

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1994

The Honorable Ernest J. Istook
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Istook:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to respond to your letter about the participation of German nationals in the President's Task Force on Health Care Reform. As you know, the Task Force was a 12 member body composed of Cabinet officials and senior White House staff and chaired by the First Lady. No German or other foreign nationals participated in any way in the work of the Task Force. In addition, no German or other foreign nationals were members of the separate health care interdepartmental working group, and we are aware of no working group meeting that was attended by any foreign national. Members of the working group were involved in extensive outreach efforts to solicit information, and it is of course conceivable that one or more foreign nationals could have attended these outreach meetings.

On March 22, 1993, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, an independent, non-profit organization, sponsored an American-German Workshop on Health Care Reform in Washington that was attended by some members of the working group. No government funds were expended for travel or other expenses incurred by any of the participants in that workshop.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Klein".

Jennifer Klein
Senior Policy Analyst

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

August 3, 1994

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Information has come to my attention indicating that German nationals, perhaps German government officials, participated in the work of the President's National Health Care Task Force on at least three or more occasions, flying from Germany to the United States for meetings.

Please provide clear and accurate information on the following questions:

Did German nationals, or the nationals of any other country, play any role in aiding, discussing, researching, advising, consulting, drafting or writing any part of the work of the National Health Care Task Force?

If so, to what extent did these foreign nationals participate in the work of the National Health Care Task Force?

What were the names, titles and professional associations of any foreign nationals who may have participated in the work of the Task Force?

Under what working group, subgroup or cluster group of the Task Force did any foreign nationals participate?

Were any United States taxpayer funds expended for the travel, support or expenses of such German or other nationals during their visits to this country? If so, how much and from what appropriated accounts were these funds expended?

If German officials met with anyone on behalf of the Clinton Administration during the time of the Task Force's work, but those meetings are not construed to have been part of its "official" work, I ask that you nevertheless provide the requested information on these meetings as well.

I look forward to your prompt and informative response.

Very truly yours,


Ernest J. Istook, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Dear Congressman Istook:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to respond to your letter about the participation of German nationals in the President's Task Force on Health Care Reform.

~~Your information is incorrect. No German or other foreign nationals participated in the work of the Task Force or the Health Care Working Group.~~ On March 22, 1993, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, an independent, non-profit organization, sponsored an American-German Workshop on Health Care Reform in Washington that was attended by some members of the Working Group. No government funds were expended for travel or other expenses incurred by any of the participants in that workshop.

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Jennifer Klein
Special Assistant to
the President for
Domestic Policy

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Is it only TF, or WG too?

What mean by participated?

How do we know this?

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PP: As you also know, the health care interdepartmental group, the health care interdepartmental group, at the same time, no foreign nationals were members of the separate health care interdepartmental group, we are also aware of no working group meeting that

- ① Have the representations been checked? What basis was attended by any foreign national.
- ② Need copy of incoming letter. many of which were open to the public.
- ③ Checked w/ Steve N. ? Of course, members of the working group were involved in extensive outreach efforts to select information, and it is conceivable that one or more foreign nationals could have attended such meetings.

For, it might
make sense to
attach their letter
with the questions
Answered.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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as well as
by representatives
of industry,
the non-profit
community
groups, etc.*

*Is this
true?
I'd like to
show how
close between
WH &
them.*



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

September 9, 1994

TO: Jennifer Klein
FROM: John Rogovin
RE: Attached

Just wanted to make sure that you
saw this.

Attachment

Jan -
Hope all is well. Fine for
I hope you have
lunch or dinner some time.
Regards
JR



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Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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COMMENTS:

Sen -

I think we need a copy of the incoming letter. Also, has Steve N. seen this? I think he should. Also, on what basis are the representations in your letter made? Are we supposed to check or have you?

Thanks,

John

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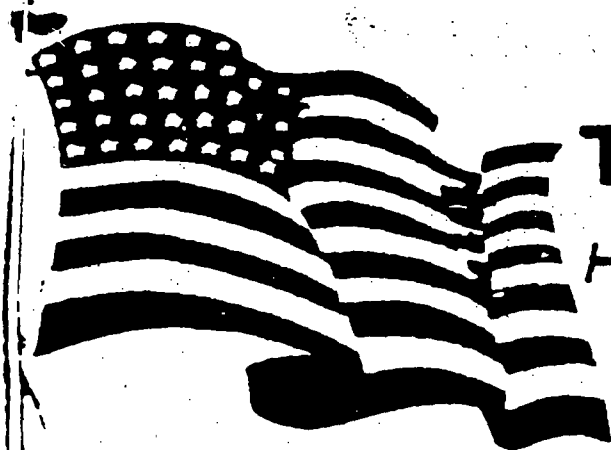
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[Signature]



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FROM: Jennifer Klein

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Does this
look O.K.
to you?

Jen

TO: Davee, Elizabeth

FR: John

Could you please review.

John