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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RON --

In response to your questions to me on procedures when you leave:

(1) What do I have to do to cash in my accumulated retirement pay when I leave?

I have told the Personnel offfice that you want to cash in your retirement pay. They will send you a form to fill out that will make that possible. (It may be in the "departure packet" that they are preparing, or it may be sooner, but you can rest assured it will be sent to you in plenty of time.)

(2) How do I transfer my health insurance to a private policy after January 20?

You will be sent a brochure which has a form on the back of it to fill in if you want the same insurance policy that you have had in government.

You will have the benefits of your health insurance for 31 days after you leave (the pay period ends January 29 so it will be 31 days from that, or the entire month of February.) During that time it is your own responsibility to get a new policy. But, as I say, IF you want the same policy as you now have, you just need to fill in the form on the back of the brochure and send it in.

Your health care benefits now cost you around \$45 a month. You can give that when you leave government that will about double - to \$90 a month for the same policy.

(3) Can I collect unemployment compensation, even if I'm writing a book or giving lectures?

The DC Unemployment Compensation Board says that you must be available and seeking full-time employment and report in every 2 weeks with your form stating thus. If you are earning money, you can earn 40% of your unemployment allotment and still receive it. If you earn over 40%, the difference is deducted.

The number for the Unemployment office in DC is: 724-3641

(4) Am I supposed to send a farewell letter to the President?

It is the accepted thing for senior staff to write the President a farewell letter. (That way you would probably get a letter from the President that you could frame, etc.)

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Ron

How lucky can you get? Mr. Julio Frenandez would be happy to sell you this drawing for \$100.....I'm not kidding

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What do you want to do?

I want to buy it for \$100 Thanks, but no thanks Other:





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