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FROM:        PHIL CAPLAN

SUBJECT:    PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

My office has begun the process of compiling a list of possible recipients of the Medal of Freedom, which we then submit to the President for his review. The awards are traditionally made in an East Room ceremony; we're aiming for sometime in the fall.

This is the highest civilian award the President can bestow, and the winners should be people of high distinction. During this Administration, the theme that has tended to unify the recipients is service to others; and we have looked to many fields for people who embody this ideal -- business, entertainment and the arts, law, academia, government, the military, sports, non-profits, philanthropy, labor, science, medicine, journalism, and religion. I have attached lists of the medal winners for the past six years.

If you have any creative ideas for awardees -- diverse candidates in particular-- please let me know. I will pull together a brainstorming meeting in the near future. Thanks.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM
PRESENTED BY
President Clinton

FARMER, James
Civil rights leader, formed Congress of Racial Equality

FULBRIGHT, J. William
Public Servant, former U.S. Senator and Member, U.S. House of Representatives from Arkansas, longtime Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, founder of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program

ASHE, Arthur, Jr. (POSTHUMOUSLY)
Athlete, former Professional Tennis Player, Philanthropist, Author

POWELL, General Colin L., USA (WITH DISTINCTION)
Military Officer, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Persian Gulf, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

RAYE, Martha
Entertainer, Humanitarian

BRENNAN, William J., Jr.
Public Servant, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

DOUGLAS, Marjory Stoneman
Conservationist, led early crusade to preserve and restore the Florida Everglades

MARSHALL, Thurgood (POSTHUMOUSLY)
Public Servant, Attorney, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Solicitor General of the United States, United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, first African American to sit on the Supreme Court

RAUH, Joseph L., Jr. (POSTHUMOUSLY)
Lawyer, Civil Rights and labor activist; former Counsel, United Auto Workers; General Counsel, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

WISDOM, John Minor
Public Servant, former United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit

BLOCK, Herbert
Political Cartoonist

CHAVEZ, Cesar E. (POSTHUMOUSLY)
Union Leader, United Farm Workers of America

FLEMING, Arthur
Public Servant, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights

GRANT, James
Executive Director of UNICEF

HEIGHT, Dorothy Irene
Civil Rights, Women's Rights Advocate

JORDAN, Barbara
Public Servant, Educator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas

KIRKLAND, Joseph Lane
Labor Leader, President AFL-CIO

MICHEL, Robert H.
Public Servant, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois, Republican Leader
SHRIVER, Robert Sargent 08/08/94
Public Servant, former Director of the Peace Corps

CHARREN, Peggy 09/29/95
Founder of Action for Children’s Television

COLEMAN, William Thaddeus, Jr. 09/29/95
Public Servant, former Secretary of Transportation, Chairman of the Board of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund

COONEY, Joan Ganz 09/29/95
Creator of Children’s Television Workshop, creator of SESAME STREET

FRANKLIN, John Hope 09/29/95
Historian, chronicled the history of African Americans in the South

HIGGINBOTHAM, A. Leon, Jr. 09/29/95
Public Servant, former U.S. Circuit Judge for the 3rd Circuit, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Academic, Civil Rights attorney

JOHNSON, Frank M., Jr. 09/29/95
Public Servant, former U.S. Circuit Judge for the 5th Circuit, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, helped to dismantle segregation, protected the rights of the mentally ill and imprisoned

KOOP, C. Everett 09/29/95
Public Servant, Physician, former Surgeon General of the Public Health Service

NELSON, Gaylord A. 09/29/95
Public Servant, former U. S. Senator, Governor, and State Legislator from Wisconsin, advocate for the environment, creator of Earth Day

REUTHER, Walter P. (POSTUMOUSLY) 09/29/95
Labor activist, former President, United Auto Workers

ROUSE, James W. 09/29/95
Urban planner, designer of Columbia, Maryland, Boston’s Faneuil Hall, Baltimore’s Inner Harbor

VELASQUEZ, William C. (POSTUMOSLY) 09/29/95
Founder of Southwest Voter Registration Education Project

WASSERMAN, Lew R. 09/29/95
Philanthropist, advocate for the blind and visually impaired

BERNARDIN, Joseph Cardinal 09/09/96
Archbishop of Chicago Diocese, champion of racial equality and arms control

BRADY, James Scott 09/09/96
Public Servant, former Assistant to the President and Press Secretary, wounded in assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, gun control advocate

FULLER, Millard D. 09/09/96
Founder and President of Habitat for Humanity, nonprofit provider of low cost housing

HAMBURG, David Alan 09/09/96
Physician, Scientist, Educator, child development specialist, former President of Carnegie Foundation

JOHNSON, John H. 09/09/96
Founder and CEO of Johnson Publishing, founder of EBONY and JET magazines
LANG, Eugene M. 09/09/96
Philanthropist, founder of "I Have a Dream Foundation", provided financial assistance for education to underprivileged youth

NOWAK-ZEJTOŃANSKI, Jan 09/09/96
Member of the Polish underground during WWII, former director of Radio Free Europe's Polish Service, former National Director of Polish-American Congress

PANTOJA, Antonia 09/09/96
Educator, Philanthropist, advocate for community restoration and development, founder of ASPIRA

SAGAN, Ginetta 09/09/96
Human Rights advocate, founder of the U. S. West Coast Chapter of Amnesty International

UDALL, Morris 09/09/96
Public Servant, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona, environmental advocate

PARKS, Rosa L. 09/14/96
Civil Rights pioneer

PERRY, William J. 01/14/97
Public Servant, Secretary of Defense

DOLE, Robert J. 01/17/97
Public Servant, Soldier, Statesman, former U.S. Senator from Kansas, longest serving Republican Leader

Shalikashvili, General John M., USA 09/30/97

ARONSON, Arnold 01/15/98
civil rights leader, co-founder of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

ASTOR, Brooke Russell 01/15/98
philanthropist

COLES, Robert 01/15/98
Harvard psychiatrist who explores children's relationship with their world

DART, Jr., Justin 01/15/98
Considered the father of Americans with Disabilities Act.

HESSELBEIN, Frances 01/15/98
non-profit organization expert,

KOREMATSU, Fred T. 01/15/98
Challenged WWII civilian exclusion orders and became a civil rights leader

LINOWITZ, Sol 01/15/98
founder of International Executive Service Corps.

MANKILLER, Wilma P. 01/15/98
First chief of an Indian tribe and works to better the lives of other Cherokee Indians.

MURIL, Margaret E. 01/15/98
Environmental activist who was instrumental in the passage of landmark environmental legislation.

OBLADO, Mario G. 01/15/98
Co-founder of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

RICHARDSON, Elliot L. 01/15/98
Served in four different U.S. cabinet positions

ROCKEFELLER, David 01/15/98
Co-founder of International Executive Service Corps.

SHANKER, Albert 01/15/98
Worked to change radically how schools and teachers' unions do business.

ZUMWALT, Jr., Admiral Elmo R. 01/15/98
Naval veteran who issued directives to end discrimination in the Navy.