



December 14, 1999

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cc: Capricia - get the money
(Dole to us)

Podesta

We need to do this
for the future for Dole

President William Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President:

It was nice to see you last Friday in West Memphis. You can count on an appropriate level of support from FedEx for the West Memphis Community College initiative as part of an overall program. We look forward to getting the definitive plan.

I am writing to follow up on the two items we discussed briefly after the meeting.

First, as Senator Dole has previously mentioned to you, we would be very grateful if you could host an event in support of the World War II Memorial at The White House for key executives of the movie and entertainment industries. We need to raise \$100 million in private funds to build this long overdue Memorial - a project which I know you've been very supportive of in the past.

We now have about \$75 million committed, over half of which has come from the corporate sector. I should also note that Walmart, a great Arkansas based corporation as you know, now has underway a very important campaign which should raise in excess of \$10 million. However, we have not been very successful in getting support from the movie and entertainment industries.

✓ If you could host such a function, Senator Dole and I would attend and make the case for this important project. We have made similar presentations to the Business Roundtable, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other business groups with excellent results. With your participation, we hope we could raise an additional \$10 million which along with the Walmart program would put our goal in reach. We very much appreciate your consideration of this request.

✓ Second, if you would like to have a private screening of Willie Morris' My Dog Skip, which I funded, please have someone from your staff contact my office and we will arrange it. It is a great film which I know you will appreciate having grown up in the south.

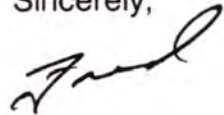
President William Clinton
October 14, 1999
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Willie saw it shortly before his death and sent me a nice note saying how thrilled he was with the project. He had also previously sent me a copy of your letter to him (copy attached) about the movie. I also mentioned this to Mrs. Clinton when we were together at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York recently, and she too expressed an interest in seeing My Dog Skip.

It will be released by Warner Brothers on January 12th, but should you want to see it over the holidays, let me know.

Thank you again for your consideration of the request about the World War II Memorial function.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain
Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Senator Bob Dole (via fax 202/371-6262)

cc: Capricia P. Marshall,
Deputy Assistant to the President and Social Secretary
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1999

Willie Morris
4205 Brookdale Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39206

Dear Willie:

Thank you for following up on our previous conversation about *My Dog Skip*.

I've passed along a copy of your letter to the White House Social Secretary, Capricia Marshall. She would be the one to arrange for a screening here. I hope it works out, because I'd love to see it. It sounds like a great story.

Thanks for thinking of me. Someone should be in touch with you soon.

Sincerely,

Barack

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREET ^{SS}
SARA LATHAM
LAURA DEMEO

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS

CC: JOHN PODESTA
NANCY HERNREICH

Street
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Hernreich

ACCEPT:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

12/16/99

Peter Jennings Interview
Diplomatic Reception Room, White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

Every Friday, ABC World News Tonight airs a segment entitled "The Century". Peter Jennings will interview you regarding the American Presidency during this century, specifically your opinions on some of the hardest decisions a President has had to make this Century.

12/17/99

Work Incentive Improvement Act Bill Signing
FDR Memorial, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

Senators Kennedy and Jeffords, representatives from the Disability community, and members of the Roosevelt family will join you for this signing ceremony at the FDR Memorial.

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Millenium Interview with Katie Couric
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

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- ✓ **Katie Couric would like to discuss your thoughts regarding the new Millenium and vision of the future for the Today Show. This show will air for four consecutive days, from December 27-30.**
- 12/18/99 ✓ **Tape a Christmas Radio Actuality to People of Northern Ireland**
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart
- You would tape this radio actuality immediately following the radio address on Saturday.**
- 12/20/99 ✓ **Meeting with David Trimble, First Minister of Northern Ireland**
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
- David Trimble has requested a meeting with you while he is in Washington, DC on December 20th.**
- 12/20/99 ✓ **Meeting with General McCaffrey**
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: General McCaffrey
- OK ✓ **General McCaffrey would like to discuss a recent increase in Colombian cocaine production and the threat it poses to the national security of the United States.**
- 12/20/99 ✓ **Children's Holiday Reading Event**
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
- This is your annual holiday reading event with the First Lady.**
- 12/21/99 ✓ **Meeting with Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev**
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
- 12/21/99 ✓ **Clean Car Event**
Site TBD, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: George Frampton
- The purpose of this event is to announce the final tailpipe standards. We are looking at local schools and public health institutions as possible venues for this event.**

12/22/99



Holiday Service Event with the First Lady
DC Central Kitchen, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

You and the First Lady will help prepare food for the homeless at DC Central Kitchen and highlight success stories of many homeless who have graduated from this program and are now locally employed in the food service industry.

12/22/99



CBS/60 Minutes Interview
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

Charlie Rose will anchor a 60 Minutes II special on the Millenium and what the future holds.

12/31/99



Attend the Millenium Celebration Opening Ceremony
12th & Constitution (National Mall), Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

The First Lady will launch the weekend's activities with remarks and the presentation of the National Millenium Time Capsule.

12/31/99



Children's World Peace Event (ITC)
Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

You will participate in a satellite conference with up to ten foreign leaders sharing a message of peace and reconciliation in the next Millenium.

12/31/99



Creators' WH Dinner
White House
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

You and the First Lady will host approximately 600 guests at the White House for the Creators' Dinner to celebrate the Millenium.

12/31/99



Brief Address to the Nation at the America's Millenium Gala
Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

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You and the First Lady will attend the America's Millenium Gala at the Lincoln Memorial. The proposal is for you to make brief remarks to the Nation before Spielberg's film premiere and again, briefly, just before midnight.

12/31/99



Greet the Dawn WH Reception
White House
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

You and the First Lady will host a post-midnight reception at the WH after the America's Millenium Gala at the Lincoln Memorial.

1/1/2000



John

Live Radio Address
White House TBD

The weekly radio address will be your first scheduled opportunity to address the nation in the year 2000.

1/2/2000



Participate in the National Cathedral's First Service in 2000
National Cathedral, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

You and the First Lady have been invited to attend the 11am service at the National Cathedral on January 2nd, the first Sunday in the year 2000. They have requested that you offer a prayer of your own composition, and that the First Lady lead the congregation in The Prayers of the People.

1/11/2000



Political Travel to Houston, TX
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

We rescheduled the December 13th events in Houston, TX for January 11th.

1/12/2000



Meeting with Yassar Arafat (T)
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger



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Maxine Waters \$ Reception
Site TBD, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

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We rescheduled the Maxine Waters Reception for January 12th.

1/13/2000

✓
New Markets Message Event
Site TBD, Brooklyn, NY
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling, Maria Echaveste

This will be a New Markets message event for Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez in Brooklyn, NY.

1/13/2000

✓
Wall Street Project Lunch & Remarks
New York Stock Exchange, New York, NY
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

You could not attend this event last year because of an ice storm. We rescheduled the luncheon and reception for January 13th, after the New Markets event in Brooklyn, NY. You have been asked to make remarks at the luncheon.

PENDING:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

12/18/99

✓
ESPN Interview
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

Stuart Scott of ESPN SportsCenter would like to interview you regarding your choices for the 10 greatest athletes of the century. You could tape this interview after the radio address.

12/18/99

✓
Roger Ebert Interview
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

Roger Ebert would like to interview you regarding the movies you think best represent American life, ideas and society. You could tape this interview after the radio address.

12-17-99

January TBD



WH Event w/ Religious Leaders and Bipartisan Members of Congress to Support U.S. Participation in the Cologne Debt Initiative

White House

Staff Contact: Gene Sperling, Mary Beth Cahill

The purpose of this event is to help promote the Administration's international debt relief initiative for the world's poorest and most heavily indebted countries.

January TBD



Present the Medal of Honor to then-Specialist Four Alfred Rascon, United States Army

East Room, White House

Staff Contact: Col. Simmons

This Medal of Honor presentation would officially recognize Alfred Rascon's extraordinarily courageous and heroic acts on March 16, 1966.

January TBD



Video for Documentary on Judy Collins

White House

Staff Contact:

Gary Tellalian is directing a documentary on the life and music of Judy Collins. The Press office does not think it is necessary that you tape a video. Would you like the option to submit quotes to include in the documentary or tape the video?

Quotes _____ Tape Video ☒ Discuss _____

REGRET:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

December 16

Attend Farewell Reception for Dr. Harold Varmus

National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

You taped a video to be shown at this event since you will not be able to attend due to the Middle East Peace meetings.

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PERSONAL:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

12/18/99

Engagement Party for Sarah Staley to Walker Bass & Mary Staley to Doug Chappelow
Staley Residence: 7817 Falstaff Road, McLean Virginia
Staff Contact:

Carolyn and Jerry Staley are hosting an engagement party for their daughters, Sarah and Mary, from 4-6pm on Saturday, December 18th. Would you like the option to attend?

Yes _____

No ☒ _____

12/20/99

Meeting with Bill Hybels
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

We have scheduled a meeting with Bill Hybels from 9-9:30am on December 20th.

12/23/99

We are currently holding this as a day off so you can finish your holiday shopping. You have a Holiday Reception starting at 5PM.

Dec/Jan/Feb TBD

Attend a Howard University Women's Basketball Game
Howard University, 6th & Girard St., NW, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

*1/0 like to
go to GW game
too but I can't
So I can watch again
alternatives at home*

Sanya Tyler, Head Coach of the Howard Women's Basketball team, was a guest panelist on last year's roundtable on Equal Pay for Working Families with you and the First Lady. She invited you and the First Lady to attend a Howard basketball home game and is following up on that invitation. Would you like us to find a convenient date for you to attend a game?

Yes _____

No _____

Jan ☒ _____

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5 Holiday Portrait Kennedy Center Honors Recep., WH Social Aide Photo-ops Kennedy Center Honors	6 Down Until 11AM Human Rights Awards Event Make-A-Wish Photo-Op Budget Mtg (1hr) CBC Meeting Congressional Ball	7 Mtg. w/ NATO SG Robertson Medical Errors Event Videotapings (3) Hold 45 Mins. Johnson \$ Reception Keep Hope Alive PAC \$ Dinner, DC Gore/Bradley Debate Anniv: Attack on Pearl Harbor	8 Briefing for Press Conference Press Conference Meeting w/ President Kuchma of Ukraine (30 min) Pageant of Peace Tree Lighting Holiday Receptions (2)	9 Departure Statement (Digital Divide) Travel to Worcester, MA Memorial Service, Worcester, MA Remarks to Senior Reg. Apptees. Mtg. DNC Gala, DC Ramadan Begins	10 Depart for Little Rock, AR Remarks to LR Chamber of Commerce (9:30AM) AR Delta Events (W. Memphis/Earl) Tane Radio Address (Food Safety) Depart for Orlando, FL RON Orlando, FL PPI Released (November) 51st Anniv: Human Rights Day	11 CBS Radio Interview Remarks to FL State Convention, Orlando, FL Down Time, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Hastings \$ Reception, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Unity Reception, Miami, FL Unity Dinner, Miami, FL Return to DC																																																																																														
12 Hold for Drop-by (4PM) Christmas in Washington WH Reception Drop-by Holiday Party (Private Residence) Down until noon	13 Down for the day	14 Monument Announcement Event Hold 12-2PM for Official Mtg. & Lunch Foster Care Bill Signing Videotaping with HRC Holiday Receptions (2) CPI Released (November) 200th Anniv: Geo Washington's D...	15 Hold for Middle East Peace Meetings (9:15-1:00) U.S. Open Champions Photo-Op Budget Meeting (1hr) Holiday Receptions (2)	16 Peter Jennings Interview Budget Meeting (1hr) Videos DNC Gay & Lesbian Lunch, DC Hold for Middle East Peace Meetings Holiday Reception (1)	17 Jeffords Kennedy Bill Signing US-EU Summit, DC Hold 1:30PM-3:00 PM for DGA Strategy Session Budget Mtg (1hr) Katie Couric Interview Gephardt Dinner (TM Residence) Gore/Bradley Debate	18 Live Radio Address ESPN & Roger Ebert Intvws TBD SOTU Prep Holiday Dinner																																																																																														
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16 Day & Evening Off	17 Hold for MLK Service Event Afternoon & Evening Off MLK Jr. Day Observed	18 Hold for Travel to City, State TBD Message Event TBD Travel to Boston, MA DNC Lunch or Dinner, Boston, MA RON DC	19 Hold for SOTU Prep Hold for Official Working Visit of Argentinian President de la Rúa (T) Hold 1 hour DNC \$ Gala	20 Message Event TBD Depart for City TBD, CA RON City TBD, CA	21 Travel to California Science & Technology Speech, City TBD, CA Hold 1 Hr, Los Angeles, CA (MM) DNC \$ Reception, Los Angeles, CA DNC \$ Dinner, Los Angeles, CA RON LA	22 Travel to Las Vegas, NV DNC \$ Brunch, Las Vegas, NV DNC \$ Lunch, Las Vegas, NV Afternoon Down RON DC																																																																																				
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		1 World Economic Forum Annual M... NH Primary (R&D) Semi-Annual CINC's Conf (T)	2 NCSL Dinner	3 Cong. Prayer Breakfast (Washington Hilton)	4 Hold day (SS) Gore/Bradley Debate	5 Hold day (SS) House Democratic Caucus Retreat,...
6 Hold Day (CPD)	7 Release of the FY2001 Budget Address 2000 House Democratic Issues Conf.	8	9	10 Possible Release of the Economic Report of the President	11	12 Lincoln's B-Day
House Democratic Caucus Retreat, Homestead, VA		Hold (SB)				
13 Hold Day (SS)	14 Possible Release of the Economic Report of the President	15	16 WH Dinner for Service Chiefs & C... Semi-Annual CINC's Conf (T)	17	18	19
Hold (SB)						
20 Nat'l Summit on Africa Gala (T)	21 Afternoon & Evening Off Washington's B-Day Presidents' Day	22	23 Hold for Possible State Visit (Spain) (T)	24	25	26 NGA Winter Meeting, DC
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12 NV Caucus (D)	13	14 FL,LA,MS,OK,TN,TX Primary (D&R) Joint Center for Political & Econo...	15	16 American Ireland Fund Dinner	17 St. Patrick's Day Reception (T) St. Patrick's Day	18 Hold for Possible Foreign Travel																																																																																											
19	20	21 IL Primary (D&R) Hold for Possible Foreign Travel	22	23	24 Day & Evening Off	25 Gridiron Dinner AK Caucus (D)																																																																																											
26 PR Primary (D&R)	27 DE Caucus (D)	28 Hold for Possible Official Working Visit of Egyptian Pres. Mubarak (T) Stabenow \$ Reception	29	30	31 Vice President Gore's B-Day NCAA Women's Basketball Cham... Oxford University's Reunion, NY																																																																																												

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 USVI Caucus (D&R) NCAA Women's Basketball Cham... NCAA Men's Basketball Champio... Oxford University's Reunion, NY
2 NCAA Women's Basketball Cham... NCAA Men's Basketball Championships	3	4 WI, KS Primary (D&R)	5 Kick Butts Day	6 Hold for Official Working Visit (Bahrain) (T)	7 World Health Day	8 Hold Day (NH)
9	10 Hold for New Markets Travel	11	12	13	14 Hold for Working Visit of Chancellor Schroeder of Germany (T)	15 Tax Day VA Caucus (D)
16 Palm Sunday	17 Nat'l Youth Service Day	18	19 Passover Begins at Sundown 5th Anniv: OKC Bombing & Gran...	20 Anniv: Columbine Shooting	21 Good Friday Passover Projected House & Senate Recess	22 Earth Day
23 Easter	24 Easter Egg Roll	25 PA Primary (D&R) Passover	26	27	28	29 8th Anniv: Los Angeles Riots WH Correspondents' Dinner
30 Projected House & Senate Recess						

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	1	2	3 Hold for Possible State Visit (South Africa) (T)	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer Guam Caucus (D&R) Hold for Possible Commencements
		Holocaust Memorial Day DC, IN, NC Primary (D&R)			Cinco de Mayo National Law Day	
7	8	9	10	11 Hold for Working Visit of Mexican President Zedillo	12	13 Hold for Possible Commencements
		NE, WV Primary (D&R)	Israel Independence Day	Anniv: Valuejet Crash		
14	15	16	17 U.S. Coast Guard Commencement, New London, CT	18	19	20 Hold for Possible Commencements
Mother's Day	Armed Forces Day	OR Primary (D&R)				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Hold for Possible Commencements
		AR, KY Primary (D&R)		Sons of Italy Dinner	Projected House & Senate Recess	
28	29 Memorial Day Events, Arl. Nat'l Cemetery Afternoon & Evening Off Memorial Day	30 CNN 20th Anniv Celebration	31	April S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		
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5 Breakfast OTR Living room chat on parenting Retail in Petersborough Press - John DiStasio 10 min Open Meeting Return to DC by 7:30 PM New Hampshire Hanukkah	6 Down Daytime Hold at House, time TBD 7:15pm Notary Signing, WW Attend POTUS WH Congressional Ball	7 G2K Travel to NYC 8:15am departure Political Greet 10:30-12 NYT Ed Board 12:30-1:30 Rubin Endorsement event 1 Hour Brokaw 1 Hour Business Week 5-6:15 private time 6:30-7:45 Castamides Dinner Home by 9:45pm New York	8 Gore-Kuchma Mtgs(4hrs)/30 min. budget mtg. 3 pm G2K Travel to NYC, press in car into city (Brent Staples NYT) Menorah Lighting w/ Silver at 92nd Street "Y" Karennia Reception, 6-7:15pm G2K Dinns, 7:30 Manhattan/ 9pm Brooklyn Note: Columbia Last Day of Classes Note: Pageant of Peace New York	9 Travel to Worcester, MA with POTUS to Firefighter Memorial Citiz. Action / drop by Reg. Raps mtg. Interim photo/CMB swearing-in 3 tier DNC Gala w/ MEG and POTUS -Holiday Decorations, NAVOBS Worcester, MA Ramadan Begins	10 9:30am G2K travel to Iowa AFL-CIO "Ask a Working Woman", Waterloo, 20 min press hold Open Meeting, Iowa City Quad City Federation Dinner, Davenport Fly to Atlanta, RON Columbia Exams - 12/21 -Holiday Decorations, NAVOBS Iowa / Atlanta (RON)	11 G2K Travel 9:00AM Prep CNN 9:45am-10:45am African Am. strategy team mtg/car ride w/Dwayne Wickam Fly to Orlando, political Florida state party convention address 3:30pm Hold for 3 mtgs(T)mtg w/Graham Return to D.C., home by 10pm Columbia Exams - 12/21 Georgia/ Florida																																																																																										
12 2 Holiday Parties USSS (10p) Note: POTUS FL Convention Closing Columbia Exams - 12/21 Note: Christmas in Washington	13 G2K Travel to Cleveland OH Msg. event w/Steelworkers/ 30 min. press on site Lunch at Diner w/ Kucinich (endorsement) 45 min. press intvws Ohio Day Activists Event Return to DC/ Maraniss intvw on plane Columbia Exams - 12/21 Ohio	14 G2K New Hampshire daytrip Healthcare Forum National Press Hold 1hr. Berg Lawrence Eagle Tribune Ed. Board/Voter Panel Debate Prep Open Meeting on WNDS TV Forum RON, D.C. POTUS Host Holiday Dinner Columbia Exams - 12/21 New Hampshire	15 Official travel to Oak Ridge, offic. greet Spallation Event - 1 hr. G2K travel to Nashville Debate prep, Nashville AFL-CIO Mtg. 1hr / meet MEG at HQ Al Franken taping at event Large G2K fundraiser, off campus 7-9:15 RON Carthage, TN POTUS Hot Party Columbia Exams - 12/21 Tennessee	16 Message Event, Nashville (education) Hold Day for debate prep, Nashville HQ Fly to NH, Meet MEG Visit to Paperworkers requested RON Nashua w/ MEG Columbia Exams - 12/21 Tennessee/New Hampshire	17 Message event in Manchester (e-commerce) 7:30 pm Nightline Debate, NH Hold day for debate prep, NH / OTR or Retail event late mng/ visit debate site 12:30pm Fly back to D.C., RON Note: 12-2 POTUS Lunch for Dem. Governors @ WH Note: Debate airs 11:30pm Columbia Exams - 12/21 New Hampshire	18 2 hr. debate refresher 1 pm Holiday Parties 3 pm Holiday Party POTUS Host Holiday Dinner Columbia Exams - 12/21 -Sidwell Winter Break																																																																																										
19 1pm Holiday Party 3 pm Holiday Party Meet the Press Debate, DC-AM POTUS Holiday Reception Columbia Exams - 12/21 -Sidwell Winter Break	20 Start day at 10AM 1 Hr Calls 11am Paul Allaire Xerox mtg Nazarbayev 3 Hrs. LA Times Ed. Board Military Message Event TBD drop by OEOB holiday party Sorel Mtg. 30 min. w/ TC (T) Hold Evening, holiday party 7-8:15 - Gores POTUS Holiday Reception Columbia Exams - 12/21 Tennessee Harvard Winter Break(22-3) -Sidwell Winter Break	21 7:15 am G2K Travel to IA School Safety Special Event, Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Gazette Ed. Board 4 hr. drive to Des Moines, 2 stops (1 interview for one leg / hold 1 hr calls from car) Hold 1 hr. calls Des Moines gay and lesbian reception RON Des Moines w/ MEG Columbia Exams - 12/21 Iowa (RON)	22 G2K Travel to IA Des Moines Open Meeting - Live on GMA 6am CST 8am-9am Jewish community Bridal Need Ed. Board and message OTR / Press / Lunch Des Moines Ed Board Mtg Hold one hour for Berg IA Ag. Forum (w/o Bradley) Home by 10:30pm, RON Iowa Harvard Winter Break(22-3) First Day of Winter	23 Work AM in DC 9am 30 min xmas press message calls 30 min Coffee Colby King, WP 10-12 calls from NAVOBS Lunch 30 min. / BET 30 min. Travel to TN for holiday PM phone into G2K(Tennessee Holiday Party Tennessee	24 VP DOWN DAY -Carthage Tennessee	25 Tennessee VP Down Day -Carthage Christmas																																																																																										
26 VP DOWN Tennessee Harvard Winter Break(22-3) -Sidwell Winter Break	27 VP DOWN Tennessee	28 *Work in DC pending VP approval: video for Knapp, stills for mail -(T) on line chats with gay.com and pol.com RON, DC	29 -Travel to NH pending VP approval Message event up-state hospital drop by -Upper Valley Ed Board -Claremont Eagle Ed. Board -Online Chat, DC w/ AOLcom	30 -Travel to IA pending VP approval -Iowa Ed Boards: Cedar Rapids Gazette, Waterloo Courier, Quad City Times, IA City Press Citizen, Dubuque Herald -Return to vacation destination, 7:00pm	31 VP DOWN -6pm EST call with John K re: Y2K Note: White House New Year's Eve Dinner/Gala Tennessee																																																																																											

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9 VP DOWN DAY -HRC Announcement (T) -Note: NH Conf. on Teacher Quality -Harvard Fall Reading Period	10 -NYC Day trip -Press time -Bob Silberman Mig SFX -Political Meetings 1 hr. calls RON, DC -Note: Columbia Classes begin -Note: Sidwell Exam 9:30am -Note: NH Conf. on Teacher Quality -New York -Iowa (RON)	11 -10am Travel to IA -Prep -Iowa Press Roundtable on Retirement Security 1 Hr. Calls -RON, IA Note: Albert Exam -Iowa (RON) -Iowa	12 -LCV Debate without Bradley -Events TBD in Iowa -Return to D.C. -Iowa -New Hampshire (RON)	13 -G2K Travel to NH 1 Hr. Phone Calls -Visit Nashua High School TBD -New Hampshire (RON) -New Hampshire (RON)	14 -G2K Travel to NH -Note: Sidwell No Classes -New Hampshire (RON) -New Hampshire (RON)	15 -G2K Travel to NH -TBD MLK Breakfast, NH -Return to DC, evening -New Hampshire -Harvard Midyear Exams Martin Luther King, Jr. Day																																																																																				
16 DOWN DAY -Travel to Iowa for RON -Iowa (RON) -Harvard Midyear Exams	17 -G2K Travel to IA -IA Black Brown Debate, MSNBC -MLK Iowa Dinner -Note: Sidwell/Harvard No School -Iowa MLK Day observed	18 -Fly to Florida -Operating engineers in FL -Return to DC, RON -Florida -Hold for Travel	19 -AARP Forum in NH - request -Hold for Travel	20 -Hold for Travel	21 -G2K Travel to Iowa	22 -G2K Travel to Iowa																																																																																				
23 -G2K Travel to Iowa -Harvard Midyear Exams	24 IA Caucus -Sidwell No School (Upper School Only) -Iowa / New Hampshire	25 -G2K travel from IA to NH -Noontime Rally, NH -Iowa / New Hampshire	26 -WMUR Debate (T) -New Hampshire (RON)	27 -1 Hour Press Time, DC State of the Union -RON, DC -New Hampshire	28 NH JJ 'Blue' Dinner, VP Confirmed, Bradley Pending -New Hampshire (RON)	29 -New Hampshire (RON)																																																																																				
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Thought you might be interested in my father's recent op-ed on
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OPINION/LETTERS

Look, NATO Enlargement Works

NEW YORK — Observe an omission in Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin's ardent defense of Russia's military campaign in Chechnya. NATO was not mentioned once by Mr. Putin and only in passing by Mr. Yeltsin.

While Russia clearly will not tolerate outside advice or intervention in Chechnya, the Russian leaders tacitly acknowledge that Russia's problems do not include the enlarged NATO to its west.

Facing terrorist bombings in Moscow and real or threatened violence on its southern and eastern borders, while at the same time trying to introduce the rule of law within its troubled society, Russia craves most of all the peace and predictability it enjoys to its west, provided and guaranteed by NATO's expanded presence.

Nine months after Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were admitted to NATO and six months after NATO's successful conclusion of the fighting in Kosovo, the principal argument opposing NATO enlargement (Don't upset Russia) now seems greatly exaggerated.

Russia's possible negative reaction was the most serious argument voiced against NATO expansion. It is clearly in the West's interest to establish a long-term relationship with this tumultuous country based on mutual respect and a shar-

By Donald Blinken

ing of fundamental interests and values, sentiments with which Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Putin agree.

Yes, some feelings in Russia were hurt by NATO enlargement. But the reality is that Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic's NATO accession is in Russia's interest because NATO's eastward growth has brought the rule of law and the peaceful resolution of conflict closer to Russia's borders.

At the same time, the peace in Kosovo, partially brokered by Moscow, demonstrated again that Russia, if given a serious role to play, can and will contribute to European security, even to the extent of working with NATO as it has in Bosnia since early 1996.

Russia may dislike having NATO on its doorstep for reasons of prestige, but its willingness to work with NATO in conflict resolution and peacekeeping indicates that it sees NATO's post-Cold War mission as not to threaten it but to advance mutual security throughout Europe.

One indication of this is Russia's decision last summer to return to the Permanent Joint Council, the place where NATO and Russia meet, consult and ultimately cooperate.

NATO enlargement was also opposed by some Amer-

icans on the grounds that it would dilute NATO's ability to act decisively; new members would be takers, not providers of common security. But the fighting in Kosovo demonstrated sooner than anyone had expected that the new members add to rather than subtract from NATO's military effectiveness.

Hungary stopped a Russian convoy headed toward Belgrade with military supplies, opened its airspace to NATO air forces and turned over an air base to NATO combat aircraft. Poland and the Czech Republic offered humanitarian aid and logistical support.

Nor is there any evidence that the addition of the three new members in any way complicated life for Brussels or any of the major NATO partners. The key military decisions continued to be made by the principal NATO partners. The new members were neither a drag nor a diversion.

So enlargement has neither provoked the Russians nor diluted NATO's effectiveness. It has already paid dividends in extending peace, enhancing stability to Russia's west and broadening the number of European nations prepared to share common values.

The writer was U.S. ambassador to Hungary from 1994 to 1997. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.



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December 10, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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cc: Street
See p. 2 - I'm interested
in this - may not be
possible - AK

Re: New Courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge upon you the importance of allocating funds to the construction of the new Federal Courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles.

During the past several years, since the disastrous 1994 Northridge Earthquake, with your leadership and that of other political, community, business and religious leaders, Los Angeles has undergone a striking transformation - highlighted by the construction downtown of the new Staples Sports Area, Disney Hall and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels. For years, those involved in the revitalization of the LA Civic Center have believed that the new federal courthouse would serve as the eastside anchor to Los Angeles' regrowth.

Apart from the economic benefits this major project would bring to the citizens of Los Angeles, the United States Judicial Conference ranked building a new courthouse to serve this seven-county and most populated district in the United States as its number one priority for site and design funding in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 to no avail. Los Angeles is in fact the only major city in the country which does not have a new courthouse in planning or recently constructed. You may not be aware that the existing three-structure arrangement is wholly inadequate to serve the 17 million people in the Central District. There are significant security problems, the existing courtrooms are grossly undersized and substandard and the Court has outgrown the facilities and is suffering increased costs and inefficiencies resulting from the required split operations.

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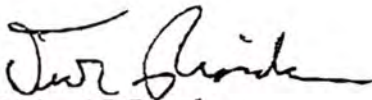
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We believed the project would be funded until recently, when the Chief Judge of the Central District was informed that the OMB had failed to provide funding and any courtroom construction projects, even the approximately \$36 million for site and design of the Los Angeles Courthouse in its proposed budget. We were also informed that the decision whether the Court would receive that funding rests with you, and that you will be making that decision within one-to-two weeks.

I cannot emphasize more strongly how significant a project this is for the Court, the persons in Los Angeles who seek justice at its doors, all those who will benefit from the jobs created by the construction of such a significant building, and the continued growth and vitality of Los Angeles and its surrounding communities. Please consider favorably the request of the Judicial Council for funding this project.

On a personal note, we are grateful for all you have done for our City. We will be celebrating our successful re-emergence from the devastating Northridge Earthquake on January 17, 2000. We would be honored if you would join us so that we may recognize the immense contribution of you personally and your administration to our recovery.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Riordan

RJR:bc

The Mayor says he
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Attn: Ira Robinson

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Dear Mr. President

I am writing to tell you about a great injustice that is taking place in Genoa, Italy. It concerns a judgment of the Minors Court in the case of Nitzan and Danielle Dulberg. This devastating and disgusting judgment will separate these two young girls from their Israeli culture, their religious heritage, and especially their mother forcing upon them a way of life that is not in accordance with their will. What is most disgusting about this decision by the Genoa Minors Court is that it is based on the vilification of traditional Judaism. In my opinion the court has separated the girls from their mother alleging that she "belongs to a religious cult," namely Orthodox Judaism. This is a ludicrous, unsubstantial, and insane assertion.

The ruling made by the Genoa Minors Court includes forbidding the girls to speak Hebrew, (they are Israeli citizens) even to their own mother, has demanded that they attend a non-Jewish school, and does not allow them visit their mother without supervision. I am amazed by this denial of the girls' basic rights and by the prejudice against the Jewish religious community. The fact that an arm of the Italian justice system would depict the Jewish religious community as a cult that mistreats children is not only completely false and misleading, but it perpetuates the ancient prejudice towards Jews, with all its serious consequences.

The violation of these girls' basic rights is a contravention to the UN International Convention and the Rights of the Child and defies the image of the Italian Justice system as an enlightened and modern democracy. I respectfully beg you to take every step necessary to see that the Court's decision libeling Orthodox Judaism and denying the Dulberg girls their basic rights is overturned.

Sincerely,

Dahlia R. Robinson
Dahlia Robinson

MR. PRESIDENT -

DAHLIA IS MY
16 YR OLD DAUGHTER
SHE'S ALREADY ONE
TERRIFIC DEMOCRAT -

Sincerely, Ira Robinson
DNC

December 15th, 1999

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Ann Ira Robinson

Details to add in (I just don't know where)

Who: Nitzan (14) and Danielle (10) Dolberg

Where: Genoa, Italy

What: an Italian court awarded sole custody of the girls to their father, arguing that the mother was unfit to raise them because she was part of a fanatical cult -- Orthodox Judaism. The girls are denied kosher food, not allowed to speak Hebrew (they are Israeli), have been separated from each other, and are forced to listen to hours of New Testament preaching by their father, who recently converted to Catholicism. The girls have always said that they wish to go to Israel and live with their mother, who has remarried. The court never asked them about their wishes, nor did a psychological evaluation of the girls or their mother.

The Chief Rabbi of Italy has protested to the Italian court. American organizations like Orthodox Union and Agudath Israel have worked both behind the scenes with Italian diplomats, and in public, through a successful letter writing campaign.

Daddy:

Its apparently bullshit because if they had really tried to get the girls freed then it would have happened, but it hasn't. I really need your help because I don't want these girls to suffer. It is a horrible injustice and I hope that the members of the Genoa Minors Court who made this decision burn in hell!!!

Anyways thanks again and have fun with Mr. President.

Please make corrections and send it back to me A.S.A.P.

Isabella R. Robinson

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The Myth of the Flawed White Southerner

By Ralph Ellison

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The question of how I regarded the President's statement that "Art is not a political weapon" was put to me by a group of young Negro writers during 1965, following President Johnson's sponsoring of a National Festival for the Arts at the White House. The Festival had been attacked by certain well-known writers, and these young men were seriously concerned with the proper relationship between the artist and government. I replied to their question by reading aloud from the President's address to the artists attending the Festival:

Your art is not a political weapon, yet much of what you do is profoundly political, for you seek out the common pleasures and visions, the terrors and cruelties of man's day on this planet. And I would hope you would help dissolve the barriers of hatred and ignorance which are the source of so much of our pain and danger. . . .

a statement to which I was sympathetic, both as a foreshortened description and as the expression of a hope.

The young men then asked my opinion of the President's grasp of political reality, and I replied that I thought him far ahead of most of the intellectuals

who were critical of him, "especially those northern liberals who have become, in the name of the highest motives, the new apologists for segregation," and I went on to say that "President Johnson's speech at Howard University spelled out the meaning of full integration for Negroes in a way that no one, no President, not Abraham Lincoln nor Franklin Roosevelt, no matter how much we loved and respected them, has ever done before. There was no hedging in it, no escape clauses."

My reference to the segregationist tendencies of certain intellectuals and northern liberals caused a few of my white colleagues to charge that I had "changed" or sold out to the "establishment," and I lost a few friends. The incident forced me to realize once again that for all the values that I shared, and still share, with my fellow intellectuals, there are nevertheless certain basic perspectives and attitudes toward art and politics, cultural affairs and politicians, which we are far from sharing, and I had to accept the fact that if I tried to adapt to their point of view I would not only be dishonest but would violate disastrously that sense of complexity, historical and cultural, political and personal, out of which it is my fate and privilege to write. My colleagues spoke out of their own interests, and properly so, but I found it irritating that they seemed to assume that *their* interests were automatically mine, and that, supposedly, I and those of my background possess no interest that they, my friends and colleagues, had any need to understand or respect.

Later, in thinking of this disagreement, I found myself recalling that during 1963 I was among those present at the White House for a celebration of the First Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation given by President John F. Kennedy, an occasion of special significance for me, both as the grandson of slaves and as a writer and former student of Tuskegee Institute. For I was aware of the fact that in 1901, during the first month of his administration, Theodore Roosevelt had provoked a national scandal by inviting Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee's founder, to a White House dinner; a gesture taken by some as more menacing to the national security than an armed attack from a foreign nation. The invitation changed political align-

ments in the South, upset the structure of the Republican party, and caused President Roosevelt to advise Negro Americans to avoid careers in the professions and to subjugate their own political and social interests to those of antagonistic white Southerners.

As a novelist interested in that area of the national life where political power is institutionalized and translated into democratic ritual, and national style, I was impressed by the vividness with which a White House invitation had illuminated the emotional complexities and political dynamite underlying American social manners, and I welcomed the opportunity for closer observation that the occasion afforded. It seemed to me that one of the advantages that a novelist such as Henry James had over those of my generation was his familiarity with the movers and shakers of the nation, an advantage springing from his upper-class background and the easy availability of those who exercised political and social power. Artists who came later were likely to view such figures from a distance and thus have little opportunity to know at first hand the personalities who shaped the Nation's affairs. It is fortunate that with the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations this was no longer true.

At the celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation, some sixty-two years after the Washington incident, the majority of the four hundred or more White House guests were Negroes, and I was struck by how a cordial gesture once considered threatening to the national stability had with the passing of time become an accepted routine. Where Theodore Roosevelt had been put on the defensive and bowed before anti-Negro taboos, President Kennedy was free to celebrate the freeing of the slaves as an important step toward achieving a truer American democracy. So as I brooded over the Arts Festival controversy I asked myself if my memory of the Booker T. Washington incident had influenced the stand I took, and whether I had been so influenced by historical and racial considerations that I underevaluated the issues which so concerned my fellow intellectuals.

I concluded that perhaps I had. Nor was it simply that as a charter member of the National Council on the Arts I felt that governmental aid to the

American arts and artists was of a more abiding importance than my hopes that the Vietnam war would be brought to a swift conclusion. My response to the President's critics was shaped in fact by that personal and group history which had shaped my background and guided my consciousness, a history and background that marked a basic divergence between my own experience and that of the dissenting intellectuals. So for me the Festival was charged with meanings that went deeper than the issue of the Government's role in the arts or the issue of Vietnam; it had also to do with the President's own background, his accent of speech, and his values. And when I put the two social occasions into juxtaposition, the Emancipation celebration and the Festival for the Arts, I found it symbolic that my disagreement with my fellow intellectuals had been brought into focus around the figure of a President of Southern origin.

I say symbolic because historically speaking my presence at the Festival of the Arts was the long-range result of an act, in 1863, of an even more controversial holder of the Presidency, Abraham Lincoln. For it was Lincoln who, after a struggle involving much vacillation, procrastination, and rescissions, finally issued the Proclamation that allowed me to be born a relatively free American. Obviously, this was not so important a factor in my friends' conception of the nation's history, therefore it has not become a functioning factor in shaping their social and political awareness. Hence, while we may agree as to the importance of art in shaping the values of American society, we are apt to disagree as to the priorities in attacking social and political issues.

Some of the intellectuals in question spring from impoverished backgrounds, but for historical reasons none have ever been poor in the special ways that Negro Americans are poor. Some began to write, as did I, during the 1930s, but here again none came to writing careers from a background so barren of writers as mine. And to these racial and historical differences is added the fact that we spring from different regions of the land. I had come from a different part of the country and had been born of parents who were of this land far longer than many of theirs had been, and I had grown up

under conditions far more explicitly difficult than they. Which outlines another important difference: I had come from a region adjacent to that from which the President emerged and where the American language was spoken—by whites at least—with an accent much like that with which he speaks. It is a region that has grown faster and in a more unplanned way than the East has grown, and it is a place where one must listen beneath the surface of what a man has to say, and where rhetorical style is far less important than the relationship between a man's statements and his conduct.

When I was growing up, a Negro Oklahoman always listened for a threat in the accent of a white Texan, but one learned to listen to the individual intonation, to *what* was said as well as to *how* it was said, to content and implication as well as to style. Black provincials cannot afford the luxury of being either snobbish or provincial. Nor can they ignore the evidence of concrete acts.

President Johnson's style and accent are said to be an important factor in his difficulties with many intellectuals, especially those of the literary camp. But perhaps what one listens for in the utterance of any President is very similar to what one listens for in a novel: the degree to which it contains what Henry James termed "felt life," which can here be translated to mean that quality conveyed by the speaker's knowledge and feeling for the regional, racial, religious, and class unities and differences within the land, and his awareness of the hopes and values of a diverse people struggling to achieve the American promise in their own time, in their own place, and with the means at hand.

It would seem that a few literary intellectuals would impose a different style and accent upon the President, but they forget that all individual American styles reflect a regional background, and this holds true for national leaders no less than others. Thus while a President's style and way with language are of national importance, still he cannot violate the integrity between his inherited idiom and his office without doing violence to his initial source of strength. For in fact his style and idiom form a connective linkage

between his identity as representative of a particular group and region of people and his identity as President of *all* the people.

It is possible that much of the intellectuals' distrust of President Johnson springs from a false knowledge drawn from the shabby myths purveyed by Western movies. Perhaps they feel that a Texan intoning the values of humanism in an unreconstructed Texas accent is to be regarded as suspiciously as a Greek bearing gifts; thus they can listen to what he says with provincial ears and can ignore the President's concrete achievements here at home while staring blindly at the fires of a distant war.

Well, I too am concerned with the war in Vietnam and would like to see it ended, but the fact remains that I am also familiar with other costly wars of much longer duration right here at home, the war against poverty and the war for racial equality, and therefore I cannot so easily ignore the changes that the President has made in the condition of my people and still consider myself a responsible intellectual. My sense of priorities is of necessity different.

One thing is certain, I must look at the figure of the President from a slightly different angle, and although I try to approach people and events with something of that special alertness granted to those who give themselves over to the perceptive powers of the novel, I must dismiss any temptation to see President Johnson, or any living President, strictly in terms of his possibilities as a fictional character—which, I believe, is an impulse of many literary intellectuals when confronting the presidential role.

For example, when the image of President Lincoln is evoked by the resemblance between the 1960s and the 1860s—war, racial unrest, technological change, the inadequacies of established institutions and processes before the demand for broader economic and social freedom—the Lincoln who emerges is that figure released by the bullets fired at Ford's Theatre. It is not the backwoods politician who fought throughout the tragic years of the Civil War to keep the Nation whole, not the troubled man who rode the whirlwind of national chaos until released by death while watching the comedy, *Our American Cousin*.

Yet it was that unpopular, controversial Lincoln whose deeds, whose manipulation of power—political, rhetorical, and moral—who made possible the figure we create for ourselves whenever we think of the personification of democratic grandeur and political sainthood.

Lyndon B. Johnson is credited even by his enemies as being a political genius, but the phenomenon of a great politician becoming President confronts us with a dual figure, for even while entangled in the difficulties of his office he is identified by role with the achievements of the proven great who preceded him there. In our minds he is locked in a struggle with the illustrious dead even though he must be a man who manipulates power and involves himself in the muck and mire out of which great political parties are composed. He must be a man who initiates uneasy compromises and deals, who blends ideals and expediencies, who achieves what he can so as to give reality to his vision. He is a figure who knows better than most of us that politics is the art of the possible, but *only* of the possible, and that it is only by fighting against the limits of the politically possible that he can demonstrate his mastery and his worth.

But when such a figure is elevated to the Presidency an element of doubt soon enters the picture. Political action, his native mode, is tied to techniques—persuasion, eloquence, social pressure, compromises, and deals—all techniques that during our troubled times are increasingly confounded by the press and by the apparent clairvoyance of electronic data media which, as they seek to convert events into drama, work to undermine the mysteries of presidential power. The question of credibility is raised and we approach the Presidency with demands for a minute-to-minute knowledge of intricate events that is impossible even between the most devoted husband and wife. Little allowance is made for secrecy, for indecision, for interpersonal or international process. He is expected to be master not only of the present but of the future as well, and able to make decisions with the omniscience of a god and, most of all, he is expected to be an incarnation of Justice.

Part of the difficulty springs from the notion that great personalities are the results not of technical mastery but of some mysterious leap out of the

past of race, class, family, onto a plateau from which an inherent mastery may be exercised with a superhuman facility. To this view great deeds are assumed to be the attributes of great personality. President Lincoln is taken to be the author of great deeds not because he was a great and persistent politician but because he possessed a great personality, very much as great poets are assumed to be great men because they compose great poems. And in the case of great Presidents now dead, the arrogance, the blind spots, the failures of will and vision are forgotten before the great transforming deeds that their deaths delineated as having marked their administrations.

Literary intellectuals make this mistake because they owe the formation of their functional personalities and their dreams to literature. Thus for them a great President is first of all a master of "style," a mythical figure born of all the great (and preferably eloquent) Presidents who preceded him. But having attained the Presidency he is paradoxically expected to have no further function as a politician. Indeed, he is expected to be above politics in a way virtually impossible if he is to exercise the powers and responsibilities of office.

But to my mind in these perpetually troubled United States a great President is one through whom the essential conflicts of democracy, the struggle between past and present, class and class, race and race, region and region, are brought into the most intense and creative focus. He is one who releases chaos as he creates order. He arouses hopes and expectations, even as he strives to modify the structures that have supported an unjust stability, in the interest of securing a broader social freedom. He is not necessarily a man possessing a new style of action or eloquence, but rather one who recognizes that the American is one whose basic problem is that of accepting the difficult demands of his essential newness in a world grown increasingly turbulent. He is one who knows instinctively, in the words of W. H. Auden, that for the American "it is not a question of the Old Man transforming himself into the New, but of the New Man becoming alive to the fact that he is new, that he has been transformed [by the land, by technology, by the break with

the past, by the diversity of a pluralistic society] without his having realized it."

The great President is also a man possessed by his role and who becomes, to a painful extent, a prisoner of his role, and there is evidence that President Johnson is aware of this. "Every day," he has said,

there come to this office new problems and new crises new difficulties demanding discussion and consultation and decision. I must deal with them, possessing no gift of prophecy, no special insight into history. Instead, I must depend, as my thirty-five predecessors depended, on the best wisdom and judgment that can be summoned to the service of the Nation. This counsel must come from people who represent the diversity of America.

Nor is he unaware of the limitations of his power:

A President must have a vision of the America and the world he wants to see. But the President does not put his purely personal stamp upon the future. His vision is compounded of the hopes and anxieties and values of the people he serves. The President can help guide them toward the highest and most noble of their desires. He cannot take them where they do not want to go. Nor can he hope to move ahead without the help of all those who share a common purpose. I believe the Presidency was conceived as an office of persuasion more than of sheer power. That is how I have tried to use the office since it was thrust upon me.

One of the most persistent criticisms of President Johnson is that he is arrogant (few who echo the charge bother to question its source or the sinister irony it expresses). But, although it is too early for final judgments, it is possible that what has been called the President's arrogance is actually an expression of a profound and dedicated humility before the demands and responsibilities of his office. Perhaps he is becoming possessed by the office in much the manner that Abraham Lincoln was possessed and is being consumed before our television-focused eyes by the role that he might well have expected, as politician, to have dominated.

As I see it, there is anguish here; an anguish born of strenuous efforts

which turn endlessly into their opposites, of efforts to communicate which fail to get through, an anguish born of measures passed and projects set up only to be blocked, stalled, deprived of funds, and kept from functioning often by those who should in the Nation's broader interest render all assistance. His most successful measures have produced impatience and released forces and energies which obscure the full extent of his accomplishments. And they are great accomplishments. No one has initiated more legislation for education, for health, for racial justice, for the arts, for urban reform than he. Presently it is the fashion of many intellectuals to ignore these accomplishments, these promises of a broader freedom to come, but if those of other backgrounds and interests can afford to be blind to their existence, my own interests and background compel me to bear witness.

For I must be true to the hopes, dreams, and myths of my people. So perhaps I am motivated here by an old slave-born myth of the Negroes—not the myth of the “good white man,” nor that of the “great white father,” but the myth, secret and questioning, of the flawed white Southerner who while true to his Southern roots has confronted the injustices of the past and been redeemed. Such a man, the myth holds, will do the right thing however great the cost, whether he likes Negroes or not, and will move with tragic vulnerability toward the broader ideals of American democracy. The figure evoked by this myth is one who will grapple with complex situations that have evolved through history, and is a man who has so identified with his task that personal considerations have become secondary. Judge Waties J. Waring of South Carolina was such a man, and so—one hopes, one suspects—is Lyndon Baines Johnson. If this seems optimistic it is perhaps because I am of a hopeful people. Considering that he has changed inescapably the iconography of Federal power, from his military aides to the Cabinet, the Federal Reserve Board, to the Supreme Court, there appears to be ample reason for hope.

When all of the returns are in, perhaps President Johnson will have to settle for being recognized as the greatest American President for the poor and for the Negroes, but that, as I see it, is a very great honor indeed.



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Dear Mr. President:

It was nice to see you last Friday in West Memphis. You can count on an appropriate level of support from FedEx for the West Memphis Community College initiative as part of an overall program. We look forward to getting the definitive plan.

I am writing to follow up on the two items we discussed briefly after the meeting.

First, as Senator Dole has previously mentioned to you, we would be very grateful if you could host an event in support of the World War II Memorial at The White House for key executives of the movie and entertainment industries. We need to raise \$100 million in private funds to build this long overdue Memorial - a project which I know you've been very supportive of in the past.

We now have about \$75 million committed, over half of which has come from the corporate sector. I should also note that Walmart, a great Arkansas based corporation as you know, now has underway a very important campaign which should raise in excess of \$10 million. However, we have not been very successful in getting support from the movie and entertainment industries.

If you could host such a function, Senator Dole and I would attend and make the case for this important project. We have made similar presentations to the Business Roundtable, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other business groups with excellent results. With your participation, we hope we could raise an additional \$10 million which along with the Walmart program would put our goal in reach. We very much appreciate your consideration of this request.

Second, if you would like to have a private screening of Willie Morris' My Dog Skip, which I funded, please have someone from your staff contact my office and we will arrange it. It is a great film which I know you will appreciate having grown up in the south.

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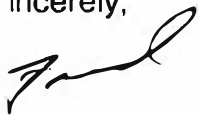
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lie saw it shortly before his death and sent me a nice note saying how thrilled was with the project. He had also previously sent me a copy of your letter to 1 (copy attached) about the movie. I also mentioned this to Mrs. Clinton when we were together at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York recently, and e too expressed an interest in seeing My Dog Skip.

will be released by Warner Brothers on January 12th, but should you want to e it over the holidays, let me know.

Thank you again for your consideration of the request about the World War II emorial function.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain
Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Bob Dole (via fax 202/371-6262)

cc: Capricia P. Marshall,
Deputy Assistant to the President and Social Secretary
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1999

Willie Morris
4205 Brookdale Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39206

Dear Willie:

Thank you for following up on our previous conversation about *My Dog Skip*.

I've passed along a copy of your letter to the White House Social Secretary, Capricia Marshall. She would be the one to arrange for a screening here. I hope it works out, because I'd love to see it. It sounds like a great story.

Thanks for thinking of me. Someone should be in touch with you soon.

Sincerely,

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Internet Panel Pushes Reform Of Sales Taxes

By GLENN R. SIMPSON

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
SAN FRANCISCO—Sweeping sales-tax reform at the state and local level could be an unexpected dividend of the raging debate over whether to tax commerce on the Internet.

Simplification of sales-tax rules in the nation's 30,000 local-revenue jurisdictions emerged as a major focus of discussion at a meeting of the congressionally chartered Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce. Several corporate executives and experts studying the feasibility of taxing Internet transactions said that simplification is a prerequisite to any new system for collecting the fees.

"I think everybody feels tax simplification is better for Internet commerce," said Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, chairman of the commission. He is sympathetic to a drive for simplification, even though he opposes other new measures to enforce collection of sales taxes on interstate sales over the Internet.

One expert witness, Hoover Institution economist Charles McLure, said a "radical simplification" of state sales taxes in exchange for stronger collection enforcement could provide the basis for a compromise on the sharply divided panel.

Currently, mail-order merchants—both catalog and Internet—generally collect state sales tax from consumers only if the merchant operates a facility in the state where the merchandise is being sent. But many states want mail-order companies to go further and collect state taxes on merchandise whether the retailer has an outlet in the state or not. This has become a bigger issue with the growth of e-commerce because, unlike traditional mail-order merchants such as Sears, Roebuck & Co., Internet companies don't have brick-and-mortar operations and therefore collect little tax.

Led by Gov. Gilmore, conservatives and some technology companies want a permanent ban on taxing online sales across state lines, which they say would hobble the growth of e-commerce. But the Clinton administration and state and local officials say that such a step is unfair to traditional retailers, and with the explosive growth of e-commerce, will eventually starve local governments of revenue.

South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow, who is leading a drive for simplification within the National Governors Association, said more uniform rules might make compliance so much easier that companies will begin voluntarily to start collecting levies they currently can't be forced to impose on out-of-state customers.

He predicted that the problem would thus resolve itself without the need for action.
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Internet Panel Looks At Simplification Of Sales-Tax Rules

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tion by Congress. Indeed, despite the fierce debate over whether to tax Internet commerce, many state and local officials already have begun to develop an interstate e-sales-tax system.

Some people say the emergence of a national system is inevitable, even without simplification. Some big brick-and-mortar retailers who oppose the tax holiday being given their Internet competitors say they have long learned to cope with far-flung state and local taxes, and that software will soon be available to make the problem a snap for e-retailers as well.

They also say that corporate compliance with taxation of interstate sales already is more common than is widely realized. Indeed, many of the companies represented on the advisory commission currently employ sophisticated programs to determine local out-of-state taxes on sales in a multitude of state and local jurisdictions. That's because, under current law, payment of local taxes can be enforced when a company has a substantial presence in the same jurisdiction as the customer, even if its headquarters is far away.

While they would love the commission's blessing for a national system to enforce compliance, some advocates of such a regime say they're not going to wait for the e-commerce panel, which many expect will deadlock on the issue. The National Governors Association and the National League of Cities now are working together to develop standards for an interstate-taxation mechanism.

Advocates of a ban on new Internet tax-collection enforcement methods say the idea of a national system is impractical. They also doubt that states and localities will have the political will to simplify their complex tax rules. Commission member

Grover Norquist, an antitax activist, said politicians will never be willing to curtail their own power to reward and punish various interest groups through their tax codes. "This is a put up or shut up thing," he said. "The states could do this themselves if they wanted to."

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Treasury Secretary Offers A New Vision for the I.M.F. Less Long-Term Lending and More Candor

By JOSEPH KAHN

LONDON, Dec. 14 — The Clinton administration, which has defended the International Monetary Fund against vocal critics at home and abroad for many years, has proposed that the fund redefine its mission, become less secretive and end some lending programs — changes that critics have long demanded.

The proposed changes, the most thorough rethinking of the I.M.F.'s role in the world since the financial instability of the early 1970's, would limit its core mission to making emergency loans to countries that face short-term currency crises. In recent years, the I.M.F. has assumed a broader role in advising and lending to poor and developing countries, but has been widely criticized as ineffectual in administering some longer-term programs.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers, speaking at the London Business School today ahead of a Berlin meeting of both advanced and developing economies, said the monetary fund should phase out long-term lending and cede some of its aid to developing countries to its sister agency, the World Bank. The fund should also be quicker to step aside when a country has ready access to private capital, Mr. Summers said.

"To say that the I.M.F. is indispensable is not to say that we can be satisfied with the one we have now," Mr. Summers said in a speech outlining the proposals. "Going forward, the I.M.F. needs to be more limited in its financial involvement with countries."

The blueprint for change is intended to serve as a mandate for a new managing director of the fund. Michel Camdessus, the current managing director, announced his resignation before the end of his term and will leave the I.M.F. in February. Choosing a new managing director, a post that has customarily been held by a European, will be an informal topic of discussion at the meeting in Berlin beginning on Thursday, American officials said.

The administration's plan appears to be a response to a growing chorus of critics of the fund, including economists and members of Congress, who have said that the I.M.F. could have done more to detect, prevent and contain the emerging-markets financial crisis that began in mid-1997. Though the crisis has passed without the worst fears of the I.M.F.'s critics having been realized, its lending programs to a few countries, most notably Russia, were widely considered to be failures.

Some members of Congress have tied their support for a highly promoted Clinton administration goal — forgiving the debt of some of the poorest countries — to an overhaul of the I.M.F. Others have called for changes similar to those Mr. Summers outlined today. Representative H. James Saxton, Republican of New Jersey, who monitors the fund, said that its long-term lending programs are conducive to corruption in poor countries and should be stopped.

In proposing the changes, Mr. Summers rejected calls for turning back the clock on the I.M.F. to a time when its mission was solely to help countries shore up foreign-exchange reserves, a measure taken to protect a currency from declining too sharply in value. The Treasury secretary said the fund should still provide some long-term credit and guidance to poor countries. He also said that the fund deserves praise for how it handled the financial crises of the last several years, even in Russia.

But he nonetheless prescribed a thorough revamping. Most notably, he said the fund should phase out low-interest-rate financing, forcing most countries to raise money from private sources at prevailing interest rates. If that were carried out in full, it would affect dozens of the fund's lending programs around the world. Some programs, like the one for the Philippines, have run as long as 25 years.

Mr. Summers also said the fund should become more open to the pub-

A response to critics and a blueprint for the next director.

lic, by publishing its annual budget, for example. And, he said, the fund should compel member countries to disclose many kinds of financial data they now provide on the condition that this remains secret. Though the change sounds simple, it would involve a cultural revolution at the I.M.F., which has operated more as an exclusive club of nations than as a conduit of information to outsiders.

The fund welcomed Mr. Summers's comments in a statement issued today. "He has touched on a number of critical areas that need to be considered as we draw the lessons of the recent crisis and prepare for the future," the statement said.

But Mr. Camdessus, writing in an I.M.F. publication that predated the Summers speech, said the growth of the fund's lending programs was in response to a need among poor countries. He said proposals to drastically narrow the scope of the fund's work were misguided. "This would obviously be a recipe for irrelevance in today's world," Mr. Camdessus wrote. He could not be reached for comment on the remarks by Mr. Summers.

Some critics of the fund said the proposed changes were on target. But Jeffrey Sachs, who directs Harvard's Institute of International Development and has been a vocal opponent of I.M.F. practices, said that the fund, often with American support, continues to expand its mission in developing countries.

"In practice, the fund seems determined to hold on to a very broad agenda that impacts the lives of hundreds of millions of people," Mr. Sachs said. "The question here is whether we will see follow-through."

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Bipartisan Campaigning

THE back and forth of the presidential campaign has yielded at least temporarily to a different kind of event. Today in New Hampshire, Democrat Bill Bradley and Republican John McCain plan to come together in a bipartisan appeal for campaign finance reform.

In one sense, this seems to push bipartisanship a little far. Once elected, politicians need to forge cross-party alliances if they are to achieve anything. But while they are campaigning, they are supposed to accentuate their differences and so give voters a choice. And yet this theoretical distinction between proper behavior in campaigns and proper etiquette in government breaks down in practice. In 1992 Bill Clinton perfected war-room campaign tactics; he then proceeded to govern by them. This is one reason why relations between the White House and Congress have sharply deteriorated.

Because campaign manners do influence the style and quality of governance, it is bad when candidates go negative; it harms their prospects in office just as surely as do reckless campaign promises never to raise taxes or cut benefits. Until recently, the Republican race has been somewhat more courteous than the Democratic one: Gov. Bush has gone out of his way to say that Mr. McCain, his chief rival, is a "good man," and Mr.

McCain has declined to join his fellow Republicans in attacking Mr. Bush. This courtesy may, however, now be fading. The Democratic race was polite too at first but got less so as it tightened.

If electoral competition promotes negative campaign tactics, today's bipartisan event on campaign finance is a welcome surprise. In New Hampshire, independent voters can choose which primary to vote in, so Messrs. McCain and Bradley are competing head to head for votes. Their willingness to come together despite that should be commended, partly because it nudges the overall tone of the primaries in the direction of civility and partly because the cause espoused by the two candidates is deserving.

The two plan to pledge that, if each wins his party's nomination, he will call upon his party not to accept the "unregulated" "soft money" donations that were at the center of the 1996 campaign scandals. Even in the event that neither is nominated, this act of bipartisan campaigning is useful. It will be laced with references to another cross-party pledge, made by Mr. Clinton and Newt Gingrich in New Hampshire in 1995, to cleanse campaign finance. By reminding voters of this broken promise, Messrs. McCain and Bradley may stoke fresh indignation about the current campaign money system.

Ex-Im's Russian Connection

RUSSIA'S ASSAULT on Chechnya continues, yet the U.S. government seems set to provide fresh aid to Russia that will indirectly help its war effort. Moreover, the intended recipient of this aid, Tyumen Oil Co., may not be deserving: Tyumen is said to practice the kind of capitalism that has laid Russia low. After Tyumen gained control of a large Siberian oil field last month, depriving British-American rival BP Amoco of ownership, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development called the transfer ownership "a sham" and "wholly contrary to the concepts of fairness and transparency."

So why is the United States preparing to assist Tyumen? The answer is that the proposed aid comes from the Export-Import Bank, an executive-branch agency set up to promote exports. The bank gets money from the federal budget—around \$750 million a year—then uses it to subsidize lending to foreigners, who in turn use the cash to purchase U.S. exports. The bank's charter does not require it to consider the foreign policy implications of its efforts, so it is not bothered by the Chechnya conflict. It is not required to take a view on crony capitalism, though it protests that Ty-

men's style of business is more honorable than some say.

The bank's export subsidies amount to corporate welfare and are questionable at the best of times. Defenders point out that other governments subsidize exporters, so U.S. firms would lose business if they lacked the bank's help. This defense is not completely convincing: In other areas, the United States virtuously resists copying other countries' bad policies. American law forbids U.S. firms to offer bribes in other countries, even though this imposes a competitive disadvantage; the Ex-Im Bank itself eschews environmentally dubious projects, even though this carries a commercial cost as well.

But even if there is a case for keeping the Ex-Im Bank in business, there is surely no case for letting the proposed Tyumen loan go ahead as planned. The administration has recently attacked foreign investors in Sudan's oil fields on the ground that they were assisting the government's war against its southern peoples. It can hardly espouse the opposite policy in the Russia-Chechnya case. The State Department has the power to hold up the loan to Tyumen and ought to do so.

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Redskins and has not examined Gore personally.

Gore runs between 3.5 miles to seven miles four to five days a week and lifts weights on days that he does not run. Two years ago, Gore ran his first marathon, completing the 26.2-mile race in just less than five hours.

The vice president has released his medical records once before, in September 1996. Aides said they issued the records Wednesday in response to numerous media requests.

The release comes less than a week after Gore's rival for the Democratic nomination, Bill Bradley, canceled a speech due to a briefly erratic heartbeat stemming from a common disorder that was initially diagnosed in 1996.

Gore's records, based on a complete physical examination by a battery of military physicians on May 7, report that he has never experienced high blood pressure, diabetes, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, stroke or heart disease.

Gore does occasionally suffer from lower back pain, but physicians said the episodes respond to a regimen of exercise and stretching.

An athlete since his youth, the vice president over the years acquired a long list of sport-related injuries, including a dislocated left shoulder at age 10, fluids in the right knee in 1976, a fractured right ankle in 1980, and a sprained right shoulder while skiing last February.

Gore suffered his most serious injury when he ruptured his left Achilles tendon while playing basketball in 1994. The injury required surgery and put him on crutches for four months.

Gore also had surgery in 1989 to repair a hernia in the groin not an uncommon athletic injury, Casolaro said. Such a hernia which can be as small as a thumb occurs when the intestinal sac protrudes through a muscle wall.

Repairing it usually involves nothing more than "tying the muscles up" during what is now an outpatient procedure, Casolaro said.

Gore's only other surgery was a childhood tonsillectomy.

The vice president took up smoking while an undergraduate at Harvard, a habit he did not kick until 1973, two years after returning from Vietnam.

Gore's doctors said he "does not routinely" drink alcohol but does enjoy "an occasional" beer. The vice president sleeps six to seven hours nightly, doctors said.

According to the medical records, Gore's blood cholesterol count is 231, above the ideal level of 200 or below. A count of 240 is considered high.

The vice president wears contact lenses. His eyesight is 20/100 in the right eye and 20/80 in the left.

Gore also suffers from a slight loss of hearing at high frequencies, more pronounced in his left ear than his right. The condition has not deteriorated since 1995 and does not affect his ability to pick up normal conversation, according to Gore's doctors.

The vice president's skin cancer was the most common form, known as basal cell carcinoma, and is almost always associated with exposure to the sun. Although it was identified on Nov. 20, 1996, it was not removed until Feb. 3, 1997.

FCC Opens Inquiry Into Television's Public Service Role **By Jube Shiver Jr.** **Los Angeles Times**

WASHINGTON Federal regulators Wednesday launched a controversial investigation into whether television stations should be required to offer free air time to political candidates.

The public inquiry by the Federal Communications Commission is the latest salvo in an uphill battle by media watchdogs and campaign finance reform groups to broaden political discourse in the United States and slow the skyrocketing cost of running for political office.

It is also part of a larger inquiry by the FCC into whether to impose new public service obligations on broadcasters as television makes the transition to the digital age with its sharper pictures and CD quality sound.

Licenses to broadcast digital TV are valued at as much as \$70 billion, and public pressure is building to force broadcasters granted the licenses to increase public interest services. In addition to free air time for candidates, reformers want more closed captioning of public affairs shows and more hours of educational

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It is "the right time to consider whether the public interest obligations are appropriate and sufficient for the digital era," FCC Chairman William Kennard said at Wednesday's meeting.

The FCC will solicit industry and public comments on the public interest issue over the next several weeks. After that, the agency must decide whether to push ahead and draft new public interest rules. Even if the FCC takes that step, any new rules likely will not go into effect until the middle of next year.

Broadcasters have been subject to public interest rules since 1934 when Congress broadly regulated the industry by passing the Communications Act. Those public interest rules, however, never have required broadcasters to offer free air time to candidates, although a more recent federal rule required broadcasters to sell time to candidates at the station's most favorable advertising rates.

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill who support greater public interest requirements for broadcasters privately acknowledge that Congress likely will have to pass legislation to give the FCC authority to impose any new rules. And it is unclear how much political support there would be for reforms that would benefit new political challengers rather than incumbents.

Nevertheless, a broad base of consumer and civil rights groups including People for Better TV have urged the FCC to require stations offering digital TV to give political candidates free air time, among other new obligations.

Their push for more candidate coverage comes one year after a presidential advisory panel issued a 159-page report recommending that broadcasters should voluntarily provide five minutes a night of free air time for political candidates.

Kennard noted during Wednesday's FCC meeting that broadcasters on the presidential panel endorsed the free air-time proposal. However, Kennard noted, few have followed through and made such time available.

The National Association of Broadcasters, a trade group based in Washington, said that its TV and radio station members already carry public interest programming including \$5 billion worth of air time for public service announcements and coverage of political debates and events between August 1996 and July 1997.

FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth also appeared wary of imposing new public interest rules, saying: "There is absolutely no (legal) basis for (expanding) broadcasters' public interest obligations."

The federal government has given each of the nation's 1,600 television stations an additional channel to broadcast a digital signal that offers much sharper video and compact disc quality sound. The FCC has mandated that all commercial stations convert to digital television by 2002, with stations in the nation's other top 10 markets required to begin this year.

Switching to digital gives broadcasters the ability to air three to five simultaneous channels of average quality video or to use the airwaves for one high-resolution picture, known as high-definition or HDTV, for special broadcasts such as popular sporting events or movies.

Public interest groups argue that this new flexibility should be coupled with new public interest obligations.

WTO Failure Spurs Regional Alliances at U.S.'s Expense **By Evelyn Iritani** **Los Angeles Times**

The failure of global trade talks in Seattle has sent governments around the world scrambling to strengthen economic ties with their neighbors, accelerating a trend that trade experts say could undercut U.S. influence and opportunities abroad.

Responding to what they see as a protectionist backlash in Washington, leaders in Latin America, Asia and Europe began beefing up their regional or country-to-country preferential trading arrangements within days of the collapse of the World Trade Organization talks in early December.

While trade critics hoped their massive demonstrations in Seattle would slow the rush to tear down borders, these governments are seeking to reduce their dependence on a lucrative U.S. market where labor unions and environmentalists have declared war on the borderless economy.

In a speech to leaders of Latin America's Mercosur trade bloc immediately after the Seattle debacle, Brazil's President

Fernando Henrique Cardoso said the WTO failure "showed how much we have to gain with a strengthening of our ties within Mercosur."

The four-nation Mercosur group last week agreed to begin working on a coordinated monetary policy that might include controls on the flow of money across their borders, a move strongly opposed by the United States. Japan launched talks on a free trade agreement with Singapore similar to pacts it is pursuing with South Korea and Mexico. And Europe announced a plan to tighten control over the Internet economy, which runs counter to the hands-off attitude being pushed by Silicon Valley.

"Generally, there's a feeling they've (foreign governments) been dancing to the Washington economic music long enough and it's time to create their own situations on the trade side," said Gary Hufbauer, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Institute for International Economics.

These special trade agreements have the effect of penalizing countries that do not belong. Thus, such key U.S. exports as agricultural products and chemicals could face higher tariffs and be more expensive than competing products made by nations within the regional trade alliances.

The rush to expand such agreements does not represent a whole sale rejection of the global trading system. But they could lead to the Balkanization of the global economy that the architects of the beleaguered Geneva-based WTO had hoped to avoid, warn trade experts.

"If governments don't move fast to moderate the effects of globalization ... it will look more like the rule of the jungle than the rule of law," warned John Weekes, of APCO Associates Inc., a Washington-based consulting firm, and Canada's former ambassador to the WTO.

These regional initiatives could undermine U.S. influence abroad at a time of growing resentment toward perceived Yankee imperialism. They could also give foreign firms advantages over their U.S. competitors in some of the fastest-growing markets in the world.

"This really means other people will be doing deals in which the United States won't be a beneficiary," added Weekes.

Clinton administration officials remain hopeful that the WTO

will move quickly to resurrect the failed trade talks. But few others are optimistic the WTO will get back to the table in a "meaningful way" in a U.S. presidential election year, says a key Japanese trade official.

The Seattle talks foundered on a worsening split between rich and poor nations and on intractable disputes among the U.S., the European Union and Japan over such issues as farm subsidies, anti-dumping laws and wood products.

Not everyone finds a shift away from the global trading system alarming. Greg Mastel, a trade analyst at the New America Foundation, a Washington think tank, argues that the WTO needs a serious overhaul before it ventures further.

Mastel believes the U.S. is better off strengthening its own regional alliances, such as NAFTA, and using them to influence trade policies elsewhere.

"The U.S.-Canada agreement broke ground on some key issues, such as investment and trade, that set a pattern to help the WTO address these issues later," he said.

But others fear the U.S. is headed into a more protectionist, isolationist era, when any measures to lower barriers to trade in goods and services are rejected, spurring retaliation against U.S. companies.

Even before Seattle's streets became a battleground for anti-globalization forces, the Clinton administration had suffered serious defeats in expanding its free trade agenda.

This perceived cooling of U.S. sentiment toward free trade had already caused actions by other governments. Mexico has reached trading deals with Europe and six of its Latin neighbors. Canada has signed a pact with Chile.

And last week, finance ministers of Mercosur, which includes Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, introduced measures designed to move their region toward a common currency and agreed to accelerate efforts to add the Andean Pact countries of Chile, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Mercosur is also part of a 46-nation Latin American group that signed an agreement in November to establish a special trading arrangement with the EU.

Fearful of being left behind, Asia's hard-hit economies

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are also pushing similar measures.

In addition to Japan's announcement last week of a pact with Singapore, the Japanese are pushing ahead with a \$30 billion Asia fund to provide low-cost loans in the region. They are also lobbying their neighbors to support Eisuke Sakakibara, a former Japanese deputy finance minister, as the next head of the International Monetary Fund.

At a meeting in Manila, Philippines, immediately preceding the Seattle WTO conference, 10 Southeast Asian nations invited Japan, China and South Korea to join in an economic alliance that could lead to an EU-style economy and common currency.

MTV Is Subject of Antitrust Investigation By Chuck Phillips Los Angeles Times

MTV Networks, which runs the world's dominant video music channels, is under investigation for alleged antitrust violations by the U.S. Justice Department.

The government investigation was launched seven months ago after MTV's parent, media giant Viacom Inc., notified the Justice Department that it planned to acquire a small competing video channel, the Box, as part of a joint venture with TCI Music, a unit of Liberty Media Corp.

"We are investigating the possibility of potentially anti-competitive practices involving music video networks," Justice spokeswoman Jennifer Rose said. The Justice Department declined to discuss any details of the investigation, which was first reported Wednesday in the Wall Street Journal.

Record industry sources said the government is trying to determine whether MTV, which reaches more than 300 million homes worldwide, has crossed the line by requiring some U.S. record labels to grant the station exclusive rights to air some music videos. Officials also are looking into MTV's recent efforts to cut cheap licensing deals to air videos on the station's new Internet Web sites, sources said.

The Justice Department began looking at MTV's alleged lock on the industry before the Box deal closed in July. Officials have interviewed MTV executives and requested documents from Viacom over the past few months, sources said.

On Wednesday, an MTV spokeswoman said the company is working to aid the government and is confident that officials will conclude the investigation in the company's favor.

"We are cooperating fully with the Department of Justice's review of the Box transaction and believe that when it is concluded they will agree that there is no violation of antitrust law and that the program-services market in which we operate is highly competitive," a spokeswoman said.

Top executives at several major record companies privately predicted that the probe would not result in any significant action against MTV. Two years ago, the Justice Department began investigating alleged antitrust violations involving MTV in Europe, but took no enforcement against the company, sources said.

Thousands of videos are submitted to MTV each year by record companies who use the channel to gain exposure for their artists in hopes of stimulating record sales. In 1999, MTV negotiated exclusive rights deals for only four music videos: Korn's "Freak on a Leash," Limp Bizkit's "Nookie," the Offspring's "Why Don't You Get a Job," and the Spice Girls' "Good Bye."

MTV dominates the cable music-video market, reaching 72.6 million homes in the United States, while VH1, which is geared to a slightly older audience, is available in 68.8 million homes.

McCain Hopes Campaign Reform Can Rally South Carolina By Anne-Marie O'Connor Los Angeles Times

SPARTANBURG, S.C. On the eve of his meeting with Democratic presidential contender Bill Bradley to discuss campaign finance reform, Republican John McCain told voters in this key primary state that the influence of big money in Washington is blocking conservatives from achieving their political goals.

Five years after Americans elected a GOP Congress, McCain said that conservatives have learned that "talking about our agenda" cutting taxes, providing school choice to parents, cutting wasteful spending "is the easy part."

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Don't Ask, Take Command

If you read up on the origins of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, if you review what has happened over the years, then you will also notice the alibi phrase "lack of leadership." It suggests that in some totally unpredictable way a good plan has gone awry. In fact, the opposite is true. The policy is doing precisely what the military intended: keeping gays out of the armed services. Now that, in a way, is leadership.

The result—wholly unintended but wholly predictable—was the murder of Pfc. Barry Winchell on account of his being gay. No one wanted that to happen. But you may ask just exactly what everyone from the president on down thought would happen if gays were treated as aliens—tolerated but hardly welcomed, and then only if they stayed in the closet. This was not a policy. It was a craven accommodation to bigotry.

Now President Clinton has expressed second thoughts about this policy. It's "out of whack now," he said recently. Now his wife, the first lady and Senate candidate from New York, is saying she doesn't like the policy one bit. Now Al Gore, the vice president and a presidential candidate, is saying the same thing. Where have they been since 1993? It's not their minds that have changed, it's their political circumstances. One's a lame duck and the other two are in tight political races.

As for the military, it has much to answer for. If an officer, even one with stars on his shoulders, has an extramarital affair, he could be court-martialed—demoted, fined or passed over for promotion. In the military, your marriage may survive adultery, but your career won't.

But if you harass some poor private for months—if you call him "faggot," "queer" and "homo"—if some noncommissioned officers join in while others just look the other way, then nothing at all happens. Winchell was murdered, beaten to death with a baseball bat, but the Army has tried no one but the killers. Why? What about those noncoms? What about the officers? What about the post commander, for crying out loud? What's he running, a frat house?

Winchell's murder was not akin to a lightning strike, an act of God. It was an act of man. Something like it was bound to happen once the entire military establishment, backed by some yahoos in Congress, stared

down President Clinton in 1993 and compelled him to back away from his campaign promise to lift the ban against homosexuals in the military. Clinton should simply have issued an executive order, acted like the commander in chief for once in his life, and told Cong. Powell, who was then the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, to either salute or resign. Powell would have saluted—and implemented the policy (even though he opposed it) until, possibly, it was overturned by Congress.

It's easy enough to blame Clinton, Gore and even Hillary Clinton for doing and saying little as the evidence accumulated that "don't ask, don't tell" was not working. (Among other things, the number of gays being discharged rose by 70 percent from 1993 to 1998.) But Congress, led in recent years by some certified homophobes, was dead set against a more liberal policy.

Even some usually sane senators acted like fools on this issue. Sam Nunn and John Warner went down to the Norfolk Naval Base to see for themselves how cramped conditions are on a submarine. To their mock horror, they discovered that people did indeed live in very close quarters. "The American people have to know," Nunn explained.

"Don't ask, don't tell" was in fact Nunn's bright idea—a compromise, he called it. But it did not compromise at all with the canard that gays are somehow sick, weird, a bit less than human, a menace to children and, often, sexual predators. On the contrary, by yielding to bigotry, the policy endorsed it. It validated the homophobia that is so imbedded in our culture. At the very least it did nothing to contradict it.

In 1948 Harry Truman desegregated the Army by fiat. He did so over the objections of the brass and the secretary of the Army. He did so in an era when blacks still could not vote in the South, when schools were segregated, when blacks and whites even had their own state parks, when whites gave orders to blacks and not the other way around and a black man could be lynched on the whisper of a sexual allegation.

The racial bigotry of that era was ugly, pervasive, pernicious and even supported in law. Yet Truman acted because he thought it was right. President Clinton also knows what's right. He ought to just do it.

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Global warming propaganda trumps science

By David Mastio

This week, seven environmental groups released a worldwide map packed with more than 100 anecdotes and reports of scientific studies that purport to prove catastrophic global warming is on our doorstep.

Backed by a high-powered public relations strategy, the environmental groups — including the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Union of Concerned Scientists — intend to convince a skeptical American public that global warming is real, not an alarmist fantasy.

The weight of their evidence is impressive. Global warming, they say, is subtly changing the world one little piece at a time. They have the stories to prove it, from the Canadian Arctic to the South Pacific, from California to Cairo.

But they've cooked their books, leaving out evidence that doesn't fit. Although much of what they report is cause for concern, as a whole, their map is as much a big lie as any created by a Soviet-era dictator.

Don't get me wrong: More and more scientists are concluding that global warming is here and that technology and industrialization are helping it along. Almost all scientists who study this agree that if there is warming, it's likely to cause big problems.

But that picture neglects a more subtle view. The "global warming" scientists agree about today is not the "global warming" we first heard about in the 1980s.

The early predictions of global warming included temperature changes of up to 10 degrees during the next 50 years. Today's best estimate, endorsed by the United Nations, is about 4 degrees over 100 years — still cause for concern, but only about half the temperature change spread over twice the time. Scientists moved most of the way toward the original skeptics' views on many issues before a consensus formed.

Nor is the science settled. Only a year ago, the father of global-warming concerns, James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said, "The (forces) that drive long-term climate change are not known with accuracy sufficient to determine future climate change."

That doesn't mean warming isn't happening or that we should do nothing. It just means we should pay careful attention to all of the evidence. In that interest, here are some factors that are confusing the global warming picture:

ANIMALS/PLANTS

Scientists expect global warming to shift habitat, change mating behavior and even disrupt migratory patterns. There is evidence for much of what scientists predict, but often links to global warming turn out to be wrong.

1 England: Environmental groups point to a study saying "31% of 65 bird species studied in 1995 laid their eggs earlier than in 1971 by an average of 8.8 days." What they don't tell you is that the average change across all 65 species has been two days, which is a totally insignificant natural fluctuation.

2 Canadian Arctic: Global-warming proponents report that "Peary caribou numbers dropped from 24,000 in 1961 to as few as 1,100 in 1997, mostly because heavy snowfalls and freezing rain covered their food supply." A central idea of real science is "falsifiability" — the idea that there must be a way for evidence to prove your hypothesis wrong. In the case of anecdotes, environmentalists avoid this pitfall by assuming that almost anything fits their theory: more snow or less, colder air or warming air, it doesn't matter.

3 Minnesota: For several years, scientists have been trying to determine the cause of an alarming number of strange frog deformations. At first, global warming was blamed along with other environmental problems. But the latest study shows the Frankenstein frogs were probably the victims of a natural parasite.

4 American Midwest, Brazil, France: Environmentalists predict that global warming will put massive strains on world food production, as weather patterns and planting seasons are disrupted. Today, farmers in the major food-exporting countries are suffering, but it's not from climate change; it's from declining prices as a result of increased productivity. In 1998, warming advocates blamed a drought in Texas that ravaged the cotton crop on global warming, but only a year later cotton prices are at record lows.

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GLACIERS AND POLAR ICE

Global climate models predict that one of the effects of climate change will be the melting of glaciers. Indeed, some of the strongest regional warming has been in polar regions. But questions remain about why the glaciers are melting.

West Antarctic Ice Sheet: "Nearly 1,150 square miles of ... ice shelves collapsed between March 1998 and March 1999," say the environmental groups. Only one remaining ice sheet is so large the ice sinks to the bottom of the ocean. Environmentalists point to the fact that this last one may be breaking up as proof of global warming. What they neglect to mention is that, according to a study recently published in *Science*, the sheet has been retreating by several hundred feet a year for more than 7,000 years.

Himalayas: The environmentalists' map says "scientists predict the loss of all central and eastern Himalayan glaciers by 2035." But an analysis of local temperature data collected by the United Nations shows a statistically insignificant cooling trend.

Greenland: While many mountain glaciers are melting, other more important ones are expanding. A study in *Geophysical Research Letters* said the largest mass of polar ice in the Northern Hemisphere, the Greenland Ice Sheet, thickened by 7 feet during the 1980s alone.

DISEASE

A nasty side effect of global warming, according to a recent U.N. report, may be the spread of deadly diseases by insects that are far more common in tropical climes than in more temperate areas. But there are questions about whether there's a link to climate change.

Central America, Colombia and Kenya: According to map anecdotes, newly invigorated disease-carrying mosquitoes "spread to higher elevations," carrying with them deadly infections. What the map doesn't say is that some of the diseases spread in underdeveloped countries are due to increased travel between disease-

rich lowland areas and highland areas that used to be very isolated.

Philadelphia: Mosquitoes are expected to bear the deadliest "tropical" infestations into the United States, but those diseases, such as yellow fever, malaria and dengue fever, are anything but foreign to our soil. In 1793, yellow fever broke out in Philadelphia, killing thousands. The same thing happened in 1878 in Memphis.

Alabama: Eight times between the 1800s and 1940, dengue fever spread from the southeastern U.S. states to warmer nations in the Caribbean, according to a top Centers for Disease Control researcher.

Holland: Was only declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization in the 1970s. Prior to World War II, malaria was common in much of Europe, the former Soviet Union and parts of the USA and Canada.

STORMS, FIRES AND HEAT

Researchers expect global warming to make weather more unpredictable and powerful. And the '90s have been the hottest on record, with a global rash of wildfires. But there's more to this story.

Chicago: In January 1994, a record-setting arctic blast gripped the Midwest, closing Chicago's schools for the first time due to cold. Nationally, 130 people died. Record lows were recorded in five states.

Melbourne: When it's winter in the Northern Hemisphere, it's summer in the south. Still, the coldest January in 132 years hit Australia in 1992.

Jerusalem: That same month, it was very cold in a lot of places. The capital of Israel was blanketed by the most snow in more than 40 years.

Florida: The map also blames increased forest fires on global warming. But fires just as large burned there around the turn of the century and again in the 1930s.

Caribbean: Global warming is being blamed for more frequent and more damaging storms, such as the hurricanes that batter this area. But the period between 1991 and 1994 was the "quietest" on record for hurricane activity.

David Mastio, a reporter for The Detroit News, is a member of USA TODAY's board of contributors.

THE J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Office of the Chairman



December 13, 1999

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Clinton,

I want to express the appreciation of the members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to you for your efforts to protect the Program during the FY 2000 budget process. We know that the budget for the Program would have suffered greater cuts without your help.

We also were pleased to read your comments about the Program in Athens last month. The idea of an Aegean Initiative to encourage reconciliation between Greece and Turkey fits in with the Board's efforts to encourage scholars to work together on joint problems. In addition, the Board has discussed other worthwhile initiatives we believe would have your full support.

This fall, the Board has focused sharply on the FY 2001 budget for the Fulbright Program. This is the last budget you will see through to its completion and is our best opportunity, as Clinton appointees to the Board, to strengthen the Fulbright Program for the future. We are writing this letter to express our fervent hope that the Fulbright Program in the FY 2001 budget will represent a significant part of your legacy and will serve as a benchmark for future administrations. A powerful statement of your support for the role that the Program plays in helping to reduce conflict among nations would be an effort to secure \$150 million in funding for the Program in FY 2001. No one knows better than you the value of the Fulbright Program and you do not need to be persuaded that this Program, small as it is, contributes enormously to long-term American foreign policy goals.

* Just last week, the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel issued a report concluding that "The United States' overseas presence, which has provided the essential underpinnings of U.S. foreign policy for many decades, is near a state of crisis." And that "Only by maintaining a robust global presence can our government protect U.S. interests and promote its values." Surely, such conclusions make a clear case for meaningful enhancements of the Fulbright Program, whose fundamental purpose is to increase mutual understanding between nations of the world through international exchange of students and scholars.

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Sincerely,

Alan Schechter
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Chairman

THE J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Office of the Chairman



November 30, 1999

The Honorable Madeleine Albright
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Albright:

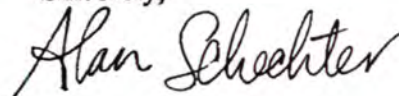
On behalf of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, I am writing to express our appreciation to you and to your "team" for all of your efforts on behalf of the funding levels for the Fulbright Exchange Program in the FY 2000 Budget. Without your help we believe the cuts would have been more drastic.

The Board is also unanimous in soliciting your strongest possible support for a substantial increase in FY 2001 funding for the Program. As you know, it has evolved over more than 53 years as a national resource of immeasurable value -- both for our own country and for the 140 other countries that participate annually in the exchange of scholars, teachers, and students. Fulbright participants have typically developed into leaders in government, commerce, education, and culture and have given the United State invaluable long-term partners in many fields.

The Board believes the Fulbright Program is at a critical juncture. Without your urgent attention to its adequate funding in the FY 2001 Budget we fear it will continue to shrink, to the great detriment of a Program which has served this country and the participants abroad extremely well for over half a century. The Board is eager to introduce significant innovations but we are stalled by lack of additional funding.

We believe you can help ensure a lasting legacy for President Clinton's foreign policy by securing at least \$150 million in funding for the Fulbright Program in the FY 2001 Budget. Given the President's personal connection with and his demonstrated support of the Program, this budget could be considered as our last and best opportunity to ensure increased funding for the future. In the broad scheme of public programs, this is a very modest request for an activity that has proven itself again and again as a major contributor to our national interest as well as to those of our partner countries. The Fulbright Board offers its wholehearted support to you in this important effort.

Sincerely,



Alan Schechter
Chairman

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Office of the Chairman

Mr. President,

I do not relish going
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This is the last time we
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through from start to finish.

On behalf of a program which
has served the country superbly
for over half a century we
urgently seek your help as
our last hope.

Peace,

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***The J. William Fulbright
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December 16, 1999

The Honorable Robert J. Dole
Suite 410
901 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bob:

Thanks for following up with me on our conversation about the World War II memorial. I understand that members of my staff have been in close contact with representatives from the World War II Memorial Campaign to coordinate an event that will raise interest in, and support for, the building of the memorial, and I'm confident that we will be able to arrange something in the near future. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to the memorial, and I send best wishes to you and Elizabeth for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

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BOB DOLE

901 15TH STREET, N.W.

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November 3, 1999

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Yes ☒

No ☐

Dear Mr. President:

Thanks again for your call last week concerning Elizabeth.

As I mentioned, it has been very frustrating trying to obtain support from the T.V. and movie industry for the World War II Memorial. I believe an event at the White House would lower the barriers we are facing with the Hollywood community.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE



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BOB DOLE
901 15TH STREET, N.W.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

July 29, 1999

Dear Jack:

Fred and I appreciated your taking our call to bring you up to date on the progress of the World War II Memorial.

As promised, enclosed are our latest corporate donor list and a copy of my letter to President Clinton.

I will have Jim Aylward, Executive Director of the World War II Memorial Campaign follow up with you on your offer to help coordinate this fundraising event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE

Mr. Jack Valenti
Chairman and CEO
Motion Picture Association of America
1600 I Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

SENATOR BOB DOLE

901 15TH STREET, N.W.
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July 30, 1999

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

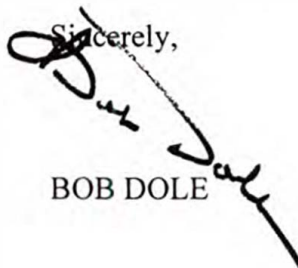
You may recall the White House event in January 1997 when the design for the World War II Memorial was unveiled. Following that event I was asked to serve as Chairman of the \$100 million memorial campaign.

We have now raised over \$65 million with contributions from corporations, foundations, veterans groups, civic and fraternal organizations, and more than 343,000 individuals. In addition, we have a public voice in Tom Hanks. Tom's contribution to the campaign has been significant, especially in his role as a national spokesman through a series of public service announcements. Steven Spielberg also has been very supportive.

Frankly, thus far our support from the T.V. and movie industry has been disappointing. If you would be willing to host a reception or dinner in Washington or Los Angeles, we could raise a minimum of \$5million and perhaps as much as \$10 million. We very much hope to break ground on November 11, 2000 but cannot do so unless we've raised the full \$100 million.

If you can accommodate this request it will be much appreciated by me and my Co-chairman, Fred Smith (founder, FedEx) and more importantly the World War II community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Dole", written over the printed name.

BOB DOLE

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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John McCaffrey
Executive Director
Cambridge in America
708 Third Avenue, 14th Floor
New York, New York 10017

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter. It's always nice to hear from you.

I've alerted my scheduling office about a possible meeting with you in January. I'd like to do that -- let's hope it works out. Your global scholarship project is going to be great.

You seemed to answer your own question when you asked what I thought about your taking a position with Sir John Browne. He is indeed "a first-class mentor." No one can doubt your loyalty to Cambridge, but this does sound like an exciting opportunity. If we talk next month you can give me more details.

Happy holidays.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Bill Browne is
making history and
changing the future on
climate change. He's one
of the most significant men
in the 21st century.



CAMBRIDGE IN AMERICA

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES

December 7, 1999

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You will doubtless be excited and optimistic about events in Northern Ireland, as we all are. As someone who worked at first hand on your first trip to Derry and Belfast while at the University of Ulster, I know the long road which you travelled since then to help bring about these hopefully lasting developments there.

It is some months since I saw you and First Lady with Stephen Hawking. Stephen is keeping well and working on a new book, and has asked me to send you his warmest wishes and renew his invitation to visit him in England in 2000.

I would also like to take a moment of your time to ask you for advice on two fronts, one Cambridge-related and one personal.

As I mentioned before, we are working closely with the Gates Foundation to create a global scholarship scheme which will parallel Rhodes and also introduce some new innovations to reflect this technological world we live in. I am working with someone in Cambridge and with Patty Stonesifer at the Gates Foundation to formulate the right program for this new Millennium. If your schedule permitted a little time in January, I would like to visit with you to seek your view about your Rhodes experience and also your advice on how we might make this new "Gates" program truly unique. Your participation in such a role would be a welcome involvement by all of us concerned.

Secondly, we have spoken in the past about Sir John Browne of BP Amoco, someone whom I know you and the Vice-President hold in high regard. Last week in London, Sir John asked me to consider joining his team to work closely with him heading their global communications. The opportunity is a fascinating one, but I also feel a great deal of

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loyalty to Cambridge University and satisfaction in the work myself and my team have done for Cambridge in the United States. But I also know that there is nothing to compare with the experience of working with a first-class mentor, which John Browne undoubtedly is. Having the chance to seek your advice about what the most appropriate choice to make for my future would be very valuable and much appreciated.

I hope that we get the chance to meet again soon, and in the meantime, sincere good wishes to yourself and Mrs. Clinton for a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

John McCaffrey
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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECEMBER 10, 1999

Donna J. Blackwood
227 Crooked Oak Terrace
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913

Dear Donna:

Thank you for your letter. I would love to have you and the other members of the Club here for a visit or tour.

Although it might be difficult to make arrangements for 75 people, we will try to work something out. Please call Nancy Hernreich in my office at 202-456-6610. She will help you.

Happy holidays to you and Jim.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

We'll work it out,
Thanks!

Jim and Donna Blackwood
227 Crooked Oak Terrace
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913

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November 24, 1999

President and Mrs. Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

ATTENTION: Carolyn Huber

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton: (Bill and Hillary)

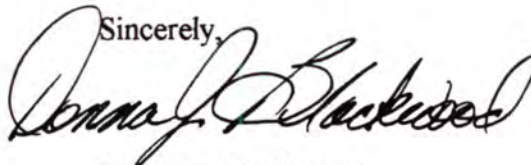
Since I haven't heard from you after my last letter, I wanted to write to you once again regarding a possible invitation to the White House for all members of the Virginia Clinton Kelley Democratic Women's Club of Garland County.

I know that many of the ladies have attended different functions at the White House and have had special invitations, but some of our members have never been invited or even seen the White House, and all have expressed the desire to visit you and Hillary at the White House while you are still in office.

It is our hope that it might be possible for you to extend an invitation to all our members (approximately 75 at this time) to visit you at the White House sometime in the not too distant future. It would mean a lot to all of us if you could find time in your busy and hectic schedule to meet with us for a day at the White House.

We appreciate you and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Donna J. Blackwood
Past President and 1st Vice President Elect

P. S. I am also the coordinator for Hillary's Fan Club, and I believe all of the ladies in the VCK-DWC are also members of the fan club, and those who haven't personally met the First Lady are very much looking forward to meeting her.

Donna J. Blackwood
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To Burkhardt
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Recommended Telephone
Call to
Charles M. Schulz
on his retirement
to be made ASAP

December 16, 1999

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Charles M. Schulz

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Charles M. Brain *CMB*

PURPOSE: To thank Charles Schulz for his contributions to American culture through his cartoon, *Peanuts*, and to wish him well as he recovers from colon cancer.

BACKGROUND: Charles Schulz began drawing the *Peanuts* cartoon, originally titled *Li'l Folks*, in 1949 for the St. Paul Pioneer-Press. The cartoon was syndicated by United Press Syndicate the following year, and made its first national appearance on October 2, 1950.

Schulz has been recognized as one of our nation's premier cartoonists. He was awarded the National Cartoonists Society's Reuben Award in 1955 and 1964, when the *Peanuts* cartoon Christmas special made its Emmy-winning television debut. Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the other *Peanuts* characters have been featured on television, in the movies, in books and throughout the consumer market.

As you know, on Tuesday, December 14, Mr. Schulz announced his retirement. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA) recommends that you place this call to this very special constituent. Mr. Schulz has received calls of well wishes from around the world.

**CONTACT PERSON
AND TELEPHONE
NUMBERS(S):** Charles M. Schultz
Home: 707-539-1300
Office: 707-546-7121

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 16, 1999

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Fayetteville, AR 72701
December 14, 1999

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for Reply

Tommy Cornwell
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Dear Tommy:

I don't know if there is anything that you can do to help us, but at least I'll feel better by writing this. As you know, my husband, Bobby Mosteller has been unable to work for the past year. This is beginning to get very frustrating now. I'll update you with what has gone on this year.

Bobby was in a plane crash three months before we got married. For two of those three months he was in the hospital recovering from second and third degree burns over 50 percent of his body. He had eight reconstructive surgeries during the first year that we were married. For ten years we paid what we could on all the hospital and doctor bills, while between the two of us we worked as many as two fulltime and three part-time jobs at once. After our son Bennett was born, and after we decided to become foster parents, we decided that we couldn't continue to work that many jobs. We cut back to one fulltime and one part-time job each, all the while trying to keep up with the continuing doctor and hospital bills. Finally we were advised about three years ago to file bankruptcy to get the medical professional collection agencies to leave us alone. We filed where we still pay our bills through the trustee (I believe that is Chapter 11). This was not something that we were proud of, but we were still meeting our obligations just on a schedule that we could live with until the first of this year.

Last November, Bobby got sick again and was at first diagnosed with strep throat. After a few days, they changed to diagnosis to bronchitis, and a few days later decided that he had pneumonia and put him in the hospital for five days. For the next month, he continued to go to the doctor where they told him that he still had pneumonia but he should continue to go to work. By December 30, I took him back to the doctor and insisted that he be put back into the hospital and call in a lung specialist, who discovered that not only did he now have pneumonia in both lungs, but also he had been misdiagnosed in the first place. He actually had had a blood clot in his lung all this time. After two weeks, he was released from the hospital, but for the past year he has been constantly under doctors' care.

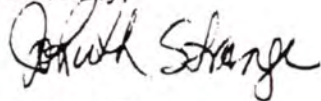
We were told by several of the doctors to file for disability, because he would never be able to go back to work fulltime since some of the long-term effects from being seriously burned were now beginning to show. We started the process, and have now been turned down twice. We have hired a lawyer to help us, and he feels along with the doctors, that Bobby will qualify but it is just a lot of paperwork and red tape. In the past year, I have had to support our family by teaching for the Fayetteville School District, working part-

time at Charter Hospital in Fayetteville, delivering phone books, and have started a home-based party business with Wicker Plus. It really isn't fair to our children (biological, adopted, and foster) that because of our Disability system they are being denied small privileges. As you know, we were able to adopt a foster child that had lived with us for over three years (the fight with DHS is a whole other story), and one of his goals in being adopted was finally not having to eat free lunch. Now although this seems like a small thing to most of us, it was a big deal for him. Do you know that on my salary, he still qualifies for reduced lunch? He was really disappointed when I told him that he still was going to have to use the reduced lunch plan.

 I guess this wouldn't bother me so much if even one of the doctors that Bobby sees would say that he could work, but all of them agree that because of his illnesses and chronic conditions that he will never be able to hold down a job again. We have now depleted our savings, and we are beginning to cash in the savings bonds that we have for the boys' college education. We can't take out a loan because of our credit status (as if a bank would loan us any with just one working). After a few more months, Bobby won't qualify for Cobra anymore either. It seems to me that the system in place is designed to completely break you before you can get help. Even when we do begin to get the disability, we will have to pay our lawyer about 25 percent of the back payment. You shouldn't have to hire a lawyer to get what you supposed to get if you follow the rules. We not only can't get the disability yet, but Bobby's retirement benefits are tied into his qualifying for disability, and therefore we can't get any of his retirement until he is approved.

I don't know if there is anything that you can do to help, but at least I feel better about having gotten this off my chest. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Jo-Ruth Strange

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DATE: December 14, 1999

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TO: FAX NO. 202/456-6703 / 210

NAME: President Bill Clinton

FIRM OR DEPARTMENT: Oval Office Fax

SENDER: Tommy Cornwell

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET THREEBill: Eva, Tracy, Lisa and I will arrive in Washington, DC Friday evening.

We are going to fly back to Fayetteville Monday afternoon. I hope between arrival and departure that we can spend some time together. I know that your schedule may not permit it. If not, I would like to schedule a time Saturday, Sunday or Monday that I could visit with you for about 30 minutes. The enclosed letter is a case that I am familiar with. It is even worse than that. I know. I don't know if they can be helped with this Social Security Disability request or not, but I hope that someone can. I got asked all of the time to contact you about something. I usually won't, but this is a special case where his Social Security should be approved. This is just another case of an employer failing to provide quality employee benefits. Hope to hear from you, and see you this week-end. TOMMY CORNWELL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Hernreich

FROM: Kelly Craighead *KSC*

RE: Letter from Sahir Erozan

Attached is a letter for the President from Sahir Erozan from Overseas Partners. As you will recall, Sahir accompanied the First Family on the Bosphorus boat ride in Istanbul. He asked me to pass the following along.

Thank you.

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December 3, 1999

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20504

Dear Mr. President,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you of my undying gratitude for what you accomplished on your trip to Turkey. You made the people of Turkey feel extraordinary at during an exceptionally grave time of their lives. You lifted the morale of the country and gave hope and courage to the people that needed to go on with their lives.

The sincerity of your speeches made such a connection between the people of Turkey and the United States. All the aid in the world could not replace what you did with mere words.

Although I have worked on behalf of both your presidential campaigns, I never had the good fortune to spend such quality time with you and your family as I did in Turkey.

I want to express to you and The First Lady what a lovely daughter you have raised. Chelsea is an intelligent, eloquent young lady with a great demeanor. I was very impressed by what a well-grounded person she is and enjoyed my dinner conversation with her.

Even though I have so much for which to thank you, I would like to return to a point that we discussed, on the cruise down the Bosphorus.

On that day, you mentioned to me day you really wanted to see the businessman of both countries, Greece and Turkey, work together to create a support system which would further the efforts of so both governments to put their long lasting differences aside and open the future of Turkey to the European Union while at the same time helping the security and prosperity of Greece by having good and improved economic relations.

As you know, I have many Greek and Greek - American friends, many of us including John Sitalides, the Executive Director of the Western Policy Center, shared a similar thought regarding your trip. We wanted to bring together Greek - American, Turkish - American and Greek and Turkish businessmen at an in event in Istanbul. We discussed this possibility with your advisor Tony Blinken. As your schedule developed, everyone felt that Greece would be a better platform for this event. Unfortunately, as you know circumstances did not permit such an event to take place.

I am however still interested in bring this group together. You seemed to show a positive interest on the cruise, with your permission, I would like for this idea to become a reality in Washington during the American Turkish Council's annual conference in March.

I am an Executive Committee member of the American Turkish Council and when I mentioned this to our President he was very excited by the fact that we could be a part of this historical gathering where we have approximately 2000 businessman from both the United States and Turkey attending.

On, March 30, 2000, the Gala night for the conference, which will be held at the National Building Museum, we could bring all mentioned prominent parties together and move this platform to the public arena in Greece and Turkey under your leadership.

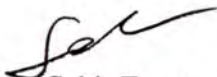
With your leadership I think that we could begin to ease the unnecessary tension between these two countries -- both of whom have a direct impact on our security and prosperity in the United States.

Please know that should you decide to move forward with this idea I am be at your service. It would give me great pride to work with you on making this idea come to fruition.

Thank you again for making me so proud to be a Turkish - American and being part of this great experience.

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing you at the Millennium event.

Sincerely,



Sahir Erozan