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Walter B. McCormick, Jr.
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January 26, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Nation faces an economic crisis as a result of the huge and unwarranted hikes in the price of diesel fuel. A year ago the national average price of diesel fuel was \$0.964 per gallon; today it is \$1.418 per gallon -- a 47% increase in one year. In the last week, the price leapt from \$1.307 to \$1.418 per gallon, a staggering increase of 8.5% in a single week. This cannot continue if America's economic health is to be preserved.

The national diesel fuel crisis has a direct and strong adverse impact on the American trucking industry, because trucks move most of America's freight, and diesel moves most of America's trucks. Unless the Federal Government acts promptly to combat the drastic increases in the price of diesel fuel, the transportation backbone of the American economy -- the trucking industry that accounts for 81% of the country's freight revenue -- will break.

On behalf of the thousands of motor carrier members of the American Trucking Associations, Inc., I request that you take the following actions immediately, in addition to such other actions as may be appropriate, to deal with the diesel price emergency and restore reasonable price stability at lower price levels in the diesel markets:

1. Direct the Secretary of Energy to take such action as may be necessary to draw down and distribute sufficient quantities of petroleum from the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve. This approach to the diesel price emergency -- a prompt increase in supply -- will help the free market correct diesel price inequities promptly.
2. Direct the Secretary of State to enter into discussions on an emergency basis with the countries that are members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, to ask that cartel to free its members to increase oil production. The Secretary should make a special effort to seek an oil production increase by the countries on the Arabian Peninsula, whose continued existence and current prosperity is due to the decision of the United States to send a half million troops to their defense only a decade ago. Such an increase in production will help in the longer run in the effort to correct diesel price inequities.

3. Direct the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of General Services to take such action as may be necessary to incorporate into the Government's truck transportation contracts provisions for payment by the Government of a surcharge to cover the costs of diesel fuel increases.

4. Ask the Attorney General of the United States to commence an investigation into any illegal diesel price gouging and profiteering.

America has enjoyed an unparalleled period of prosperity in the past decade. To continue that prosperity, avoid disruptions in America's most vital transportation industry, and forestall a return to the ravages of inflation, prompt action by your Administration to solve the diesel crisis is essential.

Sincerely,



Walter B. McCormick, Jr.

cc: The Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. 20520
The Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C. 20301
The Attorney General, Washington, D.C. 20530
The Secretary of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585
The Administrator of General Services, Washington, D.C. 20405

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WASHINGTON

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From The Office Of
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

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P. 1*

Date: January 6, 2000

To: President Bill Clinton

Fax No.: 202/456-6255

Number of pages, including this cover letter: 3

Message:

Dear Betty,

Please deliver this letter to the President.

Thank you very much.

Marianne

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

January 6, 2000

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

Dear President Clinton,

I hope you're well. It seems like you've finally found smoother Presidential ground, and you seem to be enjoying it. Congratulations.

I am writing to ask you a personal favor. I am compiling a book called "IMAGINE: What America Could Look Like in the 21st Century," to be published by Rodale Press later this year as a fundraiser for a non-profit organization called The Global Renaissance Alliance.

The book is intended to be a vision and a blueprint for a better America, representing the collected ideas of some extraordinary American thinkers. I am asking visionaries in various areas to contribute their ideas about specific issues such as politics, religion, education, health, etc. At best, what could American civilization look like in fifty to a hundred years? What changes would have to happen in order for such a shift to materialize? How can people and institutions help facilitate that change? And I am asking artists and philosophers to reflect on what they feel are the highest possibilities seeking to emerge among us at the dawn of the Century. I think a book like IMAGINE can help harness the necessary social energies to move the country in a great direction.

Would you honor us with a 750 to 3,000 word essay? It could be about the Presidency, politics, or American society in general. Your vision of things as you look ahead is informed by a stunning set of experiences and vantage points. I would be personally so grateful if you would help make this book a significant presentation of a collective vision.

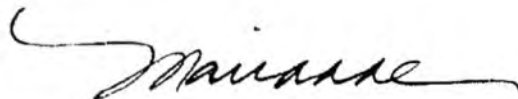
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I await your response, and I wish you, as always, a smooth ride through that rough neighborhood you work in. Please give my best regards to Hillary. She's doing it for the girls, and we're very, very grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mianne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Clinton's Surprising Legacy

By TOM BETHELL

As President Clinton continues to search for a legacy—a project that will define Thursday's State of the Union address—he may find he's already found an unlikely one: budget cutter.

Recently, staffers at the Joint Economic Committee of Congress looked back at federal spending since 1950, adjusting the totals for inflation and for the increase in population. The results, listed by inaugural years in the corresponding table, are surprising. Mr. Clinton is the only postwar president who has managed to reduce real spending per capita. This, despite huge budget surpluses.

The secret to Mr. Clinton's dwindling budget lies in defense; the president has reduced military spending while increasing everything else. In doing so, he continues the work of George Bush and falls in step with a longer-term shift in federal priorities. Defense spending fell from almost two-thirds of the federal total at the beginning of the period shown in the table to less than one-sixth today; it is now half what it was in 1953 in real per capita terms.

Surprisingly, the numbers fail to demonstrate that Republican presidents spend less than Democrats, although the recent spending restraint surely owes much to a Congress controlled by the GOP for five years. Spending figures jump up not only in the second Nixon-Ford administration, but in Ronald Reagan's first term—a time when all the cartoonists showed budget director

Spending Goes Down

Per capita federal spending (1998) dollars; in billions

YEAR	TOTAL SPENDING	DEFENSE
1953	\$2,893	\$2,008
1957	2,584	1,533
1961	2,904	1,474
1965	3,146	1,347
1969	4,029	1,810
1973	4,257	1,328
1977	5,000	1,188
1981	5,291	1,228
1985	6,017	1,607
1989	6,082	1,614
1993	6,163	1,272
1997	6,068	1,025
1999	6,111	1,011

Source: Joint Economic Committee of Congress

and it is not one we would expect from a Democrat.

Mr. Bethell is Washington correspondent of *The American Spectator*.

David Stockman wielding an axe.

Receipts aren't included in the table, but those numbers were equally shocking. Revenues were \$5,043 per capita in 1993, \$5,985 in 1997 and \$6,550 in 1999 (all in 1998 dollars). Given the massive surplus that is rapidly accumulating, both Congress and the Clinton administration will be sorely tempted to spend it, and soon.

Of course, Mr. Clinton still has another year to go, and spending is again on the rise. Given the dynamics of an election year, this upward trend may well continue. Nonetheless, Mr. Clinton's potential legacy stares out at us from the numbers,

Notable & Quotable

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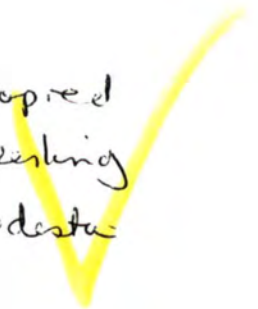
Reagan's treatment by academics is far better than many people—especially many conservatives—might surmise it to be. Contrary to expectation, many articles in the top journals have been fair, as have a

number of influential books. These works, including even some flattering assessments of Reagan, have come from ... people who were not Reagan supporters and are certainly not right-wingers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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1/26/00

To:

SYLVIA MATHEWS

From: The Staff Secretary

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**United States
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Agriculture**

**Office of the
Secretary**

**1400 Independence
Avenue, SW**

**Washington, DC
20250-0100**

January 24, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In recent months, there have been delays in implementing parts of USDA's International Food Aid Program, particularly the 416(b) activities. This could be because the Office of Management and Budget has requested much more information about the commodities, physical conditions in the various countries and financial matters.

The Food Assistance Policy Council, which includes senior representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and State, and of the Agency for International Development and the Office of Management and Budget, has the responsibility for these programs. It was established by Executive Order 12752 by President Bush on February 25, 1991.

I have attended two meetings relating to this matter in recent weeks --- the latest of which was January 20, 2000. At that meeting, the Council considered aid for people in approximately 65 countries. It recommended direct feeding humanitarian assistance to 27 countries. The Council also recommended, subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget, humanitarian assistance to 20 other countries to be furnished through a food aid monetization process. It also recommended aid to eight (8) other countries, but subject to decisions by people at the White House after considering political matters.

The monetization process seems to be of much concern to some of the people at OMB. This method of furnishing aid has been used for 25 or more years. For hungry people in many countries, this seems to be the most efficient and effective way to deliver food and its benefits to those who need it.

Donating the food to a Private Voluntary Organization which sells it in the local market helps to keep prices lower for the people. The funds from the sale of the food then can be used for such purposes as acquiring local commodities for schools or other worthy groups, medicines for those in need, daycare and other mother-child assistance programs. The proceeds can also be used for AIDS prevention and treatment, agricultural development, education, public works and small

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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enterprise development. Such activities can have a longer humanitarian input on the lives of poor people.

It is my impression that the people at AID, the State Department and the Department of Agriculture who work on this Council have a great deal of knowledge about the need for food in the various countries and have very good judgment about determining who needs the assistance, the kind of food that should be made available in each country, and the most effective method for getting the food to the people who need it.

They deserve high commendations for their work; but they need to be allowed to do their work.

It is my hope you will let the people at OMB know that this program does much good for many people in other countries, that it is used only when there are surplus agricultural commodities, that you are for this assistance and that OMB should support it, including the monetization part.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carl S. Whillock".

CARL S. WHILLOCK
Special Assistant to the President for
Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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PRESIDENTIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

STAFF REQUEST FORM

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TODAY'S DATE: 11/4/99 DATE OF EVENT: 12/99

Request to: *Presidential Support*
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From: (Name) Mara Soto / B. Hunt
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Information: * See attached letter.

Our office understands this is an
unusual request but we know the
President holds his friendships to
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Inside address for letter (complete address to appear on letter) Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Ms.

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Dear President Clinton

The Denver Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is preparing a petition to nominate Mayor Wellington E. Webb, mayor of Denver Colorado for the Laurel Wreath Award, which is the highest award presented internationally by our Fraternity. It is awarded for exceptional and outstanding achievement over a sustained period of time. One of the requirements for this award is for us to obtain character references from three persons who are not members of our Fraternity and who have an in-depth knowledge of the person nominated. We would be extremely honored if you would provide a letter of character reference for Mayor Webb.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is an international fraternity, which was founded in 1911 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. The fundamental purpose of our fraternity is achievement in every field of human endeavor. We hold a national convention every two years and, at this event, we select and honor selected members of the fraternity who have excelled at the highest possible level in their chosen profession. The Laurel Wreath is the most cherished and most prestigious award that is granted at these national conventions.. This award is reserved for those Kappas who have achieved far above and beyond the highest levels of expectations and who have made a significant impact upon the Nation and their communities. The list of men so honored includes the late Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, Rev. Leon Sullivan, the late General Daniel "Chappie" James, and most recently, Attorney Johnny Cochran.

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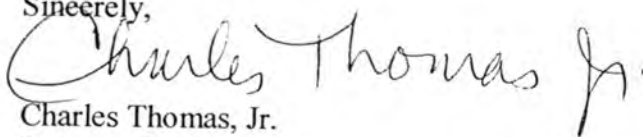
MITCHELL P. JAMES, EX OFFICIO

Mayor Webb has distinguished himself at the local, national, and international levels as a leader who has served with distinction the citizens of Colorado and the Nation. In his chosen profession of politics he has transformed the City of Denver into one of the Nation's most desired cities in which to live. He has hosted the Pope, the Emperor of Japan, the Summit of Eight, several Heads of State from Africa, and many political events during his tenure as Mayor. You have identified Mayor Webb as a man whose opinions you value very highly and you have included him in many panels and discussions on issues that impact the citizens of our great Nation.

I will be delighted to work with your designated staff person to assist in preparing this letter of character reference. I can be reached at (303) 966-6451. Also assisting me in this project is Dr. Chris Veasey and he can be reached at (720) 944-2835. The letter should be addressed to Mr. Howard L. Tutman, Grand Polemarch, Kappa Aloha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and mailed in care of: Denver Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2160 Downing St., Denver, CO 80205. Our goal is to complete all of the required actions for submitting this nomination by the end of December 1999.

I am sure that you agree that Mayor Webb is truly one of the most capable, dedicated, and outstanding mayors and political leaders of our time and deserves to be honored as a recipient of the Fraternity's Laurel Wreath Award. We thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Thomas Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles Thomas, Jr.
Polemarch
Denver Alumni Chapter

SHEILA JACKSON LEE
18TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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January 25, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton
The President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

VIA FAX AND HAND
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1-26-00
CC:
Maria E.
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Dear President Clinton:

As the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, I am writing to applaud the decision that has been made by the Department of Justice to affirm the INS decision to act within the best interests of the child in the case of Elian Gonzalez. I also applaud the decision of the INS that compels the Miami relatives of Elian to bring him to a neutral site so that he may reunite with his grandmothers.

As you know, today I have had the opportunity to meet with Elian's two grandmothers, Raquel Rodriguez and Mariela Quintana, and Members of Congress to discuss his safe return back to Cuba. By meeting with these endearing women, I want to ensure the enforcement of the INS' previous decision. It is imperative that we end the political posturing surrounding this young boy's plight. Elian Gonzalez is not an orphan and his father has not been proven to be unfit and no abuse of Elian has been found that would normally deny a natural parent custody of his child.

You may also be aware that there are several bills in the Congress that would make Elian a citizen or a legal permanent resident of the United States. After meeting with the grandmothers, I have learned that their wish is for their precious grandson to return to Cuba to be with their natural father and them. I urge you to veto any bill that would make this young boy a citizen or legal permanent resident. I also think that it is important that you meet with these women and look in their eyes, and feel their emotions in order for you to fully appreciate this issue.

I am enclosing a letter from the grandmothers given to me today directed to you Mr. President asking for your help in returning Elian to his family in Cuba.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Jackson Lee', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress

SJL:lcb

Enclosure: Letter to President Clinton from the Grandmothers of Elian Gonzales

La Habana, 21 de enero de 2000

*Excmo. Sr. William Clinton
Presidente
Estados Unidos de América*

Estimado Presidente:

Las dos abuelas del niño Elián González Brotons hemos venido hasta Nueva York con la esperanza de recuperarlo.

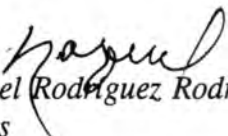
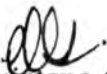
Podrá suponer usted que hacer este viaje ha significado un gran sacrificio para nuestra familia, que no se ha separado un solo instante desde el momento de la tragedia en que perdimos a una hija y hemos sido forzados a contemplar con infinito dolor el secuestro de nuestro nieto. En los últimos días los que retienen criminalmente al niño ya no nos permiten siquiera hablar con él.

Sabemos que usted, enfrentándose a grandes obstáculos, ha expresado su reconocimiento al derecho indiscutible del padre de recuperar a su hijo. Juan Miguel el padre de Eliancito, nosotras y toda la familia estamos destruidos y vivimos el horror de ver pasar el tiempo.

A pesar de que conocemos de su inmenso trabajo, le solicitamos que nos reciba aunque sea por unos minutos. De usted preferirlo, sería absolutamente confidencial.

Si nos concede ese honor, constituiría para nosotras un extraordinario aliento, que ahora o en el futuro sería muy apreciado también por el pueblo de Estados Unidos que, apegado a los valores de familia, en muy amplia mayoría es decididamente partidario de que el niño regrese junto a su padre, abuelos y demás familiares.

Puede localizarnos en la casa de la Reverenda Joan Campbell, y el contacto se haría en la forma y lugar que usted estime pertinente.


*Mariela Quintana Garrido y Raquel Rodríguez Rodríguez
Abuelas de Elián González Brotons*