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I don't think this venue has been confirmed for 4/27, but it has been vetted. A minor flag. See the memo.

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Alexandria, VA (4/27/04)

April 22, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: JULIE THOMAS
TRACY YOUNG
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SCHEDULING

FROM: JAMES A. WATERS

SUBJECT: Vetting Results for **Alexandria, VA Venue – Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology**

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, the potential venue for the President's TBD Remarks on Broadband in Alexandria, VA on April 27, 2004, has been vetted by White House Scheduling. Please note the somewhat controversial accusation about the school's admissions policy, though most seem to be allegations rather than true controversies. If we are comfortable with this information, we would recommend the venue be cleared. Please let me know if you have any questions.

REMARKS ON BROADBAND (TBD)

Alexandria, VA

April 27, 2004

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

6560 Braddock Road

Alexandria, VA 22312

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Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology is a charter school located in the Fairfax County Public School District. Founded in 1985, the school is the result of partnerships among businesses and schools in the area to improve math and science education in Northern Virginia and is known for its high admission standards and placement of students into prestigious universities. The principal of the school is Elizabeth Lodal.

Public records = Clean.

Press articles = Somewhat Controversial accusations RE admissions policy.

- In October 2001, Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to the students at the high school and said that he hoped that "the Bush administration should continue to persuade Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to hand over bin Laden so he can be tried in court on charges that he was one of the people behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center." (*The Washington Post*, October 4, 2001)
- In several opinion pieces by Lloyd R. Cohen, a professor at the George Mason School of Law, the school is charged with racial discrimination in its admission policies by

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admitting more African-American and Hispanic students to reflect the demographics of the county rather than judging each candidate on academic achievement.

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Elizabeth V. Lodal (Principal, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology)

- According to public records, has lived in Arlington and McLean, VA.
- No problematic news articles or public records found.