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FROM: PHIL CAPLAN *PCW*

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

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FARMER, James	
civil rights leader, formed Congress of Racial Equality	
FULBRIGHT, J. William	05/05/93
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)	06/20/93
Athlete, former Professional Tennis Player, Philanthropist, Author	
POWELL, General Colin L., USA (WITH DISTINCTION)	09/30/93
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	11/15/93
Entertainer, Humanitarian	
BRENNAN, William J., Jr.	11/30/93
Public Servant, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	
DOUGLAS, Marjory Stoneman	11/30/93
Conservationist, led early crusade to preserve and restore the Florida Everglades	
MARSHALL, Thurgood (POSTHUMOUSLY)	11/30/93
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)	11/30/93
Lawyer, Civil Rights and labor activist; former Counsel, United Auto Workers; General Counsel, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights	
WISDOM, John Minor	11/30/93
Public Servant, former United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit	
BLOCK, Herbert	08/08/94
Political Cartoonist	
CHAVEZ, Cesar E. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	08/08/94
Union Leader, United Farm Workers of America	
FLEMMING, Arthur	08/08/94
Public Servant, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights	
GRANT, James	08/08/94
Executive Director of UNICEF	
HEIGHT, Dorothy Irene	08/08/94
Civil Rights, Women's Rights Advocate	
JORDAN, Barbara	08/08/94
Public Servant, Educator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas	
KIRKLAND, Joseph Lane	08/08/94
Labor Leader, President AFL-CIO	
MICHEL, Robert H.	08/08/94
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, Physican, 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. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	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. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	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 assasination 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. Philanthropist, founder of "I Have a Dream Foundation", provided financial assistance for education to underprivileged youth	09/09/96
NOWAK-JEZIORANSKI, Jan Member of the Polish underground during WWII, former director of Radio Free Europe's Polish Service, former National Director of Polish-American Congress	09/09/96
PANTOJA, Antonia Educator, Philanthropist, advocate for community restoration and development, founder of ASPIRA	09/09/96
SAGAN, Ginetta Human Rights advocate, founder of the U. S. West Coast Chapter of Amnesty International	09/09/96
UDALL, Morris Public Servant, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona, environmental advocate	09/09/96
PARKS, Rosa L. Civil Rights pioneer	09/14/96
PERRY, William J. Public Servant, Secretary of Defense	01/14/97
DOLE, Robert J. Public Servant, Soldier, Statesman, former U.S. Senator from Kansas, longest serving Republican Leader	01/17/97
Shalikhavili, General John M., USA	09/30/97
ARONSON, Arnold civil rights leader, co-founder of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights	01/15/98
ASTOR, Brooke Russell philanthropist	01/15/98
COLES, Robert Harvard psychiatrist who explores children's relationship with their world	01/15/98
DART, Jr., Justin Considered the father of Americans with Disabilities Act.	01/15/98
HESSELBEIN, Frances non-profit organization expert,	01/15/98
KOREMATSU, Fred T. Challenged WWII civilian exclusion orders and became a civil rights leader	01/15/98
LINOWITZ, Sol founder of International Executive Service Corps.	01/15/98
MANKILLER, Wilma P. First chief of an Indian tribe and worksto better the lives of other Cherokee indians.	01/15/98
MURIE, Margaret E. Environmental activist who was instrumental in the passage of landmark environmental legislation.	01/15/98
OBLEDO, Mario G. Co-founder of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.	01/15/98
RICHARDSON, Elliot L. Served in four different U.S. cabinet positions	01/15/98
ROCKEFELLER, David Co-founder of International Executive Service Corps.	01/15/98
SHANKER, Albert Worked to change radically how schools and teachers' unions do business.	01/15/98
ZUMWALT, Jr., Admiral Elmo R. Naval veteran who issued directives to end discrimination in the Navy.	01/15/98