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**Race-Race Initiative Policy:
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Below is Shireman's contribution to the leak. It looks pretty good to me, and I will work on incorporating this into my next draft in some fashion.

Note that these points stress an information campaign emphasizing that college is affordable. We expect that late next week a Congressionally created Commission on College Costs is going to recommend an info campaign. We thought that this leak is a good opportunity to show we are already working on this, so we don't look like we are just responding to the commission.

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Let me know what more you need to fit it into your design. Gene was aware of this.



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Information and Early Mentoring on College Opportunity. For a number of months we have been looking at how to create, in all children, the *expectation* that they will be able to go to college. In the context of the FY 1999 Budget, we are exploring an approach that would include:

--A campaign to make all Americans aware of the financial aid that is available.

--Sending a particularly strong message to children and families at high-poverty schools, for example by telling them about their financial aid eligibility as early as 6th grade (borrowing from the concept that Rep. Chaka Fattah is pursuing with his 21st Century Scholars Act).

--Promoting *strong, sustained* mentoring and support programs for kids in high-poverty schools, *starting in middle school or earlier* (again, building on Fattah, and borrowing on the Eugene Lang "I Have a Dream" programs).

- New funding would be focused on this third element.
- A key role is envisioned for colleges to ensure a high-quality, sustained effort; *Administration officials have already discussed the idea with more than 200 college presidents and many education associations.*