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B. SUBJECT: LUNCHEON MEETING (ACTUAL STARTING TIME 1:00 P.M.):

HUMAN RESOURCES FORUM // JDW TO MAKE REMARKS // (B) (N)

VENUE: BETHESDA HOLIDAY INN

PROGRAM:

1:20-1:30 P.M.: JDW TO ARRIVE

1:45 P.M.: JDW TO MAKE REMARKS // FOLLOWED BY Q & A

3:00 P.M.: DEPARTURE FOR WORLD BANK

CONTACT: MARY BRADY @ 30918

IN ATTENDANCE: JDW, CAROLINE

(B) HRSVP // DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 28

(B) REMARKS BY: CAROLINE ANSTEY

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Brief Includes:

- Briefing Note and Talking Points
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Briefing Note and Talking Points for the President
HRS Learning Forum
Thursday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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Q3. I have heard that “non-core” staff are going to lose their international benefits. Is this true?

A. The Bank is seriously examining all aspects of its employment policy. Currently, we don't have a fair, flexible and responsive policy that helps us to do our business effectively. We are working on it. This policy affects all staff and we will involve all stakeholders in discussions about this key issue. We will move forward with care and courage.

Your lunch table will include outside guests. They are:

Robert Schaffer whose latest book, *High-Impact Consulting*, you have endorsed;
and

Professor Paul Strebel of IMD and author of *Breakpoints: How Managers Exploit Radical Change*. We have bank staff from the initial Group of 66, who are undertaking executive training, who went to IMD and were taught by Professor Strebel. Among those included are Stephen Denning, Director, and D-M Dowsett-Coirolo, Director, LADCN.

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—Lawrence J. Toole, Senior Vice President and Manager, Human Resources, GE Capital

"The allure of using consultants for tough business problems is fraught with risk. As Bob Schaffer explains in his analysis, the relationships between business managers and consultants frequently end in disappointment. *High-Impact Consulting* should be read by all managers about to use a consultant, and by those consultants who want results as well as fees."

—John H. Biggs, Chairman and CEO, TIAA-CREF

"*High-Impact Consulting* makes a well-reasoned and highly readable case against the classic big budget, broad-scope, 'tell me all your problems and I'll give you my answers' kind of consulting project. The alternative Robert Schaffer proposes is aimed at, and in my experience succeeds in, getting both client buy-in and quick, measurable results. I recommend that anyone contemplating a major management consulting project read this book first."

—Ian L. White-Thomson, Chairman and CEO, U. S. Borax Inc.

"*High-Impact Consulting* could also have been called *Common Sense Consulting*. However, very few organizations have been able to make these concepts work. Bob Schaffer goes beyond the buzzwords and explains the nuts and bolts of how to create a powerful partnership between consultant and client."

—James L. Fletcher, Vice President, Customer Service and Logistics, Avery Dennison



Robert H. Schaffer

Robert H. Schaffer founded Robert H. Schaffer & Associates and has been its head for over 30 years. Schaffer is the originator of the firm's unique results-driven approach described in his 1988 book, *The Breakthrough Strategy: Using Short-Term Successes To Build the High Performance Organization*. RHS&A employs this strategy in helping organizations to achieve major performance improvement and to accelerate the pace of change.

The firm has worked with such clients as Allied-Signal, Chase Manhattan Bank, Fidelity Investments, General Electric, General Reinsurance, IBM, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Motorola, Northern Telecom, PPG Industries, and many other companies as well as a number of government and social agencies. Their consulting objective is always to help improve performance and to accelerate the pace of change.

After earning a degree in engineering, Schaffer received a doctorate in counseling and management psychology, both from Columbia University. He has played a leadership role in the consulting profession as a founding director of the Institute of Management Consultants and as chairman of its Professional Development Committee for four years. He helped to launch the *Journal of Management Consulting* and has served as an editor for many years. He inaugurated and continues to manage "Consulting for Results," the longest running workshop for management consultants.

Two of Schaffer's articles made the "best seller" list of the *Harvard Business Review* for the early '90's. One of these, "Demand Better Results—And Get Them," was first published in 1974 and then republished as an HBR "Classic" in 1991. The other was "Successful Change Programs Begin With Results," January/February 1992. He is the author of three other *Harvard Business Review* articles, as well as numerous other articles in a variety of journals on productivity, change management, and management consulting. His new book is *High-Impact Consulting: How Clients and Consultants Can Leverage Rapid Results Into Long Term Gains* (Jossey-Bass 1997.)

Paul Strebel

Paul Strebel is professor of Business Administration and director of The Change Program: Breakpoints at IMD, the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland. His consulting and executive development activities have been in the areas of value-based strategic planning, the anticipation and management of competitive turning points and breakpoints. Professor Strebel has extensive international experience in Europe, North America, the Far East, and South Africa.

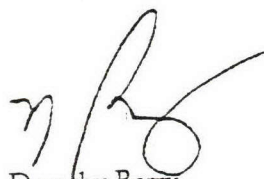
Prior to his present position, Strebel was director of Research at IMEDE, one of the founding institutions of IMD. He was recently a visiting professor at the Harvard Business School. Dr. Strebel received his Ph.D from Princeton University, his MBA from Columbia University, and his B.Sc. from the University of Cape Town, where he graduated with highest honors. His most recent book is on *Breakpoints: How managers exploit radical change*.



Welcome to the first HRS Learning Forum.

Over the next three days, we have an exciting opportunity to learn more about current thinking and best practices in HR and to discuss their implications for our work at the Bank. The forum is an essential part of our broader mission to maintain and further strengthen our capabilities in order to better serve our clients.

The design team has tried to incorporate as many of your ideas about your learning needs as possible within the time available. We have brought together an impressive array of leading-edge thinkers and practitioners, and we are confident that you will find the program stimulating. We trust that the forum will not only prove to be a key personal learning event for you but also that collectively we will take a step forward towards realizing our goal of professional excellence.


Dorothy Berry
Vice President
Human Resources


Tariq Husain
Manager
Learning & Leadership Center



**Human
Resources
and Clients'
Changing
Needs**

DAY ONE

Tuesday, April 1, 1997

- 8:30 - 9:00** Versailles I
Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:15** Versailles II, III, IV
Welcome
Tariq Husain, Manager, LLC
Opening Comments
Dorothy Berry, Vice President, HRS
- 9:15 - 10:30** Versailles II, III, IV
Keynote Speaker: Professor Merilee Grindle
Theme: The Changing Contexts for Development
- 10:30 - 11:00** Versailles I
Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30** Versailles II, III, IV
Panel Discussion: **The Changing Development Context:
Implications for Human Resource Management**
Panelists: Mark Baird, Vice President, SRM
Gloria Davis, Division Chief, ESD
Anil Sood, Director, ECA/MNA Technical Department
Najima Siddiqi, NGO Specialist, ENVSP
- 12:30 - 2:00** Versailles I, Montgomery
Lunch
- 2:00 - 3:30** Versailles II, III, IV
Keynote Speaker: Pete Peterson, Senior Vice President of Personnel,
Hewlett-Packard Company
**Theme: The Changing Nature of the
Human Resource Function**
- 3:30 - 3:45** Versailles I
Coffee Break
- Concurrent Sessions**
- 3:45 - 4:30** Versailles IV
Group discussion with Pete Peterson
- 3:45 - 5:30** Versailles III
Being Successful in Multicultural Contexts
Presenter: Ismail Serageldin, Vice President, ESD
- 3:45 - 5:30** Montgomery
What Have We Learned From Change?
Facilitators: Lorne Blackman, Carolyn Gallagher,
Harvey Thomson
- 3:45 - 6:30** Washington
Bazaar Exhibits: Interactive learning displays and Cash Bar



**Human
Resources'
Role in Linking
Individual-
Organizational
Change**

DAY TWO

Wednesday, April 2, 1997

8:30 - 9:00

Versailles I
Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 12:30

Versailles II, III, IV
Workshop: William Bridges, Ph.D.
Theme: Transitions and Jobshift

12:30 - 2:00

Versailles I, Montgomery
Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

2:00 - 3:30

Versailles III
Teambuilding
Facilitators: Fred Nunes, Bonnie Kramer

2:00 - 2:45

Versailles IV
Roundtable Discussions
1. Role of the Task Assistant, Host: Aulikki Kuusela
2. Mentor/Mentee Relationships, Host: Cathy Cardona

2:00 - 5:30

Maryland
Consulting Skills and Strategies for Human Resources
Robert Schaffer, Ph.D. (registration ticket required)
Introduction by Richard Stern, Director, FPD

2:00 - 2:45

Versailles II
Group Discussion with William Bridges

2:45 - 3:30

Versailles IV
Roundtable Discussions
3. Subtle Sexism,
Hosts: Anette Pedersen & Bickley Townsend, Catalyst
4. Compensation, Host: Mark Bowyer

3:30 - 4:00

Versailles I
Health Break

Concurrent Sessions

4:00 - 5:30

Versailles III
Networks
Presenters: Rajesh Vidyasagar, David de Ferranti, Director, HDD,
Sharmila Kapur

4:00 - 4:45

Versailles IV
Roundtable Discussions
5. Partnering with Outside Institutions, Host: Kei Kawabata
6. Knowledge Creation and Dissemination, Host: Stephen Denning

4:00 - 5:30

Montgomery
Stress and a Healthy Work Environment
Presenters: Bernhard Liese, Jim Striker

4:00 - 6:00

Washington

Bazaar Exhibits: Interactive learning displays and Cash Bar

4:45 - 5:30

Versailles IV

Roundtable Discussions

7. Technology For the Twenty-First Century,

Hosts: Rakesh Asthana and Paul Cadario, CAO, ECA

8. HRS and the Field, Host: Kathy Tanner

William Bridges, Ph.D., is a renowned speaker, author and trainer in the field of organizational development. He is the author of *Managing Transitions*, and his most recent book is *Jobshift: How to Prosper in a Workplace Without Jobs*, a study of what is happening to jobs today.



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	I	II	III	IV			
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9:00		Workshop: Transitions and Jobshift William Bridges					
12:30	Lunch					Lunch	
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2:45							
3:30	Health Break						
4:00			Networks	Roundtable Discussions 5,6 Roundtable Discussions 7,8	Stress and a Healthy Work Environment	Bazaar Exhibits and Cash Bar	
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5:30							
6:00							
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SCHEDULE



**Human
Resources'
Commitment
to Personal
Change**

8:00 - 8:30

Washington
Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 12:45

Versailles II, III, IV
Workshop: Professor Paul Strebel
**Theme: Personal Change to Meet Changing
Organizational Needs**

12:45 - 1:00

Foyer
Stretch Break

1:00 - 3:00

Versailles I, II, III, IV
Lunch
Closing Address:
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Thursday, April 3, 1997

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	I	II	III	IV	
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"The allure of using consultants for tough business problems is fraught with risk. As Bob Schaffer explains in his analysis, the relationships between business managers and consultants frequently end in disappointment. *High-Impact Consulting* should be read by all managers about to use a consultant, and by those consultants who want results as well as fees."

—John H. Biggs, Chairman and CEO, TIAA-CREF

"*High-Impact Consulting* makes a well-reasoned and highly readable case against the classic big budget, broad-scope, 'tell me all your problems and I'll give you my answers' kind of consulting project. The alternative Robert Schaffer proposes is aimed at, and in my experience succeeds in, getting both client buy-in and quick, measurable results. I recommend that anyone contemplating a major management consulting project read this book first."

—Ian L. White-Thomson, Chairman and CEO, U. S. Borax Inc.

"*High-Impact Consulting* could also have been called *Common Sense Consulting*. However, very few organizations have been able to make these concepts work. Bob Schaffer goes beyond the buzzwords and explains the nuts and bolts of how to create a powerful partnership between consultant and client."

—James L. Fletcher, Vice President, Customer Service and Logistics, Avery Dennison

HIGH-IMPACT CONSULTING:

HOW CLIENTS AND CONSULTANTS CAN LEVERAGE RAPID RESULTS INTO LONG TERM GAINS

A book by Robert H. Schaffer
Jossey-Bass, April 1997

Organizations spend tens of billions of dollars a year for management consulting support—and more tens of billions for internal staff consulting. Yet the returns are appallingly low.

This book reveals, for the first time, the “fatal flaws” that doom conventional consulting to its high failure rate. It also explains why:

- Failures in management consulting are a direct outcome of the way consulting is practiced. Success is more the exception than the rule.
- Client managers unintentionally collude with their consultants to perpetuate the most ineffective practices.
- In order to ensure successful outcomes from the use of expert help, a radically different approach to consulting will be needed.

The essential flaw in most management consulting is its basic assumption—that providing the right answers is the key to progress. Real world experience suggests that this assumption is a false one. Like the recipients of Sunday sermons, parental advice, diet books, and warnings about smoking, clients are frequently unable or unwilling to do what the consultants recommend. This book describes why such outcomes are so common.

Many case illustrations demonstrate how conventional consulting can shortchange clients: After a year of study by twenty consultants, for example, a large insurance company is presented with a set of change recommendations it simply can not carry out. In another company, an acquisition study arrives at answers everyone already knows. These failures are not exceptions. They are commonplace.

The book describes how to shift toward **high-impact consulting** by reversing every one of conventional consulting's fatal flaws.

1. **Focus on Results...**

Most consulting projects are defined in terms of the study the consultant will produce or the recommendations that they will deliver. There's no commitment to results.

High-impact consulting projects are defined in terms of tangible client results that will be achieved.

2. **Match with Client Readiness...**

Most consulting projects are designed with virtually no attention to whether the client can or will implement the recommendations.

High-impact projects are tailored to match what the client is willing and able to do.

3. **Rapid Turnaround Time...**

Most consulting projects require big up-front investment and, after many months, deliver more than clients can digest.

High-impact projects are divided into rapid-cycle success steps.

4. **Partnership Mode...**

Most consulting projects sharply divide tasks between clients and consultants in a series of "hand-offs."

In high-impact consulting, client and consultant work as a partnership.

5. **Highly Leveraged...**

Most projects make very labor-intensive use of consultants.

In high-impact consulting, modest inputs are used in a highly leveraged fashion.

These shifts produce faster and more certain results, and almost eliminate the possibility for failure. In addition, they ensure that each project helps the client organization to develop its own capability to sustain and expand the progress.

Numerous case examples show how the high-impact mode of consulting helped Dun & Bradstreet, SmithKline Beecham, General Electric, The Morgan Bank, Motorola, the State of Connecticut and many other corporations and public agencies to improve results and accelerate progress.

Some Selected Quotes From "High-Impact Consulting"

"The 'right' answers that do not help clients achieve what they are trying to achieve are, in fact, the wrong answers."

"For a consulting project to be called a success the consultant must provide a new solution or method. But that's not enough. The client must actually achieve some measurable improvements and must be able to sustain those improvements over time."

"Strengthening implementation ability is the foundation for strengthening any aspect of an organization's capability."



Robert H. Schaffer

Robert H. Schaffer founded Robert H. Schaffer & Associates and has been its head for over 30 years. Schaffer is the originator of the firm's unique results-driven approach described in his 1988 book, *The Breakthrough Strategy: Using Short-Term Successes To Build the High Performance Organization*. RHS&A employs this strategy in helping organizations to achieve major performance improvement and to accelerate the pace of change.

The firm has worked with such clients as Allied-Signal, Chase Manhattan Bank, Fidelity Investments, General Electric, General Reinsurance, IBM, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Motorola, Northern Telecom, PPG Industries, and many other companies as well as a number of government and social agencies. Their consulting objective is always to help improve performance and to accelerate the pace of change.

After earning a degree in engineering, Schaffer received a doctorate in counseling and management psychology, both from Columbia University. He has played a leadership role in the consulting profession as a founding director of the Institute of Management Consultants and as chairman of its Professional Development Committee for four years. He helped to launch the *Journal of Management Consulting* and has served as an editor for many years. He inaugurated and continues to manage "Consulting for Results," the longest running workshop for management consultants.

Two of Schaffer's articles made the "best seller" list of the *Harvard Business Review* for the early '90's. One of these, "Demand Better Results—And Get Them," was first published in 1974 and then republished as an HBR "Classic" in 1991. The other was "Successful Change Programs Begin With Results," January/February 1992. He is the author of three other *Harvard Business Review* articles, as well as numerous other articles in a variety of journals on productivity, change management, and management consulting. His new book is *High-Impact Consulting: How Clients and Consultants Can Leverage Rapid Results Into Long Term Gains* (Jossey-Bass 1997.)

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