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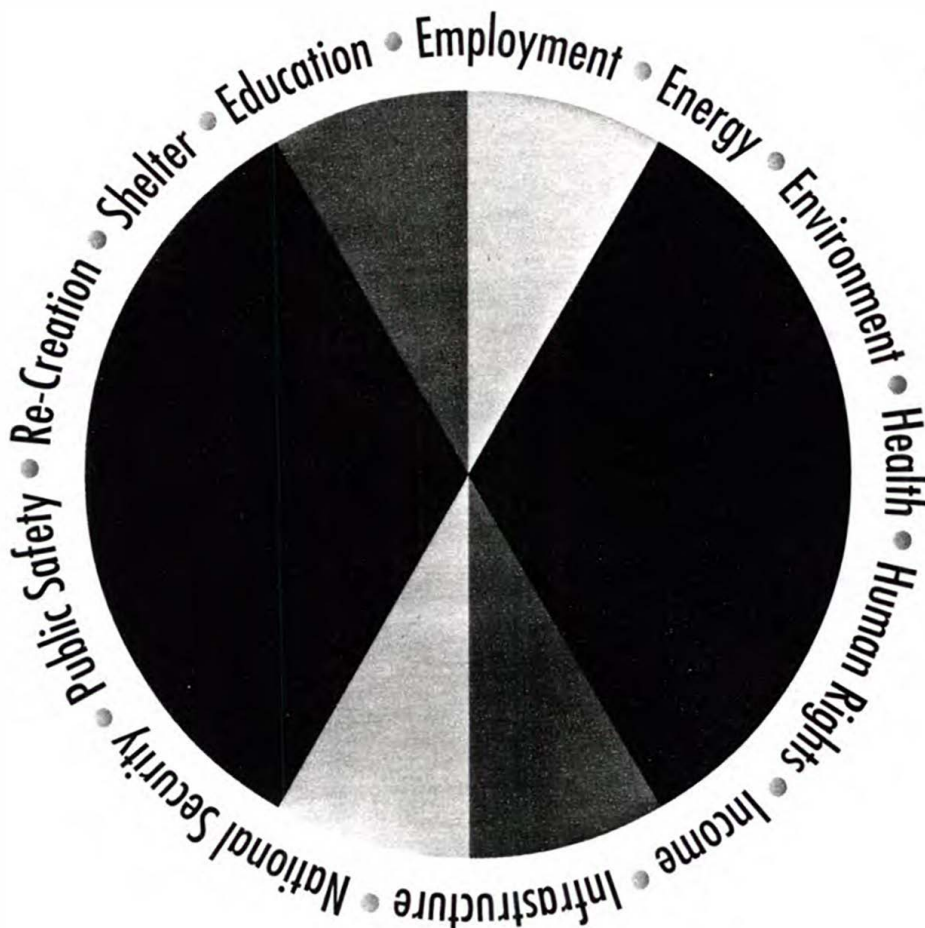
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who understands all
this

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to all
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Mr. Bowen would like
a status report on his
letter to President Clinton.
He needs to know by
3 pm today.

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cc

January 24, 2000

FAX: (202) 456-6703

President William J. Clinton
Attn: Nancy Hernreich

Dear Mr. President:

A push from you is all that is needed to establish the headquarters of the Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command (SBCCOM) at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. The commander of SBCCOM is MG John Doesburg, currently headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

00 FEB 16 PM 4:17

General Doesburg is a graduate of Fort Smith High School, having attended that school three years while his father was serving at Camp Chaffee and he has visited the Arsenal and the National Center for Toxicological Research and is fully aware of the capability of each.

Pine Bluff is already part of the National Counter Terrorism Consortium and plans are in place to make the Arsenal/NCTR part of a first response to terrorism. General Doesburg says the plan assumes that there will be a terrorism attack.

The second and fourth congressional districts are working cooperatively on this venture as is UAMS and the VA Leadership. James Lee Witt/FEMA are fully committed to the need and importance of the center to respond to terrorism.

You can do more for Arkansas and the Delta with support of this mission than anything of which I am aware.

Cordially,

Blue Bowen

William H. Bowen

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Staff Secretary

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2803

February 7, 2000

00 FEB 16 AM 9:16

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Office of Political Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. John Ponticello, President of the Paradise Democratic Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, has requested my assistance in obtaining a letter from your office honoring Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman.

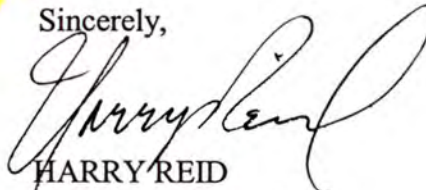
The Paradise Democratic Club will be holding its annual "Outstanding Democrat of the Year" 1999 reception on April 18, 2000 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas.

Mayor Goodman was sworn in as the 17th Mayor of the City of Las Vegas in January of 2000. Before becoming the Mayor of Las Vegas, Mr. Goodman was a criminal defense attorney and has been named as one of the "Fifteen Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal and is listed annually in the "Best Lawyers in America."

Mayor Goodman has been a resident of Las Vegas for 37 years and has four children.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Attached is a copy of Mr. Ponticello's letter and a bio on Mayor Goodman. The letter should be addressed to: Mayor Oscar Goodman, c/o John Ponticello, Paradise Democratic Club, 405 Antelope Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89145.

Sincerely,


HARRY REID
United States Senator

2/16/00

Send to M. Moore
~~B. B. B. B. B.~~
Yes ☒
No ☐
cc: Legat Paris
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United States Government Bldg.
Las Vegas Nevada 89101

Dear Senator Reid; *Harry*

The Paradise Democratic Club is having it's annual "OUTSTANDING DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR AWARD" Reception on Tuesday April 18, 2000 At Bally's Hotel and this year we are honoring Mayor Oscar B. Goodman as the Outstanding Democrat of the year 1999. In the past you have helped us in getting a letter of congratulations to the honoree from President Bill Clinton. I hope you will be able to help us get one again this year.

The letter should be addressed To : Mayor Oscar B. Goodman
C/O John Ponticello
Paradise Democratic Club
405 antelope Way
Las Vegas Nevada 89145

Enclosed you will find some background information on the mayor and the event.

Thanks very much for all you do for us and if we can ever be of any service to you please do not hesitate to ask .

Sincerely Yours,

John Ponticello
John Ponticello

P.S. If you need more information or need to talk to me call me at 363-2456.

The Concept of the \$5 Dinner

Several years ago the Paradise Democratic Club started the concept of the \$5 Dinner. For years Democrats have read about \$500 a plate dinners with their high ranking elected officials such as the Governor, U.S. Senators, Congressmen, etc.. The Paradise Democratic Club decided to sponsor \$5 no-frills dinners with these individuals allowing the average ordinary person to dine with and meet them. They have been very successful.



The History of the Paradise Democratic Club

The club was founded in 1962. Its purpose and goals are to encourage membership in the Democratic Party, urge the election of Democratic candidates to all political office, to uphold the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party, and to be active in charitable services to the community. Over the years the club has helped elect many Democrats to all political offices. Many of them were and still are members.



The Paradise Democratic Club Of Las Vegas presents

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Oscar B. Goodman

Tuesday November 9, 1999
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Oscar B. Goodman

Las Vegas Mayor

Oscar Goodman was born in Philadelphia and received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He moved to Las Vegas in 1963 and soon became one of the city's premier criminal defense attorneys. Oscar Goodman has an extensive record of defending the Constitutional rights of all citizens. The driving forces behind Mayor Goodman's legal career are the principles of freedom and justice. He has spent his entire career assuring that government action is just. Mr. Goodman has been recognized for his distinguished legal career by being named one of the "Fifteen Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal and is listed annually in the "Best Lawyers in America." He has argued high-profile cases before the United States Supreme Court and all United States Courts of Appeals. Prior to being elected to govern Las Vegas, Mr. Goodman's leadership style and skills impressed his peers who selected him to serve as past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers and past President of Las Vegas' Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue. His extensive knowledge of the law, brilliant legal strategies and charisma were profiled in a British documentary on his life as well as in numerous television programs, books and films.

Oscar B. Goodman, elected as Mayor in June 1999, is privileged to lead one of the fastest growing cities in the United States into the next millennium. Mayor Goodman is committed to preserving Las Vegas' status as the "Most Livable City in America" (Federal Reserve Study, 1999) as well as ensuring the city maintains its spot on Fortune Magazine's annual ranking of the "Top Ten Places for Business." According to Mayor Goodman. "I have raised a family in Las Vegas and built a successful law practice here. Now, I want my legacy to include building a community where future generations will have even more opportunities and advantages to live a prosperous life."

Mayor Oscar Goodman has been married to Carolyn G. Goodman for 37 years. Carolyn is the Founder and President of the Board of the Meadows School, the only non-profit, non-sectarian private school in Nevada. She has also received the Distinguished Nevadan Award.

Oscar and Carolyn Goodman are most proud of their four children. All four are college graduates with advanced degrees in medicine, law and human relations. One of his sons currently serves as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. The Goodman children were raised and educated in Las Vegas.

PROGRAM

Pledge of Allegiance

Lee Gates

Chief Judge, 8th Judicial District Court

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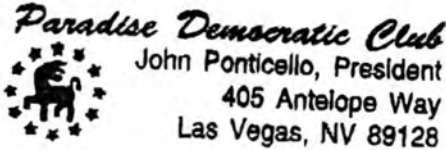
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Conclusion

Picture Taking with the Mayor

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PRESS RELEASE

MAYOR TO BE HONORED AS OUTSTANDING DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR

The Paradise Democratic Club of Las Vegas has selected Mayor Oscar Goodman as the "Outstanding Democrat of the Year" 1999. He will be honored at a Champagne and Hors D'oeuvres Reception and be presented "the Outstanding Democrat of the Year Award" 1999 at Bally's Hotel Skyview Room The week before Easter (actual day not confirmed yet) from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. In addition to the main award, three "*Grass Roots Democrat of the Year*" 1999 awards will be presented to Jim and Ida Leach, Vicki Sessler and Carl Jarnberg. Past Award winners are Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa , former Congressman Jim Bilbray,, U.S. Senator Richard Bryan, U.S. Senator Harry Reid , District Attorney Stewart Bell, Congresswomen Shelley Berkley, County Commissioner Yvonne Atkins Gates ~~XXXX~~, State Senator Dina Titus and former Mayor Jan Jones. Later this year the "*Outstanding Democrat of the Decade*" 1990's will be chosen from the winners of the award during that period. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$30 and will be available at the door. For further information, please call 363-2456.

2/16/00

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Carl



From the family of
Jimmy Freels

14 February, 2000

The President of the United States of America
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

00 FEB 16 PM 2:03

Dear President Clinton,

You may be the only person in the world who can help our little boy get up on his feet and walk on his own. Jimmy was six years old on January 31, 2000. Born nearly 12 weeks early, he is still not yet able to sit up or walk. Five years ago pediatric neurologists told us he has a brain-injury that prevents him from sitting up, walking, or having any chance of living a normal life. As his parents, we disagreed with that assessment and have spent the last five years in search of Jimmy's healing.

Many of the experts have said we are in denial, and we are; we have always denied the prognosis, the label they've tried to give Jimmy.

It turns out that we have been correct to not listen to what man had to say, but instead follow the truth that God put into our hearts that cold January day five years ago. Brain-injury occurs when the brain is deprived of oxygen so it only makes sense that brain function is restored when oxygenation is restored. Therefore we have searched for methods and techniques that restore oxygen to the brain, and now we have discovered a treatment called Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy that is reversing the brain-injury Jimmy is suffering from.

And we can prove it. The proof lies in the pages of the notebook that follows, specifically found in the SPECT-scan reports of Exhibit 6 and Exhibit 7. These are SPECT-scan results taken before Jimmy received his first treatment, and the second scan results taken after his 21st treatment.

SPECT-scans use the metabolism occurring in functioning body tissue to 'draw a picture' of that body tissue. If there is no metabolism--or tissue function--then there is no picture.

The SPECT-scan report in Exhibit 6 was taken prior to beginning Jimmy's treatments, and it revealed the deficit areas in Jimmy's brain that were not functioning--

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tissue the pediatric neurologists have said is "either dead or missing". Exhibit 7 describes this same tissue now functioning where there was no function before. What was once described as "dead" by the experts is now living--that's because the treatment we are seeking is reversing Jimmy's brain-injury and will continue to reverse it, i.e., restore function, provided he continues to receive more treatments.

Jimmy has received a total of 42 HBOT treatments at a cost of \$250 each (We have since found someone else whose fee is only \$140. Just like anything else, the price will continue to drop as the treatment becomes widely utilized.). Jimmy's Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy was paid for by our church, family, friends, and neighbors. He probably needs an additional 300 or perhaps 400 more treatments.

As a Georgia Medicaid recipient, he is legally entitled to receive Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. This is one reason we are forwarding this information to you. You are The President of the United States, the chief law enforcement officer in the land. We are asking you to enforce the Federal law that says Jimmy has a legal right to this treatment.

Because of his situation, Jimmy is a Georgia Medicaid recipient. His Medicaid (b)(6) We have asked Georgia Medicaid for this life-changing treatment three times and been denied for three different reasons.

However, surely you are aware as a former governor that every state Medicaid program must be administered in conformity with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396. The Medicaid Act creates enforceable rights to medical assistance for Medicaid recipients. Further, under the Medicaid Act as stated in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(43), participating states must provide to eligible minors under the age of 21 certain mandatory medical services.

(A) information of the availability of early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services [EPSDT] as described in section 1396d(r).

(B) providing or arranging for the provision of such screening services in all cases where they are requested,

(C) arranging for (directly or through referral to appropriate agencies, organizations, or individuals) corrective treatment the need for which is disclosed by child health screening services.

Further, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services (EPSDT) required under 1396d(r) of the Act as described in (A) above, include medical services such as screening exams, vision, dental, and hearing services. Also, in paragraph (5), the EPSDT statute requires states to provide "such other necessary health care, ...treatment and other measures described in subsection (A) of this section to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the State plan." {Exhibit A-1}

What this means for Jimmy is that if a treatment has been found necessary to correct or ameliorate (improve) his condition, i.e. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, then Georgia

Medicaid must pay for such services, whether or not such services are covered under the State plan.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy has been proven (as evidenced by Exhibit 6 and Exhibit 7) necessary to correct and ameliorate the brain-injury of Jimmy Freels, and as such he has a legal right to receive this treatment. Should the state of Georgia continue to deny him Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy then the state of Georgia would clearly be in violation of Federal law as described in Title XIX.

We are asking you to enforce this law. Please call Governor Barnes now at 404/656-1776 and remind him of this statute and Jimmy's legal right to this treatment. Could we also receive written confirmation from you of Jimmy's legal right to receive this treatment.

There's another reason we are sending you this information on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. You came into office in 1993 with a specific goal of reforming the healthcare system. You can still do that. We believe the treatment we are seeking for Jimmy can help you call attention to the shortcomings within the system in a very literal and symbolic way. HBOT has been known to reverse brain-injury for at least 20 years but has been ignored within the medical community because it saves money instead of makes money.

Ironically, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is not taught in any American medical school--not even as an elective, yet HBOT is the most efficient and effective means of delivering oxygen to the body. Therefore, all physicians graduate uneducated on its use. Most never know anything about it. Call the Surgeon General and see what he knows about it. Chances are, not much.

The irony of this unawareness is perhaps the greatest example of hypocrisy in our healthcare system. We all know there is no healing without oxygen, so how could doctors of all people--our top health experts--not know anything about the most efficient and most effective method of delivering oxygen (delivering healing) to the body?

This has got to be the most fundamental flaw in the system. This is like granting a pilot's license to people who don't know how to fly a plane.

What is the health cost of this ignorance to society?

Who knows.

We can tell you this. In our house the price of such ignorance can cost our little boy his chance at a normal life.

You've probably at least heard of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy if you've ever gone SCUBA diving. It's most well-known use is in treating divers who are suffering from decompression sickness (the bends, which is also a neurological disorder). Other neurological problems that HBOT is used for include carbon monoxide poisoning, altitude sickness, and air embolism. In addition, it's also routinely used in wound healing, particularly wounds that won't heal on their own (common for diabetics). Still other damaged tissue injuries that Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is commonly used for include burn injuries, crush injuries, and gangrene. The complete list is found in Exhibit 27 in the accompanying Appeal notebook.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy works by forcing the growth of new capillary systems into damaged or nonfunctioning tissue. Once these tissues again receive oxygen and other nutrients through completed circulation, tissue function is restored.

Chances are you've already experienced the same effect of function restoration after restored circulation. How many times have you woken up in the middle of the night only

to discover that your arm has "fallen asleep" because you've slept on it funny and cut off the circulation?

There's no feeling or movement in that arm until circulation is restored.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy works much the same way. The source of Jimmy's brain-injury--the oxygen deprivation--are broken microscopic capillaries that have burst within his mid-brain. The mid-brain controls the balance, motor, and speech functions. Because of these ruptured and broken capillaries, blood delivery--and thus oxygen delivery--is incomplete at best. The result? Jimmy's mobility and long-term, lifelong development is severely impaired--unless these broken capillary systems are repaired through Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.

This is how HBOT is administered to Jimmy. He is placed inside a hyperbaric chamber, and the atmospheric pressure is increased to between 150% and 175% of normal atmospheric pressure--which is equivalent to 15 to 25 feet underwater. Throughout the next hour he breathes 100% oxygen under low pressure.

And that's it. That's all there is to it. It's very safe.

How safe? Let's put it this way. Jimmy's hyperbaric physician, Dr. Glenn Goodhart (404/501-7312), is also an attorney who practices medical malpractice law. Do you think a malpractice attorney would go anywhere near a medical procedure for a brain-injured child if there were any risk involved?

Of course not.

The physiology of HBOT. Under normal atmospheric pressure, hemoglobin in the blood is the body's only oxygen delivery vehicle. Under HBOT, all the body fluids are saturated with oxygen. That includes the blood plasma, the spinal fluid, lymph system--even the urine.

Most importantly for Jimmy, the cerebrospinal fluid is also immersed and soaking, saturating, bathing the brain in life-giving oxygen. Finally an oxygen-enriched environment is created to bring healing to his oxygen-deprived brain cells.

Once these brain cells begin receiving oxygen and other nutrients, they respond the same way burned tissue or gangrenous tissue or any other damaged tissue responds to Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy--these cells demand more oxygen and other nutrients from the body and the body in turn responds to the demand and produces the new capillary systems to meet the demand.

Thus healing happens. New capillary systems form and the once nonfunctioning, dormant tissue wakes up from the new oxygen access and new circulation, and begins to function.

Is it permanent? Yes. Absolutely. Go back to your arm that fell asleep. Once the circulation was returned and function was restored, has it ever fallen asleep again for no apparent reason? Or for a specific hyperbaric example, have you ever heard of a 3rd degree burn suddenly reappearing 10 years later?

For further support of this point, look at Exhibit T-2 (the yellow videotape). Here you will see Dr. Paul Harch, a leading HBOT researcher, make an incredible presentation in which he compares the physiological effect of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy on body tissue and brain tissue.

The conclusion?

HBOT has the same effect on body tissue as it does for brain tissue. What happens below the neck (angiogenesis--the growth of new capillary systems) is the same thing that

happens above the neck.

We believe physician ignorance is the primary reason Jimmy has been denied Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. Again, HBOT is not part of a doctor's medical education. The reason why the Appeal notebook is so thick is because physician reviewers are making the Medicaid coverage decision. Once we learned that 99% of all physicians know nothing about HBOT, we felt it was a necessity to provide as much information as possible.

However, we can only conclude that the physician panel has ignored all the information we have submitted, as evidenced by the reason given for the third denial.

THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC DATA TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAL NECESSITY
FOR HBOT IN THIS CASE.

Clearly, the evidence of Exhibit 6 and Exhibit 7 have been ignored. Please review for yourself the information we have submitted, and you will quickly come to quite a different conclusion.

There is a precedent for our request. Please review Exhibit A-3. This is documentation concerning Virginia Medicaid's decision to reimburse HBOT for Edward Withrow, a 5-year old brain-injured child. Edward lives in Wise, Virginia, and his parents have granted us permission to present his documentation to you in hopes that our son Jimmy will benefit from HBOT at least as much as Edward has. Edward went from being completely tube-fed to now sitting up and feeding himself. He was also immobile before HBOT and is now walking with some assistance. Feel free to contact his parents.

Edward and Jackie Withrow
P.O. Box 1216
Wise, VA 24293
telephone: 540/328-5328

Edward's Medicaid caseworker:

Barbara Seymour
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219
804/786-8050 (phone) 804/225-4393 (fax)

The Virginia Medicaid physician who okayed reimbursing the treatment and who monitored the case throughout Edward's treatment period:

Dr. Moses Adiele (pronounced A-dee-lee)
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300 Richmond, VA 23219
804/786-8052 (phone) 804/225-4393 (fax)

There's another significant phenomenon going on with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and brain-injury. When you watch Exhibit T-3 (the blue videotape), you will see Dr. Phillip James of Scotland detail the history of HBOT for Multiple Sclerosis. In the UK, the medical system there refused to pay for HBOT for MS and so the patients pooled their own money and bought 150+ chambers across the country, and now they treat each other at cost, which on average is \$8 per hour. HBOT reverses MS, and Dr. James even details a double-blind controlled study that was deliberately sabotaged by the neurological community as the study results were going to press some 10 years ago.

You said you wanted to change the healthcare system. Surely the information we have now put into your hands will give you the tools you need to do that.

HBOT can save billions of dollars. Exhibit 2⁴ from the Appeals notebook is a 1997 study by the Centers for Disease Control that finds the cost of care for children like Jimmy is \$505,000 per year and will total \$2.4 billion dollars over his lifetime. That's expensive; however, should he receive 300 or so treatments of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, it's quite possible that his cost to society will drop to zero.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is extremely cost effective. Please invest some time and read through the enclosed information. In addition to this letter, the notebook also contains the September 3rd letter to Georgia Medicaid that goes into even greater detail as to why children like Jimmy are excluded from the healthcare system. Rather than repeat all those details here, I encourage you to read it as well. There is an extensive discussion on studies and why studies are never conducted for children like Jimmy.

Right now, Georgia Medicaid coverage issues are decided upon by specialist physicians who act as consultants. The premise of this method depends upon physicians knowing all there is to know about medicine and that these physicians are thus making informed decisions. This decision-making model is probably in place throughout most of the country.

What if physicians don't know all there is to know and refuse to explore other treatment options? That means their coverage decisions are based not on information but on ignorance. Does that absolve you as president or Roy Barnes as governor from the inherent failures of such a system?

No.

42 U.S.C. § 1396 says Jimmy should be receiving this treatment. Please utilize the powers of your office and see that this law is enforced. You will be forever remembered as the one president who really was committed, who helped children to walk who may have never walked otherwise. At the same time you can point to who is hurt most by the deficiencies in the system: our children. Ironically enough, what my little boy is being deprived of is oxygen--the most basic element to healing.

If oxygen is being ignored and overlooked, what else is being ignored and overlooked?

The other day Donna Shalala said every child is important to the future of this country. Every child. That includes Jimmy. Help us help him.

Take advantage of our situation to point out the flaws within the system. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy hasn't been approved for brain-injury because of a lack of double-blind controlled studies--the only study that's seen as verification of a new treatment. However, because no two brain-injuries are exactly alike, it's impossible to conduct double-blind controlled studies because it's impossible to form a control group. Therefore no double-

blind controlled studies are ever done and therefore no new treatments are ever approved. Worse, even if a control group could somehow be gathered, studies that meet FDA approval guidelines cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and the cost of the study can only be recouped when a new drug or device is patented.

The device here is oxygen, and you can't get a patent on that.

Please help us. Please enforce the law. Please end the suffering.

Stop and think about what it means for Medicine to ignore the obvious benefits of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. Oxygen plays the most significant role in healthcare. It's critical. Whether you're having a hangnail or a heart attack, chemotherapy or a skinned knee--if there's no oxygen there's no healing either.

In fact, if there's no oxygen, there's no life.

Only death.

Despite this fact, future doctors in medical school are receiving no instruction on the efficiency and effectiveness of oxygenation through Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. When you watch Exhibit T-3, you'll see Dr. Fife, frustrated president of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, explain the impossibility of scheduling just one hour for a brief overview on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy during a three-year curriculum at any and every American medical school.

And it's just oxygen, the one thing that's impossible to live without.

Maybe what this means is that healthcare really has gotten out of control. Maybe it means that health is no longer the priority. Maybe it means that doctors and only doctors shouldn't be allowed to make the most important decisions about life and death (i.e, oxygen delivery, and specifically Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy). Maybe it means some of these decisions should be made by people whose main priority is the well fare (the health) of the community--people who are where they are because they're good at fixing problems.

We believe one person like that is Bill Clinton.

Our little boy and thousands of other little boys and girls, and thousands of other big boys and big girls need help Mr. Clinton. Your help.

Change their bodies and change their lives.

Please help.

Thank you and God bless.



Sara, David, Rachael, and especially Jimmy Freels
2948 Windfield Circle
Tucker, GA 30084
770/491-6776



From the family of
Jimmy Freels

'00 FEB 16 PM 2:02

14, February, 2000

Dear Mrs. Currie,

The President of the United States of America may be the only person in the world who can help our little boy get on his feet and learn to walk.

Jimmy is six years old and is suffering from a mid-brain injury that has impaired his balance, mobility, and speech. He is still not walking or sitting up on his own. Just before his first birthday, the pediatric neurologists said his injury will leave him permanently disabled, but God has told us differently. The Bible declares that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and so we have always believed that since Jesus healed the lame while he walked the earth, he can also do it today--or else he really isn't the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We have been told we are in denial, and that's actually the one thing we have been in agreement with these doctors about: we don't want Jimmy to be permanently disabled and so we deny this, we won't accept the prognosis.

If you've seen the photographs that covered the box that contained the pile of information now resting on your desk, then you've seen the clear and undeniable evidence that we have been correct. There is a treatment available that will in fact reverse Jimmy's brain-injury. It's called Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT).

Jimmy has already had 42 treatments at a cost of \$250 per treatment paid for by our church, family, friends, and neighbors. He may need as many as 300 or 400 more treatments. Since he is a Georgia Medicaid recipient, according to the Federal law that created Medicaid, Jimmy is entitled to receive this treatment.

However, the pediatric neurologists who have the authority to decide whether or not Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy will be reimbursed by Georgia Medicaid will not acknowledge the validity of this treatment, despite the proof (Exhibit 6 and Exhibit 7 in the notebook).

As the chief law enforcement officer in the land, all The President has to do is enforce the laws already on the books. To help Jimmy and thousands of other children, no new laws have to be written and no fights with Congress are necessary. According to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396, The Medicaid Act creates enforceable rights to medical assistance for Medicaid recipients. Further, under the

Medicaid Act as stated in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(43), participating states must provide to eligible minors under the age of 21 certain mandatory medical services.

(A) information of the availability of early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services as described in section 1396d(r).

(B) providing or arranging for the provision of such screening services in all cases where they are requested,

(C) arranging for (directly or through referral to appropriate agencies, organizations, or individuals) corrective treatment the need for which is disclosed by child health screening services.

Further, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services (EPSDT) required under the Act include medical services such as screening exams, vision, dental, and hearing services. Also, in paragraph (5), the EPSDT statute requires states to provide "such other necessary health care, ...treatment and other measures described in subsection (A) of this section to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the State plan." (Exhibit A-1)

Mrs. Currie, President Clinton has worked very hard to change the healthcare system in this country. At the same time he has created a new program to ensure a way for all children to receive the healthcare they need.

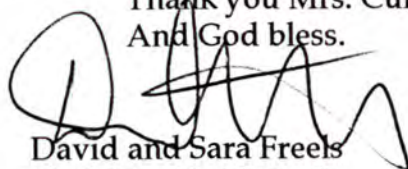
Yet our little boy is still being denied the healthcare he needs. Right now Jimmy is denied his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness by the very people who are supposed to be in place to help him.

When all the evidence is examined, it is quite clear that Jimmy's parents are not the ones in denial here.

Mrs. Currie, we know you're busy, but if you could take this information and put Jimmy's care into Mr. Clinton's hands, we would be eternally grateful.

In the history of this country, there may not be a president who has shown more compassion and commitment to children than Bill Clinton. What more appropriate way for history to remember him than as the president who had the courage to help children rise up and literally stand and walk on their own two feet--even when the experts said it was impossible.

Thank you Mrs. Currie.
And God bless.



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February 15, 2000

Sean Patrick Maloney
Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Maloney;

It was very good to meet you at the reception following the President's State of the Union Address. I hope that this letter finds you well. I deeply appreciate your help in bringing the concerns and needs we have in Birmingham as a result of the HOPE VI Project here to the President's attention.

Please forgive my delay in contacting you. While we were in Washington for the State of the Union Address my father and mother were both hospitalized for surgery. My mother's surgery was unsuccessful and she passed February 5. Our deep loss and sadness called us to the work of grief and the discovery of the new strength of God in celebrating her life.

I am enclosing a letter to the President that details the concerns and needs we have in Birmingham resulting from the HOPE VI Project here. I am also inclosing a packet of materials that confirms the broader community's struggle with the HOPE VI Project. Please advise me what other information is needed for the President to make a positive response to this critical request.

Sincerely,

R. Lawton Higgs, Sr.
Pastor

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President,

Nancy and I were deeply honored by and very appreciative of the invitation from you and the First Lady to be at The White House for your Last State of the Union Address. We are grateful for the way you have led us into the 21st Century and share your deep commitment to One America. Thank you for your gifted leadership, hard work and significant accomplishments!

I appreciate you being receptive to our need for help in Birmingham with the HOPE VI Project. The vision and goal of the HOPE VI program is worthy in general, however in Birmingham the very low income poor it is intended to serve are being used as the means to meet the development needs of the wealthy. HOPE VI here has become Birmingham's Naboth's Vineyard of I Kings 21.

As a result of the proposed HOPE VI project the inheritance of the poor in Birmingham, 910 of our best, healthiest, housings units that are assessable to amenities that enhance life for the very low income poor are scheduled for demolition. The HOPE VI project in Birmingham will result in a net loss of at least 485 quality housing units for the very low-income poor (annual household incomes less that \$6,000). We have a severe crisis in housing for the very low income poor in Birmingham. Housing was one of the major issues that drove the Civil Rights Movement here. Safe, healthy, assessable housing for the working homeless and poor is still at crisis levels in Birmingham and we can't sustain even the loss of one quality-housing unit for the very low income poor.

Please use your power and influence to have the design of Birmingham's HOPE IV Project reopened with new money as necessary to truly move toward meeting all of Birmingham's needs. We need HOPE VI. We need dollars for downtown but not at the expense of the very low income poor. Birmingham's historic pattern of building on the backs of the poor must end. The new design process must include all residents of Metropolitan Gardens and their advocates as well as HUD, the elected officials of the City of Birmingham, Operation New Birmingham, the Corporate Community



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and the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District. The New Birmingham HOPE VI Project must result in a net increase of quality- housing units for the very low income poor as well as dollars for downtown.

We also need for you to appoint a person that reports to you to monitor this new process. We are still so deeply divided with the unfinished agenda in the battle for Birmingham that we get off track even with the best of resources and intentions. This person could insure the design and implementation of a HOPE VI Project for Birmingham that would be a model for the entire country. A truly successful HOPE VI effort in Birmingham can move us forward in our shared dream of meeting the needs of those who have not yet benefited from the State of the Union that is the best that it has ever been.

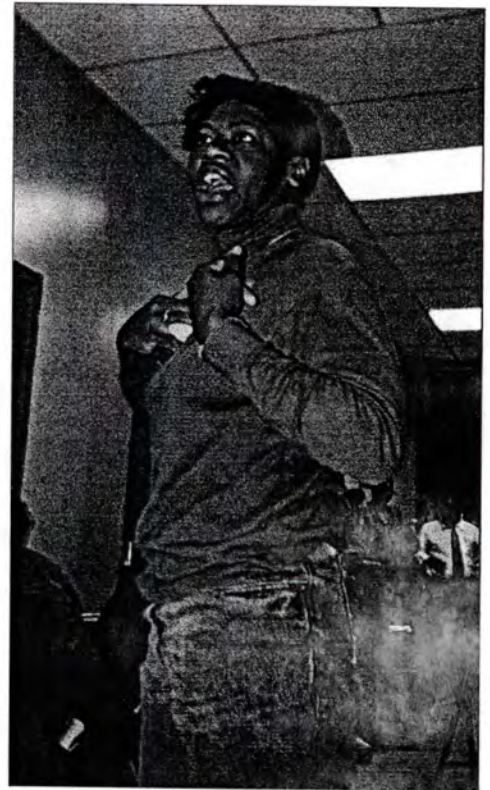
I will be happy to provide you any additional information or analysis of the current HOPE VI Project or of the Birmingham context that you may need to make a positive response to our critical request.

Sincerely,

R. Lawton Higgs, Sr.
Pastor

HOPE VI

BIRMINGHAM, AL



HOPE VI:
BIRMINGHAM'S LOW-INCOME
FAMILIES LOSING GROUND?

FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR AMY COMSTOCK
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and
NSC

FROM: LORI KRAUSE
DIRECTOR, GIFT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Gift offer

Robin Hood of the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (E.B.) Research Association has offered the gift of a Labrador to the President. Mr. Hood would like to come to the White House with his daughter, who is diagnosed with E.B., to present the dog to the President.

Nancy Hernreich has requested that this offer be vetted. I have attached a copy of the incoming letter from Mr. Hood, and the accompanying letter from Fiona Millar in Mrs. Cherie Blair's office.

Please review and advise if this offer should be given further consideration or declined. Feel free to contact myself or Maureen Undlin at x67133 if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

See - NSC has other materials - should do memo to pres
I sent the other paperwork to you on this topic to do a response get answers to Q's the Pres. had - NH

2-16-00

to NSC.

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Researching cures
and providing support
for people with
epidermolysis *bullosa*

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Our ref RH/PrCl/Buddy

6 November 1999

President Clinton
The White House
Washington
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Dear President Clinton

I have written to you before about the fact that my daughter Alexandra had seen you on our National Television with your chocolate Labrador, Buddy. She did not know who you were, only being interested in the fact that you have the same breed of dog that we have had in our family for nearly twenty years.

Alex has a great affection for animals. It is my belief that it is because animals do not stare at her disfigurements of badly scarred hands caused by having E B (Epidermolysis Bullosa), the name given to a genetic skin blistering condition. Alex could wake up with as many as thirty blisters caused from the friction of turning over in bed at night. On a recent holiday her underpants became stuck to her body because I had forgotten to put a protective bandage in her groin. She has little or no skin on her feet and her toes and fingers have become fused. In the last eleven years of life she has had at least 100,000 blisters. Blood poisoning and skin cancer are threats for her in the future.

I went to greater detail about the condition in my original letter to you Mr President and you kindly sent some photographs back of you with Buddy.

What Alex needs is a cure along with 5000 other children like her in Britain and 26,000 in America.

You hold the most powerful position in office in the world and have a tremendous responsibility to your country. But if you had been born with E B you would not even have wanted to be President, just a day in your life without pain would be enough.

On receiving the photograph of you with Buddy, Alex was concerned that Buddy may get lonely while you are away on your Presidential duties. What we would like to do, as a family, is to give you a puppy to be a companion to Buddy. I have enclosed a photograph of him and his half brother.

If Alex and I can come over to Washington to give you "Buddy's friend", the publicity created would make a tremendous difference on both sides of the Atlantic as well as unite our nations in beating this horrific condition. With a relatively small amount of money a cure can be found for E B . Ten genes responsible for the condition have been identified and gene therapy is a real possibility.

President Clinton, as a charitable Christmas gesture, please allow my daughter and I to come and give you this gift. If nothing else Alex will have peace of mind that Buddy is not lonely.

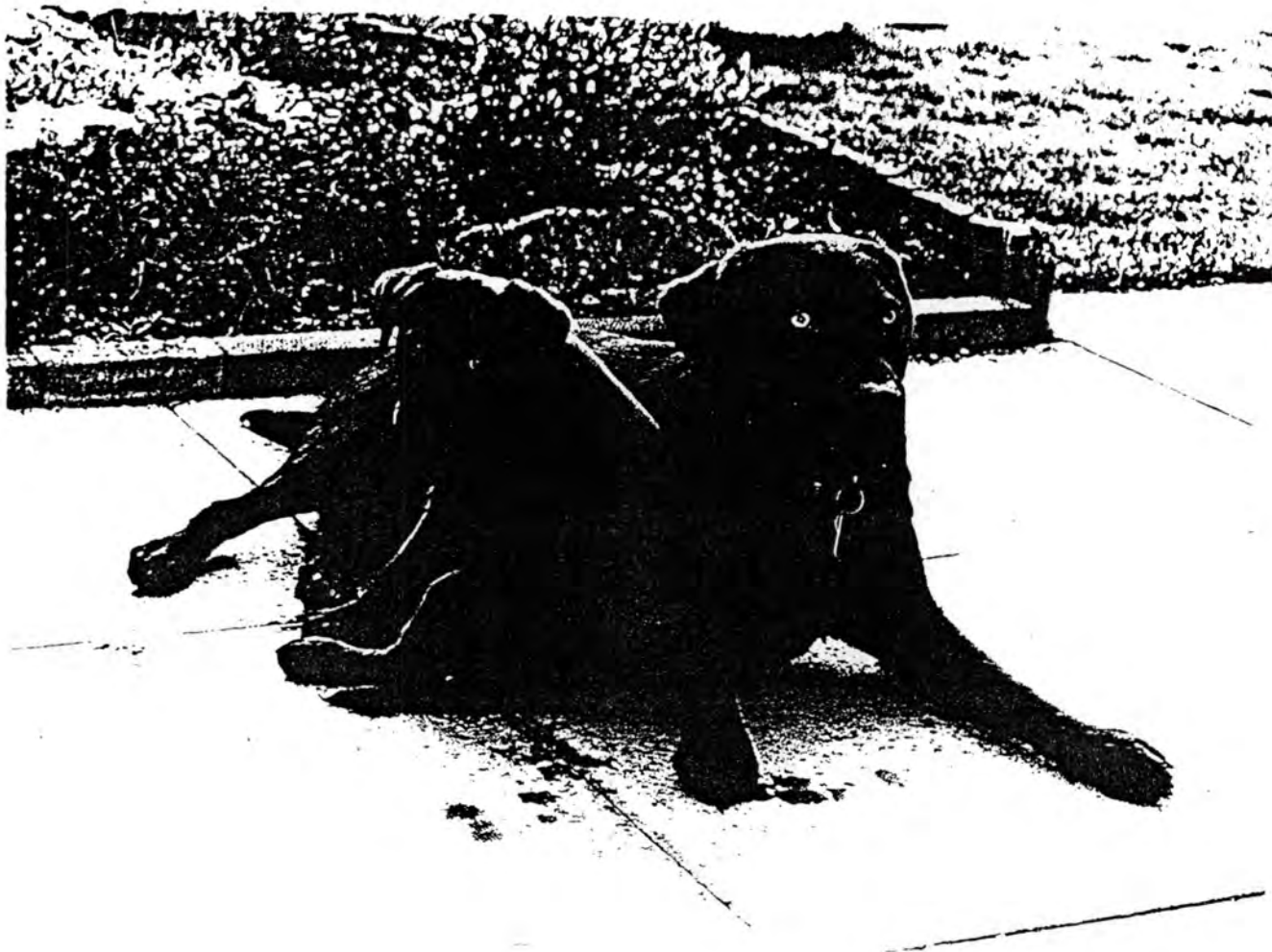
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R Hood', written in a cursive style.

Robin J G Hood
Co-ordinator Scottish Office

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cc P Lader, Ambassador, American Embassy
 John Dart, Director DEBRA UK
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From the Office of Cherie Booth QC

15 November 1999

The Hon Melanne Verveere
Chief of Staff
Office of The First Lady
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C.
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Dear Melanne

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With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Millar

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(Enclosures)



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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 16, 2000

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

Copied
Mathews
Brain
Palestra

TO: Representative Armey

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Sylvia Mathews
Chuck Brain

PURPOSE: To call Representative Armey to see if he can break the current impasse with Representative Packard to securing Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) funding for an outlet in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

BACKGROUND: As you may recall, at one of your leadership meetings, Representative Armey raised the need to construct an outlet to prevent further flooding around Devils Lake. At your most recent leadership meeting, you mentioned the issue to Representative Armey.

Working closely with the North Dakota delegation and Senator Domenici, as well as with the Army Corps, CEQ and the State Department, OMB has proposed a funding plan for the PED. Included in this plan are requests to reallocate certain emergency funds and to reprogram funds from other Army Corp project studies. Senator Domenici, who had opposed an earlier proposal, has expressed support for this plan. However, Representative Packard has denied the requests. Apparently, Representative Packard feels the North Dakota delegation has gone-back on an earlier agreement.

Reprogram
only for one
GP Packard

In addition to your call, we are pursuing other avenues to break the impasse with Representative Packard. These include having James Lee Witt call Representative Packard to discuss the consequences to Devils Lake communities of continuing to delay PED funding, and having Senator Domenici call Representative Packard, as well.

**CONTACT PERSON
AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER:**

Representative Army:
703-779-2622 (home)
David Hobbs (Army=s COS):
225-7408

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

February 16, 2000

**TALKING POINTS FOR CALL TO REPRESENTATIVE ARMEY REGARDING
DEVILS LAKE FUNDING**

February 16, 2000

- I took seriously your request for the need to construct an outlet to prevent further flooding around Devils Lake, North Dakota.
- The Administration, led by OMB, has worked closely with the North Dakota delegation and the Congress to develop a funding proposal, which equitably balances all parties' interests. The proposal provides funding for an expedited study of a possible outlet, while acknowledging Congress' prerogative to decide at a later date whether to fund construction of the outlet.
- Devils Lake has risen 8.2 feet and increased over 50% in area since 1997, and the Federal Government has already spent \$300 million assisting local communities. In order to bring permanent relief to the people of Devils Lake, we must act immediately to fund the Preconstruction, Engineering and Design study.
- I am confident you will be able to convince Representative Packard to release the necessary Preconstruction, Engineering and Design funding for an outlet in Devils Lake.