Goldman, Sachs & Co. Healthcare Reform Seminar February 24, 1994 Grand Hyatt Washington D.C.

AGENDA

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:45 Welcome

Stephen Friedman, Chairman, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

9:00 The Republican Perspective

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kansas)

9:30 The Democratic Perspective

Rep. Mike Synar (D-Oklahoma)

10:00 Do the Numbers Add Up?

Leon Panetta

The Office of Management and Budget

Paul Van de Water

Congressional Budget Office

Susan Tanaka

Committee for a Responsible Budget

Moderator: Bill Dudley, Goldman Sachs & Co.

11:45 Lunch: The View from the Industry

James L. Vincent

Biogen

Thomas Frist, Jr., M.D.

Columbia/HCA

C. Raymond Larkin, Jr.

Nellcor

Leonard Abramson

U.S. Healthcare

Moderator: Stephen Friedman, Goldman Sachs & Co.

2:00 The Managed Competition Act

Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tennessee)

2:30 The Trade Association Perspective

Raymond S. Scalettar

American Medical Association

Michael Bromberg

Federation of American Health Systems

Julie Goon

Group Health Association of America

Leslie Aubin

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

Gerald Mossinghoff

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association

Moderator: Roberta L. Walter, Goldman Sachs & Co.

4:00 A Peek into the Political Crystal Ball

Deborah Steelman, Esq.

5:00 Farewell

Due to the Congressional schedule, the timing of presentations is subject to change. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

February 23, 1994

TO: Senator Dole

FROM: Vicki Vicke

RE: Speech to Goldman Sachs

You are scheduled to speak at the 1994 Goldman Sachs Health Care Reform Conference tomorrow at 9:00.

The audience will consist of approximately 200 executives and investors of pension plans, mutual funds, pharmaceutical and biotech companies. (tentative list attached).

The group is very much opposed to price controls and the regulatory nature of the Clinton bill. In general, the members of the audience are not very politically active or experts in the legislative process. For the most part, their information comes from the newspapers they read. They have not endorsed any health care reform bill.

They would like you to speak for about twenty minutes and then take Q and A. This should be a very friendly audience.

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AREAS OF AGREEMENT

- 1. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MANDATE.
 LIKE THE ADMINISTRATION, THE CHAFEE AND NICKLES PROPOSALS
 REQUIRE ALL INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN COVERAGE. FRANKLY, IF WE
 ARE EVER TO REFORM OUR SYSTEM, INDIVIDUALS MUST BECOME AWARE
 OF THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR AND
 DECISIONS. THIS IS TRUE WITH REGARD TO THE KIND OF
 INSURANCE THEY BUY AS WELL AS THEIR OWN LIFE STYLE
 DECISIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, DO THEY SMOKE, OR DRINK OR EAT TOO
 MUCH.
- 2. SIMPLIFIED UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM
- 3. ELECTRONIC BILLING -- WITH PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVACY.
- 4. GREATER EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE CARE. WE KNOW IT COSTS A LOT LESS TO PREVENT A LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABY THAN IT DOES TO CARE FOR ONE.
- 5. STEPPED UP ANTI-FRAUD ENFORCEMENT
- 6. ANTI-TRUST REFORM. WE WANT TO LET YOU DECIDE HOW CARE CAN BEST BE PROVIDED. IN MY OWN STATE OF KANSAS, URBAN AND RURAL HOSPITALS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO BETTER ORGANIZE THEIR SERVICES AND WE ARE ALL BENEFITING.
- 7. MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM
- 8. MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (MEDICAL IRA'S)
- 9. VOLUNTARY PURCHASING COOPERATIVES. WE KNOW GROUP PURCHASING MAKES SENSE, SO LETS LET SMALL BUSINESS GET TOGETHER -- WHY DO WE HAVE TO FORCE EVERYONE THROUGH THE SAME BUYER WHEN SOME MAY BE DOING JUST FINE NEGOTIATING A PLAN.
- 10. SOME OF US ALSO BELIEVE IN PLACING A LIMIT ON THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS.
- 11. WE ALSO SUPPORT FOLDING THE MEDICAID PROGRAM INTO THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM WHERE IT MAKES SENSE AND INCREASING THE USE OF MANAGED CARE.

WITH RESPECT TO UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND FAIRNESS WE SUPPORT:

- INSURANCE REFORMS.
 - GUARANTEED RENEWAL
 - . LIMITS ON PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS
 - PORTABILITY
 - COMMUNITY RATING
- DEDUCTIBILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS BY ALL.
- 3. SLIDING SCALE SUBSIDIES FOR THE LOW INCOME TO HELP THEM GAIN ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM.

WE BELIEVE ALL THESE CHANGES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW MONSTROUS BUREAUCRACY AND WITHOUT PUTTING THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN YOU AND THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE.

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Stephen Friedman
Senior Partner
Management Committee

The Honorable Bob Dole Republican Leader United States Senate S-230 Capitol Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

On behalf of Goldman, Sachs & Co., I have the honor to invite you to speak at the 1994 Goldman Sachs Health Care Reform Conference on February 24, 1994 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Realizing the demands placed on your time, we would like to accommodate your schedule and have you speak sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at your convenience.

The audience would consist of approximately 100 executives of the country's major drug, hospital, biotechnology, and other health care companies, as well as 150 major institutional investors. These health care companies represent almost all of the private sector affected by health care reform; the institutional investors manage hundreds of billions of dollars and constitute the most accurate barometer of the market's reaction to the Administration's and others' health care proposals. Given the proposed timing of the health care reform debate next year, this will be a very important constituent audience.

I appreciate your attention to this request and hope to see you next year. I have asked Peter Rose in our Washington office, at (202) 637-3759, to follow-up with your appointments staff.

Sincerely,

Stephen Friedman

December 22, 1993

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SENATOR DOLE SPEECH TO GOLDMAN SACHS & CO FEBRUARY 24, 1994

THANK YOU FOR INVITING
ME TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE
THAT WILL CONTINUE TO
CONSUME MUCH OF OUR
ATTENTION IN THE COMING
MONTHS -- HEALTH CARE
REFORM.

THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS
DOMINATED MANY OF OUR
DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON
DURING THE PAST YEAR -- AND
HAS DOMINATED MUCH OF THE
MEDIA ATTENTION.

THE CURRENT HEALTH
CARE DEBATE HAS FINALLY
BECOME A LEGISLATIVE

DEBATE. AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF CAMPAIGN RHETORIC AND SECRET MEETINGS, ACTUAL **BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED** IN CONGRESS. THE MOST WELL TOUTED, NO DOUBT, BEING THE 1,350 PAGES OF DETAILS IN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PLAN.

FOR SOME TIME THE

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN FUZZY ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF ITS PLAN. BUT, NOW THE DETAILS ARE ON RECORD. POLITICAL ADVISORS, POLLSTERS, AND OTHERS KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC WILL PROBABLY NEVER FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE DETAILS IN THOSE 1,350 PAGES. BUT, MY

VIEW IS THAT UNLESS THE
PUBLIC -- AND GROUPS SUCH AS
YOURS -- IS ENGAGED IN THIS
DEBATE, MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS WILL BE MAKING
SOME VERY FAR-REACHING
DECISIONS IN A VACUUM.

NOW, THE LIBERALS IN THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE YOU

BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY SERIOUS LEGISLATION OUT THERE IS THE CLINTON BILL. THEY CAN'T IMAGINE THAT MODERATES OR CONSERVATIVES OF EITHER PARTY COULD BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS ISSUE. THIS SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE.

REPUBLICANS HAVE
INTRODUCED SEVERAL BILLS ON
THE SENATE SIDE FOR
COMPREHENSIVE REFORM, AND
SENATOR BREAUX, A
DEMOCRAT, HAS INTRODUCED
ANOTHER COMPETING PLAN.

THE DIFFERENCES IN THIS
DEBATE LIE OVER THE

PRESCRIPTION FOR REFORM. THERE ISN'T MUCH DISAGREEMENT OVER THE DIAGNOSIS. WE ALL AGREE THAT THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PROVIDES MOST **AMERICANS WITH READY** ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY, STATE-OF-THE-ART HEALTH CARE. THROUGH RESEARCH

AND INNOVATION, WE HAVE
DEVELOPED THE BEST MEDICAL
CARE IN THE WORLD.

SUCCESS, HOWEVER, HAS
COME AT A STEEP PRICE. FOR
ALL ITS MERITS, THERE ARE
MANY PROBLEMS. COSTS ARE
HIGH. THE SYSTEM IS
INEQUITABLE. IT IS WASTEFUL.

MANY PEOPLE ARE LOCKED INTO JOBS THEY DON'T LIKE BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. AND, MILLIONS MORE DO NOT HAVE COVERAGE, FORCING THEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOING UNTREATED OR RECEIVING CARE IN CROWDED, EXPENSIVE

EMERGENCY ROOMS.

THE CLINTON **ADMINISTRATION IS** ATTEMPTING TO SELL PRICE CONTROLS, GLOBAL BUDGETS AND GOVERNMENT MONOPOLIES AS THE ANSWERS TO THESE VERY REAL PROBLEMS. THEY CALL

REPUBLICANS NAYSAYERS

BECAUSE WE OPPOSE TURNING

OVER ONE-SEVENTH OF THE

ECONOMY TO THE

GOVERNMENT.

WHAT MY COLLEAGUES AND
I REFUSE TO ACCEPT IS A
DESTRUCTION OF THE FINEST
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE

WORLD UNDER THE GUISE OF
EFFORTS TO MAKING CARE
AVAILABLE TO ALL.

IT IS NOT THE GOAL WE
DISAGREE WITH. IT IS THE
ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE
PRESCRIPTION FOR CHANGE.

LIKE MANY AMERICANS, I

AM HERE TODAY IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THE REMARKABLE HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, **NURSES, AND OTHER** PROVIDERS THIS NATION HAS PRODUCED. I, LIKE MANY OTHERS, HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE ENORMOUS **INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH** AND DEVELOPMENT MADE BY

THE HEALTH CARE

MANUFACTURERS AND

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

IN THIS COUNTRY.

WE CANNOT PUT SUCH INNOVATION AT RISK.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD AS
RECENTLY AS A COUPLE OF

WEEKS AGO BY TWO OF THE LARGEST HEALTH CARE **COMPANIES IN THIS COUNTRY** THAT THE THREATS OF PRICE **CONTROLS AND THE** SUGGESTION THAT THE SECRETARY OF H.H.S. CAN CONTROL THE ENTRY OF NEW DRUGS AND TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE THE DEATH KNELL FOR RESEARCH AS WE KNOW IT.

AND I BELIEVE THEM.

A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE
NATIONAL REVIEW CHRONICLED
SOME OF THE MORE DRAMATIC
ADVANCES OF RECENT YEARS.
SMALLPOX HAS BEEN
ERADICATED, CASES OF POLIO
AND WHOOPING COUGH ARE

VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN. LIFE
EXPECTANCY HAS INCREASED
FROM 54 IN 1920 TO MORE THAN
75 YEARS TODAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF
JOHNSON & JOHNSON TOLD ME
THAT 35 PERCENT OF THEIR
SALES TODAY ARE FOR
PRODUCTS THAT WERE NOT

EVEN ON THE MARKET AS LITTLE AS FIVE YEARS AGO. WE CAN, WITH GOOD REASON, CLAIM TO HAVE THE FINEST SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, PEOPLE COME HERE FROM ENGLAND, FROM GERMANY, FROM CANADA. AND FOR GOOD REASON.

BUT, MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. WE ARE NOT PERFECT. AS GOOD AS OUR CARE IS, TOO MANY AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE COVERAGE -- AND EVEN MORE LIVE IN FEAR OF LOSING THE COVERAGE THEY HAVE. BUT, IN OUR DESIRE TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE, WE CANNOT ACCEPT REFORM

THAT WILL CRIPPLE OUR

SYSTEM AND COMPROMISE

QUALITY. IF YOU ACCEPT PRICE

CONTROLS, MANDATES, AND

MONOPOLIES, AMERICA WILL

LOSE ITS ABILITY TO DO WHAT

IT DOES BEST.

AT THE MOMENT, THE
ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE

MORE INTERESTED IN FINDING VILLAINS THAN SOLUTIONS. IT'S TIME TO PUT FINGER-POINTING ASIDE AND FOCUS ON REAL SOLUTIONS TO REAL PROBLEMS. IT'S TIME TO MOVE OUT OF THE WAR ROOM AND ON TO MAIN STREET. THIS ISSUE IS NOT **ABOUT WHO WINS OR LOSES** THE POLITICAL GAME. IT'S

ABOUT THE HIGH QUALITY CARE
THAT WE PROVIDE TO EVERY
MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN
THIS COUNTRY.

NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THE
RHETORIC OF LATE, INCLUDING
THREATS OF A VETO, I STILL
BELIEVE THAT REPUBLICANS
AND DEMOCRATS CAN COME TO

AN AGREEMENT ON A BILL THIS
YEAR. IT WON'T LOOK LIKE ANY
ONE BILL OUT THERE NOW, BUT
IT WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE THE
STRONGEST ELEMENTS OF ALL.

THAT THE BASIS FOR

COMPROMISE EXISTS. THERE IS

A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON

AMONG ALL OUR PROPOSALS **BOTH DEMOCRAT AND** REPUBLICAN. AND THE REFORMS WE CAN AGREE ON ARE NOT INSIGNIFICANT. THEY MAY NOT TURN THE SYSTEM **UPSIDE DOWN AS ENVISIONED** BY SOME AT THE WHITE HOUSE, **BUT THEY WILL MAKE A** DIFFERENCE.

THERE ARE MANY **DECISIONS YET TO BE MADE --**AND THEY WON'T BE MADE TODAY OR TOMORROW. WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS, AND THOSE OF OTHER COMMITTEES, WILL GIVE **US ALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE EACH OF THESE**

DIFFICULT ISSUES. I URGE YOU TO ENTER THESE DISCUSSIONS.

IT HAS BEEN SAID, "FOR
EVERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT
PROBLEM, THERE IS A SIMPLE
SOLUTION -- AND IT IS WRONG."

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THERE
IS NO SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE

PROBLEMS FACING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. AMERICANS HAVE BECOME ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN BELIEVING THAT MAJOR REFORM IS NEEDED TO **ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE** AND BETTER VALUE FOR THE MONEY. BUT, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, LIKE THE EXPERTS, IS MUCH LESS CERTAIN WHAT

SHAPE REFORM SHOULD TAKE.

THE PROBLEMS ARE
OBVIOUS. THE SOLUTIONS ARE
NOT.

I WILL CONCLUDE BY
SAYING WE WELCOME YOUR
IDEAS -- WE NEED THEM. AS A
MEMBER OF CONGRESS, I KNOW

WE OWE IT TO THE AMERICAN
PUBLIC TO GET IT RIGHT. THE
MORE IDEAS, THE MORE
DISCUSSION, THE MORE
DEBATE, THE BETTER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
INTEREST. I LOOK FORWARD TO
YOUR CONTINUED
PARTICIPATION IN THE COMING
MONTHS.