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**Race-Race Initiative – Outreach**

MEMORANDUM FOR SYLVIA MATHEWS

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Re: POTUS Outreach Meeting on the Race Initiative

Attached, for your review, is a list of Civil Rights Leaders that we are considering inviting to the outreach meeting in January with the President. A number of the leaders who attended the San Diego meeting are on this list; other names were added to give the President an opportunity to hear some different voices.

Antonia Hernandez	Mexican American Legal Defense Fund
Wade Henderson	Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
Rabbi David Saperstein	Religious Action Center
Kweisi Mfume	NAACP
Karen Narasaki	Asian Pacific Am. Legal Consortium
Raul Yzaguirre	NCLR
Fred Rotundaro	National Italian American Foundation
Jim Zogby	Arab American Institute
Martin King III	Southern Christian Leadership Council
John Echohawk	Native American Rights Fund
Hugh Price	Urban League
Jesse Jackson	Rainbow Coalition/Operation Push
Roger Wilkins	George Mason University

Congressional

Gephardt	Minority Leadership
Daschle	Minority Leadership
John Lewis	Civil Rts Leader

Some alternates:

JD Hokoyama	Leadership Education for Asian Pacific/Am
Jo Anne Chase	National Congress of Am Indians
Evonne Scruggs	Black Leadership Forum
Chancellor Tien	UC Berkeley
Rev. Lowery	Black Leadership Forum
William Julius Wilson	Harvard
Dr. Mary Berry	US Commission on Civil Rights
Cornel West	Harvard
Ronald Takaki	UC Berkeley
Antonio Vargas	National Association of Latino Elected Officials

# Race Initiative Ahead

4-16-97

Residence Race Meeting

EEOC backlog

Affirmative - 209/Hopwood

} unfinished business

Fidel Vargas -

Training/education

Deal w/ popular perceptions - show how diff from reality

BC -

Start out w/ list of myths/reality

Mtume -

Challenge to put to Amer public??

BC -

Engage w/ us! -

cut out them myths!

in every community & heart

personal challenge of citizenship

→ Mtume -

Deal w/ police brutality

Hernandez -

no longer black/white issue

Sentencing guidelines

→

BC - Get a rec

drastically reduce sent disps.

fair chance of getting it through this year

→ DC -

Municipal -

Bob Johnson?

Have to deal w/ black-wh issues 1st

Not in race problem - rooted in slavery

Apology for Slavery - symbolic event / meaningful

Needs -

Economic opportunity - aimed at inner cities / local poor

Rel/corp/sm business/coalition, Bottom-up

It not there at fed level.

But it in priv sector - appeal to its self-interest.

This is where to dev. resources

Travel around!

3c - Windfall in welfare funds (plus 3b)

Some states - 20-30% more than would have in many states  
nat'l effort to get p. to work.

\$ floating around out there that's never been there  
because it's just frittered away

Carol West - ??

Jim - ? (Arab) - imagery of Arabs.

Face a domestic! common people

For - Univ problem is a big deal.

Integ - looks IT on paper - not in people's lives

Sapientia -

Tolach - white } not either/or  
Multiracial }

Face us to deal w/ contradiction b/w our values + way  
we're living

No easy solutions } both are true  
Can't have disparity }

Public policy as well as priv sector

Build bridges not by talk but by doing together -

Link initiatives (literacy / science etc)

Leo Donovan (Gorman)

Wilson - Enough a racial rifts - obscured fact that there are many  
common concerns/problems/values

Remind Amer that all ppl should be able to achieve  
full citizenship in society.

Whitney (tribal atty)

Benny - How to convince p - why should they care abt this  
why pay attn.

BC - Way up in 70s - white people - interested

Henderson - Benny expects that sp. will be a major policy address.  
Has to get them to end of presidencies.

Was just a yr. Beyond the life of this why sp.

Wilson is vt - communal by shared values

→ Imp of embracing civ - its low - bipartisan consensus -  
are you able to highlight this.

Lewy - Go beyond rhetoric + eloquence

Wh. p. wait - accept that there is racism

→ Police rhetoric / symbolism

Doc Campbell - "To have a more peaceful uni -"

race not a prob - race is a gift -

vaccine is a problem.

Appeal to religious / religious leadership

— ? Challenge the youth.

BC - Times scores -

→ Youngest kids are our most diverse in pub. schools.

Stimulating achievement. What we can become.

Tanaka - Concrete objectives

— Educati - need new language of public discourse

DC - law enforcement

Peace & Reconciliation Commission in S. Africa

Ab  
Main

Have to have dialogue.