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March 10, 2000

Mauria J. Aspell
304 St. Louis
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71

Dear Mauria:

Thank you for your letter, and for forwarding
the letter from John Harrod. We'll look into
the issues he raised.

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Carrie*

I'd love to see you this spring when you come
to town. Be sure to call Nancy when you know
your schedule.

You asked about Hillary's campaign. The
address there is:

Hillary Rodham Clinton for U.S. Senate
Committee, Inc.
450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 804
New York, New York 10123-0073

I appreciate your words about my State of the
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Sincerely,

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February 14, 2000

Dear Mauria:

President Bill Clinton came to the Hermitage Tomato Coop promoting his Market Initiatives Program. He congratulated the members of the Coop on the job they were doing, in joining together to help promote and market their tomatoes. As the President said, "Most of the members were facing bankruptcy, operating as individuals". By joining together, it allowed them to compete in the market place. President Clinton and the Coop's representative stated that it was an effort for the area, and announced an approximate \$5,000,000 dollar loan backed by Rural Development, to expand their operations. One of the USDA requirements was for them to add at least five new members. We had been led to believe that, we would be some of these new members, since we had applied for membership over a year ago.

Initially, they denied us for lack of packing facilities, because we usually grow over 100 acres of tomatoes. After the facilities were available, instead of adding active farmers like us, they recruited people that had not tomato farmed in years, but were close friends of the dissenting board member.

After talking to some of the members, our names had never been presented for membership. Prior to the President coming we were told by some of the members that we would have an opportunity for membership during that phase. In fact they used some of our tractors for display during the President's visit. While the President was visiting with my Mother, Glenda Darnell Harrod, and family, we considered speaking to the President at that time, but did not feel it appropriate or that there was even a need.

Since that time, we have talked to Carl Willock, Wilbur Peer, Jerome Green, Senator Lincoln's office, Congressman Dickey's office and others, and they could not understand why we were being denied. All asked, what reasons were the Coop using, for not allowing us to participate in the Coop. To this point there has been none. We do not understand why. But were told by some members that it was egos and greed.

Mr. Peer has been working through the Coop's attorney, Jerome Green, trying to reach an agreement or compromise so that we could grow and market through the Coop this year.

The Coop Board of Directors voted four to one to accept the compromised contract that Mr. Green had drawn up and I had agreed to. However, the dissenting board member, convinced the board to carry it before the membership, which was another stalling tactic on his part. It also allowed him to apply pressure on the membership to vote against the proposal, and they did. The board member has been constantly trying to put us out of business for several years.

The growing proposal was a compromise in which we would furnish part of the money to grow the tomatoes. To do this, we forfeited contracts to grow processing peppers, to have the cash available to meet our part of the expense.

As an individual family farm, we cannot compete against the Coop, with their federally backed funding. In order for us to survive, we either need to be allowed membership into the Coop or given funding to update our packing facilities and growing cost.

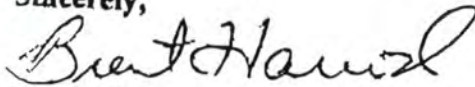
At this time we have already planted the seed in our greenhouses, believing that we were growing for the Coop. Without help, we will not be able to complete this crop. We have an application, pending, for a guaranteed loan at the FSA office. However, the normal FSA time frame will take too long to do any good, for this crop. We need help in getting this loan processed through channels or some type of alternative financing. Time is of essence, Now! Our bank has sent the loan package to FSA in Hamburg, and we're still waiting.

This letter would not have been necessary, if the Hermitage Tomato Coop, was truly working for the good of the community, as the President intended. We believe in the concept of the Coops and this Coop. However, this Coop is allowing personal interest of select members, to jeopardize the whole concept.

Our family has been growing tomatoes in Bradley County for over 70 years. All we want is a fair chance to compete and be able to raise our children in rural America. Any help that can be given, will be appreciated.

Our entire family would like to thank the President for giving our mother and grandmother, Mary Darnell, a few minutes of his time, during his visit to Hermitage.

Sincerely,


Brent Harrod

February 29, 2000

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Betty Curry
Personal Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

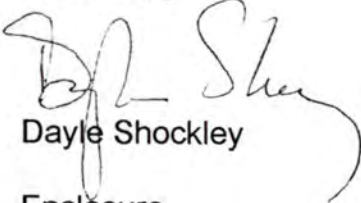
Dear Ms. Curry:

Enclosed is a letter I very much would like for the President to read.

I wasn't sure how to keep it above the mountain of mail he, no doubt, receives. That is why I have addressed this to you. If you would be so kind as to pass it on, I would be most grateful.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely yours,


Dayle Shockley
Enclosure

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February 29, 2000

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

Dear President Clinton:

In 1993, when my daughter, Anna, was six, she wrote to you about the fact that she is adopted and how she wished more pregnant women would choose adoption over abortion. She also expressed her desire that people in power would spread the word that adoption is the loving choice. You were gracious enough to write her back, stating that you abhor the act of abortion, but feel strongly about a woman's right to make this choice.

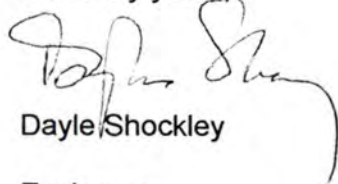
As Anna's mother, would you do me a big favor? I am sending you a copy of a recent article of mine that appeared in *The Dallas Morning News*. Would you take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to read it? It is about Anna and about how the choices women make effect lives forever. There is also a wonderful quote from Eunice Kennedy Shriver that she so graciously granted me permission to use in this piece.

I know your presidency is soon to end, but I wish that before you leave office you would propose legislation mandating that every abortionist in America must provide three things to women seeking abortions: 1) the truth about the state of the fetus she is carrying, depending on the stage of her pregnancy and based on scientific facts, 2) information about adoption, based on experiences of others, and 3) the real health risks involved. Not only does the abortion procedure come with risks, it has been determined in a seven-year study that there is a link between breast cancer and abortions. By making the above things mandatory information for women seeking abortions, you equip them with the necessary tools needed to make an informed choice. They can reject it or consider it. The choice is still theirs to make.

If you would be interested, I would be happy to share my ideas with you about helping young men and women make better choices that could lead to less illegitimate pregnancies. The sex education we've pushed into our schools has not lessened the amount of teen pregnancies, but teen pregnancies have increased. I have studied teenagers, and interviewed many in my line of work, and the secret to changing negative behaviors is not in providing them with more information, but it is in the way the information is presented to them.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely yours,



Dayle Shockley

Enclosure

A Child's Worth

One woman's decision means life or death

On a cloudless morning, my husband and I carried our newborn daughter home from the hospital and marveled at her day and night. She was a miraculous answer to years of praying and waiting.

Though I never met my daughter's biological mother, I am most grateful for her contribution to my life and for her decision to give birth. She could have chosen to have an abortion.

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court granted pregnant women in America the right to choose whether they have conceived something to celebrate or something to obliterate.



DAYLE SHOCKLEY

If a woman chooses to give birth, her doctor will say, "Congratulations! You are having a baby." She and her unborn baby will be treated like royalty by relatives and strangers alike. Once born, her baby will be handled like a precious jewel: exhibited, caressed, photographed and

even wept over.

If she chooses not to give birth, her doctor will utter ambiguous terms like "tissue" and "product of conception." An abortion will be scheduled, and the "tissue" will be disposed of, using one of several barbaric methods.

With the nod of her head — yes, I am having this baby; no, I am not having this baby — life or death is decided. Nobody else has a vote. Forget the father, the relatives and the thousands of childless couples. Their opinions are irrelevant.

Such exclusive power in the hands of anyone but God is alarming. And whenever I consider that my own child would have been denied life had her birthmother so chosen, I tremble. Instead, this woman took the high road, considering her child instead of herself. And in so doing, not only was a child born, a family was born.

My daughter's life is recorded on the pages of photo albums and writing journals. On lazy days, I enjoy thumbing through the memoirs, remembering again the miracle of her existence.

There she is at age 4, unraveling nature's mysteries. "Raindrops," she emphatically informed me, "are God's kisses falling on us." And those jagged flashes of lightning? Fear not. They are God's fingers writing in the sky how much he loves us.

When she was 5, I took her to kindergarten — and sobbed all the way home. She rewarded me with folded papers bearing crooked letters of the alphabet.

At 6, she sang her first solo in a Christmas musi-



Margaret Scott

cal. When she timidly waved to me from the stage, my heart leaped. How blessed I was to be her mother.

At 7, she was obsessed with writing notes, most of which I still have. One day, I found this one taped to the refrigerator: "I am glad I am living. I am glad my mom and dad are living. I love you God."

At 8, she left home for a week to attend summer camp with her cousin. I ate little and slept less. It felt as though my heart was missing.

At 9, she made her first major purchase — a new bicycle — using money she had saved all year.

At 10, her beloved grandmother lay dying. I never will forget how she patted MeeMaw's frail face and, in quiet sobs, sang "I Just Called to Say I Love You" just hours before her grandmother slipped away.

At 11, she decorated her bike for the neighborhood's Fourth of July parade. In the photo of her holding a mammoth first-place ribbon, she looks both thrilled and embarrassed.

The year she turned 12 brought changes. I watched in awe as she entered that fascinating season between childhood and adulthood.

My daughter now is 13. Her room overflows with trophies and awards earned since kindergarten. Her life is without price, and I can't imagine not having her with me.

Yet the undeniable fact remains that had her

birthmother elected to abort her pregnancy, this child never would have lived. This is the tragic finale of abortion: It eliminates a life.

Since 1973, more than 36 million unborn babies have been denied birthdays and discarded like scraps in trash bins across the nation. Imagine the talent and potential of 36 million people, wasted!

Still, we close our eyes and ears to this horrible reality. We don't want to be told that abortion stops a heart that began beating only 24 days after conception. We go to our homes at night and wash our hands. But we never will get them clean.

Where is our shame when we value the insignificant eggs of a sea turtle more than the embryos of our own sons and daughters? What have we become when the heartbeat of an unborn elephant is more revered than the heartbeat of an unborn child?

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of the late John F. Kennedy, has been a fierce leader in the effort to improve the lives of people with mental retardation for

more than three decades. She is the founder and honorary chairman of Special Olympics International, the founder and chairman of Community of Caring and executive vice president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

In 1968, an article in *McCall's* magazine debated the legalization of abortion — an article that every American should read. Mrs. Shriver brilliantly wrote the opposing viewpoint, stressing that accepting abortion on demand ignores the root problem and sentences children to death before they are born. She offered proposals for constructive solutions to unwanted pregnancies. But, ultimately, her plea fell on deaf ears.

In her poignant conclusion, Mrs. Shriver declared her belief that God is the creator of life — commanding us to respect it at every level — and that he hasn't given us power over other lives. "Having sure knowledge of the uniqueness and potential of the life within a mother's womb," she wrote, "I cannot grasp how we can righteously claim authority to destroy it."

Perhaps women who can't conceive know best the incalculable worth of an unborn child — and the enormity of just one abortion. My prayer is that someday we all will.

Dayle A. Shockley is a writer who lives in Spring



Republic of Namibia

State House
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Enquiries:

The Embassy of the Republic of Namibia presents its compliments to the Department of State, Office of Protocol and has the honor to enclose herewith the original invitation letter from H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia to the Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America, for onward transmission to its highest destination.

The Embassy of the Republic of Namibia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State, Office of Protocol the assurances of it highest consideration.



March 8, 2000

The Chief of Protocol
Department of State
Washington, DC

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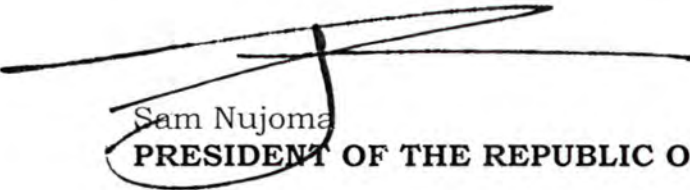
Honourable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
WASHINGTON D.C 20500

Dear Mr President

I have the pleasure to inform you that on the 21st March 2000, the Government and people of the Republic of Namibia will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Independence.

In recognition of your personal contribution towards the socio-economic development of our country, I have the distinct pleasure, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Namibia, to invite you, Mr President, to be our Special Guest of Honour during the 10th Independence Anniversary of the Republic of Namibia.

Whilst looking forward to your favourable response, kindly accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest esteem.



Sam Nujoma

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JOHN PODESTA
 MARIA ECHAVESTE

FROM: J. TERRY EDMONDS
 JEFF SHESOL
 JOSH GOTTHEIMER

SUBJECT: 2000 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

This year you will have the opportunity to deliver three, perhaps four, commencement speeches to the first graduating class of the 21st Century. As commencement season approaches, we have convened a working group to discuss possible themes and venues for your consideration. We believe that these speeches, individually and collectively, provide an excellent forum in which to frame the achievements of the last seven years and your vision for "the long look ahead."

This memorandum reflects our discussions with Maria Echaveste, Bruce Reed, Gene Sperling, Karen Tramontano, George Frampton, Neal Lane, Loretta Ucelli, Stephanie Streett, Minyon Moore, and Tom Freedman. We will continue our discussions about specific policies and locations after receiving your direction.

I. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Advances in science and technology have, of course, many virtues, but also pose new challenges to our oldest values. This speech could focus on our responsibility to use science and technology ethically and wisely, and to build a better and healthier America. Subjects could include the human genome and biotechnology, information technology, and clean energy – and, specifically, their impact on public health and the environment.

Location: State school or elite university.

II. OPPORTUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Closing the skills gap and expanding the winner's circle to include those at its margins. The speech could explore the changing nature of opportunity in an information age and the ways we can create a 21st Century workforce. Specific subjects could include the digital divide; workforce-oriented initiatives; rewarding work and family; ex-offenders and enfranchisement; and related elements of your New Markets and One America Initiative, including the possible release of your race book.

Location: Elite university; historically black, Hispanic, or Native American college; community college; state school.

III. GLOBALIZATION

Your lasting, defining statement on the central reality of this new century. It could fill in the contours of the argument you engaged in your State of the Union Address this year. It might also serve as a prominent pulpit if we have not yet won the fight for PNTR.

Location: Service academy (U.S. Coast Guard Academy, May 17) or elite university.

IV. EDUCATION

A focus on the second half of the equation: every child should begin school ready to learn and graduate ready to succeed. You could discuss the ways you are working to give every student the skills required not just to survive but to thrive in the 21st Century workplace. Topics could include school modernization, accountability, the expansion of college opportunity, and efforts to close the digital divide.

Location: Community college; state school.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

Here is *The New Republic* editorial on your "cars for the working poor" initiative. We couldn't have asked for better validation. It was written by my friend Gregg Easterbrook, author of the book *Beside Still Waters*.

Congratulations!



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MARCH 20, 2000



Let Them Drive Cars

SAY YOU'RE A member of the working poor, playing by the rules, struggling toward the American dream. If you labor full-time at the minimum wage and take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit, you bring home about \$1,200 a month. With food stamps, subsidized housing, and very careful budgeting, your family can just get by. But two things always threaten to knock you on the floor.

One, health care, gets a lot of attention from the public policy world. The other gets zero attention: your wheels. Try to go everywhere by bus and you'll spend your life commuting; picking up and dropping off kids becomes a logistical nightmare. Buy a car and the best you can hope for is a clunker that constantly breaks down. That \$565 for a new water pump when you just spent \$600 on a brake job may be what makes you give up and go back on the dole.

Washington, obsessed with grand, often symbolic issues, doesn't think much about whether someone looking for work has a car to get there. It should. In our movement-oriented economy, employees need to go where the jobs are; the government can make that possible by helping the working poor get reliable used cars. Instead, the government discourages it. If you own a car with a book value greater than \$4,650—a figure set by Congress more than 20 years ago, when \$4,650 bought something worth driving—you become ineligible for food stamps. Placing even a small down payment on a used car can also make you ineligible. Combined, these rules insure that anyone who gets food stamps—which includes not only those on welfare but also the working poor—either has no car or drives an old, pollution-spewing jalopy that brings nothing but financial grief.

Last month President Clinton proposed changing the rules on cars and the working poor. Because the plan was modest in scale, hardly anyone paid attention. Yet the president's proposal was excellent and important, the sort of small, real step that brings credit to government. The proposed legislation

would essentially waive the \$4,650 value limit for a food-stamp recipient's car, allowing states to set higher figures. Further, Clinton proposed that food-stamp recipients be allowed to put a down payment of \$1,000 on a car without losing their eligibility. (If you fear the welfare Cadillac, don't: \$1,000 down will not buy anything remotely fancy.) Finally, Clinton proposed that the working poor be permitted to save for car down payments in Individual Development Accounts—special bank instruments that low-income Americans can now use solely for college, first homes, and business start-ups. All told, this package of ideas, which originated with analysts Margy Waller and Mark Alan Hughes, would dramatically improve a lower-middle-class man or woman's chances of obtaining a safe, reliable car.

What Clinton's proposals recognize, and many commentators on the fate of the poor

do not, is that to compete in today's job market, people simply must be mobile. Some three-quarters of Americans who receive public assistance live in inner cities or rural areas, while two-thirds of available new jobs are in the suburbs. It should come as no surprise, then, that studies show that low-income Americans are 25 percent more likely to hold a job if they own a car. The White House proposals also represent a welcome acknowledgment of the real world. Environmental lobbyists ritually denounce the automobile, extolling mass transit instead. But, while it may be desirable, improving mass transit is at best a long-term solution, since transit lines take years and billions of dollars to build. Reliable cars, on the other hand, would improve the job prospects of the working poor right away. Moreover, considering that any pre-1980 automobile emits almost 100 times as much pollution per mile traveled as a new model, every clunker taken off the road and replaced with a decent car is a victory for cleaner air.

It's even possible that Clinton's proposals could help alleviate the awful traffic jams that are becoming a way of life. Usually it is the clunkers—driven by day laborers, child-care workers, and other members of the working poor—that break down during rush hours, snarling the Beltway and similar roads around the nation. If the typical poor or lower-middle-class American had a car half as nice as that of the typical 17-year-old in the private schools where the policy-makers send their kids, traffic might flow more smoothly. Sometimes the smallest ideas can have the most far-reaching impact. ■

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The Buddhist Council of New York

NEW YORK BUDDHIST VIHARA
84-32 124 Street
Kew Gardens, New York, 11415

February 17, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President,

We the President and the Council members of Buddhist Council of New York do hereby respectfully submit this appeal to you, President Clinton, President of the United States of America for favorable consideration.

The Thrice-Blessed day and the most Sacred day for Buddhists all over the world is known as VESAK. This holiest day is celebrated at the first full moon in May. Vesak is known as the day Buddha was born, the day Buddha attained Enlightenment, and the day He passed away. We unanimously resolve to request of you, Mr. President, that VESAK be officially recognized as an official day of observance in the United States.

 There are over seven and a half million Buddhists in America and to disregard the most important religious day for them and Buddhists all over the world leaves all Buddhists with a feeling of regret. When the day dawns every year it leaves us with a feeling of disappointment that our heritage is not being recognized.

Sir, it is a matter of great consolation for all Buddhists in the world that the United Nations Organization recently adopted the resolution to make VESAK a day recognized by the world as a day of religious celebration. It would be most appropriate that the United States of America should, as in all matters, take the lead in making this resolution effective by declaring it a religious holiday. America is number one in democracy in the world and a shining example of all Freedom and Liberty. Non recognition of this most sacred day for such a large segment of the population is a disappointment to all Buddhists. We also view it as a denial of equal rights.

Buddhist countries all over the world where Christian populations are very low or negligible have declared Christmas as a holiday giving due respect to their religious observances.

We as Buddhists have high regard for you as a free and liberal minded person whose thinking is not limited by conventional attitudes. We look upon you, Mr. President, as an enlightened and accommodating Head Of State. We as Buddhists have great compassion for the difficulties you have faced during your Presidency and we continue to support you. For these special reasons we have decided to place this long standing aspiration before you with the fervent hope that you will consider it favorably.

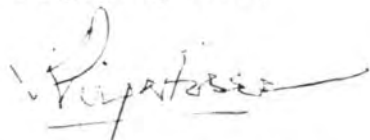
We believe that this is a great opportunity and as part of your legacy to be recognized as a President who appreciated the rights of Buddhists and helped to give true meaning to the principles of democracy in this country in a new millennium.

This act will not only adorn and advance the principle of Democratic governance but it will also be a worthy and everlasting gift to Buddhists here and throughout the world.

We remain in anticipation of your favorable response.

We wish you all the Blessings of the Noble Triple Gem.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Piyatissa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ven. Kurunegoda Piyatissa (Nayaka Maha Thero)
President
The Buddhist Council of New York



Dar Al Hijrah

3159 Row Street Falls Church , Va 22044

3-10-00

Honorable William J. Clinton
President of United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
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March 9, 2000.

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I greet you with the greetings of Almighty Allah, the greetings of peace; peace be unto you, your family and all those around you who are working for peace and justice.

WRITE ME A LETTER!!!!, WRITE ME A LETTER!!!!, A humble, yet an honorable request from our great President. A request which conveys all the meanings of compassionate responsiveness and generous reply to my suggestion which meets with and directly converges with the tremendous efforts of our President in building a greater America and a better world. A world where people can live in harmony, peace and cooperation to hold high the standards of morality and human values, so that future generations can enjoy these bounties and blessings as we enter the new millennium.

An honorable request from an honorable President. It was during your gracious hosting of the Muslim community in the tenth of January during the occasion of EID ALFITR at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. That wonderful meeting has left an indelible and a warm impression in our hearts and in the hearts of our children. These wonderful impressions are sure to be transmitted to the hearts of our children and their children in the future generations of the Muslim community. Thanks again and your wonderful efforts are much appreciated.

Put a good word

Firstly, as far as the suggestion, (which I cherish your welcoming of it), it is to hold a single, unified celebration in the white house under your hospitality and care towards the end of next December 2000. A celebration, which will bring together the children of Islam, Christianity and Judaism instead of the separate meetings for each denomination. It is, also, our great fortune to witness this unique opportunity, which can only happen in about thirty years since the timing of the Islamic calendar, which depends on the lunar calendar, converges with Christmas and Hanukah in the same week. This good fortune presents a unique wonderful historical opportunity to host a celebration of the traditions of the three great religions. Such action would add a wonderful addition to your long list of accomplishments and merits in achieving harmony and peace amongst people of different ethnicities and religions as equal citizens of a one great indivisible nation under God. People who can cooperate to establish and cultivate the spirits and meanings of acceptance, tolerance and cooperation; for indeed it is with peace that all people are truly successful and happy and equally true, people with intolerance, hostility and enmity are indeed at loss. Allah Almighty has said in the book of final revelation, the Holy Quran " *O people, We have created you from a male and a female and we have made you peoples and tribes so that you may know one another; Indeed the best of you in front of Allah is the one who is most pious*" He also has said " *and join in cooperation in matters of goodness and righteousness and cooperate not in matters of evil and transgression*" as well as His saying " *And enter into peace all of you*". There is no doubt that such wonderful meanings are also shared in the New Testaments and Torah, which were revealed from Almighty God to Moses and Jesus (peace be upon both of them). And by taking this opportunity, we emphasize what you strive for in achieving peace among people and harmony within our society.

I would kindly wish to be granted the honor of delivering the opening supplication and prayer for this awaited occasion. It will be a prayer, which would truly represent the embodiment of these wonderful and honorable meanings and principles. I would kindly also request that we would be granted the honor of introducing one of our youth to present a short statement on behalf of the children and youth of our Muslim community with the deepest gratitude, and appreciation for their President and his relentless efforts for peace, harmony, and the good of mankind.

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Secondly, I was also honored in being given the opportunity to invite you personally to visit our Islamic center and mosque in Falls Church, Virginia (Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center), which is considered one of the most active and largest Islamic centers in the United States. I have been repeatedly honored by



your invitations and warm receptions at the white house, especially at the Breakfast Prayers since September 1995. You and the first lady have graciously hosted the Muslim community on several occasions and we are eternally grateful for your and her gracious hospitality and reception. We wish her and you the best always.

Your honoring us by your visit to our Islamic center would leave indelible favorable impressions in the hearts and souls of our Muslim community both in the United States of America and in the outside world where over one and a half billion people live. We suggest that the visit be on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) at the time of the Pilgrimage (March 16 to 20th). It is an occasion just as significant as the end of Ramadan and represents one of the two most celebrated holidays of the Islamic calendar.

The other suitable occasion may be the Islamic new year which would correspond to the sixth of April and would mark 1421 years since the migration of our prophet Mohamed peace be upon him from Mecca to Madinah, marking the beginning of the Islamic state and Islamic calendar. We would certainly provide you with the necessary information about our center. If neither of these two occasions were befitting to your schedule, we would welcome you at any other times that may be most suitable for your busy schedule. We will waste no effort in coordinating with your staff in the appropriate preparation of your great historical visit to our Islamic Center. A visit which we greatly look forward to and will tremendously value and cherish the moments you spend with us; realizing your extremely busy schedule and your other very significant engagements.

Thirdly, it would be a great honor if I am allowed to meet with you in your office to present to you what I have collected about you and your wonderful efforts in serving the interests of peace and justice in Islamic causes such as in Palestine, Bosnia, Kosovo, Kashmir, Albania and many others over the past few years as well as your openness and warm invitation of the Muslim community to your administration and the white house.

For the first time, Muslims leaders and members of the community were invited to the white house. Your repeated statements and those of the first lady as well as senior members of your administration in support of Islam and Muslims and presenting them in a fair and just light provide for a legacy that is indeed honored and cherished by all Muslims across the landscape of America. Your repeated calls for religious tolerance and fair analysis of events provided for the basis, which prevented any ethnic or religious strife in our country.

I wish to include all that and more of your tremendously wonderful legacy towards Islam and Muslims in a ~~documentary~~ book which would be translated to the Arabic language and to the many languages of the Islamic world, so that everybody would know the significance and importance of your accomplishments and the tremendous efforts witnessed during your administration to reach out to the American Muslims and the Muslims all over the world.

I have witnessed first hand in my visits and media interviews in the Middle East the favorable impression people have of you as I tell them about your warmth and hospitality as well as your continued support of Islamic causes and Muslims in America. I cherish our relationship very much and I feel honored to have had the opportunity to interact with a great President of our great nation. I wish that you kindly consider my humble requests and give us your favorable responses in the very near future. And after greeting you again with the greetings of peace, I remain humbly and

Respectfully yours,

Bassam A. Estwani
Chairman, Board of Directors of Dar Al-Hijrah
Board Member, Fairfax Partnership for Youth
Board Member, Interfaith Conf. Of Washington area.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Secretary Rodney E. Slater 

SUBJECT: The Importance of FAA Reauthorization and Modernization

DATE: March 9, 2000

This Administration faces an important opportunity this year on the eve of the Congress passing final reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. It is important to both this Administration and the aviation industry to achieve a long lasting solution to problems that might otherwise restrict growth of this critical segment of our economy. If changes to the system are not made now, then our ability to sustain and improve the safety, efficiency, and security of air transportation will be put at risk. The cost of not succeeding is more than our nation can afford. Increasing demand, without increased capacity, will result in more delays and higher costs for passengers and shippers, fewer links to the nation and world, limits on economic growth and development for our communities, and deterioration of our nation's leadership role in aviation.

Given the impact of increased delays on air travel this past summer and the potential for even worse performance in future years, it is critical that we establish a stable source of investment and operating funds to enable the FAA to grow in step with air travel demand. Other aspects of the legislation are also key to many of the Administration's objectives in the safety, environment and economic performance areas.

THE IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION IN THE 21st CENTURY

In 1993, in Everett, WA, your focus on investment in transportation infrastructure, which is "at the backbone" of our nation's economy, recognized the integral role of aviation, contributing about 6 percent to our Gross National Product. Air travel is a cornerstone of economic growth, whether in the leisure sector that fuels tourism or the commercial sector that depends on reliable, convenient air service for passengers and cargo.

In an era when business knows few boundaries and travelers know the most remote regions of the world like their own home towns, our global culture is unthinkable without a safe and efficient aviation system. More than 665 million people flew on U.S. airlines last year. That number is projected to climb to a staggering one billion people by 2010. The ease of use of the Internet for encouraging competition and the ordering not just of airline tickets, but products and services of all kinds, is expected to nearly double air freight in the same time period. International air travel is growing even more rapidly than domestic travel. More people are traveling, more cargo is being shipped, and more and more air routes link nations as trade barriers fall. Yearly revenues generated by airports like Chicago O'Hare, Atlanta Hartsfield, and Dallas-Ft. Worth are

measured in the billions. Aviation's influence reaches far beyond the runway. It affects tourism, manufacturing and construction, trade, real estate, and a host of other industries whose fortunes - and futures - rely on safe, sustainable, fast, reliable, and efficient transportation.

Since January 1999, the Department expanded international aviation service and sales opportunities by opening new markets around the world and expanding others, resulting in positive benefits for industry, workers, travelers, shippers, and cities among others. We have signed eleven new "Open-Skies" agreements, bringing the total number of "Open-Skies" partners to 43. Expanded opportunities were also achieved for U.S. airlines and cities in important markets in Russia, Mexico, and China. Our Chicago Aviation Conference in December 1999, a follow-up to the historic conference in 1944, was attended by aviation leaders from 93 countries and set in motion a process to craft a new global aviation regime to overcome restrictions and barriers to the growth of civil aviation in the 21st Century. Further, our African aviation initiative is opening air transportation on the subcontinent to important safety and security improvements and greater economic integration.

This is the good news. The "bad" news is that growing demand, created by the strength of this Administration's record setting economic expansion, created difficult and demanding challenges. FAA is at a critical crossroads. Aviation activity is growing, aviation technology is changing rapidly, and the business of aviation is becoming increasingly complex. Over the past decade, six separate government commissions, led by the Vice President and other such notable figures as Governor Baliles and Congressman Mineta, have warned about the coming inability of our system to meet the growth of aviation. One of those commissions, the National Civil Aviation Review Commission, found that unless reforms are made and made quickly, aviation is at risk of gridlock. Indeed, there is widespread consensus in the aviation community that accelerated FAA modernization is essential if this gridlock is to be averted. The FAA is confronted with organizational, management, and financial constraints that inhibit it from keeping pace with the dynamic aviation community. Without changes made now, FAA will not be able to address the needs of the new century and the new millennium.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE FAA REAUTHORIZED NOW

In recognition of these challenges, the Administration developed and sent a forward-looking FAA Reauthorization Bill to Congress last year. The primary objective in crafting the Administration's proposal was to promote the Administration's five core objectives or principles: improving safety, improving efficiency, expanding system capacity, enhancing competition and access, and improving rural air service. Two key features of the bill were (1) provisions for a stable, adequate, and reliable source of funding for the FAA, based on a move towards user fees; and (2) organizational reform by establishing a Performance Based Organization (PBO) for FAA's air traffic services with a Chief Operating Officer and enhanced statutory flexibility.

In addition, there are other critical issues at stake. When the Congress was unable to come to an agreement on reauthorization, all federal funding for airports stopped on September 30, 1999—funding that is particularly critical for small and rural communities. Therefore, the bill also contains other important provisions: encouraging competition and capacity improvements; raising security standards domestically and abroad; enhancing aviation safety, in particular by addressing counterfeit parts and hazardous cargo; improving the environment by reducing aviation noise; and actively supporting labor with measures like whistle blower protection for aviation industry employees.

To finance the FAA, we proposed a combination of cost-based user fees and excise taxes. Our primary objective is to assure that the FAA has the necessary funding to be able to grow and modernize the system. If we continue to simply proceed under the current financing mechanism, which cannot respond to increased demand for services, we cannot meet long-term growth. The financing issues must be a part of the ultimate legislation, although we do not agree with any proposals to take these activities off budget.

The bill that has emerged from the Senate-House Conference does address the major areas that we identified in our legislative proposal although not in the way we proposed:

- *it provides three years of funding with significant amounts targeted for modernization for the aviation infrastructure;*
- *it recognizes the need for management reform and adopts some of the provisions necessary to make the FAA more business-like; and*
- *encourages competition and supports labor through the whistle-blower protection for aviation industry employees.*

This legislation lays the foundation for what further steps now need to be taken.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING FORWARD

Even while pursuing legislative reforms, we have not been standing still. We are taking advantage of every tool at our disposal within current legal authority, and are moving forward to improve the efficiency and capacity of the ATC system. Congress has already given FAA broad flexibility for its personnel and acquisition systems, and we are seeing some successes in these areas.

We also are prepared to move administratively, within existing legal authority, to create a PBO-like organization within the FAA to provide ATC services in a more efficient and business-like manner. The provision of ATC services, which is purely operational, would be handled by this

organization with a chief operating officer, clear management objectives, and measurable goals. This is an important step in creating an organizational structure that is nimble and flexible enough to more effectively respond to the growing demands that we confront. We do not view this possible restructuring as a barrier toward further reform, but merely a necessary first step and one that can be realized this year.

We are implementing a "Spring 2000 Action Plan" that the FAA and airlines are developing to reduce delays in the coming months of heavy air travel, and to ensure that the summer of 2000 runs more smoothly than last summer. This will be announced by you at a White House press conference on Friday, March 10. At that same announcement you will set the stage for this next step by announcing a plan that maps out the way forward for the FAA to prepare for the future.

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

At our meeting with Gene Sperling and others, we agreed to the following: (1) In the short-term, we will consolidate our gains and encourage Congress on final passage of reauthorization now; (2) For the longer term, we will continue working for larger reforms, but this effort need not be tied to the current reauthorization.

It is time to give FAA the necessary foundation to succeed. FAA must have a stable, predictable, and sufficient stream of funding to be able to implement, and accelerate, its long-term plans for a more efficient and safer air traffic control system that can satisfy the demands of the 21st century. FAA is ready to build the aviation system of the 21st century, but it cannot do so if it is constrained by short-term, stopgap authorizations and the need to continually revise its plans to meet unpredictable funding streams. In today's world, no business can make major improvements, redesign systems, and attain efficiencies on a year-to-year basis. The FAA is no exception. The bill, on the eve of passing Congress, goes a long way toward meeting these needs. That bill, coupled with the change underway, at the FAA will provide a lasting contribution by you to the aviation system.

As you know, FAA reauthorization is my highest legislative priority for this year, and I firmly believe that with your leadership on this issue we can achieve another landmark goal for this Administration. I look forward to addressing this issue with you.

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APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CLINTON FROM KASHMIRIS AROUND THE WORLD

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President Clinton,

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We, the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as it existed in 1947 including Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzafarabad, etc., look forward to your upcoming visit to South Asia with great anticipation. Encouraged by your demonstrated commitment to conflict resolution and global peace, we genuinely hope that your visit will facilitate a much-needed process of dialogue and understanding in this troubled region. We understand that you wish that your visit will maximize the potential for peace in South Asia. As you have correctly noted, Kashmir lies at the heart of a dangerous conflict in South Asia, a conflict whose implications now reach nuclear proportions.

The voice of Kashmiris has been forcibly muted by the guns of Indian might in Indian-held Kashmir. Likewise, the voice of Kashmiris in Pakistan-held Kashmir has become drowned in the incessant exchange of threats and rhetoric between India and Pakistan. We have thus resolved to elaborate our hopes and concerns before you through this joint message from the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

We would like to draw your attention to our plight and legitimate aspirations. Our homeland has been transformed into a battlefield by India and Pakistan; we have been dispossessed, traumatized, robbed of life, land, human dignity, and freedom. The "Line Of Control", which currently divides our country, stands as a "Berlin Wall" dividing countless families and friends. Kashmir is not a territorial dispute between India and Pakistan - at its core is the denial of the unalienable human rights of Kashmiris. Kashmiri civilians have suffered terribly under India's continuing brutal repression and from Indian-Pakistani fighting in Kashmir. Countless thousands of Kashmiri civilians have been killed.

Our people reject extremism and terrorism. Kashmir has a multi-religious and multi-ethnic society which shares an ancient heritage of pluralism and tolerance unparalleled in the region. Simply put, we seek the re-unification, independence, peace, and dignity for our people. Ours is a struggle for justice against colonialism. Like any other nation, Kashmir has a right to develop and realize its full potential in the community of nations at the beginning of this new millennium. Further, we hope that our freedom will bring about an end to the present cascade of crises and violence that have completely destabilized South Asia.

We believe that the common people of India and Pakistan are also victims in this conflict. Currently, India and Pakistan waste already scarce resources to bankroll their nuclear arms race and military operations in Kashmir. Meanwhile, the people of India and Pakistan remain ever needy of clean water, food, health care, and education. Peace in Kashmir means that the governments of India and Pakistan can finally get on with the business of improving the quality of life and democracy for their own citizens.

With no apparent end to this conflict in sight, our hope is that your increased engagement in South

Asia will bring about international initiatives to help resolve the nuclear-charged Kashmir conflict and encourage peace in the region.

We believe that you have the potential to start such a process.

We urge you to discuss Kashmir forthrightly during your upcoming trip, both in public and in private meetings with the leaders of India and Pakistan. We request that you help India and Pakistan realize that they have rendered themselves hostage to their own propaganda. Please urge both countries to pull back from the brink of nuclear war and change their focus from conflict to co-existence.

Please motivate India and Pakistan to de-escalate and reduce the tension in the region and the conflict in Kashmir as a first step towards peace. All human rights abuses must end. In all ways, the people of Jammu & Kashmir must immediately be granted the right to life and the freedom from fear. All the people of Jammu & Kashmir from both sides of the LOC should be allowed to meet and interact with each other.

Both countries must abandon aspirations of a military solution and acknowledge the primary party to this dispute: namely, the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Further, India and Pakistan should bring the people of Jammu & Kashmir to the negotiating table. Let peace talks begin while all the people of South Asia simultaneously work for a conducive atmosphere for such a process. Kashmiris are ready and waiting for their chance to work for peace and stability in the region.

Please emphasize to India and Pakistan that only just and democratic means have ever succeeded in bringing about lasting solutions and peace. The resolution of the Kashmir conflict lies in recognizing the rights and aspirations of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. India and Pakistan must realize that only the restoration of Kashmir's independence can bring about peace and the beginning of a new era of cooperation and interdependence in the region.

Finally, since this is your last year in office, we request that you make a strong commitment on behalf of the United States and the international community to work for a peaceful and just solution to the Kashmir conflict that would carry over into future administrations.

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to end the suffering in Kashmir and help South Asia free itself from this unnecessary conflict. We are confident that your determined initiative can bring about this change.

Sincerely,

(An international signature campaign seeking endorsements for this appeal is currently proceeding. The focus of this signature campaign is to collect signatures from the people living in war-torn Kashmir. This appeal and all endorsing signatures will be officially presented to the White House during a peaceful demonstration on Friday, March 17.)



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *GTFjr.*

SUBJECT: GOV. KEMPTHORNE'S COMMENT AT ROUNDTABLE RE ROADLESS

At the Governors' Roundtable on Monday, February 28, Governor Kempthorne expressed concern that the States felt excluded from the national forest roadless area protection rulemaking.

On Saturday, February 26, I had met on this subject with four western Governors (Kempthorne, Geringer, Racicot and Knowles). I also discussed the issue Sunday and Monday with Governors Leavitt and Kitzhaber.

At least five western states (Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Oregon, Wyoming) have asked to be "cooperating parties" in the preparation of the roadless Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In the case of at least two of these states, Idaho and Wyoming, the real intent appears to be to sabotage the rulemaking, to which they are vehemently opposed. Kempthorne, Geringer and Racicot sued us in December to try to stop the rule from going forward. A federal judge dismissed the case last week.

Thirty-eight states are affected by the rule, so counting individual state agencies in each state plus counties, there are hundreds of potential "cooperating parties." We know of no precedent for making states "cooperating parties" in a national rule-making. The status is designed for state and local governments that have a direct involvement or particular jurisdictional stake in a local, regional, or statewide project.

What we have offered the governors is a formally agreed-to structured process we would set up through the Western Governors Association (and with NGA and the National Association of Counties, if they wish) to provide information to all interested states, receive technical and policy input from them on the EIS, agree to a schedule of meetings with WGA staff and Governors during the public comment period (May through July), and work together on additional public input such as additional joint public meetings. They are considering that offer and I believe WGA will respond positively to it – though Idaho and Wyoming will still complain.

The Governors are aware that roadless protection has extraordinarily strong public support across the country, so they are trying as hard as they can to create a "process issue".

But it will not be easy for them to maintain they have been excluded, or that inadequate information has been provided.

The scoping process has already involved unprecedented public input: 185 meetings and more than 500,000 public comments. The Forest Service's plan for the next round of public input on the proposed rule and draft EIS to be published in early May contemplates more than 200 additional hearings/meetings, distribution of 100,000 copies of the draft EIS summary, 50,000 full printed copies and 10,000 CD-ROMs. Every state and county library in the country (16,600) will get a copy. Detailed maps of every roadless area will be printed in the EIS and made available digitally through CD-ROMs or by downloading from a dedicated website.

I will keep John posted on our negotiations with WGA.

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The Honorable William Clinton
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Greetings Mr. President,

The Haudenosaunee, more commonly known as the Six Nations (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora Nations), send its greetings to the men, women, and children of your nation. The Haudenosaunee continue as a sovereign people on the soil it has occupied on the Turtle Island since time immemorial, and we extend friendship to you. It was with great interest that we heard you speak about Native Americans during your recent State of the Union Address. What was especially intriguing was your comment that the United States has to stand by the agreements made with Indian Nations. Ironically, as you spoke those words, the Haudenosaunee, with whom the United States has a peace treaty, are involved in an exasperating struggle to maintain our treaty rights.

You will recall that in your letter of November 10, 1999 regarding the Canandaigua Treaty commemoration that you stated the treaty, as a landmark document, provides a framework upon which "we continue to build upon this relationship" of peace and friendship. You also made a call to "strengthen our lasting friendship." Ever since George Washinton, the first President of the United States, took office, we have sent our greeting to your nation and have renewed our strong alliance of mutual respect. We hold one of the first treaties made by the newly formed United States, along with two other treaties that constitute one of the most unique and powerful relationships between the United States and any Indian nation. Our ancestors, the Haudenosaunee and the colonial leaders, both called this relationship the "Covenant Chain of Peace and Friendship." To visualize the meaning of this Covenant Chain, a three-link silver chain was used to symbolize that our people would enjoy "peace, friendship, forever." It also meant that we would respect each other as equals and would not interfere in each other's destiny.

However, that Covenant Chain has grown rusty from the lack of attention. We agree with you

that we need to strengthen our relationship, and therefore desire that we re-polish the Covenant Chain of Peace and Friendship that has united our nations together in peace and friendship. We call your attention to a matter of great significance, By the terms of the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794, the Chiefs of the Haudenosaunee call upon you, as the President, to assist in resolving the source of complaint between our peoples. We now exercise that responsibility. We need to sit with you and discuss the matters of utmost concern and renew a commitment to resolve the issues for the sake of the future generations.

Mrs. Hillary Clinton has visited with our people and we have found sincerity and encouragement in her words of support. Now that you have become residents of New York State, the issues that we face have become your issues as well. The time has arrived where we must turn the good words and intentions of our ancestors into a positive and mutually beneficial action.

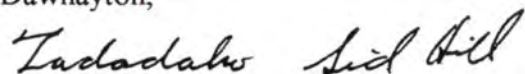
Please be informed that we have already met with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice on these matters. We have already had discussions with state and federal elected officials within our area. Yet, we have not been able to receive a formal recognition of the rights defined for us by the treaty. We have tried all other options. We now need your help. We feel that you have clearly demonstrated that your office has a special role in keeping the Covenant Chain of Peace and Friendship bright and strong.

We request a meeting at your earliest opportunity to explore how the treaty we have can be honored by your government and used as a tool to resolve the differences that are dividing our peoples.

We invite you and Mrs. Hillary Clinton to join with us as we celebrate the annual renewal of the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794. This would be an excellent occasion to speak to the large assembly that gathers to honor the treaty and will allow you an opportunity to meet with our Chiefs and Clan Mothers separately. The commemoration is held in Canandaigua, New York on November 11th and we would very much like to have you stand together with the Chiefs and Clan Mothers as George Washington did with our ancestors.

Please let us know if it is possible for you and Mrs. Hillary Clinton to attend the treaty commemoration. Your presence would enhance Native American treaty relationship between the United States and the American Indian Nations.

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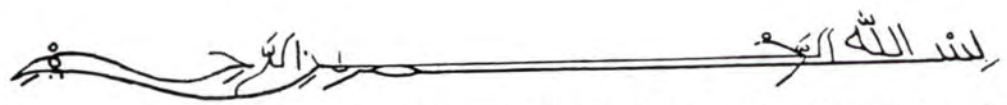
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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR CITY'S RELIGIOUS LEADERS, IN THE WAKE OF THE VERDICT ON THE DIALLO CASE

March 6, 2000

Dear respected clergy and religious leaders:

The senseless and brutal killing of Amadou Diallo has scarred the soul of New York City, and his innocent blood will not be washed away by waves of denial. Nor will the wounded spirits of so many who have been hurt by the taking of Amadou's life, and the verdict in the subsequent trial, be healed by political rhetoric, and empty calls for reconciliation without truth, and peace without justice.

A great moral wrong has occurred, and most people sense it - *know* it. Many were shocked that the trial ended as it did. How could 41 shots be fired at point-blank range by body-armored police officers, and no-one be held accountable for the slaying of an innocent, un-armed young man? Many men and women shed tears of frustration, anger, and despair, even as the officers themselves wept from relief.

Then righteous indignation erupted, and spontaneous demonstrations began as they had a year ago, only magnified. They have continued almost daily since the rendering of the verdict in the criminal trial. People young and old, single and married, parents or not, of various racial, religious, ethnic, and political groupings and backgrounds are expressing their pain and outrage at the unjust death of a member of our family - the human family. But an even greater tragedy is that too many religious leaders in our city - Christian, Jewish, and Muslim, have been deafening in their silent response to the cries and concerns of the common people.

The long haunting spectres of racism, police brutality, and social injustice, have been fully exposed in the light of Amadou's slaughter, and revealed in truth to be the very real urban demons that people of color (rich and poor) know them to be. The death of this young man has triggered the greatest and most sustained social protests and acts of civil disobedience in the "Big Apple", in over a quarter of a century. These demonstrations have been shamefully dismissed by Mayor Giuliani and others, as "carnival" and "circus-like". But the masses of the people, even those who have not participated in these outpourings of humanity, know better. In their hearts, they know *something* is wrong.

Many citizens seem paralyzed by un-certainty. Fear, distrust, insensitivity, denial, injustice, intransigence, anger and suspicion, hang over the city like dense, smog-like pollutants, infecting the lungs of every inhabitant, with every breath that they take. Yet these are the very psycho-spiritual poisons and their resultant states, which the prophets addressed in scriptural times. But in New York City, where millions worship the One God in many ways, religious leaders - priests, rabbis, pastors and imams are silent. There is no deafening echo from the houses of worship in every quarter of the city, recounting the Word of God to guide and comfort the suffering masses. But there should be.

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Where is the voice that of the Prophet Isaiah, who declared (Isaiah 59: 14, 15) "And judgement is turned away backward, and justice standeth far off, for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself prey, and the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgement."?

Who but a few echo the Prophet Amos, declaring that Almighty God rejects empty displays of piety (Amos 5:24), and commands that "judgement run down as waters, and justice like a mighty stream"?

Jesus is revered as the "Prince of Peace", but who dares quote the rarely cited verses of the Gospel, wherein he stated (Mat 10:34) "Think not that I come to send peace on earth; I come not to send peace, but a sword." ? And who amongst us does not know that the sword is an ancient symbol for the enforcement of *justice* ?

How many are quoting Almighty Allah in the Qur'an, (4:135) wherein He commands "Oh you who believe! Stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses unto Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or poor. For Allah can best protect both."?

Reading these quotes begs the question, "If the prophets were present here and now, what would be their position in the face of the psycho-spiritual state of our city?" Would they be silent regarding an unquestionable pattern of "accidental" shootings and killings of the unarmed and innocent by law-enforcement personnel? or would they be out-spoken? Would they challenge policies that victimize a populace, or would they be passive? Would they raise disturbing, politically in-correct issues, like the continued existence and impact of racism on *every* American, or would they mute their voices for fear of political or economic reprisal?

We know what they would do because we know what they did. Then what of the men and women who purport to lead based upon a prophetic paradigm? What leadership will we provide at this critical moment in our city's history? And make no mistake -this is a critical moment!

Denial of truth and justice is being exposed before our very eyes, and in our hearts, by no less than Almighty God Himself, as a grave sin. War stories of the 60's when Christian and Jewish leaders linked arms and put their life's breath on the line for what was morally right, ring hollow in the ears of today's youth, when they see those same leaders silent and compromising in the face of current injustice. Muslim cries for justice abroad are hypocritical when they ignore injustice at the very doorstep of this land's Muslim leaders.

The good leaders of the good people of this city must now stand boldly, and speak out for reconciliation through truth, and peace through justice in public policy, revised policing procedures, and the addressing of criminal justice related issues against a backdrop of very real socio-economic problems. The illumination of truth must not be left to politicians with agendas confined to this world and it's benefits. The pursuit of justice and the uncompromising speaking of truth, particularly to those in power, are the duties of the servants of The Most High, and all who would lead them. When we fail in our duty, the masses suffer, and our Lord judges and will judge us harshly.

I pray that each of us will search our souls, even as I call upon us all to convene meetings and gatherings and conversations, to re-examine the relevance of our prophetic mission to those issues here and now, that are matters of social justice, moral leadership, and inspired action, in our very midst.

May the God Whom we serve strengthen us with the voice of truth, to liberate every human being from the injustice of man's inhumanity to man. For surely injustice and oppression are from Satan. And justice and true freedom, are from Almighty God.

Yours in Islam


Al-Hajj Talib 'Abdur-Rashid
Imam
The Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood Inc.



Public Influences UPDATE

An annual update on *The Public Influences of African-American Churches*—
a project of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Thank you for your interest in the Public Influences of African-American Churches Project. This newsletter, an annual update on the Project, is intended to provide useful information about African-American church involvement in public affairs and to inspire your interest in the Project itself.

The Project, designed to facilitate research and dialogue about the impact of African-American churches on public policy and public discourse, was officially inaugurated at a reception on the Morehouse College campus on January 30, 1999. At the reception, Morehouse students and faculty, along with approximately thirty national scholars working on the project, received words of support from top Morehouse administrators and from national African-American church leaders. Each affirmed the continuing need for African-American church involvements in political life, and the value of providing churches, public policy makers, and scholars with data and opportunities for dialoguing with each other about these involvements.

The Project has also been received with enthusiasm at a number of annual denominational and convention meetings during the summer where Project representatives facilitated dialogue and invited further participation in the Project. Valuable contact has been made as well with many church leaders in local gatherings, in one-

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on-one interviews, and via our national survey. Much information has been shared with the Project already, both by church leaders inclined toward direct involvement in political affairs and by those not inclined. The Project seeks to listen to both sides of this issue.

This fall, Project representatives will attend the annual meetings of public policy officials and networks to dialogue about the Project and issues relevant to its focus. Project representatives will meet individually and in small groups with public policy officials around the country and will begin sending out surveys to a national sample of these officials as well. Sincere thanks to all of the clergy and public policy officials who have returned, or will soon be returning, our Project survey.

We look forward to sharing our research findings with you through future newsletters, conferences, and publications.

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Churches, Politics and Evolving Priorities

By R. Drew Smith



The title of theologian H. M. Kuitert's book, *Everything is Politics, but Politics is Not Everything*, captures an historic tension within African-American life. On the one hand, black existence in America has been highly politicized from the outset. On the other hand, African-Americans have characteristically resisted the idea that political circumstances should be allowed to ultimately define who we are. The Public Influences of African-American Churches Project, nevertheless, is concerned precisely with these *political circumstances*, and with how African-American churches (operating within this historic tension) have been instrumental in keeping political concerns before the African-American—and the American—public.

Because political circumstances do change, and they certainly have changed for African-Americans since the 1960s, it is important to assess the kinds of political adjustments this has required of African-American churches. For example, how has the expansion of African-American opportunities for influencing politics affected the way churches understand their role in

American political life? Should they now have more direct involvements in the formal political process, fewer involvements, a different type of involvement? Also, with various shifts in the nation's political priorities over the last 30 years, have African-American churches supported or opposed these policy shifts, and at what points and in what ways?

These are questions that have been asked in a number of ways, by a number of people, in recent years, but there are large research gaps that need to be addressed. The information the Public Influences Project is gathering from clergy, parishioners and public policy professionals intends to enrich debate about, and approaches to, this evolving relationship between African-American churches and American public life. A more informed analysis of this relationship, which is possible only through your input, can produce important political and ecclesiastical benefits. We invite your participation in this strategic process.

The Rev. Dr. R. Drew Smith, is the Project Director of The Public Influences of African-American Churches Project.



CHURCH ACTION SPOTLIGHT

Political and social involvements by African-American churches have taken many forms in recent years. With the number of urgent problems in our inner cities that beg attention, and with a public policy climate that has not been favorable to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged, African-American churches have attempted to step into the gap where possible. There is an expectation that larger churches with historic social action profiles will continue to be engaged, but smaller churches have also taken up the challenge. We get perspectives on both here.

Public Ministry & Community Relationship Building

By: Angelique Walker-Smith

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA



Community produce market at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA.

When asked how congregations such as Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta have remained active on social and political matters, Pastor Joseph Roberts provided a number of insights. First, said Pastor Roberts, relationship building within the congregation and outside of it provides direction for a congregation's ministry priorities and keeps tension alive between congregational and community issues. Lifting up before the congregation both community issues and a gospel of Christian compassion encourages congregational responsiveness—but that response should be flexible enough ►

These two church examples make clear that it is a congregation's commitment to being in relationship with its community rather than its size and social make-up that contributes to effective public-policy involvements.

to adapt to changing circumstances, yet prophetic enough to bring about real change.

Pastor Roberts identified issues that have emerged out of the relational model between his congregants and the neighbors of the church. These include addressing the welfare reform bill in 2001, providing an alternative school opportunity for urban African-American boys, addressing healthcare policy so that a patient's choice of physicians is not limited to restrictive HMO guidelines, and reaching out to African-American men over 50 within the church's neighborhood who have become alcoholics. Also, because of Ebenezer's historic profile, it has functioned as an organizing point for connecting local, national and global public policies to church constituencies. Finally, with many African-American congregations moving out of the urban centers of America, Ebenezer chose to stay in their inner-city neighborhood when they decided upon the construction of a new church edifice this past year. This is just one more way that Ebenezer has demonstrated its commitment to maintaining relationship with its community.

Greater Harvest Institutional Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Indianapolis, IN

A similar approach to relating churches to the life of community has been taken by a quite differently situated congregation in Indianapolis. After 15 years as pastor of the True Victory Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Elder Lionel Rush was called as the founding pastor of a COGIC mission church called Greater Harvest Institutional COGIC. Elder Rush brought with him a vision of "saving the whole person" that he viewed as very much consistent with the COGIC mandate of ministry of and "in the world." As a result, Greater Harvest has placed a priority on being "priestly and prophetic" within and beyond its congregational membership.

The membership of the congregation, which has grown to almost one hundred, is composed of African-Americans of various economic strata, including ex-prisoners and persons who once made their living "on the streets" through drug dealing and other criminal enterprises. There are others in the congregation who are more solidly working class and middle class. All have been encouraged to participate in a ministry of service to the community. Service in this instance has included facili-

tating work and educational opportunities for members and neighbors of the church. Additionally, service has meant addressing public policy concerns related to police abuse, prison sentencing and reform, AIDS education and treatment, full-day kindergarten, and prison aftercare.

Most recently, the congregation has been very involved in the leadership and work of a citywide public policy coalition focusing on "The State of Black Indianapolis." This initiative has brought grassroots, corporate, religious, and public policy leaders (including top African-American leaders from within each sector) to a common table organized around an agenda of equality and economic development. The coalition has held focus groups within the neighborhoods and within established city leadership circles, and it has held roundtable discussions where working documents on sector-specific policy recommendations have been discussed. The coalition is co-chaired by Congresswoman Julia Carson and Elder Rush.



Elder Rush (far left) and his colleagues protest police misconduct in Indianapolis.

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The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith serves as Vice Chair of the Black Church Liaison Committee of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ, and as Communications Liaison with the Public Influences of African-American Churches Project.

CHURCH INTERVENTION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES

The following articles focus on the timely issue of American criminal justice policies. Problems of police misconduct have prompted a number of government officials, including U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, to convene discussion in recent months with community leaders about the issue. Quite a few local governments have also convened discussions on their own. African-American church leaders have actively participated in a number of these initiatives. Some of these initiatives, along with efforts related to additional aspects of criminal justice policy, are briefly discussed here.

African-American Churches Make Connections to Address Crime

By: Tracey L. Meares

Although African-American churches have been concerned historically with addressing issues of crime and of fairness in the operation of the nation's criminal justice system, their active involvement in these issues has increased over the last 15 years. A scan of the nation's major papers quickly reveals that the most prominent targets of criticism recently by churches have been discriminatory police tactics such as singling out Black motorists for traffic stops (often referred to as racial profiling or "driving while black") and routinely high prison sentences for drug offenses.

In helping communities to help themselves in combating crime, African-American churches are looking for ways to work more closely with police in crime-prevention efforts.

Another issue of some concern to African-American churches has been the high crime experienced by congregants—especially those in inner-city communities. In helping communities to help themselves in combating crime, African-American churches are looking for ways to work more closely with police in crime-prevention efforts. Commenting on this collaboration, the pastor of Chicago's largest Black Catholic Church, Rev. Michael L. Pfleger says, "We can disagree, but we cannot disconnect." Much in this spirit, three Boston-area ministers—Eugene Rivers, Raymond Hammond, and Jeffrey Brown—initiated what is called the "Ten Point Coalition" which, among other things, seeks to work with the police to balance the community's desire for safe streets

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and its reluctance to see its children put in jail. The initiative has received favorable reviews from a number of sectors for the role it is believed to have played in lowering crime rates in Boston.

Similarly in the Midwest, Commander Claudell Earvin of Chicago's highest crime district has for the past three years spearheaded a community-wide prayer vigil. Community members and police stand on corners typically occupied by drug dealers to pray that neighborhoods might be safe from violence. There is also ministry outreach to prospective drug-buyers. The commander's efforts have resulted in closer relationships between churches and the police. While there is not yet evidence that these efforts have reduced crime, increased community building measured in the number of friendship networks, the extent to which adults supervise neighborhood peer groups, and the extent to which individuals participate in formal and informal organizations, have had an important effect on lowering crime in certain instances.

Much progress has been made, but there is still work to do. Our cities cannot be healed until our criminal justice system, including our police forces, are critically assessed and, where necessary, reconstructed.

Tracey L. Meares, J.D. is a Professor of Law at the University of Chicago and a contributing scholar to the Public Influences of African-American Churches Project.

CHURCH INTERVENTION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES

Georgia Clergy, Lawmakers and Grassroots Activists Work Together to Reduce Number of Blacks in Prison

By: Henrietta Turnquest

The state of Georgia has one of the largest prison populations in the world. Less than 30 percent of Georgia's citizens are black. Yet blacks constitute nearly 70 percent of the prison inmate population. During the past 10 years, there has been a significant five percent increase in an already grossly disproportionate ratio of blacks confined to state prisons in Georgia, growing from 62 percent in 1988 to 68.8 percent in 1998.

This was due to several factors including increasing penalties for crimes, racial disparity in sentencing and the failure of the Pardons and Parole Board to reduce these disparities and assure that all prisoners serve an appropriate and equitable period of incarceration. Legislation had also been proposed to abolish the Pardons and Parole Board with the view that every inmate would serve every day of the sentenced term. This would have caused widespread overcrowding necessitating the building of additional prisons.

The Georgia State Prison and Parole Task Force headed by Rev. Joseph Lowery (former Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and Dr. Lottito G. Cudjoe began in 1998 addressing these issues. This largely church-based initiative holds meetings around the state at local congregations to hear from the families of inmates whose requests for parole have been arbitrarily denied.

With the help of elected officials at the state and local level, the Task Force has forced the Pardons and Parole Board to attend these meetings to receive complaints and explain the process for pardons and parole. The Task Force has developed a detailed Parole Evaluation Form to be filled out by the inmate and his family. These are reviewed by the chair of the Task Force, corroborated with the family and presented to the Parole Board. Community support is key to a favorable decision. As a result, 90 inmates statewide, who were languishing in prison beyond the time for their release, have been released based on a review of their records and recommendations from the Task Force.

The Task Force (based on recommendations from the Pardon and Parole Board) has also established a smaller pilot group who will temporarily function in the capacity of a proposed "Civil Rights Prison Population Realignment Commission" and "Local Parole Advisory Boards."

The "Local Parole Advisory Boards" are designed to encourage the faith community to set up transitional centers for good parole candidates to be mainstreamed back into society. The Boards will also educate the public on the continued need for the Pardons and Parole Board. These local boards will consist of business persons, ministers, local elected officials, local law enforcement, victims' rights advocates, inmate advocates, aftercare providers, and others. These Boards would be on the front line to review cases, determine the availability of aftercare, develop a parole plan and make recommendations for release or denial to the State Board of Pardons and Parole. This will bring the parole process closer to those who have been victimized by crime and the inequities in the criminal justice system.

Of particular interest is the effort of Rev. Drew Turner, Pastor of Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Turner, a founding member of the Georgia Prison and Paroles Task Force has established the Atlanta Consultant Aftercare (ACA). This was facilitated by a \$30,000 grant from the State of Georgia. ACA seeks to interrupt the cycle of recidivism, violence and crime in our communities by mobilizing volunteers in programs which address abusive behavior and assist the offender's transition from custody to community. Rev. Turner believes in the power of relationships to create change in human beings because there is no limit to the potential for growth in every person. He also believes that the best solutions for criminal behavior can be found in the community in which the problems develop and that the offender's personal responsibility for productive behavior must be nurtured by support from the community of which he or she is a part.

Rev. Turner believes that the Atlanta Consultant Aftercare program can become a model for faith-based activism. Based upon the organization's promising start, there is good reason to think that he is correct.

Georgia State Representative Henrietta E. Turnquest, J.D. serves as the legislative liaison for the Georgia State Prison and Parole Task Force, and as Public Sector Liaison with the Public Influences of African-American Churches Project.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Joe Lockhart

Re: Interview on Golf

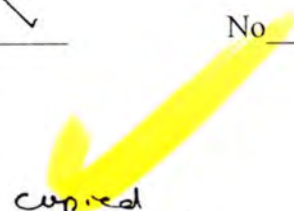
I recently received an interview request from Tom Friedman of the New York Times that I think you might be interested in. Tom would like to discuss golf with you for Golf Digest Magazine, the largest circulation golf magazine in the world (owned by the New York Times). He would want to discuss how you got started, your love of the game, interesting experiences you've had on the golf course, etc. We could also do this out on your putting green, as a nice scene-setter.

Before I attempted to schedule this I wanted to check with you. If you are interested I will work with Stephanie to get this scheduled.

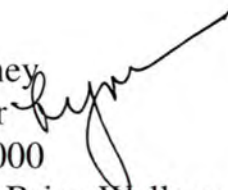
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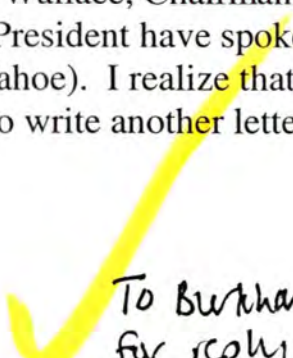
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sean Maloney
FROM: Lynn Cutler 
DATE: March 9, 2000
RE: Letter from Brian Wallace

Sean, I would like the President to see this letter from Brian Wallace, Chairman of the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada. Brian and the President have spoken about the issue described in the letter (land access at Lake Tahoe). I realize that the attached letter is not appropriate but I would be willing to write another letter to Senator Reid stressing the importance of this issue.

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Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California



01, March 2000

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

Subject: Washoe Indians – Lake Tahoe; Lake Access Presidential Deliverable

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the members of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California we thank you for the courage and determination with which you have led the nation forward. Most particularly, we appreciate the efforts of you and your administration to begin to correct the orthodox history of this great nation and its enduring commitment to America's first nations, and our unborn future.

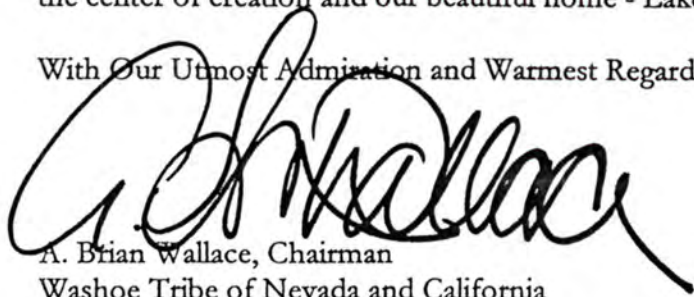
I am so proud to have been with you in the White House to witness the historic policy initiatives you presented to the American people and Native America. We are your devoted allies, and will do everything in our power to stand with you before the 106th Congress, and join your efforts to lift this great nation to a higher and better place.

Mr. President, I wish to more specifically follow up on our conversation in the Oval Office regarding the Dept. of Agriculture's inability to deliver upon your commitment to the repatriation of the Washoe people to the place where we came to being - Lake Tahoe. Since the Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum, we have worked with the Forest Service to achieve an administrative fulfillment of this deliverable. However, after 32 months of sincere and earnest effort, the General Counsel for the USDA determined that lands may not be set aside to allow the Washoe the exclusive ability to access the waters of Lake Tahoe in a traditional and customary manner as you declared, without new statutory authority.

At last weeks departure I shared with you that Senator Harry Reid (NV) has agreed to sponsor an amendment to the FY 2001 Interior Appropriations bill to provide the necessary authority for the USDA to deliver your Washoe Lake Access commitment, and I gave you a draft letter to Senator Reid for your consideration, which is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you so very much for your reaffirmation and commitment. We have been in contact with the other members of the Nevada and California delegations, all of whom witnessed and continue to support of your historic declaration, and we have provided to the Congress the attached draft amendment which proposes a far more modest version of the deliverable. We are so very much in need of your leadership and support in the Congress, and we must have the strong support of the Department of Agriculture to prevail.

Mr.. President, the tracks in the snow that we follow here are very old. In closing we thank you for your fellowship and earnestness to stand with us, where many would not. We are so thankful to have in our lifetimes the ability to maybe feel the warmth of a world that may begin to turn in our favor. For the Washoe, we have prepared 129 years for this day. We stand here for the many that could not, some of whom that had spent their time with you here, the place we have so longed to return, the center of creation and our beautiful home - Lake Tahoe.

With Our Utmost Admiration and Warmest Regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brian Wallace'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'W'.

A. Brian Wallace, Chairman
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE

The following land shall be held in trust for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California: approximately 20 acres located in Township 15 N., Range 18 E., Section 27 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, M.D.M., Douglas County, Nevada, within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the National Forest. The parcel shall use be limited to traditional and customary uses, and shall not permit use of the land for any commercial development, residential development, or any timber or mineral extraction.

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February 14, 2000

The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid,

As you will recall, during the lake Tahoe Forum, many of us were greatly moved by the presentations we heard from the leaders and the elders of the Washoe Tribe. I believe that it is in the best long-term interest of both the lake itself and the Tribe for the Washoe to reestablish a presence at Lake Tahoe. That is why one of the so called "Presidential Deliverables" from the Tahoe Forum was to repatriate the Washoe back to their aboriginal homeland on the lake. What the Washoe requested – traditional and customary uses and stewardship of land in an atmosphere of privacy and peace – seemed eminently reasonable. At that time, we thought that we would be able to make some Forest Service land available to the Tribe.

For the past two years, Washoe Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace has patiently negotiated with the Forest Service on how his land could be made available to his Tribe and the Washoe people. Last year, the General Counsel for the Department of Agriculture determined that the USFS did not presently have the statutory authority to be able to treat the Washoe differently than any commercial group. Thus absent action by the Congress, this important deliverable from the Tahoe Forum will go unfulfilled. We must not let that happen.

I am therefore urging that you use your leadership in the Senate and your membership on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee to secure language in the FY 2001 Interior Appropriations bill that would ensure we can move forward. I have enclosed language for your consideration that the Tribal Chairman has approved. Please note that all forms of economic development (including but not limited to gaming), would be prohibited under this authorization. The land will be protected.

Thank you Senator Reid for your continued advocacy and friendship to the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

Sincerely,

William Jefferson Clinton

Enclosure



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TO Ms. Nancy Hernreich
FROM Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider
DATE March 9, 2000

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Dear Nancy,

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Cynthia

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*Embassy of the United States of America
The Hague, the Netherlands*

March 9, 2000

*Cynthia P. Schneider
Ambassador*

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing once again to ask whether you might be able to find time for a short visit to Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands in connection with your trip to Germany in early May. Only ten minutes from Aachen, Margraten is the largest American cemetery outside France with more than 8,000 American veterans buried there. May 4 and 5 are the official Remembrance and Commemoration days in the Netherlands because this country was liberated on May 5, 1945. This year the May 5 liberation ceremonies will have an American emphasis since I have been invited to deliver the keynote speech and Leonard Slatkin will be conducting the special open air concert on the evening of May 5 in Amsterdam. In addition, the Lockerbie trial will open on May 3 in the Netherlands, providing a reason to thank this country for its support.

To have you visit Margraten Cemetery, hopefully in the company of Prime Minister Kok (who, you will remember, has requested to meet with you in Washington since last September), would mark in an unforgettable way the strong bonds of friendship between our two countries. Your visit to Aachen in early May offers a unique opportunity to do so -- at the cost of only one-two hours.

I might add that the region around Margraten (the Province of Limburg) gives extraordinary support to American veterans, their families, and their memory. School groups adopt individual grave sites; families host veterans and their descendants on Memorial Day; veterans parade through the streets every year. In the words of one American veteran, "The Dutch are not friends to us; they are family."

Mr. President, I hesitate to bother you with yet another demand on your time. I do believe, however, that an extraordinary opportunity will be missed if you are not able to make the short trip across the border around the occasion of the liberation to the symbolic center of American-Dutch friendship. I have no doubt that such a visit, however short it might have to be, would make a lasting impression on you and would be forever remembered by the Netherlands.

Respectfully yours,

Cynthia P. Schneider

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TO **Ms. Nancy Hernreich**

FROM **Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider**

DATE **March 9, 2000** **Number of pages 2**

Dear Nancy,

I am sending this letter to you in the hopes that you will be able to share it with the President.

Again, please consider visiting us during tulip time in the Netherlands. It really is a unique place in the spring. With warm regards,

Cynthia

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March 10, 2000

The Honorable H. Martin Lancaster
President
North Carolina Community College System
5001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-5001

Dear Martin:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter. I'm truly grateful for your unwavering support over the years. I was touched by your kind words about my State of the Union address, and I'm pleased to enclose a copy of it. I also appreciate knowing your thoughts on utilizing our nation's community colleges to bridge the digital divide, and I've forwarded your letter to my staff in the Office of Policy Development for review.

I agree that our nation must provide all Americans with the high-quality education and training needed to compete and thrive in the 21st century. That is why in my fiscal 2001 budget I have proposed a comprehensive agenda to help bridge the digital divide. As you probably know, my budget includes more than \$2 billion for this initiative, including significant funding for tax incentives to encourage private sector donation of computers, sponsorship of community technology centers, and technology training programs. I have also proposed funding for training new teachers to use technology effectively and for creating 1,000 new Community Technology Centers in low-income urban and rural areas.

It was great to hear from you. Hillary and I send our best to you, Alice, Ashley, and Mary.

Sincerely,

Bill



STATE OF THE UNION

ADDRESS TO THE 106th CONGRESS



SECOND SESSION

To Martin Luther King Jr.

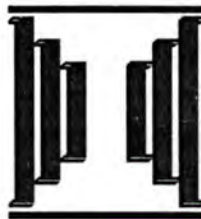
with thanks

Bill Clinton

President William J. Clinton

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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

H. MARTIN LANCASTER
PRESIDENT

January 28, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Alice and I watched your last State of the Union message last night with great pride. You and Hillary have accomplished so much in seven years against incredible partisan opposition and under intense personal attack. We look back on our years of association with you and your administration with great fondness.

The person who defeated me often tells people that he could have not done so if I have not "been the vote which passed your budget that included tax increases" and if I had not voted for the crime bill which included the Brady Bill and the assault weapons restrictions. If that is true, it was a small price to pay! I agree with you that the state of the union is the best it has ever been, especially with regard to the economy (thanks to the budget vote which was the first step towards a balanced budget and a strong economy) and personal safety and reduced crime (thanks to the crime package).

I have no regrets, especially when I consider the opportunities which have come my since my defeat—first, the opportunity to work with you on the Chemical Weapons Convention; second, the opportunity to give leadership to the Corps of Engineers as it became a more environmentally sensitive agency while still carrying out its important water resources development, navigation improvement and flood control missions; and lastly, but most importantly, now to serve as President of the North Carolina Community College System.

I applaud your commitment to bridging the "digital divide" which separates rural and urban America, but Mr. President, bridge that divide for rural community colleges, not just public schools! In North Carolina we have a community college teaching site within 30 minutes drive of almost every citizen in the state. Every year we give computer literacy skills to hundreds of thousands of our citizens and we upgrade the skills of thousands more.

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However, we are challenged with our limited state resources to do all that we should for our rural colleges. In recent weeks, we have become more challenged by the threatened action of your Federal Communications Commission. Seventeen of our colleges are still seeking wireless licenses that they can use to extend opportunities into our most remote areas which may never have the fiber optic connections our more urban schools use to grow their distance education offerings and give our citizens the technology skills they need to succeed in today's world. The FCC indicates that they may require these colleges to compete with private and more well-heeled institutions for those spectra through an auction process, something they say is required by an admitted mistake made in passing the budget a couple of years ago. Please, Mr. President, instruct the FCC to not go down that path, administratively stop this action now, and if corrective legislation is required, back it with all your strength. This is critical in "bridging that divide!"

To help "bridge the divide" you proposed to add thousands of new digital sites in rural communities across America. Make community colleges a centerpiece of this extension. At least in North Carolina we are located in places convenient to every citizen, we are open 16 to 18 hours a day (something most public schools are not), and we have the technical staff on duty during those hours to provide instruction and assistance to our rural families to use this technology for business, educational and enrichment purposes. Unfortunately, almost half of our 59 institutions cannot afford to become Information Superhighway Sites. You can help them!

I also applaud your emphasis on globalization. Unfortunately, almost everyone looks to four-year institutions to meet the educational challenges of globalization. However, we educate four or five times as many workers in the global economy as do four-year schools, though little is being done to infuse the community college educational experience with concepts of international trade and to give our students the tools they need to succeed in that new economy. We need to enrich our curricula in every field with these ideas, foreign language training in our programs is woefully inadequate, we need to give our faculty the professional development they need to broaden their horizon, we must give community college students the foreign exchange opportunities that are almost nonexistent on our campuses but which are common place at four-year institutions (and from which you so richly benefited), we need to reach out to technical and vocational institutions in other countries (especially in China, Southeast Asia, Africa and Latin America) to revolutionize the way they educate their workers (these countries are crying for this assistance, but there are no resources that I can find to help

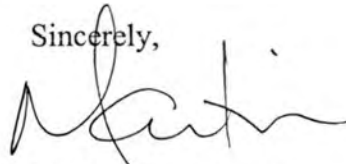
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them), and on and on. In short, Mr. President, make community colleges an important part of making Americans more educated and committed to this global economy.

Good luck and God bless you as you continue to lead us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



H. Martin Lancaster

P.S. Chelsea was beautiful last night. I know that you and Hillary are as proud of her as Alice and I are proud of Ashley and Mary. Our best to them.

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 2000

Your Majesties:

It was a great honor to welcome you back to the White House. Mrs. Clinton and I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did.

We were pleased to be with you on such an important day in Spanish history -- the nineteenth anniversary of His Majesty's courageous stand for freedom and democracy. It was a fitting occasion to celebrate the strong bonds of friendship, cooperation, and common values that unite our countries.

Thank you very much for the wonderful drawings, the beautiful decanters, and the gold box. You were kind to remember us with such special gifts, and we are grateful for your continued thoughtfulness and friendship.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Their Majesties
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March 8, 2000

Mrs. Bettie Currie
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Please call me at my office, 202/546-6898, or at my residence, 202/678-6979, so that I can properly plan your arrival and seating.

Thank you for always being supportive of George and me. I look forward to seeing you during Founder's Day Week.

Very truly yours,

Linda

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President and CEO

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March 8, 2000

Mrs. Bettie Currie
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Bettie:

I would be honored if you would join me, as a **surprise guest**, at one of the two celebratory Masses on Sunday, March 19, 2000 in honor of our good friend, Patriarch George Stallings, Jr. The Cathedral of the African American Catholic Congregation, Imani Temple on Capitol Hill, will conduct an 8 a.m. Mass and an 11 a.m. Mass in honor of Founder's Day. Imani Temple is located at 609-11 Maryland Avenue, N. E., on Stanton Park and just six blocks east of Union Station.

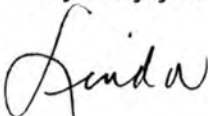
Each year, on the Sunday closest to his birthday, the AACC celebrates George's birthday. This year's celebration is very special, as it is his 25th year of Priesthood and the 10th anniversary of the founding of the AACC. We are delighted to have The Reverend Dr. Walter E. Fauntroy as the guest speaker at the 8 a.m. service, and explosive speaker, Bishop Jonathan Greer II of the Cathedral of Divine Faith Church of God in Christ, Atlanta, GA, for the 11 a.m. service.

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Very truly yours,



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March 9, 2000

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

Dear President Clinton:

I am the Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Clara, a federally-recognized tribe located in northern New Mexico. Recently, we signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture that will allow us to purchase a small portion of the Baca Ranch (Baca) simultaneously with the Federal Government's purchase of the great balance of the Baca containing the extraordinary Valles Caldera. Our Pueblo's purchase will be a significant and historic occasion for our people, as it will allow us to finally acquire and protect the headwaters of the Santa Clara Creek, the vast majority of whose watershed we have owned and managed for years. This creek has been the lifeblood of my community since time immemorial.

In many ways, this would not have been possible without your Administration's support. We know you have seen and admired the Valles Caldera and that you understand and appreciate the rarity and importance of that land. We thank you for your recognition of the value of the Baca, both to our culture as well as for New Mexicans and Americans in general. We hope that you will support the authorizing legislation as it works its way through Congress this year. Without your commitment to acquire and preserve this wonderful piece of nature, we would not have had the opportunity to realize one of our Pueblo's fondest dreams.

Sincerely,

Denny Gutierrez, Governor
Santa Clara Pueblo



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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear President Clinton:

The Players was founded in 1888 by Edwin Booth and is one of the oldest and most prominent of theatrical clubs in the country. Some of our members have ranged from Mark Twain, Gen. Sherman and the Barrymore brothers to James Cagney, Spencer Tracy, Tony Bennett, Gregory Peck, Jason Robards, Carol Burnett, Julie Harris and Mayor David Dinkins. A few times each year, we honor significant figures in the arts and related fields with what is termed a "Pipe Night."

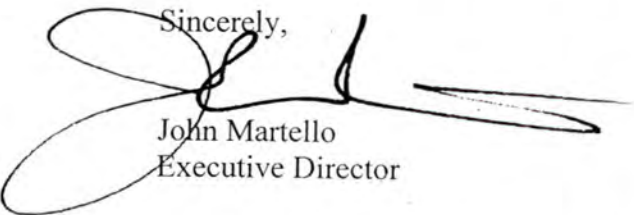
On Sunday, April 2, we will present a Pipe Night in honor of Judy Collins.

Knowing of your great friendship and admiration of her, I would like to invite you, Mrs. Clinton and Ms. Chelsea Clinton to attend and, hopefully, say a few words. In fact, since the role of M.C. or "Pipemaster" for the evening is almost as important as that of the honoree, I would like to offer you the opportunity to fill that role for the evening.

Although it's a black tie event, the atmosphere is very informal in nature. Cocktails are served at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 with a program starting at 9:00.

I do hope that you and Mrs. Clinton and Ms. Clinton can attend. Feel free to call me at any time with any questions at 212-475-6116 or at home at 732-869-9624. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. Many thanks.

Sincerely,


John Martello
Executive Director