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AUDITOR



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December 16, 1999

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Honorable Bill Clinton
President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to ask you to **pardon our friend Lloyd George and remove** his name from the federal felon list.

Lloyd has paid the fine assessed by the court and has served his two years of supervised parole. He is now 73 years old and has retired to his farm. He was a good public servant for this state for many years and is still a good friend to me and to you.

I will appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gus
Gus Wingfield

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*Mr. President -
He really is
our friend &
needs your
help. Gus.*

Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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December 5, 1999

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Yes ☒
No ☐

Honorable Bill Clinton
United States President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

I am sorry I could not accompany my father (former State Representative ~~Lloyd R. George~~) and my sister (a CPA for Mac McLarty, Bonny Dennis) when they visited with you in Little Rock this past summer. My husband and I are living on an island on the Gulf between the Florida and Alabama state line and I couldn't leave at the time. However, they did give me your regards, and I appreciated your thoughtfulness.

My husband, Dennis, is still a scout with the Kansas City Royals. Everyone involved with the Club is very excited about the prospect of our friend from Northwest Arkansas, David Glass, purchasing the team.

I am working for Clear Channel in one of their Pensacola radio stations. I am in advertising and marketing and I am having so much fun. I write commercials and design marketing plans for businesses. You know I always wanted to "write", I just never thought it would be this!

I am now writing to ask a favor of you. I don't believe in our 25+ years of friendship I have ever asked you for anything, so hopefully, you won't feel this is out of line. I am asking that you issue a pardon to my father.

His probation is up on December 16th. He has done everything he was supposed to do under the terms of his sentence. He will turn 74 on his next birthday, and at this late phase of his life, it means so much to him that his name be cleared.

You know how important tradition and family are to him. When I was working for you in the Governor's Office in 1979 and I had cancer, Lloyd ate and slept in my room at the hospital until he knew I would survive the surgery. He put his life on hold to take care of me and he would have done the same for anyone he considers to be a friend.

He farms land in North Central Arkansas that has been in our family for seven generations. He is not in good health, but fortunately, is doing well at the moment due to experimental surgery. He has four children and nine grandchildren and would like to continue to do the things he has done for and with us throughout the years. However, with the constraints of the conviction, this has been extremely difficult, if not completely impossible.

You know this man – he has never been in trouble a day in his life – and is of no harm to anyone. He has lost the thing that was most dear to him, besides his family; the privilege to give the rural people of his district a voice in the State Capitol. He has been damaged by this whole ordeal in ways you can't imagine, and I feel it is time to begin the healing process. This can not happen without your help.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter, and hope someday in the near future, our paths will cross. Please give my best wishes to Hillary in her personal political quest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty George Woody".

Betty George Woody

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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December 22, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BETH NOLAN, COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
BILL MARSHALL, DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
EDDIE CORREIA, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

SUBJECT:

DON'T ASK/DON'T TELL

You asked if you can change the Don't Ask/Don't Tell policy by executive order since Congress has enacted it into law. The 1993 statute prohibits gays and lesbians from serving in the military if: 1) they engage in homosexual conduct; 2) they state that they are gay and they cannot rebut the presumption that they will engage in such conduct; or 3) they marry a person of the same sex. As you suggest, you cannot override these basic prohibitions by executive order.

However, there are a number of steps that the Administration can take that will improve the implementation of the policy. For example, the military services have already been directed by the Secretary of Defense to develop guidance regarding the prohibition on harassing gay service members. In addition, the services may also more effectively enforce the ban on commanding officers asking about sexual orientation. Finally, the Defense Department is also exploring the possibility of clarifying the policy to ensure that certain kinds of confidential communications about sexual orientation, e.g., to chaplains and psychotherapists, do not result in the discharge of a gay service member. These types of steps will improve the climate for gays and lesbians in the service but do not require a statutory change.

A working group within the White House, including the Counsel's Office, NSC, and the Office of Public Liaison, is developing approaches to improving implementation of the policy. This group will be working with the Department of Defense, which will have ultimate responsibility for carrying out any changes in the current enforcement of the policy. Before putting any significant reforms into effect, Defense will consult with the military services.



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Made by:
Ian Krassner

To Bill THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
12-23-99

Thanks for THE Best

8 years you will give us
your life to America.

Only wishing you could run
for a 3rd Term.

God Bless, your friend

JOHN MARSHALL
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Yes ☒

No ☐

FROM :

The Black Heritage Society**2900 Woodridge, Suite 311, Houston, Texas 77087-2506****FAX**

9: BURKHARDT for
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cc: BEN
JOHNSON

Date: Dec. 22, 1999Number of pages including cover sheet:

To: Mrs. Betty Currie
Mr. Justin Cooper

Phone: 1(202)456-1414Fax phone: 1(202)456-2461CC: 2883

From: VICE-President
Ms. Sherry Browning
The Black Heritage Society
Mr. Ovide DUCARTE - President

Phone: 713-645-9598 (713)7418521Fax phone: 713-645-4539

REMARKS:

☒ Urgent☐ For your review☐ Reply ASAP☐ Please comment

The Black Heritage is the only parade the
Martin Luther King Family members has
participated in. We have proof.

Mr. President Clinton we are requesting that you put
together a video tape expressing how you feel about
Martin Luther King's Holiday Birthday, and Black Heritage
honoring Mrs. Rosa Parks & Mr. Shirley D. Lieber
Head of Houston's Metro Bus & Transportation System.

P.S. You are welcomed to be apart of our events. From Sherry Browning

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OUR LETTERHEAD ADDRESS. THANK YOU.



"Preserving a Strong Family Heritage"

BLACK HERITAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Dear Mr. King:

The Black Heritage Society will celebrate its 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Parade and Extravaganza on January 15-17, 2000. This is a three-day, multi-cultural and family friendly affair so appropriate for saluting the new millennium. We would be honored if you will appear as our Guest Speaker on January 17 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet/Dinner. The event will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center (Downtown Houston), 7:00 PM.

We are proud to announce that we will present the "Woman of the Year" award to Ms. Rosa Parks at the Banquet. Just planning the honoring of this great woman has stirred my heart with joy. And to present the award on your father's birthday almost brings me to tears. Then, if you, Dr. King's son, will help us by presenting our prestigious Mountain Top Award to Ms. Parks, not a face will remain unstained with tears.

But, that is not all. We will also crown Shirley Deliebro, current CEO of Metro, as the Queen of Transportation. She will represent the long-range results of Ms. Parks' action. This gesture epitomizes the rise of African Americans from the back of the bus to the head of the bus company in a major U. S. metropolitan area (Houston, Texas)

For your time and service, we make these commitments to you.

- Purchase round trip airlines tickets for you and your guest.
- Make your Hotel arrangements and cover expenses.
- Offer you an honorarium of \$15,000.
- Provide your transportation to and from the Airport.
- Provide your transportation to and from the Hotel.
- Furnish audio and visual aids for presentation, if needed.

Should you accept our offer, we would prefer that you arrive in Houston on Sunday, January 16, 2000. This will allow you time to rest and join us in the Grande Parade on Monday morning. However, we will not object to you

Black Heritage Society - 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

PROJECT BRIEF

INTRODUCTION

Black Heritage Society Inc. is a local non-profit 501(c)3 self help organization. The organization has endeavored to keep Dr. King's dream alive, yet maintain the support and appeal of the community. Dr. King was a champion of cultural diversity representing all people regardless of their race, color, nationality or creed. Black Heritage Society Inc. is one of the original organizations that kicked-off the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

BACKGROUND

In 1974, Ovide Duncantell, Executive Director of BHS, emerged as one of the driving forces behind the renaming of a major thoroughfare to Martin Luther King Boulevard. The street ran through a predominantly African American neighborhood. Mr. Duncantell's zeal, persistence and enthusiasm resulted in the mobilization of the community in favor of South Park Boulevard becoming Martin Luther King Boulevard. The formation of the Black Heritage Society grew out of this movement. The newly found organization spearheaded the successful implementation of the MLK street change project.

Reverend Martin Luther King Sr. ("Daddy King") was so impressed by BHS' fervent energy and gesture of respect for his deceased son, until he made a personal appearance at the Street Name Change Ceremony on January 15, 1975. The street was christened by a City-Wide Parade down the newly named boulevard.

Packed with such deep emotions, it seemed as if the elements were touched because it rained, sleeted, snowed (lightly), and was very cold. Despite these conditions, thousands of people braved the weather and stood with "Daddy King" and the Black Heritage Society staff on that historic occasion. Ovide Duncantell made a pact with "Daddy King" to keep the remembrance of his son alive through this annual pilgrimage. (parade) that would always be inclusive of all people. This promise has been kept since that day.

Moreover, Black Heritage Society Inc. has also held a special ceremony on the anniversary of Dr. King's death, every year since the assassination on April 4, 1968. Yes, every April 4th, we conduct a Candlelight vigil and Ceremony in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ovide often remarks, "It is such a good feeling to see the individuals of every race, culture, and nationality come together and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." We know that Dr. King was promoting racial harmony and cultural diversity long before the terms became popular. Join us in keeping the dream alive.

Upcoming Events:

We will salute the new millennium with the greatest ever parade. Actually, we have planned a three-day celebration

Saturday	January 15, 2000	Children's Parade/Family Fun Run, all day festivities
Sunday	January 16, 2000	Church Freedom March, Gospel Choir Fest, Youth Concert
Monday	January 17, 2000	MLK Jr. Holiday Grande Parade, Battle of the Bands, Honoring of Ms. Rosa Parks at the MLK Jr. Holiday Banquet/Dinner

These activities and festivities will occur in the downtown Houston City Hall area (Tranquillity Park, Hermann Park Square, Allan Parkway, and Buffalo Bayou, also the George R. Brown Convention Center). Marching Bands, Parade Participants, Vendors and Sponsors are welcome. Call 713-645-9598.

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Senior Citizens' Adopt A House Program – Assisted people with credit difficulties in obtaining homes.
- ◆ Hunger Program - Deprived children and senior citizens were fed in community restaurant (Naomi's Restaurant).
- ◆ Turkey Giveaway – Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey giveaway to needy families
- ◆ Children's Day America – Project is garnering national attention to the growing need for "family harmony" and the protection of our future via youth oriented projects and programs.
- ◆ Safe Halloween Party – Established the longest and safest Halloween Party for children.
- ◆ Computer Training – Conducted a limited computer literacy training program for under-privileged children.

Some of our Supporters and Sponsors include:

- Chase Bank (formerly Texas Commerce Bank)
- Cultural Arts Council of Houston
- City of Houston
- Fiesta Mart
- H. E. Helen M. Johnson

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For Immediate Release

Date: December 2, 1999

MLK Holiday Parade and Celebration Committee Members: Ovide Duncantell, Eddie Williams, Joe Tesby, Sherry Browning, Reginald Rollins, Helen Johnson, Sandra Hines, Tom Jones, Dr. E'theal Lewis Sr.

Black Heritage Society Presents 22nd Annual MLK Jr. Holiday Parade and Celebration □ Year 2000

Houston, Texas—January 15-17, 2000

The Black Heritage Society will conduct three days of planned excitement, ceremonies, and activities for the 22nd Annual MLK Jr. Holiday Parade and Celebration. The event was designed with the family in mind, beginning Saturday, January 15 and culminating on Monday, January 17.

We will salute the new millennium with a Banquet/Dinner, on January 17, honoring Ms. Rosa Parks as "Woman of the Century." Ms. Shirley DeLibero, CEO of Metro, will be crowned "Queen of Transportation."

Three Day Program Activity Summary

- **Saturday, January 15 - Family Fun Run**
Activities begin at 10:00 AM. Ongoing festivities all day. Vendors welcome. Booth Space Available.
- **Sunday, January 16 - Gospel Choir Fest**, area youth groups, other gospel singing groups and talents - featured guest speaker, Rev. Derek King, nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- **Monday, January 17 - Grande Parade in Downtown Houston.** Line-up at intersection of Smith/Travis at 8:30 AM. Parade begins at 10:00 AM. Van Chancellor, Grand Marshall. Activities immediately following the parade: Battle of Bands, Youth Concert, Beauty Pageant.
7:00 PM - MLK Jr. Holiday Banquet/Dinner, George R. Brown Convention Center.

*They are turning Dr. Martin Luther King's
dreams into a (Freddie Krueger) worst
nightmare?*

*This is the wrong parade to support
From: Sherry Browning
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Grande March 2000 set for January 17

The MLK Jr. Parade Foundation has announced its Grande March 2000, to be held on Monday, January 17, in observance of the official federal, state and municipal holiday.

Grande March 2000 is scheduled to begin promptly at 1 P.M. and will be the finale of what promises to be an enlightening and educational weekend experience for the entire family.

Grande March 2000 will originate in the Downtown theater dis-

trict and will feature 30 award-winning, nationally-acclaimed marching bands from around the United States. It will include more than 200 additional performing groups.

The sixth annual Martin Luther King Grande March is sponsored by the MLK Parade Foundation and is produced for the public at no charge.

For additional information or registration, contact Ed Shannon or Charles Stamps at (713) 963-1633.

MAY**18**

Death of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, 79, educator and civil rights leader, Daytona Beach, Fla.

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Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed."

JULY**9**

E. Frederic Morrow appointed administrative aide to President Eisenhower and became the first Black to hold an executive position on the White House staff.

AUGUST**28**

Emmett Till, 14, kidnapped and lynched in Money, Miss.

NOVEMBER**7**

Supreme Court in Baltimore case banned segregation in public recreational facilities.

25

Interstate Commerce Commission banned segregation in buses and waiting rooms involved in interstate travel.

DECEMBER**1**

Rosa Parks, a seamstress and activist, arrested after she refused to give her seat to a White man on a Montgomery, Ala., bus.

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Historic bus boycott began in Montgomery. At a mass meeting at the Holt Street Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was elected president of the boycott organization.

—Asa Philip Randolph and Willard S. Townsend elected vice-presidents of the AFL-CIO.



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Rosa Parks was arrested after refusing to give her bus seat to a White man.



1968

FEBRUARY

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National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Commission) said White racism was the fundamental cause of the riots in American cities. The commission said America was "moving toward two societies, one Black, one White — separate and unequal."

APRIL

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Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated by White sniper in Memphis, Tenn. Assassination precipitated national crisis and rioting in more than 100 cities. Forty-six persons were killed in major rebellions.

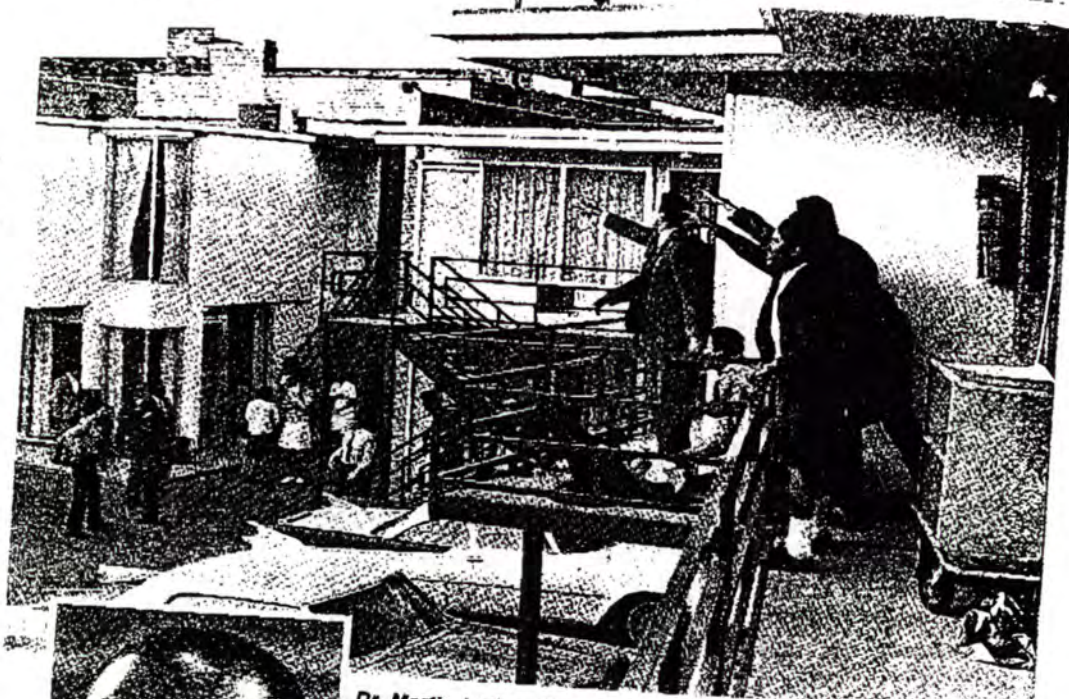
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Martin Luther King Jr. buried after funeral services at Ebenezer Baptist Church and memorial services at Morehouse College in Atlanta. More than 300,000 persons marched behind coffin of slain leader which was carried through streets of Atlanta on farm wagon pulled by two Georgia mules. Scores of national dignitaries, including Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, attended funeral.

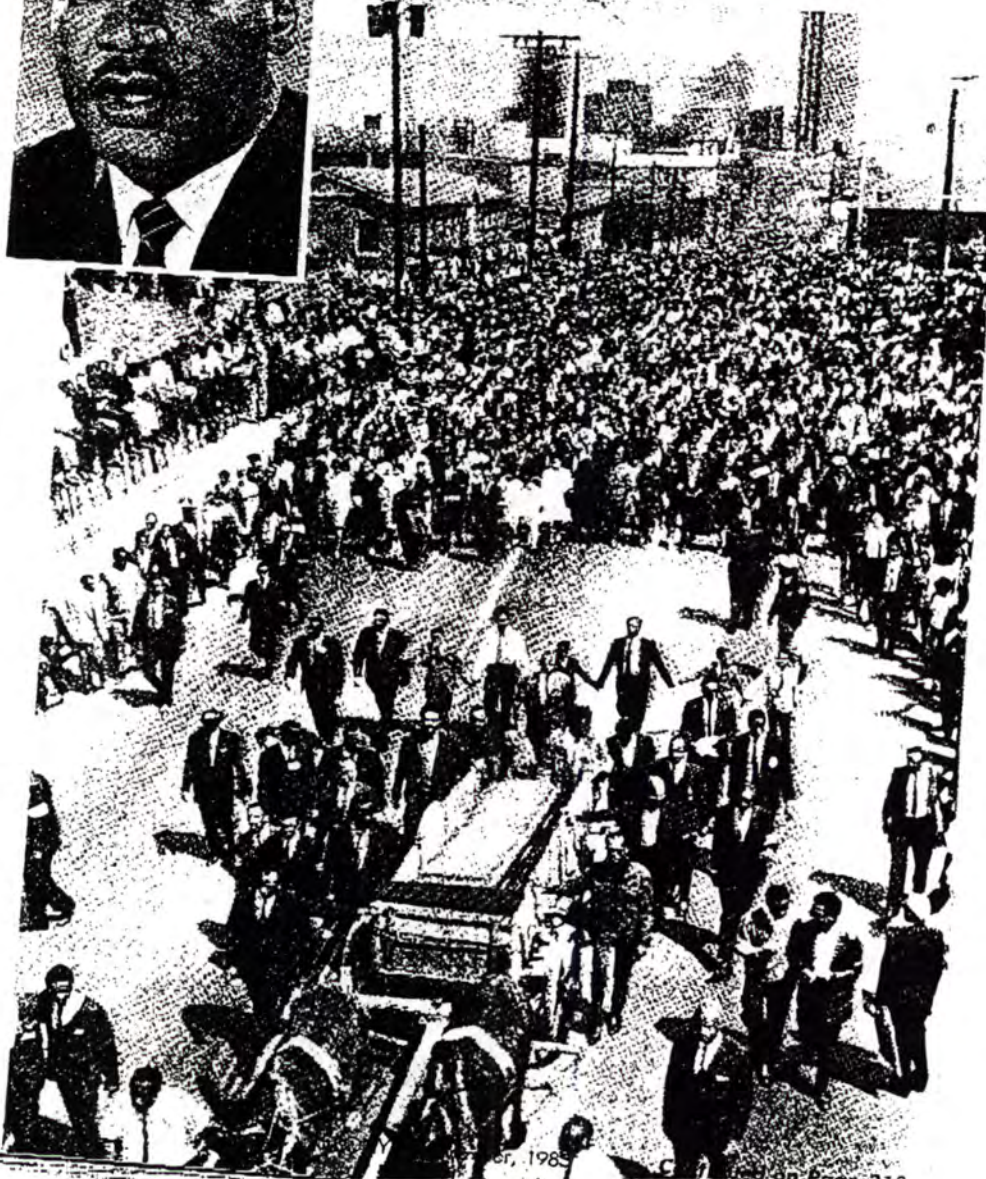
— Ralph David Abernathy elected to succeed Dr. King as head of Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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U.S. Congress passed Civil Rights Bill banning (in three stages) racial discrimination in the sale or rental of approximately 80 percent of the nation's housing. President Johnson signed bill on April 11. Bill also made it a crime to interfere with civil rights workers and to cross state lines to incite a riot.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was gunned down (above) on a motel balcony by a sniper in Memphis, and thousands attended his funeral in Atlanta.





Edward Brooke became Massachusetts' top attorney.

OCTOBER

1

Some 12,000 federal soldiers restored order on the University of Mississippi campus.

—James H. Meredith, escorted by federal marshals, registered at the University of Mississippi.

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Uganda proclaimed independent.

NOVEMBER

6

Edward W. Brooke elected attorney general of Massachusetts.

—Gerald Lamb elected treasurer of Connecticut.

—Otis M. Smith elected to a full term on the Michigan Supreme Court.

—Five Blacks, including one newcomer, were elected to the House of Representatives. The newcomer, Augustus F. Hawkins (D., Calif.), was elected from Los Angeles and became the first Black congressman from the West.

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President Kennedy issued executive order barring racial discrimination in federally financed housing.



Augustus F. Hawkins was the first Black congressman from the West.



President Kennedy signed the anti-discrimination bill with HUD Administrator Robert C. Weaver, looking on.

1000 Black girls to New Orleans schools.

History has a way of repeating itself. I don't want to go back in time.

That's President Kennedy you President Clinton

Richard Wright, whose first novel was *Native Son*, died in Paris.

Otis M. Smith (below) gave support to John F. Kennedy.

AUGUST

1

Dahomey proclaimed independent. Independence was also celebrated in Niger (August 3), Upper Volta (August 5), Ivory Coast (August 8), Chad (August 11), Congo Brazzaville (August 15), Gabon (August 17), and Senegal (August 20).

SEPTEMBER

22

Mali proclaimed independent.

OCTOBER

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Nigeria proclaimed independent.

NOVEMBER

8

John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in the presidential election.

— Otis M. Smith elected auditor general of Michigan and became the first Black chosen in a statewide election since the Reconstruction period.

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Andrew Hatcher named associate press secretary to President-elect Kennedy.

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U.S. marshals and parents escorted four Black girls to two New Orleans schools.

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Death of Richard Wright (52), in Paris, France

President-elect Kennedy named Andrew Hatcher as his associate press secretary.

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Hays T. Sullivan*Conversance*

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December 22, 1999

President Bill Clinton
Attn: Nancy Hernreich
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

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[Signature]

Dear President Bill:

It was a pleasure to see you, Nancy, Rodney, Bob, and Carol in Earle last week. All of you looked tired, but excited about seeing old friends: many I am sure, for the first time during your Presidency.

Thanks to you, my grandchildren were able to see you depart in the helicopter, which they will remember for the rest of their lives.

I have been asked as a lifetime friend of the family, to emcee the 70th wedding anniversary party of Kendall and Thelma Berry, to be held on December 31st of 1999. Mr. Berry has been a friend and supporter of yours from your attorney general days in the 70's.

Would like please send a letter of best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Berry on their 70th wedding anniversary. Their address is:

Mr. & Mrs. Kendall Berry
1123 North 5th Street
Blytheville, AR 72315

Or you can send it to me and I will read it at the anniversary party.

Best wishes to you, Hillary, and Chelsea for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your friend,

[Signature]

Hays T.

12-23-99
Letter to Mr & Mrs Berry
Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒No ☐

HAYS T. SULLIVAN**BURDETTE, ARKANSAS 72321**TO: Nancy Hermreich or Mary MorrisonFAX NUMBER: 202-456-6703FROM: Hays T. SullivanDATE: 12/22/99NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER LETTER) 2

SENDER FAX NUMBER: 763-1496

MESSAGE: Mary: per our telephone conversation today.



U.S. AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

The Administrator

12-23-99
CC: JACK LEW
Send to Burkhardt for reply?
Yes ☒
No ☐

December 21, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I want to take this opportunity to underscore three points in the appeal for restoring funds to the U.S. Agency for International Development's FY 2001 budget request. The OMB passback does not provide sufficient funds for USAID to carry out your foreign policy priorities.

As you have so eloquently stated: "All of America's strategic interests - from promoting prosperity at home to checking global threats abroad - are served by enlarging the community of democratic and free-market nations."

Yet, OMB's passback reduced the very resources we need to promote stable democracies and free-market economies. Therefore, we urgently need a restoration of \$310 million in development assistance to provide sufficient funds to support anti-corruption and rule of law programs, strengthen institutions of governance, promote microenterprise, and build trade capacity in developing countries.

It is important that \$25 million be restored in OMB's passback for assistance to countries in transition from crisis to long-term sustainable development. Our transition programs have been critical to meeting your foreign policy objectives in such places as Indonesia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

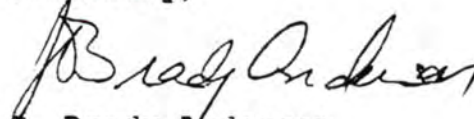
Finally, the Agency must have sufficient resources to manage effectively these diverse program responsibilities. Accordingly, I have asked for a restoration of \$19 million

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to the Agency's Operating Expenses to ensure we have the staff necessary to implement these programs.

I know that you and the First Lady are aware that what USAID does is offer hope and opportunity to millions of men, women and children around the world. The support and commitment of both of you have been indispensable to these efforts.

Sincerely,


J. Brady Anderson

Mr. President,

This is the best job in Washington!
With your strong support USAID is helping many nations achieve stability and prosperity for their people.

Brady

USAID
Washington, DC 20523
(202) 216-3455 (FAX)

fax transmittal

to: *Nancy Hernandez*

fax #: *456-6703*

from: *B. A. Rudolph
Chief of Staff
(202) 712-5030*

date: *12-22-99*

re: *Letter from GBA*

pages: *3, including this cover sheet*

NOTES: *The Administrator asked if I'd send this over (as he ran out the door). He had flown back from Syracuse (his mother had a heart attack Fri am.) for the meeting that he end up not attending.*

Give a huzz. I actually think this stuff is looking up for us.

12-23-99

December 20, 1999

Send to Burkhardt for reply

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Yes ☒No ☐

cc: scheduling

Dear President Clinton:

On December 3rd, the same day that Defense Secretary William Cohen issued his recommendation with regards to the US Navy's continued use and abuse of the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, you blindsided millions in Vieques, in Puerto Rico, and all over the world by adopting that recommendation in its entirety. As we hope you know, your actions were strongly repudiated by the people of Vieques and Puerto Rico, including Governor Rosselló, the leaders of all political parties, and religious and civic groups, as an imposition of might over right.

President Clinton, your decision ignored the stated will of a people that have been clamoring for the US Navy to leave Vieques and not drop one more bomb. It ignored the 60 years of abuse, disregard, broken promises and agreements, environmental and ecological damage, strangulation of an economy, poverty, high cancer rates and abnormally high rates of other illnesses, deaths, injuries, and use of all kinds of bombs and even napalm and depleted uranium on a populated island of close to 10,000 US citizens.

Your decision left room for continued talks before a final and permanent solution is taken. Mr. President, we are the ones directly affected in this situation. We are the ones who have been suffering the consequences of the US Navy's abuse and who, along with our loved ones, will suffer the consequences of your actions. And you have not granted us the opportunity to meet with you, face to face, to plead our case and explain to you why we are defending our land and occupying the so-called restricted areas in the Live Impact Area in the eastern coast of Vieques. You have not allowed us the opportunity to meet with you in order to explain, face to face, without filters or intermediaries, why the only right and just resolution of this situation is for you to order the US Navy out of Vieques and not authorize one more bomb to be dropped in Vieques.

Therefore, we hereby formally request a meeting with you in order to allow us to present our case to you personally before you make a final decision that may affect our land, our lives and the lives of our loved ones in Vieques. We respectfully submit to you that this meeting is long overdue and respectfully request that the meeting should be with you and not with a staff member. You have clearly granted the other side plenty of opportunities to plead their case before you for remaining in Vieques indefinitely, and your December 3rd decision unfortunately reflects that.

As those directly affected, you owe it to us, Mr. President, to grant us a minimum of due process through an opportunity to be heard personally by you. It is evident to everyone in this process that whatever input and information you have received from intermediaries has been filtered and incomplete. These are matters of life and death. It is high time that you let us plead our case in person to you.

It would be a travesty if you allowed the US Navy to remain in Vieques indefinitely and allowed it to continue bombing, with live or inert bombs. But it would be an act of sheer tyranny to even consider the possibility of doing so without allowing us the opportunity to meet with you before you made a final decision concerning Vieques.

Even with the uncertainty and even with the one-sided process which began with the "Rush" Panel and continued with Secretary Cohen's recommendation, we are more determined than ever since our struggle is for peace and our methods are peaceful. We are prepared to suffer the consequences of our actions, rather than accept the consequences of our inaction, which would be allowing the atrocious legacy of the US Navy in Vieques to go on indefinitely. We will continue this struggle for peace, yet we are aware that as President and Commander-in-Chief you hold the key to liberate Vieques from continued oppression and abuse.

Mr. President, we reiterate the demands of the people of Vieques, of Puerto Rico and of millions in the US and all over the world, that the US Navy not drop one more bomb or fire one more bullet in Vieques and that it leave Vieques. The merits of these demands have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt to anyone who has studied them with an open mind. It is our hope that you will finally lift this disproportionate and unfair burden on a people who have suffered too much for too long.

We trust that you will grant us this request to meet with you as soon as possible so that we can finally present and explain our case personally to you, Mr. President, and so that we can explain to you the reasons why we have resorted to civil disobedience in Vieques. In order to arrange the meeting, you may contact the Reverend Eunice Santana in Puerto Rico at 787-878-5427 or Flavio Cumpiano in Washington, DC at 202-721-4688.

Finally, Mr. President, we remind you of the wise words you recently said with regard to your hope for peace in Northern Ireland: "It is now possible to believe that the day of the gun and the bomb are over." If you truly believe those words, you cannot allow for bombing to continue in Vieques. Ending the day of the gun and the bomb in Vieques is in your hands.

We wish you peace for the Holidays and the New Year, and we hope to usher in the new millennium with peace for the people of Vieques.

Sincerely,

CARLOS ZENÓN

Carlos Zenón
Campamento Monte David
CARLOS E. RUIZ VÁZQUEZ

Carlos E. R. Vázquez
Campamento de Los Maestros

Carlos E. Gómez Menéndez
CARLOS E. GÓMEZ MENÉNDEZ
Concilio Evangélico de P.R.
(Campamento Cristiano en obediencia Evangélica)

Luis M. Izquierdo
LUIS MARTÍN IZQUIERDO
Campamento Pitirre

RAPHAEL BOGLIO

Rafael Boglio
Campamento Sindical
Ismael Guadalupe Ortiz

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Campamento La Escuelita
(Congreso Nacional Hostasiano y
Comité Pro Rescate y Desarrollo de Vieques)

Miguel Vázquez
Miguel Vázquez
Campamento Mapepe (Punta Este)

Juan C. Alverio Rivera
JUAN C. ALVERIO RIVERA
Campamento Amigos de Vieques (Las Ruinas)

Presinto como un acto
Solidario y de misa con
los líderes del pueblo y Gobierno
de P.R.

Roberto Ojeda
Roberto Ojeda Cuyo La Jirga



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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December 21, 1999

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MEMORANDUM TO JOHN ~~PODESTA~~

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *DS for GTF Jr.*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MONUMENTS EDITORIAL

The attached spectacular editorial from the Arizona Republic (a Republican but reasonably centrist conservation-minded paper) praises the monument proposals and takes McCain and Kyl to task for opposing them. Couldn't be better if we'd written it ourselves. I assume Sec. Babbitt deserves some major credit for working the editorial board. This is really the icing we needed for this cake.

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Proposed monuments

Preserving nature preserves heritage

The Arizona Republic
Dec. 19, 1999

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is on solid ground in recommending that President Clinton designate as national monuments two large swaths of uniquely Arizona terrain.

Pity that the state's congressional delegation and Gov. Jane Hull put process ahead of vision in contesting the designations of 71,000 acres between Black Canyon City and Cordes Junction, and 1 million acres north and west of the Grand Canyon.

As they well know, the Antiquities Act of 1906 specifically permits the president to designate lands with historic, cultural and scientific importance as national monuments, and these rugged and scenic lands surely qualify.

They also know that nearly every president since Theodore Roosevelt has used the act to continue this nation's great legacy of conservation.

These are the public's lands, for goodness sake. The way some are carping, among them Gov. Hull and Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl, you'd think Babbitt is behind a private land grab that will hurt local tax rolls. Not so. These lands are managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management, and monument status, if granted, would give a higher measure of protection from commercial and recreational use.

Contrary to the political hyperbole on radio airwaves and elsewhere, hiking, hunting, fishing and camping, among recreational uses, would remain unchanged under Babbitt's proposal.

Public hearings have revealed strong sentiment for greater protection. Congress, however, has been slow to act. Far from being an end run around Congress, Babbitt's recommendation not only is legal but clearly proper.

The planned Agua Fria National Monument, about an hour's drive north of Phoenix, is a one-of-a-kind trove of ancient Native American pueblos that cling to the edges of mesa tops. It's a wild but pristine landscape of deep canyons and mesas, hundreds of archaeological sites and distinctive rock art, and an abundance of wildlife.

The growth of metropolitan Phoenix is marching inexorably to the north, and the time to save these lands is now.

The planned Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument really is a continuation of the spectacular vistas of the Grand Canyon. There are grasslands and pine forests and canyons. In Babbitt's words, "It's where the rain and the snow, running off the land, move through the side canyons of the Colorado tributaries and then join the Colorado River."

This proposal would fully protect the Grand Canyon as nature knows it, and create a wild, untamed area that would be a pleasing antidote to the hustle and bustle of the South Rim.

Under national monument designation, mining would not be allowed. Mining and archaeological sites are not compatible, and gorgeous vistas of the incomparable Grand Canyon should not be blighted by mining operations. Timber cutting also likely would be prohibited.

The BLM would be in charge of managing these monuments. Management plans, according to Michael Taylor, the BLM Phoenix field office manager, probably would allow "currently permitted activities." This means that livestock grazing, hunting, fishing, hiking and camping and driving on existing roads likely wouldn't be affected.

Off road vehicle use, on the other hand, is an increasing problem on public lands. Babbitt says that his recommendation is "to manage them in a very proper and restrictive way."

Designation is the important first step. It'll be up to Congress to find the money to manage and protect these lands as they should be. It's worth remembering that public land usage just keeps rising. Our parks are being loved to death. But maintaining the system to meet demand hasn't been something Congress can point to with pride. That'll be another challenge, a big one.

The Antiquities Act has been a bipartisan tradition of presidents, and some of the nation's most prized parks are the result -- from Zion and Death Valley to Grand Canyon. They did not come without their critics at the time. It would be hard to find one today.

We value our federal forests, rangelands and parks for what they are -- natural enclaves that preserve our heritage. This nation is the richer.

In Arizona and elsewhere, Babbitt has taken a courageous step to continue the tradition. It's up to President Clinton to finish the task.

Arizona Republic editorials

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1999

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JOHN D. PODESTA *JDP*

FROM: CHARLES M. BRAIN *CMB*

SUBJECT: SENATE LIAISON POSITION

As you know, Tracey Thornton, who is currently the Senate Liaison, is leaving the White House in January after seven years of service. Since Tracey has been thinking about leaving for several months, Larry Stein and I began the search for her replacement some time ago. After several weeks of inquiring with our friends on the Hill and discussions with a several qualified candidates, I recommend Karen A. Robb for the position of Deputy Assistant to the President and Senate Liaison.

Karen currently serves as Senator John Edwards' (D-NC) Chief of Staff. Karen was hired by Sen. Edwards to allow him to "hit the ground running" in Washington. As you can see from her attached resume, Karen has over twenty years of experience in Washington. In Sen. Edwards' office she has been responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of his office as well as shaping his political and policy decisions. Prior to her current position, Karen spent more than seven years on the Hill in various capacities including the Senate Judiciary and Appropriation Committees. In these positions she has worked on diverse and important issues including annual appropriations, judicial appointments, immigration, and crime.

Karen has also spent several years in the Executive Branch, most recently with the Departments of Justice and Treasury. During her tenure at these agencies Karen was responsible for developing strategies for the passage of important legislation related to juvenile justice, domestic and international crimes, banking reform, and appropriations. In each of these assignments she has performed admirably and has gained the respect and trust of her contemporaries on the Hill, in the Executive Branch, and with the private sector.

I believe Karen would be an invaluable addition to our legislative team.

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KAREN A. ROBB

◆ 2820 38th St. N.W. ◆ Washington, D.C. 20007 ◆ Office: 202/305-7852 ◆ Home: 202/298-5518 ◆

EMPLOYMENT

U.S. SENATE

Chief of Staff to Senator John Edwards

WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 1999 to present

I am responsible for the overall management of the Senator's office which includes the coordination of policy, communications, constituent services and administration.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 1997 to February 1999

I was responsible for advising the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General on legislative strategies to develop and respond to legislation on domestic and international crime and general law enforcement matters. Moreover, I was responsible for advising Department officials on appropriate responses to Congressional oversight committees requests and facilitate their appearance before the Congress, when requested..

U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March to September 1997

In this capacity I was responsible for developing the Congressional Strategies for Treasury Enforcement which included: the Office of the Undersecretary for Enforcement, the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Office of Foreign Asset Control. In this position, I selected officials from Treasury enforcement personnel to appear at formal and informal meetings, before Congressional Committees, Members and Staff. I was the Treasury Department's liaison with the House and Senate Banking Committees on financial crime legislation, the Appropriations Committees regarding the establishment of an Office of Professional Responsibility within the Office of Enforcement, closely monitored Juvenile Justice legislation within the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, and was responsible crafting limitations with respect to U.S. financial transaction with terrorist countries with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Democratic Staff Director

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senator Joseph Biden

January 1995-1997

In the capacity of Minority Staff Director, I supervised a staff of 15, and assisted the Chief Counsel in advising the Senator on sensitive legislative, policy and political issues that came before the Judiciary Committee ranging from antitrust, intellectual property, immigration, and crime. Moreover, I coordinated Committee activities including the scheduling of Committee hearings and mark-ups in addition to coordinating policy positions and initiatives for the Committee Democrats. In addition, I oversaw the review of background investigations of all nominees for the Federal Judiciary and the Department of Justice. I assisted in the coordination of all hearing preparations and Committee and floor consideration for Senate confirmation.

Chief Counsel, Judiciary Subcommittee

Senator Dennis DeConcini

April 1990-January 1995

As Chief Counsel, I supervised a staff of six and was responsible for advising the Senator on all sensitive policy and political matters that came before the Judiciary Committee including: all Senate confirmations of Supreme Court Justices, U.S. District and Appellate Judges, Attorneys General, U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals, in addition to all Justice Department officials that require Senate confirmation. My other responsibilities included: the preparation and scrutiny of all legislation before the Judiciary Committee pertaining to crime, constitutional law, antitrust, Federal procedure, and intellectual property. Specifically, I was involved in establishing the Treasury Department Forfeiture Fund. Moreover, I developed legislative proposals regarding the expansion of copyright protection in the areas of cable television and sound recordings, and was involved in the negotiations and implementation of intellectual property protection for U.S. works within the GATT treaty

U.S. SENATE, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Treasury, Postal Service & General Government Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 1989-December 1989

I assisted the Appropriations Subcommittee Staff Director in the preparation of budget and oversight hearings in addition to assisting in the mark-up, passage, and conference with the House of an \$18 billion appropriation bill that funded the Treasury Department, the White House, the OMB and other related agencies.

**U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

Legislative Affairs Liaison

I assisted the Commissioner in the preparation of oversight hearings before the House and Senate authorization and appropriations committees and worked closely with the House Ways and Means Subcommittee responsible for the oversight of the U.S. Customs Service.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 1988-January 1989

January of 1990 April of 1990

Special Assistant to the Comptroller

February 1986-August 1988

I supervised a staff of 7 employees within the Office of the Comptroller. This staff provided management support, policy formulation and special projects pertaining to the oversight of the Comptroller's office and its 800 employees. The special projects included: the development of a task force with the Justice Department and the FBI to determine the appropriate handling of millions of dollars in financial currency seized in the course of law enforcement investigations. In addition, I served as the Acting Director of Logistics Management from January 1987 through August 1988. In this capacity, I supervised over 200 employees located in Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis, Indiana. I was responsible for administering various programs including: seized property management and disposition, all contracts and procurement and nationwide construction and maintenance of all Customs facilities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Justice Management Division

Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel July 1979-February 1986

I drafted authorization and appropriations legislation. The legislation spanned all facets of the Department's activities ranging from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Witness Protection Program and the FBI's Foreign Counter Intelligence program. I also assisted the Deputy Attorney General's Office in the establishment and administration of the Asset Forfeiture Fund in addition to assisting the formulation of policies pertaining to the Fund's distribution.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

PITTSBURGH, PA

Western District of Pennsylvania

Law Clerk to the Honorable Herbert P. Sorg, District Judge

August 1978-July 1979

I prepared legal memoranda and draft opinions for the District Judge.

LAW FIRM OF

PITTSBURGH, PA

RAHAUSER, ROYSTON, ROBB and LEONARD

Associate

September 1977-August 1978

I assisted in the preparation of jury and non-jury trials involved in personal injury defense litigation and argued cases in arbitration.

EDUCATION

Duquesne University School of Law / Juris Doctorate, May 1977

University of Pittsburgh / B.A. Political Science and Philosophy, May 1974

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RICHARD M. MOOSE

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December 17, 1999

Mr. Bruce Lindsey
The White House
Washington, DC

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Dear Bruce:

This is sort of hurried, so please excuse the informality and the presumption upon your good offices. Dawn was extremely kind and helpful.

It would never have crossed your mind, but the terrorist bombings of our African embassies last August has troubled me very deeply. That whole scene- the safety of our people abroad and the security of buildings - was one of my main concerns while I was Under Secretary. I never felt that I did enough and after the fact, although I was then out of the State Department, I knew that we should have done better.

I have been counseling the people of the Foreign Service who are urging the Administration and the Congress to provide adequate funding for security abroad. The survivors of the bombings feel very strongly about this. This morning I spoke with one of them who recalled speaking with the President at one of those increasingly and distressingly frequent gatherings at Andrews Air Force Base. He said that he was writing the President though he suspected the President would never read his letter and that it would make little difference. I offered to get his letter at least close to the President.

No one knows better than I do the inadequacies of the Department. There are legitimate concerns about its ability to manage the work that needs to be done. But its people are not inadequate and they need a sign that their President and their Secretary recognize that the dangers they face are as great now - or greater - than when the bombs exploded in Dar and Nairobi.

Mrs. Albright, hopefully, will make the case for more money for better security when she comes to appeal the pass back numbers for the FY01 budget. I hope that the President will hear her plea. If she does not press him, that will be a very bad sign. Perhaps in that case, the President should ask Mrs. Albright whether the Administration has done all that it could to make the future safer for those who serve abroad.

I know that this is not your bag. It is not even mine anymore. I have no standing to ask for anything and, in any event, I can't even lobby the State Department because that would violate my ethics pledge!
God forbid.

I hope that you and yours have a Merry Christmas and that the President and Hillary do as well.

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December 17, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President
White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

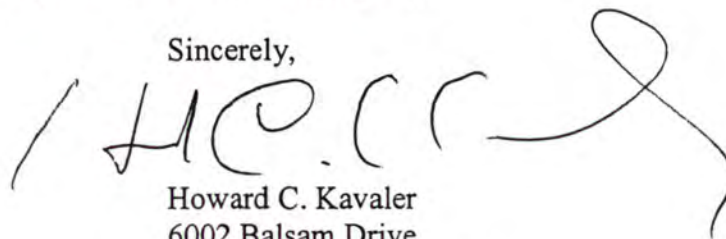
As you may recall, my young daughters and I met you and Mrs. Clinton at Andrews Air Force Base on August 13, 1998 shortly before the return of my wife's remains from Nairobi. At that time, you were very kind to us and asked if there was anything that you could do for me. I replied that no one should ever have to go through the ruins of another American embassy in search of his spouse and that you should find the funds to secure our embassies accordingly.

While it is critical for the United States to play a leading role in the world's arena in this time of greater globalization, it is equally critical to provide safe and secure workplaces for the men and women we send abroad to represent this great country. Without adequate funding for embassy and consulate security, it is inevitable that either you or one of your successors will be called upon to meet with more grieving families at Andrews.

✓ || In this regard, I am sure that I am speaking on behalf of the other American family members who lost dear ones in the East African terrorist bombings. I implore you to ensure that the Administration's FY 2001 request for overseas embassy security is commensurate with the threat that our brave men and women face daily in an effort to advance your foreign policy agenda. It is easy to blame others for the failure to spend the requisite funds, but ultimately, as President, you are responsible. We therefore look to you to exercise the leadership necessary to meet this critical need upon which the lives of so many dedicated public servants rest. Accordingly, you and Secretary Albright must increase the sum specified for embassy security in the Department's recent FY 2001 budget.

I thank you in advance for your attention to the foregoing.

Sincerely,



Howard C. Kavalier
6002 Balsam Drive
McLean, Virginia 22101

THE WHITE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1999

Kay and Susan Goss
965 Harrison Circle
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Dear Kay and Susan:

Thank you for the beautiful tie -- I love it!
You're so kind to think of me.

Happy holidays to you both. Hope to see you
soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

Kay and Susan Goss
965 Harrison Circle
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

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Kay + Susan Bass

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965 Harrison Circle
Alexandria, VA 22304

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BOB AND JERRIE HANSON
426 HENDERSON
HOT SPRINGS, AR 71913

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Correspondence

DECEMBER 15, 1999

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

AS YOU MAY KNOW, SENATOR BUD CANADA IS RETIRING FROM THE ARKANSAS SENATE AT THE END OF HIS TERM NEXT YEAR. THE GARLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HELD A "ROAST AND TOAST" FOR SENATOR CANADA LAST WEEK TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS FORTY FOUR (44) YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATURE AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE, STATE SENATOR AND AS GARLAND COUNTY SHERIFF.

YOU WOULD HAVE ENJOYED HEARING HIS GOOD FRIEND "MUSCLES" RECALL THEIR YEARS IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL WHEN ARKANSAS PLAYED LSU IN 1947 IN THE 1ST COTTONG BOWL THAT RESULTED IN A 0-0 SCORE. HIS GOOD FRIEND ERWIN LAX RECOUNTED SOME OF THEIR TIMES TOGETHER AS ROOMMATES WHILE SENATOR BEN ALLEN RECOUNTED SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

ALTHOUGH THE ROAST HAS PASSED, WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF THIS EVENT AND POSSIBLY EXTEND YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS. BUD WILL BE THE MOST SENIOR SENATOR IN THE LEGISLATURE IN THE YEAR 2000.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

BUD'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IS:

SENATOR BUD CANADA
118 SECOND STREET
HOT SPRINGS, AR 71913
(501) 624-5511

12-23-99

RESPECTFULLY,

BOB AND JERRIE HANSON

Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐



OUACHITA
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

December 14, 1999

Agency 12-23-99
Liaison
for Reply

Bill Clinton, President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am forwarding information for Jim Dann, the swim coach here at Ouachita, regarding a foreign student from Novosibirsk, Russia. Ouachita is offering him a full scholarship to be a member of the swim team. He has had some difficulty in gaining a student visa.

If your office can assist in this matter, we would be very appreciative. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul Root

Paul Root



O U A C H I T A
B A P T I S T U N I V E R S I T Y

November 15, 1999

Consul General Laura Clerici
U. S. Embassy
Moscow, Russia

Dear Consul General Clerici:

I am writing in support of the application for a student visa by Arkadi Kotliar. We are continuing our efforts to bring Mr. Kotliar to study at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Mr. Kotliar is interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree at Ouachita, and in participating in our intercollegiate athletics program in swimming.

We would welcome the opportunity to bring Arkadi to Ouachita. On our campus, he would join 76 international students from 28 countries who currently are enrolled in a variety of language and degree programs. Along with an additional 80 students--American citizens who lived in other countries prior to entering college--these students from other cultures (and a total of 52 different countries) make up nearly ten percent of our student body of 1,638. Considerable emphasis is given to global awareness and international education throughout our curriculum and program of student activities.

It is my understanding that Ouachita employees, Senator Hutchinson's staff, and officials at the company in Novosibirsk which have promised a job to Arkadi following his graduation are attempting to provide all necessary information for consideration with his application. It is my intention that Ouachita Baptist University show clear evidence of our willingness to work with Arkadi to guarantee that all conditions of the visa are met and kept.

Please call on me if you require any additional action from the university.

Sincerely,

Andrew Westmoreland
President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOX 3753 ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS 71998-0001 PHONE 870-245-5400 FAX 870-245-5412



OUACHITA
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

November 5, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Please let this letter serve as confirmation that Mr. Arkadi Kotliar will be receiving a scholarship for the amount of \$12,460 per academic year at Ouachita Baptist University.

We are planning for Arkadi to enroll on campus in January for the Spring 2000 semester as a full-time student. His scholarship will become effective at that time. If you have any questions concerning Arkadi's enrollment or scholarship at Ouachita, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leigh Anne McKinney
Financial Aid Officer
OBU Box 3774
Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

BOX 3774 ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS 71998-0001 PHONE 870-245-5570 FAX 870-245-5500

Alexei Kolesnichenko

«KERBER» COMPANY

77 Mechanizatorov Street
Novosibirsk 630057,
Russia

Tel 0832 450543
Fax 0832 515771

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that the company "KERBER" guarantees to give Arkadi A. Kotliar a multi-profile position as a computer network administrator, programmer, translator upon completion of a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science in the United States.

Our company manufactures and distributes PAT preforms used to produce plastic bottles for soft drinks, mineral water, etc. We use high-tech equipment by Swiss company "NETSTAL" and we are the largest, and rapidly growing, manufacturer of PAT preforms in the Asian part of Russia.

As we see it, Arkadi's duties will include, but won't be limited to, installation, maintenance and management of a computer network, advertixing our products through the Internet, automatization and facilitation of various processes in the course of production. A significant part of Arkadi's job will be translation of various manuals and service bulletins for the equipment that we are using. He will also work as an interpreter for interaction with our business-partners from abroad.

We were very excited to learn that Arkadi has a unique opportunity to get the education in Computer Science from an American university, learn how to use and develop software products, and acquire good language skills. Such specialists are in extraordinary high demand in Russia, and we will be happy to have Arkadi in our employ.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Director

I.A.Kolesnithenko



Alexei Kot'snikov

To Whom It May Concern,
This is to certify that Arkadi A. Kotliar and his parents Mr. Alexander M.
Kotliar and Mrs Taissia A. Kotliar are permanently reside at their apartment
by the following address:
1 Tyulenin Street, Apartment 196
Novosibirsk, 630129
Russia



Community House Manager

Shari + Baedrovskiy



STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE HUCKABEE
GOVERNOR

December 6, 1999

Consul General Laura Clerici
United States Embassy
Moscow, Russia

Dear Consul General Clerici,

I am writing on behalf of Arkadi Kotliar, a student from Novosibirsk, Russia. Arkadi is applying for a student visa to attend Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

As an alumnus of Ouachita, and having served on its board of trustees, I can assure you that Ouachita Baptist University fulfills its goals of academic and Christian excellence. The university has an extensive international program that includes students from 28 countries. Arkadi would not only be exposed to the culture of the United States, he would also be exposed to cultures from around the globe.

It is my understanding one of the holdups on issuing a visa is compelling reason for him to return to Russia. I can assure you that Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland will do everything possible to guarantee that all provisions in Arkadi's student visa are met.

Again, I would like to encourage favorable consideration in Arkadi Kotliar's application for a student visa.

Please call on me for any additional information that you may need.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Huckabee".

Mike Huckabee

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Dear Mr. Dann:

In our earlier letter, we informed you that Mr. Kotlyar had been found ineligible to receive a student visa under Section 214(b) of the Immigration & Nationality Act (INA) and we advised you of the reasons. A refusal under Section 214(b) is not permanent and Mr. Kotlyar is entitled to reapply for a visa. He or his representative may visit the Embassy on any workday until 3:30 p.m. to request an appointment for another interview.

We do not encourage applicants to reapply for visas unless they are able to present evidence to overcome the previous grounds of refusal. In the event that he decides to reapply for a visa, Mr. Kotlyar should be prepared to provide proof of compelling ties to Russia and proof that he has sources to cover his first year expenses.

I hope this information is helpful

Sincerely,
Public Liaison Unit

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Dann [SMTP:dannj@alpha.obu.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 1999 9:31 PM
To: Consular, Moscow
Cc: Andrea_Allen@hutchinson.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Nonimmigrant Visa for Arkadi Kotliar

From: "Jim Dann" <dannj@alpha.obu.edu>
To: "Steven Adams-Smith" <consulmo@state.gov>
Subject: Nonimmigrant Visa for Arkadi Kotliar
Date: Mon. Sept. 12, 1999

Steven:

Thank you for your response about Arkadi Kotliars Visa situation. I am afraid that some of the problems involved here are because of miscommunications between Arkadi and myself.

Arkadi's professional future will entail both a command of computer

science and a proficiency in English. This is according to the letter

from the company, in Novosibirsk, which has offered him employment after graduation from Ouachita Baptist University. Ouachita has an excellent Computer Science Department as well as an extensive International Student program which includes English as a Second language instruction.

Arkadi could obtain the computer science degree in Russia, but I really think that his English proficiency would greatly improve in the United States.

As to the cost of his education, the cost per year at Ouachita Baptist University is \$12,600 per year. Arkadi will receive \$4,830 in

Athletic Grant-in-Aid. In addition he will receive an International Student Scholarship that will amount to \$6,230 per year. He will also

work in the College Work-Study program 8 hours a week. His duties will be pool supervision as a lifeguard. In my communication with Arkadi I did not specify number of hours or duties. This is my fault

and not his. The total amount he will earn for this will amount to \$1400. This will bring his total financial aid to \$12,460. Arkadi would have to provide \$140 from his own funds. If you need verification on these amounts from our financial aid office, please let me know and we will get this to you.

I have a selfish reason for wanting Arkadi here. He will definitely help our Swim Team. We have had International Students on our team in

the past, in fact we have a diver from Zimbabwe on our team right now. These athletes have returned to their home countries and have successful careers. Although the political situation in Russia is difficult at the present time, I really believe that Arkadi intends to return to Novosibirsk after graduation.

I have never run into this situation with an International Student that we have recruited, so I am somewhat at a loss as to what to do.

I know that in order to reapply for a Visa that Ouachita will have to

reissue a new I-20 form. We can do this. However, I would like to straighten out any documentation that may be needed from Arkadi, or Ouachita before he reapplies. Also, is this denial forever or could Arkadi successfully reapply for a Visa? I apologize for not being better versed in State Department procedures.

Could you answer the following question for me:

1. Is it possible for Arkadi to successfully reapply for a Visa?
2. If it is possible, What could he or Ouachita Baptist University do to enhance his chances?

Thank you in advance for your help in this situation.

Jim Dann
Head Swim Coach
Ouachita Baptist University

From: "Consular, Moscow" <consulmo@state.gov>
To: "Jim Dann" <dannj@alpha.obu.edu>
Subject: RE: Nonimmigrant Visa for Arkadi Kotliar

Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1999 00:19:31 -0400

Dear Mr. Dann:

According to our records, Mr. Kotlyar's visa application was denied again on August 4 under Section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The interviewing consular officer had doubts about Mr. Kotlyar's true intentions in traveling to the United States given the fact that he was unable to articulate how studies in the United States would contribute to his professional future in Russia. In addition, according to the documents he presented, his education will cost \$12,000 while his scholarship covers only \$ 4,830.00. Although, Mr. Kotlyar claimed that he was planning to work as a swimming coach at the school, he was unable to provide detailed information on how many hours a week he would work, how much his income would be, and whether he would be able to continue his studies while working.

I hope this information is helpful in responding to your constituent's inquiry. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance to you in this or any other consular matter.

Sincerely,
Steven Adams-Smith
Vice Consul.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Dann [SMTP:dannj@alpha.obu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 1999 2:43 PM
To: consulmo@state.gov
Cc: andrea_allen@hutchinson.senate.gov
Subject: Nonimmigrant Visa for Arkadi Kotliar

August 5, 1999

Consul General Laura A. Clerici
U.S. Embassy
Moscow, Russia

Reference to: Arkadi Kotliar, Russian Citizen,
Passport Number: 99 #2063849
Issued May, 13, 1999
Valid until May 13, 2004
Date of Birth: March 7, 1979

Dear Consul General Clerici,

As a means of introduction, I am Jim Dann, Head Swim Coach at Ouachita Baptist University located in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. I inquired about Arkadi Kotliar through Senator Tim

Hutchinson's
office, specifically Andrea Allen, about Arkadi's Visa
situation.
On August 4th, Arkadi was again denied a Visa for code 214B.

I have received notification of your response to Senator
Hutchinson's
office and of the requirements that Arkadi must meet. I
believe
that
we have addressed the English as a Second Language problem.
Arkadi
has a letter from a firm in Novosibirsk that states that he
will
have
a job when he graduates from Ouachita Baptist University and
has a
command of English.

Arkadi is a swimmer in Russia. He is ranked 50th in the
world in
his
best events. He would like to continue his swimming career
at the
collegiate level in the United States. There is no
collegiate
swimming in Russia. Arkadi would be a great asset to our
swimming
program here at Ouachita.

The school year begins here on August 23rd. We are running
out of
time to obtain this Visa. My question to you is: What does
Arkadi
have to produce in order to prove that he will return to
Russia
after
graduation? If I can get a clarification on this we could
try and
expedite this situation.

Arkadi is still in Moscow. He has made the trip from
Novosibirsk
three times already. If we could expedite this process I
would sure
appreciate it. I will be available for any questions that
you may
have.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Jim Dann
Head Swim Coach
Ouachita Baptist University
E-Mail: dannj@alpha.obu.edu

*Alexei Kolesnikov***«KERBER» COMPANY**

72 Melnikova Street
Novosibirsk 630057,
Russia

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that Alexander M. Kotliar is an associate director of "KERBER" company. Our company manufactures and distributes PET preforms used to produce plastic bottles for soft drinks, mineral water, etc. We use high-tech equipment by "NETSTAL" (Swiss company) and our company is the largest manufacturer in the Asian part of Russia. Due to high demand for our products, we are expanding rapidly and plan to double the production which will allow to further secure our position on the market.

Alexander M. Kotliar is a highly qualified engineer who graduated from the best technical school in the region (Novosibirsk ElectroTechnic Institute) and has over 25 years of experience. Recently, Alexander M. Kotliar completed a training program in Switzerland and was issued a certificate from "NETSTAL" company to operate and service their equipment.

Our company offers a very competitive salary; all of our employees are paid well above the average salary for similar positions in the region.

Alexander M. Kotliar is a valuable asset to our company, and we believe we will have long and successful cooperation with him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Director



I.A. Kolesnithenko

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MEMORANDUM

TO: BETTY CURRIE, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM: THOMAS C. BERG *TCB*
DATE: DECEMBER 16, 1999

The President asked that I send him a note on this issue, and suggested that you would kindly share this directly with him.

Thank you.

12-23-99

Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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December 16, 1999

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

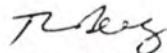
I enjoyed meeting you at the reception before the DNC Gala Event on December 9 and appreciate your suggestion to write this letter.

AMSTED Industries is a diversified manufacturing company that is 100% owned by its employees. About 6,500 employees participate in our Employee Stock Ownership Plan or ESOP. The ESOP provides both a secure retirement plan and employee ownership - a wonderful combination. AMSTED's ESOP has been very successful and many of our participants have been able to retire early, which is particularly important in manufacturing jobs.

The Small Business Jobs Protection Act you signed into law a few years ago greatly helped to promote and enhance this benefit by promoting employee ownership. By doing this, you have helped our employees - and hundreds of thousands of other working Americans - to accumulate retirement savings and a nest egg for their futures. As you said, this is a wonderful law.

On behalf of AMSTED's 6,500 employee owners, and the employee owners at many other companies, thanks to you and your staff for enabling this law to take effect. We hope your Administration will help us keep this much-needed law in place to help working Americans for the long term.

Very truly yours,



Thomas C. Berg
Vice President - General Counsel
and Secretary

TCB:pc

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ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE** *SL*



REVEREND WENDELL ANTHONY
President

HEASTER L. WHEELER
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

12-23-99
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Yes.

TO: Ms. Betty Currie, Personal Secretary to the President
The White House

FROM: Reverend Wendell Anthony, President *W.A.*
Detroit Branch NAACP

DATE: December 22, 1999

SUBJECT: **HISTORIC CLINTON/MANDELA VISIT TO DETROIT**

May God's blessings be upon you in this Holiday Season! Ms. Currie, you and I met a couple of times at the White House on different occasions. One such occasion was the Religious Leaders Breakfast Meeting with President & Mrs. Clinton, and Vice President Al Gore. We met at another occasion at a White House Reception for Clergy and political leadership for President Clinton.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have forwarded to the President along with copies to John Podesta, Maria Echaveste, Thurgood Marshall, and Ben Johnson. I am enclosing a letter to you personally, because I want you to feel the historic significance of this international gathering. We tried to do this two years ago with Clinton and Mandela, but it did not move in a manner to facilitate a clear understanding of the nature of this event, as well as the scheduling related to the availability of both persons. I am attempting once again, to facilitate this historic gathering which will leave a significant lasting legacy as to the international concerns for all people from our President and President Mandela. If you can assist in any way to sensitize the President to the importance of this issue and its international impact on his lasting legacy for all people, we in Detroit will be greatly appreciative.

I can be reached at (313) 538-8695 or via fax at (313) 538-3293. Thank you so much for any assistance that you can provide. May the upcoming year be an added blessing for you and your family.

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ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE**



REVEREND WENDELL ANTHONY
President

HEASTER L. WHEELER
Executive Director

December 20, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The city of Detroit is the home of the largest branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the world. It has a current membership base of over 51,000. We intend, in conjunction with the city of Detroit to host an International Summit on Racial, Economic, and Social Advancement for the New Millennium scheduled for April 28, 29, & 30, 2000. We are pleased to have the participation of international corporations led by the General Motors Corporation and DTE Energy. The initiative that you led during your administration to "repair the racial breach" and to establish the One American in the 21st Century Commission continues to be a most effective way in which to redefine and further develop this national concern. Further Mr. President, we believe that your colleague in the international community, former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela of South Africa by his noble struggle against Apartheid and his initiative to develop the Truth and Reconciliation Council also presents a strategic plan to bring all people together in the spirit of self-empowerment and forward movement.

We, therefore, would like to invite you to come to Detroit and join us for this historic summit. We are also extending a simultaneous invitation to former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela of the Republic of South Africa. The city of Detroit along with General Motors Corporation and the corporate sector has a strong historic significance and strategic business demography. In addition, Detroit has a unique history of racial issues, which makes such a summit even more critical. Detroit was the sight of racial disturbances in 1943 and 1967. It is also the birthplace of the auto industry and the labor movement. As you know, Detroit is a majority African American city with sizeable Arab and Hispanic communities, while a European population constitutes a majority of our surrounding suburbs.

This summit culminates with the largest sit-down dinner in the world sponsored by the Detroit Branch NAACP with over 10,000 persons from every ethnic, racial, and social status on Sunday, April 30, 2000. This event brings together corporations, businesses, labor, and grassroots organizations to unite under one roof. We ask that you deliver the keynote address on Friday, April 28, 2000. We also ask that you join the Honorable Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela in leading a special town meeting that would be televised world-wide on Saturday, April 29th.

We would also like for you to introduce the Honorable Nelson Mandela at the 45th Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner on Sunday, April 30, 2000. Last April, Vice President Al Gore served as our keynote speaker. This event will provide a dramatic and important step in the journey toward repairing the racial breach. It will also provide a key opportunity for economic investors and potential partners from all over America to look very closely at South Africa, and the possibilities for engagement for the new Millennium.

The Detroit Branch NAACP over the years has been actively involved with South Africa and Rwanda. We have been very active in the anti-apartheid movement in Detroit. We assisted in hosting Walter and Albertina Sisula and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In 1994, the Detroit Branch raised over \$1 million in food, clothing and medical supplies, and provided two cargo vans for the Nation of Rwanda during the turmoil that occurred in that nation. At home, we led the way in raising funds and delivering the monies for the rebuilding of seven African American churches destroyed by fire in the South. Our schedule for the summit includes the following:

Friday, April 28, 2000

- 12:00 p.m. Summit opens. President Clinton speaks:
Statement on Racial and Economic Advancement
- 3:00 p.m. Mayors Panel: Healing the Racial Divide.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theme: Race and Social Justice for all People

Saturday, April 29, 2000

- The New South Africa and Opportunities for Economic Investment, Development and Partnering for the New Millennium (calling all investors).
- 9:00 a.m. Strategy Sessions:
 - South Africa and Housing (Housing Expo Cobo Center)
 - Education and Technical Development
 - Labor, Worker and Management Relations
 - Business and Corporate Opportunities
 - Communication and Transportation Development
- 5:00 p.m. Town Meeting to be held at the International Museum of African American History led by Presidents William J. Clinton and Mr. Nelson R. Mandela. Town meeting will be broadcast **live** around the world.

Sunday, April 30, 2000

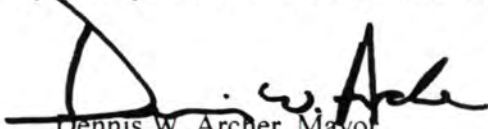
- 9:00 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Press Conference and Pre-Reception for 45th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner.
- 5:00 p.m. The 45th Annual NAACP Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner remarks by President William J. Clinton who then introduces the key note speaker, The Honorable Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, Republic of South Africa.

We believe the summit will facilitate discussion and develop solutions which would be of invaluable assistance for both of our nations and the international community. This will provide an opportunity for One America In The 21st Century as well as members of the Truth and Reconciliation Council to meet and to join hands in lifting up the human condition of all people. Further, this summit will provide an excellent opportunity for leaders you determine from around the nation in business, education and religious areas to seize the opportunity to discuss, exchange, and develop workable solutions to racial and economic disparities. We all can learn from each other and work to benefit our collective future.

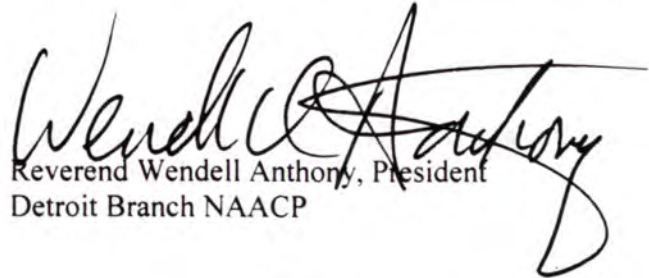
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
December 20, 1999
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We respectfully ask that you will respond affirmatively to our joint request representing local government, civil rights groups and corporate America. We look forward to working with you and your staff for this unparalleled occasion. You may contact Reverend Wendell Anthony at (313) 538-8695 or via fax at (313) 538-3293; or Mayor Dennis Archer at (313) 224-6340, or via fax at (313) 224-4433.

Yours in the spirit of racial and cultural healing,



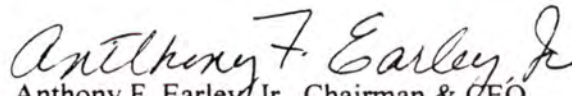
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Anthony F. Earley, Jr., Chairman & CEO
DTE Energy

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cc: The Honorable Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
Republic of South Africa