

HMX-1 Travel Mission Fax Sheet

The National Security State, Arkansas division:

On May 24, 1994, three representatives of the White House Military Office traveled to Camp David and a nearby golf course (Holly Hills) for the purpose of advancing the site for possible use by the President. The advance trip was conducted as a result of an invitation received by the President to play golf at the Holly Hills course. An operational meeting was conducted at Camp David prior to inspecting the golf course.

The advance party departed Washington D.C. via a HMX-1 helicopter. The use of the helicopter is in keeping with standard procedures employed for advance trips of this type and was necessary in order to familiarize the aircrew with all aspects of flight times and landing zone particulars.

The senior helicopter pilot who flew the mission is one of the few remaining pilots within the HMX squadron that is familiar with the landing zone at Holly Hills having last flown to the site two years ago. This was a training mission to familiarize the HMX crew with the golf course layout and to verify that safe helicopter operations could be conducted at the Holly Hills Country Club landing zone. The flight times are as follows:

Wash DC to Camp David 30 min
Camp David to Holly Hills 15 min

Members of the advance party did play golf, having received an invitation from the golf pro in order to familiarize themselves with all aspects of the course especially those aspects related to actual time of play and associated impact of security plans.

The actual flight time and associated pilot training is in keeping with standard operating procedures required by the squadron in order the [sic] maintain the highest level of pilot and crew proficiency.

[May 24, 1994]

New York Times

Aloft and gasping in the *Kultursmog* with Frank Rich, where the *Kultured* can speak invidiously about race, color, and creed while calling others racists and bigots:

Mr. Quayle remains far less than swift. After an affable puff piece set at his Indianapolis home on last week's "Prime Time Live"—he and Diane Sawyer, leaning on a fence, looked so chummily Aryan they could have been separated at birth—he was demolished on substance by Katie Couric.

[May 12, 1994]

Washington Post

Distinguished columnist Judy Mann finds a Socrates in the heartland (Socrates was the famous fifth-century feminist philosopher portrayed by the White Male Conspiracy for centuries as a male, until scholars at the Anita Hill Center for Advanced Studies revealed what everyone in ancient Athens always knew, to wit, that Socrates was a woman, head of the All-Girl Lyceum and Soccer Team, and an early opponent of date rape, smoking in public, and perfumed strips in magazines):

To Kathy Prosser, Indiana's commissioner of environmental management and chair of Women Executives in State Government, last week's Senate vote on whether to retire Navy Adm. Frank B. Kelso II with four stars is an object lesson in how female politicians are trying to redefine the moral terrain.

While Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) spoke largely to the issue of whether Kelso should be held directly accountable for the Tailhook scandal (which Kelso did not witness) and to the issues of Kelso's military service, Prosser wishes the record had been examined in a different light. "Kelso may have been very good at putting people in the battlefield, but whether he was able to wage a war against racism and sexism should be a measure of how well he did," Prosser says.

[April 27, 1994]

Elle

Meryl Gordon and Hillary, on the record:

MG: What do you mean, "if one thing doesn't work"—are you talking about the *American Spectator* article?

HRC: Sure. They'll try anything.
[May 1994]

Family Life

Clean up your act and save the earth!

Language is a powerful attitude builder. Whenever we say "water down" to mean weaken, we're sending a message that shows we don't appreciate how valuable water is. When we use animal names as insults, we're showing disrespect. Snakes are not evil. Worms are not lowlives. Dogs are not ugly. Sit down with your family and work out some insults that really mean something. Third graders in Bakersfield, Vermont, got into the swing of eco-insults when they invented terms such as "smog brain" and "landfill breath."

[May/June 1994]

Post-Standard (Syracuse, N.Y.)

Useful information for Syracuseans seeking improved mental health and not familiar with the lack of it among the swamis on the New York State Health Department's "review board":

A Fayetteville psychiatrist who stabbed his wife in the back in 1989 is fit to continue treating patients, a state review board ruled this week.

The ruling marks the end of a three-year battle between Dr. Donald Pirodsky and the state Health Department over whether his license should be revoked, and overturns two unanimous decisions by a lower panel that Pirodsky is not fit to practice psychiatry.

Pirodsky, 49, was charged with second-degree attempted murder for stabbing his wife, Susan, in the back during an argument in November 1989.

[May 13, 1994]

Esquire

The simpering calumnies of the writerly class's chief nerd, Michael Kinsley, author of *Curse of the Giant Muffins and Other Washington Maladies* and CNN's answer to Edward R. Murrow:

"Tyrrell is not an honest person. He has no journalistic integrity."

[June 1994]

Washington Times

A heroic reporter from Washington's greatest daily newspaper braves halitosis and body odor to report on the belowlings of Capitol Hill's leading advocate of misandry:

Women on the subcommittee objected vehemently to the amendment to strip abortion coverage from the bill, and they suggested that men—who make up the vast majority of Congress—should have no right making such decisions.

"Reproductive health is at the very core of a woman's existence in its importance," said Rep. Jolene Unsoeld, Washington Democrat and subcommittee member. "If you want to be brutally frank, what it compares [with] is if you had health care plans that did not cover any illness related to male testicles."

[May 13, 1994]

San Francisco Chronicle

From Norman Fulton of San Mateo, a conscientious call for the immediate invasion of Singapore by American troops loyal to the Americans for Democratic Action:

Again this morning I was thrilled to the gorgeous voice of "Luciano" outside my bedroom window. That's the name I have given to the mocking bird who gives me such great pleasure and serenades me night and day. And then, as usual and on schedule, the beauty was dimmed as the reality of the horror about to unfold in Singapore flooded my mind.

"Luciano" was still singing, but I could no longer revel in his beautiful songs. The specter of the depravity about to be executed in Prisonage, my name for Singapore, again controlled my mind as it has with such regularity. It actually started to rain, and the joy I had felt earlier was gone and the sadness and yes, outrage, returned with a feeling of helpless fury.

[April 28, 1994]

New York Times

A sensitive reading of the Rwandan carnage by the Grand Panjandrum of the celebrated Colorado Population Coalition:

Your coverage of the grisly disaster in Rwanda had been excellent, but one of the most fundamental long-term causes has not been stressed—overpopulation.

Rwanda is the size of Vermont, but instead of Vermont's 570,000 people, Rwanda's population is well over 8 million and is growing two and a half times as fast. . . . Reports that more than 100,000 have been slaughtered have prompted macabre but true comments that these lives will be replaced in just three or four months. What next?

[May 17, 1994]

The White House (Washington)

A historic memorandum for Our President demonstrating his religious zeal and proof that he will, with Bible under arm, do all that is in his power to restore religion to its rightful place in this Christian Republic—so help him Moon Cow or Great White Father or Big Tree Smelly Feet or whatever the proper theological term might be:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Policy Concerning Distribution of Eagle Feathers for Native American Religious Purposes

Eagle feathers hold a sacred place in Native American culture and religious practices. Because of the feathers' significance to Native American heritage and consistent with due respect for the government-to-government relationship between the Federal and Native American tribal governments, this Administration had undertaken policy and procedural changes to facilitate the collection and distribution of scarce eagle bodies and parts for this purpose. This memorandum affirms and formalizes executive branch policy to ensure that progress begun on this important matter continues across the executive branch. . . .

As part of these efforts, agencies shall take steps to improve their collection and transfer of eagle carcasses and eagle body parts ("eagles") for Native American religious purposes. The success of this initiative requires the participation, and is therefore the responsibility, of all Federal land managing

agencies, not just those within the Department of the Interior. I therefore direct each agency responsible for managing Federal lands to diligently and expeditiously recover salvageable eagles found on lands under their jurisdiction and ensure that the eagles are promptly shipped to the National Eagle Repository ("Repository"). To assist agencies in this expanded effort, the Secretary of the Interior shall issue guidelines. . . . In particular, the Department of the Interior shall continue to adopt policies and procedures and take those actions necessary to:

(a) ensure the priority of distribution of eagles, upon permit application, first for traditional Native American religious purposes, to the extent permitted by law, and then to other uses;

(b) simplify the eagle permit application process . . . ;

(c) minimize the delay and ensure respect and dignity in the process . . . ;

(d) expand efforts to involve Native American tribes, organizations, and individuals in the distribution process . . . ;

(e) review means to ensure that adequate refrigerated storage space is available to process the eagles; . . .

We must continue to be committed to greater intergovernmental communication and cooperation. . . .

[April 29, 1994]

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Bloody-Minded

Kenneth S. Lynn's account of R.W.B. Lewis's shortcomings as man and scholar rang true on many points ("Edith Wharton's Abuser," *TAS*, December 1993). Forgetting promises tendered in effusive cordiality was certainly Lewis's practice in my only brush with the man twenty years ago. Accurate detail is not among the virtues of *The American Adam*, and Lynn rightly knocks Lewis for elevating into fact Thoreau's wild fantasy of eating a woodchuck raw. But Lynn himself is guilty of misreading when he claims that Thoreau "never ate one alive (or cooked, for that matter)." The author of *Walden* explains in his opening chapter that he "once went so far as to slaughter a woodchuck which ravaged my bean-field . . . and devour him, partly for experiment's sake."

The point's not quite trivial, for the man enshrined by modern environmentalists as a plaster St. Francis retained a lifelong enthusiasm for blood sports from his youthful experience hunting. See Thomas L. Altherr's article in *American Literature*, 1984. On Altherr's evidence of his ambivalence it would be a toss-up whether Thoreau could be enlisted for gun control today. Lynn's misrecollection makes Thoreau sound like the bearded flower child beloved of the sixties—not the radical conservative whom readers of *TAS* may find if they crack the pages of *Walden* now.

—Michael West
Professor, English Department
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Out of Town Brown

Byron York's comments on drug czar Lee Brown ("Clinton's Phony Drug War," *TAS*, February 1994) were right on the mark. Brown's behavior is merely a continuation of his *modus operandi* displayed during his service as police commissioner in New York City and police chief in Houston.

He is a man who exudes grandiose yet meaningless symbolic gestures. A man whose style can only be termed "voodoo policing." His pet projects, like community policing, are laced with politically-correct jargon, disguised as compassionate and intelligent law enforcement (cop-social worker).

Within law enforcement circles, Brown is known as "Out of Town Brown," due to

his propensity for national and international travel at the expense of others; all the while leaving the candy store unattended. Actually, New York and Houston are better off now that "Out of Town Brown" is out of town permanently.

—James J. Kouri
Flushing Meadows, New York

The Beat Goes On

Your article on possible Clinton violations of the law ("Criminal Laws Implicated by the Clinton Scandals: A Partial List," *TAS*, February 1994) lacked one "alleged" misconduct which should have been included at the top of the list. As a retired Air Force officer who was often on the receiving end of Russian supplied rockets on the ground, and 23mm and 37mm shells in the air, I consider Clinton's Vietnam war-time activities treasonous. Surely, there must be some U.S.C. which makes criminals out of persons who organize anti-American demonstrations in foreign countries; the countries responsible for supplying the means to kill over 50,000 Americans. Freedom of speech is one thing, giving aid and comfort to the people who are responsible for killing American servicemen is quite another.

—Richard Wendlandt
Overland Park, Kansas

Home Work

As mentioned in Tom Bethell's March column, "The Tony Awards," Anthony Lewis writes a column under the heading, "Abroad at Home." Another columnist on the op-ed page of the *New York Times* is Anna Quindlen, who, as is well known, writes her column at home. I hopefully look forward to the day when a mix-up at the *Times* results in the title of Mr. Lewis's column appearing over the column of Ms. Quindlen.

—Donald P. Kerwick
Hamilton, Ohio

It's Crying Time Again

Thank you for including an excerpt from my syndicated newspaper column VoiceMale in your esteemed Current Wisdom section in February. If you had published the passage in context, your readers would have had a chance to get my point: that males are not naturally insensitive or cold-hearted; it's our competition-based culture that tries to steer us that way. My column which runs in twenty-five newspapers is a rare voice urging men to get more involved in parenting so our children can grow up with compassionate

respectful non-violent male role models. I suppose that's something with which you disagree.

—Neil Chethik
Lexington, Kentucky

A National Inquirer

When can we expect David Brock to pen "The Real Paula Jones"? Will *The American Spectator* publish it? Inquiring minds want to know. Please advise.

—Mark P. Petracca
Irvine, California

The Age of Innocents

Your April/May issue contained an irate letter from Marvin B. Hoffman of Newington, Connecticut, which stated you had not abided by his wish to cancel his subscription "and suggested that you might send it your favorite *whorehouse*."

I would not know from personal experience, but I thought people went to a whorehouse for a purpose other than to read a magazine.

—Thomas F. Loftus
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

There are two obvious addresses:

(1) The Governor's Mansion, Little Rock, Arkansas

(2) 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

—Thomas E. Ryan
San Rafael, California

Hey, why not! The White House could use another copy.

—Carl J. Wass
Pompano Beach, Florida

I am currently unemployed and therefore in need of a new occupation. It was with great relief that I read the correspondence from Mr. Marvin Hoffman.

Well, sir, I've never been in a whorehouse, and wouldn't recognize one, but it sounds like a great low risk venture (and I am severely undercapitalized). All I really need to get started is some nice clothes and a little money for bail, bribes, magazines, and the like. I don't know what is appropriate reading material for a brothel, but if Mr. Hoffman says your magazine will excite the little perverts I will need as customers, I believe him.

So if Mr. Hoffman's offer still applies, would you please send the balance of his issues to my address, along with any other helpful tips he may have regarding location, pricing, trade publications, and the like.

—C.J. Drotar
Toledo, Ohio

WE AGREE MR. PRESIDENT



“The American people provide those of us in government service with terrific health care benefits at reasonable costs.

We have health care that’s always there. I think we need to give every hard-working, taxpaying American the same health care security they have already given to us.”

The State of the Union, January 25, 1994

President Clinton was talking about the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, which covers nearly 10 million federal employees, retirees and their dependents. The 34-year-old program allows them to choose among dozens of competing health-care plans, with different costs and benefits; works with a minimum of regulation; and because it relies on the principles of choice and competition, has successfully controlled costs.

But that is NOT what President Clinton has proposed. In fact, his legislation exempts federal employees until January 1998. That’s right. HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, members of Congress, and most members of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s health-reform task force would NOT be included in Mr. Clinton’s government-run health plan until all other Americans try it out first.

With modification, an FEHB-type system could be created to cover all Americans. In fact, that is exactly what the Consumer Choice Health Plan proposed by The Heritage Foundation does.

NEW REPUBLIC columnist Michael Kinsley called the Heritage plan, “. . . the simplest, most promising, and in an important way, most progressive idea for health-care reform.”

And ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE Editorial Page Editor and syndicated columnist Paul Greenberg wrote, “If the President is interested in a plan that will provide universal coverage, allow Americans to take our health

insurance with us wherever we go and not tie it to our jobs, give folks their choice of insurance plans from basic to deluxe, control costs through competition, and use vouchers to provide basic coverage for those too poor to pay premiums. . . all the President has to do is call (202) 546-4400. That’s The Heritage Foundation.”

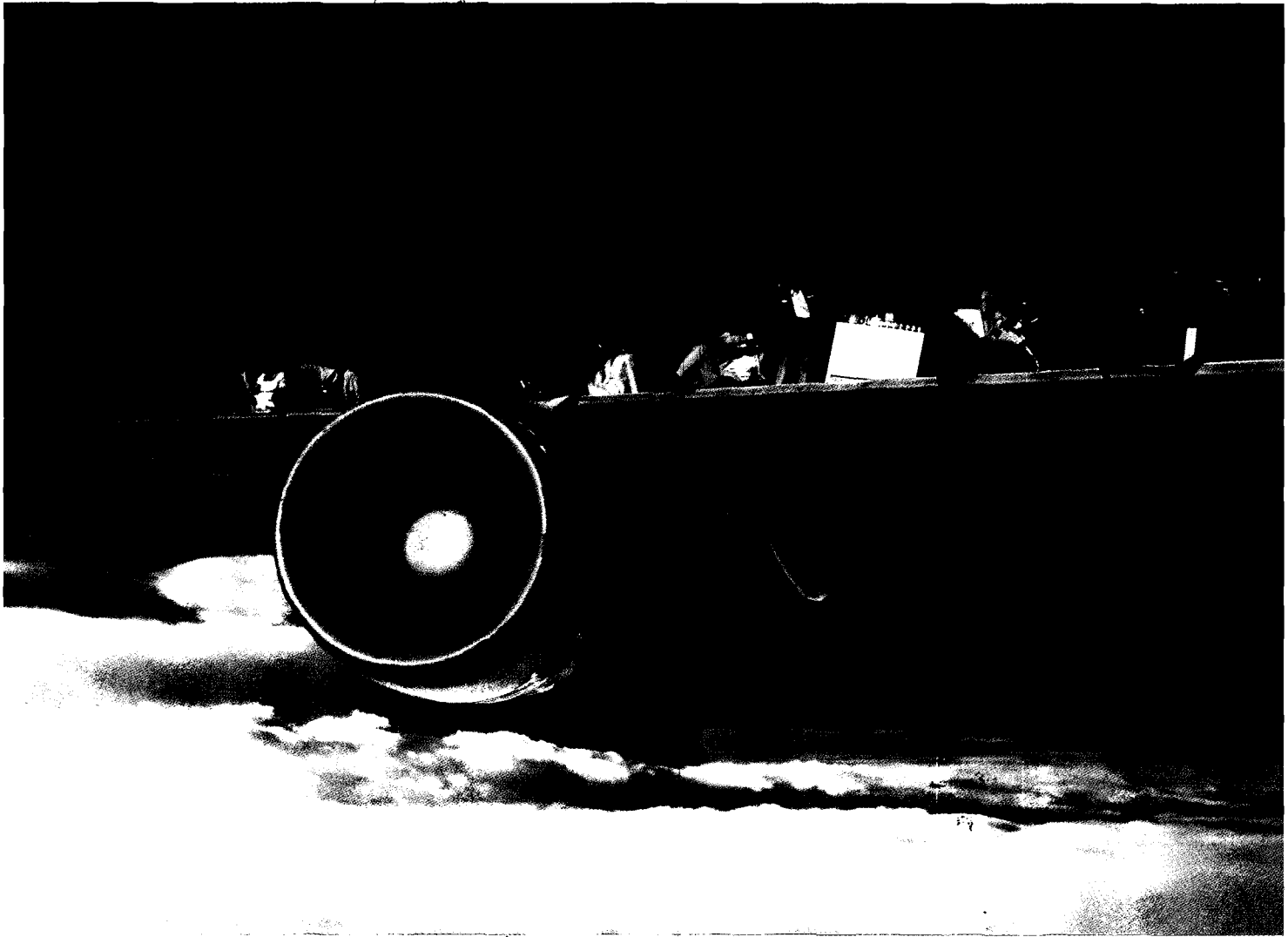
Legislation based on the same principles—the Consumer Choice Health Security Act—is now before the House and Senate. Introduced by Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida, the legislation (S. 1743; H.R. 3698) has 25 Senate and 24 House co-sponsors.

Before the “reformers” ruin everything that is right about health care in America, we need to ask them: Why reinvent the wheel? Why not let all Americans have the kind of personal freedom the President and Congress have—a consumer choice health plan.

For more information on Consumer Choice and a copy of the book “A National Health System for all Americans,” by Dr. Stuart Butler, write The Heritage Foundation, Box D, 214 Massachusetts Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.


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