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Dr. Paul L. Hill, Jr.
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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December 17, 1999

Dear President Clinton,

It is with many mixed emotions that I hereby resign my post as Chairman and CEO of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). After weighing numerous personal commitments and responsibilities to my family, I must now place them first. I am, however, deeply gratified by the opportunity you gave me in my first term. Much of what I came to Washington to accomplish has been realized: the Agency now exists; it is currently carrying out its statutory mandate; it has growing national recognition; major departments, programs and senior staff are in place; and, Congress is providing increasing budgetary support. As I began to consider a second five-year term however, I came to realize that although the rewards of this position are great, the costs to my personal life are even greater. That price has now exceeded my personal drive to continue.

I have also weighed my decision in the best interest of the CSB as an institution. New leadership and fresh ideas may greatly benefit the agency at this juncture. I intend to continue as a Member of the CSB and support the new Chairperson you select to manage the agency. Realistically, the less rigorous demands of Member-
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Sincerely,

Paul L. Hill, Jr., Ph.D.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Again, thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunities you provided by entrusting the Chairmanship to me for the past five years. To ensure a smooth transition, I will continue my executive responsibilities until January 12, 2000. I look forward to completing the term of my appointment and to serving you and all Americans in my continuing capacity as a Member of the Board.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Hill, Jr., Ph.D.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

2nd Anniversary Report of CSB Accomplishments

Since opening its doors in January 5, 1998, CSB staff has achieved the following:

Incident Prevention Accomplishments

- Issued three incident investigation reports
- Issued 26 recommendations, a number of which have already been accepted and acted upon or have generated ongoing work designed to result in their implementation
- Enabled local community in Idaho to reduce risk by justifying safety action based on investigation report recommendation
- Developed the Incident Investigation System, a mission critical nerve center to assist in management of investigations
- Developed incident investigation protocol
- Completed a Y2K study, leading to recognition on Internet as clearinghouse for Y2K information

Technical Information Accomplishments

- Established the Chemical Incident Reporting Center that disseminates incident information to the public
- Completed a baseline study of 10 years of federally-reported incidents
- Developed stakeholder outreach program, including conduct of stakeholder meetings and establishment of relationships with over 400 groups

Administrative Accomplishments

- Created and staffed a new independent federal agency from scratch
- Located, moved into and furnished first official offices
- Provided staff training in investigations and federal procurement procedures
- Established memorandum of understanding with OSHA, as required by law, and other similar interagency relationships with other federal organizations
- Developed information technology (IT) strategic plan, as required by law, as first step to implementing mission-oriented IT program
- Developed award-winning website recognized for content and design quality, with over 4000 subscribers

Major Accomplishments By Function

Function	Accomplished in FY 1999	Projected for FY 2000
1 - Incident Prevention	- Initiated Incident Investigations (5) - Issued Incident Investigations Reports(2) - Outline of Investigative Protocol - Recommendations Accepted/Acted Upon (#?) - Investigation Directive (Report Preparation Process) - Intergovernmental Policy on Investigation Coordination	- Initiate Incident Investigations (2) - ISP - Dispose of Incident Investigation Reports (8) - ISP - Finalize Investigative Protocol - ISP - Finalize Near Real Time Chemical Incident Reports Center - ER - Release Incident Report Bulletins (one for each completed investigation report) - ISP - Complete Version 1.0 of Incident Notification and Investigation System - SIMO
2 - Technical Information and Assistance	- Enhanced Website - Significant Website Subscriber List Representing at Least 4,000 Individuals - Established Incident Operations Center	- Maintain Information on Website - ER - Develop Information Technology Architecture Plan - SIMO - Establish Agency Intranet - SIMO - Maintain Incident Operations Center - ISP - Release Agency Video and Brochure - ER
3 - Special Safety Studies and Technical Guidance	Investigative Training for CSB Staff	- Continue Investigative Training for CSB Staff - ISP - Complete Prototype Chemical - Industry (Chlorine) Study and Report - SIMO - Complete Prototype Regulation - Operation (PSM) Study and Report - SIMO - Prepare Internal Agency Analysis of Existing Intra-governmental Chemical Research Program as Initial Step in Developing Agency's Research Agenda - ISP
4 - Recurring Reports and Services	FY 1998 Financial Statements	- Release Consolidated FY 98 - 99 Annual Report - ER - Release FY 1999 Financial Statements - SIMO
5 - Assembling and Analyzing Incident and Technical Information	- Draft Ten Year Baseline Incident Report - Database of Reported Incidents	Finalize 10 Year Baseline Incident Report - SIMO
6 - Executive Direction	- Business Plan - Administrative/Programmatic Directives - Signed MOU with OSHA - Draft MOU with NTSB, EPA, and GSA - Establish Interagency Coordination with BATF, DOE, NASA, DOD, FEMA, ATSDR, NIOSH, USFA, USCG, FAA, and GAO	- Finalize FY 1999 Draft MOU's - GC - Finalize Agreement on Investigation Cooperation with NTSB - GC - Complete Currently-Identified Administrative and Programmatic Directives - ALL OFFICES - Transition Personnel and Payroll Support to BPD - SIMO - Finalize FY2001-2005 Strategic Plan - ALL OFFICES - Finalize FY2001 Performance Plan - ALL OFFICES - Relocate Agency Office - SIMO

		• Draft Interagency Coordination MOUs with Currently-Identified Agencies - GC • Prepare Draft Regulations on Agency Implementation of Key Statutes (i.e., FOIA, Privacy Act, Sunshine Act) - GC • Perform Internal Control Study - SIMO • Develop Strategic Plan for Safety Programs Function (i.e., addressing incident reporting, safety research, and tracking impact of recommendations) - ISP • Develop Strategic Plan for External Relations Function - ER
7 - Board Members	• Y2K Report to Congress • Approval of Investigation Report on Union Carbide & Herrig Brothers • Joint CSB – EPA – Industry Brochure on Chemical Safety Y2K Preparedness for Small & Medium Size Companies	• Approve Investigation Reports and Recommendations - BOARD • Finalize Incident Selection Procedures - BOARD • Conduct Regular Monthly Meetings - BOARD

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January 7, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. President:

I write this letter to compliment you on your decision to visit India. The time has finally arrived when America needs to build a bridge with the only democratic nation in South Asia that can be a key ally in safeguarding our strategic interests in the region.

After a long struggle to free herself from colonial bondage, the new nation of India has spent the better part of her 50 free years safeguarding democracy and the sanctity of her borders. The Indian experiment has clearly demonstrated in the last century that if the people of a nation are committed to liberty and freedom, they can build a democratic society. This is an example that can become a beacon of hope as nations around the world struggle with the polity of their respective countries in the post-cold war era.

The people of America have much in common with the people of India. Both nations are democratic and tenacious at preserving their democracies. They are both committed to building strength in their diversity. And, both are fiercely entrepreneurial and spiritual in nature.

It is the commonalties of these core values that have made the assimilation of people of Indian origin in American Diaspora an achievement that deserves much commendation and marvel. 1.2 million Americans of Indian origin are serving in almost every aspect of our country's workings, be it taxi drivers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, professors, computer professionals, small business owners, managers, senior executives, hi-tech entrepreneurs, and CEOs of public companies.

As an American of Indian origin - one who is very actively involved in community and political affairs - I have long felt the need for our President to take the lead to build a bridge between the two largest democracies of the world. My very best wishes and support remains with you as you embark upon this historic journey to an ancient land. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if there is anyway in which I can be of help to you in planning this trip. It will be an Honor and a privilege to serve my President and my country.

Wishing you and Mrs. Clinton a wonderful trip to India, and a very happy, healthy, and successful Year 2000.

Sincerely,



Gopal K. Khanna
President & CEO

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Gopal Khanna

Dear Mr. Carrey,

I'd be most obliged if you'd be so kind to pass on the attached letter to President Clinton, and please do let him know the India-American community stands behind him in full support as he travels to India. Best Regards!

P.S. It will mean a lot to hear from the President.

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January 18, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
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Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. President;

You have announced your intentions to register to vote in New York State. Would you like to be the first President of the United States to apply for voter registration online? OnlineDemocracy.com's process requires that you answer correctly questions about your qualifications to vote, then type in your name, address, date of birth, etc. Then our service prints out a completed National Voter Registration Application form that is ready to sign and mail to New York elections officials.

We have been working with the Federal Elections Commission and the Secretaries of State to ensure compliance with all state and Federal laws, rules and regulations. The service is free to citizens. Our goal is to use the interactive low-cost Internet medium to encourage increased voter participation across the full political spectrum.

The Web site is currently under password protection pending approval from the Federal Elections Commission. You may preview the New York online voter registration application process by going to www.onlinedemocracy.com. The user with the first and fourth digits being numbers.

The service is paid for with political and political parties and issue groups the opportunity who agree to receive e-mail from their Our hope is that this service will be use among our younger voters by allowing policy issues relevant to their individual

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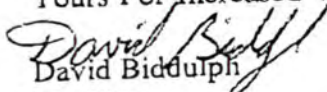
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The service is paid for with political and general advertising. We will soon be offering candidates, political parties and issue groups the opportunity to communicate via "opt-in" e-mail with those voters who agree to receive e-mail from their elected representatives, candidates, and political organizations. Our hope is that this service will be used to increase participation among all citizens but especially among our younger voters by allowing public officials, potentially including you, to connect on public policy issues relevant to their individual circumstances.

We will be in Washington DC over the next two days to meet with the FEC and would be available to meet with your staff to discuss the potential for you to be the first President of the United States to use the internet for applying for voter registration.

Yours For Increased Voter Participation


David Biddulph
President

Cc. Laurie Schroll

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In his new book, William Safire, lead columnist for The New York Times, takes stock of the rumors that destroy presidents and change history.
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soundings

By Jim Bencivenga

Internal properties

The stuff of a thing can be different from what you expect. Take Silly Putty.

On first contact with it in grammar school, I thought the mushy lump was an eraser pounded out of shape. When I held it and rolled it out into a thin pencil, it felt like clay. But when I bunched it up in my fist and bounced it like a ball, I had found antigravity matter!

How could something so malleable get such bounce? I'm certain similar acts repeated by curious young hands all over the world caused more kids to become chemists than all the chem-

The long search for plants with optimal material properties starts to pay off.

By Lori Valigra
Special to The Christian Science Monitor

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Back in 1940, when Henry Ford wanted to test the strength of a car trunk made from an experimental soy-

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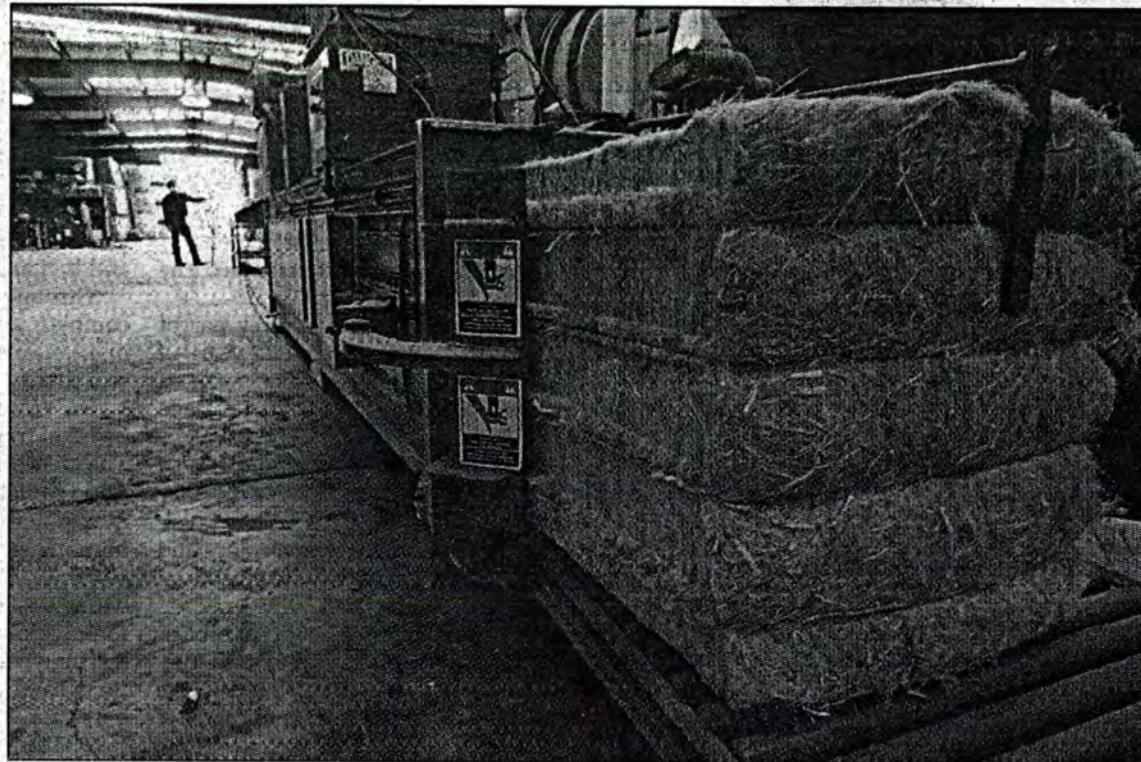
Cheap, versatile, and as strong as wood

GREEN MATERIALS from page 11

family. The panels are more shatter-resistant than traditional ones made by mixing polypropylene and wood flour or saw dust. In addition, Deere & Co. is using soy-based fiberglass composites in its tractor panels and hay balers.

"The natural fibers are very ductile and they don't splinter, so they manage energy well during side impacts," says Ken Urolini, area manager for door trim engineering at Visteon Automotive Systems, a Ford Motor Co. enterprise in Utica, Mich. Mr. Urolini says natural-fiber composite components weigh about 30 percent less than traditional wood-based materials. And, they cost less because they take half as long to make. Natural-fiber plastic composites are formed when a fiber sheet is heated along with propylene and molded. The now sticky sheet, which forms a stiff panel backing, is then pressed against the door fabric, eliminating the extra step of applying a toxic adhesive.

"We intend to use these com-



KENAF: Shown here under cultivation (right) and being extruded from a baler (above), it is a new source of fiber for paper, building products, even car parts.



PHOTOS BY ROBERT HARBISON - STAFF

grows fully in seven months, tolerates drought, and does not require extensive herbicides. It grows in regions where cotton and tobacco thrive. Kenaf Industries also is using it to make paper for commercial newsprint. It has a 20,000-acre kenaf farm in Raymondville, Texas.

"We're using a crop that is totally renewable on a yearly basis, rather than cutting down 20-year-old forests," says David Agneta, president of Kafus Bio-Composites in Dedham, Mass.

Kenaf isn't the only natural fiber that has caught the imagination of engineers and designers. Global Resource Technologies (GROT) of Madison, Wis., is using jute, sisal, wood, coir, flax, straw, kenaf, and even denim to make everything from plastic wood and tables to shipping pallets and piggy banks. Its products are still in the development stage.

"Fibers are lower cost and stiffer, and you can mold them, which you can't do with pure wood," says Colin Felton, technical manager at GROT. "And,

istry sets ever sold. The star pushed many young minds to think about internal properties, whether or not they knew what that meant.

We hope our cover story on the development of new materials from organic stuff will set readers thinking the way they did the first time they saw Silly Putty bounce.

Granted, an adult will necessarily be more utilitarian than a child. And an adult will assume a teleology: What can this stuff be used for, what's its purpose? The discovery, fabrication, and utilization of a renewable material from nature that does not degrade the environment is highly valued.

Of course, thinking about internal properties isn't limited to new materials. Radical cultural change can arise out of disparate, social combinations, challenging how things are supposed to work.

Events in the news: AOL merges with Time Warner; Vermont Supreme Court rules favorably on same sex marriage; young Cuban boy washes up on American soil as his mother drowns while fleeing Cuba.

The stuff of life, on first impression, can bounce like Silly Putty. All the more reason to constantly examine internal properties, material or otherwise.

bean-based material, he stunned onlookers by whacking it with an ax.

Mr. Ford may have been an eccentric, but he also was way ahead of his time in trying new materials to improve cars. The trunk was made of soy-protein plastic reinforced with glass, a material that proved to be stronger, lighter, and more flexible than conventional car panels. Ford grew many varieties of soybeans in a field near his company's Detroit auto factory to find a plant with the optimal material properties. By doing so, he planted the seed for the new crop of biomaterial composites that are sprouting up today.

Now, more than six decades later, vehicle, lumber, furniture, housing, and other manufacturers are finally seeing the benefits of such "green" materials. New and better composite materials made from plastic combined with natural fibers or plants such as hemp, kenaf, sisal, or soybeans can be manufactured and used for at least the same cost as conventional materials, and sometimes for much less.

The 1998 Ford Cougar, for example, has a polypropylene plastic and kenaf-fiber composite in its interior door panels, and the 2000 Mustang will have that material in its trunk liners. Kenaf is a 14-foot tall, inedible plant in the hibiscus



FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME: Henry Ford takes an ax to a 1941 Ford automobile to demonstrate the sturdiness of soy-bean based materials. Ford was ahead of his time in testing out natural fibers for car parts.

posites in new cars including the Mustang, Escort, and Taurus Sable," Urolini says. The only drawback now, he says, is the technology is so new in the United States that Ford has had to import tooling and other capital equipment for pressing the composite panels from Europe, where automakers are further ahead in using natural-fiber composites.

Richard Wool, professor of chemical engineering and director of the Affordable Composites from Renewable Sources program at the University of Delaware in Newark, says the field of composites came into its own in the past 40 years because of two developments: high-performance fibers and high-performance, petroleum-based plastic resins.

"Advances in the field were dominated by defense priorities until the Berlin Wall came down, and then the big push went in the direction of all-natural composites using agricultural bioproducts," Professor Wool says. At the same time, giant companies like Monsanto and DuPont began to focus on the crop business so

they could control the hybrids grown. "There may be crops grown especially for composites, just as there are for animal feeds today. So it may be possible to have your crop and eat it too," quips Wool.

Wool's laboratory is making composites that substitute soybean oil for plastic so that a fiber composite will be all natural.

Composites date back to the middle ages, when builders used straw to reinforce building blocks to make castles. The most common composite today is fiberglass. New composites are being created by combining old materials in new ways.

"People are fusing old materials with different physical treatments to make different materials. It's like old-time alchemy," says George Beylarian, founder and president of the Material Connexion, a combination design gallery, innovation clearing house, and new-materials database in New York.

Liat Margolis, director of research at the Material Connexion, says today's fiber composites are replacing traditional petroleum-



based products, such as the resins in thermoset plastics, which are toxic and not readily biodegradable. By comparison, kenaf fiber mixed with a thermal plastic like polypropylene can be remelted and reused more easily.

"Kenaf stalks, which are comparable in strength to carbon or glass, are replacing fiberglass, and polypropylene is replacing liquid resin, which eliminates a lot of the toxic chemicals for workers," Ms. Margolis says.

For consumers to buy environmental materials, they must be equal or better in performance than traditional products, says David Saltman, vice president of marketing and new-product development at Kafus Industries Ltd. in Calabasas, Calif. "Consumers will buy environmental materials, but they won't pay extra for them," he says.

According to *Plastics Technology* magazine, prices for natural fibers range from 3 cents per pound for jute to 25 cents per

pound for kenaf, while glass fibers are 50 cents to 75 cents per pound. But when natural fibers are made into mats, the price rises to \$1 to \$1.50 per pound.

Kafus Bio-Composites, a Kafus Industries subsidiary, has an agreement for joint develop-

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— David Agneta, Kafus Bio-Composites

ment of biocomposites with Visteon. In October 1999, Kafus began commercial production of natural-fiber composites at its plant in Elkhart, Ind.

The long-fibered kenaf-composite panels that Visteon sells to Ford are more flexible and shatter-resistant during accidents than fiberglass, Mr. Saltman says. Kenaf composites also can be used to make chairs, raised flooring for computer rooms, packaging, and containers, he adds.

Kenaf looks like hemp. It

The company chops fibers and blends them with molten plastic in ratios of up to 70 percent fiber by weight. A table top looks much like today's particle board, but it is as much as half the weight because ribs can be molded to trim heft while retaining strength. And because a round table top, for example, can be molded, there isn't the 30 percent waste that comes with sawing the edges off of a square piece of particle board or natural wood.

"Plastic composites can replace wood in many applications. Although the basic material costs are high, less material is used, so there is much less waste," Mr. Felton says. And the composites can be melted down and reused up to five times.

That's the case with GROT's denim composite shipping pallets, made from jean scraps from nearby Lands' End, the catalog clothing company.

Denim composite pallets are much stronger than wood. They cost about \$20 to \$30 apiece and last up to 100 trips. Wood pallets cost \$7 to \$10 apiece and last only about three trips, Felton says.

Besides, Felton adds, "Wood is becoming more scarce, and materials like jute and kenaf are plentiful."

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Legislative Affairs? Leg Affairs

Yes ☒

No ☐

Good Matthew NSC

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ed again. The repeated standoffs between these two
eir mutual mistrust unless the two sides can meet with
if views.

You can take pride in the initiatives you have made to mediate various international disputes. I urge you to consider visiting both India and Pakistan this year to lend your personal assistance to fostering a much needed dialogue in South Asia. Our nation has much to gain through closer relations with both of these nations, but until a workable framework for peaceful dispute resolution is established between them, any bilateral progress will be tentative at best.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I hope that your schedule will allow a visit to both India and Pakistan this year.

With kindest regards,

Respectrully yours,

Steve Horn

STEPHEN HORN
U.S. Representative

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United States of America
Montevideo, Uruguay

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Office of the Ambassador

To Burkhardt for reply?
Yes ☒ No ☐

January 12, 2000

Coordinate with NSC?

Yes ☒ No ☐

00 JAN 19 PM 8:50

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

& Scheduling ☒

Dear Mr. President:

You may remember in the last classes of Sebes and Quigley, they taught us something Sebes called the Tradition of the West. There is a God given Truth but no one knows what it is. Everyone has a piece of that Truth, which may vary in size but not in validity. The way to get closer to the Truth is to put the pieces together, knowing that no matter how long and hard you try, you will never have the Truth in its totality.

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These centers are dedicated to creating international understanding on a cultural level by bringing together artists from Germany, the United States and Uruguay to work and study together. In so doing, he, and I, believe that at least among those participants there will come to be an understanding that cultural and national differences are existent, but minor compared to the natural affinities and congruencies we have as humans on this earth at this time.

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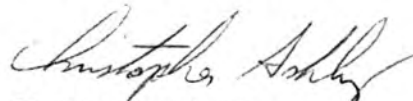
I have been impressed since my arrival in Latin America on how dislocated are our human, political, economic and cultural relations with one another. There is no question that we each affect the daily lives of our prospective citizens more directly than any other two continents. We are composed of immigrants who arrived at about the same times from the same places. We are overwhelmingly Judeo-Christian, and we almost all speak one of two languages. And at least in the case of Uruguay, we hold the same things dear, we have the same values. And yet, it has not worked. We do not understand each other, we do not identify with one another and we are not rapidly solving the problem.

Batuz and his foundations are trying to do something about this. He is trying to create a third sculpture in the United States that would have as its center an American oak trunk, covered by Uruguayan beach wood.

If this were a concept that interested you, I would like to enlist your support, at least figuratively. The project is paid for, and President Sanguinetti would like to personally deliver the Uruguayan wood needed for the project to you at some point before you leave office.

I will be in Washington later this month and I hope to see you then. If so, I will discuss this project with you at greater length.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christopher Ashby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ashby".

Christopher Ashby

/Informal Translation/

Dear Batuz:

After many years of cooperation, let me tell you that I think you have an excellent idea of erecting a sculpture of Pascale in Washington, with old wood from American soil, some pieces from the North and others from the South. In this way, we will have a unique symbol of our joint idea of interweaving men of goodwill by means of a cultural bridge, a permanent support in order to achieve the political and commercial integration in which we are engaged.

Count on me for assistance.

With friendship,

Julio Maria Sanguinetti

Montevideo, December 1999

Querido Batuz:

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gración política y comercial en que estamos empeñados.

Quente conmigo para ayudarte. Con amor

Julio María Sanguinetti
Montevideo, diciembre de 1975

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Jan. 19, 2000

Attention:

Nancy L. Herneich

President Clinton

The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Fax 202-456-6703

00 JAN 20 PM 3:27

Dear President Clinton:

Re:

1. Our daughter Lara Devgan's Invitation to you for Opening
2. White House Reception for '99 Christmas Party & Trip To

It was a pleasure and honor to meet with you and The First Lady on Reception. We always cherish these memories and hope to attend Reception for Dec. 2000.

Thanks for inviting us and allowing us occasions we have discussed your proposed Trip to India in a shape. We have talked on numerous occasions about my desire to At The Wasserman Home in June 98, we spent about five minutes reception in Feb. 99 You promised to take us on Air Force One as of Indian origin. Now is the Time to act on it Bill, please ask NSA office to advise us.

Mr. President, it is your Legacy to accomplish improved relationship with India that no other President has tried to do. You are "the chosen one" for World Peace process between India & Pakistan and the Middle East and the European Balkans. Surely you deserve The Nobel Peace Prize!

Mr. President, it is also the time to acknowledge **Hindu Religion**, in USA and we are over 1.5 million citizens here in America. and the predominant religion of India. In Nov. 2000, we should celebrate Deepawali (Indian New Year: "The Festival of Lights") in the White House. Please respond to this letter as soon as possible. Please reply to Lara as well. Thanks.

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We also wish for a successful campaign for Hillary in her Senatorial bid for N. Y.

Kind Regards,

Sincerely,

Baldev K. Devgan, M.D.
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PS. Tomorrow is my Birthday and I need to hear some Good News!

Send to **EB** for reply?

Yes ☒No ☐

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Dear President Clinton:

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2. White House Reception for '99 Christmas Party & Trip To India

It was a pleasure and honor to meet with you and The First Lady on Dec. 99 for White House Christmas Reception. We always cherish these memories and hope to attend your Final Presidential White House Reception for Dec. 2000.

Thanks for inviting us and allowing us to share our thoughts with you. On many occasions we have discussed your proposed Trip to India in early 2000 and I am happy to see it taking shape. We have talked on numerous occasions about my desire to help improve relations amongst India & USA. At The Wasserman Home in June 98, we spent about five minutes discussing this. Then again at Century City reception in Feb. 99 You promised to take us on Air Force One as part of the delegation representing Americans of Indian origin. Now is the Time to act on it Bill, please ask NSA office to include us in the final list.

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6 January 2000

President Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.
Attention: Nancy Hernandez

Dear President Clinton,

As a fellow Yale and loyal Democrat, I'm writing to you to ask you for your support with a project that truly means a lot to me—the 2000 Habitat Bicycle Challenge.

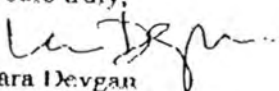
The Habitat Bicycle Challenge is a 63-day, 4,000-mile bicycling odyssey that raises money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity. It is organized and run entirely by Yale students like me, and it is the single largest fundraiser for New Haven's Habitat chapter in the entire nation. As part of the Bike Challenge, 60 college students will spend their summers cycling from coast to coast—half will ride from New Haven, Connecticut to San Francisco, California and half will ride from New Haven to Vancouver. We hope to raise nearly a quarter of a million dollars for Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven.

I am writing to ask you for your support, and to invite you to speak at our send-off reception in New Haven, Connecticut on June 3, 2000. This is a very exciting event—not only is it hugely successful and tremendously adventurous, but it is also run entirely by college students. We would be thrilled to have you there to support us, or to have a letter of support from someone we respect as much as you. In addition, I would be honored if you would consider supporting me *personally*, with a tax-deductible donation made payable to the Habitat Bicycle Challenge with my name on the top of the check. Please feel free to visit our website at www.yale.edu/habitat or to contact me at Yale for more information.

As you know, Habitat for Humanity is the international non-profit organization that was founded by President Carter to build houses for low-income, working families. The program is not a giveaway—homeowners contribute 400 hours of "sweat equity" building their homes and pay a no-interest mortgage to Habitat. During the past 20 years, Habitat has built over **50,000** homes. Thanks to Habitat for Humanity, run down neighborhoods have been restored, quality of life has improved for the working poor, and communities have come together for the common good.

Thank you so much for considering this. Please feel free to contact me at Yale if you have any questions or requests. I wish you the best during the new millennium.

Yours truly,



Lara Devgan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 2000

Mr. John D. Correnti
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Birmingham Steel Corporation
Post Office Box 1208
Birmingham, Alabama 35201-1208

Dear John:

Thanks for writing about the situation at your Memphis plant. Although there are early signs of recovery in some areas of the steel industry, I regret that many workers, communities, and companies are still facing hardship.

I am in the final stages of a decision on the steel wire rod trade case. I am working to make the best decision possible, and I'm glad you're staying in touch.

Sincerely,

Bill



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JOHN D. CORRENTI
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BIRMINGHAM STEEL CORPORATION

January 7, 2000

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Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Since I wrote to you several weeks ago regarding the dire situation facing our wire rod facilities, I have had to shut down our Memphis melt shop indefinitely. This plant makes the raw steel for our wire rod operations. It was indeed a difficult holiday for our 250 loyal workers in Memphis, 100 of whom live in Arkansas. We were faced with massive losses of \$100 million at the 2-year old facility, and high imports of wire rod that continue to exceed 1998 levels "dumped wire rod."

The Memphis facility has the potential to become a world class steel-making facility. But we must generate cash from our operations to make the investment work efficiently and profitably. The unrelenting surge of low-priced wire rod imports has drained us of that cash.

I simply did not have the cash to continue operating the Memphis plant at this time. Mr. President, I have been in this steel business for 30 years, and never in my 30 years have I ever had to shut a plant down and, it is something that I never, never want to be faced with again. These 250 workers were depending upon me and you to help rectify this situation.

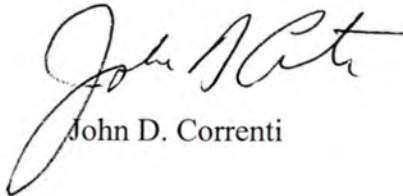
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
January 5, 2000
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Our jobs in Memphis are solid, family-supporting jobs in the Mississippi Delta – the type of jobs that you have worked steadfastly throughout your career in public service to nurture. The entire wire rod industry is deteriorating day by day. Wire rod workers have waited since September for your decision on their trade case. I hope you can resolve this without further delay, before there are more layoffs and closings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Correnti", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

John D. Correnti

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Carrie

January 20, 2000

Ms. Sheryl Crow
Suite 200
10345 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90064

Dear Sheryl:

Thanks so much for the copy of *American
Greats* -- it looks fascinating! You were
kind to remember Hillary and me, and we
appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We hope you are well and send our best
wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20566-0001
202 416-8000
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January 19, 2000

TO: Sean Maloney
Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary
The White House

CC: Melanne Verveer

FR: Ann Stock *A.S.*
Vice President, Institutional Affairs
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

RE: Request for Presidential Letter

As you may know, the Kennedy Center Spring Gala is on April 9th. I am writing to request that a letter from the President and Mrs. Clinton be written for the program booklet. It will go to print on Saturday, March 4th. I have attached a copy of the last two letters that appeared in the program booklet. You should note that the proceeds from the benefit this year go to the Kennedy Center's Artistic Education and Community Outreach Programs.

Thank you for your help. Anything you can do to expedite this would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 202-416-8703.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in our nation's capital for the annual Spring Gala of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Hillary and I are delighted to serve once again as Honorary Patrons of this wonderful event.

For nearly 30 years, the Kennedy Center has been a vital part of our nation's cultural life. Presenting some of the world's finest performers and productions, it shares the beauty of music, dance, drama, and film with audiences of all ages. With more than 3000 performances a year and a firm commitment to showcasing new works as well as the classics, the Kennedy Center is a fitting tribute to and a powerful reflection of President Kennedy's vision of an America that cherishes our rich cultural heritage and shares its treasures with all our citizens. The new Millennium Stage, by offering a wide spectrum of the arts to all visitors free of charge, is making a wonderful contribution to our nation's cultural life.

As part of its mission, the Kennedy Center also nurtures both new artists and new audiences. Through arts education programs, community outreach efforts, and initiatives such as the American College Theater Festival, the Kennedy Center increases accessibility to the performing arts and ensures that today's young actors, singers, musicians, dancers, and playwrights become the virtuosos of tomorrow.

I applaud the staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Kennedy Center for your many contributions to the life of our nation. Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for a memorable gala and continued success in the years to come.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in our nation's capital for the sixth annual gala of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Hillary and I are delighted to serve once again as Honorary Patrons of this event, and we are pleased to congratulate Andrea Bocelli on his American debut.

Each year, this gala reminds us anew of the significant role the Kennedy Center plays in the cultural life of our nation. At the Center itself, in more than 3,100 performances a year, the finest performers and productions of our time share with us the gifts of music, drama, dance, and so much more. Kennedy Center education programs in schools, colleges, and performing arts centers across our nation touch the lives of millions of Americans of all ages. And through the annual American College Theater Festival and the Fund for New American Plays, the Kennedy Center empowers new artists to bring their energy and fresh perspective to the American stage.

I commend the dedicated staff, artists, volunteers, and supporters of the Kennedy Center for providing your fellow Americans with access to the finest in performing arts. In this age of rapid change and exciting possibility, we need you more than ever to remind us of the riches of our past and to help us envision a still more glorious future.

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