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Here are some highlights from the demographic material I told you about that Frank may want to use. I've attached a copy of a major article on this theme from U.S. News & World Report.

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1980-1990 TRENDS

- America enters 1980s with population tilted toward working age Americans as Baby Boom children become adult workers.
- Population getting older - median age of 28 in 1970 going to 35 by year 2000.
- Women participating in work force in same proportion (did not say to same degree) as men.
- Growth in population from 221 million to 242 million by 1990.
- Continued shift of population from central cities to suburbs and regionally, into the sun belt.

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Public Administration faced with:

- adjustments in education budgets with declining teen-age population
- social friction with Blacks, Hispanics, women and Baby Boom children competing for better jobs and pay
- possible decline in high rates of juvenile crime
- increasing demands for services by the elderly who will become an increasingly powerful voting bloc
- pressure for more public transportation given energy costs
- major expansion of day-care centers and nursery schools to accommodate working mothers.

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Quote from December 1978 Report: Domestic Consequences of United States Population Change, Select Committee on Population, U.S. House of Representatives:

"49. More often than not, our people and their elected and appointed officials are not equipped to cope intelligently with population decline, because our Nation since its pioneer beginnings has been accustomed to the assumption of growth and expansion, not decline and contraction."

Referring to Birth Rate at 1.8 -
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