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exlibris@library.berkeley.eduPrecedence: bulkFrom: mwidener@mail.law.utexas.edu (Mike Widener)To: Multiple recipients of list <exlibris@library.berkeley.edu>Subject: NCC Washington Update 2:22, 7/10/96X-Listprocessor-Version: 6.0c -- ListProcessor by Anastasios KotsikonasX-Comment: EXLIBRISNCC Washington Update, vol 2, #22, July 10, 1996 by Page Putnam Miller, Director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History <pagem@capaccess.org>1. National Archives Releases Strategy Plan2. State Advisors Opposing Declassification of "Targeted" Records3. Senate Interior Appropriations Markup Set for July 124. Senate Hearings on Folklife Center1. National Archives Releases Strategy Plan -- On July 2 U. S.Archivist John Carlin made available to staff and subsequently to the public "Ready Access to Essential Evidence: The StrategicPlan of the National Archives and Records Administration 1997-2007." This draft plan may be seen on the National Archive's WebPage (http://www.nara.gov) under the heading of "What's New."Carlin has invited representatives of the National Archives' constituent groups to meetings during the week of July 15 toshare in a dialogue about the new directions set forth in thedraft plan. The National Archives' Leadership Team has worked for a year onthe strategic plan. "Ready Access to Essential Evidence" is a 14page document that addresses three questions: What is oursituation now? What do we want to achieve? and What must we doto get there? Following discussions with staff and constituentgroups, Carlin has indicated a revised plan will be distributedin August which will contain a section on the first steps to betaken in FY'97. Although only a few historians and archivists outside of the National Archives have had an opportunity to study the draftplan, some initial reactions have emerged. Many people arepleased to see the plan addressing the need to make changes inthe appraisal process, to focus on the life cycle of records, towork more closely with agencies, and to promote what the plannefers to as "front-end records management." However, many havealso expressed disappointment at the generic management tone and the lack of details. Specific concerns are: the lack of clarityas to what is really being proposed, the absence of any timetables for achieving specific goals, and the failure to deal moreforthrightly with the resource issues. It seems clear that expanded initiatives in a number of areas will require a majordecrease of funding levels for other activities. Some have also raised questions about whether the National Archives has the statutory authority for some of the proposed initiatives, such

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