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March 18, 2000

TO: Nancy Hernreich

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The enclosed letter to the President regards the Justice Department's plans to release of Georgian diplomat George Makharadze, who is serving a 7-21 year sentence in a federal prison for causing the Jan. 3, 1997 fatal crash at Dupont Circle.

I apologize in advance for any duplication in the effort to get this to the President. Norma Krayem, a friend who is at the Dept. of Transportation, offered to fax a copy to Betty Currie late last week, but with busy schedules I have been unable to confirm that it was sent. Given that the issue is time sensitive, I am also sending a copy to you.

Any help you can give me is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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Sent to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒No ☐

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March 15, 2000

The President of the United States
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President;

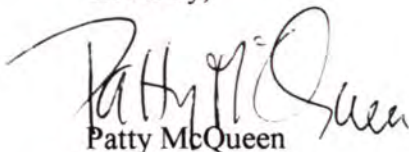
I am the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign and inaugural staffer who was injured in the Jan. 3, 1997 crash caused by the Georgian diplomat at Dupont Circle and I am writing to ask you to consider intervening in a matter now before the Justice Department.

Since August 1999, Justice has been considering a request by the diplomat, George Makharadze, to serve the remainder of his seven to 21 year sentence in his homeland with no assurances that he will be incarcerated there. While I appreciate the competing interests of international relationships, I have grave concerns about granting a humanitarian request to a man who showed such disregard for this country's laws that he would drive drunk down Connecticut Avenue at 80 miles per hour, killing a 16-year-old girl. To argue that Makharadze should be with his family is also disingenuous. He lived here for many years before the crash and would still be living in Washington now, had he not caused a fatal crash.

It seems fair that Mr. Makharadze should serve at least the mandatory five years of his sentence here in the United States and I ask you to consider intervening on my behalf and on behalf of the other victims and their families.

Once again, I thank you for your letter of support at the time of the crash. While the incident made the end of my campaign and inaugural experience rather difficult, I've always been proud of my work there.

Sincerely,


Patty McQueen

Return to Georgia Likely for Diplomat

By Bill Miller

Washington Post Staff Writer

Wednesday, March 15, 2000 ; B03

Gueorgui Makharadze, the Georgian diplomat convicted of charges stemming from a 1997 drunken-driving accident in Washington that killed a 16-year-old girl, soon could be released from a federal prison and placed in the custody of his homeland.

The Justice Department is wrapping up an extensive review of a request by the Georgian government to permit Makharadze to return to Georgia under international treaties. A final decision is expected within the next few weeks, authorities said.

"It's really getting to the end game," said one source familiar with the discussions.

Makharadze, 38, once considered a rising star in Georgian politics, repeatedly has expressed remorse for his actions of Jan. 3, 1997, when his Ford Taurus plowed into a line of cars waiting at a stoplight near Dupont Circle. The crash killed Joviane Waltrick, of Kensington, and injured four other people. Makharadze was drunk and speeding at the time of the crash and made no attempt to brake, prosecutors said.

Makharadze, then the deputy chief of mission at the Georgian Embassy, was not immediately charged because he had diplomatic immunity. Six weeks later, Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze took the unusual step of waiving Makharadze's immunity, with Makharadze's consent. That cleared the way for his indictment and subsequent guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault charges. A D.C. Superior Court judge sentenced him in December 1997 to a term of seven to 21 years. Makharadze is now in a federal prison in Butner, N.C.

If Makharadze returns home, officials in Georgia would decide how to administer the rest of his term. U.S. officials would have no say on the length of his incarceration. If he remains in the United States, his earliest possible release would be at the end of 2003, provided he gets credit for good prison behavior.

The government of Georgia has given the United States assurances that Makharadze would be placed under control of its court system and sentenced according to Georgian laws. But it could not guarantee a set sentence.

The Justice Department has been weighing Makharadze's placement for at least seven months, getting feedback from the State Department, the Georgian government, Waltrick's family and the other victims in the crash.

Waltrick's mother, Viviane Wagner, has returned to her native Brazil, where authorities contacted her. Her attorney, George R.A. Doumar, said Wagner had the impression Makharadze's release was imminent and she had little say in it.

"Her initial reaction was that he should be treated like anyone else," Doumar said. "If he got a seven-to-21-year sentence, he should do it here, like everyone else. I think if someone came to her and said

he would do seven to 21 years in a Georgian jail, she would be amenable to that. But we have seen nothing that would give us any reassurance that if he's going back to Georgia he would serve his sentence like any other prisoner."

Another victim, Patricia McQueen, wrote a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno expressing "grave concerns" about any plans to return Makharadze home. McQueen, of West Hartford, Conn., said she still suffers severe back pain and flashbacks.

"My concern is that it took considerable effort to get him into the criminal justice system here, to get him convicted and put in jail," McQueen said yesterday. "I think he should serve his sentence, and he should serve it here."

Any arrangements would take place through the Justice Department's international prisoner transfer program. Since the program began in 1977, more than 3,000 foreign nationals have been transferred out of the United States to prisons at home. More than 2,000 Americans who were jailed in other countries have been returned to the United States.

The Justice Department sent McQueen's attorney a letter in the fall that predicted Makharadze's transfer request eventually would be approved.

In the letter, Justice official John C. Keeney cited Makharadze's "strong rehabilitative potential, which would be furthered by returning him to his home country, where all members of his family reside. Moreover, the fact that diplomatic immunity was waived by the Government of Georgia must be taken into consideration."

Keeney wrote that the Justice Department intends to ensure Makharadze serves a comparable sentence if returned to Georgia and that officials want a promise that Makharadze would not be released or pardoned upon his return.



Oglala Sioux Tribe
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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3/29/00

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Randy Plume
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William Jefferson Clinton
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Carol

Dear President Clinton,

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On behalf of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Oglala Nation Education Coalition I am making two requests for the benefit of the schools on the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation. Our schools are diverse. The schools are federally funded, public, or private/parochial and they serve virtually 100% Oglala students. I realize that these requests might be impossible to accommodate however they remain an overriding concern to our people.

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION: Three BIA funded schools need to be replaced with new facilities. These schools are the Loneman school, Wounded Knee District School, and the Porcupine school. Two BIA funded schools need new elementary schools simply due to space availability to accommodate a constant growth in student population. These schools are the Little Wound School and the Pine Ridge School.

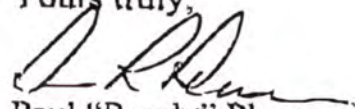
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BIA FACILITIES: The BIA facilities branch has a sordid reputation in its policies dealing with Indian tribes and Indian organizations. Most recently this can be exemplified (documented) by repairs to the Wounded Knee district school which was damaged by a tornado in June of 1999. The school is still anticipating federal dollars to repair damages which were incurred by this storm. This is an indication of a system wide problem which is fraught with regional partisanship and ever increasing bureaucracy. Based upon the BIA facilities timetable, it will be approximately sixty years before a new school is constructed on the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation.



SUMMARY: If an emergency or supplemental appropriations bill is proposed within the next seven months I am requesting that consideration be given for the construction of the schools mentioned in the second paragraph of this letter. I am requesting that an immediate review of the administrative practices of the Branch of BIA facilities be conducted to the satisfaction of all BIA funded schools.

I appreciate your consideration of my letter. I realize that new school construction is very problematic but I have few options. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Paul "Randy" Plume

Director

Office of Education Monitoring and Evaluation

Oglala Sioux Tribe

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From:

D. Jeffrey HirschbergPhone: 202-327-8868Fax phone: 202-327-6737

REMARKS:

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

3/29/00

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D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

March 29, 2000

VIA FAX AND HAND DELIVERY

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The U. S.-Russia Investment Fund (TUSRIF)

I write as a Director of the Fund regarding an issue that if not immediately addressed by the Administration will result in the Fund being effectively out of money by the middle of the summer, and therefore, unable to carry on its mission in any meaningful way.

As you know, the U.S. Russia Investment Fund, was created by you in the mid-90s (managed by a Board of Directors chosen by your consent serve pro bono) and has made substantial progress in the last two years with its on-the-ground team in Moscow and several other Russian cities.

The Fund makes direct equity investments in and loans to nascent Russian companies, and provides financial services including small loans and mortgage products. Like a similar Fund in Poland which is now actually returning grant monies to the U.S. Treasury (for the first time in the postwar history of the United States as far as we can determine), the Fund in Russia does not give away its grant money; it does deals.

Our mission, especially in this hopeful time and with the leadership in Russia making all the right noises, is to build on our success and put the Fund in a position similar to the Polish Fund. The worldwide investment community took notice of the Fund when its CEO, David Jones, and other members of his Moscow-based team successfully prevailed in Russian courts against an effort "re-nationalize" an investment by the Fund and KRR in what one day can emerge as a world-class manufacturer of fine china and porcelain (Lomonosov Porcelain Factory). Indeed, not only the courts, but also President Putin and to

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his Administration have demonstrated their commitment to shareholder rights in the case of our investment.

Considering the successful track the Fund is on, it is unfortunate that of the \$835 million appropriated by Congress for fiscal 2000 in foreign assistance legislation signed by you, only \$5 million of this amount has been scheduled by the State Department and USAID to be made available to the Fund this year. The Fund has been promised \$440 million over its 10-15 year life, and thus far has drawn down roughly \$180 million. Obviously, allocating only \$5 million to the Fund in fiscal 2000 is insufficient. We are ramping up, not ramping down.

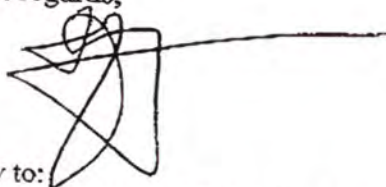
Mr. President, my colleagues and I believe that for a variety of reasons, neither in the Administration or the Board can afford to suspend the Fund's momentum. The Board urges that the Administration provide at least \$26 million to the Fund in this fiscal year. The last thing we need to do this year is to effectively close up shop.

Finally, while some in Congress and elsewhere oppose aid to the Russian government, none of the Fund's capital goes directly to any Russian government project.

From our previous discussions, you know the value of what the Fund is doing and recognize the return on our small investment in Russia's emerging market economy—an investment that should be continued especially in view of the new Russian government's attitude—not cut to the bone.

As always, I look forward to speaking with you or your designee on this important and timely issue.

Best regards,



copy to:

The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State
Mr. Samuel R. Berger, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Honorable J. Brady Anderson, Administrator, U.S. Agency for
International Development

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 2000

Gail D. Fiorini
2281 Marginella Drive
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Dear Gail:

Thank you for your wise letter. I share many of your concerns and I'm so glad you took the time to write to me about them.

I want you to know that I'll keep working to improve healthcare, education, welfare, and other issues we've been tackling until the very last moment I'm here -- and hopefully beyond that time. As you are aware, Tipper Gore has been spearheading the Administration's efforts toward better mental health coverage, and we're making real progress. Your family should not be paying as much as \$16,000 for treatment and coverage. I'm sorry your situation has been so challenging.

Please remind me, as the date approaches, about the "Hear the Silence" rally. We can certainly prepare a letter for the event.

Thanks again for speaking out. Say hello to "my best friend" for me.

Sincerely,

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I'd love to do a picture with
Michael. Call Nancy Hennrich
or Betty Curin in my office to set it
up.

We passed a Mental Health party
line but it was too much.

I agree with you about the welfare
line - we tried to give that kind of
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I'd check on the Va. Stansbury problem

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Gail D. Fiorini
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President Clinton
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500-2000

March 08, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

I was griping about some of my favorite topics to John last night, and he said, "Why don't you write the Prez? He really likes to hear what his friends think about issues." So here goes a middle class mom with two extraordinarily bright children (they got that from John), and one autistic child who considers you to be his best friend. I have volunteered many years and hundreds of hours in a multi-cultural and varied income level elementary school, and have negotiated the Special Education maze for eleven years on Michael's behalf.

1) Health: Of all the health plans that have been proposed in recent years, none has brought up the simplest solution to middle class families with health problems, and that is to reinstate the tax deduction at a more reasonable percentage of adjusted gross income. I think it was part of Reagan's "tax cuts" that the 3% standard was raised to 7 1/2 %, making the money people have to spend on their health cost more than their actual bills, since the money is also taxed. I think all health expenses not covered by insurance should be fully exempt from Federal Income Taxes. This would benefit the sickest people who are not on Medicaid most, and keep some from having to go on Medicaid. Also, I am waiting for the nation to decide that the head is part of the body. Mental Health is not covered by most insurance policies at a parity with physical health; yet Autism and Down's Syndrome are considered Mental Illnesses. Even insurance policies that say they will cover "up to" 50 visits to a mental health professional a year have a **managing clause** that allows them to limit most people to 10 visits or less. In 1997, our family paid \$8000.00 for family coverage, and still had to pay more than \$8,000.00 out of pocket.

2) Education: I understand that children do better work with higher standards, but the higher standards must be possible for the average child to reach. For children whose parents do not read or speak English well, there is no homework help at home. For disabled children like my son, Virginia's new standards will effectively deny them a diploma even though they may have passed all of their courses, many of them in mainstreamed classes. Michael will never be able to "get it together" enough to pass the test, even if he is competent in the subject. Schools in our district are already reluctant to take on Special Education programs, and teachers are especially reluctant to have Special Education children mainstreamed into their classes for fear that they will have to move slower and explain more thoroughly, and thereby lose incentive pay or have too low a

pass rate on the Standards tests. The Standards don't even count for these things yet! Where are the Special Education children going to go for mainstream classes? It will do

them little good to be forced on unwilling teachers. Also, I wonder if the schools are prepared for what happens when they suddenly stop social promotion. If one-fourth of the student body, say, in third and eighth grade fails to pass, based on tests, the following year's third and eighth grade classes will have 125% of their usual size. This will increase geometrically. And what will they do with children who don't pass standards tests year after year? For high school seniors, most will choose not to repeat their senior year, and the national drop-out rate will increase enormously. Mr. President, when the children fail the tests, what are we going to do to get these children to the goal of productive lives as adults?

3) Welfare: My work in the schools gave me contact with a lot of welfare parents and children. I watched a little boy go to the cafeteria each day, take his free lunch, eat what could not be saved, and fill his pockets with rolls, crackers, apples, etc. He also gathered what he could from other students who did not want lunch items, both for eating and for saving. He told me that he had been told by his mom to do this, so they could eat what he brought home for dinner. Of all the welfare mothers I met, only one intentionally became pregnant to avoid having to go to work. Most of them desperately want a better life for their children now and as adults. I know that there are work training programs, but I saw a need for something else. No one will hire a woman with no front teeth, even to serve burgers at a fast food establishment. Few will hire a woman whose attire for the interview was either inappropriate, shabby, or illfitting. Her language must be understandable English with no expletives. Most of the welfare moms I got to know were of low average intelligence; some may have qualified as mentally disabled if anyone tested them. These women need a lot more than just child care and a training course—they need to learn how the business world works, looks, and speaks. They need money for an interview outfit. They need follow-up support for a couple of years, since the first job rarely lasts long.

I feel positively audacious for sounding off to you, the President of the United States, but I sometimes think that the "experts" who advise those in political positions are too far removed from the problems. They see numbers, studies, and surveys, where I see real people living out the problems.

On August 08, 2000, There will be a rally on the mall called "Hear Their Silence," sponsored by the Autism Resource Konnection, Inc, (ARC) and Little Angels. Is there any way you can lend your support to this cause? Perhaps a letter to be read at the event? Selfishly, I think a good idea would be a photo-op meeting between you and your best friend Michael the week preceding the rally, which would give it enormous publicity and status, not to mention that Michael would get to meet you in person. But the rally for all the children is the important thing. It will feature pictures of at least 58,000 autistic children and a large quilt of donated hand-made squares.

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As a good citizen, I apologize for using up so much of your valuable time. I've been delighted to see you take some major steps to show you're still the President until next January, and then only because you can't run again. Keep on doing the right thing. Go for the strongest finish anyone has ever seen!

As always, John and I support you and Hillary and hope for the best for you in all things.

Yours truly,

Gail Fiorini

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WHITE HOUSE
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March 29, 2000

Peggy Maruthur
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Dear Peggy:

Thank you so much for writing to me about the
Hurst family home.

Please be assured that my staff and I will look
into this situation and review the facts very
carefully.

I appreciate your time and concern. Please
give my best to Kumar, Nisa, and Mario.

Sincerely,

Bill

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
Office of the President
White House
Washington D.C. 20010

March 14, 2000

RE: boyhood neighborhood home
location: 100 Conway Terrace Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901
resident: Q.Byrum Hurst Jr. home (501)624-3039 work (501) 623-2565
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Dear President Clinton,

I hope this letter finds you, Hillary and Chelsea in good health. Please say hello to them from Kumar & me. We are all fine. Nisa, our daughter is now 22 and attends Northwestern Medical School. She cherishes the fact that you handed her the college degree this past May, when you attended the graduation at the University of Chicago. Mario is now 18 and is in his 2nd year of college at Rhodes, his major is chemistry. We have been very blessed with our children as you have been with Chelsea.

I am writing to you on a matter of great concern to the Hurst family and the Park Avenue neighborhood. I had reserved writing to you in hopes that someone else could intervene and "rescue" the Hurst home, and family. After years of tireless efforts we now ask for your help in this situation. You remain our only hope. All other avenues have been exhausted over the past several years and time has run out.

* Mr. Q. Byrum Hurst and his family ask nothing but the privilege to remain in their family home. On February 11, 2000, Mr. Hurst received his last letter from the U.S. Dept. of Interior notifying his family that they are to "vacate" the premises by November 4, 2000. Three generations have lived in this home. Q. Byrum senior has expressed the same concerns as Q. Byrum Jr. and his sister Lezah about their home. Q. Byrum Jr. would be happy to pay the gov't for "his" home, if they would take the offer. He has had to make some critical repair decisions over the past few years while the countdown to vacating his home has "loomed" over each decision.

Perhaps this appears to be a relatively small issue in perspective to the issues that you must have to make decisions on at any given time, but the value of a man's home cannot be measured. Aside from health and family there is nothing in any country, in any culture, at any time, that man places of more importance than his home. Many people have laid down their lives just to protect their home and land.

Mr. Kelley told me that he provided you with all the correspondence that has transpired concerning this property. We understand that you are coming to the end of your term and must be very busy. However, we, the Hursts and the neighborhood do ask for your help while you're still there. We ask that you grant a reprieve (or) pardon for this historically significant structure at 100 Conway Terrace and allow it to remain and flourish so that future generations of the Hurst family may be allowed to call this their home. Destruction of this property along with the eviction of the Hurst family will serve no purpose. Allowing them to remain will give the gov't money, allow the continuation of a family home and benefit the Park Avenue neighborhood, your home.

As the local elected representative of this district, I was asked by the Hurst family to write to you on their behalf. Q. Byrum Jr. has promised to be the BEST neighbor the National Park has ever had. This estate agreement was entered into at the most vulnerable period in the Hurst's life. It was not presented "as needed", it was elective. We all will be eagerly awaiting for your help. It is with deep appreciation and acceptance to whatever action you are able to take that we continue to pray for a positive outcome.

Sincerely,

cc: Q. Byrum Hurst Sr.
Q. Byrum Hurst Jr.

Peggy Maruthur
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