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TEXT:
Sarah,

It was great talking with you just now. I look forward to our visit on Monday at 11:30.

What I am interested in at this initial stage is to:

1. Gauge the interest on the part of stakeholders in gov, nonprofit, for-profit;
2. Gather their thoughts regarding the type of questions/areas that they would like researched; and
3. Get any suggestions they might have regarding methodology (e.g. which in-country operations) -- this is more for the Fair Labor Assoc members.

Attached and pasted below is the initial concept paper.

Thanks!

Charlie Curry-Smithson

Dissertation Concept Paper

The Apparel Industry Partnership
and the Fair Labor Association:
A Case Study
in Nonprofit Advocacy & Citizen Participation
and Emerging Cross-Sector Collaboration

Charles R. Curry-Smithson
17 August 1999

A. INTRODUCTION

1. General Purpose of the Research

The violation of laborers' rights - child labor, forced labor, discrimination, harassment, freedom of association, wages, health and safety, hours of work, and overtime compensation -- have diminished in the United States during the past century. This has generally been accomplished through the activism of organized labor and other citizen groups, the support of government and public policy, and the cooperation of enlightened businesses.

But in the increasingly globalized economy which relies almost entirely on market-driven dynamics of production and consumption, these more localized forces are less effective at controlling even the more crass violation of human rights such as forced labor of young children in life-threatening conditions. Any effective effort to diminish these violations of laborers' rights must be cross-borders both geographical-political and sectoral. That is, there must be collaboration by organizations in different countries and by those in civil society, business, and government.

One such recently initiated program is the Apparel Industry Partnership. The proposed research will examine this initiative in order to assess its likely success and to assess its potential as a model for other international cross-sector endeavors.

2. Significance of the Research

This study will have special relevancy and value to many groups:

- a. Civil Society Organizations: Many CSOs, both domestic and international, have recently taken on a policy advocacy mission or are searching for effective ways to influence global policy and institutions.
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- e. Researchers: The research will also be useful to academics studying many areas: globalization, civil society, nonprofit organizations, interorganizational relations, sustainable development, labor and human rights, social change and advocacy, public policy, and cross-sector relations.

3. My Interest and Credentials

I have been interested and involved in this topic for many years. In 1970 I published an article which provided a rationale and conceptual framework for religiously-oriented international NGOs to take on the mission of influencing public policy and institutions in support of human rights. Since then I have focused on the broader development community's involvement in this area. Following are some specific aspects of my expertise which are directly relevant to the proposed research:

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I have 24 years practical experience working in different aspects of international development and human rights: 19 years with nonprofit organizations and 5 years with government. During eight of those years I lived in five different developing countries. And I have taught 10 years in higher education, in a graduate program in intercultural management.

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Doctoral Studies

My elective courses are also relevant to the proposed research: Social Change, Public Policy, Organizational Theories, and Management & Leadership.

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In response to concerns by human rights organizations and the general public, and with the support of some U.S. corporations with global operations, the Clinton Administration initiated the creation of the Apparel Industry Partnership (AIP) in 1996. The AIP is composed of participating apparel and footwear companies, as well as participating human rights, labor, and religious organizations, consumer advocates, and institutions of higher learning. The Partnership is meant to be a vehicle for protecting workers' rights worldwide.

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The purpose of the proposed research is to analyze the soundness of the FLA program, to assess its initial success in implementation, to predict its likely impact as a strategy for ensuring labor rights worldwide, and to evaluate it as a model of cross-sector collaboration.

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The general research question can be stated as follows: Is the FLA's AIP program as designed and initially implemented likely to be successful in protecting the labor rights of employees of the participating companies?

Subquestions would include the following:

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State/Government, Market/Business, Civil Society/Citizen; their diverse composition, characteristics, driving forces, underlying values, types of power exercised, goals and criteria for success; the issue of "blurring" vs. distinctiveness;

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you guys I am really sorry, but it is this time of year with new ideas, approps, and sotu -- we need to update our planning document which list every staff member and all issues they are responsible for -- under each issues should be any gene actions, any information that he needs to know-- next steps, etc -- any POTUS actions that need to happen, and any general administration action. your sections may not even be completed current in term of what issues are out there. Please, update these by Saturday evening. Gene has asked for this for Sunday afternoon so we can go over and make sure that he is aware of everything people need from him and just where the issues are so he can make sure we are on track. Thanks.

Attached is the last one of these we did in July. You can just update and send it back to me and I will cut and past into a new document. Thanks

NEC PLANNER) JULY 9
ISSUES, EVENTS, and TO DO ITEMS

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Taxes

ú The Ways and Means Committee marks up a \$864 billion tax cut either Tuesday July 13 or Wednesday July 14. Democrats intend to talk Social

Security and Medicare message. Leader Gephardt is coordinating a Democratic substitute. Can we weigh in with Leader Gephardt to include an EITC marriage penalty fix, our kid credit, or other priorities?

ú Chairman Roth will give his tax cut plan of no more than \$778 billion to Finance Committee Members on Monday July 12 or Tuesday July 13. Finance Committee Members will meet July 15 and walk through the Chairman's mark on July 20. Finance Committee Democrats will meet early next week to go over their alternative. Can we weigh in with Finance Committee Democratic Members?

ú Republicans appear headed toward a large tax cut bill and a veto. After that, will they want to deal? Arguably, their political interests will best be served by leaving things as they will then be. Can we use Monday's Medicare and budget discussions to steer toward a more-modest tax cut, some modest Medicare or Social Security accomplishments, and discretionary room?

Social Security

ú Larry Summers has raised the issue of how long transfers from on-budget to the Social Security Trust Fund should go on. Staff raises a number of other issues regarding the transfers for the Principals to sign off on.

ú On lock-box enforcement, OMB's Bob Damus has drafted legislative specifications. The Principals could consider the specifications and outstanding enforcement issues next week.

ú On equities and mirroring, Gary Gensler's shop has prepared legislative specifications and is drafting legislative. The Principals need to sign off on the specifications and consider roll-out strategy and paper.

ú On anti-poverty options, after inter-agency staff meetings, Social Security has developed a series of options, which inter-agency staff will review Friday, July 9. The Principals need to choose among these poverty options and decide the remaining earnings test issue (62 or 65?).

ú Ways and Means Committee Democrats provided the White House with their draft bill shortly before we released the Mid-Session Review. Messrs. Rangel and Matsui remain interested in introducing Social Security legislation. How should we steer them?

USAs

ú Len Burman distributed an updated list of recommended options. The Principals need to sign-off and make remaining decisions.

DoE Worker Compensation

ú On DoE's proposal to offer medical assistance to DoE contractor employees who are suffering from exposure to beryllium and other toxic substances at DoE workplaces, we have reached agreement among agencies involved to move forward with legislation on beryllium only, while OMB is drafting a Presidential Memorandum outlining the next steps in the process, including an NEC-led process and study.

Treasury Debt Buy-Down Regulations

ú Budget Principals need to meet briefly to approve of Treasury's proposal.

JASON FURMAN

LISA GREEN
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CARL HAACKE

Minimum Wage

HOLLY HAMMONDS/SCHAEFER/HENDRICKS

APEC Ministerial (Auckland, NZ)

ú Recent Ministerial went well - Holly reports good progress on WTO Round agenda and on Leaders meeting deliverables.

ú Plan to get APEC Tasker out next week.

ú Already coordinating with State on document preparation.

ú Sept 9-10 APEC Ministerial.

ú Sept 12-13 APEC Economic Leaders Meeting.

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China

ú NTR Floor vote still expected week of July 19 or 26. Dems confident, believe they have 110 votes, just like last year. Republicans expect to lose 10 or so from Cox report, etc. Finalizing fact sheets. Working closely with Chuck Brain and NSC Asia State and USTR.

ú Still no signs of life from the Chinese on China WTO. All believe will have to await leadership retreat in August. No one knows when they will want to reengage, but will likely not be before late August. Malcolm meet with USTR staff tomorrow to discuss what creative thinking they are doing.

BRUCE MCNAMER

RON MINSK

Electricity

ú Ron has prepared update memo on status of electricity restructuring.

ú Momentum is building in the House for electricity restructuring following the introduction of bipartisan Markey-Largent bill and recent abandonment of stumbling block by Chairman Bliley. (Described in status memo.)

ú House Energy and Power Subcommittee hopes to mark up restructuring bill before August recess. More likely to occur in September.

ú Senate plans to mark up bill, probably after Labor Day.

Oil

ú Commerce to send draft Section 232 report to White House by early next week.

ú Commerce (Int'l Trade Administration) reviewing antidumping petition to determine whether petitioner has standing. If so, will initiate investigation between July 18th and mid-August.

ú Mexican oil minister in town next week to discuss antidumping case. He would like to meet with Gene on July 16th.

ú Interagency review of oil options continues. DOE uncertainty over its goal (i.e., preserving domestic production versus helping the industry) has slowed down the process. Significant opposition to most proposals by Treasury, CEA, OMB, and/or EPA.

Agriculture

ú Although we have not heard from Senator Daschle's office recently, we expect that they still want to schedule a &Unity Event 8 with the President.

ú We should discuss the need for/possibility of scheduling an event with Larry Stein and John Podesta in the near future.

ú Congress is still working on mandatory price reporting legislation.

ú We should expect to have to submit an assistance bill to Congress after Labor Day that addresses losses in the agricultural community this year.

DOROTHY ROBYN

Ex-Im Vacancies

ú Gene needs to talk to Podesta about this

SARAH ROSEN

Financial Modernization/Privacy

ú Conferees are yet to be appointed. Some say they will try to complete the conference before the August recess.

ú Major concerns with Senate bill are Op Sub and CRA; House bill concerns are FHLBs, less than we want on financial privacy, and bad medical privacy within conglomerate language.

ú Working group meeting next week with OMB, Treasury, HHS, and WH Leg Affairs to coordinate strategy on medical privacy within conglomerate issue. (See Washington Post op ed, 7/8/99)

ú Gensler to probably testify week of July 12th before Senate Banking at a Privacy hearing.

ú Someone (unclear who) may also testify soon before House Banking at a Privacy hearing.

New Markets Legislation/FHLB Issue

ú NMVC legislation was cleared on Thursday afternoon to send to the Hill in draft. APICs should follow although a few drafting issues being worked out.

ú Gene (or someone from the NEC) needs to call B. Morrison

Y2K Liability Reform

ú No bill yet received by WH

ú Sarah working on signing statement to emphasize unique nature of the Y2K problem -- no precedent for tort reform or class actions.

Tort Reform Strategy

ú Class Actions, Small Business Product Liability, and Asbestos legislation pending in Congress. Proponents of these -- especially class actions -- will seek to capitalize on momentum from Y2K bill.

ú Sarah convening working group to develop a proposed tort reform strategy.

Apparel Industry Partnership/ Fair Labor Association

ú Adidas announced this week it was joining. First new company since FLA was unveiled. Levi-Strauss is near, but not quite ready. A group of others including Timberlake and Hilfinger are thought likely to follow if these two are on board.

ú Meeting with students tentatively set for afternoon of July 20, when Posner and Harvey can be here too after AIP meeting in DC.

Child Labor /ILO

ú Sarah coordinated multi-agency input to the TAPILs report on US laws that help to implement the new convention. DoL is now drafting.

ú TAPILs report on ILO convention on mine safety -- under consideration by TAPILs for over a year -- has been completed and has State Department approval. At NSC for final review. Working to send to Senate shortly for ratification. DoL believes that this noncontroversial convention will help with ILO and labor relations and will create good context for Senate consideration of the child labor convention this fall.

ú Monitoring progress of budget proposals. New \$10 "School Works!" program at USAID fully funded in their appropriations mark.

ú Treasury/Customs' Advisory Committee on Child Labor meets next week. Sarah is a member. Discussion may focus on Child Labor Executive order.

Bankruptcy

ú Grassley announced there was "an agreement" with the WH on reaffirmations despite clear word to his Staff that they should NOT do so. Nadler's staff was unhappy to learn about it that way, since we hadn't had a chance to give them a head's up.

ú Still a need for Gene to call Grassley -- to complain gently about the announcement -- and to make clear that we need a commitment to protect the whole deal through conference.

ú Consumer groups are working with Daschle, Leahy, Sarbanes, and Dodd to propose a privacy amendment on the Senate floor on the bankruptcy bill.

The substance doesn't exactly match our preferred policy. It calls for "opt-in" for third parties and does not call for anything more than disclosure on affiliate sharing. But they think that by avoiding the affiliate issue, they have a chance of winning or at least holding all Dems. Daschle staff agree that it is no help if there is a bad vote on Privacy in the Senate.

Natural Disaster Insurance

ú House Banking is tentatively planning a hearing on H.R. 219 (Lazio's

bill) on July 28th. If so, Treasury is likely to testify. Working group is working on testimony, consistent with general decision at Deputies to support the plan with some modifications. Working separately with Treasury and OMB to determine how to discuss budget issues.

Consumer Financial Education and Literacy

ú Sarah convening a large interagency meeting to approve a workplan for developing the Administration "strategy" that the President called for in his Consumer event. The workplan includes a series of outreach meetings with industry firms and trade groups, umbrella organizations for consumer education efforts, and consumer, community development, and education advocates to get their ideas on how the Administration can best add value. Early input suggests they want us to coordinate various private efforts and use the bully pulpit.

RICK SAMANS

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SONAL SHAH

KOSOVO and Southeast Europe

ú We are working on an economic plan with the UN and the World Bank. The World Bank has just distributed some papers on our ideas. The UN is looking to appoint an economic advisor to the Administrator in Kosovo. We are trying to provide a list of names that we would prefer.

ú We are working with NSC and State to define the parameters of the Leaders Meeting Sarajevo. The venue and the timing are still uncertain especially if the Europeans are not willing to foot the bill. The logistics will be difficult either way.

ú NSC and State would like to limit economic discussion due to lack of funding, but we think that this will be difficult and are working with State, Treasury, Commerce and other agencies to define a better strategy.

ú We are working on an economic strategy for Kosovo and hope to produce a paper for you to send to the President by end of this week or early next week.

ú Treasury led the delegation at an experts meeting on Kosovo and Southeast Europe -- Truman was the lead. Next Tuesday, the High Level Steering Group will meet, led by Secretary Summers, to discuss larger strategy and the upcoming leaders meeting.

ú NSC, OMB and AID have the lead on developing the USG proposal for the rehabilitation Donor's conference for Kosovo on July 28. The USG money will be based on the supplemental and will largely be humanitarian with some money (to be determined) for immediate reconstruction, i.e. water, sanitation, etc.

Indonesia

ú There was a DC on Tuesday to discuss Indonesia and Tim Geithner and Stan Roth's trip to the region. Tim will go to meet with the economic team, business community and some opposition economic members to discuss importance of reform. There has been a lot of NGO concern about the misuse of IFI funds, but we have not yet seen any clear evidence. Regardless, Tim will emphasize the importance of accountability of IFI funds to the economic team.

ú Stan Roth will meet government and opposition officials and emphasize the need to hurry election results. There is a real concern that economic reform will lack motivation with a lame duck team.

ú NSC and State are considering using IFI funds as leverage to curb violence in East Timor.

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ISSUES, EVENTS, and TO DO ITEMS

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USAs

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Treasury Debt Buy-Down Regulations

- ú Budget Principals need to meet briefly to approve of Treasury's proposal.

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HOLLY HAMMONDS/SCHAEFER/HENDRICKS

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Indonesia

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Attached is the last one of these we did in July. You can just update and send it back to me and I will cut and past into a new document. Thanks

NEC PLANNER) JULY 9
ISSUES, EVENTS, and TO DO ITEMS

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Taxes
ú The Ways and Means Committee marks up a \$864 billion tax cut either Tuesday July 13 or Wednesday July 14. Democrats intend to talk Social

Security and Medicare message. Leader Gephardt is coordinating a Democratic substitute. Can we weigh in with Leader Gephardt to include an EITC marriage penalty fix, our kid credit, or other priorities?

ú Chairman Roth will give his tax cut plan of no more than \$778 billion to Finance Committee Members on Monday July 12 or Tuesday July 13. Finance Committee Members will meet July 15 and walk through the Chairman's mark on July 20. Finance Committee Democrats will meet early next week to go over their alternative. Can we weigh in with Finance Committee Democratic Members?

ú Republicans appear headed toward a large tax cut bill and a veto. After that, will they want to deal? Arguably, their political interests will best be served by leaving things as they will then be. Can we use Monday's Medicare and budget discussions to steer toward a more-modest tax cut, some modest Medicare or Social Security accomplishments, and discretionary room?

Social Security

ú Larry Summers has raised the issue of how long transfers from on-budget to the Social Security Trust Fund should go on. Staff raises a number of other issues regarding the transfers for the Principals to sign off on.

ú On lock-box enforcement, OMB's Bob Damus has drafted legislative specifications. The Principals could consider the specifications and outstanding enforcement issues next week.

ú On equities and mirroring, Gary Gensler's shop has prepared legislative specifications and is drafting legislative. The Principals need to sign off on the specifications and consider roll-out strategy and paper.

ú On anti-poverty options, after inter-agency staff meetings, Social Security has developed a series of options, which inter-agency staff will review Friday, July 9. The Principals need to choose among these poverty options and decide the remaining earnings test issue (62 or 65?).

ú Ways and Means Committee Democrats provided the White House with their draft bill shortly before we released the Mid-Session Review. Messrs. Rangel and Matsui remain interested in introducing Social Security legislation. How should we steer them?

USAs

ú Len Burman distributed an updated list of recommended options. The Principals need to sign-off and make remaining decisions.

DoE Worker Compensation

ú On DoE's proposal to offer medical assistance to DoE contractor employees who are suffering from exposure to beryllium and other toxic substances at DoE workplaces, we have reached agreement among agencies involved to move forward with legislation on beryllium only, while OMB is drafting a Presidential Memorandum outlining the next steps in the process, including an NEC-led process and study.

Treasury Debt Buy-Down Regulations

ú Budget Principals need to meet briefly to approve of Treasury's proposal.

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Minimum Wage

HOLLY HAMMONDS/SCHAEFER/HENDRICKS

APEC Ministerial (Auckland, NZ)

- ú Recent Ministerial went well - Holly reports good progress on WTO Round agenda and on Leaders meeting deliverables.
- ú Plan to get APEC Tasker out next week.
- ú Already coordinating with State on document preparation.
- ú Sept 9-10 APEC Ministerial.
- ú Sept 12-13 APEC Economic Leaders Meeting.

APEC CEO/Business Leader Dialogue

- ú You will be presenting to the APEC CEO Business Roundtable at State on July 20th along with Albright, Barshefsky, Daley, Summers & Eizenstat -- we are working with other NEC staff on talking points and background.
- ú Your topic will be "U.S. Economic Policy and the Asia Pacific Region. 8

Africa Trade Bill

- ú All amendments must be in to the Rules Committee by Tuesday (7/12). Vote expected on Wednesday. Leg folks predict the structure will be a modified closed rule similar to last year, which allowed some amendments.
- ú Agencies are making staff calls before Tues to those Members who voted against the rule last year but yes on final passage to shore up votes.
- ú Susan Rice, Rosa Whitaker will brief House Trade LA staffers on Monday (7/11).
- ú OMB is clearing Statement of Administration Position (SAP) to submit to rules committee on Monday(7/11).
- ú Full House vote is on calendar for Friday (7/16).

Lamb

- ú As you know, POTUS provided relief to the Lamb industry on Wednesday (7/7) that included a combination of import relief and domestic assistance.
- ú On the import relief side, quotas were set at 78 million pounds or current levels (calendar year 1998). In-quota tariffs set at 9% first year, 6% second year, and 3% third year. Out-of-quota tariffs are set at 40% in the first year and declining thereafter.
- ú On the assistance side, adjustment assistance package in the range of \$100 million over the next three years-- half available in the first year. It includes funding for productivity improvements, market promotion, animal health, and domestic purchases. USITC is instructed to use specific (USTR provided) benchmarks to measure progress in industry's efforts to adjust.
- ú Letters being prepared to Howard and Shipley explaining POTUS decision.
- ú Podesta is meeting with New Zealand Ambassador, James Bolger on (7/9). NEC is preparing talking points on lamb. NSC/NEC working together on

talking points on APEC and the State visit.

Wheat Gluten

ú Earlier this week domestic wheat gluten industry met with USTR, Customs and Lael to push for the Administration to review a possible EU circumvention of the wheat gluten safeguard (based on a reclassification of a 90% wheat gluten/ 10% soy product used in pet foods).

Beef Hormones

ú Working within interagency process to finalize list-- will publish list the middle of next week (on or around July 15th) after arbitrators rule on Monday on our damages estimate of \$202 million.

Sanctions Reform

ú Deputies meeting held Thursday -- developing interagency cleared position on Sen. Dodd's bill (which is much more in line with Administration's views than Lugar and its House equivalent Crane) within the next few days.

ú Deputies agreed that Stu will engage with Helms and Lugar on "national interest" waiver language but not give any "fallback" positions to them at this time.

Food and Medicine Sanctions

ú Aiming for issuance of final regulations and WH announcement of regs issuance in the next 10 days to two weeks -- we are pressing Treasury-OFAC to speed up process and Stu Eizenstat agreed at deputies meeting to place a call in effort to speed process up.

WTO Ministerial

TOM KALIL

Computer Export Controls

ú Initial press and industry reaction to decision was favorable) even though industry did not get everything it asked for.

ú Next step will be to brief Congress, formally transmit Presidential request, and see if we can get Congress to shorten 6 month notification. Nothing for Gene to do at this point.

Encryption

ú Currently looking at whether we can engage in further liberalization here. Support for sweeping legislation is building on the Hill, despite opposition from FBI, Defense Department, and NSA.

ú Podesta and Steinberg want some kind of liberalization package that can be delivered by September.

ú Sally had been staffing this for NEC at Deputies level) may need to get Gene and Lael more up to speed on this issue) issue is highly technical and classified above Top Secret.

Skills Gap

ú Kalil is meeting with 20 high-tech companies on July 12th to see if they are willing to partner with HBCUs and other minority serving institutions. Kalil and Kennedy would like to have another meeting with

you on broader issue of skills gap.

IT Research Funding

ú Sensenbrenner has introduced legislation providing 5 year authorization for the Administration's IT research initiative. Neal Lane will be testifying on Wednesday

ú Kalil is working with Foley to restore \$35 million cuts that Senate made to DARPA budget for IT research. Other big chunk of money is in VA, HUD, Independent Agencies (NSF budget)) but it is not clear when that bill will be marked up.

Educational Technology

ú Next major opportunity for event is \$75 million in grants for technology training for teachers (FY99 funds). Could be good POTUS or VPOTUS event. Ready any time after mid-August, but may wish to save for &back to school. 8

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ú Would like Gene to make calls (when appropriate) to Specter and Porter on community technology centers to get as much of \$65 million request as possible. Our \$10 million in FY99 money has received over 700 proposals!

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Worker Training

H-2A

GEAR UP

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Adult Literacy

Higher Ed Access

H-1B

Poverty

FMLA Expansion/Comp Time

School Construction

ú POTUS event next Friday in Iowa with Harkin

ú Message will likely be anti tax cut bill

ú Brian is working with other Democrats to make event more national) Robb and Rangel

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Medicare

ú Friday, July 9: Meeting with senior groups to encourage them to support universal drug benefit.

ú Friday, July 10: Radio address: Medicare's preventive initiative in the plan

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ú Tuesday, July 13: CWA speech, with Medicare references

ú Sometime next week? HMO Medicare withdrawal statistics

ú July 22: Possible Finance Committee hearing: Shalala, Crippen (may release analysis of plan on that day). Communications is thinking of having a Medicare town hall meeting that day.

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ú We are working on an economic strategy for Kosovo and hope to produce a paper for you to send to the President by end of this week or early next week.

ú Treasury led the delegation at an experts meeting on Kosovo and Southeast Europe -- Truman was the lead. Next Tuesday, the High Level Steering Group will meet, led by Secretary Summers, to discuss larger strategy and the upcoming leaders meeting.

ú NSC, OMB and AID have the lead on developing the USG proposal for the rehabilitation Donor's conference for Kosovo on July 28. The USG money will be based on the supplemental and will largely be humanitarian with some money (to be determined) for immediate reconstruction, i.e. water, sanitation, etc.

Indonesia

ú There was a DC on Tuesday to discuss Indonesia and Tim Geithner and Stan Roth's trip to the region. Tim will go to meet with the economic team, business community and some opposition economic members to discuss importance of reform. There has been a lot of NGO concern about the misuse of IFI funds, but we have not yet seen any clear evidence. Regardless, Tim will emphasize the importance of accountability of IFI funds to the economic team.

ú Stan Roth will meet government and opposition officials and emphasize the need to hurry election results. There is a real concern that economic reform will lack motivation with a lame duck team.

ú NSC and State are considering using IFI funds as leverage to curb violence in East Timor.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-NOV-1999 16:38:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: labor rights comments

TO: Justine Nolan <justinenolan@yahoo.com> (Justine Nolan <justinenolan@yahoo.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sarah

Thanks for your comments on our paper. Couple of quick questions:

1. can you let me know if you get confirmation that conventions #111, 182, 176 are before Congress for ratification? I have asked another source but likely you will get a quicker response.CONFIRMED.

2. Your comment #3 - were you asking that it be made clearer that Congress actually provided the \$30m increase for IPEC? YES

3. Comment #6 - have amended the AIP discussion to say "In 1996 the Clinton Administration, brought together an informal group, comprising companies in the apparel and footwear industries, labor unions and human rights, consumer and religious organizations, which formed the Apparel Industry Partnership (AIP). Through the AIP, these disparate groups developed a code of conduct and monitoring principles aimed at establishing a common industry standard to enforce labor rights." GOOD

4. Assume from comment #7 that the \$5m anti-sweatshop initiative did not get up - is this now dead? Any other opps for the FLA to get further funding?
NOT DEAD. WE'RE STILL TRYING. CAN'T DISCUSS WITH YOU NOW.
AM STILL RECUSED.

Thanks, I won't be there tomorrow as the BSR conference is taking place this wk in San Francisco but am sure there will be a lively discussion.
Justine

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-NOV-1999 19:47:11.00

SUBJECT: DoL Study on Wages in Selected Countries

TO: Janet R. Forsgren (CN=Janet R. Forsgren/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Larry R. Matlack (CN=Larry R. Matlack/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard M. Samans (CN=Richard M. Samans/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

When the Apparel Industry Partnership reached agreement on the Charter for the new Fair Labor Association (the anti-sweatshop monitoring organization created by 10 companies and selected human rights groups), the charter called upon the DoL to do a study within 6 months of wages, benefits, poverty, and meeting worker needs in the apparel and footwear industries in countries around the world. DoL agreed, provided that the study was to be performed based on available information, not newly collected data. A year later, DoL has prepared a draft of a several hundred page study of these issues in 36 relevant countries.

The study needs to be circulated to relevant agencies for comments: State, USTR, Commerce, Treasury (Customs), NSC, CEA, OMB, etc. Rick and I would like to ask OMB to circulate the study for comments, with a deadline of about 2 weeks. If there are concerns that cannot be resolved through the OMB comment and reaction process, Rick and I would be happy to chair a meeting to get those resolved.

Let me know if this proposed procedure works for you., If so, we'll send over copies of the document for distribution.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Irene Bueno (CN=Irene Bueno/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-NOV-1999 16:58:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: has the administration ever said anything about sweatshops?

TO: Alejandro G. Cabrera (CN=Alejandro G. Cabrera/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Yes - there is something in the President's crime bill (see below) and something from the WH web page (see below for statement from 1996) . I hope this helps.

1. From the President's statement on the crime bill in May 12, 1999:

Continuing the fight against domestic violence. The historic Violence Against Women Act helped to strengthen law enforcement's response to violent crime committed against women. It helped promote comprehensive law enforcement strategies, encouraged pro-arrest policies for domestic violence crimes, and provided emergency shelter to women and children fleeing abusive situations. The President's bill extends these successful programs and also:

- Targets the illegal trafficking of women and children by giving federal prosecutors new tools to bring trafficking cases and increasing penalties for persons who transport women and children to the United States and coerce them to work in sweatshops and other forced labor; and

- Protects battered immigrant women and children by enabling them to file their own petitions for lawful status, without having to rely on abusive spouses.

2. President's Issued an Executive Order on Trafficking of women and children directing agencies to take action. In follow-up, DOJ and DOL have created a worker exploitation task force. I have some info on this if this would be helpful - what's your fax number?

3. This statement is from 5/12/98.

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 were 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.

From: Alejandro G. Cabrera@OVP on 11/08/99 04:34:10 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Irene Bueno/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: has the administration ever said anything about sweatshops?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-NOV-1999 11:55:44.00

SUBJECT: Re: DoL Report on Child Labor in the U.S.

TO: Debra J. Bond (CN=Debra J. Bond/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: alejandra o. ceja (CN=alejandra o. ceja/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: larry r. matlack (CN=larry r. matlack/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Debra J. Bond (CN=Debra J. Bond/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-NOV-1999 11:57:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: DoL Report on Child Labor in the U.S.

TO: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: alejandra o. ceja (CN=alejandra o. ceja/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: larry r. matlack (CN=larry r. matlack/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Sorry for the confusion.

Sarah Rosen Wartell
11/18/99 11:55:34 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Debra J. Bond/OMB/EOP@EOP
cc: larry r. matlack/omb/eop@eop, alejandra o. ceja/omb/eop@eop
Subject: Re: DoL Report on Child Labor in the U.S.

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CREATOR: "(DRL) Aller, John C" <AllerJC@state.gov> ("(DRL) Aller, John C" <AllerJC@state.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 13-DEC-1999 10:24:41.00

SUBJECT: No Sweat Info Sheet

TO: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:
<<FW First Draft on No Sweat Funding Increase Appeal.rtf>>

Sarah,

Here's our No Sweat Information points. Sorry for the delay, our system went down Friday pm and has just come back on line.

Jake Aller

- FW First Draft on No Sweat Funding Increase Appeal.rtf===== ATTACHMENT 1

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From:\b0\tab Polaski, Sandra M\par

\b Sent:\b0\tab Friday, December 10, 1999 4:39 PM\par

\b To:\b0\tab McWilliams, Edmund X; Aller, John C\par

\b Subject:\b0\tab FW: First Draft on No Sweat Funding Increase Appeal\par

\pard\cf2 Ed, Jake,\par

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Can you take a look at my revisions and give your reactions? Once it is finish

ed, do you have Sara's e-mail address? Is she on the classified system? If no

t, can someone send this to her on unclass?\par

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Sandra\par

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\b Sent:\tab\b0 Friday, December 10, 1999 1:56 PM\par

\b To:\tab\b0 Polaski, Sandra M; Aller, John C\par

\b Subject:\tab\b0 First Draft on No Sweat Funding Increase Appeal\par

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Sara,\par

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I am writing to propose that the budget request for the "No Sweat Initiative" for FY2001 be increased from \$5 million to \$8 million. Funding for FY2000 was a

pproved at \$4 million. \par

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This new initiative gets underway at a time of growing concern in the U.S. regarding abusive labor practices in overseas sweat shops. Organized labor, students and consumer groups have successfully raised public awareness of the "sweat shop" issue and worker rights concerns. \par

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The initial funds approved for this effort will allow us to strengthen existing "no sweat" efforts and encourage the expansion of these activities. We also hope to use these funds to encourage new initiatives. Wherever possible, we will seek to use grant funds to leverage complementary funding. \par

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We anticipate that as this program becomes more widely known it will catalyze significant new interest among NGO's and others, leading to a proliferation of sound proposals well beyond the work we can support with funds available in FY2000. Moreover, it is likely that we may wish to provide additional second-year funding to some of the proposals we support in FY 2000. \par

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Given the breadth of the problem (as measured by industries and countries involved) and the growing public support for "no sweat" activity, we believe an increase in funds allocated for FY 2001 to \$8 million is necessary and would find significant public support.\par

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Just as the Clinton Administration has led global efforts to end the worst forms of child labor, the administration is also positioned to assume a leadership role in international efforts to end sweat shops. That role entails a growing financial commitment to this important worker rights cause. \par

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Sandra Polaski\par

Special Representative for International Labor Affairs\par

DRL/IL\par

Dept. of State\par

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ruth M. Samardick (CN=Ruth M. Samardick/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-2000 19:56:01.00

SUBJECT: FLA

TO: Gigi E. Georges (CN=Gigi E. Georges/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David Tseng (CN=David Tseng/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sarah Rosen Wartell (CN=Sarah Rosen Wartell/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FLA has been stung by student protests and withdrawals of member universities in the last couple weeks. Problems stem from student concerns that the FLA's 14-person Board of Directors may be dominated by manufacturers and suppliers of apparel, undermining the objectivity and independence of the monitor from the industry being monitored. The United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), now regards the FLA as an industry-controlled monitoring system that only serves to cover up sweatshop abuses. The USAS, in consultation with workers and human rights groups, has developed a competing organization, the Worker Rights Consortium. According to Sam Brown, FLA has lost a few members, but gained a few new schools, and university membership is about the same.

On February 15, following a 9-day student sit-in, University of Pennsylvania withdrew its membership, citing concerns over worker representation on FLA's executive board, its capacity for handling worker complaints, and public disclosure of factory locations and conditions. On February 16, Temple University announced plans to establish a task force to review its membership in the FLA. Last Friday (2/18), the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Michigan and Indiana University joined the Workers Rights Consortium. (Fifty-four anti-sweatshop protesters were arrested at University of Wisconsin-Madison, ending a 4-day sit-in in the Chancellor's office.)

DOL will be briefing the FLA on the wage study on Thursday of next week, and plans to brief interested unions a few days later. The report will be made public shortly thereafter.

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Creation Date: 2000-03-01

Subject: Re: 8ams plus early alert re weeklies

Creator: Ruth M. Samardick CN=Ruth M.
Samardick/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lael Brainard (CN=Lael Brainard/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-2000 09:08:55.00

SUBJECT: Consumer informaiton language

TO: Richard M. Samans (CN=Richard M. Samans/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

And we will continue to support consumers , rights to make informed purchasing decisions) whether it be on the environmental effects of a product ,s manufacture or the country of origin. We have actively promoted market-based mechanisms to ensure apparel is not made in sweatshop conditions, such as the Apparel Industry Partnership, and have recently initiated broad outreach to respond to consumers demand for more information on how their food is produced.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: SUZIBEACH@aol.com (SUZIBEACH@aol.com [UNKNOWN])

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For those of you unfamiliar with Rudy Acuna, he is a noted and well-respected Chicano Social Scientist, Writer (Occupied America) and Professor. I thought this piece was excellent. If you find anything about it, offensive, I sort of apologize, in advance, but would ask you merely to consider the perspective from which he is viewing the current political situation. Send comments back if you would like to. Suzi

Latinos and Spanish-speaking Gringos

- > Hasta la vista, baby!
- > Part I
- > By
- > Rodolfo F. Acuna
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- > The intensity of the wooing of the Latino vote by
- > presidential candidates,
- > and listening to George W. Bush and Al Gore speak
- > Spanish, with "little
- > brown ones" fluttering around them as if they were
- > gods, reminds me of
- > what Mexicans used to say in Texas: never to trust a
- > gringo who speaks
- > Spanish or a Mexican who smokes a cigar. (Both are
- > likely to be
- > politicians).
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- > Bush has been a regular visitor to California and
- > has included the Latino
- > community at many of his stops, something that would
- > have been rare four
- > years ago, and never happened a decade ago. Just in
- > the last couple of
- > weeks he has visited the conventions of the National
- > Council of La Raza
- > and the League of United Latin American Citizens.
- > Bush also attended the
- > annual convention of the National Association for
- > Colored People, where
- > the reception was not as warm.
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- > Bush includes a smattering of Spanish in his
- > speeches: "I like to be seen
- > in neighborhoods sometimes where Republicans aren't

> seen . . . I like to
> fight the stereotype that somehow we don't have the
> corazon (heart)
> necessary to hear the voices of people from all
> political parties and
> from all walks of life," he drawled in his affected
> Texas intonation at
> the National Council of La Raza confab. Bush
> prominently displays his
> nephew, 24-year-old George P. Bush, son of his
> brother, Florida Gov. Jeb
> Bush, and his Mexican-born sister-in-law, Columba.
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> The possibility of Latinos taking Bush seriously and
> a sizable voting for
> him frightens many of my liberal friends, who ask me
> (as if I knew what
> all Mexicans thought), why Latinos were doing the
> unthinkable and backing
> a Republican for president? An unproved assumption
> at best. Yet I must
> admit as a once lifelong Democrat, who grew up with
> a portrait of Franklin
> Delano Roosevelt prominently displayed in the
> pantheon of saints on my
> grandmother's dresser, the prospect disconcerts me.
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> Nevertheless, after the hundredth time asked the
> same inane question by
> liberal and leftist alike my defensiveness turns to
> hostility. It is as if
> these liberals and radicals think that Mexicans
> should automatically vote
> Democrat or even better, Ralph Nader, who has yet to
> articulate a coherent
> position on immigration. My radical friends act as
> if Mexicans should know
> their class interests in a country where very few
> Americans know them, and
> even to mention them is a cardinal sin.
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> As idiotic is the response of Latino pundits and
> cigar chomping Mexican
> American politicians that Latinos are not a
> monolithic bloc--da! With an
> all-knowing smirk on their faces they pompously
> point out that
> Cuban-Americans typically back Republicans by 2-to-1
> margins. Texas
> Latinos tend to be more flexible in willing to vote
> Republican, while
> California Latinos slammed by Proposition 187, the
> 1994 ballot initiative
> that denied many public services to illegal

- > immigrants, vote 2 to 1 for
- > Democrats.
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- > The fact is that Bush may fail quizzes on foreign
- > policy but he receives
- > an "A" for using Spanish language commercials. One
- > tag line in his
- > election as governor was: "Vote for Bush-Who cares
- > if he's not a
- > Democrat?" in Spanish. He has also broken with
- > nativist such as former
- > California governor Pete Wilson and exhorted others
- > to change their policy
- > on immigration. Moreover, the Bush challenge has
- > Democrats and even Greens
- > learning Spanish and proudly flouting their cigar
- > chomping Latinos
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- > The reasons for Latinos being so gullible go deep,
- > and do not recognize
- > their class interests is rooted in the inability of
- > gringos of whatever
- > political persuasion to come to grips with the race
- > question. Latinos are
- > not independent and are a product of the US
- > political ambience. They are a
- > social construct of the North American whose
- > chauvinism and ideological
- > bias promote a paradigm that fits all Latinos.
- > According to that paradigm,
- > on policy issues, from affirmative action to defense
- > spending, Latinos and
- > Asians are more conservative than blacks. That
- > Latinos are rural and
- > Catholic is always cited proof of this assumption.
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- > Thrown in for good measure is that Latinos often
- > fail to support black
- > candidates for office. Forgotten is that when given
- > a choice Latinos
- > prefer Latino candidates, and that Blacks prefer
- > black candidates, and not
- > all black leaders and organizations support Latinos
- > on issues such as
- > immigration. The fact is that it has only been
- > recently that Blacks and
- > Latinos have communicated without white
- > intermediaries. To most North
- > Americans, from the left and the right, all Asians
- > are Asians, no matter
- > if they are from Japan, China, Korea, or the
- > Philippines. Just like anyone
- > with a Spanish surname is Mexican to them.
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- > A reductionist logic compels Anglos to expect
- > Mexicans, for instance, to
- > behave like African Americans when in truth they are
- > different. Latinos
- > and Blacks are the product of distinct historical
- > experiences. Despite
- > their racism, whites have always felt guilty about
- > Blacks who had and have
- > for some time had a national presence. Liberals and
- > radicals have always
- > felt paternalistically close to Blacks. With Latinos
- > they have been more
- > ambivalent. Whites feeling less comfortable around
- > them. Few recognize
- > that the US stole half Mexico's territory or that
- > they have suffered from
- > racism. In isolated cases there has been contact
- > between Latinos and white
- > liberals, but for the most part it has been with
- > gringos speaking Spanish.
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- > Part of the explanation for the alienation between
- > Latinos and liberals
- > and even radicals is the latter two's chauvinism.
- > Basically they do not
- > respect Latinos. A partial explanation for this is
- > that many Latinos are
- > immigrants, and what the white left knows about them
- > is in great part
- > impressionistic, anecdotal, and subjective.
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- > I have been involved on the left for over forty
- > years, and, during this
- > period, I have found few white leftist who know the
- > history or know much
- > about Mexican Americans. Before 1970, very few did
- > research on Mexican
- > Americans, Carey McWilliams' North From Mexico, the
- > notable exception.
- > Substituted for historical knowledge are myths and
- > stereotypes. This has
- > greatly contributes to an ideological bias, and even
- > racism.
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- > I will not deny that there are differences between
- > those on the left and
- > Republicans. George W. Bush, for example, has chosen
- > Linda Chavez as his
- > leading adviser on immigration issues. Chavez's
- > qualification rests on her
- > being a Clarence Thomas clone. Chavez also boasts of
- > her Spanish American,
- > not her Mexican ancestry, and of being half white.
- > In contrast, a key

- > adviser to Vice President Al Gore is Maria
- > Echaveste, currently a deputy
- > White House chief of staff. While on Labor
- > Department, she cracked down on
- > sweatshop abuses by the garment industry.
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- > The other differences are those of degree. Under
- > Bush, the compassionate
- > conservative, has continued to support the
- > establishment of a low-level
- > radioactive waste disposal site in Sierra Blanca-the
- > small, poor, and
- > predominantly Mexican American community that
- > already receives daily
- > trainloads of sewage sludge from New York. The
- > Sierra Blanca dump site,
- > although a blatant example of environmental racism,
- > has become a George W.
- > Bush project. Under Bush South Texas, predominately
- > Mexican American,
- > continues to be an environmental and economic
- > disaster, with many living
- > in homes with outside toilets.
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- > Just last year George W. offered a tax plan that
- > exempted small businesses
- > from the franchise tax if their annual gross
- > revenue was \$250,000 or
- > under. Part of the plan was a \$2 billion
- > property-tax cut for his rich
- > friends. Nastier, the plan would have taken it from
- > the schools, which
- > according to George W., is his most important
- > priority. The truth be told,
- > Texas did not even have fully funded kindergarten,
- > which
- > disproportionately affected Latino children. Texas
- > under Bush is in per
- per capita government spending, which again affects the
- > poor. Bush says he has
- > corazon but has executed more Mexican Americans than
- > any other governor,
- > even when alerted by the US Supreme Court that it is
- > a no to admit
- > discriminatory evidence into the process, which is
- > common in Texas.
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- > My concern and my thesis in this article and the one
- > that follows is that
- > there is no ongoing political education of Mexican
- > Americans and Latinos.
- > The result is that Latinos are often uncritical of
- > the politicos like
- > George W. Bush and Al Gore who come to them with

> ridiculous promises
> during election time, speaking Spanish as proof of
> their concern. The
> Democratic party that until recently has not even
> bothered to spend money
> on Spanish-speaking media is now scurrying to out
> Bush, Bush, and show
> that it has always had a corazon.
>
> What I want to show in Part II of this article is
> that in order for the
> community to break out of its "pediche" mentality is
> for it to begin to
> recognize its class interests. This can only be done
> through the inclusion
> and maintenance of a social and political vocabulary
> that is skeptical,
> and critically analyzes political discourse. In the
> second part, I want
> to show how liberals and radicals have contributed
> to the political
> illiteracy of Mexican-origin people and other
> Latinos. Indeed, Cuban
> Americans and Nicaraguans as communities are almost
> politically lost
> causes because of the lack of attention of the left.
> Radicalization takes
> money and an agenda that includes Latinos.
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> One cannot expect more of Latinos, given the lack of
> engagement of the
> left media. They feel left out even in spaces that
> one would expect them
> to be included. The left has contributed to this
> alienation. It is
> therefore no wonder that Latinos feel grateful when
> paid attention by
> gringos speaking Spanish. Even "Hasta la vista
> baby!" has a welcome sound
> in a universe where even television has no brown
> faces.
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> Latinos and Spanish-speaking Gringos
> Hasta la vista, baby!
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> For my part, I believe the failure to respect
> Latinos, as well as what is
> the relationship between civil rights and Latinos,

- > is ripe for
- > reexamination. No matter how one cuts it, if Mexican
- > Americans and other
- > Latinos seem fickle in goo-gooing when gringo
- > politicians come courting,
- > it is a product of the left's negligence and
- > ignorance. As far back as
- > the mid-1960s, I preached to anyone who would listen
- > in the California
- > Democratic Council that Mexican Americans were not
- > naturally conservative
- > just because they had strong family values or many
- > of them were Catholics.
- > The building of a political ideology takes
- > education. It has to be seeded,
- > and it takes the development and maintenance of a
- > political language. Yet,
- > historically, Democrats, like Republicans, have
- > preferred to play the role
- > of the gringo speaking Spanish, taking for granted
- > that Latinos will vote
- > against Republicans.
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- > Instead of helping Latinos to develop politically,
- > the left has
- > simplistically told Mexican Americans --Democrats
- > good, Republicans bad.
- > An important factor contributing to the alienation
- > between the various
- > groups is the lack of ideological bonding. One of
- > the main factors
- > encouraging the lack of bonding has been that the
- > groups have been
- > spatially separated.
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- > For example, the Jewish American community, an
- > important player in left
- > coalitions, around World War II in Los Angeles lived
- > in close proximity to
- > Mexicans. Leftist Jews lived alongside Mexicans in
- > Boyle Heights and
- > contributed to the ideological development of the
- > Mexican American
- > community. However, with the flight of Jews from
- > places Boyle Heights to
- > the westside, the bonding weakened as did the
- > sharing of historical
- > memories. In contrast, middle- class neighborhoods
- > such as the Baldwin
- > Hills put Blacks into much closer proximity to
- > Jewish Americans, who
- > sponsored the rise of black politicians such as
- > Mayor Tom Bradley. Space
- > and the arrival of East Coast Jews, who did not

- > share a knowledge of
- > Mexicans furthered the gap between the two groups.
- > Literally, Jews and
- > other white progressives lived on the westside and
- > Mexicans on the
- > eastside, with Mexicans left out of much of the
- > mainstream civil rights
- > coalitions formed in the 1960s.
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- > Much of the black population also came from the east
- > coast and midwest
- > where there were no Mexicans or Central Americans.
- > Blacks coexisted with
- > Latinos and were numerically equal to Latinos until
- > the dramatic growth of
- > the Latino community in the 1970s. This growth
- > threatened Black and
- > Jewish interests, and tensions developed over
- > redistricting and a feeling
- > grew among Latinos that certain districts belonged
- > to them.
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- > Because the political brokers and the liberals
- > excluded Mexican Americans
- > during the Mayor Tom Bradley, Mexican American
- > politicians also developed an
- > our time has come mindset. They wanted control of
- > institutions much the
- > same way Blacks did during the 1970s and 1980s. Term
- > limits opened the
- > door of opportunity. The lack of a strong Latino
- > political community gave
- > rise to individual political aspirations.
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- > The new Latino politicians created a new coalition,
- > which begs to be
- > critically analyzed. Along with alliances with
- > labor, Chicano politicians
- > often joined forces with Mayor Richard Riordan to
- > get elected. This
- > resulted in more Chicanos elected to the City
- > Council, but,
- > simultaneously, these alliances supported Riordan's
- > corporate takeover of
- > the city, the schools, and transportation. It was a
- > marriage of
- > convenience without any serious ideological bonding.
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- > How is the left responsible for this state of
- > affairs? A universe that
- > trains future politicians and gives a voice to
- > minority thinkers is the
- > media. Especially influential is the left media
- > because the conservative

- > culture of the mainstream estate does not offer the
- > developing writer to> mature politically. Ironically, the left media that
- > had loudly and
- > frequently criticized the lack of affirmative action
- > was and is guilty of
- > not hiring Latinos. Because of limited space, I will
- > only focus on three
- > examples: the LA Weekly, The Nation and Pacifica
- > Radio.
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- > The Weekly covers Latinos. It has to--one of every
- > two Angeleno is a
- > Latino. However, English- speaking gringos write
- > most of the stories on
- > Latinos. At The Weekly, Harold Myerson is an
- > important voice on the left.
- > He frequently writes about Latinos, and is
- > influential in developing the
- > critique of the city politics. Given the immense
- > Latino population one
- > would expect a larger Latino presence within the
- > newspaper.
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- > The lack of a critical presence of Latinos in The
- > Weekly's community has
- > seriously retarded its understanding of Latinos. Its
- > lack of bonding with
- > that community makes its coverage and editorial
- > content in great part
- > impressionistic, anecdotal, and subjective. Take
- > Myerson, who a serious
- > scholar of LA politics. He has contributed to the
- > myth that Latinos are
- > conservative. According to Myerson, a new Democratic
- > coalition of
- > immigrant and second- and third-generation Latinos,
- > energized by labor
- > activists, is driving Latinos in increased numbers
- > to the polls. He adds
- > that the old black-led liberal coalitions has given
- > way to a new labor and
- > Latino-immigrant axis that is "largely positioned to
- > the right of the
- > older coalition on these issues but to the left of
- > the Republicans on
- > workplace issues such as the minimum wage and on
- > the improvement of
- > public education."
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- > My problem with Myerson is the lack of skepticism in
- > his analysis. A
- > greater inclusion of Latinos would have sharpened
- > his own knowledge of the
- > infighting that took place around Proposition 187

- > (passed in 1994), and
- > efforts within that community by Latino and
- > non-Latinos to tone down the
- > opposition to 187. Further, there was criticism of
- > the Democratic party
- > and labor in 1996 for sacrificing affirmative action
- > and the
- > anti-immigrant provisions in the 1996 federal
- > welfare reform bill, and
- > prioritizing the election of Bill Clinton. Some
- > Latinos are still bitter
- > at labor and Democratic candidates downplaying their
- > support of
- > Proposition 227, the anti-bilingual education
- > measure, in 1998, in favor
- > of Proposition 226, which would have required
- > employers and labor unions
- > to obtain a worker's permission each year before
- > withholding wages or
- > union dues for political purposes. Most some labor
- > candidates quietly
- > declined to carry controversial anti-227 literature.
- > More important,
- > Myerson ignores the failure of the Internationals,
- > housed on the East
- > Coast, hoarding large pension funds running into the
- > billions of dollars,
- > of abandoning immigrant worker projects such as the
- > California Immigrant
- > Workers' Association.
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- > The Nation, an influential left magazine among
- > policy makers, simply does
- > not believe that the Southwest exists. Even under
- > Carey McWilliams, who
- > wrote the first comprehensive history of Mexicans in
- > the United States,
- > the Nation failed consistently to give a voice to
- > Latino issues. When it
- > featured a Latino writer, Gregory Rodriguez, a
- > fellow at the conservative
- > Pepperdine University think-tank, his views on
- > bilingual education came
- > from the right, something The Nation would not have
- > done to Black
- > Americans.
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- > Currently civil war of the lefties is raging at KPFK
- > in Los Angeles and at
- > KPFA in the Bay area. Both stations belong to the
- > Pacifica Network, and
- > what is happening there is symptomatic of the
- > problem. Demographers
- > expect the Latino population from 1998 to 2010 to

- > account for almost half
- > of all the population growth in the U.S. and 62
- > percent to the year 2050.
- > One would think that Pacifica, a giant among
- > independent alternative
- > media, because its five stations, in New York
- > (WBAI), Washington (WPFW),
- > Houston (KPFT), Los Angeles (KPFK) and Berkeley,
- > Calif. (KPFA), are smack
- > in the middle of this growth, would want to attract
- > this audience.
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- > Not so! Neither side talks about mentoring young
- > Latino and Latina voices
- > and getting more Latinos to listen. Other than
- > supporting the dismissed
- > Latino volunteers, not much has been heard from the
- > Chicano community,
- > which sees it as a war of the vanguards who want to
- > control the message
- > and the messenger, and their right to speak for
- > their little brown
- > brothers and sisters.
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- > Would it matter if there was a critical mass of
- > Latinos at these
- > alternative newspapers, magazines and radio
- > stations? Most certainly, this
- > mass would challenge today's mainstream thought and
- > its preoccupation with
- > a positivist objectivity that supports established
- > interests.
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- > In order to fully understand the hypocrisy of the
- > left in its failure to
- > promote affirmative action from within one must
- > understand their political
- > culture. White radicals and liberals have never
- > thought of Mexicans as
- > equal partners largely because of a historical
- > ignorance of them. Latinos
- > until recently lacked a national presence, partly
- > due to the heavy
- > immigrant Latino population. Their presence is
- > limited. For example, in
- > 1991 five states accounted for seven out of eight
- > applicants for
- > citizenship; over 54 percent resided in a single
- > state, California, and
- > half the top ten Metropolitan areas of residence
- > were in California.
- > Applicants from Los Angeles-Long Beach,
- > overwhelmingly Mexican, accounted
- > for over 34 percent of the nation's total.

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- > Immigration has magnified racial diversity and
- > intragroup differences.
- > Immigration therefore was peripheral to civil rights
- > politics until
- > Chicanos thrust it into the mix. In the last three
- > decades immigration has
- > demanded the inclusion of new issues more often
- > unfamiliar to the left.
- > Further, immigration has contributed to a
- > fragmentation, i.e., a 1986
- > opinion poll showed 52 percent of black Americans
- > favored immigration at
- > current or increased levels, while 39 percent wanted
- > the levels decreased.
- > This has accounted for the fact that both African
- > Americans and liberals
- > have belatedly formed progressive stances on
- > immigration.
- >
- > Further, the dramatic growth of the Latino
- > middle-class, which some Latino
- > scholars and writers have celebrated as an example
- > of Latino ingenuity.
- > This lack of a sense of their own civil rights
- > history has taken attention
- > away from the fact that, according to the 1990
- > census, five Southern
- > California counties housed more than a fifth of the
- > nation's Latino
- > population. Although they developed a substantial
- > middle class, Latinos
- > are "the largest group of poor people in the United
- > States [that] is not
- > . . . on welfare. They are the working poor, whose
- > earnings are so meager
- > that despite their best efforts, they cannot afford
- > decent housing,
- > diets, health care, or child care."
- > Add to this that radicals in particular are obsessed
- > by
- > revolution--transformation--to them reform is a
- > dirty word. They are
- > romantics who supported Central Americans during
- > their civil war. However,
- > when the wars ended, most went on to other beehives.
- > I remember appearing
- > on a program at KPFK, hosted by the then head of the
- > local Lawyers Guild.
- > One guest was a 15-year- old Mexican kid, who was a
- > leader of a walkout of
- > Latino students (a walkout of some 30,000 middle and
- > high school
- > students), protesting Proposition 187. The attorney

- > literally had a mental
- > orgasm, asking the student, vulnerable because of
- > his immigration status,
- > if this was the beginning of a militant movement.
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- > If the Latino community does vote for Bush, it will
- > not be because we are
- > genetically or culturally conservative. It is
- > because of a lack of
- > political education, which the vanguard left's
- > elitism has failed to
- > contribute to. One of the purposes of affirmative
- > action was to integrate
- > minorities at all levels of society. Evidently, the
- > left does not believe
- > that affirmative action applies to it.
- >
- > No doubt, some may accuse me of pessimism. They will
- > claim that we have
- > made tremendous gains and that both political
- > parties are now accepting us
- > speaking Spanish. Still, as of 1997, only 54.7
- > percent of U.S. Latinos
- > had graduated from high school and only 7.4 percent
- > from college. We had
- > the largest number of school dropouts, and
- > consequently more Latino youth
- > found their way into gangs and ran afoul of the law.
- > In 1990, we made up
- > about 11.5 percent of the U.S. population, and
- > accounted for 13.3
- > percent of all prisoners. This stat rose to 15.8
- > percent by 1996.
- >
- > Despite all this, I am not ready to say Hasta la
- > vista baby! to the left.
- > A radical critique is vital and we must fight for
- > control not only of
- > mainstream institutions but also alternative media
- > and organizations that
- > have made a living of critiquing our poverty. It is
- > time that we spoke for
- > ourselves and not through Spanish-speaking gringos
- > or cigar smoking
- > Mexicans.

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January 18, 2001

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*** Internal monitoring plans have been completed, reviewed, revised and provide the basis for the Board to consider approval for the first Participating Company designations at the January 23 Board meeting. These plans, which include information on monitoring, training, factory locations, and other information required by the Charter are the basis for the future internal and external monitoring required of FLA companies.

*** Also at the January 23 Board meeting it is anticipated that the first monitors will be accredited as Independent External Monitors. Taken together these two actions constitute a major step toward institutionalizing the Fair Labor monitoring process. They will permit us to begin, in earnest, the work for which the groundwork has been laid in past years.

*** In a conference call this week the chair search committee agreed to retain Isacson Miller to assist in the search, and further reviewed the list of names recommended by Board members and others.