

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (LEWIS_PF) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAY-1996 15:04:24.43

SUBJECT: Same sex

TO: Lorraine McHugh (MCHUGH_L) (WHO)

READ:22-MAY-1996 15:12:38.40

TEXT:

I just spoke to Josh -- should we update our answer to the question about DOMA?
And I'm getting calls now from reporters -- did Mike say anything about
traditional families in his comments?
Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: BBoyd@hillandknowlton.com@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-MAY-1996 15:02:00.00

SUBJECT: FW: ALERT! Clinton Spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters

TO: fanning_e (fanning_e@A1@CD) (WHO)

READ:22-MAY-1996 15:53:55.93

TEXT:

thought you'd like to see...

From: Ben Finzel

To: Ben Boyd; alan@durbin.house.gov; Barry_Phelps@heflin.senate.gov; bboyd@hillandkn

Subject: ALERT! Clinton Spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 1996 7:40PM

today that Clinton WOULD SIGN the Defense of Marriage Act if it were presented to him in its current form.

This is obviously bad news and presents a problem for the gay and lesbian community in this country - we've been counting on Clinton to remain on our side through this campaign and in his second term.

We need to flood the White House with PHONE CALLS TODAY telling the President that he is WRONG. We can't expect him to say he opposes the bill, but we can expect him to stand up for our rights by refusing to support divisive legislation that attempts to legislate morality - something he has pretty much stayed out of so far.

The phone number at the White House is 202-456-1414.

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:22-MAY-1996 15:05:00.00

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Paul Yandura (YANDURA_P) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME: 23-MAY-1996 17:56:07.07

SUBJECT: RE: Fwd: CLINTON WILLING TO SIGN ANTI-MARRIAGE BILL!!!

TO: Christopher A. Kryzan (kryzan@cyberspaces.com@INET@EOPMRX)
READ: NOT READ

TEXT:

Chris

The President was asked today, for the first time personally, about DOMA at a press conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I have attached his remarks.

Thanks for your e-mail, I appreciate hearing from you. Keep in touch.

paul

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Marsha Scott (SCOTT_M) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-MAY-1996 11:46:01.95

SUBJECT: Dailey

TO: Eric Fanning (FANNING_E) (WHO)

READ:23-MAY-1996 11:55:33.32

TEXT:

There is strong reaction from the gay community to Mike McCurry's announcement that the President will sign the Defense of Marriage Bill. While the community knew the President's position they were nevertheless stung by the suddenness of the announcement. The Vice President had just spoken the night before to a group of 52 gays in New York where he had reiterated our opposition to same gender marriage but restated that there would be no comment on the bill until it and if it reached the President's desk. Many gay activists were working hard to see that the bill never got to the President's desk.

There have been many communications about what was perceived as our tepid response to the Supreme Court decision striking down the Colorado 2 Amendment. Therefore, they were shocked that we would immediately announce our intention to sign the marriage bill.

This is being seen as a clear and calculated signal from the White House that we are abandoning the gay and lesbian constituencies. Because there was no advance notice of McCurry's statement except to selected press, gays and lesbians that we work with on a regular basis found out about the decision the same way I did - from the press.

George Stephanopoulos was to speak at a major Human Rights Campaign dinner in San Francisco next week and has been publicly uninvited. Our major fundraisers in New York are saying they will not work on the New York fundraiser. Great pressure is being exerted on the Human Rights Campaign to suspend their endorsement. All of the major gay and lesbian groups are reassessing their commitments. David Mixner is publicly criticizing the announcement. A group led by Jeff Soref is seeking a meeting with the President on Tuesday. Depending on the outcome of the meeting request, the monies being raised will either continue to be given to our campaign or will go to an advertising campaign in the New York Times, LA Times, and Washington Post criticizing the President's new anti-gay stance.

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CREATOR: Marsha Scott (SCOTT_M) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-MAY-1996 17:37:17.07

SUBJECT: Meeting

TO: Janice A. Enright (ENRIGHT_J) (WHO)

READ:28-MAY-1996 18:56:03.92

TEXT:

What a day!! I'm still in shock about the verdicts. How sad for my friends. But I need to get on with this business at hand: Jeff Soref has asked that a group of folks meet with the President this week. The group would be: Jeff, Jim Hormel, Sky Johnson, Keith Boykin, Elizabeth Birch, Hillary Rosen, Dr. Scott Hitt. From our side it should be BC, HI, Alexis, Richard and myself. They want to hear from him where we are now going and what role we want them to play. They are also concerned about what will happen when I leave. These are our friends. They want to help but need our help to do so. Carol Rasco just returned from San Francisco and is convinced that we need to do this after her discussions there. She and Patsy Fleming did a regional AIDS conference and most of the questions were about the announcement about BC signing the DOMA bill.

The issues about marriage are not about his position but are about (1) our timing of the announcement to sign; (2) the language used by Mike in his briefings; (3) why we didn't let them know we were going to announce the intent to sign. Their overall issues have to do with how we will work with them in the future. I will put in a formal scheduling request. However, I would like to have a fall-back plan. Please let me know what HI thinks. It is a shame we missed the meeting this morning. With the latest news, I am not hopeful on meeting any time soon.

Issue 2: I need to be in California to speak at a large gay/lesbian event on the 8th. Another large group, OUT THERE in Los Angeles (they are the Hollywood group) was scheduled to do a fundraiser for us on the 10th and an endorsement. They have put that on hold and are scheduling a town meeting instead. They have strongly requested Brian Bond or I attend. I should go. Richard will already be out there. I would like to fly through California and back with the President. Let me know.

Thanks

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CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (LEWIS_PF) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAY-1996 16:34:33.14

SUBJECT: Same sex

TO: Lorraine McHugh (MCHUGH_L) (WHO)

READ:16-MAY-1996 17:20:58.32

TEXT:

I've been talking to a number of gay/lesbian reporters. Our biggest problem is Mike's initial statement that the President believes the traditional family needs strengthening and that's why he opposes same sex marriage. That phrase is not in our talking points, or in our answer to the Advocate. And it hasn't been repeated. What, if anything, can we say about that? I've got a couple of reporters who I'll be getting back to about this, and would appreciate any help you could give me.

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CREATOR: Marsha Scott (SCOTT_M) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1996 09:49:26.46

SUBJECT: Meetingds

TO: Janice A. Enright

(ENRIGHT_J) (WHO)

READ:20-MAY-1996 10:26:41.70

TEXT:

Hi promised to call a meeting of the talking heads to discuss the next step on this same sex marriage issue. I've got to have clear direction. Today is also the day I normally fax to folks. We've also got people going to New York (Veep) and SF (Patsy and Carol). They have got to have talking points and good instructions. The Ryan White Bill will be signed at 11:20. Press will be there. Someone will ask. Everybody better be ready. Also: HI said he would talk to me today. Will you please let me know what time so I can plan my day. Thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Jeffrey Levi (LEVI_J) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-MAY-1996 13:20:30.87

SUBJECT: Same-sex marriage talking points for SF

TO: Carol H. Rasco (RASCO_C) (WHO)
READ:22-MAY-1996 12:02:24.76

CC: Patsy Fleming (FLEMING_P) (WHO)
READ:29-MAY-1996 12:23:32.56

CC: Jeremy D. Benami (BENAMI_J) (WHO)
READ:21-MAY-1996 13:38:57.57

CC: Elizabeth E. Drye (DRYE_E) (OPD)
READ:21-MAY-1996 14:10:18.12

TEXT:

The following are talking points on same-sex marriage that Marsha and her staff have reviewed. These have NOT been cleared by Harold Ickes (none have), but Eric Fanning tells me that this is consistent with everything they have been saying.

- o I will not mislead you. The President is personally opposed to same-sex marriage, as he stated in the 1992 campaign.
- o Some in Congress are trying to make this a wedge issue in the political campaign. We hope cooler heads will prevail. Nothing is gained by introducing highly emotional rhetoric on serious social issues.
- o The President has not taken a formal position on the legislation now pending in Congress -- and he is unlikely to do so unless and until it comes to his desk.
- o This is a controversial social issue on which there is no national consensus. There is a lot of educating that needs to be done on this subject.
- o What is different about the internal discussions now taking place is that for the first time openly gay and lesbian Administration officials are part of the internal discussions.
- o Marriage has always been -- and ought to be -- an issue regulated at the state level. Our federal system is uniquely designed to allow testing of new approaches to difficult social issues. States, cities, and the private sector are now experimenting with different approaches regarding the recognition of same-sex relationships and how to address discrimination faced by those in such relationships. It would be best if Congress let that process evolve without federal interference.

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CREATOR: Marsha Scott (SCOTT_M) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME: 22-MAY-1996 11:48:29.20

SUBJECT: 8:15

TO: Karen L. Hancox (HANCOX_K) (WHO)

READ: 22-MAY-1996 11:57:15.44

TEXT:

Did the subject of the president saying he would endorse the same sex marriage bill come up this morning?

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CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (LEWIS_PF) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-MAY-1996 17:41:38.85

SUBJECT: Same sex

TO: Lorraine McHugh (MCHUGH_L) (WHO)

READ:23-MAY-1996 17:42:16.73

TEXT:

There's some discrepancy between what the President said today in Milwaukee, and the statements made by Mike. The President said it was his understanding that the only legal effect of the bill is to make it clear that staets can deny recognition of gay marriages that occur in other states and if that's all it does, he'll sign it.

But the bill denies any federal marriage benefits as well. And the statement I got yesterday was that the President supports both parts of the bill.

I think we need new talking points pretty soon.

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CREATOR: Patricia F. Lewis (LEWIS_PF) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-MAY-1996 09:50:20.64

SUBJECT: Vice President's Remarks

TO: Lori L. Anderson (ANDERSON_L) (WHO)
READ:29-MAY-1996 08:46:28.33

TO: Brenda Anders (ANDERS_B) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 10:26:06.73

TO: Julia R. Green (GREEN_J) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 09:51:38.92

TO: Lorraine McHugh (MCHUGH_L) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 09:55:47.98

TO: A. Victoria Rivas-Vazquez (RIVASVAZQU_A) (WHO)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Rica F. Rodman (RODMAN_R) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 10:03:15.40

TO: Roger V. Salazar (SALAZAR_R) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 11:17:33.86

TO: Stuart Schear (SCHEAR_S) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 10:32:50.25

TO: Laura D. Schwartz (SCHWARTZ_L) (WHO)
READ:28-MAY-1996 10:27:33.17

TO: Joshua Silverman (SILVERMAN_J) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 10:14:14.32

TO: Allison Wilkie (WILKIE_A) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 13:10:53.59

TO: Jennifer Senan (SENAN_J) (WHO)
READ:23-MAY-1996 22:21:37.67

TEXT:

The Vice President spoke about family values in anticipation of Sen. Dole's speech to the Catholic Press Association.

He outlined three basic differences between the Administration and Dole on family issues:

- Minimum wage
- Choice
- V-chip

On minimum wage, he attacked the House Republican plan to lift min. wage on millions of workers, and said it was because of extreme elements in the party. He also said Clinton would veto such a measure.

On choice he said Dole wanted to insert the government between a woman and her doctor. He also called on Dole to rewrite the Republican party plank with Whitman et al instead of "walking the plank with Pat Buchanan..."

On the v-chip he said Dole may talk about Hollywood but opposes this opportunity to give parents the ability to keep certain programs from their kids.

He was also questioned about same sex, asked whether it threatens traditional families. He said he does not put it in that context, that marriage is considered to be the union between a man and a woman. He was asked whether the legislation in Congress was needed and he said some think yes, some think not, but that the President had indicated he would sign it.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard Socarides (SOCARIDES_R) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1996 14:52:38.24

SUBJECT: same sex marriage talking points

TO: Jack M. Quinn (QUINN_J) Autoforward to: Cheryl L Sweitz
READ:19-JUL-1996 16:25:39.00

TO: George Stephanopoulos (STEPHANOPO_G) Autoforward to: Laura Capp
READ:19-JUL-1996 14:56:18.55

TO: Michael McCurry (MCCURRY_M) (WHO)
READ:20-JUL-1996 12:09:27.73

TO: Donald A. Baer (BAER_D) Autoforward to: Kevin Moran
READ:19-JUL-1996 14:59:17.19

TEXT:

Our talking points on same sex marriage are out of date and no longer reflect what Mike and the President are saying, yet they are still being used by others. Moreover, they now seem a little harsh to me. Here are some thoughts which reflect what we have actually been saying.

DRAFT -- Same Sex Marriage Talking Points:

- * The President strongly opposes discrimination against any group of Americans, including gay and lesbian individuals, and supports legislation to outlaw such discrimination in the workplace.
- * In 1992, The President stated his opposition to same sex marriage and recently, as the issue was raised in Congress, has said that if a bill consistent with his position reached his desk, he would sign it.
- * Despite this commitment, the President believes that raising this issue now is divisive, unnecessary and a classic case of gay baiting. The President believes that it is an attempt to divert the American people from the urgent need to confront our challenges together.