \$5,250 of employer

-provided education

assistance to be excluded from taxable employee income.

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: On July 17, the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources is tentatively scheduled to mark

-up the audit

provisions of your Retirement Savings and Security Act.

? Affirmative Action: The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs has learned that the House Judiciary Committee plans to mark up the Dole/Canady anti

-affirmative action bill next week. Under the House rules, this bill can then proceed to the House floor without further action by the other committees to which it had been referred.

? Labor Racketeering Hearing: On July 11, the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a hearing to examine alleged labor racketeering. Several Department of Labor officials testified including Davitt McAteer, the acting Solicitor of Labor. The witnesses highlighted the Department's activities to eliminate abuses in programs under the Department's jurisdiction.

V. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

?Colorado AFL

-CIO: On July 15, the Secretary will video tape remarks to be delivered to the Colorado AFL

-CIO Convention on July 19. He will discuss the

state of the American workforce.

?Fashion Industry Forum: On July 16, the Secretary will host the Fashion Industry Forum to convene key representatives of the fashion industry to discuss strategies to ensure that garments are made in conditions that are fair and in compliance with labor laws (see above).

?Philadelphia Travel: On July 17, the Secretary will travel to Philadelphia, PA to deliver a labor speech. While in Philadelphia, he will unveil a nursing home initiative sponsored by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The initiative is aimed at improving worker safety in the nursing home industry.

?Sperling Breakfast: Secretary Reich will be the featured guest at the July 18 edition of the regular Godfrey Sperling press breakfasts. He will discuss the Fashion Industry Forum, sweatshops, minimum wage and other economic issues.

?A. Philip Randolph Institute Speech: On July 18, the Secretary will address the A. Philip Randolph Institute's meeting in Washington. He will address 1,500 African

-America trade unionist and speak about Labor Department accomplishments.

VI. SUB

-CABINET SCHEDULE

?On July 2 and 3, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Tim Barnicle addressed the Jobs For the Future National Leadership Forum on School

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-Career Transition in Long Beach, CA. He will speak on education and training policy. On July 14, Barnicle will address the National Association of Counties Conference. On July 15 in Denver, CO, Barnicle is scheduled to address the National Council of La Raza Annual Conference.

?On June 29, Women's Bureau Acting Director, Ida Castro spoke at the Morning Plenary session of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Student Leadership Conference. She discussed the Women's Bureau's current programs and the changing economy. On July 10, Castro traveled to Miami, FL to attend the National Association of Commissions for Women's Annual Conference. While in Miami, Castro will hold a series of "At the Table" discussions with women farmworkers, Haitian women and women in the hospitality industry. She will also meet with the Board of National Association of Commissions for Women and the National Association of Puerto Rican Women.
?Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration met with OSHA Region VII Managers in Springfield, MO on July 9. He also met with Region V Managers in Chicago, IL. On July 10, he presented the Voluntary Protection Program award to employees at Nabisco plant in Toledo, OH. On July 12, he will accompany the Secretary to the Boston Regional Office to announce the issuance of a citation to Decoster Egg Farm of

Turner, ME. On July 15, he will attend a Region III Managers Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

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?On July 10

-11, Deputy Under Secretary for International Labor Affairs Joaquin F. Otero will meet with officials from the Mexican Ministry of Labor in El Paso, Texas to discuss details for a US/Mexico Conference on labor issues related to cross border trucking activities under NAFTA. The Conference is scheduled for early 1997. On July 15

-17, Otero will address the Annual Conference of the National Council of La Raza in Denver, Colorado. The theme will include job creation, labor market

policy and benefits of international trade.

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?Ren? A. Redwood, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, was videotaped for the July 16 Department of Education Satellite Town Meeting entitled, ?Women and Girls in Education: What?s Working in Schools and Communities.? ?Assistant Secretary of the Veterans Employment and Training Service Preston M. Taylor addressed the Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. on July 8 and discussed preparation for work in the technological age. Taylor participated in a workshop on the relationship between race and veterans issues at the NAACP Convention in Charlotte N.C. on July 10. Taylor participated in a job fair sponsored by the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Inkster, MI on July 12. On July 13, Taylor announced a \$100,000 grant to a San Diego group to provide services to homeless veterans in the area. He made the announcement at an event sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego.

VII. PRESS

?July 8: Secretary Reich joined Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D

-Mass.) and Byron L. Dorgan (D

-N.D.) along with three small business owners from OH, PA and KY at the Capitol for a press conference to discuss the minimum wage and the Bond Amendment. C

-SPAN covered the press conference live. The Secretary was interviewed on CNN?s Crossfire; PBS? NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; and CNBC?s The Chris Matthews Show to discuss the minimum wage.

?July 9: Secretary Reich hosted a press breakfast with a reporter with the New Republic. He also had several interviews with television, radio and print media outlets to discuss the minimum wage including Fox Morning News; C

-SPAN?s

Washington Journal; The Michael Jackson Show; The Alan Colmes Show; WJNO?s Jack Cole Show; ABC Radio Network; CBS Radio Network; NBC Radio Network; NPR; Business Week. The Secretary also hosted a conference call with regional press from The Salt Lake Tribune; The Detroit Journal; The Kansas City Star; and New Orleans City Business to discuss the minimum wage increase.

?July 10: The Secretary was interviewed on CNBC's Capitol Gains to discuss the minimum wage increase and sweatshops. He was interviewed by the host of PBS's Rights and Wrongs television program to discuss domestic and international child labor. A reporter with The Wall Street Journal talked with the Secretary about out of school youth and the garment initiative. News Channel 8 interviewed the Secretary for a story on the JETT*CON workforce technology conference and America's Job Bank. He hosted a press roundtable with reporters from The Washington Post; The Wall Street Journal; The Washington Times; Women's Wear Daily; Associated Press; The Arkansas Democrat

-Gazette; and BNA Daily Labor Report to discuss the Fashion Industry Forum report, ?Dynamic Change in the Garment Industry: How Firms and Workers Can Survive and Thrive.? CNN interviewed the Secretary for a story on . He was also a guest on CBS Radio's Gil Gross Show to discuss the garment initiative and minimum wage.

?July 11: The Secretary traveled to New York, NY to participate in a garment investigation with the Employment Standards Administration's Wage and Hour Division. While in New York he met with Dan Rather, anchor of The CBS Evening News. He held a press roundtable with reporters from Women's Wear Daily; The Village Voice; Bloomberg; New York Daily News; New York Magazine; The Fashion Reporter; and Discount Store News. The Secretary held a press availability to announce the final settlement of the Kathie Lee Gifford sweatshop situation. The AP, UPI, CNN, CNBC, WPIX

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attended the press availability. CBS Sunday Morning interviewed the secretary for a story on sweatshops in the garment industry. Secretary Reich also met with The New York Times Editorial Board to discuss sweatshops in the garment industry.

?July 12: Secretary Reich was interviewed by an editor with Training and Development magazine to discuss the changing world of work. He also hosted a conference call with regional press from The St. Petersburg Times; The Atlanta Journal

-Constitution; The Milwaukee Journal

-Sentinel; and The Boston Herald to discuss pensions.

VIII. FOIA REQUESTS

There were no major FOIA requests this week.

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SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK OF JULY 15, 1996

DATE: July 18, 1996

I. HEADLINES

? Minneapolis and Cleveland Trips: On July 22 and 23, the Secretary will travel to Minneapolis and Cleveland to highlight family friendly workplaces. He will highlight your proposed changes in the Family and Medical Leave Act that would provide workers with greater access to flexible work hours. While in each city, the Secretary will meet with local labor leaders and participate in several press interviews.

? Fashion Industry Forum: As part of Secretary Reich's No Sweat? initiative, the Department held a Fashion Industry Forum on July 16 at Marymount University. Garment retailers, manufacturers, consumers, workers, national and local union leaders, celebrities who endorse projects, fashion models, fashion editors and policy experts were represented at the conference. The Forum examined the sweatshop problem and highlighted companies that have taken corrective actions.

? Consumer Price Index: On July 16, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the Consumer Price Index for June. After seasonal adjustment, the CPI rose 0.1 percent over the

month. That is the smallest advance since a similar increase last November.

II. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Hearing on Child Labor and Sweatshops: On July 15, the Secretary testified before a House International Relations Subcommittee about child labor and sweatshop abuses. He highlighted actions the Labor Department has taken to eradicate sweatshops and child labor.

? Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Citations: On July 12, OSHA issued citations to DeCoster Egg

Farm, the country's largest producer of brown eggs. The citations alleged violations of safety and health standards at DeCoster's facility in Turner, Maine, and proposed penalties totaling \$3,660,500. OSHA inspectors found that DeCoster employees were exposed to numerous hazards from unguarded machinery used in chicken barns, as well as to health and safety hazards in employer

-provided housing. A number of the citations were issued under OSHA's egregious citation policy, under which each of multiple instances of a violation of a single standard is penalized separately. The Department's Wage

-Hour Division has also issued proposed penalties for underpayment of workers.

? Releases: On July 18, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released data on the median usual weekly earnings for full

-time wage and salary workers for the second quarter of 1996. On July 23, the Bureau will release the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes for the month of June.

? Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Case: The Department and the American National Can Company have reached an agreement to settle an ERISA suit. Our complaint alleges that pension plan trustees violated ERISA by purchasing a group annuity contract from Executive Life Insurance Company of California to fund accrued benefits of participants and beneficiaries of the company's pension plan for salaried employees. The defendants have agreed to guarantee each annuitant's benefits by creating a new pension plan for the annuity holders and will contribute \$1.34 million to fund the new plan. The company will also be obligated to pay any shortfall suffered by the annuitants.

? Enforcement Summary:
Mine Safety: On June 28, an administrative law judge found in favor of a coal miner, Arthur R. Olmstead, whose Mine Act discrimination case had been pursued on his behalf by the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Mr. Olmstead alleged he was discharged from a Montana mine after filing safety complaints to management and MSHA. As part of the decision,

the company -- owned by Knife River Coal Mining Company -- was ordered to reinstate Mr. Olmstead to his former position with full pay and benefits.

Discrimination: Six cases were settled to resolve hiring discrimination and wage disparity issues for 64 minority employees. The total financial value of these settlements is \$289,807.

Garment: Investigations of two garment contractors disclosed

\$21,823 in minimum wage and overtime back wages owed to 45 employees. On July 11, the Western Region participated in an INS coordinated enforcement effort at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twenty

-nine Palms, CA. Initial findings include \$50,000 in Davis

-Bacon Act and Contract

Work Hours and Safety Standards Act back wages.

Service Contract Act: PRC, Inc., a large contractor with home offices in McLean, VA, agreed to pay \$405,000 in Service Contract Act back wages to practically all employees working on the same contract in six locations in Mississippi, Florida, Wisconsin, and Arizona.
Litigation

-Related Activities: Computations on Pronto Courier in Arlington, TX, have been updated to reflect \$5.2 million in minimum wage back wages due to workers.

? Collective Bargaining Update:

Railroads: With the status quo periods in their disputes ending at midnight on July 23, representatives of the nation's major freight railroads and five unions are working to reach agreements in this round of bargaining. Talks are continuing following the July 16 conclusion of a series of two

-day meetings between the parties covered by each of the three presidential emergency boards. Members of the National Mediation Board are assisting the negotiators in these efforts. At the conclusion of the status quo period, in the absence of settlements or Congressional action, the parties will be free to resort to ?self

-help? measures. In

a joint statement issued soon after the boards' reports were issued, leaders of four of the five participating unions expressed their strong desire for a negotiated settlement. They stated in part: ?We are opposed to a delay of any kind - no new boards, no additional cooling

-off periods. We have been bargaining for nearly two years. We expect to have contracts at the end of 30 days and will vigorously oppose

any attempt to delay new contracts.?

Longshoremen: Members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union have remained at their jobs following the July 1 expiration of their contract with the Pacific Maritime Association. Talks are continuing amid reports of progress. A coast

-wide walkout still is not anticipated, but brief stoppages and slowdowns have occurred at individual ports and terminals and such action may continue. Some 8,000 longshore and dockside workers at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington are covered by the contract.

McDonnell Douglas: The strike at McDonnell Douglas is well

into its second month and negotiators for both parties may be ready to step up the pace of bargaining. After meeting just one day a week since their first talks on June 27, the parties will meet at least twice this week. Talks were held on July 16, and another session is scheduled for July 18. The strike by the Machinists at the company's St. Louis area plants began on June 5, with outsourcing and job security as the principal issues in dispute. McDonnell Douglas has continued operations mainly with supervisory and other nonunion personnel, and reported last week that it had hired about 400 machinists from across the country through a job

-placement subsidiary based in California.

New York Hospitals: The strike at 12 New York area hospitals and nursing homes by Service Employees Local 144 entered its fourth week with no apparent progress toward a settlement. The stoppage began on June 24 when about 6,000 technical, maintenance, and service workers left their jobs after being notified that the League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes would implement unilaterally its final offer for a new contract. Management demands for concessions, including establishment of a two

-tier wage structure, are at the heart of the dispute. The institutions have continued service with supervisory personnel and replacement workers. Elsewhere in the New York area, some 1,500 registered nurses represented by the New York State Nurses Association participated July 9 in a 24

-hour strike at the Columbia

-Presbyterian Medical Center to protest the lack of progress in contract talks and the hospital's demand to use technicians to do much of their work. Several hundred of the strikers, who have been working without a contract since December 31, 1995, reportedly could not return immediately

to their jobs on the day following the stoppage.

III. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

? Minimum Wage: The appointment of conferees on your proposal to increase the minimum wage is stalled because some senators -- led by Sen. Don Nickles -- have linked the appointment of conferees on a health care bill which includes medical savings accounts.

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: Last week, as part of the minimum wage bill, the Senate passed some provisions of your Retirement Savings and Security Act. The Senate bill would create a new pension plan to be offered by small businesses, change nondiscrimination rules to make it easier for employees to get 401(k) plan on their first day on the job, reduce the number of vesting years in multi

-employer

plans, and double the benefit guarantee level for 9 million workers covered under multi

-employer plans.

? Family Friendly Workplaces: On July 22 and 23, the Secretary will travel to Minneapolis and Cleveland to highlight family friendly workplaces.

IV. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: On July 24, the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources is scheduled to mark

-up the pension audit provisions of your Retirement Savings and Security Act.

? Labor Racketeering: Acting Solicitor J. Davitt McAteer testified on July 11 before the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. He described the Department of Labor's efforts to detect and investigate labor racketeering and fraud, waste, and abuse in programs and operations within the Department of Labor's jurisdiction.

? Testimony: On July 18, Neal Rosenthal of the Bureau of Labor Statistics testified before the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee. He testified about the labor market for college graduates.

? Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriation: The Senate Labor

-HHS

-Education Appropriations Subcommittee is expected to mark

-up the Fiscal Year 1997 bill on July 24, with full committee action the following day. While the Senate lacks the dollars to make any significant improvements over the

House bill, there may be a few marginal improvements in dollars and language for the Department.

?Affirmative Action: The House Judiciary Committee postponed a mark

-up on an anti

-affirmative bill for at least two weeks. The Republican leadership, both House and Senate, publicly stated over the weekend that they will not push this bill. The postponement of the mark

-up makes it quite difficult for this bill to reach the floor this legislative session.

?G.I. Bill for America's Workers: The Workforce

Development/CAREERS Act Conference Committee concluded on July 17. The Conference Committee reported the conference report on a strict party line basis, without any Democratic signatures.

Senator Kennedy offered a Democrat's package of amendments, which reflected your concerns and the Administration's position, but this package was defeated.

V. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

?Family Friendly Workplaces: On July 22 and 23, the Secretary will travel to Minneapolis and Cleveland to highlight family friendly workplaces. While in each city, he will also meet with local labor leaders and participate in press interviews.

?Governmental Labor Officials: On July 24, the Secretary will speak to a convention of the National Association of Governmental Labor Officials. He will speak about the Department's effort to eliminate sweatshops in the garment industry. He will highlight efforts that state labor officials can take to bolster the Department's sweatshop effort.

?International Competition: On July 24, the Secretary will be interviewed by a reporter from Tokyo TV to discuss off

-shore

production and competition between Germany, Japan and the United States.

?Meeting with Labor Department Interns: On July 25, the Secretary will meet for lunch with the Department of Labor's 1996 summer interns.

?Testimony: The Secretary will testify before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on trade. He will discuss worker training and America's global competitiveness.

VI. SUB

-CABINET SCHEDULE

?On July 10 and 11, Acting Director of the Women's Bureau, Ida Castro, attended the National Association of Commissions for Women's Annual Conference in Miami, Florida to deliver the conference luncheon keynote address. She spoke about the Administration's accomplishments for women and their families.

She also discussed the Women's Bureau's upcoming "Don't Work in the Dark, Working Women's Summit." Castro held a series of "At the Table" discussions while in Miami with women farm workers, Haitian women and women in the hospitality industry. She also had meetings with the Board of the National Association of Commissions for Women and the National Association of Puerto Rican Women.

Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will speak to the National Association of Government Labor Officials (NAGLO) in Seattle, WA on July 22. While in Seattle, he will present a Hammer Award to Boeing. On July 23, he will meet with OSHA Regional managers in Seattle. On July 24, he will meet with KQED Public Radio in San Francisco.

VII. PRESS

July 15: The Secretary was interviewed by a reporter with Entrepreneur magazine to discuss the Administration's family

-friendly workplace proposals. He also had several radio and print interviews to discuss the garment initiative and the Fashion Industry Forum with ABC Network Radio News; Marketplace Radio; AP Radio News; and he held a conference call with reporters from The San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, CA; The Jersey Journal, Newark, NJ; The Palm Beach Post, Palm Beach, FL; The Miami Herald, Miami, FL; The Portland Oregonian, Portland, OR; and The Art Forum, New York, NY.

July 16: Secretary Reich moderated the Fashion Industry Forum held at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. The forum was covered widely by the television, print and radio press including CBS; WTTG Fox 5; Extra!; PBS; WETA; The Washington Post; The Wall Street Journal; USA Today; The Washington Times; AP; Reuters; Women's Wear Daily; The Fashion Reporter; NBC Network Radio; and Pacifica Radio. The Secretary was also a guest on CNBC's Equal Time to discuss the economy and the garment initiative.

July 17: The Secretary traveled to Philadelphia, PA where he delivered remarks before the Teamsters International Convention. While in Philadelphia he was interviewed by a reporter with the Philadelphia Inquirer to discuss the wage gap and the labor movement and was a guest on the Irv Homer Show to discuss general labor issues.

July 18: Secretary Reich was the featured guest at The Christian Science Monitor Sperling Breakfast. Reporters attending the breakfast included Buffalo News; The Chicago Tribune; Bloomberg Business News; The Cleveland Plain Dealer; The Dallas Morning News; Gannett News; Hearst Newspapers; The Houston Chronicle; Inside Report; The Los Angeles Times; McClatchy Newspapers; Media General; Newhouse News Service; Newsweek; New York Daily News; Scripps Howard; The St. Louis Post

-Dispatch; The St. Petersburg Times; Time, Inc.; U.S. News & World Report; The Wall Street

Journal; Washington Focus; and The Washington Post. Baltimore, MD's ABC affiliate, Channel 2, interviewed the Secretary for a story on America's Job Bank. Secretary Reich was joined by Senators Harkin and Grassley to announce a grant for displaced workers in Iowa during a satellite media tour with KCCI

-TV,
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-TV and WOI

-TV in Des Moines, IA.

?July 19: The Secretary was interviewed by a reporter with USA Today to discuss wage inequality.

VIII. FOIA REQUESTS

There were no major FOIA requests this week.

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9:30 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Tony Lake
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10:00 am- APPAREL INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP MEETING
10:30 am ROOSEVELT ROOM
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10:45 am- APPAREL INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT
11:10 am ROSE GARDEN
Remarks: Terry Edmonds
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-- The President and Vice President,
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Department of Labor, Phil Knight, CEO,
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-- The President makes remarks and
introduces the Vice President.
-- The Vice President makes remarks and
introduces Secretary Robert Reich.
-- Secretary Robert Reich makes remarks and
introduces Phil Knight and Kathie Lee
Gifford.
-- Phil Knight makes remarks.
-- Kathie Lee Gifford makes remarks.
-- Upon conclusion of remarks, the
President departs.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

IN APPAREL INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT

The Rose Garden

11:22 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. To Secretary Reich, Phil Knight of Nike, the other business leaders who are here and the labor leaders, leaders of other organizations who are concerned about this issue; to Kathie Lee Gifford, and Congressman George Miller who was just here and had to leave. I want to say a special word of thanks to my friend, Senator Tom Harkin, who is the very first person who ever discussed the issue we'll be talking about today with me.

Before I begin I'd like to say just a brief word about the new job figures. It was reported this morning that our economy produced nearly 200,000 more new jobs in July -- further good news for the American people that our economy is growing and creating good jobs.

Thanks to the hard work of employees and businesses here in our country, we now have the economic equivalent of our Dream Team -- strong growth, millions of jobs, low inflation, low unemployment and growing incomes. That's the line-up we want for America.

I just had a very productive meeting with representatives of some of our nation's largest apparel and footwear companies, as well as representatives of labor, consumer, human rights and religious groups. They all accepted my invitation to meet here today to deal with an issue that is rightly on the minds of millions of American consumers. Just a year ago today, the discovery of more than 70 people working in virtual slavery behind barbed wire in a garment factory in El Monte, California, awakened Americans to the fact that some of the clothes and shoes they buy are manufactured by people who work under deplorable conditions. The well-documented episode involving Kathie Lee Gifford also awakened many people to this problem.

We all are outraged by these awful revelations, but as leaders we have a responsibility to do something about them. When Kathie Lee learned that some of the garments with her name on them we're being produced under terrible working conditions, she didn't bury her head in the sand. Instead, she reacted quickly, decisively, and responsibly. That's what all the rest of us must do as well.

Our nation has always stood for human dignity and the fundamental rights of working people. We believe everyone should work, but no one should have to put their lives or health in jeopardy to put food on the table for their families. That's why I am pleased to announce that the companies gathered here today have agreed to begin working together to put an end to this terrible problem.

They have agreed to do two things. First, they will take additional steps to ensure that the products they make and sell are manufactured under decent and humane working conditions. Second, they will develop options to inform consumers that the products they buy are not produced under those exploitative conditions. They have

agreed to report back to me within a maximum of six months about their progress.

Human and labor rights are not brand names. They are the most basic products of our democracy. I want to compliment the companies that are here: Phillips-Van Heusen, L.L. Bean, Patagonia, Nicole Miller, Karen Kane, Warnaco, Tweeds and, of course, Frank and Kathie Lee Gifford, Liz Claiborne, and Nike -- companies that have pledged to live up to their responsibilities. And I want to see the results they produce.

The ultimate test of their commitment will be for them to produce tough criteria to make sure that sweat shops are not used and to make sure consumers know it. And then what we want to do is to persuade others in this country to follow their lead and to find ways to make sure, again, that consumers know it.

I don't know what final strategies they will come up with. I do hope they'll develop measures that might include labels, clear signs in stores or other means of getting the information directly involved to consumers so that consumers at the point of sale have an opportunity themselves to be responsible citizens in their purchases.

This is a good start. As I said before, we know that the first job of business is to produce a profit. That is the foundation of our free enterprise system. But for the system to succeed, good corporations must also be good citizens. Our success in the 21st century depends more than ever on the right kind of partnership between all of us to make America the place it ought to be and to set a standard for the entire world.

We're already working with the high-tech community to put computers in schools, with the media and entertainment industry to rate television programs. Today, we are embarking on a new partnership. I hope that it will become a vital part of the battle against sweatshops here in the United States and against abusive working conditions and particularly child labor everywhere in the world.

Thank you.

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Q Mr. President, now that Kennedy-Kassebaum appears to about to become the law of the land, I wondered if you think that is enough for health care or if there are some goals that you have should you get reelected, possibly specific programs that you would try to get through --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, I'm very gratified that it is law. And I think that it's going to be the law of the land in no small measure because we have had this health care issue on the agenda now for three and a half years, and, frankly, because Senator Kennedy has been fighting for it for 20 years, ever since his own son was taken ill as a young boy.

And I was talking with Senator Rockefeller, who is also one of our long-time leaders, about this this morning. As you know, I also recommended in my budget that we take steps to provide for the possibility of coverage for people who suffer long periods of unemployment and when they're in between jobs and when the insurance that they have associated with their previous jobs expires. And so I think that is the next step.

And I think what we should do -- I still believe the goal that I had to have a system that provides everybody with the opportunity to have health insurance coverage, that emphasizes preventive health, that keeps inflation in health care at about the general rate of inflation -- that these are good and honorable goals, and I think we're going to have to meet them in a sort of a step-by-step basis. And I think when we get Kennedy-Kassebaum in place and see how it works, the new changes may tell us what the next steps are, but I think we should begin to focus on the problems of unemployed families.

And, as I said, I've already tried to address this to some extent in my budget.

Q Mr. President, when do you plan to sign --

Q Mr. President, what can you tell us about these reports of terrorist training camps in Iran, and what, if anything, do you plan to do about it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, there are terrorist training camps in more than one country in the world and we are aware of many of them in many countries. The question here is whether -- who was responsible for the killing of the American servicemen in Saudi Arabia. And keep in mind, we cannot confirm -- I was asked a question by a young man this morning -- we cannot confirm yet what the cause of the TWA crash was, and until we can we shouldn't speculate. But we know that our servicemen in Saudi Arabia were killed by a terrorist attack. Who was responsible for that? Who supported them in that? And was any nation involved in that? These are the questions we have to ask and answer. The speculation or even the existence of actual terrorist training camps do not answer those specific questions.

And so until I'm in a position to tell the American people the answer to those questions I think I should tell you what I have said all along: Our country has taken a tough line against terrorism. We want our allies to help us. We want to have the tools we need here at home to prevent as many attacks as possible and to punish people who carry them out. We want to make airline safety as safe as we possibly can. And that's what we're working on. And then when we find people who have done things that are wrong, we will do our best to bring them to justice, as you have seen in the successful trials and convictions in the World Trade Center bombing and the trial going on involving the Oklahoma City bombing.

Q Mr. President, are you concerned that your Trade Representative was unable to get an agreement on insurance with Japan despite your Wednesday deadline?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, frankly, I'm elated that we got a semiconductor agreement. That is a very, very big issue, and very important for us because of the enormous comeback American industry's had in that area. I thought we would get an insurance agreement. I still think we can. We're really not all that far away, and I think we need to keep working at it.

But I want to congratulate Ambassador Barshefsky on getting the semiconductor agreement. And I know that the people in that industry in America -- there are many, many thousands of good jobs involved in this -- are very happy today.

Q Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: Sarah?

Q Yes, sir. Aren't we doing some of this training in the use of bombs in our own Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps? And we're doing it with people who are not treated or tested for psychiatric conditions? And isn't some of this coming out from after they get out of the services and they are unhappy about things, then they create bombs? Our research shows that that's happening.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, for one thing, it is necessary that people in our military understand fundamentals -- the people in the appropriate units in the military understand the fundamentals of how bombs are made and how they can be diffused and the technology of it. And, of course, I think the people in the military do the best they can to make sure that the rigorous training program that people go through would sort out those who are unsuited.

It is true that some of the people who have the knowledge necessary to cause problems for us domestically -- in instances of domestic terrorism -- have been in the military. But I don't know that we can compellingly say that there's any higher percentage of people who are mentally unbalanced who have been in the military than in any other group. And I don't know that there's any

sort of screening process that the military could adopt that would protect against that. That is something that -- I think that's one of the ongoing questions they're always asking themselves whenever we have an incident not just involving a bomb, but if there's something else that a soldier does or a veteran does that may seem tied to his or her military service, they look at that. But I don't know that there's an easy answer to that.

Mara?

Q Senator Moynihan yesterday --

Q -- with this Congress -- welfare reform, minimum wage, Kassebaum-Kennedy -- isn't this an argument to keep things the way they are, with you in the White House, Republicans in the majority and Democrats in the minority of Congress?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, it's come like pulling teeth right here before the election. And it's only come after the American people showed that they were bitterly opposed to the extremism that was the want of the Congress. So if -- the American people, of course, will have to make up their minds, but basically, what we did with the health initiative and the minimum wage were plainly Democratic initiatives, as well as the major environmental initiatives. In welfare, the two parties essentially came together finally. Otherwise, we would have had a totally unacceptable bill. So the American people can make up their minds.

I think what they've seen is that all the things that were said about the Democrats aren't true. The Democrats have turned out to be fiscally responsible, strong on defense, strong on foreign policy, strong on welfare, strong on crime, strong on management of the economy, and good for health care and education and working families.

So it seems to me that our party in Congress ought to feel good about going out and presenting an image of a modern 21st century progressive party and then let the American people make up their mind whether they agree with their philosophy or the philosophy of the other party. That's what the election will be about.

Thank you.

Q Mr. President, will you sign Kennedy-Kassebaum before going on vacation?

Q Will Republican leaders be invited to the signing ceremony?

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely. They always are. I don't have any uni-party signing ceremonies where there are bipartisan support.

Q Do they not deserve some credit?

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely. I'm glad that they voted for it. They absolutely do. Anybody who supported any of these measures deserves credit for it. I was just answering Mara's question in the other context. They absolutely do and I applaud them for doing it. I'm tickled pink that they did it.

Q Will you sign their antiterrorism bill, Mr. President?

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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OF THIS WEEK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 1996

? Annual Labor Day Speech: On September 3, the Secretary will deliver an annual Labor Day speech at the Center for National Policy's fourth Labor Day Newsmaker Speech. In his annual speech about the state of the American workforce, the Secretary will speak about workplace and public policy trends.

? Interview with USA Today: On September 3, the Secretary will be interviewed by a reporter from USA Today to discuss the education, training and the wage gap.

? Working Women's Regional Summits: On September 4, the Secretary will open the Women's Bureau summits for working women with a satellite teleconference to the opening summit in Valhalla, NY. Congresswoman Nita Lowey will participate in the teleconference. The Women's Bureau will hold a series of regional summits during the month of September.

? Apparel Industry: On September 4, the Secretary will briefly stop

-by the first meeting of the Apparel Industry Partnership announced by the President on August 2. He will express his support for the important work of the Partnership and offer the Department's assistance in any technical matters.

? Pension Meeting with Congressman Schumer: On September 5, the Secretary will meet with Congressman Chuck Schumer. The Congressman requested a meeting with the Secretary to discuss proposed changes in the pension protection system. The Secretary will highlight the President's Retirement Savings and Security Act.

? Community College Video Taping: On September 5, the Secretary will record video

-taped remarks for the American Association of Community Colleges's conference on innovations in science, mathematics and

technology.

? Monthly Employment Numbers: On September 6, the Secretary will release the monthly employment and unemployment numbers for the month of August.

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MEMORANDUM FOR KITTY HIGGINS
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

FROM: ROBERT B. REICH
SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

DATE: September 12, 1996

I. HEADLINES

? McDonnell Douglas: Thirty hours of nonstop talks in the Washington offices of House Minority Leader Gephardt led to a tentative five

-year

agreement on September 6 between McDonnell Douglas and District 837 of the Machinists. The company presented a written offer based on the tentative agreement to the union on September 10. A vote on the offer occurred on September 11. According to a news report, the contract was approved by a 2

-1 margin and workers will return to their jobs on September 16. Complete details on the agreement are not available. On the key issues of job security and outsourcing, it reportedly does not include any job guarantees, but provides for advance notice whenever the company plans to outsource 50 or more jobs. Pension benefits reportedly are improved.

? Baseball: In the major league baseball negotiations, the owners' quarterly meeting scheduled for September 10

-12 has been postponed.

Expectations were that a tentative agreement would be presented at that time to the owners for approval. Instead, the owners' Executive Council met on September 11. There is no reported outcome from the meeting.

? Productivity: On September 10, the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued revised productivity and cost data for the second quarter of 1996. Productivity growth was revised (upward) to a 0.5 percent annual rate for non

-farm payrolls.

II. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Hammer Award: On September 11, the Vice President's Hammer Award was presented to employees of the Mine Safety and Health Administration in recognition for work on the Alternative Case Resolution Initiative. The program provides for trained specialists to handle routine legal cases presented to the administration.

? Collective Bargaining Update:

Ford: Efforts by the United Auto Workers to reach a ?pacesetting? agreement with Ford have intensified as negotiators approach the September 14 expiration of the contract. In a departure from previous bargaining rounds, the UAW has refrained from referring to Ford as a ?strike target? and has continued talks with both Chrysler and General Motors.

Longshoremen: In the west coast longshore negotiations, a second membership vote is scheduled to begin during the week of September 16 on

a tentative three

-year agreement reached in July between the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific

Maritime Association. In the initial balloting, 52 percent of the membership voted in favor of the agreement. A 60

-percent majority was required to override the objections of two large locals which rejected the pact. Some 8,000 longshore and dockside workers at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington are covered by the tentative agreement which would provide hourly pay increases lifting the base longshore wage to \$25.68 an hour by 1997. Elsewhere in the industry, negotiations are continuing between the International Longshoremen's Association and shipping companies on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to replace contracts expiring on September 30.
Tosco Corporation: Members of Local 8

-234 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers have ratified a 65

-month agreement with the Tosco Corporation, an action which helps pave the way for the modernization and reopening of the refinery at Marcus Hook, PA. On July 30, Tosco had announced a modernization plan for the refinery subject to "a satisfactory agreement with organized labor." The one

-year modernization project would result in an updated plant with a workforce of about 360, sixty percent of whom would be in the bargaining unit. About 320 OCAW

-represented workers were idled by the January 31 closure of the refinery which followed their rejection of work rule changes proposed by management.
Shipbuilding: The strike at the National Steel & Shipbuilding Co. in San Diego continues. Production workers represented by seven unions left their jobs on July 18 over union security concerns. The employees have been without a contract for nearly four years. NASSCO has continued to operate.

III. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

? Retirement Savings and Security Act: It is expected that Senator Simon will offer the audit provision of your Retirement Savings and Security Act as an amendment to the Treasury/Postal Service appropriations bill during its Senate floor consideration. Secretary Reich transmitted a letter supporting the Simon amendment to the Senate leadership.

? Economic Message: On September 10, the Secretary released a report by the Department's Chief Economist regarding employee productivity. The report examined the economic factors which create productivity growth. The Secretary provided information to demonstrate that wages can rise without causing inflationary pressure.

IV. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

? Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations: On September 10, the Senate

Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor/HHS and Education marked up its 1997 spending bill. The Subcommittee provided the Department of Labor with an amount that is \$1.3 billion (or 12 percent) below your request. The Senate allocated \$1 billion less than your proposal for employment and training priorities such as School

-to

-Work, Summer Youth Employment and the Dislocated Worker program. The Senate provided \$111 million less than you requested for worker protection programs. The reduction will mean reduced efforts to protect safety and health, secure pension benefits and ensure compliance with minimum wage requirements. Full committee markup is scheduled for September 12.

? G.I. Bill for America's Workers: Senator Kassebaum is seeking floor time for consideration of the CAREERS/Workforce Development Act conference

agreement. The conference report does not adequately address the issues that you outlined in your May 20 letter to the conferees.

V. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

? School

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-Work: During the week of September 16, the Secretary will participate in various events to mark ?School

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-Work Week.? On September 16, the Secretary will speak at a video screening of a video -- produced in association with PBS -- about the School

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-Work program. On September 18, the Secretary will hold a press conference to discuss the School

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-Work program's accomplishments. Also on September 18, the Secretary will announce School

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-Work Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants to about 30 localities. On September 19, the Secretary will join Secretary Riley to present a School

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-Work report card at the annual congressional breakfast of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

? Political Travel: On September 17, the Secretary will travel to Philadelphia, PA for a political trip. He will speak to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers conference.

? Apparel Investment Announcement: On September 19, the Secretary will hold a press conference with executives from the Calvert Group, Citizen's Advisory and Franklin Investments to announce that the three investment firms have made a public commitment not to invest in apparel companies that do not monitor for sweatshop abuses. This announcement was postponed from September 12.

VI. SUB

-CABINET SCHEDULE

? On September 13, Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits, spoke to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation on the Administration's initiatives to improve retirement security.

? Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration spoke to the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association in New London, CT on September 9. On September 18, he will speak to the Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association meeting in Orlando, FL.

VII. PRESS

? September 9: Secretary Reich was interviewed by a reporter with New York Newsday to discuss Administration priorities. He had several print and television interviews to talk about wage, hour and safety violations at DeCoster Egg Farm with WCSH

-TV (Channel 6/NBC Portland, ME), WMTW

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-TV (Channel 2/NBC Bangor, ME), the Associated Press and The Portland Press

-Herald (Maine). Secretary Reich also delivered a speech to the Child Labor Coalition.

? September 10: Secretary Reich was interviewed by a Business Week reporter about the Work Opportunities Tax Credit. Reuters and Marketplace Radio interviewed the Secretary about his speech to the National Association of Business Economists.

? September 11: The Secretary delivered a satellite speech before the National Association of Business Economists. Secretary Reich was interviewed on CNBC's Capitol Gains to discuss the speech. He was

interviewed by a reporter with The New York Times Regional Newspapers to discuss family friendly workplace proposals. He also had an interview with TIME Magazine for Kids to discuss child labor abuses.

? September 12: Secretary Reich met with a New York Times reporter to discuss economic issues.

VIII. FOIA REQUESTS

? On August 20, the law offices of Smith, Heenan & Althen submitted a request for copies of materials related to the Mine Safety and Health Administration's jurisdiction over transloading facilities and coal loading docks.

? On August 26, the United Mine Workers of America submitted a request for information about citations and violations of the main fan maintenance regulation.

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DATE: October 3, 1996

? Occupational Safety at DeCoster Eggs: On July 12, the Secretary announced a \$3.6 million fine for DeCoster Egg Farms. The business was cited for numerous occupational safety and health violations as well as violations of wage and hour laws. DeCoster had been the subject of numerous investigations and citations. In late July, newspapers reported that several large New England supermarket chains had stopped selling DeCoster eggs. On August 29, DeCoster held a press conference at which they promised to abide by the law. They did not, however, make any progress in the payment of the fine. On September 9, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration began the processes necessary for court action on the citations. Most recently, the Department has tested the water at the DeCoster facility for dangerous contaminants. The investigation is continuing.

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SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

FROM: ROBERT B. REICH
SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 1996

I. HEADLINES

? Steelworkers: Some 4,500 workers represented by the Steelworkers went on strike October 1 at eight facilities of the Wheeling

-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia after negotiations failed to produce agreement on a new contract. The company's pension plan is the principal issue in dispute, with the union seeking a defined benefit plan to replace the existing defined contribution one. The company has stated that it does not plan to perform any production work during the strike, except for cokemaking, and does not plan to ship any products from struck plants.

? Canadian Auto Workers: On October 3, the Canadian Auto Workers began a strike against General Motor's Canadian subsidiary. A General Motors spokesman said that the strike will not derail ongoing talks with the United Auto Workers. A lengthy Canadian strike could effect parts shipments to

plants in the United States.

? Employment Situation: On October 4, the Secretary released the national employment and unemployment situation for the month of September.

II. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

? Pabst Brewing: On September 27, the federal district court in Wisconsin denied a retirees' motion for preliminary injunction in Pabst Brewing Co. v. Corrao, a private suit under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). The Department filed an amicus brief in support of the retirees, who were challenging the legality of Pabst's decision to terminate health benefits for certain retirees. The court found that the collective bargaining agreement and related insurance documents did not legally obligate Pabst to provide lifetime health benefits to retirees.

? Domestic Violence: On October 3, the Secretary delivered opening remarks at the Department's Domestic Violence Month event. The Department hosted a panel discussion of experts to address ways to eliminate domestic violence.

? Producer Prices: On October 11, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the Producer Price Index for the month of September.

? Collective Bargaining Update

United Auto Workers: On September 29, representatives of Chrysler and the United Auto Workers finalized the terms of a tentative three

-year agreement while union members at Ford plants were completing voting to approve their new contract. The Chrysler agreement reportedly is similar to that at Ford, but details will not be announced until the UAW

-Chrysler Council of local union officers has been briefed on its terms. The ratification process is expected to be completed by October 13. In the balloting at Ford, ninety percent of the production workers and 83 percent of the skilled trades workers approved the contract. The UAW, in a departure from past practice, had not identified a "target" company following the Ford settlement, but had instead continued talks with both General Motors and Chrysler. The spotlight now focuses exclusively on GM, where talks reportedly are progressing well.

Longshoremen: The official results have yet to be announced, but the Pacific Maritime Association reportedly has been notified by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union that its members have ratified the tentative three

-year agreement reached in July. News reports indicate that 62 percent of those voting approved the agreement. This coast wide "super

-majority" is sufficient to override the "vetoes" of two large locals. An official announcement was announced on October 2. The contract covers some 8,000 longshore and dockside workers at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington. Elsewhere in the industry, the International Longshoremen's Association has reached tentative agreement on local contracts at most ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Talks are expected to continue at the ports which have not come to terms. The contracts, which expired on September 30, cover workers handling breakbulk cargo. The ILA and the Carriers Container Council reached a tentative agreement in mid

-September on a five

-year master contract covering some 15,000 to 20,000 longshoremen handling containerized cargo at ports from Maine to Texas. Ratification voting on

both the master and local contracts took place on October 2. Washington Janitors: Negotiators for Service Employees Local 82 and cleaning contractors at commercial office buildings in the Washington, D.C. area are continuing talks beyond the September 30 expiration of their contracts. The union represents some 1,700 janitors, most of whom are part

-timers. Wage levels and health care coverage are the principal issues in dispute. The local is engaged also in an organizing campaign in the area, and reportedly plans demonstrations at various sites, including National Airport. Philadelphia Orchestra: The strike by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra continues with no progress reported. Orchestra members last week rejected by "acclamation" a management offer to return to work while talks continued, and later filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board alleging that management had not bargained in good faith. All performances through Wednesday, October 2, were canceled, but no announcement has been made for subsequent performances. Continuation of the electronic

-media guarantee, a salary supplement for recording and broadcast work, is the principal issue in dispute.

III. AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

? Minimum Wage: On October 1, Secretary Reich participated in a press conference with Senators Daschle, Kennedy, Wellstone, and Levin to observe the increase in the federal minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 an hour. The Secretary also delivered a lecture at George Washington University about the minimum wage.

? Pension Protection: On October 3, the Secretary held a press

conference to announce the largest multi

-employer pension

settlement in the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. The agreement -- with Amalgamated Insurance Fund -- covers 70,000 workers in the men's clothing industry.

IV. NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

? G.I. Bill for America's Workers: On September 27, Senator Kassebaum conceded in a statement on the Senate floor that the CAREERS/Workforce Development Act Conference Agreement could not be passed due to Democratic objections to the bill.

? Veterans' Employment: The Veteran's Benefits Improvement Act

has been approved by both the House and Senate and is expected to be transmitted to the White House shortly. The bill establishes a commission to evaluate federal programs that assist service members in readjusting to civilian life including the Department's training programs.

? Pensions: Conferees for the FAA Reauthorization bill dropped the Simon/Jeffords pension audit amendment from the measure. The Simon/Jeffords amendment would have amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to provide for comprehensive audits of pension plans. The Securities Amendments of 1996 has been approved by both the House and the Senate and is expected to be transmitted to the White House shortly. Among other things, the bill amends the registration requirements under federal securities law to require that investment advisers who manage less than \$25 million in assets be registered by state, not federal, regulators. Under federal pension law, the ERISA, only those investment advisers who are registered under federal securities laws can be delegated fiduciary responsibility.

V. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

? Fire Prevention Week: On October 8, the Secretary will participate in an event to highlight the hazards of workplace fires. The Secretary will discuss common sense tips to prevent and avoid workplace fire disasters.

? Gallaudet University Speech: On October 9, the Secretary will discuss the Labor Department's activities to help disabled workers adjust to new economic realities at a speech at Gallaudet University.

? National Council of Negro Women: On October 9, the Secretary will participate in an event with contributors to the National Council of Negro Women's new book Voices of Vision: African American Women on the Issues.

? National Association of Jewish Women: On October 10, the Secretary will deliver a speech about sweatshops to the National Association of Jewish Women in New York. The Secretary will also conduct media interviews in New York about sweatshop abuses.

? Political Travel: On October 11, the Secretary will travel to up

-state New York for political events.

VI. SUB

-CABINET SCHEDULE

? On October 8, Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary for Pension

and Welfare Benefits, will speak to the American Savings Education Council on PWBA's pension education campaign.

? On October 3, Director

-designate of the Women's Bureau, Ida

Castro will participate in a panel on violence against women at the National Puerto Rican Coalition conference in Washington, DC. During the second week of October, Castro will travel to New York for a series of events. On October 9, she will give the keynote address at the Long Island Women's Council for Equal Education, Training and Employment. On October 10, Castro will attend the Garment Workers Conference in New York city. On October 11, Castro will give the keynote address at the Cornell University Institute for Women and Work.

? Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration gave a speech on October 3 to the National Construction Safety Executives in Seattle, WA.

? Ren? A. Redwood, special assistant to the Secretary of Labor will speak at the National Council of Negro Women's Inaugural Activities in Washington, DC during the week of October 7.

VII. PRESS

?September 30: Secretary Reich was interviewed by a reporter with The New York Times, Detroit, MI bureau, for a story on the minimum wage. He also had an interview with an AP reporter to discuss the minimum wage.

?October 1: The Secretary participated in a Capitol Hill press conference with Senators Daschle and Gephardt regarding the minimum wage increase. Secretary Reich delivered a lecture on the minimum wage before business students at the George Washington University Business School. He also had an interview with Reuters to discuss the minimum wage increase.

?October 2: Secretary Reich hosted a press lunch with an editor with USA Today to discuss key economic issues. He also had several radio and print interviews regarding pension protection including NBC Radio Network; Bloomberg Radio; Marketplace Radio; The Jack Cole Show; AP; and The Boston Globe.

?October 3: The Secretary held a press conference to announce the largest multi

-employer pension settlement in the Pension and Benefit Guaranty Corporation's enforcement history. Attending the press conference were television and print reporters from ABC; CBS; Nightly Business Report; Fox; The New York Times; The Wall

Street Journal; AP; Bloomberg; Dow Jones; and BNA. Secretary

Reich had several interviews with members of the regional press to discuss pension protection including New York Daily News; Chicago Tribune; Chicago Sun

-Times; The Boston Globe; The Buffalo News, Buffalo, NY; The St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL; Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA; Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, OH; Portland Oregonian, Portland, OR; Providence Journal

-Bulletin, Providence, RI; and Seattle Post

-Intelligencer, Seattle, WA. The Secretary also hosted a press breakfast with an editor with The New Republic as well as a luncheon with a reporter with CNN.

?October 4: Secretary Reich had several interviews with television, radio and print reporters to discuss the monthly unemployment figures for September 1996 including the following: Dow Jones TV; Reuters TV; CNN/FN; Associated Press; NPR; CBS Radio Network; ABC Radio Network; NBC Radio Network; Knight

-Ridder; The New York Times; The Wall Street Journal; and USA Today.

VIII. FOIA REQUESTS

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NEW YORK -- Nation's Oldest Black Fraternity Relocates Bicentennial Meeting

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Remarks During State Dinner Entertainment

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton Declares Major Disaster in Minnesota

WASHINGTON -- HHS Announces Grants to States for HIV/AIDS Care and Medications

ADVISORY -- Health Experts, Legislators Address Costs of Firearm Injuries

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of Clinton Remarks at Al Shanker Memorial Service

WASHINGTON -- Environmental Groups Urge Congress to Save Dolphins, Protect Ecosystems

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Administration Supports Mammography Quality Standards Act

ADVISORY -- Press Schedule for Mrs. Gore for Thursday

ADVISORY -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Schedule for Thursday, April 10

ADVISORY -- Vice President Gore to Receive Synar Award April 10

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of White House Press Briefing by Mike McCurry

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Letter to Congress on Annual Report of Science and Technology

WASHINGTON -- VFW Criticizes DOD/CIA Intelligence Reporting of Chemical Weapons During Gulf War

ADVISORY -- Gore to Tour Flood Damage in Minnesota, North

and South Dakota

NEW YORK -- ADL: Boycott of Israel Counterproductive to Peace Process

NEW YORK -- Statement by UNITE President on White House/Apparel Industry Partnership

WASHINGTON -- White House Proclamation of National DARE Day

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Nominates Moler Deputy Secretary of Energy

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ADVISORY -- Labor Department Schedules Child Labor Labeling Hearing

WASHINGTON -- Group Says Research Shows Religious Mothers Have Healthier Babies

ADVISORY -- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to Hold News Briefing on Tax Burden

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of Clinton Remarks April 10 at Radio-TV Correspondents Association Dinner

WASHINGTON -- Presidential Inaugural Committee Releases Receipts, Expense Report

WASHINGTON -- SBA Lauds Objectives of HUB Zone Bill, Sees Challenges to Implementation

ADVISORY -- Sen. Harkin to Unveil Photo Exhibit on Exploitative Child Labor

BEDMINSTER, N.J. -- Forbes Thanks Archer and Roth for Turning Up Heat on Clinton IRS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Ashcroft Calls for Tax Cut for All Workers

WASHINGTON -- DOL, Community Colleges Association Present 1997 Workforce Development Awards

KEY LARGO, Fla. -- Florida Marine Fisheries Commission Approves Coastal Marine 'No-Take' Reserve to Protect Coral Reef

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Remarks to Meeting of American Society of Newspaper Editors

WASHINGTON -- GSA-Led Team Winners Hammer Award for Disposal of Properties

WASHINGTON -- President Names Inderfurth to State Department Post

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Proclamation on Pan American Week 1997

WASHINGTON -- President Names Gnehm Director General of Foreign

Service

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Statement on Line Item Veto

WASHINGTON -- Small Business Backs Deduction of Social Security Payroll Taxes

ADVISORY -- Interior Secretary to Visit American Samoa April 16-18

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of White House Press Briefing by Mike McCurry

ADVISORY -- Clinton to Announce Apparel Industry Partnership Agreement Monday

WASHINGTON -- White House Statement on Angola

ADVISORY -- Bradys, Gun Control Activists Call for Child Safety Locks Sold with Handguns

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ADVISORY -- News Conference on Adoption Issues to Be Held Tuesday in San Diego

WASHINGTON -- Presidential Proclamation on National Service and Volunteer Week

ADVISORY -- Nation's Ten Most Endangered Rivers to be Announced Wednesday

ADVISORY -- Special Capitol Hill Briefing on Middle East Peace Process Today

INDIANAPOLIS -- Massachusetts Teen Earns Top Prize in American Legion Contest

WASHINGTON -- River Group Calls for Flood Control Alternatives

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NORFOLK, Va. -- Foundation Says Teamster Officials Abuse UPSA Employees with Illegal Coercion, Threats; Union Hierarchy Assaults Va. Right-to-Work Law

CHICAGO -- Report: Domestic Violence Hurts Women's Ability to Get Off Welfare

WASHINGTON -- HHS Releases Atlas Revealing Nation's Mortality Patterns

WASHINGTON -- David E. Alsobrook Appointed as Bush Library Director

WASHINGTON -- Tax Foundation Announces 'Tax Freedom Day' is May 9

ADVISORY -- National Senior Group to Sponsor Generation X Debate on Social Security Privatization

WASHINGTON -- Statement by Acting Labor Secretary Metzler on Apparel Industry Partnership Anti-Sweatshop Recommendations

to President Clinton

ADVISORY -- Gorbachev to Speak at George Washington University
Tuesday

ADVISORY -- National Youth Service Day Held in Indianapolis
Tuesday

WASHINGTON -- Remarks by President Clinton at Apparel Industry Partnership
Event

ADVISORY -- Acting U.S. Labor Secretary Comments on
Recommendations From Presidential Anti-Sweatshop Group; Radio
Actuality Available

WASHINGTON -- White House Statement on Clintons' Income Tax
Return

WASHINGTON -- SBA Appoints Top Official for D.C. District
Office

WASHINGTON -- Vice President and Mrs. Gore Release Income
Tax Returns

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- America's Blood Centers Announce Five
Points of Life Cycling Event

BEDMINSTER, N.J. -- Forbes Announces Radio Campaign Urging
Defeat of Chemical Weapons Treaty

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Appoints MacDonald to Advisory Commission
on Consumer Protection and Quality in Health Care Industry

WASHINGTON -- NGO Activists Gather in New York to Discuss
Sustainable Communities

WASHINGTON -- Ninth Annual 'National Rebuilding Day' Set
for April 26

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of White House Press Briefing by
Mike McCurry

ADVISORY -- Forbes to Testify in Opposition to Chemical Weapons
Convention

WASHINGTON -- Transcript of White House Briefing by National
Economic Advisor

WASHINGTON -- Clinton Declares Major Disaster in Arkansas

WASHINGTON -- NFIB Backs Eliminating IRS Mandate, Supports
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National Economic Council

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The National Economic Council was created by a presidential executive order which was released January 25, 1993.

The principal functions of the Council are:

- 1.To coordinate the economic policy-making process with respect to domestic and international economic issues;
- 2.To coordinate economic policy advice to the President;
- 3.To ensure that economic policy decisions and programs are consistent with the President's stated goals, and to ensure that those goals are being effectively pursued; and
- 4.To monitor implementation of the President's economic policy agenda.

Budget

- 1.President Clinton's Fiscal Year 1998 Balanced Budget Summary Documents

Education

- 1.Hope and Opportunity Act of 1997
- 2.The Partnership to Rebuild America's Schools Act of 1997

Other Initiatives

- 1.Pension Simplification Document
 - 2.Apparel Industry Partnership Agreement
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Gene B. Sperling

In December 1996, President Clinton named Gene Sperling Director of the National Economic Council [NEC.] As National Economic Advisor, Mr. Sperling is responsible for coordinating the Clinton Administration's economic policy. Before his appointment, Mr. Sperling served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy from January 20, 1993 to last December. In that capacity, Mr. Sperling has served as Deputy Director of the National Economic Council under Robert Rubin (1993-1995) and Dr. Laura D'Andrea Tyson (1995-1996).

As the Director of the NEC, Mr. Sperling coordinates the development of the President's economic agenda and functions as an honest-broker representing the President's interests in the interagency development of economic policy. During the President's first term, Mr. Sperling was central to the development and passage of the 1993 deficit reduction plan, the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, and the establishment of both the Direct Student Loan Program and the President's Empowerment Zones initiative. His responsibilities included major budget issues, developing and defending the President's balanced budget proposal, education and training initiatives, tax policy, health care, and urban issues. Most recently, he has played a leading role in the development of the President's new policy initiatives such as the "America Reads" child literacy initiative, the Welfare-to-Work initiative, School Construction, Education Technology, and HOPE Scholarships college tuition tax cuts.

Prior to joining the White House, Mr. Sperling served Governor Clinton in 1992 as the Economic Policy Director of the Clinton-Gore Presidential campaign in Little Rock, Arkansas. Following the 1992 election, he was named Deputy Director of Economic Policy for the Presidential Transition. From 1990 to 1992, he served as an economic advisor to Governor Mario Cuomo of New York. Prior to that, he was a policy consultant, lawyer dealing with appellate constitutional issues, and economic advisor for Democratic officials.

He has published in the Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, Michigan Law Review, Pennsylvania Law Review, as well as the Atlantic Monthly, Washington Post, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, and the American Prospect.

Mr. Sperling graduated from the University of Minnesota and Yale Law School, and attended Wharton Business School. At Yale Law School he was Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal. He is a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan where his parents still live today.

Daniel K. Tarullo is Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy. Mr. Tarullo is responsible for the

international economic policy making process; for shaping international economic policy issues; and for advising the President on these matters. Mr. Tarullo participates as a principal on both the National Security Council and the National Economic Council.

During the period March 1996 to December 1996 Mr. Tarullo was the Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy at the National Economic Council, with particular responsibility for international and regulatory issues.

From July 1993 to March 1996, he was Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. He headed the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, which represents the State Department on international trade, finance, and economic matters both internationally and in the formulation of Administration policies. The Bureau also leads negotiations for the United States Government in the areas of aviation, energy, and telecommunications.

In March 1995, President Clinton appointed Mr. Tarullo as the President's personal representative ("sherpa") to the G-7 group of industrialized nations. In this capacity, he heads U.S. Government preparatory work for the annual summit meetings of the leaders of the G-7 nations. He continues in this role as the United States prepares to host the June 1997 Economic Summit in Denver.

Mr. Tarullo has experience as a government official, law professor, and private practitioner. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary of State he was Counsel to the law firm of Shearman & Sterling, where he concentrated on antitrust, securities, and international transactions. From 1981 to 1987, Mr. Tarullo taught international economic regulation, antitrust, and corporations at the Harvard Law School. He also held government positions in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in 1978-79, as Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade in 1980-81, and as a chief counsel to Senator Edward M. Kennedy in 1987-89.

Mr. Tarullo is a 1977 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where he was Articles Editor of the Law Review. He received an A.B. from Georgetown University in 1973 and an M.A. from Duke University in 1974. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts.

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diary

By Saud Abu Ramadan

Saud Abu Ramadan, a Palestinian free-lance journalist, strings for several news agencies, among them United Press International and the Washington Post. He is based in the Gaza Strip. To read the diary from the beginning, go to

<http://www.slate.com/diary/99-04-27/diary.asp?iMsg=1>

Day 2: Tuesday, April 27, 1999

I'm based in a tense area called Gaza. I work here as a free-lancer and string for various news organizations. On normal days, I read daily newspapers and monitor the Palestinian radio, or I cover fresh news if there is anything happening. In the middle of the day, I speak to my sources, gather news, and file it as news stories to six different news organizations.

But on days like today, I feel as if I want to cut myself into six people, each one of which works with one of the news organizations.

My day today was a nightmare. I made a deal early this week to work as a fixer for a Swiss TV crew on a story seeking people's reactions to the decision about to be made by the Palestinian authority at the end of the five-year peace period that the Israeli government and the Palestinians agreed upon in 1994. The Palestinians believe that legally it is their right to declare an independent state in the West

Bank and Gaza on May 4, 1999. This of course makes Israel mad at the Palestinians, their unilaterally declaring a state.

Most of the international news organizations want to know whether the Palestinians will actually dare to declare a state or not. The Palestinian Central Council must convene on Tuesday to approve such a historical decision. So, I'm writing all this for six different news organizations and at the same time working with Swiss Television.

Before I left my house this morning to head to the northern border between Gaza and Israel to pick up the crew, I got a telephone call from one of the news agencies asking me to write the very same story. My deadline was 4 p.m.

While I drove, all I could think was, how can I possibly write an 800-word news feature story and send it in by 4 and work with the Swiss crew the whole day, translating from Arabic to English and distracting the dozens of kids who gather in front of the camera when the cameraman films general shots in the streets of the poor refugee camps in Gaza?

At 4, which is when I was supposed to file the story, my pager beeped four times with four messages saying, "Please call the office of the Spanish news agency in Jerusalem as soon as possible." I was upset and angry at the same time. I asked the Swiss correspondent whether I would be able to go home for an hour to file my feature. She said that she couldn't let me do that because she had to end her report and get back to Jerusalem before dark.

I picked up my cellular phone and called the office and told them, "Listen, I have no electricity in my office and I can not write the feature." My boss was angry. I asked him to please understand my situation, and after a long argument, finally he agreed to let me dictate to him some of the reactions that I got from people who were interviewed by Swiss TV.

On my way home, which is where I have my office as well, I felt sad because I had lied. But then I found my house dark. I asked my wife why it was dark, and she said the house had been without electricity since morning. I took a deep breath and smiled. I told my wife the whole story, and both of us burst out laughing

Also in today's Slate <http://www.slate.com>

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Why On Earth Shouldn't We Stop Genocide?
<http://www.slate.com/Features/domino/domino.asp>

explainer

By Jodi Kantor

Signing Caskets?

Friends and family of Littleton shooting victim Rachel Scott signed her white coffin at funeral services over the weekend. "Honey, you are everything a mother could ask the Lord for in a daughter. I love you so much!!!" her mother inscribed. "You are my hero," a friend wrote.

Is signing caskets a new mourning ritual?

Yes, especially at the funerals for teenagers who have died in school shootings. The caskets of three youngsters gunned down in the 1997 Paducah, Ky., school shooting were scribbled with messages such as "this isn't goodbye, I'll see you soon." At the funeral of a sixth-grader killed in the Jonesboro, Ark., attack, a basketball inscribed by classmates was displayed alongside the casket. Other teenagers dying in an untimely fashion have also been buried with notes or sports equipment signed by their peers.

The messages seem intended to incorporate the high school rituals the departed would have experienced if they had lived. "[Her] friends won't be able to scrawl cheerful end-of-the-year sentiments in her yearbook this spring," the local paper commented about an Oregon teen, killed in a car crash, whose casket was signed. The family of a Michigan athlete who perished in an auto accident was presented with a sweatshirt signed by her teammates vowing to "get Memorial [a rival high school] for you."

Next question? [<mailto:explainer@slate.com>]

egghead

News from academe.

By the editors of *Lingua Franca Magazine*

INTELLECTUALS GO TO WAR

NATO's intervention in Kosovo has made strange bedfellows among European and American intellectuals. In England, left-wing British playwright Harold Pinter has pronounced the bombing "misjudged, miscalculated, disastrous," and conservative historian Niall Ferguson scoffs at the campaign's inadequacy in a *Financial Times* op-ed ("Bleeding Hearts and Bloody Messes"). Elsewhere, opponents of the bombing include Germaine Greer, Pierre Bourdieu, Christa Wolf, Regis

Debray, and Noam Chomsky. Germany's Hans Magnus Enzensberger, who advocates arming the Kosovo Liberation Army, begs to differ: "Europeans themselves are not merely capable of intervening [in this conflict], we are morally obligated to do so." Novelist Günter Grass supports the NATO campaign and regrets only that it did not come sooner, and he is seconded by Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Žižek, who denounces the hypocrisy he sees in the Belgrade demonstrations against NATO bombs. "In Belgrade," he writes, "people are defiantly dancing on the streets while 300 kilometers to the south, a genocide of African proportions is taking place." Serb historian and former Harvard research fellow Aleksa Djilas told the Financial Times that although he would never have fought with the Serbs in Bosnia, if drafted now, "I would probably not resist."

SERVICE ECONOMY

California Gov. Gray Davis has proposed community service as a requirement for graduating from the state's public universities and colleges. California State University at Monterey Bay already gives students course credit for performing two semesters of mandatory public service. Maryland was the first state to require community service from its high-school students, following the Clinton administration's emphasis on public service in the early '90s. Who could object to such civic-mindedness? In response to students' objections, the Ayn Rand Institute offers an internship of its own: Participating students earn their community service credit by working against volunteerism.

THIS CLASS IS RATED "R"

A University of Arizona student who enrolled in a class called "Women in Literature" was dismayed to discover that the class addressed gay and lesbian issues. As a result, the Arizona legislature is now considering warning labels for courses with potentially "objectionable" content. Says Arizona Regents President Judy Gignac, "The students are our customers and they are paying to be taught. They need to know in advance what it is they're paying for." Some proponents of such course labels have suggested classes be rated like TV programs--but, Gignac points out, "that might increase enrollment in some classes" with particularly racy ratings.

THE KITSCHY HOLOCAUST

Is there a difference between denying the value of Holocaust scholarship and denying the Holocaust itself? One might think so. But when Commentary Senior Editor Gabriel Schoenfeld published scathing attacks on the kitschiness and obscurity of contemporary Holocaust scholarship in Commentary and in the New York Times, he found out otherwise. Steven Feinstein, acting director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota, wrote on an e-mail discussion list that Schoenfeld "has done as much damage as deniers." The Rev. Franklin Littell, an organizer of a Holocaust studies conference, accused Schoenfeld of "subtle denial." In response, Schoenfeld says, "Littell is not merely using vicious rhetoric against a detractor, but engaging in behavior that itself undermines the cause of Holocaust remembrance."

THE POLISH REVOLUTION

On the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Eastern Europe, we often refer to that event in shorthand as the "fall of the Berlin Wall." But should we refer instead to "the beginning of the Polish round-table negotiations"? The University of Michigan thinks so, and on the weekend of April 9, it gathered an array of dissidents, Communists, and priests to make the case. Most of the conference attendees, including Solidarity leader Adam Michnik and Poland's President Alexander Kwasniewski, participated in the 1989 talks that led to a Solidarity government. At the conference, they defended their activities against numerous critics: Solidarity leaders denied they made too many compromises; priests denied they had been co-opted by the party; and Communists denied they had committed treason. "We were not servile to the Soviet Union," said Poland's last Communist Party prime minister, "we were helpless before that huge force." Several Polish-American groups had planned to protest the conference, upset that the university was paying to put former Communist leaders up in fine hotels. In fact, the protests did not occur.

"I'D LIKE TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY"

Academia's most popular one-year fellowship, the Guggenheim, has been awarded to dozens of academics, including the University of Chicago's Neil Harris, who will research the history of the American urban newspaper building, and Williams College's Richard Stamelman, who will study the literature and culture of perfume. Meanwhile, the New York Public Library's brand new Center for Scholars and Writers unveiled its first class of fellows, each of whom will receive a \$50,000 stipend and an office in the venerable library. Chosen under the auspices of the center's director, historian Peter Gay, the fellows include cultural critic Paul Berman, at work on a literary and political history of the Nicaraguan revolution; technology historian Gregory Dreicer, who will study the architecture of racial segregation; and historian Marion Kaplan, who studies the daily life of Jews in Nazi Germany.

FOR WHOM THE CALLS TOLL

George Mason University has dropped three star runners from the track team for the wrongful use of campus phones--and fired their women's track coach, Norm Gordon. According to the Washington Post, assistant coach Joe Showers allowed three members of GMU's women's track team--all of whom hail from Jamaica--to make long-distance personal calls from his office. After a routine audit of the departmental phone bill, GMU discovered the calls and found them to be in violation of NCAA rules intended to curb recruitment abuses. Even if the NCAA allows the athletes to regain their eligibility by reimbursing the school, GMU's athletic director has decided they will not run with the team this semester.

WWW.NAZISTUDENT.COM

Students at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., staged a protest March 3 against one of their fellow students, white supremacist Davis Wolfgang Hawke, a Web-savvy junior who runs a neo-Nazi organization from his dorm room. Hawke is also double-majoring in history and--sensibly enough--German. While his fellow students aren't

banding to his racist wagon, the Southern Poverty Law Center reports that Hawke has garnered about 100 faithful adherents, most of whom are linked to him through his Knights of Freedom Web site. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that Wofford officials don't feel they can do much about the situation because of Hawke's First Amendment rights, but the school's dean says, "There is no feeling here that we just say it's free speech and go the other way. The institution has the obligation to speak out forcefully against speech that is offensive."

HONK IF YOU LOVE HONKIES

Meanwhile, Florida State University psychology Professor Glayde Whitney has given David Duke his scientific blessing. In a foreword to Duke's latest book, a 700-page autobiography judged by hate group watchers to be the most naked statement yet of the former KKK grand wizard's racist views, Whitney calls Duke a "seeker of truth," comparing him to Enlightenment philosopher Voltaire and declaring his vision of racially segregated societies to be based on "good science." The endorsement--along with the revelation that Whitney has quietly pursued race-based research for 30 years--has provoked a furor at FSU, which has the second-highest number of black students among the state's public institutions. At a town meeting, FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte declared Whitney's beliefs "obnoxious" but defended the tenured professor's right to publish them.

LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL

Abetted by AFL-CIO outreach campaigns, students are mobilizing in the name of labor on college campuses. On April 16, demonstrators at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Kent State spoke out on labor issues ranging from graduate student unionization, academic stipends, and teaching loads to sweatshop abuses. At Yale, the protest was organized by the Graduate Employees and Students Organization, which is fighting for recognition from university administrators. Turning out to support GESO and its recent study claiming that 70 percent of undergraduate instruction at the college is performed by poorly compensated graduate students and adjuncts were 500 student activists and labor leaders, including an AFL-CIO vice president and Nation columnist Katha Pollitt. Meanwhile, in California, the state's Public Employment Relations Board has ruled in favor of allowing union elections at the seven University of California campuses by the end of the semester.

FRIDAY THE RABBI WENT TO A GAY BAR

Confronted by an increasingly vocal faction of rabbinical students and liberal rabbis, New York's Jewish Theological Seminary may be forced to reconsider its ban on admitting homosexual students. According to a recent article in the Forward, the matter is expected to spark heated debate at the late April meeting of the conservative movement's religious leaders, the Rabbinical Assembly. In 1992, citing Torah prohibitions on homosexual acts by men, the conservative Committee on Law and Standards declared a ban on gays within the rabbinate. A backlash against the ruling has been growing ever since. At the very least, Rabbi Gordon Tucker, a former dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary told the Forward that the Rabbinical Assembly should provide "assurances to members ... that their sexual orientation will not be a

factor in limiting their options in furthering their careers."

newsquiz

Tuesday's Question (No. 232) "Summoning DiMaggio's Ghost?":

By Randy Cohen

The list includes whistling, making certain hand gestures, and carrying bottles, baseball bats, or flashlights. List of what?

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Your submission will become the property of Slate magazine and may be used, along with your name, in Slate.

Monday's Question (No. 231) "Ultracolossal":

An announcement Sunday roiled the world of the superjumbo. Who plans to do what?

READERS ANSWERS

"In a concession to economy, Long Dong Silver is downsizing, but he promises to continue his fine work under the name Medium Dong Silver."--Larry Amaros (Gary Steinkohl had a similar answer.)

"Air France plans to reclassify children under 9 as carry-on luggage. They must be stowed in overhead storage compartments or slipped neatly under the seat."--Stanley Marcus

"7-Eleven plans to recall 2 million cups designed to hold its newest extra-extra-large soda, 'The Big-Ass Gulp,' after it was discovered that a printing error had placed the hyphen between 'Ass' and 'Gulp' "--Tim Carvell

"Gloria Steinem announced that in the new incarnation of Ms., fat is no longer a feminist issue. 'No wonder we couldn't sell magazines,' Steinem said. 'This time around, it's all about thin thighs and firm butts.' "--Daniel Radosh

"Superjumbo? Superjumbo? Well, I'm sure as hell not buying Jumbo anymore!!"--Dale Shuger

(Go to <http://www.slate.com/newsquiz/99-04-28/SideB01.asp> after 7:30 p.m. ET to read more readers' answers.)

RANDY'S FAT WRAP-UP

Posing this question meant risking fat jokes, but mercifully most of you steered clear. The fat joke assumes that the body is a physical manifestation of the mind, an outward sign of inward gracelessness. It assumes that weight is volitional, that the fat person chooses to be fat-i.e., lazy, greedy, undisciplined, self-indulgent-and thus ought to be mocked. Not so, of course. Like most things about the human body, genetics plays all too indomitable a part. Unless the human is Pamela Anderson. She's still classified as human, right? After the surgery and all?

Much is made of the modern focus on weight, but it's an old form of unkindness. In George Orwell's 1938 novel, *Coming up for Air*, the protagonist muses on how years of such mockery transform a man:

I've been both fat and thin in my life, and I know the difference fatness makes to our outlook. It kind of prevents you from taking things too hard. I doubt whether a man who's never been anything but fat, a man who's been called Fatty ever since he could walk, even knows of the existence of any really deep emotions. How could he? He's got no experience of such things. He can't ever be present at a tragic scene, because a scene where there's a fat man present isn't tragic, it's comic. Just imagine a fat Hamlet, for instance! Or Oliver Hardy acting Romeo.

This was, of course, not meant to be good news. But what is?

MASSIVE CAPACITY FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT PLEASURE ANSWER

Boeing may develop an 800-passenger airplane.

Fending off rival Airbus Industrie, the Seattle company will invest \$3 billion either to build a 550-seat version of its 747 or to start from scratch on something even bigger and more uncomfortable. Current versions of the 747 seat between 272 and 386 passengers, depending on configuration and how much the pilot is distracted by pathetic whimpering akin to that of caged animals.

In a countermove, Airbus today announced plans to build the A318, a 107-seat passenger jet that will pose a challenge to Boeing's 737, a still popular commuter plane derived from 1960's technology.

And in a countermove to superjumbo fat jokes, the Food and Drug Administration has approved Hoffman-LaRoche's orlistat, the first in a new class of anti-obesity drugs that block the body's absorption of dietary fat.

ERRATA

Due to an editing error, yesterday's Afternoon Delivery ran the wrong quiz question. Sorry. Those interested can write in for the editor's name and a detailed map to her house. That Global Positioning

Thingy--it's a marvel!

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What? It's a perfectly fine word? What's the problem?

COMMON DENOMINATORS

1. Fat people, 2) fast-food portion control, 3) penis size, and 4) breast size.

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Ruth,

I hope that all is well with you. I've greatly enjoyed reading about all of the progress Smith is making in so many important arenas. However, I'd like to bring your attention to an area in which we can and should do better.

I was very distressed to learn recently that Smith had decided to join the Fair Labor Association (FLA). As I'm sure you are aware, the FLA is the brainchild of the Apparel Industry Partnership, the Clinton taskforce established to address sweatshop conditions in the production of clothing for U.S. retailers.

To the disappointment of most human rights and labor groups, the FLA's code of conduct allows sweatshop conditions to persist while providing U.S. retailers with a hollow "sweat free" cover.

By joining the FLA, Smith is doing more to hurt efforts to improve labor conditions in the factories that make almost all of the apparel and shoes purchased by American consumers. There are several simple things Smith could do to improve labor conditions in the factories producing clothing bearing its name. Most importantly, Smith can require the disclosure of factory locations in its contracts with licencees and follow the example of schools such as Harvard, Notre Dame, Ohio State and the University of California, by conducting independent monitoring of collegiate clothing factories.

I'd be happy to send you more information about this issue or discuss this with you further.

Best,

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NEWS RELEASE

September 30, 1999

Governor Signs Federation's Sweatshop Bill;

California Adopts Toughest Law in the Country

Sacramento, CA - Governor Gray Davis has signed into law Assembly Bill 633 (Steinberg, Hayden), a bill to crack down on sweatshop abuses in California's \$30 billion garment industry.

"The Governor's signature is an important step toward making sweatshops part of California's history, not California's future. This bill helps working people help themselves and rewards some of California's hardest-working, lowest paid workers," said Art Pulaski, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

An surprising coalition of labor advocates, garment industry leaders and retailers worked together to pass the bill. The parties engaged in lengthy negotiations over the course of several months and reached the compromise, which is the first significant new law to address the state's garment industry sweatshops in nearly two decades.

"This agreement represents a huge breakthrough for thousands of garment workers," said Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg, author of the legislation. "All sides worked successfully to find a solution that assures workers aren't the losers when a garment contractor goes under or refuses to pay."

Rojana Chuenchujit, who was freed from the El Monte slave sweatshop in 1995, said, "I once asked my contractor employer why we got paid so little. She said it was because she did not receive much money from the manufacturers. So that was the reason I would not get paid minimum wage. This law will help

the many workers who are not even getting paid minimum wage. It will make the manufacturers accountable."

"This is the toughest garment manufacturer's responsibility law in the country," said Julie Su, attorney for the El Monte sweatshop workers and Litigation Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "For the many garment workers who are being paid starvation wages, this law gives them a process to recover their unpaid wages that should actually work because the manufacturer is held responsible, and it should also work relatively quickly because the Labor Commissioner has a strict timeline for resolving the issue."

The new law will:

Impose a "wage guarantee" in the garment industry so that manufacturers and retailers, who manufacture their own private label clothing, will ensure with

their contractors that workers are paid minimum wage and overtime.

Provide an expedited administrative process before the Labor Commissioner for

garment workers to recover their unpaid wages under the guarantee.

Authorize the Labor Commissioner to revoke the registration of any garment manufacturer that fails to pay a wage award.

Increase registration fees for companies engaged in garment manufacturing to

fund enforcement.

Establish successor employer liability so that garment factories cannot shut

down and reopen under a different name to avoid paying the wages of its former employees.

Allow garment workers employed by unregistered contractors to bring a court action to recover wages, damages or penalties from the manufacturer who contracted with the unregistered contractor.

"This bill will make a difference for the tens of thousands of immigrant women who work in the state's garment industry. They and their families will

have a new tool to ensure their fair pay," said Rose Fua of Equal Rights Advocates.

"The Wage Guarantee should make garment retailers and manufacturers think twice before they send their sewing work into sweatshops, as there is now the

risk they will be left holding the bag for unpaid wages," said Steve Nutter,

UNITE Regional Director. "We hope it leads to more partnering with legitimate

sewing shops, greater capital investment in manufacturing, and the possibility of preserving jobs in this country."

"Immigrant seamstresses have as much right to be paid for the work they do as

retailers and manufacturers, and the corporate accountability in this bill

recognizes that," said Cristina Vazquez, Manager of the Western Joint Board of UNITE, AFL-CIO.

"The Governor heard the voices of garment workers and the public who is demanding that the industry take responsibility for sweatshop conditions," said Lora Jo Foo, Managing Attorney of the Asian Law Caucus and President of Sweatshop Watch. "With retailers and manufacturers legally responsible if workers are not paid minimum wage and overtime, they will make sure that the sewing contractors they use receive sufficient contract prices to comply with labor laws and avoid the use of sweatshops. Now the difficult work begins. We will be educating garment workers about their new rights, and will work with the Labor Commissioner's office to ensure that the law is being enforced."

Sweatshop Watch is a coalition of labor, community, civil rights, immigrant rights, women's and religious organizations committed to eliminating the exploitation that occurs in sweatshops. The California Labor Federation is the state AFL-CIO umbrella organization with 1,300 affiliates and 2.1 million members.

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Zwerdling calls for student participation against sweatshop labor

Alexander Zwerdling '00

Almost four years ago, when labor activist Charles Kernaghan of the National Labor Committee leveled Kathie Lee Gifford with charges that her clothing line was produced under sweatshop conditions in Honduras, Gifford made a tearful promise to her television audience that improvements would be made in the factories producing the clothing. In addition, she promised to promote programs that would encourage other apparel manufacturers to meet ethical workplace standards as well.

Four years later, Gifford and her manufacturers haven't cleaned up their act. A delegation of student and labor activists to El Salvador in August uncovered similar labor abuses in Gifford's factory in Santa Ana. Yet Kathie Lee says indignantly that she has done all she can to make these conditions improve.

Last year, when Middlebury College students learned that apparel sold in the College Store and worn by college teams was made under equally horrible working conditions, President McCardell wasn't exactly weeping about it on national television. But to his credit, he did promise a group of students that he would sign a code of conduct for the College's apparel manufacturers, requiring that they meet several strict labor standards.

Nine months later, with the dignity and morality of Middlebury College hanging in the balance, a final proposal of this code, written by a committee consisting of Middlebury students, faculty, and staff, was delivered to McCardell's desk. Today, it appears that the code will be adopted as College policy.

Though short of an official proclamation endorsing the code, the word from Old Chapel is that the President will agree to the standards recommended by students, faculty, and staff. This is encouraging news. It is also news that should be shared. Each year, Middlebury College has much to celebrate: the remarkable achievements of our athletic teams; the academic achievements of our students and faculty; the oft overlooked dedication of our staff. That said, it is time to celebrate our college's new-found

commitment to workers' rights. It is time to fire up the Public Affairs machine and spin some press about our commitment to this code. It is time to make full-color, glossy brochures about our role in fighting sweatshop abuses. In other words, this is one of the most important commitments that Middlebury College has made to society in a long while.

Middlebury College should be congratulated for it. It is not hard to understand the connection college students throughout the U.S. feel to the workers sewing our clothing.

In apparel factories in China or Burma, El Salvador or Manhattan, Indonesia or Nicaragua or Mexico, workers sewing our garments are toiling under unthinkable brutal conditions: arriving at the factory before 7 a.m., leaving after 7 p.m., or later in many cases; earning starvation wages so low that they must raise their children on coffee because they can't afford milk; facing verbal, physical, and sexual harassment and abuse from their supervisors; being fired for trying to organize a union or informing their co-workers of their rights.

They are indeed sweatshop laborers. And they are almost always the age of college students--or younger--but without any hope of further education or a promotion. Apparel companies have actually admitted that they depend on the labor of 16 to 18 year-old girls because their hand-eye coordination is at a peak, and perhaps more insidiously because they know their rights the least.

This is the corporate agenda: employ young people, keep them out of school, deprive them of their rights, pay them starvation wages, all in the name of profit. These laborers most certainly need jobs; their situation would be worse off if production is moved out of these countries. It is important to emphasize that this is not a "Buy American" campaign.

By adopting these standards, Middlebury College intends to clean up the factories, not shut them down. The adoption of this code of conduct will allow Middlebury College to do its part in ensuring that the workers making our apparel have the right to organize a union, are paid a wage that meets their basic needs, and work in facilities that are safe and clean. It will ensure that the factories producing for the College Store are open to independent monitors.

And it will discourage companies from "cutting and running"--that is, pulling production out of a country and leaving workers without jobs.

Efforts at Middlebury are not isolated. Campaigns to pass similar labor standards are underway at over 200 universities and colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada. Working together, we can pressure corporations to be accountable for their labor practices. In so doing, we will help to ensure justice for the workers who are sewing the apparel we wear with pride, and Middlebury College should take pride in that.

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President supports sweatshop proposal
By Tim McCahill

An ad hoc committee of students, faculty and staff, in cooperation with the Middlebury College Progressives and campus anti-sweatshop activists, have submitted a recommendation to President McCardell asking the College to accept new guidelines regarding the manufacture of Middlebury clothing and apparel.

President McCardell has approved of the committee's recommendation, but no public acknowledgment has been made thus far.

A copy of the guidelines can be found on Middlebury's Web site.

The present proposal is the third to be submitted to the President since last February. It has been revised and rewritten since, and improved drafts were given to McCardell over the summer and fall.

College Progressives member Cori Loew '02 stressed the importance of the guidelines, writing in a November 15 press release that the committee's recommendation was "a take it or leave it offer."

The proposal calls for manufacturers of Middlebury clothing such as Champion, Gear for Sports and Jansport to meet certain ethical labor standards that would help ensure that most apparel was not made in sweatshops with questionable working conditions.

These standards include the right of workers to unionize, a greater scrutiny of child labor and laborers' rights to earn a 'living wage' sufficient to cover costs of clothing, shelter and food.

However, the guidelines are also "Middlebury-specific," according to Bob Santry, manager of the college bookstore and member of the ad hoc committee.

Despite Middlebury's size, Santry said, the College goes sells "a very good volume of clothing."

The new guidelines would demand manufacturers to disclose which plants specifically make Middlebury apparel, thereby increasing the pressure on the companies to adhere to more ethical labor standards.

The guidelines also give the College the right to choose its own monitoring

groups, non-governmental organizations that would be sent to factories to inspect working conditions.

If the committee's recommendations become official policy, makers of Middlebury clothing will have six months to comply with the standards.

However, if they fail to do so, the contracts maintained by the college would be terminated.

Making the guidelines specific to Middlebury was a cause of considerable concern for McCardell, who said that he was wary of "attaching Middlebury's] name to a cause larger than itself."

He also said that he was cautious of "language that unwittingly submitted Middlebury" to legal action in countries with little or no due process, such as China or Burma.

Another cause for concern, McCardell said, is how businesses in town that sell college apparel would respond to the new guidelines once they are made public.

Middlebury, unlike larger schools in the U.S., does not have a license to the college's brand name. McCardell said he was unsure whether town businesses would accept the committee's guidelines as their own.

The President made his concern clear to members of the ad hoc committee, and the guidelines have been clarified with the help of the College's lawyers.

Some sections have been removed as a result, but no significant change in the guideline's philosophy has occurred, according to committee member Alex Zwerdling '00.

McCardell stressed the need for colleges with similar guidelines to "acknowledge all injustices" committed against sweatshop laborers throughout the world. He said that he was "very pleased and respectful" of the collaborative effort on the part of students, faculty and staff to make these guidelines a policy.

He also said that the guidelines were "symbolic and substantive," stating that on many other campuses throughout the U.S. sweatshop clothing is a "non-issue."

Zwerdling said that the "casual student observer is more aware" of questions such as workers' rights and plays a "fundamental part in our campaign."

He added that a "captive audience on a college campus can help inform consumers" of sweatshop violations.

Ultimately, he would "feel more comfortable" if the guidelines were signed by McCardell and a public acknowledgment was made.

Zwerdling became involved in anti-sweatshop activist groups last January,

and played a key role in organizing last spring's campus marches. He plans to work at the national organization United Students Against Sweatshops during winter term.

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U.S. finally recognizes local Marine scouts
By Benhur C. Saladores
Saipan Tribune Staff Reporter

After more than 50 years, a group of Chamorro and Carolinian men yesterday formally received U.S. recognition for military service during World War II which officials described as one of the earlier links that formed the bond between the island and the United States.

Immediately after being handed the medal and their plaque during a ceremony at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, the elderly men were given their discharge papers with the rank

of corporal and with promises of benefits normally extended to the nation's war veterans.

With the recognition, they now join over 70,000 Army soldiers, Air Force officers, Navy servicemen and Marines from the U.S. military who fought on Saipan and Tinian against Japanese forces during World War II.

Over a hundred of their families and friends as well as island officials attended yesterday's historic event held during the joint session of the Legislature that also drew the presence of Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker, commanding general of the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Hawaii and personal representative of Marine Corps Commandant General James L. Jones.

The 50 civilian men, most of whom are now dead unable to witness this overdue recognition, served as part of the group that helped American forces round up Japanese holdouts and snipers on Saipan and part of the Northern Islands.

Called "scout/guide" and "native policemen," these men were enlisted in 1944 after the U.S. seized the islands from Japan. They were trained by Marine Corps to do combats and remained in active duty between June 1944 to September 1945. For years, however, they were never acknowledged as U.S. veterans.

Through efforts of CNMI Representative to Washington Juan N. Babauta and other island officials, they got last year the official recognition of their military service by the U.S. Department of Defense -- a process he said took seven years and 50,000 pages of military records.

"Their service became one of the first essential links between our people and the people of the United States," Mr. Babauta said in his speech. "A link unfortunately America for too long failed to recognize. A link that came perilously close to being altogether forgotten."

Survivors

Twenty-one of the Marine scouts personally received their recognition during the emotional ceremony, while relatives of those who died represented the rest in the list.

"I am happy that finally the U.S. recognized the service they provided during the Second World War," said the governor after the two-hour rites that included 15-gun salute from the Army reserve.

Gen. Parker praised the men's "gallant and loyal service" as he cited their "greatest contribution" to the American flag during the war. "This recognition is long time coming," he said in his remarks, noting their motto of "once a Marine, always a Marine."

According to Mr. Babauta, processing of papers for those living veterans will be done immediately to ensure that they get the benefits provided under the federal law.

"I feel so great to have completed this and having the men recognized and now designated as veterans. This was my goal and the goal of many others in the community," he told reporters in an interview after the ceremony.

Mr. Babauta formally petitioned the Air Force for veterans status for the men in 1997 with a 100-page application relating their story when the Marine Corps recruited them after the 1944 invasion of Saipan.

It included affidavits collected from the surviving men as well as historical documents uncovered in military archives by his office.

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PCB CONTAMINATION Teno
asks US to pitch in for medical
testing costs

By Lindablue F. Romero

Staff Reporter

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said the federal government should shoulder part of the expenses for the planned medical testing of local residents who may have been exposed to the cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls in the village.

A medical testing has been scheduled for residents of Tanapag village to determine their exposure to PCBs.

The Department of Public Health needs \$500,000 to carry out the health evaluation of the people which will be used to cover payment for doctors and medical staff who will assist in conducting the examination as well as blood testing.

DPH estimates that some 3,000 Tanapag residents will participate in the medical evaluation. Blood samples will be drawn from the residents and these will be sent to the mainland for analysis with the assistance of the Center for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

"Money should not be a hindrance to ensure the health and safety of the people and the federal government should find money to make sure that the people are tested," the governor said.

Mr. Tenorio said he is happy that the training of people on the island conducted by Dr. Gershon Henoch Bergeisen from ATSDR has been completed since this will pave the way for the health evaluation of the local people believed to have been affected by PCB.

This will be the first comprehensive medical testing to be conducted in Tanapag after more than two decades of exposure of the people to PCB. The arrival Dr. Bergeisen was based on a request earlier made by Mr. Villagomez to help the CNMI in resolving the health problems in the village believed to be associated with exposure to PCB.

Symptoms of PCB poisoning found in humans can be grouped into the following categories: dermal, ocular, respiratory and

neurological signs.

Mr. Villagomez is optimistic that the Legislature will assist the department in raising the needed amount. But it will not cost the residents any cent to undergo a medical evaluation.

Since the department is expecting a huge number of people to participate in the planned medical evaluation, Mr. Villagomez said a makeshift clinic will be set up in the village.

About three to four doctors from private clinics will be hired to help the staff from the Commonwealth Health Center in evaluating the people's health which will include an exposure history.

More than 30 people joined the training which include nurses, doctors, epidemiologist and staff from the Division of Environmental Quality.

The department will contact the relatives of other residents to make sure that those who have transferred residence in other villages are informed of the planned medical evaluation so they can be tested.

Based on the preliminary review of the people's medical records in Tanapag, CHC has seen an increase in incidence of cancer cases and chromosomal abnormalities among the residents.

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Fed money eyed to fund
street-naming project

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Staff Reporter

The CNMI government is eyeing federal money to fund the setting up of street signs in Saipan's major thoroughfares and secondary roads which has been derailed for several years due to financial constraints and controversy surrounding the use of Chamorro and Carolinian names.

Saipan Mayor Jose Sablan said the CNMI

Department of Public Works is already gathering necessary documents to finalize the local government's application for a grant under the Federal Highway Administration.

"We have been told that there are some federal money that will be made available [for the street-naming project] by the Federal Highway Administration. They are working on that right now with DPW," Mr. Sablan told reporters.

The mayor could not say how much federal money will be made available for the project. He only said most of the federal grant will be used to install street signs in major Saipan thoroughfares and that the DPW is finalizing efforts to secure the grant.

Local laws designate construction of street signs, including request for proposals and bidding to the public works department.

According to Mr. Sablan, the CNMI government needs at least \$800,000 for the entire project. He would not say whether the entire amount will be subsidized by the FHA grant but stressed that work is now underway to secure the money within the year.

"I hope the money will be made available within the year. That's what they said they have been trying to do," he said, adding that all the names for major streets have been finalized.

The government is fast-tracking installation of street signs amid public clamor due to the heavy dependence of important social services on the accessibility and easy identification of locations.

For one, the availability of the service depends on how soon the local government is able to put up of street signs and house numbers.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has cited the need to fast-track the completion of the street-naming project which has been derailed by disagreements between legislative leaders of Chamorro and Carolinian descent.

Aside from the U.S. Postal Service, public

safety concerns also demand that the island's streets be immediately given names, since the project has been in its planning stage over the past 11 years.

Officials have also noted the importance of street signs to intensified efforts at improving the government's emergency response capabilities, which kicked off with the rehabilitation and upgrading of the 911 phone system.

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MARSHALL ISLANDS PRESIDENT NOTE
?S ACTION PLAN: SHOW UP,
DO YOUR JOB

MAJURO, Marshall Islands (January 28, 2000 ? Marshall Islands Journal)---President Kessai Note, in his words, "encouraged" government employees to come to work at 8:00 a.m. and stay until 5:00 p.m.

In a speech to the Nitijela Tuesday, he exhorted Marshallese to pull together and improve their work habits. Later in the day speaking with the Journal, Note said one of the goals of his new administration is to improve the productivity of the public service, and lead by example.

A check of the capital building offices earlier this week by Journal staff suggests that the President?s message is having an affect, as workers appeared to be in their offices in greater numbers than in recent years. Some people in government, however, are working an hour and a half a day, but getting paid for a full eight hours, Note said.

"It?s an attitude left over from earlier generations," he said, adding that it has to change. There are many younger, newly educated Marshallese returning home to work in government. But if they get under the wrong supervisor, they can easily and quickly lose their interest and enthusiasm to work, the President said.

Government Ministers have been part of the problem, too, he believes.

"We?re going to let the program managers do their jobs," he said. All Ministers are going to work at the capital building, not in offices in the different ministries ?

which
can
have the effect of discouraging the workforce by micro-managing the
workers.

"We're policy makers," he said. "They are program managers."

Part of the new government's effort will be to review public service
regulations
and
organization to look at ways to improve government service, he indicated.

But in the shorter term, leading by example ? Ministers being on time for
work ?
is
a way to encourage workers to do an "honest day's work for an honest day's
pay,"
the President said.

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**MERIKA SAMOA BANK OFFERS REFINANCING FOR GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES**

By Lewis Wolman

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (January 26, 2000 ? Samoa News)---Amerika
Samoa Bank customers who are tired of paying late fees and/or interest
because
ASG (the American Samoa Government) has not sent over their payroll
deductions
have an alternative.

(Background: See Life Insurance Policies Being Cancelled Due To American
Samoa Government Payroll Problem)

They can sign an agreement with the bank to extend their loan agreement
over a
longer term and avoid any further penalties.

The agreement, authorized by the bank's board of directors, requires the
customers
to stay current in the future, which means they will have to either get
ASG to
send
over their payroll deductions in a timely manner or be personally
responsible
for
making the monthly payments.

And, of course, longer terms means more money paid for interest, just as it
would
with any loan refinancing.

Bank President Harold Fielding said that if ASG's position with the bank does not improve in the next week or two, the "bank will have to approach continuation of payroll deductions and collection of overdue amounts differently."

Fielding declined to elaborate, but it is safe to say that the different approach would most likely involve a shift from a strategy of waiting patiently to a strategy of taking decisive action.

Fielding said ASG is owed \$500,000 to \$600,000 (on behalf of its customers) by ASG at this point.

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SAIPAN GARMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (SGMA)

News Release
January 31, 2000

SAIPAN GARMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (SGMA)
RELEASES FACTORY MONITORING FINDINGS

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands) (January 31, 2000)---The Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association (SGMA), in a meeting with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands? Governor Pedro P. Tenorio, today announced the findings of monitoring visits of the association?s member companies performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC). During December, the independent external monitoring firm performed visits at 30 Saipan apparel manufacturers to assess compliance with the SGMA Code of Conduct.

The SGMA Board of Directors expressed satisfaction in PWC?s findings for the accuracy they conveyed in depicting the conditions in the Saipan factories.

"Hiring PricewaterhouseCoopers was a good investment to ensure that we meet the standards in the SGMA Code of Conduct consistent with the expectations of the world?s leading apparel brands, for whom they produce," said SGMA Executive Director Richard A. Pierce.

Adopted in late 1998, the SGMA Code of Conduct was based upon a model from the Presidential Task Force?s Apparel Industry Partnership (AIP). "Extensive training seminars were conducted for SGMA member companies in 1999 during January, February and August." The U.S. Department of Labor?s Wage & Hour

more Compliance and OSHA divisions conducted training with a non-profit firm, Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), where health and safety, wage payment and compliance principle sessions were given as a mandatory requisites for all SGMA members.

During PWC's Code of Conduct monitoring visits, each factory was inspected and surveyed, including inquiries of management, confidential employee interviews and detailed testing of records to assess compliance with 10 separate Code standards. The standards covered such subjects as forced labor, child labor, harassment or abuse, nondiscrimination, health and safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining, wages and benefits, overtime pay/hours of work, worker dormitories/freedom of movement and compliance principles.

PricewaterhouseCoopers' findings did not identify any instance of non-compliance for 6 of the 10 code provisions subject to the monitoring. "However, the reports did indicate some occupational health and safety deficiencies and all companies had overtime in excess of the SGMA Code of Conduct standard, which is 60 hours per week." Not all of the Code of Conduct internal mechanisms had been properly implemented to date; some of the sampled employees did not know of or understand the provisions of the SGMA Code of Conduct.

The results of the monitoring highlights some isolated issues at individual factories and a few more systemic issues at the facilities," said PWC Partner, Randal Rankin. "The SGMA and its members have made significant efforts, including training and education as well as monitoring, to ensure conditions are improved to meet expectations."

PWC forwarded the results of the monitoring to the SGMA Compliance Committee for review and member company sessions, where schedules and recommendations for corrective action plans will be developed and implemented prior to follow-up audits by PWC.

"All SGMA member companies have displayed a willingness to implement the corrective actions necessary to correct the non-compliance issues identified by

PWC," said SGMA Executive Director Pierce.

Pierce explained that other detected Code non-compliance was not necessarily problematic, but more in the definition of work in progress. "The excess overtime is all voluntary; no one is ever forced to work when they don't want to." The total number of employees in our factories is capped according to CNMI law (15,373). "The ceiling is a self-imposed measure, which is sensitive to any impact on the U.S. domestic market." At the same time, our buyers like the quality of our products and want more than Saipan's factories can produce in a 60-hour workweek. "Our Code will have to be amended, and we will request consideration from our buyers."

Pierce assured the Governor that the SGMA Code compliance identified by PWC as needing improvement is being addressed. "As the factory workforce becomes fully educated, and the internal monitoring teams in each factory are all operational, the overall workplace condition will meet a higher level of compliance."

At SGMA's request, a weeklong Occupational Health and Safety Conference will take place in March. U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA Region IX administrative offices have committed to participate in the training. "At that time, OSHA will officially kick-off the SGMA/OSHA Excellence 2000 Partnership with volunteered SGMA members." OSHA has been asked to speak on the new federal Ergonomics Act, and certified instructors will discuss the Blood Borne Pathogen Act. "Instructors will also qualify conference participants with OSHA-501 Voluntary Compliance certification."

More information about the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association can be found at SGMA's website a <http://www.sgma-saipan.org/>

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AMELIA Earhart's mysterious disappearance has, for 62 years, confounded dozens of private search parties - to say nothing of the US Navy and Coast Guard - that have scoured the

Central

Pacific in search of the famous aviatrix's plane.

Marshall
Islands

But members of a search expedition that left the

for

in mid-November, to begin the first deep-ocean search

located
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Earhart's plane, said they are confident that they've

approximate ocean area where the plane went down.

equipment

The expedition is using high tech underwater sonar

meters,

capable of identifying objects at depths up to 10,000

half
that

although it is believed that the plane is in water only

Spokane,

deep, said trip organiser Guy Zajonc, who is based in

Washington.

Electra

They are searching for Earhart's twin-engine Lockheed

the

that went down on July 2, 1973. It was midway through

round-the-world
flight

Pacific _ and last _ leg of Earhart's famous

being the
first

- one that would have given her the distinction of

female pilot to circle the globe.

Papua

On that day, Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan left Lae,

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New Guinea, heading for Howland Island, just north of

equator

next to Kiribati.

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/POWERFUL forces are moving in on Pacific states playing in the
dangerous world of money laundering.

banker,

Nauru, which has allegedly become the Russian Mafia's

is the primary target.

wealth,
is

Niue, allegedly sheltering South American drug cartel

and next. Then Vanuatu and the Solomons, the Cook Islands and Samoa.

the Despite an avowed devotion to God these countries are Internet suspected of supping with the Devil himself, thanks to and the shadowy world of tax havens and shell companies.

they Not only are they allegedly guilty of hypocrisy in that have allied themselves with prostitution, drug running, murder and counterfeiting, they are also violating the wordy declaration that Pacific countries made to stay clean.

that Dangerously, Nauru has been involved in an operation system threatened the integrity of America's mainline banking and so is incurring the wrath of Washington now.

the Nauru, a country of just 10,605 people who live amidst ruins of their strip mined island, is believed to have seen US\$70 billion pass through its banks.

Victor The figure is scarcely believable but it came from Melnikov, deputy chair of the Russian central bank, who said it was the proceeds of Russian Mafia operations - just short of Russia's annual legitimate exports worth US\$74 billion.

Germany, The Group of Seven (G7) - the United States, Japan, Paris based France, Britain, Italy and Canada - and the 25-nation Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are putting the final draft together of an operation which, if carried out, will be as devastating to the Pacific economies as

any cyclone can be.

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