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Domestic

LENGTH: 958 words**HEADLINE:** Family Planning Funds Withheld; Administration Decides Not to Contribute to U.N. Effort**BYLINE:** Colum Lynch and Juliet Eilperin, Washington Post Staff Writers**BODY:**

The Bush administration has decided to withhold \$ 34 million for international family planning programs administered by the United Nations, a move that delights conservatives but intensifies a battle with Congress and women's rights advocates over global assistance and reproductive health policy.

According to administration and congressional sources, the State Department is preparing to announce within the next few days that the administration will not pay its contribution to the U.N. Population Fund. The fund operates projects -- ranging from contraception to abstinence education to gynecological services -- in 142 countries.

The decision, reached by State in coordination with the White House, embraces the contention of abortion opponents and conservatives that the fund tacitly perpetuates a "one-child" policy in China that has led to abortions and sterilizations against women's will. They cite a provision routinely included in the foreign affairs spending bill that forbids funding of groups that allow such practices. That view is vehemently disputed. A State Department team that traveled to China two months ago to investigate the allegations found no evidence that the U.N.'s program was linked to such abuses, according to officials in the administration and on Capitol Hill. The findings, contained in a report that has not been made public, parallel the conclusions of an investigation conducted in April by members of the British Parliament.

To try to blunt the political and practical repercussions of cutting the \$ 34 million, the administration plans to announce that it will devote the same amount of money to other international aid efforts, possibly to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which subsidize nonprofit relief agencies operating population programs that Bush favors.

"We'll keep the funding at the same level, but we're just not going to fund people who are involved in abortions," a senior administration official said.

The boycott of the U.N. fund is a sequel to the first substantive action of Bush's presidency. Two days after his inauguration, Bush banned the award of family planning grants to international groups that use other sources of money for abortion services. The ban, reversing a Clinton administration policy, was an immediate sign of support for the social conservatives who had helped put Bush in the White House -- and people across the ideological spectrum said yesterday the new move will send a similar message as mid-term elections approach.

The earlier ban differs from the latest move because it had a direct effect on family planning groups, not foreign governments. The U.N. fund works primarily through governments overseas.

The opposition to the U.N. fund represents an administration reversal. Last year, Bush asked Congress to devote \$ 25 million to the program, and the administration eventually agreed with lawmakers to allot as much as \$ 34 million this year. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell has praised the program as carrying out "invaluable work."

However, abortion opponents, including the three top leaders of the House, have lobbied the administration to cut off the money, even though the program does not pay directly for abortions. In January, the White House suspended the money on a temporary basis, saying it needed time to examine the complaints about China.

Like many decisions under Bush, this one has been tightly held. Senior administration officials have begun to inform a few key lawmakers, and word is beginning to circulate among allies in interest groups.

Kenneth Connor, president of the Family Research Council, called the move "very sound policy" that "continues to give shoe leather to the president's pro-life commitments." He added, "It's also good politics. It helps the president energize his base."

Opponents on and off Capitol Hill are preparing to fight.

"They are proving the alleged support for women's rights in this administration is shallow, insincere and perhaps hypocritical," said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Noting that the State delegation to China reportedly did not find abuses, she said the decision is "an excuse for the administration to do what it's wanted to do all along -- which is to defund family planning."

Feldt and congressional critics said the shift of money to other international relief efforts would be problematic, because it could free the administration to subsidize limited family planning approaches, such as programs that emphasize sexual abstinence before marriage.

Critics also said the assistance might reach fewer countries. Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.) noted that USAID subsidizes work in 84 nations, almost 60 fewer than the U.N. fund. "The president is saying to the women of Pakistan, Liberia and Iran, 'Later,'" Maloney said.

Rep. James C. Greenwood (R-Pa.) said he spoke Thursday with Bush senior adviser **Karl Rove** and Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage. "It appears to me that the administration is going to eliminate the UNFPA funds," Greenwood said. "That is a big mistake."

The controversy is certain to play out in Congress in coming months. This week, lawmakers negotiating an emergency addition to this year's budget removed language approved by the Senate that have required the administration to spend the \$ 34 million on the fund.

But a bipartisan group of House and Senate members is trying to impose a more expensive requirement in next year's budget. On Thursday, a Senate committee approved language to compel the administration to spend \$ 50 million on the program next year.

Staff writer Amy Goldstein contributed to this report.

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Party seeks to lure Hispanics, who don't always feel welcome*Bush Front Man***SOURCE:** Washington Bureau**BYLINE:** ALFREDO CORCHADO**DATELINE:** SAN CLEMENTE, Calif.**BODY:**

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. - Carlos Olamendi has undergone an unusual political conversion, from Socialist Party activist in Mexico to California capitalist friend of George W. Bush.

His tasty enchiladas, served at one of his six restaurants here, help explain his metamorphosis.

It so happened that a frequent customer named Richard Nixon took a liking to the dish, back in the days when Mr. Olamendi and his brother Jorge were undocumented workers in the restaurant the former president patronized.

Mr. Nixon liked their food so much - especially the Veracruz- style chicken plate - that he regularly hired the brothers to cater parties at his posh beachfront home down the road. "He savored our food," said Mr. Olamendi, sitting inside one of the Olamendi restaurants facing the Pacific Ocean and reminiscing alongside his brother. " Over time, we came to embrace his party."

These days, Mr. Olamendi, 46, is one of numerous newcomers to the Republican Party. He has become for the GOP the model immigrant: affluent, well-traveled, articulate, college-educated with solidly conservative politics.

But while he's on a first-name basis with a number of President Bush's Hispanic appointees, and he ponders his own run for office, his voyage is also fraught with peril. Some members of his own party, he says, are unenthusiastic about the role of immigrants like him.

Therein lies President Bush's political problem.

Polls show that Mr. Bush's strategy of wooing the nation's fastest-growing ethnic constituency is working. Yet his popularity has yet to translate into high poll numbers for the Republican Party Committee, which is making an unprecedented effort to reach out to Hispanic voters.

It's launched a million-dollar public affairs program on Spanish-language television, called "Abriendo Caminos," or "Forging Paths," in electoral battleground states that have many Hispanic voters, such as New Mexico.

The state features two Hispanics - the GOP's John Sanchez and Democrat Bill Richardson - vying for the governorship. GOP members of Congress and their staff members are also taking intensive Spanish courses.

Yet Hispanic voters, who are surpassing African-Americans as the nation's largest minority group, say, by a 53% to 23% split, that they intend to back Democrats over Republicans for Congress, according to a recent poll by Miami-based Bendixen & Associates.

"President Bush hasn't missed a beat," said Sergio Bendixen, president of Bendixen & Associates and a longtime political polling veteran. "But the Republican Party has its work cut out for them."

Mr. Olamendi's journey, from cutting Cuban sugar cane in solidarity with Fidel Castro, to toiling as a busboy in Southern California restaurants, and finally to the upper echelons of California's Republican Party, seems an apt metaphor. In many ways, it symbolizes how far both immigrants and the party have come toward embracing each other.

"Part of the Republican strategy now is to aggressively recruit newcomers to the party before preconceived political notions set in," said Matt Barreto, a research analyst at the Claremont, Calif.-based Tomas Rivera Institute, a think tank. "When these newcomers arrive, they have no allegiance to any party, Democrats or Republicans. They're up for grabs. So competition is fierce."

But, analysts caution, there are many challenges ahead, as Republicans try to narrow the gap with Democrats.

For one, Democrats are responding with their own multimillion-dollar intense Hispanic recruiting campaign. Even House Minority Leader, Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., is studying Spanish in Mexico.

They're also broadcasting weekly Spanish-language radio addresses, redoubling their voter registration drives and clamoring for legalization programs for all undocumented workers, an effort that has built a grass-roots party following before.

"President Bush is great at paying lip service to Hispanics," Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a possible presidential hopeful, told Hispanic leaders gathered at Capitol Hill for a Democratic-sponsored town hall meeting. "But he lacks leadership when it comes to pushing the Hispanic agenda."

A White House spokesman said such talk was nonsense.

Target cities

The battle for the Hispanic political soul is being waged in cities with teeming Mexican-American populations. They include Albuquerque, N.M., and Dallas, where businessman Luis de la Garza is recruiting Hispanic blue-collar workers to the party,

In Southern California communities, Mr. Olamendi delicately builds bridges between Republicans and Hispanics,

Despite their powerful explosion in numbers - growing more than 400 percent in the last decade - Hispanics remain among the least likely to group to register to vote. The Hispanic share of the electorate in 2000 tripled to 7 percent from 1980.

When Mr. Olamendi is not dabbling in politics and business back in Mexico, he's pushing voter registration drives throughout Orange County and Los Angeles neighborhoods, preaching conservative values among fellow immigrants. Republicans vow to register half a million new voters in California by Election Day, many of them Hispanic.

Among the new converts are his own waiters, busboys and cooks, such as 64-year-old Manuela Sandoval. Ms. Sandoval has worked for more than 20 years at the Olamendi's restaurant chain. Though Ms. Sandoval feels a kindred spirit with the GOP, she makes one quiet admission: "I have yet to vote for them. Perhaps it's lack of mutual trust."

Converting traditional Democrats to Republicans continues to be a daunting task. Republicans suffer from an image of being less than friendly toward policies aimed at legalizing the millions of illegal immigrants.

Republicans, after all, are the party of former California Gov. Pete Wilson, whose Proposition 187 once denied benefits to illegal immigrants and angered millions of immigrants into becoming U.S. citizens and Democratic voters. California has 2 million more registered Democrats than Republicans.

"Sometimes," Mr. Olamendi confesses, "I feel like a Jehovah's Witness preaching the word in a Catholic neighborhood."

Mr. Bush's chief political adviser, **Karl Rove**, has made the courtship of Hispanics crucial to the president's re-election efforts. Mr. Bush's strategy has drawn him even with former Vice President Al Gore in a prospective 2004 match-up. Mr. Bush's ratings soared into the 90s after the Sept. 11 attacks. His ratings now hover around 70 percent.

But his survey shows that the president's standing among Hispanics has improved on several specifics, Mr. Bendixen said. They favor him over Democrats in Congress by 23 percentage points on improving relations with Latin America.

Yet in California, six out of 10 new registered Latinos vote for Democrats, three for independents and only one for Republicans, figures that Republicans dispute. What's worse, Hispanic Republicans have the worst voter turnover rate, said Mr. Barreto of the Tomas Rivera Institute.

Mr. Olamendi likens the battle for Hispanic voters to that of wresting power away from the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, Mexico's seven decades-old ruling party defeated by President Vicente Fox in 2000.

"I'm hopeful," Mr. Olamendi said, "that it won't take 71 years to sway Hispanics to the Republican Party." Raised in a working-class family with roots in the states of Veracruz and Puebla, Mr. Olamendi is the middle child of nine siblings, all of them college-educated.

Success stories

In the late 1960s, Mr. Olamendi's older brother Jorge migrated north, moved up from busboy to waiter, and eventually bought the restaurant, the same place where he was fired earlier for greeting Mr. Nixon.

The next time Mr. Nixon walked into the restaurant, Jorge Olamendi was the owner. Today, the tiny place is plastered with dozens of the former president's pictures - one shows Mr. Nixon with mariachis - and the Olamendi family. A book dedicated to Jorge Olamendi by Mr. Nixon thanks the entrepreneur for his "loyal friendship."

Back in Mexico, Carlos Olamendi was protesting a 1968 student massacre and the so-called dirty war of the 1970s.

He showed socialist leanings, visiting the Soviet Union, cutting sugar cane in Cuba, railing against unfettered capitalism and preaching Indian development at the United Nations. He even denounced U.S. policy to Central America.

During the summers, he was an undocumented worker at his brother's restaurant, earning monies to pay for college. In 1983, he moved to California when doctors discovered cancer in his mother, who had moved to the state. In 1986, when President Ronald Reagan granted him and 2.9 million other undocumented workers amnesty, Mr. Olamendi came to admire the former president. He even became a U.S. citizen.

"I became a Republican," he said. "Not so much because I believed in the party, but out of appreciation of a great man who opened a world of possibilities to me by granting me my citizenship."

Yet his political obsession remained with ending the PRI's long reign in Mexico. Regularly, he'd take the redeye flight to Mexico City, or he'd help organize groups of immigrants to support Mr. Fox on the U.S. side. He persuaded members of the elite Lincoln Club, a conservative group of Republican business leaders in Orange County, to host Mr. Fox at an event that attracted both immigrants and affluent Republicans.

After Mr. Fox's historic win, Mr. Olamendi turned to the pressing problems in his own neighborhoods, hampered by rampant dropout rates, skyrocketing unemployment and rising crime.

Mr. Olamendi said that he was in large part drawn to the Republican Party because he believes in limited government, free enterprise and strong family values.

Moreover, Mr. Bush's "ease, friendship and fondness for Mexico presented a rare opportunity for both countries to finally resolve many of the bilateral differences," he said.

In December, Mr. Olamendi and his group of business leaders - Hispanic 100 - hosted Mr. Bush at a rally in Ontario attended largely by Hispanics.

There's still work to do

Still, as he works to close the gap between the Republican Party and Hispanics, Mr. Olamendi admits he understands the reluctance among Hispanics all too well.

The man appointed to the Presidential Commission for the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center, Mr. Olamendi said he's often persona non grata among some Republicans, whom he refuses to name. Some have told him point blank to "go back to Mexico" whenever he lobbies for amnesty for undocumented workers, or for policies to ease the flow of people across the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I've learned to swallow saliva and pride at the same time," Mr. Olamendi said. "But I know that by accepting me, the Republican Party will open the door to many more immigrants."

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SECTION: INSIDE MOVES; Pg. 6**LENGTH:** 441 words**HEADLINE:** ALL'S QUIET ON H'WOOD FRONT**BYLINE:** PAMELA McCLINTOCK**BODY:**

HOLLYWOOD Not long after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, studio bigwigs and TV honchos attended a Beverly Hills summit with top White House adviser **Karl Rove**, vowing to fight the good fight and support the war effort.

So what's become of Hollywood 9/11?

Aside from ferrying hundreds of movies to U.S. troops overseas and producing some low-key PSAs, not much. Originally, it was a handful of filmmakers and actors reaching out to the Bush administration. They wanted the showbiz war effort to be more creative .

Politics being politics, though, it wasn't long before industry powerbrokers stepped in, with Paramount's Sherry Lansing and MPAA president Jack Valenti taking over .

Who, after all, could refuse a chance to make nice with the new Bush administration? (And vice versa ?)

Valenti announced that he would head up a new committee, which has come to be called Hollywood 9/11, that would coordinate the war effort. The committee touts more than 40 members, turning the group's conference call confabs into a crowded party line, with no one really sure who else is on the line.

Some grouse that Valenti usurped the process, and that the original creatives have lost interest. But Hollywood players acknowledge it was almost inevitable that Valenti, Hollywood's man in Washington, would take charge.

And, as with any good bureaucracy, Hollywood 9/11 divided into subcommittees. The busiest --- and least controversial --- is the group coordinating shipments of movies to U.S. troops overseas. The White House and Pentagon are immensely appreciative of this particular effort.

Hollywood

But progress on producing public service announcements hasn't been so easy.

In June, with barely a peep, the subcommittee handling domestic messages released three PSAs for TV and theaters. But there's no reference to Hollywood 9/11 in any of the three, and the process is said to have taken far longer than it should have.

Developing international PSAs has been much more difficult.

In December, word broke that Hollywood 9/11 was in talks with Muhammad Ali, a Muslim, to produce a PSA destined for Islamic auds overseas. Those talks ultimately broke down.

Still, there is no question that Hollywood 9/11 has led to better relations between entertainment toppers --- many of them Democrats --- and the Bush administration. In the end, that may be the committee's most significant legacy.

"Like so many industries, Hollywood has really stepped forward in the aftermath of 9/11 to assist in spreading globally the story of America," White House spokesman Ken Lisaius says.

If he thinks so, that's a good sign for Hollywood.

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HEADLINE: Abortion Stance Key to Judicial Pick

Priscilla OWEN

BYLINE: By Tom Brune. WASHINGTON BUREAU

BODY:

Washington - Two years ago, an exasperated member of the Texas Supreme Court blasted fellow Justice Priscilla Owens for "an unconscionable act of judicial activism" in her dissent in an abortion-related case.

Now that comment has come back to haunt Owens as she goes before what is expected to be a contentious confirmation hearing today on her nomination to the federal bench on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Owens is the latest of President George W. Bush's more controversial judicial nominations to get a hearing on the deeply divided Judiciary Committee, which earlier this year rejected another Bush pick for the Fifth Circuit, Charles Pickering. Owens, 47, is rated as well-qualified by the American Bar Association, but she is controversial because of conservative views on abortion and backing of big business.

She has become high-profile, as coalitions of Texas groups on both the right and left have trekked to Washington to lobby for and against her nomination.

For the past year, Democrats and Republicans have wrestled over Bush's judicial nominees in the struggle over the ideological direction of the courts and in preparation for a much larger fight about Bush's choice for the next vacancy on the Supreme Court.

But both conservative and liberal activists say that Owens' close ties to Bush and his counsel Alberto Gonzales and political adviser **Karl Rove** has brought a greater focus to her nomination and what it indicates about Bush's goals for reshaping the judiciary.

The "judicial activism" remark has been emphasized by liberal and abortion-rights groups as they portray her as out of the mainstream, especially since the Texas justice who blasted her was Gonzales, who at the time served on the court with her.

Gonzales acknowledges he made the comment as a justice on the conservative, all-Republican Texas Supreme Court, but he now says Owens would exercise judicial restraint on the federal appellate court that covers Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

"This is an interesting nomination in that she is a very close political friend to **Karl Rove**," said Nan

Aron of the liberal Alliance for Justice. "He served as her consultant during her first race, and to that end, she fulfills **Karl Rove's** dream of packing the bench with special interest judges."

Owens is expected to be questioned closely by Democrats about the dissent that prompted Gonzales' "judicial activism" comment, which came in a case interpreting a Texas law on parental notification of minors seeking abortions.

In her dissent, Owens appeared to be attempting to interpret the law to make it more difficult for minors to get an abortion, according to Mary Jane Gallagher of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Democrats also may question Owens about a series of rulings that Aron charges are very pro-business, including ones that appear to indicate a conflict of interest.

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Elections

HEADLINE: Some see environment as GOP weakness

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DATELINE: SAMMAMISH, Wash.

BODY:

SAMMAMISH, Wash. -- Disappearing forests of the Pacific Northwest have long bothered Adam Waalkes, a lifelong resident of the Seattle suburbs. Increasingly, it hits him where he lives and how he may vote.

Waalkes, 36, a Microsoft middle manager, is a longtime Republican donor and former precinct committeeman who lives in a 4,800-square-foot house on a golf course. Unhappy with his party's efforts to deal with environmental challenges he sees around him, he says he sometimes wonders whether he's really a Republican. "To be honest, I'm struggling," he says. "I'm speaking for a lot of people out there."
He's not alone.

Terrorism, the nation's economy and the stock market's nose dive are top attention-getters these days. But across America, quality-of-life issues such as growth management, traffic, noise and clean air and water are confronting affluent, married suburbanites with children who thought they had escaped urban problems. Even in the increasingly conservative West, they are pressing Republican officeholders to play a greater role in finding solutions.

"Republicans have forgotten how to say cul-de-sac," King County (Seattle) GOP Chairman Chris Vance said this year. "I think a lot of people are reluctant to admit we have a problem," said Vance, a former county and state lawmaker.

Political analysts say environmental issues may influence the congressional elections in 2002. Republicans and Democrats are so evenly divided in the House and Senate that a handful of races could determine party control.

"The environment is a place for Republicans to be worried about," says Amy Wolter, political analyst for the Cook Political Report in Washington, D.C., a non-partisan monitor of House and Senate races.

"You're going to see both sides trying to look green," Wolter says. "The environment is a good way for Republicans to moderate themselves."

A USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll in March showed that 50% of Americans said President Bush is doing a good job of protecting the nation's environment; 38% said he was doing a poor job; 7% said fair; and 5% had no opinion.

A poll in June by the Princeton Survey Research Associates reported nearly identical numbers.

The USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll found large majorities favoring stronger enforcement of environmental regulations (78%), higher exhaust emission standards for cars (72%), higher emission and pollution standards for business and industry (83%), and more spending to develop solar and wind power (76%).

Parties clashing

Karl Rove, Bush's senior adviser, says Republicans have plenty to offer voters like Waalkes. "We know that suburban voters are concerned about a cluster of issues -- health, education, environment, transportation -- and we've got initiatives on all of them."

Bush has proposed the largest expansion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the 2003 fiscal year to purchase parks and wetlands, Rove says. He also touts conservation measures in a recently approved farm bill and Bush's Clear Skies Initiative, designed to cut power plant pollution.

But Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe calls the Bush administration a "government of, by and for the special interests" with "energy companies running amok inside this government."

How national strategies are shaping local politics of growth can be seen in the 8th Congressional District of Rep. Jennifer Dunn. It stretches from the close-in Seattle suburbs to Mount Rainier National Park.

A conservative Republican who named her younger son Reagan, Dunn, 60, was first elected in 1992 and has close ties with the Bush administration. Unlike suburban Republican moderates in the Northeast who regularly back environmental causes, she sided with just 21% of the positions of the League of Conservation Voters, a lobbying group, in 2001. A national wilderness group recently gave her voting record an F.

But Dunn stunned GOP regulars last year by breaking with the president and opposing oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a key plank of his national energy policy. A discussion with Bush failed to sway her. The House approved the drilling, but the Senate defeated it.

"I understand the president's point about energy independence, and I support that," Dunn says. "But there are other ways. Politically, I don't see any reason for the administration to get into an area where you're going to get vitriolic opposition and probably lose. That's not my style."

Focus on local issues

Dunn gets high marks at the White House, despite her Arctic vote.

"Jennifer Dunn is a good friend of the president," Rove says. He recalls that she opposed removing dams on the Snake River to help endangered salmon reach spawning grounds "but insisted we do more to help salmon. She takes a very balanced approach."

Dunn says she focuses on local conservation issues, often guided by William Ruckelshaus, a Seattle-area resident who was the first head of the Environmental Protection Administration.

She helped win White House and House Republican support for the Cascades Conservation Partnership, which combines public and private funds to buy forestland. She is pushing for federal approval of tax-free community bonds to protect forests and limit urban sprawl. Dunn also has urged the Bush administration to embrace several of the region's forestry efforts as national models for environmental cooperation.

"Communities all over the nation are struggling with the competing demands of property owners and preservationists," she says. "A typical result leaves one side victorious and the other contemplating a long, costly court battle. We need solutions that work for everybody."

Environmental activists praise Dunn's moves. "Jennifer Dunn seems to be changing," says Jon Owen, campaign director for the Washington Wilderness Coalition in Seattle. "With the growth, there are new voters in her district who are just as conservative as she is but care deeply about the disappearing wilderness."

Going door-to-door, activists from the "Wild Washington" campaign generated thousands of letters, calls and postcards to Dunn from constituents urging support for a federal wilderness area in the northern part of the district. Noncommittal at first, she now supports the idea.

Environmentalists, eager to broaden their access to Republicans, are showing their appreciation. "She's typical of the Republicans who support us once in awhile," says Deb Callahan, president of the League of Conservation Voters. "And when they do, we want to support them."

Mitch Friedman, head of the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance and former state leader of the radical

group Earth First!, organized an invitation-only fundraiser for Dunn in recognition of her conservation policies. It raised about \$ 4,000.

"It had a big impact on me to learn from Republicans and independents that forest conservation is a bedrock American value," says Friedman, 38. "If I can relay that message to Rep. Dunn, it can't help but have a big impact on her, too."

Dunn's fundraiser was held at the sprawling Sammamish home of Waalkes, the Microsoft executive. "We've been working to educate Jennifer across the board on environmental issues," he says. "She's making some progress. We've seen a lot of positive steps, but you can't go on a report card from an F to an A that quickly."

"It's important for her to know that it's not just some wild-haired, weird Democrats who support the environment. It's a lot of us."

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Priscilla Owen

HEADLINE: Capitol set for another nasty fight over judges

BYLINE: By Naftali Bendavid, Washington Bureau.

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Priscilla Owen, a controversial judicial nominee from Texas, faced a tough grilling by Senate Democrats on Tuesday while the White House and Republicans sought to prevent her from becoming the second Bush nominee to the federal bench to go down in defeat.

Injecting a new tactic into the long-running fight over judges, former White House counsel C. Boyden Gray, who worked for President Bush's father, announced he would head a group of prominent Republicans that will run radio and television ads targeting Democrats who oppose Bush's nominees for the bench. At a news conference, Gray unveiled an ad criticizing Texas Democratic Senate candidate Ron Kirk for opposing Owen. Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney, during a visit to Texas, also blasted Kirk for his position regarding Owen, a justice on the Texas Supreme Court who has been nominated to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

These moves represent the latest phase of a battle over judges that has grown increasingly nasty. Senate Republicans blocked many of President Bill Clinton's judicial nominees, and one of the greatest frustrations of the Bush White House is the Democrats' practice of slowing down or defeating Bush's choices for the courts.

Many see these battles as dress rehearsals for confirmation fights over U.S. Supreme Court vacancies that Bush seems all but certain to encounter during his tenure.

Democrats scored a major victory in March by narrowly rejecting Charles Pickering, a Mississippi judge nominated by Bush to the federal bench, and Owen is the focus of the next big battle. Liberal activists say she is at the extreme right end of the conservative, all-Republican Texas Supreme Court.

These opponents accuse Owen of regularly substituting her own opinion for the law, especially on abortion cases, noting that onetime Texas Justice Alberto Gonzales described her position in one case as "an unconscionable example of judicial activism." Gonzales, hardly a liberal, is now Bush's White House counsel.

Owen's defenders say these attacks are merely an attempt to defeat the nominee by those who disagree with her rulings. "This comes from the Washington interest groups that we've seen year after

year, in many cases, who think that mainstream thought is more likely to be found in Paris, France, than in Paris, Texas," said Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

Owen used Tuesday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing to deny that she injects her own views into legal rulings. "My personal beliefs don't enter into any of my decisions," she said.

Still, it became clear at the hearing that Owen's nomination is at risk. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) listed concerns about Owen's record.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the committee chairman, cited a liability case in which Owen ruled for a company after one of its dealers raped a customer following an in-home demonstration. "You have developed a reputation for opinions which, if not every time, most of the time favor big business interests," Leahy said.

Letters pro and con

As both sides geared up for battle, Senate offices have received dozens of letters supporting or opposing Owen. Tuesday's hearing attracted sufficient attention that it was held in an unusually large room, and Feinstein admonished those in attendance to refrain from outbursts.

"Feelings run very, very strong," she said. "We will, of course, keep order, and we do not appreciate any comment from the audience."

Liberal groups have issued an array of critiques noting that Owen has often dissented, sometimes bitterly, from the majority opinions of the Texas high court. "I find so many of these things where you seem to be outside even the mainstream of what is arguably a very conservative Supreme Court," Leahy said.

Owen has staked out stark positions on everything from workers' rights to consumer issues to the environment, her opponents say, often departing from established law to do so. In one environmental case, the court's majority criticized Owen for "inflammatory rhetoric."

Most controversial has been Owen's position on abortion. Opponents say she votes without exception against abortion rights, no matter what the law says on the subject, and they note her forceful opposition to allowing minors to get abortions without parental notification.

"President Bush has said that he wants judges who will interpret the law, not make it. In Priscilla Owen, he has found the exact opposite," said Ralph Neas, president of People for the American Way. "Owen's record demonstrates her willingness to ignore the law in pursuit of an ultraconservative agenda."

Democrats also fear Owen is too close to **Karl Rove**, Bush's top political adviser, who helped run Owen's 1994 campaign for the Texas court. Before then, Owen was an oil and gas attorney for the prominent Texas law firm Andrews & Kurth.

Her supporters reject the criticisms as a smear campaign, saying she is a brilliant judge with a conservative bent. Unless circumstances are exceptional, they add, a president has a constitutional right to appoint judges to his liking.

"There is a Senate role of 'advise and consent,' but that is different than 'obstruct,'" said Marc Levin, spokesman for Young Conservatives of Texas. "They are saying Justice Owen is out of the mainstream, but she was just re-elected with more than 80 percent of the vote."

Rated highly by ABA

Owen has substantial judicial experience, having served on Texas' high court since her election in 1994. As a young lawyer, she passed the Texas State Bar with the highest score for that year, and the American Bar Association rated her well-qualified.

At Tuesday's hearing, Hatch led Owen through some of her controversial abortion-related opinions to try to demonstrate that she was following the law, not her personal beliefs.

For her part, Owen made her case earnestly. "I truly believe that the picture that some special interest groups have painted of me is wrong," she said.

"I always remember that the people that come to my court are real people with real problems and real issues," Owen added.

The committee is expected to vote on Owen after Labor Day.

Hatch, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee and a member who regularly becomes heated during these fights, said Democratic attacks on Owen are, in part, a way to go after Bush.

"Washington's well-paid reputation-destroyers cannot help but attempt to attack the widely popular president of the United States at this particular time, in an election year, by attacking the judicial nominee most familiar to him," Hatch said. "Welcome to Washington."

About 20 liberal Texas groups formed a coalition this month to oppose Owen, and their representatives insisted the criticism of her is based on painful experience.

"The organizations who know her record best, representing millions of Texans, oppose her," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice. "Many of those organizations would not be opposing a moderate Republican judge. But we know Priscilla Owen's record."

GRAPHIC: PHOTOS 2PHOTO (color): Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen is the latest focal point of a partisan battle over federal judicial nominees. Tribune photo by Pete Souza.;
PHOTO: Priscilla Owen waits during a recess in Tuesday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. "I always remember that the people that come to my court are real people with real problems," she said. Tribune photo by Pete Souza.

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Abortion

HEADLINE: A Narrow View Of Family Planning

BODY:

To the Editor:

Re "U.S. Blocks Money for Family Clinics Promoted by U.N." (front page, July 23):

It's appalling that the Bush administration feels that it is necessary to block funds for United Nations family planning services to appease its right-wing supporters. Are **Karl Rove** and his cohorts so blind that they don't know that the only effective way to prevent abortions is to make family planning -- contraceptive services -- as widely available and accessible as possible?

An important collateral benefit of providing family planning services is that this attracts many women into the health care system, and would be a tremendous help in combating the spread of H.I.V.

MARILYN M. BOWIE
Truro, Mass., July 23, 2002

The writer was executive director, Planned Parenthood of South Central Indiana.
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FY 2002 Supplemental Budget
Conference Action

President's Request	Mandated Decreases	Contingency Fund	Total	Notes:
\$4,400			\$4,400	President's base request.
	\$550		\$3,850	Reduction taken by Conference Committee
	\$445		\$3,405	Earmarks not requested or supported by TSA (see attached)
		\$480	\$2,925	Subject to Presidential approval.
Total Reductions		\$1,475		34% of President's request.

Other Notes:

Bill limits TSA's full-time permanent positions to 45,000 for the year. Although manageable now, this will cause a problem in FY 2003.

Report language limits TSA's flexibility by identifying over 50 funding categories that TSA must not alter without Congressional approval after Aug 9, 2002.

As expected, bill requires repayment to FEMA - \$1,030 million

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPLEMENTAL EARMARKS

(dollars in millions)

Modifications of airports to install checked baggage explosive de	231
Port Security Grants	125
Air-ground communication systems	15
Intercity bus security	15
Operations Safe Commerce	28
Airport terminal security	17
Radiation detection systems	4
Research and development pilots projects	10
Total	445

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Today's Date: 05/28/02

TO: Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: Karl Rove
Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

REQUEST: Video taping

PURPOSE: To address the 25th Anniversary of Focus on the Family.

BACKGROUND: Focus on the Family began in 1977 in response to Dr. James Dobson's increasing concern for the American family. From a two-room suite in Arcadia, CA, Dr. Dobson began with radio—a 25-minute weekly program heard on only a few dozen stations. Focus on the Family has since become an international organization with more than 74 different ministries requiring nearly 1,300 employees. On the now-daily broadcast heard on over 6,000 facilities worldwide, Dr. Dobson still explores family issues, usually with one or more recognized experts as guests.

Meanwhile, other parts of the organization produce six additional broadcasts, ten magazines sent to more than 2.3 million people a month, award-winning books, films and videos. Focus also responds to as many as 55,000 letters a week, offers professional counseling and referrals to a network of 1,500 therapists, and addresses public policy and cultural issues.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: N/A

DATE AND TIME: July 27, 2002
Time: TBD

DURATION: TBD

BRIEFING TIME: TBD

LOCATION: Pepsi Center – Colorado Springs, Colorado

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Dr. James Dobson, Focus on the Family President
40,000 Focus on the Family Supporters

OUTLINE OF EVENT: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be prepared by speechwriting

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open Press

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Not required

FUNDING SOURCE: Focus on the Family

WORKING CONTACT: Matt Smith

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Major Robert E. Gowan
USASFC Public Affairs Officer
(910) 432-6005

Open Press \$1,000 YES

Ali H. Tulbah
05/29/2002 10:57:56 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Henry C. Hager/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
bcc:
Subject: Re: Proposed statement: Video Address from POTUS for the 50th Anniversary of US Army Special Forces Banquet 22 JUN 02

Here goes....

Date: June 22, 2002.

Event details: United States Army Special Forces Command 50th Anniversary Banquet, Charlie Rose Expo Center, Fayetteville, NC. Banquet is part of larger conference celebrating USASF 50th Anniversary.

People involved: Speaking participants are Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Secretary of the Special Forces Association Mr. Jimmy Dean.

Expected audience: US Army officials, active and retired Army Special Forces personnel, members of Special Forces Association, family members.

Suggested script:

**United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne)
Proposed Video Address from the President of the United States**

As President of the United States of America, I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to all of the soldiers of the United States Army Special Forces, past and present, on this your 50th Anniversary.

The US Army's Special Forces Green Berets have always stood ready to defend our country and free oppressed people around the globe. Throughout your magnificent history, from Eastern Europe, Lebanon, and Western Africa to Vietnam, Northern Iraq, and the Balkans, your Green Berets and Paratroopers have set the standard for the conduct of Unconventional Warfare operations.

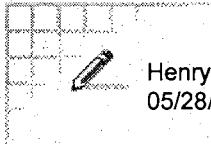
Often called into action with little notice, the Army's Special Forces have earned a reputation for courage and dedication. I join all Americans in saluting your half-century of superior performance of duty and heroic deeds in defense of our great Nation.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes on this special occasion.

Press plan of event: Event open to local and national press.

My contact information: Ali Tulbah, 6-2764.

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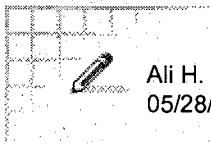
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Please send me all the pertinent information regarding your event, and I will handle the rest. Please include date, event details, people involved, expected audience, suggested script, press plan of event, and your contact information. Also, I will point out Presidential videos are roughly \$1,000, which is important to know and confirm before proceeding. Thank you, Henry
Ali H. Tulbah



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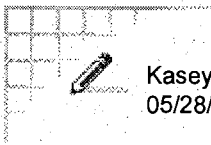
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cc:

Subject: Re: Proposed statement: Video Address from POTUS for the 50th Anniversary of US Army Special Forces Banquet 22 JUN 02

Howdy, sir. Do you have a form I can fill out to request a video statement from the president?

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Kasey S. Pipes
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To: Ali H. Tulbah/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Proposed statement: Video Address from POTUS for the 50th Anniversary of US Army Special Forces Banquet 22 JUN 02 

Hey Ali--

Basically, I do the writing, and Henry Hager (in Izzy's office) handles the paperwork. So why don't you check with Henry and see if he can give you a form to fill out. He will then take it to Izzy and Karl and they will decide if and when we can do it. At that point, I'll be glad to write it.

Hope all is well...

Kasey

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TO: Karl Rove

FAX: (202) 456-0191

FROM: Ralph Reed

(770) 232.2929 (Telephone)
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PAGES (including cover): 3

DATE: June 11, 2002

MESSAGE: Attached is a letter from The Israel Democracy Institute requesting a videoed message from the President for their Annual Economic Conference on July 3-4, 2002. The event and the President's participation are strongly endorsed by Bernie Marcus, the founder of Home Depot, who as you know is an important Jewish leader and is a strong supporter of the President. Bernie asked me to pass this along and I would appreciate very much if the President could participate, assuming you deem it advisable. Thanks friend. Ralph



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THE ISRAEL DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE
 An Israel-Diaspora Enterprise

June 4, 2002

Mr. Bernard Marcus
 Fax

Dear Bernie,

Allow me to elaborate on our conversation of yesterday.

The preparations towards Israel's Annual Economic Conference, known as the Caesarea Conference, have now moved into a higher gear. The conference will be held in Jerusalem on July 3-4. It is both disturbing and troubling to realize, as we move along, that a dark cloud of concern is covering the economic and business communities here in Israel. The question that everyone asks is how long the Israeli economic and business foundations will be able to sustain themselves in times of conflict and an unstable global economy. It is felt that a message by the most prominent figure in the United States may have an important, effective and calming effect. No-one here can think of a better person to fill this role than President Bush himself. So, here are some ideas, in the form of outlines:

1. In the last several years, the State of Israel has proven that it has the talent and the ability to keep up with, if not to lead the global high-tec industry. The Israeli high-tec industry has vastly augmented the Israel economy and has attracted investors from all over the world.
2. These talents and abilities could continue to facilitate Israel's advance, but the conditions for their development have to be created. In order for Israel to fully realize its potential, the necessary and appropriate resources must be made available and, first and foremost, a resolution of the escalating political conflict must be found. The United States and its president are fully committed to stand by Israel and to pave the way for the solution to its current, growing instability.
3. Economics have a healing power. I (the President), believe that investment in R & D, in technology and communications, could harvest economic fruits. I understand that the leaders of the Israeli economy and business communities are listening now as I speak and I can assure you that I both know and trust that with your leadership, you will find the sources and resources to implement your great potential.
4. I do trust, and this would be my message to the American business community, that you are able to continue to produce and develop, even under the not so easy conditions of both a global market in recession as well as the complex political arena. I call upon you to continue with your successful efforts as these will ensure, in the not too distant future, achievements that the entire region will enjoy.

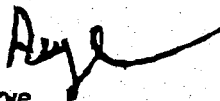
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5. Anything else delivered from a friend who appreciates the place in which Israel finds itself - in the forefront of the struggle to defeat terrorism - and as an ally who supports the strengthening of a unique democracy, with all the economic and business principles that stem from it, would definitely have a significant impact.

Bernie, let me stress that should the President agree to speak, his audience in the ballroom will include all the leaders of the Israeli business community - ministers with economic portfolios, leaders of the financial community, leaders of the Bank of Israel, chairmen and CEOs of all the major banks, the highest echelon of the Israel economy, in fact all the major players of the Israeli business and economic communities.

Bernie, I hope you will succeed in reaching the members of the president's circle with this message. A statement of friendship from him would certainly have a very positive effect at a time when it is very much needed.

Cordially,


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VIDEO REQUEST PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 6/21/02

TO: Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: Karl Rove

REQUEST: Elks National Convention Address

PURPOSE: The Elks are the nation's oldest and largest fraternal organization, with a membership of 1.2 million members in all 50 states. Since its founding in 1868, the Elks have disbursed \$3 billion in cash, goods and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and the handicapped. They operate the nation's largest volunteer drug awareness program and coeducational sports program. They are a very patriotic group and strong supporters of the President's compassionate agenda to support faith-based and community initiatives.

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, July 7th

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: YES

BACKGROUND: 15,000 attendees will view this video at the National Convention of the Elks in Philadelphia, PA. Convention Highlights will also be shown at 2,200 Elks lodges this fall.

DURATION: 4 minutes

REMARKS ATTACHED: YES

STAFF CONTACT: Meredith Terpeluk, 456-2952

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Invitation

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June 3, 2002

Meredith Terpeluk, Director
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Terpeluk:

This is a request for a videotaped greeting from the President to be shown Sunday, July 7, in Reno at opening ceremonies of the national convention of the Elks. The President's remarks at last year's convention were the highlight of that event.

Approximately 15,000 people will be attending the convention at the new Reno-Sparks Convention Center. The video will also be featured in convention highlights to be shown at 2,200 Elks lodges in the fall. Later in the week, Asa Hutchinson, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration will address the convention.

The Elks are the nation's oldest and largest fraternal organization, with a membership of 1.2 million members in all 50 states. Since its founding in 1868, the Elks have disbursed \$3 billion in cash, goods and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and the handicapped. The Elks actively promote the President's call for volunteerism and are working closely with the USA Freedom Corps office. Last year Elks volunteered almost 8 million hours and contributed \$200.5 million to a variety of charitable causes.

The men and women of the Elks operate the nation's largest volunteer drug awareness educational program and the largest coeducational sports program—the Hoop Shoot, a basketball free-three contest that attracts some 3,000,000 participants. They fund hospitals and rehab centers, provide salaries for visiting nurses and therapists, and operate summer camps for the disadvantaged. Another major undertaking involves an extensive visitation and support program for the nation's homeless and hospitalized veterans.

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Patriotism means a lot to the Elks. President Harry Truman, a member of the lodge in Independence, Mo., made the Elks' Flag Day observance a national event. Elks were the largest non-corporate donor in restoring the Statue of Liberty, and they have given more than one million dollars toward construction of the World War II Memorial.

The organization would be honored to hear from President Bush. He has lots of friends in this organization. I have taken the liberty of enclosing draft remarks for your consideration.

If you need further information about the Elks or their convention, please call me at (202) 544-8177.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Neal Gregory

Enclosure



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March 22, 2002

Israel Hernandez
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The White House
Washington, DC

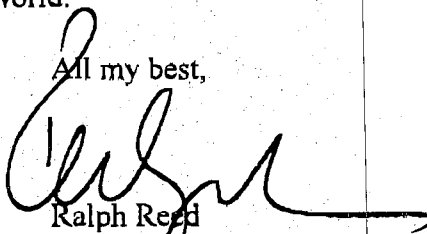
Dear Israel:

Attached is a letter from Merritt Bond, State Executive Director of Y Clubs of Georgia requesting a videotaped message from President Bush for their summer leadership conference being held on July 28, 2002.

I am forwarding this on to you because I was involved in the Georgia YMCA Youth legislature program in high school and can speak very highly of the outstanding work they do with young people. I know the President's schedule makes fulfilling such requests difficult. Just wanted you to know this is a worthy group doing good work.

Thanks, friend. We are so proud of the President and all of you who serve him so faithfully. Give my best to all in Karl's world.

All my best,


Ralph Reed
President

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Thanks, pal!

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Enclosure



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Fax: 770.455.0101
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March 20, 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of Y Clubs of Georgia, sponsored by the State YMCA of Georgia, Inc., I would like to request your presence via a pre-taped video at our summer leadership conference, Summer B.L.A.S.T., on July 28, 2002.

Georgia's Y Club program has been in existence since 1929. Y Clubs are a statewide extra-curricular activity in middle and high schools. We have over 200 clubs and 7,000 members who learn leadership, character development, and service in a Christian environment. The Y Clubs of Georgia have reached almost seventy thousand (70,000) young people over the past 73 years. The program offers several conferences for our members where they expand their abilities as leaders. A few people who have grown up through our program are: Dan Reeves, Trisha Yearwood, Ralph Reed, and former Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris. Georgia is one of only three states that offers a Y Club program and is the most active.

Every summer since 1960, the State YMCA of Georgia has held a leadership conference for Y Club Officers and Members. At this year's Summer B.L.A.S.T. (Building Leaders And Servant Teens), our State Y Club Theme "Live Out Loud" will be revealed for the 2002-2003 school year. Our interpretation of this theme will focus on people who have made a statement and "lived out loud." Participants will be challenged to "live out loud" during the next year in their homes, schools, and communities.

While planning for this conference and thinking of examples of those who have lived out loud by voicing and following their strong convictions, the first person suggested was President George W. Bush. The Y Clubs of Georgia staff and members think that you have been a great example to all of America of the positive influence that one person can have on the lives of so many people. You have given us hope in our time of despair through your faith in God and you are a blessing to this nation. You have also stood firm with the handling of the terrorism and the recession.

We think it would be an amazing end to our leadership conference to have a challenge from you for all of our young members to "live out loud" with their lives, just as you are doing with yours. You are a great example for our young people. The pre-taped video message would only have to be three to five minutes addressing and challenging the students as Y Club members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Merritt Bond
State Executive Director

Y CLUBS OF GEORGIA

Sponsored by The State YMCA of Georgia, Inc.

VIDEO PROJECT

Who We Are:

- Club program for 6th-12 graders in the schools of Georgia.
- Have over 200 Clubs with over 7,000 members.
- Club purpose "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school, and community high standards of Christian character."
- Fulfill purpose through character and leadership development of our youth.
- Activities include: monthly school and community projects, Club programs, Conferences - Youth Assemblies (model legislatures for middle and high school students), Christian Life Conference
- SummerBLAST is our leadership conference and kick off for the new school/club year. It stands for **Building Leaders And Servant Teens**
 - Theme for the 2002-2003 school year is "Live Out Loud"
 - Approximately 700 youth and volunteers in attendance
 - We are using the theme to focus on people who have "lived out loud" with their faith, action, citizenship, example, profession, etc.
 - Members will be challenged to make a statement and "live out loud" with their lives through performing service projects, standing firm for their beliefs in what is right, writing bills that will help better their state, helping make their home, schools and communities a better place, etc.

Message Points:

- Thank the Y Clubs of Georgia for recognizing him (President Bush) as the foremost example of someone who has made a statement with their life and actions ("lived out loud").
 - We recognize President Bush as an example for the following reasons:
 - His open acknowledgement of having a strong Christian faith
 - His personal practice of moral and ethical standards
 - His reliance on his own faith and people of similar beliefs in helping him lead this nation
 - His immediate and continued firmness in dealing with terrorism
- Challenge the Y Club members to make a statement and "live out loud" with their own lives.
 - Ways members can "live out loud" during the next school year:
 - Be an example of good character in their home, school, and community
 - Be a positive person
 - Take on a servant attitude
 - Be proud of their faith
 - Perform projects for their schools and communities
 - Be active in their schools and take on roles of leadership
 - Participate in the Youth & Government programs offered by the State YMCA and learn how their government works and how they can be influential
 - Ways they can "live out loud" in the future:
 - Always stand for what is good and right
 - Become a teacher and help develop other young people
 - Be a loving and involved parent
 - Become a legislator or run for a local community office
 - Head up a PTA or PTO
 - Serve others through your church and community

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July 18, 2002

Mr. Karl Rove
Senior Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Karl:

Thank you for sending the autographed picture of President Bush taken at the Ad Council a few months ago. Given the great demands on your time, I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

I look forward to continuing our dialogue on the Russian American Media Entrepreneurship matter. From our vantage point, it was a most successful meeting, and we look forward to any other projects the White House might like us to be involved in.

Kindest personal regards,

*Karl -
I think we're
scheduled to return
to the White House on
August 2nd!*

E. Fritts

Chuck Blahous
Barry Jackson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TODAY'S DATE: 4/3/2002

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: Lawrence B. Lindsey
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
Karl Rove

REQUEST: Remarks to audience at Black Entertainment Television

PURPOSE: To promote the benefits of inheritable personal accounts within Social Security.

BACKGROUND: Due to shorter lifetimes, African Americans will benefit disproportionately from inheritability of personal accounts. Surveys show that inheritance rights are the most popular argument for personal accounts.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President appointed Robert Johnson, CEO of Black Entertainment Television, to his Social Security Commission. Robert Johnson previously had promoted estate tax relief among African Americans.

DATE AND TIME: April or May (Time and Date TBD)

DURATION: 45 Minutes

BRIEFING TIME: None

LOCATION: Headquarters of Black Entertainment Television

PARTICIPANTS: Robert Johnson, Dick Parsons and others on attached list.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: 15-Minutes -- Private Meeting with 10 African American business leaders and photo-op.
30 Minutes -- President and Robert Johnson announced.
Remarks by the President.
Identify three successful black-owned businesses.
Rope Line.
President Departs.

REMARKS REQUIRED: 15-Minute Remarks to be drafted by Speechwriting from materials provided by National Economic Council

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open to Televised and Print Media

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FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Will not participate

FUNDING SOURCE:

RECOMMENDED BY: Larry Lindsey

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NOTE: Event is in Florida. Should we send video instead?

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 5/30/02

TO: Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Appointments and Scheduling *NO*

FROM: Karl Rove

REQUEST: Speech at Hadassah's 89th Annual National Convention

PURPOSE: To reinforce the President's commitment to Israel with one of the nation's largest Jewish organizations, as well as one of the most respected women's humanitarian organizations.

BACKGROUND: Hadassah has supported President Bush's War on Terrorism, leadership in the U.S.-Israel relationship, decision not to attend the UN World Conference Against Racism, and other issues of concern to the American Jewish Community.

Hadassah is a comprehensive volunteer women's organization with over 300,000 active members in the US. Through the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, it provides state of the art medical services to over 500,000 people each year. In addition, it runs reading/tutoring programs, fights domestic violence, and provides humanitarian relief around the world.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Bonnie Lipton, the President of Hadassah, has attended the two Jewish leaders meetings as well as the Hanukkah reception.

DATE AND TIME: July 22 or 23, 2002

DURATION: 20 minutes

BRIEFING TIME: N/A

LOCATION: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Hotel on Lake Buena Vista, Florida

PARTICIPANTS: 1,500-2,000 of Hadassah's leading members

OUTLINE OF EVENT: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open Press

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Not Requested

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FUNDING SOURCE:

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

~~Please forward to Ian Rowe, looks good but I am going to defer to your shop whether they should participate.~~

Britt
here is letter I got from Mr. Simpson.

P.S. I think he no longer works there:

Thanks,
Henry

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Facsimile

To:	Henry Hager	From:	David Sampson
Company:	White House Ofc. of Strategic Initiative	Phone Number:	310 967.2903
Re:	Hilton's One Million Random Acts of Service	Client/Job Code:	
Fax Number:	<u>(202) 456-0191</u>	Date:	May 6, 2002
Phone Number:		Pages to Follow:	1

Message

Henry,

Here again is the letter we sent to through your office, explaining Hilton's response to the president's call to action. We really feel corporations large and small can play a key role in getting people to increase their volunteer efforts. The response we are getting from our properties is amazing, many asking to help any way they can or requesting advice how they can get their own team members on to projects.

The project in Clinton, Mo. is going great. We'll be doing work there for the next several weeks, possibly cutting the ribbon on the park on July 4. Of course, we would welcome a visit any time between now and then. Please do not hesitate to call if there's anything else you'd like to know.

Cheers,

David Sampson
Douglas Cohn & Wolfe
Phone: 310 967.2903
Fax: 310 967.2910

May 21, 2002

Henry Hager
Office of Strategic Initiatives
The White House
By fax: 212 456-0191

Dear Henry,

Thanks for taking a few moments today to talk about a program I think you'll agree might be interesting for the White House to know about, and just perhaps, to participate in. Thanks also for taking this up with Brad Blakeman to gauge whether the president himself might be interested in visiting at some point.

To answer the president's call to action, Hilton rolled out a unique corporate campaign: choose a community at random somewhere in the country (using a dart throw), assess its needs and do what it takes to get the job done. We call it the Hilton Random Acts of Service campaign, and launched on Rosie O'Donnell's show in March, the dart landing in Clinton, Mo. After coordinating with local officials, we have begun completely refurbishing a historic city park: Artesian Park. People from Hilton properties around the state are showing up, joining local citizens and even city officials to clear brush and whatever other work is needed. Hilton's chief architect (who, coincidentally, spent time at that park as a child) estimates somewhere over half a million dollars in donated services and supplies; from building a new amphitheater to planting trees and creating handicapped access. The people of Clinton are incredibly grateful. We hope the park will be unveiled on July 4.

We also sent out a punch card to each of the more than 50,000 people who work at Hilton Hotels across the country, from housekeepers to general managers, as part of the program. We're hoping to reach one million acts of service this year. If each of our people does 20 acts, we're there. And so far, we're off to a good start.

What we did not expect was the enthusiasm and morale boost the program has created. People at all levels are signing up, doing little things to help their neighbors or communities, and asking how else they can participate.

The larger picture here is how corporations can encourage people to volunteer, and improve morale in the process. Let me know what you think. We hope you find something interesting here.

I've attached the letter we sent earlier for your information.

Sincerely,

David Sampson
310 967-2903

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emailed Britt *Hilton Hotel people*
5/21 *Ian Rowe has info*

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May 21, 2002

March 22, 2002

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 10050

Dear Mr. President,

At Hilton Hotels & Resorts, we listened with more than a passing interest to your State of the Union address when you called upon all Americans to make a commitment of service to their neighborhoods and nation. As a leader in the world of hospitality, Hilton was inspired by your challenge and is raising the stakes.

Your newly named executive director of USA Freedom Corps, John Bridgeland noted that Americans are far more willing to volunteer when they are called upon to serve. With that in mind, we have sent out a call to our tens of thousands of team members to track their own community efforts.

On Thursday, January 31, Hilton introduced **Hilton Random Acts of Service**. Our goal is to get team members to commit a million acts of community service nationwide this year. We even created punch cards so they can record their good works, much as you've asked your own staff to record their hours of service. Each of these acts will be officially documented and noted at each of our more than 225 properties nationwide.

While our team members are performing individual acts of service in their neighborhoods, our brand team will be doing its part on a national level. On March 7, Rosie O'Donnell launched this arm of the campaign on her show, throwing a dart at a U.S. map and choosing, at random, a community where we could make a difference. The dart landed in Clinton, MO (narrowly missing Bush, IL).

We are now talking to community and civic leaders in that city, identifying a need and gathering our forces to assist this community with a special need, such as refurbishing a city park that desperately needs help. Volunteers will come in large part from our own Hilton hotels nearby (some coming from over 150 miles away), helping to instill an even deeper sense of community among our team members and, we hope, inspiring others as well.

We truly hope our efforts will serve as a call to action to other companies, to help make your vision a reality. Our motto at Hilton is: "Make it Happen." And that's just what we plan to do.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Dirks
Senior Vice President - Brand Management and Marketing, Hilton Hotels

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FR: Melinda Farris
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Date: July 22, 2002

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Re: Karl Rove

Good to talk to you. Please pass along our Afghan invite from Tim McBride. It would be great if Karl could drop by for drinks. The reception is at 7:30 p.m. and dinner is at 8:30 p.m. at the Hay Adams.

Thanks so much,

Melinda

~~Attend?~~
~~Y/N~~

Mr. Robert G. Liberatore, Senior Vice President
External Affairs and Public Policy
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

and

Dr. John J. DeGioia, President
Georgetown University

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Dinner: The Lafayette Room

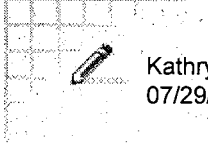
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Kathryn E. Rust
07/29/2002 11:34:52 AM

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To: Susan B. Ralston/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Tour

Keith Brancato will handle from our office...I am getting ready to leave town for a couple of weeks on the 3rd.

This is just for the house tour, right? Not a WW?

Thanks,
Kathy

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Can you help w/ this request for a tour of the residence on 8/2? If so, contact directly. Thanks!!

