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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of ED Major Activities

MEETINGS AND SPEECHES

During the past week, the Secretary made several appearances in the Northeast--a number on behalf of Carter-Mondale. Among the states visited were New York, Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine. This weekend and next week she will be in California. The Secretary's recurring theme of the Carter Administration's strong record on education continues to be well received as she speaks with lawyers, women's groups, civic groups and educators. Highlights of some of these appearances are summarized below:

New York

- o Tour of United Federation of Teachers Headquarters--  
New York City
- o Visit to UFT Phone Banks for Carter-Mondale

Connecticut

- o Rotary Club luncheon--Bridgeport
- o ERA Rally attended by women's groups and state educators--  
Simsburg
- o Media events

Vermont

- o Address to Lyndon State College--St. Johnsbury
- o Reception with Vermont businessmen, lawyers, and educators

Maine

- o Visit to Jack Elementary School and Portland High School--  
Portland
- o Luncheon with Maine Teachers Association
- o Meeting with women's groups and lawyers at University of Maine--  
Portland

California

- o Appearance at Stanford Law School
- o California Teachers Association Leadership Meeting--Asylomar
- o Appearance at Contra Costa Community College
- o Appearance at the Mission Language Vocational School--San Fran-  
cisco
- o Visit to AFT Phone Bank for Carter-Mondale

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Betsy Levin  
Acting Secretary

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During the past week, the Secretary made a number of appearances in New Mexico, California, and Texas--several of them on behalf of Carter-Mondale. In speaking to educators, lawyers, women's groups and others, the Secretary has continued to stress the President's unique record on education, as well as the importance of the election for the Women's Rights agenda. She has been impressed with the positive response received on both issues. Highlights of some of these appearances are summarized below:

New Mexico

- o Meetings with New Mexico NEA and State Hispanic educators--Albuquerque
- o Visit to University of New Mexico
- o Address to New Mexico Association of Community Education

California

- o Address to Magazine Publishers Association--Palm Springs
- o Address to California League of Cities--Los Angeles
- o Meeting with "Los Angeles Times" Editorial Board
- o Address to Los Angeles League of Women Voters
- o Interview on syndicated radio show with a listening audience of 10,000
- o Meeting with student editors from the various California State Universtiy Campus newspapers

Texas

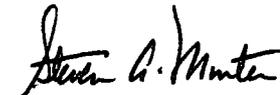
- o Address to the Women's American Organization through Training (ORT)--Houston

- o Meeting with "Houston Post" Editorial Board
- o Visit to Southwest Texas State University
- o Visit to University of Texas at Austin

STATUS OF THE LAU REGULATION

The public comment period on the proposed regulation closed October 20. The Office for Civil Rights has received over 2000 comments to date and may receive as many as 5000. Nearly 400 persons testified at public hearings.

In addition to analyzing these comments, ED is refining its estimate of the costs of the regulation and is planning a strategy to prevent the passage of legislation that would restrict ED's authority to issue this or any other civil rights regulation protecting language minority students. An amendment which would have this effect has been added by the House to the Department's FY 1981 appropriations bill.

  
Steven A. Minter  
Acting Secretary

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SECRETARY OF LABOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 24, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF LABOR *Ray*  
SUBJECT: Major Departmental Activities  
October 20-24, 1980

The Department has nothing significant to report for this week.

**Community** WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506  
**Services Administration** 

October 10, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Rick Hutcheson  
Staff Secretary

FROM: Richard J. Rios   
Director

SUBJECT: National Employ the Handicapped Week and National  
Consumer Education Week

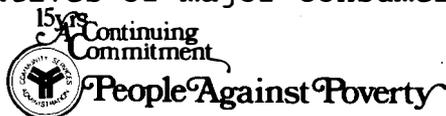
To further the goals of National Employ the Handicapped Week, CSA conducted an intra-agency educational effort to demonstrate to its employees some of the experiences faced by fellow employees who are severely handicapped.

Those who attended the Awareness Ceremony were shown how Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf can aid the deaf to communicate over the telephone and how to operate a wheel chair.

There was also a discussion on a grant made to the National Association of the Deaf which will (1) establish a National Resource Center to collect and disseminate information about the deafness aspects of Section 504 and (2) provide a technical assistance workshop in each of the ten federal regions to train local leaders in the deaf community so that they can provide on-site technical assistance on Section 504 to agency grantees.

National Consumer Education Week

On October 8, 1980 CSA held a Consumer Workshop for its employees, the United Planning Organization (the District of Columbia CAA) and its delegate agencies and other community based organizations to inform them about consumer resources in the greater Washington Metropolitan area. Representatives of major consumer groups participat-



ed in the workshop which was planned to further the objectives outlined in the President's proclamation on National Consumer Education Week.



THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

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LEGISLATION

- o On December 2, Department representatives will testify before the House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education (Perkins) on the Lau regulations, which require school districts to address the special needs of limited English speaking students. The hearings are being held at the request of Congressman Mario Biaggi (D-NY).
- o On November 13, a representative of the Department will testify before the House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education (Perkins) on H.R. 8145 (Perkins), a bill to dismiss certain cases before the Education Appeal Board. The Department is opposed to the Bill.

MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Included in the Education Department's FY 1982 budget submission to the Office of Management and Budget was a report outlining the steps taken thus far by the Department in improving the management of Departmental programs. Most important among these accomplishments has been the establishment of the Department's structure and staff. Significant in this regard has been the appointment of women and minorities to nearly 60% of the Department's high level positions.

In addition, we have undertaken a series of management improvements, including:

- o Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Education - new members have been appointed and sworn in, and the first meeting of this Congressionally-mandated council has been held.
- o Paperwork Reduction Effort - the Secretary has commissioned a review of this problem by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, under the direction of former Commissioner Boyer. Additionally, the Department has already taken major steps in this effort through: 1) simplified student financial aid forms to reduce overpayments and underpayments; 2) consolidation of the Office for Civil Rights non-discrimination assurance forms.
- o Reform of the Department's Financial Management Systems — including: 1) review by the Inspector General of those areas most vulnerable to fraud and abuse; 2) stringent expenditure controls for consultant service contracts and equipment purchases; and 3) establishment of a common Departmental disbursing system and automated payroll system, with implementation scheduled for 1981.

MEETINGS AND SPEECHES

During the past week, the Secretary made several appearances in Washington, Oregon and California, a number on behalf of Carter-Mondale. With these audiences, as well as others, the Secretary has struck a responsive note with her message on the Carter Administration's strong record on education. Highlights of her California appearances are summarized below:

Hayward County/Berkeley

- o Two NEA rallies in Hayward County
- o Visit to California Teachers Association Headquarters - Burlingame
- o Visit to the Center for Independent Living - Berkeley
- o Address to 200 faculty and students - Boalt Law School

Los Angeles

- o Meeting with 200 Jewish leaders in West Los Angeles
- o NEA rally
- o Appearance before 200 students and faculty at UCLA Law School
- o Meeting with the Board of Los Angeles Community College District
- o Various media interviews

San Diego

- o Meeting with 200 lawyers from San Diego
- o Meeting with a group of women leaders
- o California Western Law School Appearance
- o NEA rally
- o Address to the Women of Wall Street



C. William Fischer  
Acting Secretary