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REMARKS RE: A NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM

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(TALKING POINTS)

- * HEALTH CARE IS GAINING MORE ATTENTION AND MORE RESOURCES THAN EVER BEFORE: NOW COMPRISES 11 PERCENT OF ANNUAL GNP.

- * MAKES SENSE FOR GOVERNMENT TO HAVE A CONVENIENT MUSEUM/VISITORS CENTER DEVOTED TO FACTUAL, HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH CARE. IMPORTANT THAT THE PROPOSED FACILITY BE A VISITORS CENTER AS WELL AS A MUSEUM, MEANING THAT IT COULD SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR INQUIRIES ABOUT SPECIAL HEALTH FACILITIES, SERVICE, AND AGENCIES IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AREA.

- * BECAUSE THIS IS A WORLD-CLASS CITY, THE MUSEUM/VISITORS CENTER SHOULD BE A WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTION. BIG MISTAKE IF IT FOCUSES ONLY ON AMERICAN MEDICINE, TO THE EXCLUSION OF PRE-COLUMBIAN ROOTS, ETC. ONE ASPECT OF THIS COULD BE A MUSEUM-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL HEALTH LECTURESHIP OPEN TO (ENGLISH-SPEAKING) HEALTH SCHOLARS FROM EVERY COUNTRY.

- * SHOULD ALSO BE AN INTER-ACTIVE FACILITY, SO THAT SUCH THINGS AS "QUICKIE" HEALTH CHECKS, QUIZZES, AND HEATH PREVENTION INFORMATION CAN BE EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY HANDLED.

- * GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU.

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