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## \* Background Attached

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

## Mr. Cannon:

You wanted to call Bob Pierpont regarding the talking points of the interview on the President's education program set for Friday at 3:00.

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Mr. Cannon:

Bob Pierpont called to set up interview on the President's education program.

Would Friday, September 10 at 3:00 be OK?



NO

Note: Mr. Pierpont said he would be glad to speak w/ you concerning the talking points of the interview. Would you like the phone call to be made beforehand?

YES

NO

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Kris: Pierpont to call back to confirm. He didn't know President's schedule yet. WASHINGTON

Bob Pierpont phoned:

- Re President's education program interview.
- He said Thursday 9/9 would be fine and suggested 10:00 AM If that is not OK w/ Mr. Cannon's schedule, possibly any other time except between 11:30-1:00, the briefing period.
- Please call him (457-4461) to
  set up a time and he would
  be glad to talk w/ Mr.
  Cannon on the particular
  talking points if he would
  like.

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A second issue of mutual concern is the future of non-public schools. Traditionally, those schools have made a vital contribution to our society, richly adding to the fiber of the American experience. We are a Nation that values competition and diversity. I believe that diversity is as important in education as it is in politics, business, the professions, in our personal lives and in our cultural traditions.

I know that these last few years have not been easy ones for non-public schools. This has been a period of self-examination. I want you to know that as President, I am totally committed to support your efforts to provide the best possible education for the approximately four million children enrolled in Catholic institutions.

Earlier this year, I proposed to the Congress a block grant program to combine 24 existing programs for Federal assistance to elementary and secondary education. This legislation, which would make \$3.3 billion available to State and local governments during fiscal year 1977, provides that non-public school children will continue to be served equitably.

In all that I do as President, I will continue my dedication to freedom of educational opportunity in order to guarantee the continued high quality of the educational tradition in non-public schools -- a tradition for which you deserve great credit.

A third issue of mutual concern is the policy of the United States toward relieving hunger and malnutrition in the world. The United States, I am proud to say, has a strong record of responding positively to this matter, in keeping with both the tradition of humanitarian concern of the American people and the sense of responsibility which we who are more fortunate feel toward those with less.

- What is there about education that the President wants to make an issue in the campaign?
- 2. What is the President's position on busing?
- 3. There are inequities in school financing. Should the Federal government have an equal role in equalizing the amount of money going to schools?
- 4. What Federal money is now being used for students who are under-achievers? What more should be done?
- 5. Should there be minimum Federal standards for education?
- 6. Should there be Federal aid to private schools and parochial schools?
- 7. Should there be tax credits for college tuition or tuition in private schools?

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