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The draft NH briefings are attached.

Julie and Brian are the contacts for the event briefing.
Matthew Hunter is the contact for the political briefing.

Acks and Cards to follow.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

A CONVERSATION ON JOB TRAINING AND THE ECONOMY

Thursday, March 25, 2004

1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

New Hampshire Community Technical College

Nashua, New Hampshire

Steve Friedman / Karl Rove

I. PURPOSE

This event will highlight: (1) how small businesses have benefited from the tax relief passed over the past three years; and (2) how that relief is translating into more jobs. It is also an opportunity to discuss the importance of job training.

II. BACKGROUND

Note: The unemployment rate in New Hampshire is 4.1 percent, down from TBD.

New Hampshire Community Technical College (NHCTC) at Nashua offers 25 associate degree programs and 26 certificate and diploma programs to its 1,500 students. The programs range from the technical field to liberal arts, human services, business, and nursing.

With the High Growth Job Training Initiative, the Department of Labor (DOL) has been establishing public-private job training partnerships with high-growth industries to supplement state-administered job training and reemployment services. Other high-growth industries, including health services, high-technology manufacturing, and domestic energy production, have also entered into job training partnerships with DOL to attract new talented employees.

Building on the success of the High-Growth Job Training Initiative, your FY 2005 budget proposes \$250 million to strengthen the role of community colleges in workforce development. These new employer-focused competitive *Community-based Job Training* grants would be used for training in community and technical colleges that are linked with local employers looking for more skilled workers. NHCTC would be a potential grant recipient.

Every year, millions of students pursue higher education with the help of Pell Grants, Federal financial aid awards targeted to needy students. The grants of up to \$4,050 (which do not need to be repaid) are helping more than five million students each year. Approximately seven billion dollars of the \$12.9 billion in funding for Pell Grants in your FY 2005 budget will go to students attending technical and two-year colleges. Your 2005 budget also proposes to establish a \$33 million program to enhance Pell

Grants for low-income students. This program would provide up to an additional \$1,000 per year to students in the first two years of college who complete the rigorous State Scholars curriculum in high school, enroll in postsecondary education full-time, and are Pell Grant recipients. Next year, approximately 36,000 low-income graduating high school seniors would be eligible to receive an enhanced Pell Grant under this proposal.

Note: Today's event is in Congressman Charlie Bass' (R, NH-02) district, but he will not attend.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Conversation Participants

Lucille Jordan, President, New Hampshire Community Technical College at Nashua/Claremont (will introduce you)

Mike Hills, Student, New Hampshire Community Technical College

Heather Limanek [luh-MAN-eck], Student, New Hampshire Community Technical College and Owner, Heather's Happenings

David "Dave" Dunfee, President, D.G. O'Brien, Inc.

George Kassas, Co-founder and Executive Vice President for Operations and Business Development, Cedar Point Communications

VIPs in Attendance

Governor Craig Benson (R)

Councilor David Wheeler (R) (T)

Attorney General Peter Heed (R) (T)

Speaker Gene Chandler, New Hampshire House of Representatives (R)

President Thomas "Tom" R. Eaton, New Hampshire Senate (R)

State Senator Jane O'Hearn (R)

State Representative Nelson Allan (R)

State Representative Lawrence Artz (R)

State Representative Michael Balboni (R)

State Representative Albert Cernota (R)

State Representative Elenore Casey Crane (R)

State Representative Nancy Ford (R) (T)

State Representative Paul Harrington (R)

State Representative Paul LaFlamme (R)

State Representative Steve L'Heureux (R)

State Representative Henry McElroy (R)

State Representative Claire McHugh (R)

State Representative Robert Mercer (R) (T)

State Representative William Mosher (R)

State Representative Pamela Price (R) (T)

Commissioner Richard "Dick" Flynn, New Hampshire Department of Safety (R) (T)

Councilor Ruth Griffin, Executive Council (R) (T)

Councilor David Wheeler, Executive Council (R) (T)

Councilor Raymond Wiezorek, Executive Council (R) (T)

Virginia "Ginny" Beecher, Director of Motor Vehicles (R) (T)

Commissioner (Chairman) Rhona Charbonneau (non-partisan position), Hillsborough County
Commissioner (Vice-Chair) Carol Holden (non-partisan position), Hillsborough County
Commissioner Toni Pappas (non-partisan position), Hillsborough County
Marguerite Wageling (non-partisan position), Hillsborough County Attorney
Nancy Merrill, National Committeewomen
Tom Rath, former Attorney General (R); and National Committeeman
Jane O'Hearn, State Senate Education Chair
Ted Gatsas, State Senator
Bill Simonton, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Community Technical College System
Griffin Dalianis, Commander of Disabled Veterans
Frank Emiro, Board Member, Service Employees International Union
Elaine Tinetti, Retired, Dana Faber Cancer Institute

400 invited guests, including New Hampshire Community Technical College faculty and students, small business owners, employees, and state and local community leaders

White House Staff

Andrew Card, Chief of Staff
Brian Reardon, Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
Matthew Hunter, Associate Director, Office of Political Affairs

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You arrive at New Hampshire Community Technical College and are greeted by Lucille Jordan, Bill Simonton, Jane O'Hearn, Ted Gatsas, Griffin Dalianis, Frank Emiro, and Elaine Tinetti.
Note: All of the greeters except for Lucille Jordan will be escorted to their seats.
- You and Lucille Jordan proceed to the Collision Repair Lab for brief meeting with stage participants.
- You conclude participation in brief meeting and you and Lucille Jordan proceed to offstage announce.
- Participants proceed to seats on stage.
- You and Lucille Jordan are announced on to stage and proceed to your seats.
- Lucille Jordan delivers brief opening remarks and introduces you.
- You begin conversation.
- Upon conclusion of the conversation, you work rope line, and depart.

VI. REMARKS

Talking Points provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Background Information on Conversation Participants

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS

Note: A condensed version of this background is included on the large-print cards for use at the event.

Lucille Jordan, President, New Hampshire Community Technical College at Nashua/Claremont

- Lucille was appointed the President of New Hampshire Community Technical College at Nashua/Claremont in 1998.
- Prior to this position, she served as the Director of English as a Second Language and Special Services and the Vice-President of Academic Affairs.
- Lucille previously served as the Director of Programs for the Gifted and Talented in Ohio.
- She believes that community colleges are the engines that stimulate job growth through job training. Community colleges stay current because they are in continuous conversation with business and industry.
- Lucille has a bachelor's degree in Education, a Masters in Education, and a Masters in English.
- Lucille and her husband, Jim O'Neill, have one grown son and two grandchildren. Her husband is the Superintendent of Jaffrey and Ringe Schools in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

Mike Hills, Student, New Hampshire Community Technical College (Derry, New Hampshire)

- Mike has been enrolled in the Collision Repair Technology Program since September 2003.
- He enrolled in the program because he felt his career was not going where he wanted, and he felt he could learn a new skill set to help him further his goals.
- Mike received financial assistance from Pell Grants and Federal loans and a scholarship from the American Automobile Association.
- He estimates he will receive his associate's degree by May 2005. He attends classes part time, while also working part time at a local supermarket.
- Mike has seen from his instructors how collision repair requires advanced skills and a strong technical base of knowledge and understands the need for retraining in this economy.
- Mike is divorced and has two children, Michcala (10) and Arianna (7).

Heather Limanek [luh-MAN-eck], Student, New Hampshire Community Technical College and Owner, Heather's Happenings (Hudson, New Hampshire)

- Heather was laid off from her job as an assistant manager at a local restaurant in 2000.
- She decided to go to school to get a degree in business and enrolled in the New Hampshire Community Technical College's Business program in the spring of 2001.
- While in school, Heather decided to start her own business, Heather's Happenings. Heather's Happenings provides entertainment for children's birthday parties.
- Heather's business is growing, even though she is attending school and has a young child. She has plans to graduate in May and looks forward to focusing even more attention on the growth of Heather's Happenings.
- She hopes to expand her market and have the opportunity to hire a few employees in the near future. She believes the new skill set she has learned at NHCTC will help her become a successful entrepreneur.
- Heather and her husband, Joseph, have one son, Dyric (9).

David "Dave" Dunfee, President, D.G. O'Brien, Inc. (Seabrook, New Hampshire)

- S Corporation with \$20 million in revenues and 175 employees.
- Dave's father-in-law started D.G. O'Brien, a manufacturer of electrical and optical connectors used in the ocean, subsea oil and gas wells, and the human body, in 1962.
- Employment: D.G. O'Brien hired 25 employees in 2003 and has plans to hire ten employees in 2004.

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- Dave and his wife, Barbara, have 2 sons, Ryan (18), Spencer (15).

George Kassas, Co-founder and Executive Vice President for Operations and Business Development, Cedar Point Communications (Derry, New Hampshire)

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STATE ISSUES

EDUCATION BUDGET

On March 18, in a 14 to ten vote, the State Senate approved a \$428 million education budget for FY 2005, a five percent decrease from FY 2004. The budget restores \$13 million in transportation money for special-education students and distributes ten million dollars to the State's wealthiest towns, which in recent years have paid the highest proportion of the state education tax. The proposal now moves to the House for debate.

ABORTION BILLS

On March 17, the House failed to pass two abortion bills, one banning partial-birth abortion and the other requiring women to wait twenty-four hours before having an abortion. Four years ago, the House failed to pass an identical partial-birth abortion bill by just nine votes. Last year, the State legislature passed a bill requiring abortion providers to notify at least one parent at least forty-eight hours before performing an abortion on a minor. Governor Craig Benson (R) signed the bill into law, but just before it could take effect, a Federal judge ruled the law unconstitutional.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

On March 11, in a 16 to seven vote, the State Senate approved a Republican-sponsored bill that would prohibit recognition of same-sex marriages. Last month, State Senator Russell Prescott (R), the bill's prime sponsor, said the bill is needed to close a loophole in New Hampshire law that could force the State to honor same-sex marriages performed outside its borders. The bill's language is almost identical to the Federal Defense of Marriage Act passed by the United States Congress in 1996. Governor Benson also supports the bill, which will now go to the State House.

STATE SUPREME COURT

On March 1, oral arguments began in the New Hampshire Supreme Court in the case to decide whether the Court's chief justice should be appointed by the governor or whether the job should rotate every five years, based on seniority.

On December 31, 2003, Chief Justice David Brock retired after serving for 25 years on the State Supreme Court. The appointment of the Chief Justice's replacement has become contentious. On December 30, all five Supreme Court justices disqualified

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themselves from hearing a petition filed by Governor Benson and the Executive Council challenging a 2001 law that assigns the position of chief justice to the longest-serving justice; retired Justice William Johnson was later assigned to hear the case. Before the 2001 law passed, the governor and Executive Council had flexibility in deciding on a chief justice.

John Broderick, the Court's longest serving justice, is serving as the Chief Justice pending resolution of the Court's decision. On January 7, Governor Benson appointed Superior Court Judge Richard Galway, Jr., to fill the vacant seat in the Court. Galway was approved by the Executive Council last month.

JOB CORPS

Governor Benson has appointed a panel charged with bringing Job Corps, the Federal job training program for disadvantaged teenagers and young adults, to New Hampshire. The Governor has recently filmed television commercials to promote the program. New Hampshire and Wyoming are the only two states in the Nation without the Job Corps.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP

On March 7, six months after his consecration as bishop of the New Hampshire Diocese, Reverend Gene Robinson assumed full leadership of the diocese from departing Bishop Douglas Theuner. Robinson is the first openly gay man to be elected as a bishop, both in the U.S. Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

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DEMOCRAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Senator John Kerry last traveled to New Hampshire on January 27, the date of New Hampshire's presidential preference primary, to campaign with voters in Manchester. Later that evening, he delivered his victory speech at the Manchester Holiday Inn.

New Hampshire Democrat Primary Results	Total Votes	% Won
Senator John Kerry (MA)	84,377	38%
Former Governor Howard Dean (VT)	57,761	26%
General Wesley Clark (U.S. Army, Ret.)	27,314	12%
Senator John Edwards (NC)	26,487	12%
Senator Joe Lieberman (CT)	18,911	9%
Congressman Dennis Kucinich (OH-10)	3,144	1%
Reverend Al Sharpton	347	0%

STATISTICS

2000 General Election Results: **(Presidential):**

	Total	Win %
Bush	273,559	48%
Gore	266,348	47%
Nader	22,188	4%
Others	5,700	1%

1996 General Election Results **(Presidential):**

	Total	Win %
Clinton	246,166	49%
Dole	196,486	39%
Perot	48,387	10%
Others	8,014	2%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. SENATE

- Senator Judd Gregg (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 1998 with 68%
- Senator John Sununu (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 51%

U.S. HOUSE: 2 total (2R)

- Jeb Bradley (R-01), 1st term, elected with 58%
- Charlie Bass (R-02), 5th term, re-elected with 57%

STATE GOVERNMENT

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Governor Craig Benson (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 59%

Secretary of State William Gardner (D), 14th term, re-elected by Legislature in 2002

Attorney General Peter Heed (R), 1st term, appointed in 2003 by Governor Benson

Treasurer Michael Ablowich (D), 1st term, elected by the State Legislature in 2002

State House: 400 (273R, 118D, 9 Vacancies)

Speaker: Gene Chandler (R)

Majority Leader: David Hess (R)

Minority Leader: Peter Burling (D)

State Senate: 24 (18R, 6D)

President: Tom Eaton (R)

Majority Leader: Robert Clegg (R)

Minority Leader: Sylvia Larsen (D)

STATE PARTY

State Chairman: Jayne Millerick

National Committeeman: Tom Rath

National Committeewoman: Nancy Merrill

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Estimated Population 2000:

New Hampshire: 1,235,786, and increase of 11.4% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

Race/Ethnicity:

New Hampshire: 95.1% White; 1.7% Hispanic; 1.3% Asian; 0.7% African-American

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6% Asian; 0.9% Native American

Median Age:

New Hampshire: 37.1 years (12.0% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

College Educated:

New Hampshire: 28.7%

National: 24.4%

Median Income:

New Hampshire: \$49,467

National: \$41,994

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New Hampshire: 68.2% family households; 55.3% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

*(Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau)***YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

Event	Date	City
Conversation on the Economy at Fidelity Investments	January 29, 2004	Merrimack
Remarks to the New Hampshire Air National Guard	October 9, 2003	Portsmouth
Remarks to the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire	October 9, 2003	Manchester
New Hampshire Welcome	November 1, 2002	Portsmouth
New Hampshire Welcome and John Sununu for Senate Reception	October 5, 2002	Manchester
Remarks on the Signing of the Education Reform Bill	January 8, 2002	Durham
Friends of Bush for President Reception		

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	City
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	September 22, 2003	Manchester
GOP State Committee Finance Event	February 21, 2003	Greenland
Tour and Remarks at General Electric with Jeb Bradley	October 31, 2002	Hooksett
NH Republican Party Fundraising Reception in Manchester and at NH GOP Kamen Fundraiser	June 20, 2002	Manchester Bedford

¹ An American Research Group poll, conducted 3/15-18/04, surveyed 600 adults, margin of error +/- 4%.² A University of New Hampshire poll, conducted 2/4-12/04, surveyed 511 New Hampshire adults, margin of error +/- 4.4%.³ An American Research Group poll, conducted 3/15-18/04, surveyed 463 registered voters, margin of error +/- 4.6%.