

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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Berger memo on psycho-social counseling in Kosovo – You asked whether NSC had spoken to professor Walter Reich, recommended by Eli Wiesel; Reich is on leave but will meet with NSC staff upon his return to Washington; NSC meanwhile proceeds with activities outlined in earlier memos (e.g., children's therapeutic play) and UNHCR is just beginning its U.S.-funded Kosovo Women's Initiative. Fourteen NGO psycho-social programs are underway in Kosovo and 20 more want to help; State is identifying members of a U.S. assessment team to evaluate overall efforts and determine how Western experts could be helpful.

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Berger memo on Kennedy assassination documents from Russia. Sandy forwards a summary of recently declassified Soviet documents; 40 documents have been translated and reviewed. They contain no revelations but shed light on Oswald's character, the Soviet reaction to the assassination, and Mrs. Kennedy's reaction to Soviet condolences. The documents will be released to the public. *Sandy attaches two translated documents regarding Mrs. Kennedy.*

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Berger memo on F-22 editorial. Sandy responds to your inquiry about the *Washington Post* editorial supporting the F-22. The F-22 is the Air Force's highest priority; its unmatched capabilities are expensive (\$97 million per plane; \$187 million, including development costs) but would serve our objective of defeating the enemy quickly and with minimum casualties better than current-generation fighters. The House diverted all \$1.8 billion of your FY 2000 request for initial production to other programs. The Senate supported the Administration's request for F-22 funds. The bill will now go to conference where we will attempt to restore F-22 funds with help from Sens. Stevens and Warner.

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Lane synthesis of PCAST report. Neal forwards a copy of the PCAST report, released last week by the Vice President, and his synthesis of its conclusions. The report finds that energy use will increase dramatically worldwide; technical innovation is necessary to contain energy use and its impacts; a huge market for new energy technology will develop, primarily outside of the U.S.; strong U.S. government public/private investment is necessary. PCAST recommends doubling current funding for federal international energy cooperation programs in FY 2001.

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Koskinen monthly summary of Y2K problem. John thanks you for your "kind words of support" at this week's Cabinet meeting; reports that your Y2K Council's most recent report shows many major domestic industries are Y2K ready, supporting his view that the U.S. will not experience vital infrastructure failures. Areas of continuing concern include local governments; local service delivery; small firms. Internationally, data suggest that developing countries may be at most risk, particularly in power and telecommunications areas.