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11/10/99

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS
February 1999

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Women, Infants, and Children program on the celebration of their ~~25th~~ anniversary. Since 1974, WIC ~~has been in a~~ ^{you} leader in health and nutrition. In more than 10,000 clinics all over the country, WIC has given millions of young families both the sound advice and the nutritious foods they need to grow healthy and strong.

WIC's efforts have been a tremendous success. Studies show that WIC mothers have stronger and healthier babies ~~which means better futures~~. Children enrolled in WIC programs are immunized earlier, perform better in school, and spend less time in the doctor's office. Every time a needy child eats a healthy breakfast or a young mother is referred to prenatal care, it is one more sign that WIC's efforts are helping to build a healthier future for our nation.

As President, ~~I have~~ ^{you} worked hard to ensure that as many women, infants and children as possible ~~can~~ ^{could} participate in WIC. Last year, I was proud to sign into law -- with broad bipartisan support -- a bill which reauthorized the WIC program into the 21st Century. This legislation helps guarantee that programs like WIC will continue to help more Americans enjoy healthier lives. Congratulations again and thank you for all of your hard work.

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INCREASE WIC + fight (even veto) efforts to cut it?
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their own homes.

Unemployment in our central cities has fallen by 40% since 1992. Large cities have seen violent crime drop by nearly 27%. All of you here in this room — and all our people around the country — have begun a renaissance in America's cities. And I have been proud to be your partner.

My friends, this economic good fortune poses a profound question for all of us: What will we do with these good times? If we simply relax and bask in our prosperity, we will look back at this moment of opportunity as a time of missed opportunity. I believe we have a duty to make certain that prosperity spreads throughout our nation — that hope replaces despair in every corner of every community -- that every American be given the tools to reap the rewards of the new economy. We have a duty to rise to the challenges of the 21st Century.

We are committed to press forward with the new strategy that has helped to renew our cities.

We rejected the idea that the solutions to the problems of the cities were miles of concrete and acres of regulations, that the answer to your problems was a fiat from Washington. And we have decisively rejected the misguided idea that cities should be left to sink or swim on their own. Our approach — our "third way" — has been to offer empowerment, to help provide the tools to succeed, and to insist on results.

We have worked to be an effective partner. Over the past six years, we have transformed the Department of Housing and Urban Development from a bureaucratic backwater to a streamlined innovator. David Osborne — the intellectual godfather of reinventing government -- says HUD is "a model for reinvention in the 1990s."

to \$28 billion -- the biggest increase in more than a decade

So the balanced budget I will submit to Congress will increase HUD's overall budget by \$2.5 billion. It will support HUD's Community Empowerment fund ... 100,000 new vouchers to make housing more affordable ... a comprehensive housing plan for seniors ... and dozens of other innovative steps. I ask you to support this commitment -- and to make your voices heard in the halls of Congress.

10/11/97-98

With new resources for a reinvented HUD, we can and must press forward with our new urban strategy. Our communities face stiff challenges — stubborn pockets of poverty, shrinking populations, the flight of the middle class. We can and must act together to meet these challenges. Here's how.

First, strong cities in the 21st Century will depend above all on economic opportunity. The best poverty program, the best crime program, the best urban program is a private sector job.

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*Chip - check
you get a video request
from us?*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ann F. Lewis
Minyon Moore
Bruce Reed
Craig T. Smith✓

DATE: 12/2/98

FROM: Tim Emrich
Presidential Scheduling
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ATTACHED: 4 pages

☒ Please advise on
how to respond

☐ For your information

☐ For your action

☐ As you requested

☐ Please call me regarding
the attached

☐ Please prepare
response per
instructions below

☐ For your approval

☐ For Surrogate
Consideration

☐ Please prepare
Scheduling
Proposal

COMMENTS:

(Please respond by December 2, 1998.)

Would any office like to submit a video or scheduling proposal for this request?

Thanks,

Tim E.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1998

Mr. Michael Greene
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Academy of Recording
Arts and Sciences, Incorporated
3402 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, California 90405

Dear Mr. Greene:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for inviting the President to attend the National Academy of Recording Artists' 1999 Person of the Year gala honoring Mr. Stevie Wonder in Los Angeles, California.

The White House is presently unable to confirm the President's availability on February 22, 1999. You will be contacted when further information becomes available.

Please know that President Clinton appreciates your interest and that your request will continue to receive careful consideration. Should you need further scheduling assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie S. Streett", followed by a horizontal line.

Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling

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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO REQUEST *me*

September 16, 1998

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TO: Stephanie Streett, Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

REQUEST: Participation in the 25th anniversary of WIC celebration by providing a short congratulatory videotaped address to past and present WIC participants and clinic directors.

PURPOSE: To celebrate the success WIC.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of WIC Directors is currently working with the child nutrition advocacy community on a 25th anniversary campaign to celebrate the health and nutrition success of the millions of WIC graduates. Events are being planned in Washington D.C. and in major cities, small towns, and state capitals across the country. The President's videotaped address to all local WIC clinics will be played in the 25th Anniversary celebratory events.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: No.

DATE & TIME: 1999 - *January or February*

DURATION: five minute video

LOCATION: N/A

PARTICIPANTS: WIC Directors

REMARKS
REQUIRED: *Yes.*

MEDIA: *TBD.*

CONTACT: Christa Robinson x6-5165



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS

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PARTICIPANTS ~~WIC~~ WIC DIRECTOR

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FAX 202 387.5281

202 232.5492

August 10, 1998

The Honorable and Mrs. William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

Next year, 1999, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC. This is a prime opportunity to celebrate both the successes of our nation's premier public health program and your long acknowledged commitment to WIC. The **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS, NAWD**, would like to request your participation in the 25th anniversary of WIC by providing a short congratulatory videotaped address to past and present WIC participants and clinic directors.

NAWD is currently working with the child nutrition advocacy community on a 25th anniversary campaign to celebrate the health and nutrition successes of the millions of WIC graduates. Events are being planned in the nation's capitol and in major cities, small towns and state capitals across the country. We are hoping to provide a copy of your videotaped address to all local WIC clinics for play during their 25th anniversary celebratory events. *whole year? one time? needed?*

NAWD represents the 87 state, territorial and Native American WIC directors and 1,800 local agencies who are on the front line providing quality nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health care and other services to 7.4 million at-risk women, infants and children in over 10,000 WIC clinics nationwide.

We look forward to you joining us in celebrating WIC's 25 years of success for the nation's women, infants and children. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

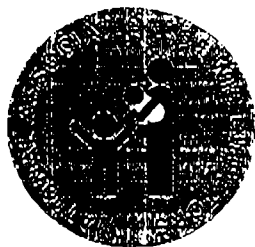
I can be reached by telephone at 202-232-5492.

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Sincerely,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS

Douglas A. Greenaway
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Executive Directors



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS

Melinda R. Newport, MS, RD/LD
Chickasaw Nation
President

January 29, 1999

William A. Eden, MS, RD, MPA
Colorado
Vice President

Ms. Karen Cullman
Associate Director for Communications & Events
Old Executive Office Building, Room 207
17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Denise V. Farris, DrPH, RD, LD
West Virginia
Past President

Dear Ms. Cullman:

Larry R. Prohs, MBA
Ohio
Treasurer

As a follow-up to our conversation yesterday, I am enclosing a copy of "draft" remarks for the 25th Anniversary of the WIC Program.

Jonahua Bayan, MS, RD

Secretary

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS, NAWD, is planning a number of events in Washington to celebrate WIC's 25th Anniversary. In addition to the Washington events, NAWD is working with the 2,100 local WIC agencies throughout the country to plan celebratory events in their communities. A videotaped address by President Clinton honoring the outstanding achievements and successes of the WIC program would be a wonderful addition to these celebrations.

Douglas A. Greenaway
Executive Director

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 202-232-5492. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS

NAWD

Jessica L. Beach
Membership & Events Director

2001 S Street, NW
Suite 580

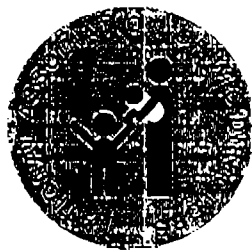
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Remarks for the 25th Anniversary of the WIC Program

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On behalf of all Americans, I want to congratulate the WIC program on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1974, WIC has taught young families about the importance of good nutrition, ensured that needy mothers and children receive proper health care referrals, and provided the nutritious foods that are required to grow healthy and strong.

Millions of lives have been improved and strengthened, and millions of health care dollars have been saved by WIC. Studies have shown that WIC mothers seek earlier prenatal care and give birth to stronger and healthier babies.

Children enrolled in WIC receive more timely immunizations, have a lower prevalence of anemia, and score better on vocabulary and digit memory test scores when they begin school. Every time that a needy child eats a healthy breakfast or a young mother is referred to prenatal care, it is one more step that WIC has taken toward ensuring a healthier future for our nation.

Throughout my time as President, I have worked hard to ensure that all eligible women, infants and children can participate in WIC. Last year, I was proud to sign into law with broad bipartisan support a bill that reauthorizes the WIC program through 2003. It is because of programs like WIC that I believe we will one day see a future when poor health and nutrition no longer stand in the way of any child reaching his or her God-given potential. Until that time, we can feel secure in the knowledge that WIC and the people who work so hard to administer it are moving us in the right direction.

TALKING POINTS

FOR

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association (FLMMDA) wishes to bestow the 1999 Jesse Lewis Jackson, Sr. Award upon President William Jefferson Clinton, on Friday evening, February 26, 1999 at the Association's Twentieth Annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Orlando World Center Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

The Jesse Lewis Jackson Award is annually presented by FLMMDA to an outstanding member of government who has advanced the thinking of our members and the furtherance of the Association's mission; to increase the quantity and quality of FLMMDA dealerships. Previous recipients of the award include the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Maxine Waters, John Lewis and the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson. FLMMDA members, a predominately Democratic constituency, have historically supported the Democratic Party individually and through the FLMMDA Political Action Committee.

Reverend Jackson requested the opportunity to present the FLMMDA Jesse Lewis Jackson Award to President Clinton personally during this event.

- The Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association is the most active and effective minority controlled automobile dealers organization in the automotive industry.
- The FLMMDA is in its twentieth (20th) year of operation.
- Ford Motor Company has 235 African American dealerships in 37 states.
- Ford Motor Company's total represents over sixty percent (60%) of all African American dealerships in the United States.
- The FLMMDA is composed of five (5) regions; Northeast, Central, Great Lakes, Southeast and Western. Dealers in these regions meet twice a year to network and review operational issues.
- The FLMMDA is a self-help organization.

- The FLMMDA meets with Ford Senior Management every six weeks to review minority dealers problems and/or issues.
- The FLMMDA annually awards scholarships to 10 graduating high school seniors wishing to attend historical Black universities.
- This year, 1999, in honoring the 20th Annual Conference in Orlando, FLMMDA in conjunction with Ford Motor Company, twenty (20) graduating high school seniors will be awarded \$2,500.00 scholarships.
- The FLMMDA supports organizations such as Democratic Party, Operation Push, National Rainbow Coalition, NAACP, and the Urban League.
- At the urging of the FLMMDA, Ford Motor Company recently appointed three (3) African-Americans to operate and control the Ford and Ford Credit Minority Dealer Programs. Elliott S. Hall is the new Vice President of Dealer Development and Minority Operations, George Frame is the Director of Dealer Development, and Willie Rivers is the Ford Motor Credit Company Director of Minority Relations. This is an exceptional undertaking by the No. 2 automaker in the world.
- Ford Motor Company, last August, initiated a Minority Dealer Training Program. Thirteen African-American candidates are participating in this first class. The program is a 30-month program. Classes are coordinated by Northwood University including in-dealerships hand on experience. A second class is planned for August 1999.

1) Thank you for honor
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 3) FCM - 1999

December 9, 1998



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Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Reverend Jackson has requested the opportunity to present this award to you personally during this event, as it holds special meaning for him. We would be honored with your presence.

Please find enclosed FLMMDA brochures on the Association and the Twentieth year event.

Sincerely,

FORD LINCOLN MERCURY
MINORITY DEALERS ASSOCIATION

Robert A. Hill
Executive Director

Enclosures

MISSION:

To improve the quality and quantity of Ford Lincoln-Mercury Minority Dealers Association dealerships through effective leadership and participation from a unified organization.

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 1999**

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Josh Gottheimer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
FORD LINCOLN MERCURY MINORITY DEALERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
AWARDS BANQUET
February 26, 1999**

Good evening. I am very pleased to be a part of the Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association's 20th Annual Awards Banquet. It is with great pride and appreciation that I ~~have the honor of accepting~~ this year's Jesse Lewis Jackson Award. It is an honor to be in the company of past recipients like Rev. Jesse Jackson, Maxine Waters, and John Lewis -- who have all contributed so much time and effort to expand and promote economic opportunity for minorities.

For nearly one hundred years, the automobile industry has been an engine that ~~has~~ ^{→ good.} driven our economy. But for too long, there were too few minority-owned car dealerships. Since 1979, the FLMMDA has set out to help minority owners overcome these barriers by ~~helping to stop minority dealership closings,~~ training new dealers, and addressing the special challenges minority dealerships face.

Can't he just say "the Association"? This is a mouthful.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 10, 1994

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR JAMES JEFFORDS

1:54 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello.

SENATOR JEFFORDS: Hello, Jim Jeffords here.

THE PRESIDENT: Hi, Senator. I just wanted to thank you for your help yesterday and for your leadership on the health care bill, and to say especially how much I appreciate the work you did to get the WIC program fully funded. I know how much it means to you and how much it's going to do for the children of this country.

SENATOR JEFFORDS: Well, thank you, Mr. President. I deeply appreciate that. And I want to thank you for your leadership. You got us going on this road, and I think with Senator Kennedy's help, we took a big step yesterday to getting our health care bill that we all want.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I really appreciate the fact that you were willing to work with us and to vote for it. I know that some other Republicans offered some amendments and voted for some of the provisions of the health care bill in the committee, and I hope that by the time we get around to voting on the floor we'll have a bill that can get some more bipartisan support. I know they're under a lot of pressure not to vote for anything, but I know that you have some colleagues who agree with you and who will eventually put the interests of the country first just as you have done.

I'm just honored to be in this fight with you, and I think we have to keep working and reaching out to others and trying to broaden the base. And I know that's what you want to do, too.

SENATOR JEFFORDS: I certainly do, and we made a big step in that direction yesterday. And Nancy Kassebaum and also Dave Durenberger, with me, put an amendment in, and I think if we'd been able to pass it, it probably would have gotten on board. And --

THE PRESIDENT: What was the amendment?

SENATOR JEFFORDS: -- it gave me confidence that we're going to be able to do it on the floor. And I've talked to a number of others. I'm confident that, again, when we get on the Senate floor and with a little more tinkering, we'll be able to get a good bipartisan bill for you.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm ready to work with you. We can do it. We can do it. Thanks to you, and I'll never forget it. And let's just keep working at it.

SENATOR JEFFORDS: Okay, thank you. And I thank the First Lady for her call this morning. I deeply appreciated that, and it's been great working with her and Ira Magaziner. They're two wonderful

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people.

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks. Have a good day.

END1:56 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 23, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
At The Signing Of Agricultural Research,
Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998

The Rose Garden

11:00 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Carlson for your very eloquent and enlightening statement and for the work you do every day as a farmer, both with your crops and with the bison. When Dan Glickman said you had bison I saw a lot of people's eyebrows go up. We've come a long way since Teddy Roosevelt saved the buffalo with the national park. We went from millions of head in the West and the high plains down to only 20 known head of buffalo when Teddy Roosevelt actually established that national preserve. Now we've got enough that we know they'll be there, with folks like you farming and we appreciate that.

Thank you, Secretary Glickman, for the truly outstanding job you do as Secretary of Agriculture. I would like to thank Senators Lugar and Harkin and Congressmen Smith and Stenholm. And I would also like to thank Congressman Becerra, the head of the Hispanic Caucus for the work he did and all the other members of Congress who are here.

We are joined by a number of local officials who had great interest in this legislation including, but I'm sure not limited to, L.A. county supervisor Gloria Molina, Chicago City Treasurer Miriam Santos, Virginia State Delegate Karen Darner. I would also like to thank all the representatives of our country's farmers and ranchers who are here, the religious leaders, our immigrant and anti-hunger advocates.

This is a very good day for me personally for two reasons. First of all, you heard Secretary Glickman give you the official population of the town in which I was born, it's about 50 percent larger then it was when I was born there; but all my mother's people came from a little town called Bodcaw, which still has only 50 people in it. And I have on my desk upstairs a picture of my grandfather with his family in 1907. Just about all of them were farmers and when they were forced to leave the land and come into the large city of Hope most of them kept little plots of land out in the country for decades where they kept there hand in and they continued to grow their crops and harvest them even when they could no longer themselves make a living on the land.

And when I was a boy it was part of the ritual of every summer that I would go out and help them work the land when I wasn't in school. And in the fall help them to bring in everything from vegetables to watermelon. I don't know if watermelon is a fruit or vegetable. I think it's something in between.

Also, when I was governor I governed a state which had a lot of people who didn't have enough to eat. And I saw this remarkable coalition of people following the moral tradition of virtually every religion which consistently admonishes us to take care of the poor and the hungry. So this is a remarkable day and something that all of you can be proud of. And those of you who worked on this bill know that you can be especially

'proud' of it because you had some very powerful opponents of what we attempted to do.

We are carrying on here a long and proud tradition of bipartisan commitment; a coalition that was first forged by Hubert Humphrey, Robert Dole and George McGovern a generation ago. By standing together in that tradition we have ensured that America keeps its contract with our farmers and ranchers and with people in need.

We all know that our nation's core values in many ways have their deepest roots in rural America, in its commitment to community and mutual responsibility, to strong families and individual initiative. Direct, trusting interaction among neighbors so hard to find in some places in our country and throughout the world, still have very strong roots in rural towns. Every American has a stake, therefore, in making sure that rural America stays strong into the 21st Century, not only because they feed us but because in many ways they feed our spirit and help us to forge our character as a nation.

This Bill, as has already been said, does a lot of very good things for America. First, it rights a wrong. When I signed the Welfare Reform Bill in 1996 I said the cuts in nutritional programs were too deep and had nothing whatever to do with welfare reform. Last year we restored Medicaid and SSI benefits to 420,000 legal immigrants. Today we reinstate food stamp benefits to 250,000 legal immigrants, including seniors, persons with disabilities and 75,000 children. In addition, the Hmong immigrants from Laos who heroically fought for our nation during the Vietnam war will again receive their full food benefits, overdue, high time and I appreciate the fact that they were included in this Bill.

None of these benefit cuts had the first thing to do with welfare reform. Reinstating them is the right thing to do and will have nothing to do with the success we've enjoyed which has brought welfare rates in America down to a 29 year low now.

Beyond that, this Bill extends opportunity for all Americans, especially for farmers and ranchers. Today I think it's worth noting again, as I prepare to leave for China, American agriculture is one of our most powerful export engines. Products from one of every three acres planted in America are sold abroad. As this strong growth continues in the new century our farmers and ranchers will need to feed millions and millions of more people around the world. They will need to do their work in a more sustainable way to protect our water and fragile soil. They will need to continue improving food safety by investing in cutting-edge agricultural research, funding rural

development and bolstering crop insurance. This Bill will help our farmers meet the needs of tomorrow's world.

We are channeling an additional \$120 million a year, over the next five years to vital investments in food and agriculture genome research, food safety and technology, human nutrition and agricultural biotechnology. We're allocating \$60 million a year over the next five years to give grants and loans to underserved rural communities where people must diversify their economy on an available, attainable scale in order to preserve the fabric of life there.

These grants will ensure, I hope and believe, that more and more of our rural communities can finally share in this remarkable national economic prosperity that we are enjoying. We are also providing our farmers with peace of mind because crop insurance will be there for them should disaster strike. In certain parts of the country farmers are hurting now.

And it is clear, that in addition, we need to strengthen the farm safety net for the future. The legislation that we signed today is a very good start but there are some more things I believe we should do.

In addition to strengthening the safety net for farmers we must protect our exports by passing the legislation sponsored by Senators Murray and Roberts, and Representative Pomeroy to allow our farmers to continue to export wheat to Pakistan and India. It was never intended, I don't believe, to use food as a weapon in foreign policy even in this extreme circumstance. And I strongly support that legislation and believe we have big bipartisan support for doing something about it immediately. And it's important that it be done immediately because of the necessity of getting those contracts out and making sure the shipments are there if they're going to be there. I feel that we will be successful.

Congress must also give the IMF the resources it needs to help to stabilize the economies of Asia, in part because they are huge markets for United States farm products. Finally, we must protect the many advances we're making in the Bill I'm just about to sign. Believe it or not, the Bill I'm just about to sign already has some provisions which are in jeopardy.

There are some in Congress who are working to undue the progress embodied in this Bill. The Appropriations Committees have taken steps to cut the funding next year for the research and rural development programs I just mentioned, limit our food safety efforts and cut as many as 100,000 women and children from the WIC program at a time when our economy is doing well and we can clearly afford to continue these things. This Bill is the example of how we should work together.

Let me just mention one other issue before I sign the Bill -- an example of how the country does well when we put progress ahead of partisanship. In the bipartisan balanced budget agreement I was proud to sign into law last year we gave Medicare patients new choices, enabled them to enroll in private health plans and extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund for a decade. Building on that new bipartisan law I instructed our Administration to implement a Patient's Bill of Rights for the one-third of Americans who receive Federal health care benefits.

Beginning this week we are putting those protections into effect. From now on, for example, Medicare patients will have the right to see a specialist in a broad range of areas. Women will have a right to see women's health specialists. Medicare patients will have a right to privacy for their medical records.

This marks the most significant change in Medicare in three decades. It shows what we can do when we put progress over partisanship. That's why I also strongly support the bipartisan effort being launched today in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Dingle and Ganske to extend the Patient's Bill of Rights to all Americans.

Today we mark another milestone in this kind of bipartisan cooperation. We've come along way from the days when Thomas Jefferson thought every American should be a farmer, even the farmers are glad that's not true. But what he said then is still true in many ways: "The cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens, the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interest by the most lasting bonds."

Today we strengthened those bonds. And we strengthened those bonds to those whose hold on the American dream is still fragile. In so doing we do our part to do what Mr. Jefferson wanted us to do, to always be about the business of forming a more perfect Union.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I would like to ask all the members of Congress to come up here while we sign the Bill. Come on up.

(Signing of the Bill.)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Q (Inaudible) VX (inaudible) despite reports by U.N. weapons inspectors that they found fragments on SCUD missiles. What do you think this says about Iraq, and what should you do?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: You asked me about the report about the U.N. weapons inspectors, that there were traces of VX found in a missile head?

Q Well, it proves that the United -- let me just say. It proves that the United States has been accurate and correct in our insistence all along that we support the U.N. inspections in Iraq. And it proves that our decision to oppose relaxing the sanctions until all the U.N. resolutions have been complied with is an accurate one.

Mr. Butler is doing his job and we need to wait until we hear the report. There is a news report to this effect, but it just proves that -- you know, our job in the world is to try to reduce the danger that our people and others in the world face from nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. And sometimes we have to do it even when our friends and neighbors don't think it is as important as we do. It is very important.

If this report is true, it will just show that our insistence over these last many years on the U.N. inspection system is the right thing to do for the safety of America and the safety of the rest of the world. And we'll stay with the position we've always had. Let the inspections go forward and don't lift the sanctions until the resolutions are complied with.

Q Sir, China has refused visas to three Radio Free Asia journalists. What would you plan to do about that, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I am aware of the Chinese refusal. I think it is a highly objectionable decision. We will protest it. We hope they'll reconsider it. And it is actually rather ironic because this decision to deny the visa to the Radio Free Asia journalists is depriving China of the credit that it otherwise would have gotten for giving more visas to a more diverse group of journalists and allowing more different kinds of people in there than they've ever done before.

And the fact that they denied the visa for the Radio Free Asia people will actually undercut the credit which otherwise would have come their way because of that.

Thank you, very much.

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Hi Ruby:

Such short notice to come up with a Presidential speech! This is a first for me to have the responsibility of writing for the President of the US of A. But here goes. I hope it is OK. Please feel free to take any and all editorial license with this copy:

"Hello everyone. It is indeed an honor for me to join all of you this evening in paying tribute to one of our country's most talented and inspirational artists, Stevie Wonder, MusiCares 1999 Person of the Year. → not a must

Music has always been an important part of my life and it is wonderful to know that an organization like MusiCares exists to help those who bring us so much joy through the art of music. It is also wonderful to know that artists like Stevie are giving so much of their talent and energy to support the admirable efforts of MusiCares.

Since my days in the high school in the 1960s, in the 1970s club,
Stevie, there are so many reason why Hilary and I love you and are proud to join the music industry tonight in paying tribute to you and your outstanding accomplishments. You spearheaded the realization of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday and helped keep this great leader's memory alive. Your involvement in helping to end apartheid in South Africa is legendary. And your commitment to the Charge Against Hunger Campaign helped raise over \$150 million dollars to feed six million fellow Americans. Your passion for helping others shines as bright as your passion for music. You really are...the Sunshine of our Lives!

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It was great to see Stevie 4P — the 1st for arena in Miami — ...


Congratulations to ~~you~~ Stevie on being named MusiCares 1999 Person of the Year. And on behalf of every American, thank you for sharing your God-given musical gifts with all of us over the years and for using these gifts to help make this a better world for all mankind."

Ruby, please tell President Clinton that I am rooting for him!!!!

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Josh Gottheimer

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has played in that success.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
FORD LINCOLN MERCURY MINORITY DEALERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
AWARDS BANQUET
February 26, 1999**

Good evening. I am very pleased to be a part of the Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association's 20th Annual Awards Banquet. It is with great pride and appreciation that I have the honor of accepting this year's Jesse Lewis Jackson Award. It is an honor to be in the company of past recipients like Rev. Jesse Jackson, Maxine Waters, and John Lewis -- who have all contributed so much time and effort to the support and promotion of minority-owned businesses.

For nearly 100 yrs
Since the birth of this century the automobile industry has been a bedrock of the American economy. But for too long, there were too few minority-owned car dealerships. Since 1979, the FLMMDA has set out to help minority-owners overcome these barriers by helping to stop minority-dealership closings; training new dealers; and addressing the special challenges minority dealerships face.

On 1929, there were only 16 FLMMDA
And they've since turned the corner. Membership in FLMMDA has grown from 16 dealerships in 1979 to 235 in 1997 -- that's almost a 1500% increase in its 20-year history. In fact, the organization now represents over sixty percent of all African American dealerships in the United States. Today there are more than 200

Not only is the FLMMDA committed to minority dealerships, but their involvement also extends to the education of minority students across the nation. The association annually awards scholarship to ten high school seniors wishing to attend historical Black universities. And their Minority Dealer Training Program offers educational opportunities and skills training for minority workers.

Congratulations again on your two decades of service -- and for your generous award. Keep up the good work.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF RECORDING ARTISTS
IN HONOR OF MR. STEVIE WONDER
FEBRUARY 22, 1999**

Good evening. It is an honor to join the National Academy of Recording Artists to pay tribute to one of our country's most talented and inspirational artists, Stevie Wonder -- MusiCares 1999 Person of the Year.

Bringing hope in turbulent times to those who need it most, MusiCares has distinguished itself as the human services voice within your industry -- providing essential support for music industry people with health problems or substance abuse addictions. Stevie Wonder has been one of the leading voices in this and other humanitarian efforts.

Stevie, as you know, music has always played an important role in my life. As a budding young musician myself, I must admit I was a little envious of your debut album *Twelve Year Old Genius*. But by the time of your hit *Superstition*, I realized that my talents would be more appreciated elsewhere. You've fortunately stuck with your keyboard, and have been entertaining us for generations. As we all witnessed during intermission at this year's Superbowl, you haven't missed a beat. ✓

Nelson Mandela has referred to Stevie Wonder as his "son" -- and it is for good reason. From your fight to end apartheid in South Africa -- to your commitment to the Charge Against Hunger Campaign, your efforts ~~have served as~~ ^{are} a beacon for others in the music industry. And as you've demonstrated through your Vision Awards and your own successes, visual impairment should not be an obstacle to personal and professional achievement.

Stevie, congratulations again on tonight's distinction -- keep on rocking. Good night.

Joshua S. Gottheimer
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Stevie, for as long as I can remember, your music has filled the ^{air} ~~radio~~ waves, ^{lifting our hearts,} bringing ~~both sunshine and~~ inspiration to all rock and roll fans. Who could forget your debut album, fittingly called the Twelve Year Old Genius -- and smash hits like ^{by} ~~Superstition~~ and ~~Ebony and~~ ^{"Sunshine of my life" [ck]} ~~travy~~. As exemplified ^{by} in your 19 Grammy Awards, your remarkable talent has been ^{honor} ~~honor~~ed continually recognized by past and present artists -- and upheld as an artistic institution. As we all witnessed during ^{the halftime show} ~~intermission~~ at this year's Superbowl, you haven't missed a beat.

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Stevie, congratulations again ^{and} keep on rocking.

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In 1929, there were only 16 FLMMDA minority dealerships in the country. Today, there are more than 200 -- that's almost a 1500% increase in only 20 years. After years of decline, the US auto industry is now number one in the world again -- and minority dealers have played a big role in that success.

The FLMMDA is committed to expanding opportunity for minorities beyond the car lot -- to the school house. The Association ~~annually~~ awards scholarships to ten deserving high school seniors so that they can attend historically Black universities. And your Minority Dealer Training Program is helping generations of minority workers and their families with educational and skills training programs.

I thank you again

Congratulations again on your two decades of service -- and for your generous award.
Keep up the good work.

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prenatal care, it is one more sign that WIC's efforts are helping to build a healthier future for our nation.

As President, I have worked hard to ensure that as many women, infants and children as possible can participate in WIC. Last year, I was proud to sign into law -- with broad bipartisan support -- a bill which reauthorized the WIC program into the 21st Century. This legislation help^s guarantee that programs like WIC will continue to help more Americans enjoyer healthier lives.

Congratulations again and thank you for all of your hard work.

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Mrs. Hillary Clinton
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c/o Pam Cicetti
West Wing 2nd Floor
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Washington, D.C. 20502

November 10, 1998

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

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For your convenience, I have enclosed a brochure on the efforts of MusiCares and a press release on the GRAMMY organization's tribute to Stevie Wonder. If you have any questions regarding this request, please don't hesitate to call Dana Tomarken, Managing Director of MusiCares at (310) 392-3777. It would be most helpful to receive your letter no later than Monday, January 11, 1999.

Warmest regards,


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October 21, 1998

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"Stevie Wonder is a living legend for both his talent and heart," commented Mike Greene. "His musical accomplishments are matched only by his philanthropic endeavors to the community at large and, in this case, to his fellow music people through MusiCares. He is the fifth most honored GRAMMY artist with a remarkable history of 59 nominations and 19 awards. We are truly privileged to be honoring this gifted man."

Mr. Wonder has repeatedly been recognized and awarded for his many accomplishments and successes. His GRAMMY nominations and awards span four decades, including those for best male vocalist in both pop and R&B categories, best pop song and best album. He was also the recipient of an Academy Award in 1985 for Best Song, "I Just Called to Say I Love You," inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1989, honored with the GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 and inducted into the GRAMMY Hall of Fame in 1998 with his hit, "Superstition."

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Mr. Wonder has also been recognized for his many contributions and efforts made outside his music career. Among them are a Distinguished Service Award from the President's Committee on Employment of Handicapped People that he received in 1969. In 1990 he received the Carousel of Hope Award from the Children's Diabetes Foundation and an Honorary Global Founder's Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Over the years, Wonder has also shown his involvement in politics, lobbying for gun control, against the apartheid system in South Africa and for the national holiday recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. He has contributed his time and efforts to several other worthy causes including, AIDS awareness and the Charge Against Hunger program where his efforts, in conjunction with American Express, help to raise over \$150 million to feed nearly six million hungry Americans yearly.

In 1997, Stevie Wonder and SAP created the SAP/Stevie Wonder Vision Awards to recognize outstanding products, people and research that assimilated visually impaired individuals into the work force. In its first year, winners in each of three categories - Product, Vision Pioneer and Role Model Organization - won up to \$250,000 in prize money.

Motown president Berry Gordy and his producer Brian Holland discovered the young and talented Stevie Wonder and quickly signed him to the Motown off shoot label Tamla. In 1963, Tamla released his debut album, *Little Stevie Wonder: The Twelve-Year-Old Genius*, including the hit single "Fingertips, Part II", which became the first live performance of a song to reach the top of the U.S. pop charts. That same year, he became the first recording artist to reach the Number One position on the Billboard Hot 100, R&B Singles and Album charts simultaneously. Since that time, Wonder has amassed an amazing career that includes 48 top 40 Singles, 25 # 1 singles and worldwide sales of over 100 million units.

The MusiCares Foundation was established by the Recording Academy in 1989 in an effort to stay at the forefront of many important human service and social issues. Over the years, MusiCares has distinguished itself by insuring, in times of trouble, that music people are treated with dignity and provided with critical and confidential financial aid to help them through their difficult periods.

For information on purchasing tickets, tables or recognition in the souvenir program for the MusiCares "Person of the Year" tribute to Stevie Wonder, please contact Dana Tomarken at MusiCares, (310)392-3777. The event will also showcase an extensive silent auction featuring collectibles such as music and sports memorabilia, artwork and other luxury items.

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling

FROM: Ann Lewis
Assistant to the President
Director of Communications

REQUEST: Video Message honoring Stevie Wonder.

PURPOSE: To honor the musician Stevie Wonder,
recipient of MusiCares "Person of the Year"
award.

DATE AND TIME: For February 22 gala.

BACKGROUND: The National Academy of Recording Arts and
Sciences is naming Stevie Wonder MusiCares
1999 Person of the Year. This gala is
MusiCares biggest gala and fundraiser of the
year, and its proceeds benefit needy music
industry professionals. They had invited the
President to attend the gala and Stephanie
Streett replied that the request was being
considered.

DURATION:

REMARKS:

STAFF CONTACT: Ann Lewis or Ruby Shamir x62640

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: National Academy of Recording Arts and
Sciences Invitation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1998

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President and Chief Executive Officer
National Academy of Recording
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Dear Mr. Greene:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for inviting the President to attend the National Academy of Recording Artists' 1999 Person of the Year gala honoring Mr. Stevie Wonder in Los Angeles, California.

The White House is presently unable to confirm the President's availability on February 22, 1999. You will be contacted when further information becomes available.

Please know that President Clinton appreciates your interest and that your request will continue to receive careful consideration. Should you need further scheduling assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
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Mr. Wonder has repeatedly been recognized and awarded for his many accomplishments and successes. His GRAMMY nominations and awards span four decades, including those for best male vocalist in both pop and R&B categories, best pop song and best album. He was also the recipient of an Academy Award in 1985 for Best Song, "I Just Called to Say I Love You," inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1989, honored with the GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 and inducted into the GRAMMY Hall of Fame in 1998 with his hit, "Superstition."

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Mr. Wonder has also been recognized for his many contributions and efforts made outside his music career. Among them are a Distinguished Service Award from the President's Committee on Employment of Handicapped People that he received in 1969. In 1990 he received the Carousel of Hope Award from the Children's Diabetes Foundation and an Honorary Global Founder's Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Over the years, Wonder has also shown his involvement in politics, lobbying for gun control, against the apartheid system in South Africa and for the national holiday recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. He has contributed his time and efforts to several other worthy causes including, AIDS awareness and the Charge Against Hunger program where his efforts, in conjunction with American Express, help to raise over \$150 million to feed nearly six million hungry Americans yearly.

In 1997, Stevie Wonder and SAP created the SAP/Stevie Wonder Vision Awards to recognize outstanding products, people and research that assimilated visually impaired individuals into the work force. In its first year, winners in each of three categories - Product, Vision Pioneer and Role Model Organization - won up to \$250,000 in prize money.

Motown president Berry Gordy and his producer Brian Holland discovered the young and talented Stevie Wonder and quickly signed him to the Motown off shoot label Tamla. In 1963, Tamla released his debut album, *Little Stevie Wonder: The Twelve-Year-Old Genius*, including the hit single "Fingertips, Part II", which became the first live performance of a song to reach the top of the U.S. pop charts. That same year, he became the first recording artist to reach the Number One position on the Billboard Hot 100, R&B Singles and Album charts simultaneously. Since that time, Wonder has amassed an amazing career that includes 48 top 40 Singles, 25 # 1 singles and worldwide sales of over 100 million units.

The MusiCares Foundation was established by the Recording Academy in 1989 in an effort to stay at the forefront of many important human service and social issues. Over the years, MusiCares has distinguished itself by insuring, in times of trouble, that music people are treated with dignity and provided with critical and confidential financial aid to help them through their difficult periods.

For information on purchasing tickets, tables or recognition in the souvenir program for the MusiCares "Person of the Year" tribute to Stevie Wonder, please contact Dana Tomarken at MusiCares, (310)392-3777. The event will also showcase an extensive silent auction featuring collectibles such as music and sports memorabilia, artwork and other luxury items.

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Stevie Wonder

WHEN little Stevie Wonder's family moved to Detroit, his mother was afraid to let her seven-year-old boy, who had been blind since birth, out of the house. And a brilliant musical career was launched. To pass the time, Wonder would beat spoons on pots, pans, and any other surface that helped him keep rhythm with the tunes he heard on the radio. As he became proficient on various real instruments, he started playing at the local church and soon grew to be something of a neighborhood sensation. His local fame reached critical mass when Berry Gordy, the founder of Motown, came to hear the ten-year-old Wonder, and signed him on the spot. His first album for Motown, *12-Year-Old Genius*, had a monster hit with "Fingertips, Part 2." He hit the road with other Motown acts, and scored hits with "Uptight (Everything's Alright)," "For Once in My Life," and "I Was Made To Love Her."

Although Wonder co-produced, wrote, and played many of the instruments on his albums, Motown still maintained a stranglehold over his professional and personal life. Motown had Wonder appearing with whiter-than-white Frankie Avalon and purer-than-pure Annette Funicello in such fare as *Bikini Beach*. Is it any wonder that he wanted out of his contract when he turned twenty-one? The split from Motown was bitter, but by starting his own studio, Wonder was able to start exploring: he made records that combined elements of gospel, rock and roll, jazz, African, and Latin American rhythms. Wonder eventually made amends with Gordy, and Motown distributed *Music of My Mind*. In 1972, Wonder went on tour as the Rolling Stones' opening act (they had been his opening act years before), and this introduction to white audiences was pivotal to his success as an adult performer.

From 1972 through 1976, he had hit after hit, including classics such as "Superwoman (Where Were You When I Needed You)," "Superstition," and "You Are the Sunshine of My Life." A near-fatal car crash in 1973 led him to reevaluate his goals in life, and he started to concentrate on altruistic causes: he lobbied the federal government to create the Martin Luther King, Jr., national birthday holiday; in 1982, he played the Peace Sunday concert to protest nuclear



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weapons and promote peace, and he recorded a number of songs that urged racial harmony ("Ebony and Ivory" with Paul McCartney), opposed drunk driving ("Don't Drive Drunk"), and fought world hunger ("We Are the World"). Wonder's anti-apartheid work was recently acknowledged when he was invited to meet with South African president Nelson Mandela, who said: "Stevie Wonder is my son, and I speak to him with great affection."

In the nineties, Wonder put together the soundtrack for Spike Lee's controversial film *Jungle Fever*, and he released the critically acclaimed *Conversation Peace*, which was eight years in the making, but well worth the wait. Wonder's long career has been remarkable not just for his musical genius, but for his persistence in overcoming obstacles—most notably his blindness—that have stood in his way. Witness his recent participation at a charity auction: he drove James Bond's BMW Roadster onstage to help auction it off.

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December 16, 1998

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential
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FROM: Minyon Moore
Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison

REQUEST: Video thanking the Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers
Association (FLMMDA) for awarding the President with
the Jesse Lewis Jackson Award.

PURPOSE: To be shown at the Association's 20th Annual Awards
Banquet on February 26, 1999.

BACKGROUND:  The FLMMDA was formed in 1979 in the midst of
devastating inflation that led to large numbers of dealership
closings, particularly among minority-owned dealerships.
The Association set out to promote minority dealerships by
helping to stop the closings, training new dealers, and later
addressing the special concerns and challenges that
minority dealerships face. ~~The membership has since~~
~~grown from 16 in 1979 to 235 in 1997.~~

The Jesse Lewis Jackson Award is presented annually by
the FLMMDA to a member of government who has
advanced the Association's mission. ~~Previous recipients~~
~~include Congressman John Conyers, Congresswoman~~
~~Maxine Waters, Congressman John Lewis, and Rev. Jesse~~
~~Jackson.~~

Please Note: They have also requested a representative to
accept the award on the President's behalf.

DATE AND TIME: Shown on February 26, 1999

DURATION: 3 minutes

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: The Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association

SCRIPT: To be provided by speechwriting

DEADLINE: February 15, 1999

CONTACT: Minyon Moore or Jocelyn Neis, 6-7910

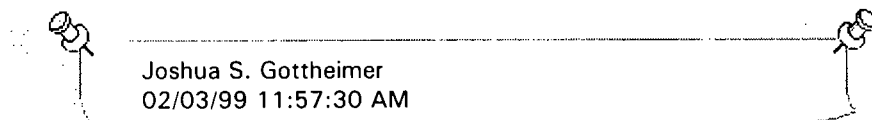
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Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association

RECOMMENDED BY: Craig T. Smith

CONTACT: Chris Lavery

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Michael Green

Last year, WIC reached over 7.4 million low-income women, infants and children. Due in large part to expansions during my Administration, WIC participation has grown 30 percent, and the program now helps half of America's infants. My FY2000 Budget proposes \$4.1 billion to serve 7.5 million people through 2000, fulfilling my goal of full participation in the WIC program.



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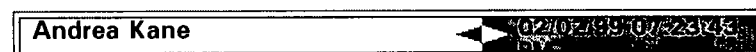
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For nearly one hundred years, the automobile industry has been an engine that drives our economy. ~~But for too long, there were too few minority-owned car dealerships.~~ Since 1979, the Association has set out to help minority owners overcome these barriers by training new dealers and addressing the special challenges minority dealerships face. ~~And now there are 200 today,~~

~~In 1979, there were only 16 minority dealerships recognized by the Association in the entire country. Today, there are more than 200 -- that's almost a 1500% increase in only 20 years.~~ After years of decline, the US auto industry is now number one in the world again -- and minority dealers have played a big role in that success.

The FLMMDA is committed to expanding opportunity for minorities beyond the car lot - to the school house. The Association awards scholarships to ten deserving high school seniors so that they can attend historically Black universities. And your Minority Dealer Training Program is helping generations of minority workers and their families with educational and skills training programs.

Congratulations again on your two decades of service -- and I thank you again for your generous award. Keep up the good work.

For ~~40~~ more than three decades, Per. J. ~~has helped~~ ^{all} secure the civil rights of ~~our forgotten~~ Americans, and, most recently, to bring the spark of private enterprise to every corner of our country, from Wall St. to App. ~~It has been my honor to work with him in this important endeavor.~~

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This award is well named. It is a profound honor for me to ~~join~~ be in the company of past recipients like John Lewis + Maxine Waters — and Rev. Jackson himself — all of whom have contributed so much time + effort to expanding econ. opportunity for ~~the American~~ minority Americans.

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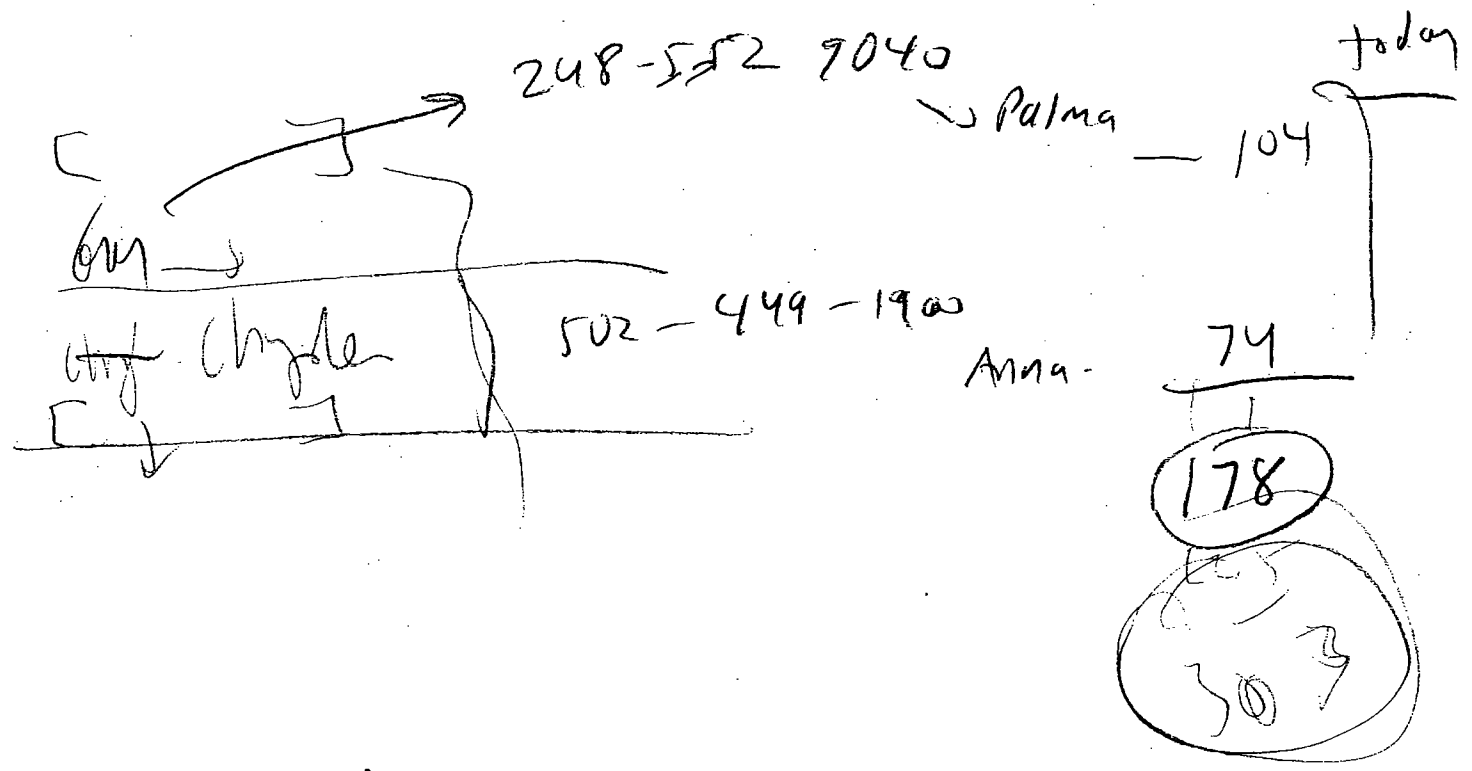
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February 22, 1999**

Good evening. It is an honor to join with the National Academy of Recording Artists in tribute to one of our country's most talented and inspirational artists, Stevie Wonder -- the MusiCares 1999 Person of the Year.

Bringing hope to those who need it most, MusiCares has distinguished itself as a vital source of human services -- providing essential support for people in your industry with health problems or substance abuse addictions. Stevie Wonder has been one of the leading voices in this and other humanitarian efforts.

Nelson Mandela has referred to Stevie Wonder as his "son" -- and it is for good reason. From your fight to end apartheid in South Africa to your commitment to the Charge Against Hunger Campaign, Stevie, your efforts are a beacon for others in the music industry. And as you've demonstrated through your Vision Awards and your own successes, visual impairment should not be an obstacle to personal and professional achievement.

Last year, when Prime Minister Tony Blair came to the White House, I was honored to choose Stevie Wonder to represent our nation. Stevie, for as long as I can remember, your wonderful voice has lifted our hearts. From talent night at the Apollo...to your 19 Grammys...to the halftime show at the Superbowl, you haven't missed a beat. Stevie, congratulations again.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Women, Infants, and Children program on the celebration of your anniversary. Since 1974, in more than 10,000 clinics all over the country, WIC has given millions of young families -- more than 7 million Americans -- both the wise advice and the nutritious foods they need to grow healthy and strong.

WIC's efforts have been a tremendous success. Studies show that WIC mothers have stronger and healthier babies. Children enrolled in WIC programs are immunized earlier, perform better in school, and spend less time in the doctor's office. Every time a needy child eats a healthy breakfast or a young mother is referred to prenatal care, it is one more sign that WIC's efforts are helping to build a healthier future for our nation.

Even before I became President, I worked hard to ensure that as many women, infants and children as possible could participate in WIC. Since 1993, we have increased participation in WIC by one-third. Last year, I was proud to sign into law -- with broad bipartisan support -- a bill which will help the WIC program grow to meet the needs of the 21st Century and help more Americans enjoy healthier lives. Congratulations again and thank you for all of your hard work.