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As the days are flying by, I am very excited for this new week. I was told that our project which the congressman had assigned to us at the beginning of the internship was due by Thursday. On projects like these, I worry to make sure



that my work is addressing the points that were being asked of me. Can you imagine how I am feeling towards completing this assignment for the congressman! But I feel so grateful for Rosa Garcia, policy adviser; for all her support and advice when it came to the project. She has not only been a mentor to me here in the office but

also a person I can call a friend. When I leave back to Texas I am really going to miss her and her good morning welcomes to the office staff and interns.



Monday, was a slow day with the internship. The



Congressman had a press conferences most of the day and the phones were ringing once or twice within an hour time span.

There was really not much voting action on

the hill today. If it were not for the constituents coming to the office, I

would not have had any physical work today. After work, I was invited by my roommate to go to



the Bottomless Bowling in Chinatown along with a couple of friends from the Head Start Program. The four of us had a wonderful time

bowling even though some of us were more seasoned players than others.

The conversation and memories that were created there will be

unforgettable. One memory I will not forget, is our signature dance move

that each person created before they bowled. I was undecided at first coming up with my

signature move because all the ones I wanted were taken by my teammates, but in the end I

settled for the Texas two- step swing.



Wednesday, the day I finally get to see the White House from really close up. Our intern

group were invited to attend a meeting in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The

process of getting in for me was difficult. I got off the metro two stops earlier than I am

supposed to due to my trusting of Google maps. I had to walk about 3 blocks and around the

White House to find the correct entrance. I was grateful that I had my government I.D. badge

with me which led me to skip the large tourist line. Once inside the building, I felt I needed to

remember which hall lead to a particular destination and where the exit were located. The

Eisenhower office entrance is on one side of the building and the building

exit is on the other side. The interesting thing about this building is that

here is where all the presidential signings of bills take place as well as the

main location for the White House official gift shop.



Thursday, was a very exciting day for us as we were given the

privilege to meet with the Office of Democratic Whip, the Hon. Steny



Hoyer in person. The most shocking thing of this meeting is that he

shook hands with all 75 interns. Rep.. Hoyer told us his history and

journey to his current position and also added that some of the other

members who are also in office with him were once his interns at one

point in their lives. After his speech, we headed on over to the Longworth Building to hear Congressman Ruben Hinojosa (TX-15) speak on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. This week as been a great eventful experience that only happens once in a lifetime, and to think that next week will be our last week here in Washington, D.C.

God Bless America!

