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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JUNE 20, 1996

TO : STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES
(GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
REGIONAL REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAM
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT : SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD
ACT 1936-1996

CONTENT : Today, June 20, 1996 marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the
signing into law of the Randolph-Sheppard Act for blind
entrepreneurs by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Attached is a letter from the President of the United
States, William Jefferson Clinton, extending congratulations
to the blind vendors of America on this auspicious occasion.

The Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program is a unique
success story. Operating in nearly every state,
blind facility managers provide full scale cafeteria service,
snack bars, vending machine operations, and other retail
establishments to the American public on a daily basis.

While America is a very different place than it was in 1936, the
Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility program has endured and
developed to meet the changing business climate.

For these reasons, it is fitting on the occasion of the Sixtieth
Anniversary that the President of the United States honors this
employment program and salutes the blind managers and others
in the program that contribute to its success.

Please distribute the attached letter widely to State Business Enterprise staff, Chairs and members of State Committees of Blind Vendors, blind facility managers and members of the Randolph-Sheppard community.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct any questions concerning the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program to Mr. Chester Avery, Director, Division for Blind and Visually Impaired, Room 3229, MES Building, 330 "C" Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-2648, telephone number: (202) 205-9316.

/s/

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Commissioner