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Chaka Fattah (D/PA) Office/Rebecca Kirsner March 29, 1999

- Talk with Rebecca Kirsner, Fattah's press secretary--Clark University grad--intern/staff. She said this twice, with exclamation in point.
- "The press release had already been written," for his appointment to Appropriations.
- "Up to now, it's been Appropriations, Appropriations, Appropriations. Now he's saying, 'I could become Chairman of the Education Committee.' But his heart isn't in it. He's in a funk."
- "The whole office is in a funk. It's been a down period in the office." Appropriations plus impeachment. "Everyone agreed that the Democrats owed the CBC because of the turnout in the election. They had four slots. One was promised to the Congressman."
- "He's paid his dues to the Democratic party. But I guess he hadn't paid his dues to the CBC. I think Clyburn got his seat. He wasn't even in it at the beginning. But he is head of the CBC. It was about all cutting deals."
- Her stories are all about getting him press--E.J. Dionne, Roll Call guy, "whenever he wants a quote from a liberal Democrat, he calls us!"
- She's also upset that CF "went out on a limb for the President" and President cut it off. Goes to Hardball after President admits lying and they have CF tapes saying that he believes the President.
- "It's not an exciting office to be in now. He's going to win unless he gets into a lot of trouble with the unions." She wants to go to Philly to work for Allison Schwartz who is running for Senate.
- "I'm proud that he voted vs. the release of the Starr Report."