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WW Desk

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SEAN MALONEY  
LISEL LOY

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following information items:

- (A) **Berger memo on donated drugs** – in response to your question about a *New York Times* article on the quality of U.S. drugs sent overseas, Sandy replies that donated drugs are an important component of international humanitarian relief, encouraged by tax incentives that allow deductions for charitable donations, but that recently there have been examples of inappropriate dumping by pharmaceutical companies (e.g., Bosnia). To set standards, WHO has published guidelines to help ensure drugs are donated in appropriate quantities, comply with standards, and are labeled; USAID ensures that donations transported by the U.S. government follow WHO guidelines (only a small portion of overall donations). In addition, a coalition of pharmaceutical companies and private organizations has formed to promote compliance with the guidelines; Rep. Doggett (D-TX) is introducing legislation to make tax deductions more difficult unless certain requirements are met (we'll support if it is compatible with Administration tax policy); and we have asked the Surgeon General to convene an interagency group to review the issue and suggest additional steps.
- (B) **McCaffrey/Ibarra letter on drugs in sport** – forwards a report on the recent 26-nation Summit on Drugs in Sport and highlights three elements of the Sydney Communiqué developed at the Summit that advance U.S. policy goals: calls for a stronger World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA); adopts specific improvements for WADA, most recommended by the U.S.; and calls upon participating nations to strengthen their domestic efforts to combat drug use in sport. To advance Summit outcomes, Mickey and Barry plan to meet with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) leadership to discuss WADA changes.
- (C) **Koskinen Y2K monthly report** – updates you on activities including: issuance of their final quarterly readiness report; release of Commerce study on Y2K impacts on the U.S. economy; event with Secretary Glickman to demonstrate Y2K readiness of the food supply system; meeting with coordinators from 11 other countries to discuss date rollover; and final Y2K community conversation.

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Problems with Donated Drugs Sent Overseas

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You asked about a New York Times article that highlighted deficiencies in the quality and appropriateness of U.S. donated drugs sent overseas.

Donated medicines are an important component of international humanitarian relief efforts, development aid in non-emergency situations and as donations to governments and specific hospitals. IRS regulations allow enhanced deductions which provide incentive for corporations to donate drugs for "the ill, the needy, or infants." Most often, contributions are used to reduce suffering and save lives. However, some pharmaceutical companies have been accused of dumping unneeded inventories for tax breaks - even when recipient governments have not requested the products. For example, in Bosnia, as much as half of the 30,000 tons of donated medical supplies were of little or no value to the government, but the cost of destroying the unnecessary drugs was estimated to be \$30 million.

In order to help set standards for donated drugs, WHO has published guidelines in cooperation with major international humanitarian relief agencies. Though not mandatory, the guidelines will help ensure that (1) drugs will be relevant to needs; (2) donations are labeled properly; (3) pharmaceuticals comply with standards of the donor country (and will not include expired or returned products); (4) the donor agency follows local administrative procedures and avoids unnecessarily high customs charges; and (5) drugs will be donated in an appropriate quantity, minimizing disposal problems and costs.

With regard to drugs donations transported by the U.S. Government, USAID ensures donations follow the WHO guidelines. Unfortunately, this covers only a small proportion of all the drugs donated internationally. However, with growing public concern about inappropriate donations, a broad coalition of

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

pharmaceutical companies and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) was formed earlier this year to actively promote compliance among PVOs and pharmaceutical companies. Furthermore, Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas) is introducing legislation to amend the current tax code to make it more difficult for companies to take deductions for charitable drug contributions unless they meet certain requirements in line with WHO guidelines. We will watch this legislation and lend support if it is compatible with other Administration tax policy. Finally, we have asked the Surgeon General to convene an interagency group to review the issue and suggest additional steps we can take to ensure the WHO donation guidelines are followed by all U.S. PVOs and pharmaceutical companies.

Attachments

- New York Times Article



By REED ABELSON

Public health officials have long suspected that many drugs donated to aid groups to be sent overseas do not meet local medical needs or are likely to expire before they can be used. A new study by the Harvard School of Public Health concludes that concerns over the quality of donated drugs are well founded.

The study, to be released today, is the first to look closely at drug donations from the United States — a byzantine process that is rarely made public by drug manufacturers or relief agencies. The study focused on two major American relief agencies, which cooperated on the condition that they not be identified, and used field studies in three countries, Armenia, Haiti and Tanzania.

Most drugs donated and sent over the two to three years of the study — between 1994 and 1997 — were considered useful and helped those in need. And the study cited many examples of how the donations improved the quality of life in various countries.

But a significant amount of donations — anywhere from 10 percent to 42 percent, looking at the figures from the two agencies in each of the three countries — were not listed by the recipient country or the World Health Organization as high-priority drugs.

The study also found that, looking at worldwide data from the aid agencies, about 30 percent of the drugs had a year or less until expiration, and 6 percent had less than 100 days.

In the study, local health organizations in Haiti, for example, reported that they received many drugs that did not meet their needs and many that had expired.

World Health Organization guidelines say drugs should be given at least a year before the expiration date because of the time it takes to distribute them, and most drugs have a much longer shelf life. Expired drugs can lose their effectiveness, and many relief workers feel that donated drugs should meet the same standards as those used at home.

"There are problems and issues at all levels," said Michael R. Reich, a professor of international health policy at Harvard who conducted the study.

He pointed out that relief organizations, drug companies, charities, local governments and the hospitals and clinics all share responsibility for making sure that donations are handled in a way that will determine whether the drugs meet local medical needs, and all bear some responsibility for the large amount of waste.

Relief workers concerned about the problem say that as long as pharmaceutical companies can expect valuable tax breaks and a way to rid themselves of excess inventory when they donate goods, the stream of unwanted donations is likely to continue. Charities, too, benefit by handling these gifts, since they can be used to magnify the size of their programs.

The study did not address American tax law but focused instead on actions the relief agencies and companies could take.

If anything, Mr. Reich said, the study may paint too bright a picture for having relied on the cooperation of charities whose data and practices may have been better than average. "There is a real need for all these organizations to think hard about their practices," he said.

The study was sponsored by the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations, a group formed by drug companies and relief agencies to try to improve their donations. Mr. Reich emphasized that the study was conducted independently and not reviewed by the sponsors before being sent to press for publication today in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization.

Mr. Reich's work "suggests there is a good deal that is useful about these donations, but that there is a lot of work to be done," said Jim Russo,

the executive director of the partnership. "Now we know where we stand."

Beyond its analysis, the study also provided fresh anecdotal evidence about shipments of unwanted drugs — drugs that did not meet the specific needs of the country or were likely to expire before they could be used.

In Haiti, for example, individuals who hand-carried medicine into the country in response to local requests were seen as a better source of needed drugs than the American relief agencies, which deal in bulk. Those agencies were viewed as having "a container ready to go" and eager to send the drugs whether or not they addressed the specific needs of the local hospital or clinic, according to the study.

Two of the nine health organizations surveyed reported that half of the drugs reaching them had already expired.

And in Armenia, despite the Government's strong role in screening donations, many health organizations were given large supplies of combination remedies that contained both a painkiller and a decon-

gestant. Combination drugs are less useful because patients might not need both. "Unpacked boxes of the product were observed, stacked on floors and on top of shelves up to the ceilings," the study noted.

The study was not conducted during periods of particular crisis in each of the three countries, when the quality of donations might worsen. Mr. Reich said. The reports of relief workers in Albania and Macedonia earlier this year suggested that much of the aid streaming into the region during the Kosovo crisis was inappropriate.

Although Albania itself could supply only about a fifth of the drugs and medical supplies needed by its hospitals, according to the World Health Organization, many of the drugs that arrived had expired or were unfamiliar to local health professionals.

The cost to local hospitals or clinics of inappropriate or unusable drugs is significant. Not only is sale disposal expensive because of various local regulations, but in some countries recipients must also pay to transport the drugs or pay fees to the government based on the value of the donations. If the donations are no good, that is money that could have been spent on more useful drugs.

In surveying various companies and relief agencies, the Harvard

group found a wide range of drug donation policies. Mr. Reich called for more uniform standards among both donor companies and the aid agencies and more discussion of whether donations are appropriate.

"Everyone agrees that there is a need for better definitions of best practices," he said. The World Health Organization's guidelines on what drugs should be donated have helped to raise overall awareness, he said.

The partnership, which is currently composed of seven drug companies and six charities, plans to meet this fall with the World Health Organization to try to improve the process of drug donations. Mr. Russo said.

## Mexico Drug Czar Shot At

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15 (AP) — Mexico's top anti-drug prosecutor escaped uninjured today when two men fired at his car. Two people were wounded.

The prosecutor, Mariano Herrán Salvati, and his wife were riding in a four-wheel-drive vehicle on a main street in Mexico City early this afternoon when they were fired on by two gunmen riding on the backs of motorcycles, he told reporters. Mr. Herrán Salvati's bodyguards exchanged fire with the gunmen.

One bodyguard and one of the gunmen were wounded.

Mr. Herrán Salvati was appointed drug czar in March 1997 after his predecessor, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, was arrested on charges that he took payoffs from a major drug trafficker. He had previously been Mexico City's chief prosecutor.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: J. TERRY EDMONDS

CC: JOHN PODESTA  
JOE LOCKHART

SUBJECT: REVISED TIME MAGAZINE PIECE

Based on your comments on our earlier draft, I am submitting a revised draft for your review and approval. As you have suggested, I have incorporated more of your thoughts and language from your Charlie Rose interview. I have also shortened it.

*Time* is expecting a final submission on Monday, December 6.

Thank you.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON**  
**ESSAY FOR TIME MAGAZINE**  
**"FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, MAN OF THE CENTURY"**

When our children's children read the story of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, they will see that, above all, it is the story of freedom's triumph—the victory of democracy over fascism and totalitarianism; of free enterprise over command economies; of tolerance over bigotry. And they will see that the embodiment of that triumph, the driving force behind it, was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

In the century's struggle for freedom, Roosevelt won two decisive victories. First, over economic depression and then over fascism. He may have lived in a time of turmoil, but he fought for a world of lasting peace – and he devoted his life to building a new era of progress. Roosevelt's leadership steered not only America, but the world, through the roughest seas of the century. And he did it through a combination of skilled statesmanship, an indomitable spirit, and a "first-class temperament."

Roosevelt knew in the marrow of his bones, from his own struggle with polio and his innate grasp of the American temper, that restoring optimism was the beginning of progress. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself," was both the way he led his life and led our nation.

No matter what the challenge, Roosevelt knew that the facts were only one part of reality – the ~~major part of reality~~ <sup>other</sup> is how you ~~act on the facts~~ <sup>react to them</sup> and change them for the better. In the depths of the Great Depression, the gravest economic threat the country had ever faced, he lifted the nation to its feet and into action.

From his vision emerged the great American middle class that has been the engine of more than five decades of progress and prosperity. From his new ideas flowed the seemingly endless array of programs and agencies of the New Deal. Bank reform. A massive public works effort to get America working again. Rural electrification. The GI Bill. And, of course, his most enduring domestic creation – Social Security, a bond between generations that every President since has honored. Roosevelt proved that for markets to flourish government must be devoted to opportunity for all. He understood that the initiative of individuals and the responsibilities of community must be woven together.

To defeat the merciless aggression of fascism, President Roosevelt created an international alliance to defend the world's freedom, and he committed the United States to lead. He proved that our liberty is linked to the destiny of the world, that our security requires us to support democracy beyond our shores, that human rights must be America's cause. In the 20th century's greatest crisis, President Roosevelt decisively, irrevocably committed our country to freedom's fight.



Early in World War II, President Roosevelt defined the Four Freedoms that he said must be realized “everywhere in the world.” Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom from fear—these were, in his own words, “essential human freedoms.” His expression of American ideals helped make them the world’s ideals. Because of that commitment and its embrace by every American president since, today we can say, for the first time in history, a majority of the world’s people live under governments of their own choosing.

Roosevelt’s leadership in war and his commitment to peace established the institutions of collective security that have prevented another world conflagration. The whole system of international cooperation stems from his commitment. It was President Roosevelt, after all, who conceived and named the United Nations; and he was one of the visionaries behind the establishment of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. In one of his last messages to Congress, he said that their creation “spelled the difference between a world caught again in the maelstrom of panic and economic warfare, or a world in which nations strive for a better life through mutual trust, cooperation and assistance.”

Winston Churchill remarked that Franklin Roosevelt’s life was “one of the commanding events in human history.”

As a state legislator, a military leader, a governor and as President, Roosevelt built a broad, lasting, national coalition — uniting different regions, different classes, and different races, proving that the best politics are the politics of inclusion. He identified with the aspirations of immigrants, farmers and factory workers — the “forgotten Americans,” as he called them. He considered them citizens of America just as fully as he was. My own grandfather was one of them. He came from a little town of about fifty people, had only a fourth grade education, and owned a small store. Still, he believed this President was a friend, a man who cared about him and his family’s future. My grandfather was right about that. So were the millions of Americans who met President Roosevelt only through his radio “fireside chats.”

Much of my own political philosophy and approach to governance is rooted in Roosevelt’s principles of progress. Rather than clinging to old abstractions or being driven by the iron laws of ideology, his innovations were crafted to the circumstances in which he found himself. He sought practical solutions. He called his pragmatic method “bold persistent experimentation.” “If one thing doesn’t work,” he explained, “try another; but above all, try something.”

We know what became of Roosevelt and his generation’s “rendezvous with destiny.” Their legacy is our world of freedom. If the example of Franklin Roosevelt and the American Century have taught us anything, it is that we will either work together as One America, to shape events – or we will be shaped by them. We cannot isolate ourselves from the world; we cannot lead in fits and starts. Now, to this generation entering the new millennium, as Roosevelt said, “much has been given” and “much is asked.”





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November 17, 1999

President William J. Clinton  
The White House  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear President Clinton:

For the past three years, we have been forced by Rep. Chris Smith and family planning opponents to sit under a sword of Damocles that threatened to cut off life-saving family planning services to hundreds of women overseas. Now it has fallen and we are faced with the precedent of women's lives as a political bargaining chip, the principle of denying free speech, and the prospect of a year where 500 women and 8,783 infants will die due to the deal to pay our UN arrears. I am writing to both express our deep disappointment at this decision, and to request actions to repair the legacy of your presidency as one supportive of women in the United States and around the world.

When you became President, you acted swiftly to remove two "gag rules" on family planning: one in the United States on Title X, and the Reagan/Bush era "Mexico City" policy. In the following years, you worked to protect Title X programs and to ensure that the "global gag rule," a more onerous version of the "Mexico City" policy, did not become law. We applauded your courage and conviction when you vetoed the FY 1999 State Department Authorization bill because it included the global gag rule. Now, both the domestic and international gag rules you opposed at the onset of your presidency are on the books. It would be a very positive step for you to ensure that you do not leave office with these gag rules in place. Removal of the Title X gag rule would take a simple revision of the HHS regulations; future iterations of the "global gag rule" must not be allowed at any price.

The line lost in this recent debate, and that we must reclaim, is that family planning is the most effective way to prevent abortion. Basic funding for both domestic and international family planning programs has been severely undermined by attacks on family planning thinly-veiled as opposition to abortion. As president, we urge you to re-focus the debate on access to family planning as the only way to prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce the need for abortion. Backed by public statements, significant increases in FY 2001 funding requests for both Title X and international family planning funding will send a clear, strong message to the American public and Congress that family planning as a component of reproductive choice is a high priority for the administration and the moral choice for our country.

Planned Parenthood has spent the last 83 years defending a woman's right to choose her own destiny when it comes to reproduction and childbearing. I urge you to re-commit yourself to this goal for the sake of women everywhere.

Sincerely,

Gloria Feldt  
President





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Virtuoso jazz guitarist Charlie Byrd performed in June 1981 at Averell Harriman's home in Georgetown.

## Jazz Guitarist Charlie Byrd Dies at 74

*Washington Musician Popularized Bossa Nova*

By ADAM BERNSTEIN  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Charlie Byrd, the classically trained jazz guitar virtuoso who was a fixture on the Washington music scene for nearly 50 years and who helped introduce bossa nova to the United States, died of cancer yesterday at his home in Annapolis. He was 74.

The more than 100 albums he had recorded since 1957 showcased a versatile talent. He was comfortable with a wide range of music, and critics praised him for his quiet virtuosity and delicate, precise lyricism.

His records included the million-seller "Jazz Samba" in 1962, made with saxophonist Stan Getz and bassist Keter Betts, and the Grammy-nominated "Brazilian Soul" in 1981. His final recording, a still-untitled tribute to Louis Armstrong, is scheduled for release in January by Concord Records.

Byrd also wrote scores for the films "Dead to the World" (1961) and "Bleep" (1970) as well as music for stage productions in the 1970s. Among those were "The Conversion of Patrolman O'Connor,"

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wood, a manager of Deale Food Rite, has worked there for 18 years. He does everyth

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Tiny Town of Deale, Plans for a Safeway S

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Post Staff Writer

ie rural stretches of southern Anne  
d County, residents have long eyed  
rizon with fear and greeted new-  
s with suspicion, as if each new roof-  
uld herald the arrival of the Wash-  
ington suburbs.

But on the frontiers of sprawl, few bat-  
tles have taken shape in quite the manner  
that has upended the tiny, harborside vil-  
lage of Deale (population 1,950).

The battle over plans to build the town's  
first supermarket has prompted fistfights  
behind the local post office, and Wednes-  
day night, nearly one quarter of the town's  
residents staged an angry rally in the gym  
of the elementary school.

The proposed Safeway is, in the eyes of



Deale resident Ann Wolfe, 54, is president of the Alliance for Rural Business. Local store offer residents special attention, she says.

assault on their way of life.

"People look at how beautiful it is h  
and worry about becoming the next No  
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religious displays outside

the county government center.

In celebration, Warren, 71, went out and

bought statues of the three kings and a shep-

herd to add to her waist-high Nativity scene.

The whole display will go up at the govern-

ment center Dec. 20, after visits to the govern-

nor's office in Richmond and Fairfax City Hall.

"I'm going Monday to speak to the [county]

Board of Supervisors to tell them there's no

hard feelings," said Warren, "that the victory

is not mine, it's for God and the people who

can go to the government center and see the

First Amendment work."

J. Patrick Taves, a county lawyer, said he

could not comment on Fairfax's decision, re-

referring callers to board Chairman Katherine

K. Hanley (D). Hanley did not return repeat-

## Two Suspended

Two workers in the school  
payroll office are off the job  
after one wrote checks to  
herself, officials said.

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## Daughter Found

A Manassas family members  
were reunited with their  
20-year-old daughter after a  
Thanksgiving separation.

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Jan -

Betty would like  
Someone from Correspondence  
to call the Foundry Church  
in DC to get the letter.  
(Per Carol).

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Carol:

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*Domina reply*

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was honored that you and the First Lady invited my colleagues and me to the White House to join you for a screening of our new film, *Hurricane*. Regrettably, I have a family commitment that evening and will be unable to join you.

We are very excited about the film. It tells an important story in a special way. I am delighted that you will be able to enjoy it with Denzel Washington, Rubin Carter and the President and COO of Universal Studios, Ron Meyer.

I am sorry that I cannot be there with you and look forward to seeing you again soon. Best wishes to you and your family for the holidays and the new year.

Warm regards,

  
Edgar Bronfman, Jr.

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Presidents of our time -  
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Dear Mr. President:

As I mentioned on the phone, there are several areas of concern that I desire to bring to your attention. The first is the situation in which the NCAA, in response to a finding of the National Gaming Impact Study Commission, decided to pursue legislation eliminating legal sports betting from the State of Nevada, the only state which has such betting now. The irony of this proposed legislation is that it is in response to a finding that there is a problem with illegal gambling on college campuses. The NCAA in a knee-jerk reaction, instead of formulating plans to curtail illegal betting on sports campuses, decided to seek the elimination of legal sports betting in Nevada as a purported solution to the problem. I can assure you it will not solve the problem. There is no direct correlation. In fact, Nevada has been very helpful with the NCAA when ascertaining where illegal sports betting has occurred. I think in this instance, the NCAA is reacting irrationally to the findings in an inappropriate fashion. Recent reports indicate that they are having some difficulty in obtaining sufficient support to pursue such legislation. I hope that is the case. If this effort persists, I wanted you to be aware of the negative impact this could have on Nevada and beyond and would welcome and desire the opportunity to discuss it with you further before any decisions are made.

The other measure I discussed relates to the mining industry. As you know, in each of the years of your Presidency, the Department of Interior has sought legislation to eliminate the Mining Law of 1872. Certainly this law is in many respects archaic, but the proposals by the Department of Interior would literally make it impossible for mining companies to do business in precious minerals in the United States.

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They are a major industry in several states, particularly my own State of Nevada. If there is some interest in reform of the law, then if someone close to you or at your direction, were willing to sit down with some of the more reasonable mining CEO's or representatives and/or myself, I think we could facilitate some dialogue that could lead to reform of the mining law in a fashion that would be acceptable to the industry. This would hopefully be supported by the western senators who have heretofore insured the failure of past efforts. If you believe that's the case, please have someone contact me to pursue this in more detail.

The particular Board of Directors that I'm on, Newmont Mining Corporation, has mines in Indonesia and Uzbekistan and, as I said, generally we're hoping that the administration could continue to express to foreign governments, obviously particularly these two governments, the desirability of American businesses operating within their borders. The visit of the President of Indonesia was seen as very positive by the industry, and Newmont is expecting to visit with President Karimov in early January in Tashkent. The purpose of the visit is to celebrate the production of the 50<sup>th</sup> ton of gold since the venture began in 1995. (Newmont is the largest American investor in Uzbekistan.) It would be helpful to the industry and to Newmont if someone from Commerce or someone from Administration could be present at the celebration.

The last issue I discussed with you dealt with Dawn Mining Company, a subsidiary of Newmont, which formerly operated on Native American land in Washington State. Last year, EPA was part of a multi-agency team that negotiated an agreement with Dawn and Newmont, under which the companies funded and performed a variety of initial studies to determine the appropriate way to reclaim this mine. Earlier this year, as those studies were drawing to a close, the companies offered to fund and perform the next tier of required studies. However, because the companies would not agree to an unconditional, open-minded commitment to complete the investigation and reclamation of the site according to EPA's dictates, the agency terminated negotiations, declined Newmont's offer of additional funding, and commenced its own remedial investigation at government expense. Contrary to its own policy of resorting to litigation only as a last resort, EPA has made clear that it intends to sue Newmont to recover the costs of its investigation. I met with Administrator Browner's chief of staff on this issue, and thought the agency had agreed to return to the bargaining table. I now understand from Newmont's Senior Vice President, Larry Kurlander, who is a former aide to Mario Cuomo, that the agency remains implacable. Mr. Kurlander believes that this impasse can only be resolved at the highest levels of the agency. Thus, it would be helpful if other Newmont representatives and I were able to meet with Administrator Browner. In that regard, if it would be possible for you to mention that such a meeting was desirable, I would be greatly appreciative.

It was great talking to you. I very much enjoyed the trip to Bulgaria. It's a wonderful part of the world, and as I indicated, my friends there say that the entire country is still on a high after your visit. He said that you have given them a great feeling of self worth and confidence. As we both observed, it is a beautiful place to visit. I've certainly enjoyed my visits there.



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Hopefully, we can hook up on the links again. I'm trying to improve my game to mediocrity, so if you are willing to give me ten a side, I'm ready to play.

Thanks again.

Your friend,

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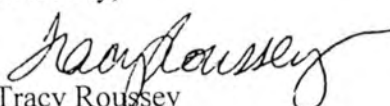
On behalf of the young musicians here at the Northern Virginia Youth Symphony Association (NVYSA), I am writing to extend an invitation to President and Mrs. Clinton and Vice President and Mrs. Gore to attend the NVYSA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Concert January 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, featuring the American Youth Philharmonic® under the direction of Luis Haza. Guest artists performing at the concert will include conductor and pianist Leonard Slatkin of the National Symphony Orchestra and pianist Sara Wolfensohn.

Recognized as one of the finest youth orchestra organizations in the nation, NVYSA provides orchestral training and performance experience to 325 of the Greater Washington D.C. area's talented young musicians. The Association's four orchestras—the String Ensemble, Junior Orchestra, Virginia Youth Symphony, and the flagship orchestra the American Youth Philharmonic—present a season of 10 concerts and several outreach performances, with attendance of nearly 15,000 annually.

As recommended by Nancy Gaspar of the Kennedy Center, if the Clintons and Gores do not wish to attend, NVYSA requests permission to use the presidential box (Box Tier, Center) during the performance. If granted permission, the box will be reserved for use by our soloists' guests.

Feel free to contact me by phone (703) 642-8051 ext. 23 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

  
Tracy Roussey  
Executive Director

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