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*Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives
for Children and Families*

Roundtable Meeting July 26-27, 1994

WCG Conference Center
11 Dupont Circle, NW, Eighth Floor
(Entrance on New Hampshire Ave., North Side of the Circle)
Tel: 202-939-3197
[Draft Agenda: 7/18/94]

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WASHINGTON

July 7, 1994

Anne C. Kubisch
Director
The Aspen Institute
345 East 46th Street, Suite 700
New York, NY 10017-3562

Dear Anne:

I am delighted to share with you that upon review by the General Counsel's office I have been told I can indeed join the Aspen Institute's Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Children and Families. I am really pleased that I will now not only be there to visit with all of you on the evening of July 26, but will be a member of the full body.

I appreciate very much the opportunity to join the group and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for
Domestic Policy

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04-Jul-1994 02:17pm

TO: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Rosalyn A. Miller
CC: Patricia E. Romani

SUBJECT: speech notes

I am joining a group known as the Aspen Institute's Roudtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Children and Families. At the next meeting of the group on July 26 I will be speaking for a brief period on the status of the Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities project and leading a discussion on how these groups of individuals, particularly those outside the federal government can assist. I would like for you to take a look at the materials we will send you on this group and then jot down some ideas on ways groups like this can assist in the project. It would be helpful if I could have your notes by the close of business Friday, July 22. Please send the notes to Pat Romani for my event file. Many thanks.

Roz: When you get this file from outbox to do the letter I've forwarded you in a previous mail message, please send Paul a copy of the materials in the GREEN plastic clip. Once you've sent the materials to Paul and I've signed the letter to Kubisch we need to give these two combined files to Pat Romani to keep until the event. Thanks.



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Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Carol,

Thank you so much for your recent letter confirming the fact that you are able to become a member of the Roundtable. We all look forward to your participation in our sessions, and I hope that you will find them of interest. I am writing now for two reasons.

The first is to let you know how we expect our evening session on July 26th to proceed. As you will see from the attached agenda, we have scheduled a dinner at the Embassy Row Hotel. We will begin with drinks at 6:30 pm, and then sit down for dinner at about 7:15 pm. We would hope to begin the session at about 8:00 pm. We would like to ask you to speak for about 15 minutes, and that you address two general topics: a) the Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and other Administration efforts that aim to enable communities to act more effectively on behalf of disadvantaged communities, whether through reform of services and schools, community building, economic development, etc.; and b) your thoughts on how the private sector, including foundations which have had experience with comprehensive community initiatives, can relate to those initiatives. Lee Schorr would then moderate a group discussion with you that would not go past 9:00 pm. I hope that these plans are agreeable to you.

In order for Lee to introduce you properly, I would be grateful if you would send me a copy of your CV or bio.

Secondly, I wanted to write you with some details about the logistics of the other aspects of two-day Roundtable meeting in the hope that you will join us for all or part of it. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 27th, at the conference room of the Washington Consulting Group, at 11 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC, on the eighth floor. The entrance to the building is on New Hampshire Avenue on the north side of Dupont Circle. A map is attached for your information.

Once again, thank you for your willingness to address the group. I very much look forward to seeing you again.

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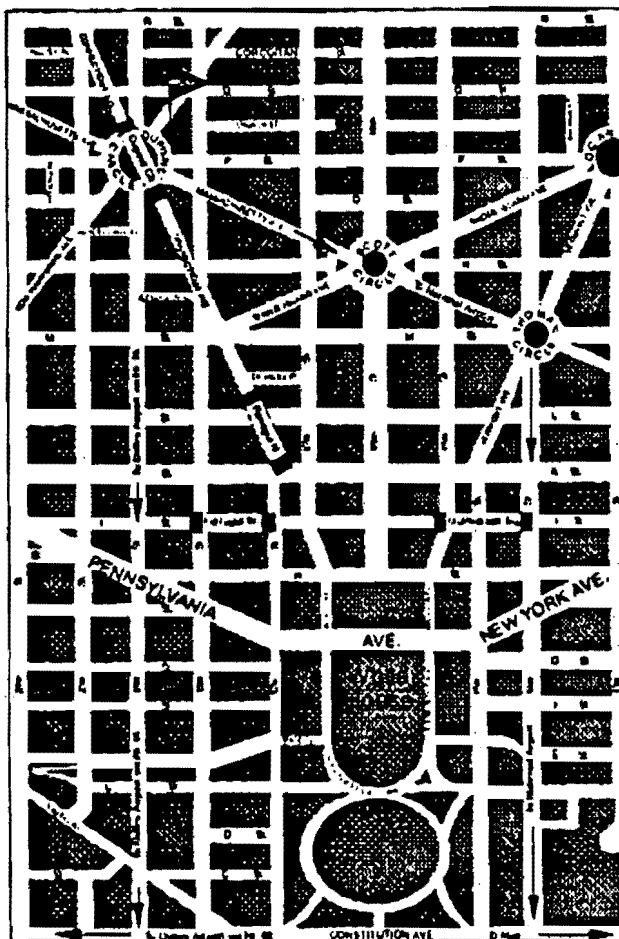
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