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To: Herald, Elizabeth A.
Subject: RE: Visit to New Orleans

We appreciate Dr. Jones' willingness to accept our last-minute invitation to join us in New Orleans for an event to communicate the importance of normalcy in the lives of children who have experienced post traumatic stress syndrome.

Dr. Jones was responsible for providing information to brief Mrs. Bush about research on post traumatic stress syndrome in children and to provide a couple of "pointers" on what she should emphasize to the parents and children (the event audience) and to the media about the issue. Dr. Jones was also on site as a precautionary measure in the circumstance that any child became distressed about their experience during Mrs. Bush's question and answer period with the children.

Dr. Jones' advice on what parents can do to help their children cope (particularly stressing parents should act as a role model to their children), and what parent's should not do (e.g., parents should try to take care of themselves and share their feelings with their children, but try to avoid speaking negatively about what has happened post Katrina in front of the children - i.e., being a good role model), was extremely helpful to Mrs. Bush's communication to the parents.

On behalf of Mrs. Bush, I would like to thank Dr. Jones again for his willingness to assist on such short notice and for his quality work. We very much appreciate the additional educational materials and talking points he provided in advance of the trip.