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Dear Chief of Staff Podesta:

I was highly gratified to have received a "personal" letter from the President in June, with much appreciation to Ms. Nancy Hernreich, Director, Oval Office Operations. The Letter focused on comments concerning my award-winning ["EDITOR'S CHOICE"] Poem, "Conversation With The Master Of Mount Vernon." Chief of Staff Podesta, I serve as a Communications Consultant [MSJ / Medill / Northwestern University]. I have four [4] proposals, for your consideration, to wit:

VOLUNTEER SPEECHWRITING

Please inform Director of the Speechwriting Office of my availability ... from afar ... via the mails... to provide "tidbits" [newsbites / caricatures, etc.], upon minimal direction, which, in turn, can be woven into the President's speeches by The White House Staff.

WHITE HOUSE READING OF "CONVERSATION WITH THE MASTER OF MOUNT VERNON"

Please inform Ms. Ann Stock, White House Social Secretary that reading of the award-winning Poem by Honorable John Warner, Senior Senator, State of Virginia would prove most poignant... on or about February 22, 1999, anniversary of Washington's birthday.

NEH'S MILLENIUM MINUTES PROJECT

Please inform NEH's Director of Communications Policy, Gary Krull that my award-winning Poem, or, in the interest of brevity, portion thereof, be available for NEH's series of nationally-televised Public Service Announcements that are to highlight a truly American hero, for all times: President George Washington.

Mr. John Podesta

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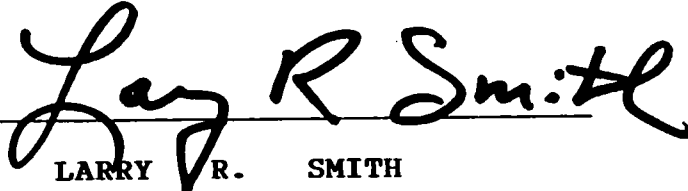
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PLAQUE TO BE ADDED TO STUART'S PORTRAIT OF
WASHINGTON NOW HANGING IN WHITE HOUSE'S
RECEPTION ROOM

Gilbert Stuart's illustrious portrait of President Washington in The East Room of The White House could be made even more poignant by emblazoning the text of my award-winning Poem at its foot. Please so inform White House Curator, Ms. Betty C. Monkman.

Appreciative of your consideration of the foregoing proposals, I remain

Sincerely yours,


LARRY R. SMITH

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1998

PERSONAL

Mr. Larry R. Smith
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Dear Larry:

Thank you very much for the framed copy of
Conversation With The Master of Mount Vernon.
It was kind of you to share your poetry with me.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and send
my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton