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Battling Over the Cityscape

Opportunities do not come often to preserve New York City's dramatic skyline and the character of its neighborhoods. Earlier this year the Giuliani administration presented one such opportunity when it proposed the boldest change in zoning rules since 1961, with the aim of saving residential neighborhoods from destruction by wanton development of towering skyscrapers and barren plazas like the Trump building under construction near the United Nations. In the last month, however, leaders of the city's real estate industry have begun mobilizing against the proposals. Some of their objections are constructive. But the brazen attempt to kill off reform must be rebuffed.

The need to update the zoning laws has been clear for many years. Back in 1961 the prevailing philosophy was that the city's residential streets were too crowded. Planners envisioned a beautiful new city of giant apartment towers and big open plazas. In some cases, like the West Side of Manhattan, they effectively sanctioned tearing down vital neighborhoods to achieve their end.

But just as that thinking got embodied in zoning codes and law, far-sighted thinkers like Jane Jacobs rediscovered the vitality of the city's streets. Fights erupted between developers and neighborhoods all over the city, and the zoning code grew so complicated with so many exceptions that decisions on what to build, and where, ended up being the province of a specialized handful of lawyers, lobbyists and operatives bearing sacks of campaign donations for city political leaders.

Today the City Planning Commission will hold the first of a series of hearings on the proposed zoning changes. The new zoning, put together by Joseph Rose, the commission chairman, would im-

pose height limits ranging from 35 feet to 720 feet in most neighborhoods outside Midtown and Lower Manhattan. The changes would involve a trade-off of height for bulk. They would encourage buildings to rise on the street line, with storefronts to promote the street life that healthy neighborhoods need, and would shrink or eliminate plazas.

Virtually all the city's community boards favor these changes, though some feel they do not go far enough. Many architects and experts worry about creating too much homogeneity, and some want more latitude for creativity. But the Real Estate Board, which is the main group of the industry, says it is opposed philosophically to any limitations on height, arguing that the market should drive buildings to be as high as developers want.

Some developers have pointed to legitimate technical problems in the zoning proposals, fearing that projects already assembled and financed might be unfairly aborted. Many other developers and owners of prime sites, including some religious institutions, say they feel straitjacketed and should have more flexibility to develop their sites or use air rights to build elsewhere.

A timetable has been adopted requiring that the Planning Commission and City Council act on the changes before the autumn. There is plenty of time to refine the proposals before then. What should not happen is something that may have already started. The public should guard against attempts by the real estate industry to use campaign contributions in an election year to get politicians to back off their responsibilities. The objective should be to let developers and architects create new buildings, while saving neighborhoods for the people who already live in them.

The Plunge in Home Health Care

Each year, as the elderly population increases, the number of older Americans who are in some way disabled grows. Many need help each day but less than total care. Some have supportive families, others do not. Some require more help than their families can give. Few of them want to be in hospitals or nursing homes. None of us should want them there. The high cost of institutional care impoverishes families and strains federal and state health care budgets, and most people prefer to age where they live, at home.

But in 1997, in an attempt to slow the growth of Medicare costs, Congress tightened up on payments for nursing homes and for the medical and social services given by home health care agencies to people who remained at home. Several of the nation's biggest nursing home chains have since filed for bankruptcy, blaming the changes in federal payment policy for their plight. New data just compiled by the Congressional Budget Office show that home health care has suffered sharp losses too.

The figures are, in fact, alarming. Medicare spending on home health care has dropped by 45 percent, from \$17.5 billion in 1997 to \$9.7 billion last year. The result in just one year, from 1997 to 1998, was that the number of people receiving home

health care shrank by 600,000, from 3.6 million to 3 million.

As Robert Pear reported in The Times last Friday, reports from across the country indicate that the most disabled are being rejected or forced from the rolls. Home health care agencies are spurning old people whose care may cost them more, they fear, than they can be reimbursed. Patients are backing up in hospitals and nursing homes, where their care is more costly, or are going without any help at all.

If Congress does nothing, home health care payments will be automatically cut by an additional 15 percent next year. But the sharp drop in home health care has caught both Republicans and Democrats by surprise. Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine, is leading a bipartisan move in the Senate to cancel the planned reduction, with support from dozens of senators of both parties. A similar effort is under way in the House. That is only prudent. The cut should be dropped, and serious study given to what the payment system ought to be. Congress had reason to try to rein in ballooning Medicare costs in 1997. But the nation's oldest and most fragile citizens should not have to suffer for good intentions that have gone awry.

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The New York Times

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

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U.S. SAID TO WANT MICROSOFT BROKEN INTO 2 COMPANIES

A PLAN IN ANTITRUST CASE

One Unit Would Take Windows,
While Competing Concern
Would Get What's Left

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By JOEL BRINKLEY
with STEVE LOHR

WASHINGTON, April 24 — The Justice Department intends to ask a federal judge this week to break Microsoft into two companies to bring about competition in the software industry, officials and others aware of the government's deliberations said today.

The proposal comes less than a month after settlement talks between the government and Microsoft broke down and a federal judge found Microsoft in wide violation of federal and state antitrust laws.

But even though the judge, Thomas Penfield Jackson, ruled that the company was a predatory monopolist, there is no assurance that he will accept the proposed remedy.

Microsoft called the idea "a radical and extreme example of government regulation that would be bad for consumers and for the high-tech economy." A spokesman, Mark Murray, added, "There is no basis in the evidence presented in this case for this sort of radical remedy."

Several people with knowledge of the Justice Department's plan said it called for one company to retain the Windows operating-system business and the other to take the rest of Microsoft's operations, including software programs like Word and Excel, Microsoft's Web browser and its Internet businesses.

The result would be about a 60-40 split of Microsoft's estimated \$23 billion in revenue this year, with operating systems being the lesser share. While in some ways the plan would create two monopolies in place of one, the premise is that their incentives would differ and that they would therefore behave differently. [News analysis, Page C1.]

The Justice Department's inclination to seek a breakup of the company was reported today by The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and USA Today.

As recently as last week, officials said the 19 states that joined with the Justice Department in the case appeared to be seeking remedies short of a breakup. Now that the states have been briefed on the federal plan, they generally support it, several officials said.

But it is not clear whether the states will endorse the plan in full or formulate a plan of their own by

Friday, the deadline set by the judge. It also remains possible that the states will fail to agree among themselves, in which case they are to submit a proposal based on the opinion of the majority.

The broad idea behind the Justice Department's plan is to create incentives for increased competition among operating systems and in related businesses. One reason Windows has no significant competitors is that Microsoft generally does not create software for non-Windows operating systems, with the exception of Apple Computer's.

Microsoft Office, the suite of programs that includes Word for word processing and Excel for spreadsheet calculations, commands more than 90 percent of that business, known as application software. So an operating system on which Office cannot run stands little chance.

But Microsoft argues that a new applications-software company would have no more incentive to write for smaller operating systems than is now the case. Mr. Murray, the

Microsoft spokesman, said, "There is no evidence that would lead anyone to believe that Office stands as the linchpin for resolving all of the government's concerns."

Because any breakup proposal would probably be stayed pending appeal, the government plans to ask for several interim restrictions on Microsoft's behavior, to remain in force for three years if a breakup plan is ultimately approved and carried out, and 10 years if not.

As part of these so-called conduct remedies, Microsoft would have to publish a standardized price list for Windows so that it could not raise the price for companies that do not go along with Microsoft's requests.

Microsoft would be forbidden to strike exclusive contracts with other companies, as it did with Internet service providers that in past years were asked to feature Microsoft's Web browser and no others.

Microsoft would also have to make available the codes that allow other companies to write programs for Windows without discrimination.

And the company would not be allowed to build certain new applications into Windows, like Web

browsers and media players, without also offering a version of Windows that does not provide access to that new application. Computer makers would get a discount if they asked for Windows without the new feature.

Microsoft calls most of these ideas excessive, beyond the scope of the evidence presented during the trial, and notes that these conduct remedies might be stayed pending appeal, along with the breakup proposal.

It was Microsoft's decision to build a Web browser, Internet Explorer, into Windows four years ago that prompted the government's suit. The decision assured that, over time, Internet Explorer would be installed automatically on nearly all of the world's personal computers, driving the market leader of the time, Netscape, to a marginal position today.

Under the new government plan, the applications software company would retain possession of Internet Explorer, meaning that Microsoft would have to create a stand-alone version — something the company has adamantly refused to do.

The applications-software company could license Internet Explorer back to the Windows company — but

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MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT
 FROM: Bill Richardson
 Subject: Post-Eliau strategy for you: A time to heal wounds
 DATE: April 23, 2000

Now that Elian has been re-united with his father, I believe your objectives should be to:

- 1) convey to the nation that we all need to start a healing process from this traumatic episode that has riveted the country for the past five months;
- 2) state that Elian and his father need some space, time, and privacy to get re-acquainted and should thus be left alone;
- 3) start a healing process between the administration and the Cuban-American community;
- 4) continue to show your support for Reno's decision but you yourself stay above the harsh partisan attacks that will commence immediately;
- 5) after a brief interval (a few days), try to facilitate a reconciliation between Elian's father and the Miami relatives;
- 6) dispel the erroneous view that Gregory Craig has been calling the shots by aggressively backgrounding the press and others about the true facts;
- 7) develop an understanding with the Cuban government that guarantees Elian and his Miami relatives visitation and family reunification rights assuming Elian's asylum application is denied and he eventually returns to Cuba with his father; and,
- 8) use the Elian incident to engage the Cuban government in broader immigration and family re-unification issues without signaling, intending, or suggesting an easing of the U.S.-Cuban bilateral relationship.

Next steps

- 1) As a start, allow me and other high level Hispanic appointees to invite the Miami relatives currently in Washington to meet with us and let them vent and air their grievances. Such a meeting would show that we are reaching out and not hunkering down. Additionally, dispatch me, Caldera, Echaveste, Alvarez, and others to meet with Cuban American leaders in Miami and New Jersey like Menendez, Penelas, and others et al to start a dialogue. Involve Podesta in these "reaching out" meetings as he conveys strength and is perceived as speaking for you.
- 2) I strongly urge that you invite a dozen or so Cuban American leaders (not elected officials) from a carefully compiled list (that would also include Cuban American appointees) for an evening meeting at the White House (perhaps in the solarium) to show that you too are listening and reaching out. A list could

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be assembled that includes non-political types such as business and education leaders, human rights types, psychologists, and others who might be constructive in their views as to how to bridge current differences.

3) In press availabilities by yourself or Lockhart, continue to voice your support for Reno's decision by stressing the legal and humanitarian justification for the decision and the need to move on and heal differences. Let Holder and Meissner (who were most effective on the Sunday talk shows) take the lead and be the main spokesmen for the administration on the issue.

4) Authorize a low key dialogue with Castro (currently well disposed towards us) to guarantee certain rights and privileges for Elian and his Miami relatives that permit flexible visitation and family reunification understandings before the courts rule on the asylum issue.

Additionally, certain agreements should also be pursued with Castro that the child would not be exploited once he returned and that he would be permitted to live a normal life in Cuba and be able to visit his relatives in Florida and vice versa. Senator Bob Graham in a Sunday talk show interview with Cokie Roberts said that you had agreed to this approach three weeks ago in a meeting with him. Given my previous pre-administration dealings with Castro, I believe I could achieve these objectives.

5) Use the Elian incident to jump-start immigration and family re-unification negotiations with Cuba that might involve (as Bernie Aronson suggested in a Washington Post Sunday Op-Ed) the administration allowing Cuban Americans to visit family members on the island on a regular basis rather than for emergencies only (current policy) and to increase financial remittances from Miami to Cuba. Consideration should also be given to allow more Cubans on the island to obtain temporary visas to visit family members in the U.S.

This strategy is not without risks or charges that we are engaged in spin or damage control, politics, or pandering. Nonetheless, I firmly believe that these initiatives are the right thing to do at this very crucial juncture. The views of the Miami relatives and Cuban Americans are deeply felt and sincere and you are their President too. So far, your non-political and low key approach to this crisis has worked. It is my view that by taking these steps, your already secure legacy as a healer and bridge builder will be enhanced and a much needed reconciliation process will start.

cc: John Podesta



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Dear Mr. President:

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I wish to call your attention to an important issue which has had a serious negative impact on the Asian American community. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in providing minimal outreach and technical assistance has neglected an important segment of the American small business community.

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The attached letter and news clip reflect how the SBA's lack of policy direction and programmatic focus with regard to the Asian American community have had a direct negative impact on small businesses.

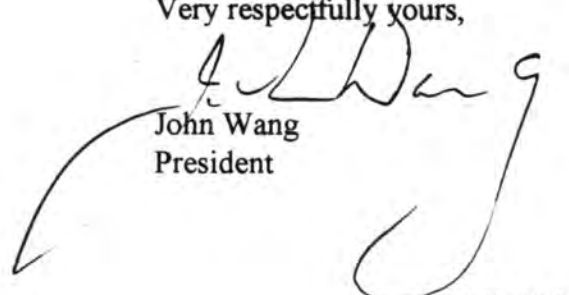
As you know, Asian American small businesses constitute one of the most vibrant and fastest growing segments of the U.S. small business community. Unfortunately, because of cultural, social and economic barriers they have not been able to compete effectively in the mainstream marketplace.

The Asian American Business Development Center, initially funded with a SBA grant in 1994, is one of the strongest advocates of SBA programs and services and has been urging the agency to develop a comprehensive program of outreach and technical assistance to Asian Americans, which the agency itself has concede it is necessary.

I hope you will encourage the SBA to review its existing policies and programs with regard to the needs of the Asian American community and to develop a more balanced and appropriate approach to address these needs.

Please do not hesitate to call on me to discuss how we may address this urgent problem.

Very respectfully yours,


John Wang
President



February 28, 2000

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Mr. Aubrey A. Rogers
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 22, 2000 explaining why the Asian American Business Development Center's ("AABDC") "unsolicited" proposal to the SBA for funding to provide technical assistance to Asian American small businesses was rejected.

As you may recall, shortly after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBA/NYDO and AABDC in February 1999, we discussed the need for outreach and technical assistance for Asian American small businesses. We also agreed on how the existing Small Business Development Center network did not adequately address those needs.

In an effort to fill that gap, you encouraged AABDC to submit a proposal to the SBA, promising that you would seek to obtain SBDC program funding to support such a project. Prior to our submission of the proposal in July of 1999, you reviewed the proposal and upon approval of same, we submitted several sets to you for distribution.

Apparently, your initial attempt to obtain SBDC funding was unsuccessful due to a lack of funding. However, even after the Congress approved the FY 2000 budget there has been no explanation why funding has not been available to support the work of AABDC. Through your introduction and endorsement, I met with SBA's Deputy Administrator Fred Hochberg in Washington, D. C. in October 1999, who promised to give the proposal his support and full consideration. To my dismay, just last month, I received a letter from Associate Administrator Delorice Price-Ford informing me that the proposal had been sent back to the New York District Office for "review and technical evaluation." When I asked you why our proposal, which had been previously reviewed and endorsed by the New York District Office, needed to be again "reviewed and evaluated," you expressed the same perplexity as I did.

In my follow-up discussion with Associate Deputy Administrator James Ballentine regarding the status of the proposal, I was told that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued and that I could resubmit the proposal following the guidelines of the RFP. I was assured that I would receive a copy of the RFP when it becomes available. Although

you recently have indicated to me that the RFP has been issued, we still have not received a copy.

On February 4, NYDO's Assistant District Director Georgia Ellis informed me by letter that AABDC's proposal "did not include sufficient details to show that your proposed work would benefit the New York District Office's overall goals and objectives," and therefore, was not recommended for further consideration. Based on the fact that your office had previously reviewed and endorsed the proposal back in June of 1999, receiving such a letter was rather disheartening.

In rejecting our proposal, references were made that the proposed work would not benefit the "New York District Office's overall goals and objectives" and that we proposed doing work "which the SBDC's and other SBA related entities are charged with doing."

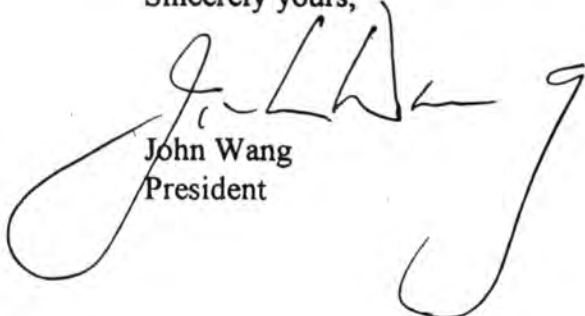
If you recall the AABDC proposal was submitted because we both agreed that the existing programs did not sufficiently serve the Asian American businesses' needs and you agreed that AABDC could better serve that segment of the population. The conclusion of SBA's review clearly contradicted that understanding.

I would like to request that your office provide me with a copy of the 7(j) Management and Technical Assistance Program review guidelines and goals and objectives of the New York District Office so that I have a better understanding of how existing SBA programs are serving Asian American small businesses.

Finally, I should point out that I do not feel "betrayed" by SBA as you have sensed, but I do regret that our many years of cooperation and close working relationship did not translate into an open and straight forward dialogue when come to dealing with the needs of Asian American small businesses. While I appreciate your assurance that SBA has the "utmost respect" for AABDC and the work we have done, I am disappointed that SBA has failed to support an important segment of the small business community.

I look forward to receive information I have requested.

Sincerely yours,



John Wang
President

disparagingly. Someone else called out, "We love you."
Ms. Smith's voice rose with the escalating inspiration of a preacher.

women who were disadvantaged, including those with backgrounds of abuse or poverty.
Every year, she said, some 25 teen-

This was for the adults.
Or, as Molly Hamill, a Teen Voices advertising executive, explained, "It was a school night."

subscriptions to," she said. "I remember closing them and feeling really horrible about myself."

TARA BAHRAPOUR

NEW YORK UP CLOSE

More Asian-American Businesses, Yet Few Seek Loans

For all of New York's famous assertiveness, its Asian-Americans are bringing up the rear when it comes to seeking loans from the federal Small Business Administration.

"The San Francisco and Los Angeles Asian communities are more aggressive than we are in New York," said Justin Yu, secretary of the Better Chinatown Association. "They participate in the political process, apply for government loans and are more involved in the mainstream than we are."

In fact, said Aubrey A. Rogers, the director of the Small Business Administration for 14 downstate coun-

ties, "In New York City S.B.A. loans to Asian-Americans have been going down," even while there has been an increase in new small businesses started by this group.

The agency hopes a new program will reverse the trend. "We are reaching out by going to business organizations that would more readily get to the community," Mr. Rogers said. "They make a translation of our programs in their language, in their newspapers, and get out the word on a more credible basis."

In the past, the agency has conducted such initiatives among African-Americans, women in business

and other groups.

Mr. Rogers said the S.B.A. approved 98 or 99 percent of its applications, which are submitted after a bank has agreed to make the loan. For the 12 months ended September 1998, the S.B.A. approved 359 loans to the New York Asian-American community. But in the following 12 months, the number dropped to 272, despite general agreement that the number of small businesses in that community had increased during that time.

No one knows exactly why these applications for low-interest, federally guaranteed loans have eroded. Mr.

Rogers said that, given language differences, "We've heard that they are not comfortable talking to the government."

Paul J. Q. Lee, a local businessman, pointed to a practice common among Chinese business people of lending money to each other through loose business confederations. He also mentioned the perceived complexity of Small Business Administration applications.

"I'm a college graduate and a second-generation American, and I have trouble understanding some of those rules," he said.

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locked March 6. There would be more Wednesday night salami cials where the men would n courtesy of a member who wa wholesale butcher. No more bag and cream cheese shared on Sai day mornings while trading st tips and cholesterol levels.

The club, which began for businessmen, evolved into a haven for generation of men, most of the Jewish, who had fought in Euro and the Pacific and worked near and liked to play handball and take nip of whiskey.

But after losing several court battles in the 1980's that challenged it Y.M.C.A.'s tax-exempt status because of its two-tier membership system, which distinguished between regular members and those who paid extra to belong to the Men's Health and Fitness Clubs, the organization began closing its men's clubs. The club at the McBurney Y, one of the oldest branches in the country, was the city's last.

It wasn't the dilapidated shower that attracted members, or the outdated exercise equipment and the

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

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TO: Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Chuck Brain *CMB*
Lisa Kountoupes

PURPOSE: To thank him for not publicly opposing PNTR and to ultimately urge his support of the measure.

BACKGROUND: Originally, there were strong indications that Congressman Conyers would co-sign a letter to you from twenty-five House Democrats expressing opposition to PNTR for China. At the request of your Legislative Affairs office, Rep. Conyers decided not to sign on. The letter was initiated by Representatives Bonior (D-MI), Murtha (D-PA) and Wu (D-OR).

Nineteen of the twenty-five signatories have supported annual renewal of NTR status in the past. The four requisites outlined in the letter are that China should make recognizable progress in the following areas: (1) recognize basic human and workers rights; (2) stop the proliferation of missile and nuclear technology and equipment; (3) promote environmental conservation; and, (4) comply with past and present international commitments.

Rep. Conyers has consistently voted to improve trade relations with China. In 1996 and 97, he voted for China's accession to the WTO and in 1998 and 99, he voted to extend Normal Trade Relations.

As you know, Congressman Conyers is serving his 18th term as the Representative of Michigan's 14th Congressional District. He is the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee.

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Kennedy and Rep. Conyers
on PNTR for
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- Thank you for not publicly committing to oppose PNTR.
- As you know, passing PNTR is one of my highest priorities this year.
- I think it is one of the most important votes this Congress will make.
- I know you have supported trade with China in the past.
- I'd like to work with you to see if we could get you to support PNTR.
- As you know, this is a one-way agreement that opens China's markets up to the United States.
- It is a very strong deal and we give up nothing.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Chuck Brain *CMB*
Lisa Kountoupes

PURPOSE: To urge him to publicly state his support for PNTR for China as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND: Kennedy is reportedly undecided on the issue of PNTR. There may be some political concerns particularly involving labor. No Members of the Massachusetts delegation (all Democrats) have committed to supporting PNTR. We believe we may be able to get the support of Representatives Markey, Neal and Meehan. All three would be more likely to commit to supporting PNTR if Senator Kennedy announces his support publicly.

The Senate Finance Committee is considering marking up PNTR legislation the last week of April. Chairman Roth and Ranking Member Moynihan introduced your legislation and have 13 co-sponsors. They will probably have a strong vote in committee (about 19-2) and on the Senate floor, but because it is a revenue measure, they currently plan to wait until the House considers the legislation. They will be ready to act quickly thereafter.

As you know, Senator Kennedy is serving his seventh term as the Senator from Massachusetts. He serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary, Joint Economic and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees. Kennedy is the Ranking Member on the HELP Committee.

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TO: Senator John Kerry (D-MA)

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Chuck Brain *CB*
Lisa Kountoupes

PURPOSE: To urge him to publicly announce his support for PNTR for China as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND: Kerry is reportedly leaning towards voting yes on PNTR. No Members of the Massachusetts delegation (all Democrats) have committed to supporting PNTR. We believe we may be able to get the support of Representatives Markey, Neal and Meehan. All three would be more likely to commit to supporting PNTR if Senator Kerry announces his support publicly.

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As you know, Senator Kerry is serving his third term in the Senate from Massachusetts. He serves on the Banking, Commerce, Science and Transportation, Small Business and Select Intelligence Committees. Senator Kerry is the Ranking Member on the Small Business Committee.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
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SUBJECT: WEBSITE CHAT SERIES

Earlier this year, on the heels of your successful DLC Internet Town Hall Meeting, we proposed a series of online chats – dubbed “Webside Chats” – that would allow you to speak directly to the American people via the Internet. By utilizing the latest technology, these chats would offer you the opportunity to target specific constituency groups -- including students, mothers, and older Americans -- to discuss your agenda, accomplishments, and other relevant issues.

To date, you have used the Internet on several occasions as an effective form of communication. In November, you held an online town hall meeting at George Washington University; last Christmas, you purchased gifts online from the Oval Office; in January, you responded to electronic mail following your State of the Union Address; and in February, you gave your first online interview. Following that event, you asked us to propose other online opportunities for you to consider.

After conferring with your press and policy offices, we suggest that you conduct a series of Webside Chats during the next several months. Each chat would be conducted in an interview format, and would address a specific topic. You would be joined by a reporter or media representative who would moderate the discussion, and present you with questions sent by the public via electronic mail. The press office would determine the proper media agency to conduct the online interview, and help recommend the topic, target audience and venue for each virtual discussion.

We would like to schedule a Webside Chat at an elementary school during your School Reform Tour early next month. We are also considering options for other chats, including one on the culture of violence, and one targeted at older Americans. After the first chat, our office, in conjunction with the press office, will determine the best way to proceed.

I. EDUCATION

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We suggest you hold your first Webside Chat as part of your School Reform Tour next month. This would offer you the opportunity to address education issues, and to demonstrate the power of technology in the classroom. Your Administration has introduced several initiatives to help connect classrooms and libraries to the Internet, giving them access to information with the click of a mouse. It's time to take full advantage of that progress, by plugging into this network yourself from a charter school, and "chatting" directly with students about college opportunities, interactive learning, and other challenges young people face in their schools and communities.

We propose that the Channel One Network conduct the first interview. Channel One is a cable television and Internet company with programming that reaches 12,000 middle, junior and high schools, 8 million students, and 400,000 educators.

Location/ Date: At a middle school, during your School Reform Tour early next month.

Would you like to hold a Webside Chat during your School Reform Tour? ☒ Yes ☐ No

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

II. SENIORS

In celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Medicare this July, we suggest you conduct a Webside chat targeted at the senior population. In your online discussion, you could address issues important to older Americans, such as Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs, and other health care issues.

Seniors are the fastest growing group of Internet users. By providing advice from health advice to safety tips, the Internet offers them an opportunity to easily tap resources that have long been out of their reach.

We suggest that AARP.org, the Internet division of AARP, conduct this online interview. AARP is the largest organization representing the interests of older Americans. AARP.org and its monthly magazine, *Modern Maturity*, have an audience of more than 34 million members.

III. KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE FROM VIOLENCE

As part of our ongoing discussion, we suggest you conduct a Webside Chat on issues regarding the culture of violence. We believe that it would be most effective to target this discussion to mothers, a group that traditionally has been most concerned with the recent rash of violence in our country. The Internet has become an essential tool for mothers, offering them information on parenting, as well as an at-home outlet for research and conversation on child-related issues.

We suggest that Oxygen.com host this interview. Oxygen is the first combined online and on-air network designed to serve women, and therefore would present a logical connection to this issue.

IV. DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER BLAIR

You have already agreed to conduct an Internet conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair this summer. The DLC is hosting and organizing the event. The Prime Minister will be online in London, and you will be at a site in Washington, DC. While the topic has yet to be determined, we suggest you address the history and principles of the Third Way, and your vision of democracy in the 21st Century.

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Dear Mr. President,

I am here attending your weekly radio broadcast with my wife and three children thanks to the efforts of my mother-in-law, Ann Lewis. My wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Ann's husband, Mike Sponder, and we consider this opportunity a true privilege. We are staying at Mike and Ann's home in Chevy Chase for the Passover holiday because it was preceded by the celebration of Mike's 70th birthday, surrounding him with 11 grandchildren.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my views on a variety of subjects in the hope that these comments would be of some value to you, and perhaps to the Vice President, and to the Democratic Party.

I am a rabbi, serving the Jewish community in La Jolla, California. I was ordained in the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary almost thirty-one years ago. I served as an Air Force chaplain in Southeast Asia for two years during the war in Vietnam, and began my pulpit career in Potomac before moving to Southern California in 1976. I am extremely fortunate to have many of San Diego's most dynamic Jewish leaders in my congregation, including both Irwin Jacobs and Andrew Viterbi, the co-founders of Qualcomm, and their children and grandchildren, Rod Stone, one of the state's most successful real estate developers and a staunch Democrat, Robert Price, the son of the founder of the Price Club, Prof. Murray Goodman, and a host of other world-renown academicians at UCSD, the Salk Institute, and at the major biotech companies in our area. I mention these names solely for the purpose of trying to make sure that the aide who is handed this letter reads it in its entirety.

I am a middle-of-the-road American

In San Diego, I write and speak regularly on the topics I wish to address in this letter. I share my views with you, not with any assumption that I will influence any policy – that would be not only foolish but presumptuous to assume that your staff needs my help – but only so that they know more clearly how Americans like me think, and what we think about some of the issues facing our nation.

THE ELIAN GONZALES CASE. While, like so many other Americans, my heart goes out to this boy, I believe that it is wrong from a variety of standpoints to allow him to stay in the U.S. But let me share with you a Jewish perspective. First, the ancient rabbinical commentaries interpret the repetition in the Biblical verse, "Justice, Justice shalt thou pursue," as demanding that Justice itself must be just. The reason that Cuban Americans

want him to stay here is that they value a country where law is fair, where the government is not an enemy, where one need not be afraid of the police. How then can they, in good conscience, defy the law, oppose the government, and resist those, like the Attorney General, who are acting on behalf of our judicial system. Their behavior is more characteristic of the Cuban regime which they so vehemently oppose. Furthermore, the Jewish Sages say, the repetition of the word, Justice, demands that it be meted out fairly. Yet there are thousands of cases, perhaps all of which are more heart-rending than Elian's case, that are not receiving the same consideration. These are immigration/deportation cases made horrible by the 1996 new and retroactive Immigration Act that is literally tearing families apart, separating parents from children and husbands from wives.

Finally, and perhaps most important, is the Talmudic law called, *Pidyon Shvuyim*, or, Redemption of Captives. In ancient times through the Middle Ages, people were kidnapped and held for ransom. Jewish law recognized that too often this practice was standard in certain societies, but prohibited anyone from paying more than "the going rate" for fear of encouraging more kidnappings. And the great sage, Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg, was so opposed that when he was kidnapped he refused to allow his community to ransom him at all and died in prison.

Granting Elian Gonzales asylum in the U.S. encourages others in Cuba and elsewhere to risk their lives and the lives of their children to reach these shores. And what's more, it deprives the embassies of the United States all across the globe to argue in favor of the return of children illegally kidnapped by one parent and brought to the country of their origin against the will of the other parent and the decision of our courts. We have all heard the anguish of mothers whose child is held in Iran and elsewhere under just those circumstances.

How can the Elian Gonzales' of Cuba be helped? By limiting the influence of Cuban Americans whose purpose in life is to punish Castro for taking away their fortunes, and instead end the embargo against Cuba so the standard of living of those masses living in poverty on that little island will be raised. How 700,000 Cuban Americans determine U.S. foreign policy is beyond many of us, and the continued economic suppression of Cuba as if it were any real threat to us is pathetic.

THE DRUG WAR. I believe that I am one of many millions of Americans that increasingly fail to understand how we can continue pursuing an inefficient, unsuccessful policy that has proven so ineffective. The billions spent on trying to interdict drugs from South America and Asia has resulted

only in creating wealthy barons, corrupt officials, and corporate profits for an industry that must thrive on this insane policy. I believe that we need to slowly talk about the legalization of drugs so that there is substance control, and an end to the system that makes it so profitable to increase market of these life-destroying agents. And then, some of the funds expended on the Drug War can be used to reduce if not end their destructive and life-shattering use. Let's put our efforts in battling the demand more than in trying in vain to limit the supply. Basic economics.

LIVABLE WAGES. I am currently involved in the Justice for Janitors campaign in Southern California. Through it I learned of the disparities between minimum wage, the Federal poverty wage level, and livable wage. Although I was an economics major in college, I fail to understand the wisdom in our current system that ultimately results in the taxpayer supplementing the difference between what an employer pays and what is necessary for working people to live on. In other words, as the working poor remain eligible for government assistance, employers continue to pay less than a livable wage. I am sensitive to the need to remain industrially competitive in the global economy. But how do the Europeans do it? And how is the global economy affected if people like janitors and fast-food workers, etc, are paid livable wages with decent benefits? We need to reverse the trend of the economic divide that has resulted in the United States (and Israel) having the greatest and growing disparity between rich and poor. That is not a position that represents the best of what America is.

THE PRISON POPULATION. While here in Washington, I heard a report on CNN that 1 out of 147 Americans are in prison! Over 1 million, 800 thousand people currently in prison! And I come from a state where politicians try to get elected by building more prisons, demanding more stringent mandatory sentences, and reducing the age whereby children can be tried as adults. All this continues to diminish the discretion of the courts, challenging one of the basic foundations both of our country and civilization in general. And this alarm does nothing to deal with the issues of the quality of prison life, its purpose, and lack of focus on rehabilitation.

CANCER RESEARCH. I am a cancer patient, diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, which is still a terminal disease with no known cure. A year and a half ago I joined General Schwartzkoff in the March on Washington to encourage Congress to increase the budget for cancer research. Until then I had no idea how many Americans die a year from this

disease, nor how minimally disproportionate is the financial support cancer research gets from the government. Most importantly, NIH is able to fund only about 20% of the studies it believes are worthwhile.

CHURCH & STATE. It was gratifying to hear that you went to a Passover seder, and that Hillary accompanied Chelsea to the seder she was invited to. This is another example of the appreciation the Jewish community has for this great country, a country whose pluralism and respect for all religious traditions is unique in all the world's history, even today. I view that participation as admirable, and know that you would and should do the same for any significant ethnic or religious group. At the same time, I am among those who realize that the position of minorities like ours are safeguarded precisely because of the diligent commitment to the separation of Church and State. Issues like the quality of the education of our nation's children need to be dealt with in ways other than school vouchers and the like. The great value of the Bible as a religious document must be taught in religious institutions, not as an alternative to genuine science in our public schools.

ABORTION. I am amongst those who believe that abortion for convenience is a wrong moral choice. But that opinion, which is mine and that of certain authorities in my religion, has no place in the legislative system of our country, especially as there are substantial differences in the opinions of various religious traditions. But even if every person of voting age in the U.S. agreed, I would never want our country to return to the prohibitions of abortions because even I remember how numerous were the stories of illness, infertility and often death as a result of pregnant women and girls finding illegal means or even of attempting the procedure themselves. We must focus on education and birth control to reduce abortions here and worldwide.

GAY RIGHTS. Here is another position people might think that traditionalists like a rabbi would oppose, but I'm sure that you and your staff know how false that assumption is. I have never been approached to perform a wedding for two people of the same sex. And while I think that the traditional wedding ceremony is rooted in the heterosexual relationship, I believe that gay and lesbian people deserve both the opportunity to confirm their commitments to each other, and to enjoy the financial and court-regulated benefits accrued to married homosexual couples. I would like to develop a homosexual commitment ceremony that is as meaningful and unique to such a relationship as the current wedding ceremony is to

heterosexual relationships. I strongly support the recent Vermont decision, and would have liked to see California also make it possible for gay and lesbian people to benefit from a status equivalent to marriage. And I believe that gay people should have every right to join and be fully active in our military (s they are in Israel's army).

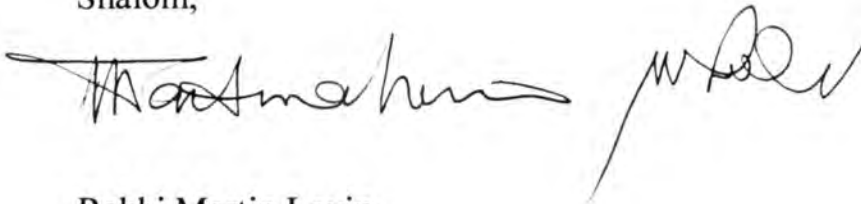
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. I lived in Jerusalem for two years as a student at the Hebrew University many years ago. One brother lives near Tel Aviv and I have many relatives and friends there as well. This past January I spent two weeks in Israel, probably my 15th trip there. But it was unique because a portion of it was spent examining the situation of Palestinians, particularly in the vicinity now known as Greater Jerusalem. I am an ardent Zionist, in every way. But that does not preclude me from noticing how the rights of Palestinians in the land annexed to Jerusalem are being disregarded. I would call the attention of your staff that deals with these issues to a fellow named Amir Cheshin, the former assistant to Teddy Kalleck, for Arab Affairs. He coauthored a book, *Separate But Not Equal*, which I believe is most valuable.

FINALLY, POLLARD. I beg of you to figure out a way to free Jonathan Pollard. Yes, there are a few diehards left in the State Department and other quarters who still can't forgive him. But the time has long passed to be reasonable and fair. Why do we as Americans have to continue to live with this injustice? The question comes up every time we hear a speaker at our synagogue or in San Diego who represents in whatever way either the U.S. Government or the State of Israel. So I ask, where is mercy, where is compassion? In this season dedicated where both our traditions focus of imprisonment and needless suffering, please find it in your heart to put an end to this matter.

In this letter, I speak for no one but myself – and certainly not for Ann or her husband, Mike. In fact, they'd shoot me if they knew that I used the opportunity they gave me for this visit in the White House to proclaim my views. But I feel a deep responsibility to express these concerns, at least some of them, when standing face to face with the man, I believe, ranks among the greatest presidents and the greatest leaders our country has ever had. I pray to God that history will recognize and appreciate the great achievements made during your presidency, and lament those that could have been accomplished had politics not stifled our country's real and true agenda.

May God be with you. And may I be blessed with the opportunity to meet you again.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Levin', followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

Rabbi Martin Levin

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

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Dear President Clinton,

I visited with Peter MacDonald over the weekend at the federal prison medical facility in Fort Worth, Texas. He asked me to write to you and thank you for taking the time to ponder his situation and to express to you how very happy he is that the President of the United States is traveling to Shiprock to address the Navajo people in person. He is proud that you are taking the opportunity to visit his homeland. He deeply regrets that he cannot be there for this historic occasion but he is supremely confident that the Navajo will welcome you with great enthusiasm and warmth. He did express to me a concern though—it seems your advance people have asked those attending not to wear jewelry because of the problem with the metal detectors. This presents something of a cultural calamity for the Navajo since their way of showing respect is by dressing in their finest clothing and wearing as much beautiful, ornate jewelry as possible. Both Chairman MacDonald and I suspect your metal detectors are in for a workout!

As one who loves these gentle, stoic people, I am pleased to the depths of my soul for your attentions to their economic and technological plight and for your sensitivity to their needs. It is an enormous honor for the Navajo to host you, both as President of the United States and as a compassionate man who consistently reaches across racial and cultural boundaries. Your stopover in Shiprock will only be a part of your day, Mr. President, but it is an occasion of historical moment for a people who are by nature shy and unassuming, a people accustomed to being either ignored or shoved aside. I cannot tell you how proud I am---of them because of years of exposure to their great heart, and of you because you are such a rare leader, capable of exerting unwavering power towards the enemies of the free world and yet the gentlest concern towards the weakest of our people. I regret, as I'm certain most Americans do, the term limits that force an end to your presidency.

Thank you, Mr. President, for everything.

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To Burkhardt for reply?
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Sincerely,

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The Honorable President Bill Clinton
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Honorable President Bill Clinton,

The Children of the World Choir was founded to promote unity and the well-being of humanity through music. The members, who come from many nationalities, perform in their international costumes. The choir received awards, rave reviews and standing ovations.

The group is trying to increase awareness of the "Big Picture": people everywhere have something in common. They want and need the same things, such as love, understanding, friendship, etc. The message is coming from the children and teenagers, because they have to face a much tougher world than previous generations. Trying to reach audiences of all ages and various backgrounds, our songs range in style from classical and ballads, to hip-hop, alternative, rap and rock CD, that will be released soon.

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The internationally known choir recently appeared on The in the critically acclaimed Paramount Studios' feature film Cage, executive produced by Michael Douglas.

We were honored to perform for you in Beverly Hills. We President of Estonia, King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan Games Torch Relay, The World Cup and Earth Walk. Today Show, news broadcasts and on many other television. Melissa Manchester, Mac Davis and symphonic orchestra. Anjelica Huston, Quincy Jones, Sharon Stone, The Laker Elizabeth Taylor, Whitney Houston, Bruce Springsteen, and Smith and others.

Thank you for your letter of congratulations that you sent us upon receiving the Los Angeles Music Award for excellence and providing a positive force in entertainment.

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We will be honored if you would submit a photograph or a video of you with your mother (at any age), to be featured in our video. For additional information we can be reached at (310) 285-9791.

Sincerely,

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We were honored to perform for you in Beverly Hills. We also performed for Vice President Al Gore, the President of Estonia, King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan. The group performed at the 1996 Olympic Games Torch Relay, The World Cup and Earth Walk. It appeared on Entertainment Tonight, on the Today Show, news broadcasts and on many other television programs. It performed with Liza Minnelli, Melissa Manchester, Mac Davis and symphonic orchestras. They performed for Whoopi Goldberg, Anjelica Huston, Quincy Jones, Sharon Stone, The Lakers and at events also featuring Barbra Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor, Whitney Houston, Bruce Springsteen, Tom Hanks, Robert DeNiro, Tom Cruise, Will Smith and others.

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Los Angeles Times

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Children of the World Choir will perform at the Universal City Walk for the Russian Film Festival.

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IN PERFECT HARMONY

Overly Hills-based Children of World choir strikes a chord for peace

By [Name], Staff Writer

OVERLY HILLS — They serenaded royalty, sung on with Liza Minnelli and performed at the closing ceremonies of the World Cup in Pasadena. Although it might sound like the Children of the World is striking a chord among nations with its simple messages of peace among people from different backgrounds and coun-

tries, the choir of 70, which performed in costumes representing their national heritages, is the brainchild of Overly Hills resident Marina [Name], a touring concert pianist and composer. [Name] began the choir three years ago to show audiences that children from countries that may



be fighting on the battlefield could sing together.

"It's the adults and politicians who are ruining this world," said the forever hopeful Waks, who also composes orchestral music to order for such clients as

Bob Hope.

The children, aged 5 to 18, represent 37 countries where either they or a family member was born. The group sings Waks' original compositions, centered around the ideals of peace, as well as traditional folk songs and standards.

"I was in tears the first time we heard them sing," said Debra Graff, whose daughter, Maxie Solters, is in the group. "I love them going around and spreading this message."

"It makes people nice because it opens their hearts," pointed out 8-year-old Maxie. "Sometimes they listen to kids more."

Members of the group, which performs songs in English, French, Spanish and Russian, pay no fee to participate in the choir. Waks is applying for non-profit status for the group, which plans

to release a compact disc later this year, along with two books on the heritages of the children.

"It's a good way to make new friends and maybe people will get the idea to promote peace," said Jaera Mangold, 13, of Torrance, wearing an authentic Egyptian blue gown adorned with gold embroidery.

It's not just the audience members who are learning from the experience. The choir members themselves get to learn about cultures and sing in languages they may never have heard before.

"You are putting all these kids together, and we're all the same. We are all really good people," said choir member Katie Palm, 16, of Chatsworth, adding that she is proud to represent her heritage of the Cherokee and Creek tribes.

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HIGHLIGHTS

The Children of the World Choir, made up of young people from more than 35 countries, has a musical mission: to promote world peace and unity.

Children's Choir Carries Message of Peace

By LYNNE HEFFLEY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

*... And when so many nations
are still at war,*

*I hope that in my life there won't
be any more.*

*If they could only remember when
they were children...*

Those heartfelt lyrics are from the signature anthem sung by the Children of the World Choir, a group of 150 youngsters from more than 35 countries, including the United States, the Philippines, India, Japan, South Africa, Bosnia and Croatia.

Formed in 1992 by concert pianist-composer Marrina Waks, the choir's musical mission is to promote world peace and unity. To that end, the winsome young amateurs, ages 5 to 18 and dressed in the traditional costumes of their countries, have performed in celebrity benefits with stars from Liza Minnelli to Quincy Jones.

On Sunday, the group will be the main attraction in the Gold Heart Family Festival, entertainment and activities to benefit Variety Club International, at Universal

CityWalk.

Russian-born Waks said she composed the "Children of the World" anthem in honor of the late Audrey Hepburn and her work with UNICEF. The idea for the choir was inspired by children Waks met during her years touring internationally as a pianist.

"I met a lot of children around the world and they all say the same things—they want to live happy, not have any wars. I decided to create a musical bridge for those children," she said.

Although the nonprofit choir has shared the stage with high-profile stars, Waks doesn't like the term *celebrity choir*. The group's purpose, she said, is to promote "a positive outlook, world peace and the well-being of humanity for the next generation."

There is a waiting list for children interested in joining the Beverly Hills-based group. Budding songwriters, however, take note. Waks is looking for new song ideas to help spread the choir's peaceful messages.

■ *Children of the World Choir, Gold Heart Family Festival, Universal CityWalk, Sunday 3 p.m., free. Choir information: (310) 285-9791.*

Where the Wild Things Are:

You're invited to dress up as your favorite Maurice Sendak character and greet the author-illustrator for the grand opening of Storyopolis, a new art gallery, bookstore and multimedia production company (at 116 N. Robertson Blvd.) dedicated to the preservation of stories and storytelling, on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. The event, a tribute to Sendak, will feature his artwork, theater production designs and props.

Activities include story readings and performances by cast members from the Night Kitchen, the children's theater company founded by



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Children of the World United In Song

by Judy Chiang

In a racially and politically charged climate, where tensions run high and a dark cloud seems to loom over the possibility of Rodney King's idealistic (and mocked) statement "Can't we all just get along?" ever becoming reality, there is a tinge of hope.

The Children of the World Choir, a group of 150 children who live in the U.S. and have roots in over 35 countries, has come together in song to promote unity, the well-being of humanity and world peace. Brought together in 1992 by concert pianist-composer Marrina Waks, the young-

that they all shared things in common — a wish for happiness, a peace of mind.

"The kids are all the same, they don't care about war or politics. If we can create a bridge, a musical bridge by starting with the children... it's like our own little peace plan," Waks said.

But it wasn't until meeting Audrey Hepburn, the UNICEF ambassador, that the anthem for the Children of the World Choir was born.

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— Marrina Waks,
choir founder

Jones, Whoopi Goldberg, and have shared the stage with such formidable stars as Liza Minelli, Barbra Streisand and, most recently, Rita Moreno as she received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

GOOD MORNING: Politics and religion, philanthropy and showbiz — mix 'em all together and what do you get? The Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance's 20th Anniversary National Tribute Dinner honoring Merv Adelson as Humanitarian of the Year. The room was heavy with heavy-hitters/showbiz toppers including dinner chairman Gerald Levin, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Terry Semel, Bob Daly, Leslie Moonves, Jack Valenti (in from D.C. just for the event), Kirk Douglas, Bud Yorkin, Irving Azoff, Kevin Costner, Jeff Wald.

WHO BETTER TO TALK about tolerance — than Whoopi Goldberg? She femceed the awards. The evening welcome was by Rabbi Meyer H. May, and the program appropriately started with the U.S. and Israel national anthems sung by the Children of the World Choir directed by Marina Waks.

THURSDAY

MARCH 31, 1994

MORE THAN 3,000 UNDERPRIVILEGED kiddies are expected at Jean and Casey Kasem's estate Easter when they'll comb the grounds for celeb-signed eggs ... The Children of the World Choir sings at the Hollywood Bowl's sunrise services ... Perfect timing: CBS' "Christy" series debuts Sunday after an 18-year quest by Ken Wales, who with Barney Rosenzweig exec produces the poignant TVersion of Catherine Marshall's novel, now in its 84th printing. Kellie Martin and Tyne Daly co-star

THURSDAY

JULY 7, 1994

her fifth pic for producer Paul Leder ... The Children of the World choir sings at the World Cup July 10 Concern for Cancer block party on Rodeo Drive, the kickoff event for the final week of World Cup games with players and celebs on hand ... Tonight at a U backlot gala, James Garner, Gene Hackman, Jack Lemmon and James Woods are honored by Encore Media Corp. benefiting

MONDAY

JUNE 5, 1995

The \$100 million Beverly Hills Hotel face lift is complete, and the stars turned out over the weekend to help make it official.

A mammoth media blitz covered the event. Print and TV crews lined the red carpet into the hotel in numbers far exceeding any Hollywood event, other than the major awards shows. Cameras also recorded the acceptance for the night's charity, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences Foundation, by Bruce Davis, followed by the pouring of Moët & Chandon into a cascade of 4,000 champagne glasses. It was finalized by the official ribbon-cutting at the hotel entrance by Beriker, the sultan's reps and Tony Curtis. The Intl. Children of the World choir youngsters chorused the official opening.

actors Peter Falk, James Woods, Buddy Ebsen, Eddie Albert, Llo Bridges, Beau Bridges, Brock Peters, Dyan Cannon, James Ca, Roddy McDowall, Bruce Dern, Tawny Little and Ron Silver, Di Merrill and Ted Hartley.

... Al there, Jay Leno, who promised there would be more of the "Dancin' Itos" on upcoming shows. Young Christian Slater was there so Others on hand, Jackie Bisset, Felisa Vanoff and Martin Manulis, t Dick Crennas, Lee Minnelli and Curtis Harrington, Deanna Lund (sa Larry King), Seymour Cassell, Earl Holliman, William Windo Jackie Collins, Tess Harper, Susan Anspach and Ray Katz, Richa Anderson, Anne Archer, Kevin McCarthy, Sugar Ray Leona Harvey Korman.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1995

• The Rose Bowl in Pasadena is the site of this year's biggest event, "Celebration USA," which boasts it will have more than 1,500 performers to entertain revelers. Among them will be Smokey Robinson, the Children of the World Choir and Cirque du Soleil. There will also be a production called "Sol de Mexico" with the Ballet Folclórico del Pacifico and mariachi performances, and a song-and-dance routine called "Happy Birthday USA." Fireworks will close the show. Tickets range from \$10-\$42, and can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets. Call (800) 963-4600. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30.

Los Angeles Times

JULY 10, 1994

MUSIC

Library, 285 E. Walnut St., (818) 797-8275).
Second Sunday Concerts: Music by Mozart, Puccini, Sullivan, others. 2:30 p.m. Free.
Children of the World Choir (Rodeo Drive between Santa Monica and Wilshire Blvds., Beverly Hills, (310) 285-9791). "The World Comes to Rodeo Drive." 8:30 p.m. \$300.
True Tigers Ensemble (Leo S. Bing Theater, County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., (213) 485-7219). Sundays at Four: Music by Enrique González, Miguel del Aguila, A. Jo Duell-González, Sergio Ramirez Cárdenas, Ger not Wolfgang and Heitor Villa-Lobos. 4 p.m.

JANUARY 19, 1995

Los Angeles; call for reservations and schedule information: (310) 476-9777, Ext. 246 (fee varies).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR—The Children of the World Choir will perform at the Sheba Humanitarian Award Dinner honoring Whoopi Goldberg; Regent Beverly Wilshire, 9500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills; call for fee and schedule information: (310) 285-9791.

CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE—Violinist Richard Leshin and pianist Sara Banta will perform works by Tartini, Strauss and Ravel; Pierson Play-

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 25 April 2000

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2
(Including fax cover sheet)TO: President Bill Clinton
(through Nancy Hernandez - Thanks)

FAX #: 202-456-6703

FROM: Rabbi Eugene Levy

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4-25-00

to NSC ^{to handle} ~~for reply~~ ?
Yes ☒ No ☐

Thought the
following
might interest
you!!!



P.S. I've begun reading "The Presidency of the President." So
it's exactly as I've perceived things over the past 10 yrs.

MESSAGE:

4/25

Dear Mr. President: I thought you might be interested in this
item about Jonathan Pollard. I tried to visit him when I was in
North Carolina last month, but there was a really big snafu w/ regards to
the warden & the dates & times of the visit. I do hope there will be a
resolution to this nagging problem before you leave office. I'll be happy
to discuss it further sometime - especially the perception that he is really
being harassed beyond what is called for.

Thanks again for the letters & pictures for Bobbye & Shayna's B'nai
Mitzvah. I think Pastor Moore will seek you out this Saturday night at
the Correspondents' Dinner w/ a thank you note & some pictures.

I'm not sure if I'll be able to get to the B'nai Mitzvah on Thursday.

Thanks for your consideration. Shalom & Thanks - One.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

3700 N. RODNEY PARHAM RD. LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212-2498

PHONE : (501)225-9700 FAX : (501) 225-6058

Subject: Pollard Cleans Toilets on Seder Night

Date: Sat, 22 Apr 2000 22:29:34 -0700

From: Justice4JP <pollard@jonathanpollard.org>

Organization: Justice For Jonathan Pollard

To: EYP & JP <pollard@jonathanpollard.org>

Pollard Cleans Toilets on Seder Night

Justice4JP Media Release - April 22, 2000

BUTNER, NORTH CAROLINA. Jonathan Pollard did not have a Passover seder this year. Instead, he spent Leil HaSeder (seder night), scrubbing toilets and washing floors. He was given a direct order to do this work on Leil HaSeder in preparation for a special inspection the next day. Refusal to obey a direct order has serious consequences and would likely have landed him in "the hole" - a punitive cell in isolation, totally incommunicado, for up to 90 days.

Requesting kosher food for Passover has provided just one more opportunity for Jonathan to be harassed and humiliated on a daily basis. Jonathan therefore disengaged from this farce, and is now subsisting largely on fruits and vegetables, which are not easy to come by.

Justice4JP points out that the above does not represent any particular discrimination against Jonathan Pollard in prison. This is simply what prison life is for him on a daily basis.

Neither the Government of Israel nor its Embassy in Washington has made any effort at all to inquire about or to assure Jonathan's Passover needs, his financial needs, his health needs, or his security.

Jonathan Pollard may not be a victim of prison discrimination, but he is without a doubt a victim of the callousness and the indifference of both the Government of Israel and the American Jewish community that has allowed this case to fester and Jonathan to spend his 15th Passover in prison.

Justice4JP notes that Bnai Brith has recently repeated its call to President Clinton to release Jonathan Pollard for Passover. Justice4JP calls upon all Jewish organizations and community leaders to immediately follow suit, before the opportunity for a Passover redemption is lost completely. -30-

SEE ALSO:

B'nai Brith Urges President Clinton to Free Pollard Now - Media Release

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Lee
6900 Incas Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72116
Phone: (501) 834-8084 Fax: (501) 834-3109

April 21, 2000

Ms. Nancy Heinrich
Assistant to the President of
The United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Heinrich:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Application for Presidential Pardon that I filed on this date. The original application was sent to the Office of Pardons Counsel on April 15, 2000 to begin processing. Sen. Jay Bradford, Chief Ray Jacks, and Dr. David Jacks, the affiants on the three affidavits attached to this application, requested that I send a copy of this application directly to you to insure its review by the President. I have also attached a letter from Webster Hubbell for the President's review, as well as a copy of the conditional pardon that President Clinton granted me while Governor of Arkansas. Your assistance in getting this to the President is greatly appreciated.

On a separate note, please note that I surrendered my license to practice law in the State of Arkansas some fifteen years ago. During the past fifteen years, I have kept abreast of the cases, regulations, and statutes with respect to Arkansas law licensing, suspension, disciplinary actions, and hearings before the Arkansas Board of Law Examiners. I would guess that I am probably as well versed in this area as anyone in the state. It is my understanding that the President currently has a matter pending before that Board. If it would be of any assistance, I would be more than willing to share any research that I have with the counsel for the President. I am

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Lee

Wayne Lee

4-25-00
Send to Counsel

Yes

No

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CHARACTER AFFIDAVIT

on behalf of

Russell WAYNE LEE

(print or type name of petitioner)

In support of the application of the above named petitioner to the President of the United States for pardon, I, Jay T. Bradford

(print or type name of affiant)

residing at #20 Constitution White Hall AR 71602

Number

Street

City

State

Zip Code

870-541-0020, whose occupation is State Senator & Chairman & CEO of First
Telephone (include area code) Arkansas Insurance Group

certify that I have personally known the petitioner for 15 years. Except as otherwise indicated below, petitioner has behaved since the conviction in a moral and law-abiding manner. My knowledge of petitioner's reputation, conduct and activities, including whether the petitioner has been arrested or had any other trouble with public authorities and has been steadily employed, is as follows:

Wayne Lee has paid his debt to society a hundredfold. Not only, to the best of my knowledge, has he been totally free of any trouble, he has been a great servant to the people of Arkansas. Wayne has worked untiringly for various public causes and, in particular, on behalf of the people who have been sentenced under the death penalty. He has worked very closely with various church members and has been in continuous dialogue with me on their behalf. Wayne was disbarred by the Board of Law Examiners by the narrowest of margins. It has been years since that event. He and his family have paid their debt to society many times over.

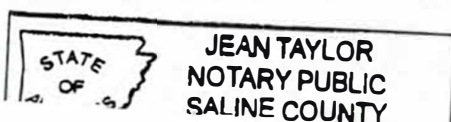
Wayne was convicted of a white-collar crime involving very small monetary damages. It is my firm belief that if this particular case is brought to the attention of the President, the possibility of a pardon is excellent.

The President is well aware of the incident that cost Mr. Lee his license. If he is reminded of the many contributions that Wayne Lee has made to society since that unfortunate incident, I am sure that he will realize that his debt to society has been paid and it is in the best interest of the citizens of Arkansas that he be pardoned

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jay T. Bradford
(signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 19 2000



Jean Taylor
Notary Public

CHARACTER AFFIDAVIT

on behalf of

Russell WAYNE LEE
(print or type name of petitioner)

In support of the application of the above named petitioner to the President of the United States for pardon, I, Ray Jacks
(print or type name of affiant)

residing at 5703 Plum St. Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Number Street City State Zip Code

870-535-2463, whose occupation is Retired Fire Chief
Telephone (include area code)

certify that I have personally known the petitioner for 24 years. Except as otherwise indicated below, petitioner has behaved since the conviction in a moral and law-abiding manner. My knowledge of petitioner's reputation, conduct and activities, including whether the petitioner has been arrested or had any other trouble with public authorities and has been steadily employed,

is as follows: I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Russell Wayne Lee for the past 24 years both personally and professionally. Wayne attended college with mine and Jane's two sons Drs. David and Dennis Jacks. Dr. David still serves on the Arkansas State Medical Board, an appointment you made while serving as Governor for our Great State of Arkansas.

I say all the above to relate to our close relation we have kept with Wayne Lee during these times. I am aware of his conviction in 1985 for mail fraud involving the over billing the City of Little Rock in the amount approximately \$10,000. As a result of this conviction, Wayne lost his license to practice law and spent 6 months at an F.P.C. in Texarkana and made restitution for such.

I can truly vouch since this conviction, an act he has repented for many times. Wayne has been a very dedicated family man. Dedicated to God, his family and to the great state and country we serve. Wayne has expressed regret for his actions and requested forgiveness for his conduct.

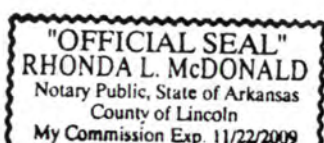
Mr. President, my Friend, I plead to you, please give Wayne Lee your most serious consideration for a full pardon. I think you will agree that we all have made some mistakes but surely Wayne has paid dearly for this one.

I make this request with no reservations nor hesitations with the greatest of respect.

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ray Jacks
(signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March 2000



Rhonda L. McDonald
Notary Public

CHARACTER AFFIDAVIT

on behalf of

Russell Wayne Lee

(print or type name of petitioner)

In support of the application of the above named petitioner to the President of the United

States for pardon, I, David C. Jacks, M.D.

(print or type name of affiant)

residing at 5606 Brinkley Rd Pine Bluff, Ar 71603

Number

Street

City

State

Zip Code

870-879-5657, whose occupation is Physician

Telephone (include area code)

certify that I have personally known the petitioner for 28 years. Except as otherwise indicated below, petitioner has behaved since the conviction in a moral and law-abiding manner. My knowledge of petitioner's reputation, conduct and activities, including whether the petitioner has been arrested or had any other trouble with public authorities and has been steadily employed, is as follows:

Wayne Lee has led an exemplary life since his problems in 1985. He has been a dedicated family man with three children and a loving wife, a God-fearing Christian whose daily life reflects the testimony, and a good friend who has been solid in character and morality.

I have been a close friend of Wayne Lee since I started medical school in 1972 and he was in law school. It is my honor to report his excellent conduct as a father, citizen and public servant and a hard worker for this state.

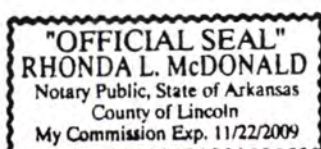
Wayne and his family have repaid his debt to society many times over and undeniably deserve a pardon. He has worked tirelessly to maintain his reputation, integrity and faithfulness. He unequivocally deserves a Presidential Pardon and my faith in mankind assures me that a favorable response will come if the President is able to see this application.

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

David C. Jacks, M.D.

(signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 2000



Rhonda L. McDonald

Notary Public

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PREHEARING ASSESSMENT

Name: LEE, Russell Wayne
Date of Birth: (b)(6)
Sentence(s) Length/Type:
20 months (1 year, 8 months)
Detainer: *None*
Reviewer: Allgood

Institution: Texarkana
Reg. No.: 17582-009-S
Months in Custody 4 as of 7-15-86
Parole Eligibility Date: 10-5-86
MR Date: 7-18-87
Fines/Restitution: Yes, \$50 SA
Date: 6-17-86

I. Present Offense:

a. The prisoner was convicted by plea of Mail Fraud (2 Counts); Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud.

b. File material indicates that subject, who is an attorney, became involved in a scheme with the cooperation of Codefendant Magruger, the City Attorney for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas whereby subject would submit a bill for alleged services to the City of Little Rock and Magruger, as City Attorney, would approve these bills for payment. Five such statements were submitted to the City of Little Rock totalling \$20,579.00. All of these statements were approved by Magruger and paid by the City of Little Rock for services which, according to information in the file, was never performed. It would appear that the City of Little Rock got no services whatever for payment of more than \$20,000.

It is a matter of record that subject's own salary check for \$2,022.01 was withheld by the City and Mr. Lee did voluntarily make restitution of \$8,566.99, thus making for a total of \$10,579.00. The insurance claim of \$10,000 was paid, thus the City of Little Rock was reimbursed completely for their losses. It should be noted, however, that total restitution was not made by subject himself in that \$10,000 of the money was from the insurance company.

On an AD-235 form the sentencing court submitted the following notation indicating disagreement with the probation officer's assessment of the case (the probation officer assessed the case as Category Four in that the amount of the fraud was in excess of \$20,000):

"For the reasons stated in court, the court finds that there is no factual basis for fixing the amount involved as \$20,000 or over; the correct figure appears to be a few thousand dollars less than \$20,000."

Subject admits his involvement in the offense but he does disagree with the figure of \$20,579.00. He insists that there were some services performed for the amount of money he billed for stating that there were at least 10 to 15 hours of legitimate consultation which is normally \$60.00 per hour and that the total amount should be reduced by that amount (\$600 to \$900).

In an attempt to clarify the controverted figure, the writer contacted USPO Hardage and she did advise that the \$20,579.00 was the U. S. Attorney's figure on the 792. Ms. Hardage later called back and as a result the writer talked with CUSPO Beal Kidd and he advised that the court did make a finding that the amount of the fraud was slightly less than \$20,000. There is an addendum to the presentence report asserting the court's finding and thus the writer feels that it is appropriate to use the smaller figure for assessment purposes.

c. The offense behavior is rated as Category Three severity because it involved fraud amounting to no less than \$2,000 but less than \$20,000.

II. Salient Factor Score:

A=(3) Subject has 0 prior convictions.

B=(2) Subject has 0 prior commitments of more than 30 days that were imposed prior to the last overt act of the current offense.

C=(2) Subject was 31 years old at the commencement of the current offense. Subject does not have five or more prior commitments.

D=(1) Subject has no prior commitments.

E=(1) Subject is not a Probation/Parole/Confinement/Escape status violator.

F=(1) Subject does not have a history of Opiate Dependence:

(10) Total Score

III. The guideline range is 0-10 months.

IV. Other Significant Prior Record/Stability Factors:

It should be noted that subject is a prominent attorney in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas and apparently has a very good reputation in that city. The case received a considerable amount of publicity and the codefender, Mr. Magruder (tried separately and on other charges) is said to be the more culpable and the one who subject claims influenced him to become involved in this offense.

V. Codefendants:

R. Jack Magruder, III - 4 years CAG

VI. Form USA-792, AO-235, AO-337:

AO-235 - Court recommended a decision of 0-10 months below the USPO's estimated guidelines of 12-18 months. (It appears what the court actually meant was that the offense category should be three with guidelines of 0-10.

VII. Parole on the Record: Yes.

VIII. Evaluation: The applicable guideline range is 0-10 months. Subject is serving a 20 month sentence. The court has made it clear that his finding is that the loss to the City of Little Rock was less than \$20,000. The writer is in no position to disagree with that finding. Subject is seen as a very good parole risk and the sanctions against him will amount to considerably more than the number of months he will serve in that his actions will result in the loss of his legal career. He appears to have been somewhat less culpable than codefender Magruder.

It is believed that an in-person hearing will serve no useful purpose.

IX. Panel Recommendation: Parole effective after service of 9 months, December 15, 1986.

WA/rc 6-17-86

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME ... GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Russell Wayne Lee was convicted in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Pulaski County, Arkansas, on February 5, 1986, of the crime of Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud (Title 18 U.S.C. Section 371) and sentenced to 20 months in federal prison and a Special Penalty Assessment of \$50 (18 U.S.C. Section 3013); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended that a conditional restoration of State rights, including the right to own and possess firearms, be granted;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL CLINTON, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby conditionally restore all rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed prior to conviction, including the right to own and possess firearms; provided, however, that no such restoration is effective until a federal removal of disabilities has been granted.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the Great Seal of State in the Governor's Office, Little Rock, Arkansas this 30th day of JANUARY, 1991.

Bill Clinton

BILL CLINTON
GOVERNOR

W. J. (Bill) McCuen

W. J. (BILL) MCCUEN
SECRETARY OF STATE





DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

DIRECTOR

LE:F:F:KS
3270.4

Mr. Russell Wayne Lee
800 Coulter Road
Sherwood, Arkansas 72116

Dear Mr. Lee:

Reference is made to your application for restoration of Federal firearms privileges. We are pleased to advise you that we have granted your restoration pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 925(c).

You are cautioned that this action provides restoration of your firearms privileges only with respect to Federal disabilities arising from prior criminal convictions. It may or may not relieve you from any firearms disabilities to which you may now or hereafter be subject by reason of any State laws or local ordinances. You should consult State and local authorities to determine if you are subject to any firearms disabilities within their jurisdictions.

Appropriate offices of the Bureau responsible for the enforcement of firearms laws are being advised concerning the favorable conclusion of this matter.

If we may be of any further assistance in this matter, please contact our Restoration of Privileges Section at (202) 566-7258.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen C. Higgins
Director

WEBSTER HUBBELL

215 19TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

(202) 429-1780
FAX (202) 429-0025

December 1, 1994

State Board of Examiners

RE: Wayne Lee

I write to support Wayne Lee's readmission to the practice of Law in Arkansas. I believe that you should give his application your serious consideration and ultimate approval. I served on the Board of Law Examiners when Mr. Lee first applied for readmission. His application was seriously considered, debated by the Board, and ultimately declined by the narrowest of margins. Never was it thought or discussed that this was a final decision or that Mr. Lee should be barred from practice forever.

Although one would expect Wayne Lee to be not only be disappointed by the Board's decision, but be bitter and give up. He did not. He continued to show respect for the legal system, and humility. He continued to work for the rights of people who have lost hope and have nowhere left to turn.

He continues to want to practice law for the best of reasons--to serve others. Wayne Lee has the utmost respect for the law, has learned from his mistakes, and is deserving of a second chance.

I also believe our system must accommodate mistakes. We must offer at least as much forgiveness as we expect of our own laws and system of justice.

I sincerely hope that the Board will find Wayne Lee deserving of the readmission to the practice. I believe he will be a credit to the Arkansas legal community for a long time to come.

Sincerely yours,



Webb Hubbell



To NSC for reply
coordinate w/
scheduling

cc: scheduling

Embassy of the United States of America

Dublin, Ireland

April 25, 2000

Thurs
Staff
Secretary

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have had the first, at least for me, of what I suspect will be a flood of post-January 2001 invitations to you. I assume that at some point you will be setting up a clearing post for these inquiries, but will send this one direct until I learn of a better address. Jonathan Irwin, Chairman of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation in Dublin, approached me about the possibility of your speaking at a very private fundraising dinner which the Foundation will hold in early 2001. The dinner held this year was limited to 32 of Ireland's leading citizens, raising approximately 750,000 pounds for the Foundation.

Jonathan believed that should you be willing to make an appearance they could continue the remarkable success of the dinner. It is my understanding that the Taoiseach was guest of honor this year. I was invited but my schedule precluded my attendance. Jonathan also indicated that Michael Smurfit, Ireland's leading industrialist, has said that if there was any possibility that you could accept Jonathan's invitation, Michael would invite you to be guest of honor at the Smurfit Chairman's Dinner the previous night. This year John Major was guest of honor at that dinner where Michael hosts about 600 of his international managers together with a selected group of Irish businessmen and political representatives. Accommodations would be at the Kildare Country Club, home of the Ryder Cup in 2004, and there was some reference to golfing arrangements.

I told Jonathan I was sure that it would be a long shot but that I would convey the invitation recognizing your keen interest in things Irish. The Jack and Jill Foundation (information enclosed) was started a few years ago to provide respite care to families of severely developmentally delayed children. It has been very successful and certainly provides a needed service to a very deserving group of parents. Recognizing that you have an incredibly hectic time in store, I nevertheless submit this for your consideration.

Jane and I continue to enjoy and marvel at the people and beauty of Ireland and remain thankful for the opportunity you have provided us. With all best regards, I am,

*Jane joins me in sending
our best - hope you are as
good as you look!*

Enclosures

Best,

MS

Very truly yours,

MS

Michael J. Sullivan
Ambassador



*Jack & Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down
And broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after*

*Down Jack got & home
As fast as he could after
To see if he was
And Jack had his crown
And Jill came tumbling after*

30th March, 2000

H.E. Mr. Michael Sullivan,
US Ambassador to Ireland,
American Embassy,
Shrewsbury Road,
Dublin 4.

Dear Mike,

It was very good to see you for lunch and look forward to seeing you in Dublin Castle on Thursday at the lunch for the Special Olympics.

I set up this foundation three years ago to provide early intervention home respite services for severely handicapped children from birth to four years of age. Sad to relate but in Ireland the State offers virtually no services to these children and their families. As of the time of writing we have over 100 children under our wing and receive an average of 4 new referrals each month.

As we receive no grants from the Department of Health all our funding has to come from the private sector.

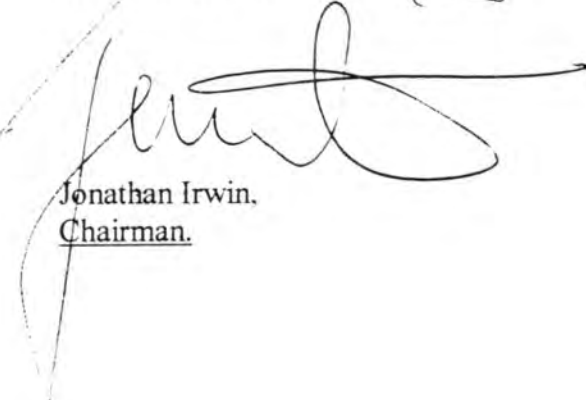
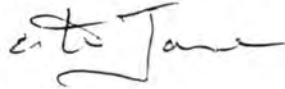
This year we instituted a very private fund raising dinner invited to 32 of Ireland's leading citizens. It was held in the private dining room of Newman House on St. Stephen's Green. This was where University College Dublin started and strangely is now the Irish home of the great American University, Notre Dame.

For the evening to be a success the calibre of the speaker is a fundamental. To this end I wonder if I might ask a great favour of you to approach your good friend The President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

The dinner is scheduled for early 2001 when he would have stood down. If there is any possibility at all of his acceptance I know Michael Smurfit would wish to invite him to be the guest of honour at the Smurfit Chairman's dinner the previous night. This, as you know, is perhaps the most prestigious dinner of its kind in Ireland. Accommodation would be in the Kildare Country Club which is to be the home of the Ryder Cup Golf with leading professionals will be organised both there and at a links course if this would be desired.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Kind personal regards.



Jonathan Irwin,
Chairman.