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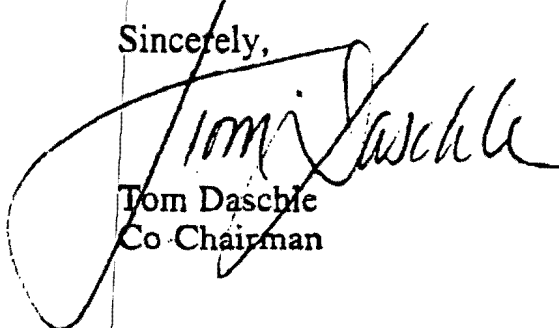
Dear Colleague:

Many of you have expressed an interest in continuing the health care workshops that the DPC began with the "Health Care University" last month. There are still many parts of the President's health care reform plan to explore and many issues to discuss. Therefore, the DPC is continuing this effort with a series of workshops over the next few weeks.

You are invited to a bipartisan Members briefing on Medicare issues in the President's health care reform plan on Wednesday, October 13th, at 8:30 a.m., in SC 5 in the Capitol. The speakers will include Judy Feder, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS and Robin Stone, who headed the White House Health Care Task Force's working group on Long Term Care and has been nominated to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Family and Community and Long Term Care Policy, HHS.

We hope to offer these workshops each week on Wednesday mornings. We also are providing an opportunity for your staff to receive the same information in a series of separate staff briefings. If you are interested in attending this briefing, please rsvp to Dana Lewis or Heather Drinan at 4-3232, by Friday, October 8th. I will let you know when future workshops are scheduled.

Sincerely,



Tom Daschle
Co-Chairman

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Strongly plea

Memorandum

TO: Tom

FROM: Rima

RE: Health Care University Meeting

DATE: July 26, 1993

You will be meeting tomorrow at 5:00 to develop the Health Care University (HCU) concept with Administration officials, Rep. Gephardt and his policy director Andy King, Chris Williams (Sen. Mitchell), and Debra Silimeo. Administration representatives may include Chris Jennings, Jeff Eller, Steve Ricchetti (White House Leg. Affairs), Melanne Yerveer (First Lady's Deputy Chief of Staff), Jerry Klepner/Karen Pollitz/Steve Edelstein (HHS), and Bob Boorstin (Task Force Communications & Policy Coordinator).

Following are some of issues that could be raised at the meeting:

- * **Timing of HCU:** Pre- or post-launch?
- * **Bipartisan?** This question is especially important if the educational effort is pre-launch.
- * **Bicameral?** If so, should the House and Senate effort be conducted jointly?
- * **Purpose of HCU:** Is it primarily to present a rationale for the President's policy or is it more message-oriented (or both)?
- * **Who should coordinate and conduct the sessions?** Administration representatives, academics/analysts (just supporters of the plan or do we want a range of opinions?), or both?
- * **Format:** How long and balance between presentations and Q & A.
- * **Supporting materials and statistics:** What kind of handouts and charts will be helpful, and will Administration have cost estimates that will break down amount individuals and businesses will spend relative to current system?
- * **What issues should be raised?** The White House came up with 10 subjects for discussion (see attached draft list). Is this list appropriate and complete?

- * **Should we change the name?** Mrs. Clinton was concerned that Members may find the name "HCU" patronizing. Is this a concern? If so, what are other possible names?

- * **Other educational efforts?** Are other educational sessions necessary, especially for a smaller group of Democrats who can be called on to say positive things about the plan immediately post-launch?

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DETERMINED TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE
MARKING Per E.O. 12958 as amended, Sec. 3.2 (c)
Initials: DF Date: 9.2.05

TO: Hillary Rodham Clinton
FR: Chris Jennings
RE: Rockefeller/Daschle Meeting
cc: Melanne, Steve, Distribution

May 27, 1993

As you know, Senator Daschle and Senator Rockefeller are scheduled to come in tomorrow morning to discuss health care reform communications strategy. Senator Rockefeller has asked to meet briefly with you -- outside the company of Senator Daschle -- and will arrive 15 minutes early in order to do so. (It is my sense that Senator Rockefeller would like this to be a very small meeting, with no or very few staff; I suggest that you ask all or most of us to wait outside while you have your conversation.)

Since you are already well prepared for the Rockefeller/Daschle meeting, I don't believe you need much in terms of a background memo. The goal of the meeting should be to give them assurances that we are following or planning to incorporate much of their very sound advice.

At the risk of stating the obvious, I would thank them for their deep commitment to doing all in their power to help us make sure the health reform effort is successful. Along these lines, you might want to thank them for hosting/attending today's DPC meeting; they both were extremely constructive and supportive. Senator Rockefeller, in particular, chastised his colleagues for their habit of ganging up on the President just because the media is doing it.

I would also ask them how we can best utilize their expertise in the future. Lastly, I would ask them to keep us advised of ongoing lobbying developments on the Hill against our work. In other words, ask them to continue to be our best eyes and ears on Capitol Hill...