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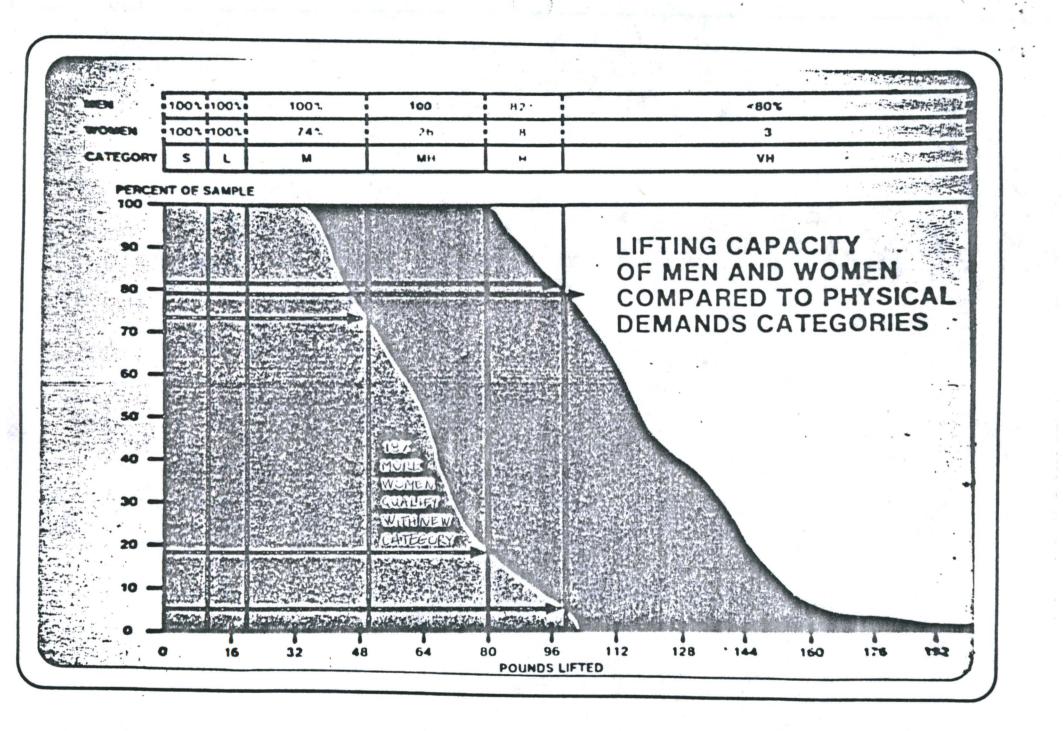
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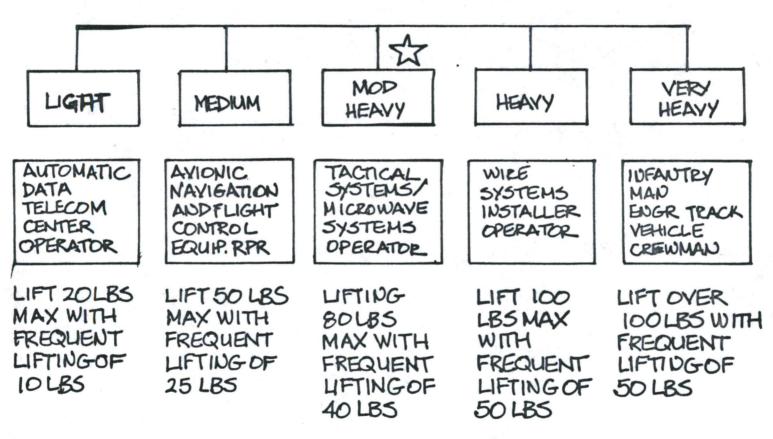
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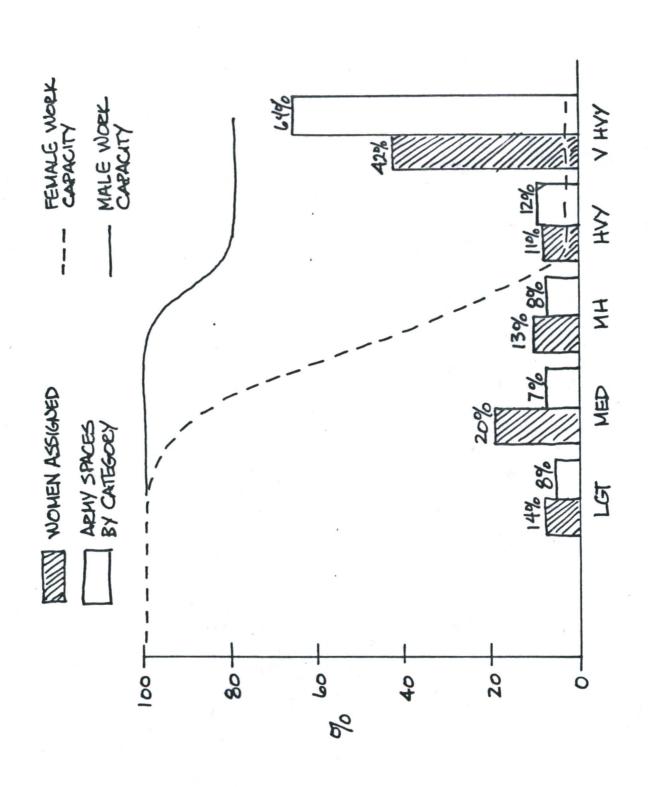
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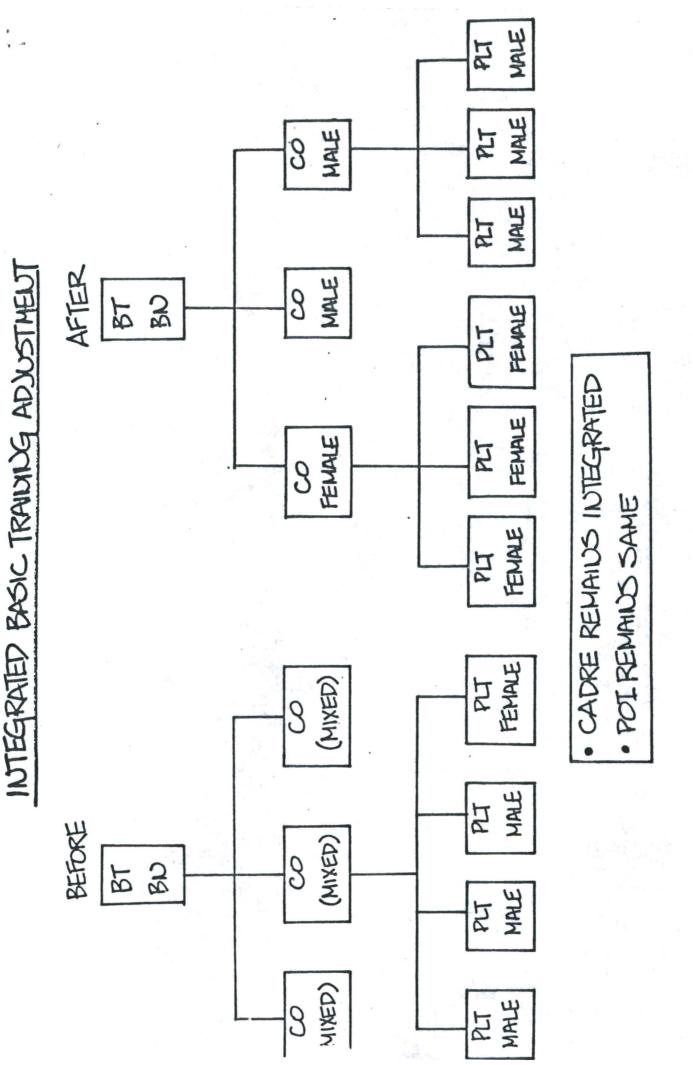


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GROWTH IN FEMALE MANAGERS

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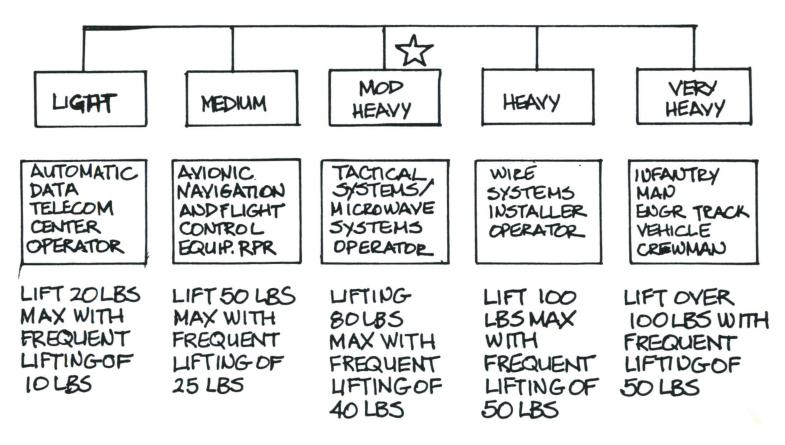
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Mike Uhlmann:

ELH would like someone to check into the facts on the women's recruitment in the army issue. See attached. Could you see that this happens. Thanks.

Please return this tracking sheet with your response

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P.S. The attached prompted ELH's request.

Edwin L. Harper Assistant to the President for Policy Development (x6515)



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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August 27, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael Horowitz

FROM:

Marialice Williams/Daniels

SUBJECT:

Weekly Activity Report (August 16-27)

Grove City. In a case that is being closely followed by civil rights and conservative groups, the Third Circuit has ruled that a college is subject to the requirements of Title IX if its students receive Pell Grants or Guaranteed Student Loans, even if the institution itself receives no direct Federal assistance. The Third Circuit's action, in a case involving Grove City College in Pennsylvania, reverses an earlier District Court ruling.

A-11. Most of our energies were devoted to finalizing and forwarding civil rights A-11 reporting instructions to the several score Departments and independent agencies with civil rights activities. "Numbers crunching" will begin in earnest on November first, when reports are due.

Education of the Handicapped regulations. Monitored a press conference on Capitol Hill coordinated by the Parent Empowerment Project, a Massachusetts-based group of parents of handicapped children. The press conference, called to attack DOEd's proposed amendments to regulations implementing the Education of the Handicapped Act, included brief statements by several members of Congress (mostly from Massachusetts). Congressman Biaggi confused many attendees by repeatedly attacking HHS Secretary Schweiker (other speakers contented themselves with criticizing the Secretary of Education, responsible for the proposal). Otherwise, the various statements were predictable.

EEOC. The Chairman's proposed reorganization has been approved by the Commission... EEOC General Counsel Connelly is now said to be departing on September 10... The Commission has voted to release a staff report on 1981 Federal sector complaint processing. The figures reemphasize the necessity for major reforms in procedures for processing complaints against Federal agencies.

This COLA will win no taste tests... Analyzed the Civil Rights Commission staff's defense of its report, The Federal Civil Rights Enforcement Budget. Their claim that civil rights outlays must increase at the same rate as inflation in order to be "adequate" is belied by the composition of those outlays, 70% of which are for salaries. As Federal salaries have increased at a much lower rate, the Commission staff's real complaint is that neither this nor three preceding administrations have seen fit to provide a special cost of living allowance for persons employed in Federal civil rights programs. In other news related to the Civil Rights Commission, the Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet on September 14 to vote on the nominations of Robert Destro, Constantine Dombalis, and Guadalupe Quintanilla.

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RIFs. The Federal Government Service Task Force (headed by Representative Barnes, D-MD) issued a report on August 18 contending that minority and women employees have been disproportionately affected by Federal reductions in force. A copy is attached.

<u>Women</u>. Assisted the WH Public Liaison Office in identifying programs in the various agencies specifically designed to address women's issues.

A case for Dr. Finn? In his article in the April issue of Commentary, Chester Finn distinguished between the traditional concept of equal opportunity for individuals, and the more recent concept of equal results for groups. He noted that, in the area of race, Administration efforts to reform programs based on equality of results were hampered by the tax exemption contretemps -- which fueled opponent's charges that such reforms are motivated by hostility toward equality of individual opportunity (rather than a desire to implement it). The Department of the Army's recent decision to bar women from 23 job categories in which they currently serve can be expected to play a similar role in future discussions of civil rights issues affecting women (although the merits of the Army's decision are no doubt more complicated than they will be portrayed). In addition to being used (like the tax exemption controversy) to impeach motivation on "women's issues" generally, it will be cited as further justification for programs to assure "equality of result" in employment.

Particularly in regard to construction jobs, women's groups have long argued that such programs are necessitated by the exclusion of women from traditional training sources (such as the military). Carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and interior electrical jobs are among the 23 job categories covered by the Army's ban.

Recidivisim? The current National Law Journal profiles an ex-convict who now derives a tidy income from civil rights damage suits.

Attachment

William !