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1992 Barcelona Gold Medal, Race Walking

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 1, 2000

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Little Rock, Arkansas
May 1, 2000

The White House
President Bill Clinton
1600 Pa. Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton,

Recently, Congressman Calvin M. Dooley and his fine staff helped a young lady, Yueling Chen, from China, a permanent resident in California now, who had met all the requirements, become a United States citizen. Yueling was the "Gold Medal Winner" for China in the 10K walk in the Barcelona Olympic Games.

Yueling is quite a celebrity in China, as she was the first track and field athlete from China to win a medal. Yueling also had a yearning to learn to speak English, and had a desire to move to the United States. As a result of the premier efforts of "Jim Travis", in particular, and others on Cal Dooley's staff, Yueling can now be eligible to participate in the U.S. Olympic trials in Sacramento, Cal., in July, with high hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team for Australia.

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Edward M. Kennedy
Massachusetts



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2101

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May 4, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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cc: Scheduling

Dear Mr. President:

I enjoyed our conversation last night – especially the chance for a telephonic dinner together! After hanging up, I remembered that I should have mentioned the upcoming Opening Gala for the Kennedy Center's Irish Festival on Saturday, May 13th.

The Gala is being taped for broadcast on PBS, and official guests from both the North and South of Ireland will attend. It should be a wonderful evening of Irish music and dance, and there will be dinner before and a reception afterwards.

I know you would enjoy it and I hope it may be possible for you and the First Lady to attend. The Irish would love it!

With warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

Edward M. Kennedy

It's a great
program
night. Come to
see you and Mr
Clinton there with
us.

THE U.S. RUSSIA
INVESTMENT FUND

00 MAY 5 PM 12:42

May 4, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. President:

In this second letter, I write to thank you for making Administration officials available for discussions with us, the *pro bono* Directors of The U.S. Russia Investment Fund ("TUSRIF"), as we jointly struggle to find a solution to the problem created by the Administration's initial decision to provide only \$5 million to TUSRIF in FY 2000 (our minimum need is for \$26 million in addition to the \$5 million).

I believe our recent discussions have thus far produced a consensus that the Administration should try to find a way to "keep up," as it has in the past, with TUSRIF's spending needs until relief arrives in FY 2001.

These discussions suggest there are three options for achieving this goal:

First, the FY 2000 Foreign Operations appropriations legislation includes \$835 million for the NIS. The law allows 25% of this amount, or \$208 million, to be spent in Russia. However, the Administration has allocated only \$178 million to Russia. Our understanding is that since there are several projects in non-Russia NIS countries that may not need the funding planned for them in 2000, you could allocate the full \$208 million to Russia, which would allow an additional \$30 million to be provided to TUSRIF (i.e., the difference between the \$208 and the \$178 million).

A second option would involve a decision by you to re-allocate within the \$178 million now planned for Russia. Currently, \$65 million is planned for State/USAID programs and \$113 million for other Departments, e.g., Commerce, DOE, DOD, etc. Thus, TUSRIF's needs could be met by an allocation from the \$113 million.

The President
May 4, 2000
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The final option would be for you to re-allocate from the ETRI account. As you know, since many in the Congress feel the current ETRI account is too rich, and that other accounts, including TUSRIF's, are too lean, there is an opportunity for you to satisfy two concerns by choosing this option.

Mr. President, from our discussions it is clear that **all roads lead to you** since other Administration officials do not seem to have the authority to choose among the options and make the necessary re-allocations. Time is short, and absent sufficient funding, we will not be able to make planned investments, and able and irreplaceable staff will leave. We are hopeful you will make your choice among these options shortly; of course, you are not confined to a single option -- the additional \$26 million could be cobbled together by finding money from two or three of these sources. Again, there are several superb investments waiting to be made, and key TUSRIF personnel we do not want to lose.

Finally, please know that Chairman Pat Cloherty, my fellow Board Member Bob Hormats, and I are all available to meet with you or your staff at any time so that this matter might be resolved quickly.

Thank you again.

Respectfully,



D. Jeffrey Hirschberg
Member
Board of Directors

cc: The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
The Honorable Leon S. Fuerth
The Honorable Mark C. Medish
The Honorable Donald L. Pressley
The Honorable Strobe Talbott
The Honorable William B. Taylor, Jr.

5-5-00
To Burkhardt
for Reply
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00 MAY 5 - 12:31

Dear Rich,

When I think back on where we were seven years ago and where we are in USDA, I see "Rich Rominger" written all over the Department's remarkable progress.

As you mark your 7th anniversary at USDA, and you and Evelyn mark 7 years in Washington, D.C., I want to take a moment to let you know that your work, your efforts and your inspiration at the "People's Department" are leaving a legacy that is recognized and deeply appreciated.

The American people, by and large, can't know the quiet strength that lies behind so much of what has been accomplished. I am taking the liberty here of speaking for them.

You are a real "people person" who has worked closest with you know your gentle spirit and demeanor and hear that there is consistency in sitting down to talk with folks.

Thank you, Rich, for your dedication and your thoroughness in shepherding the Department through the changes needed in order to be able to meet the challenges we are leaving a strong and lasting legacy in areas including conservation, na

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You are a real "people person" for the "People's Department". Those of us who have worked closest with you know and feel the strong impression and impact made by your gentle spirit and demeanor. I know that your kindness is felt throughout department and hear that there is constant feedback about you reaching out to folks in rural areas, sitting down to talk with folks when on the road – connecting with people.

Thank you, Rich, for your deep knowledge and understanding of agriculture, your dedication and your thoroughness. There is many a story about your truly extraordinary ability to shepherd the Department through the structural changes and innovations needed in order to be able to manage the tremendous challenges we face. And you are leaving a strong and lasting influence in many critically important policy areas including conservation, natural resources, food safety, research, and education.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 4, 2000

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

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To Burkhardt
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TO: Abraham Foxman, National Director, Anti-Defamation League

CONTACT NUMBER: 201-385-0180 (home)

DATE: open

RECOMMENDED BY: Mary Beth Cahill, Assistant to the President, Director of OPL 

PURPOSE: To wish Abe a speedy recovery from his recent, unexpected heart surgery.

BACKGROUND: Abe is the top professional at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the premier Jewish 'defense' organization. Initially concerning itself with anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance, the ADL is an active participant in diversity training, prevention of and increasing penalties for hate crimes and promotion of religious and ethnic tolerance around the world. Abe is well known for his outspoken style and positions and zero tolerance for racism, anti-Semitism or other forms of prejudice.

The ADL is also the leading provider of diversity and tolerance training with local and federal law enforcement agencies, school systems and other community based institutions. They have also developed a "Hate Filter" as a tool for parents to help shield their children from hate-filled content on the internet, which the President has expressed interest in promoting. They were an integral part in the White House Conference on Hate Crimes and have worked closely with the First Lady's office on their Project Harmony program, which promotes tolerance through the use of sports and sports celebrities.

The President recently taped video greetings for a dinner honoring Abe for his 35 years of service to the ADL. Abe has met the President several times, has played an active role on issues of concern to the Administration and is a well regarded opinion leader on a variety of topics.

The Vice President will address that ADL's National Meeting in Washington on May 9, which Abe will not be attend.

Abe underwent triple bypass surgery at Cornell University Medical Center in New York City on Monday, April 24. He started feeling unwell the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 20.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: 1. Wish him a speedy recovery.
2. Iran 13 trial.
3. Hate Crime Prevention Act.

STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Mohile, x65157

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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April 24, 2000
Dictated 4/24/00

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THANKS
cc: Sean Maloney

Mr. John Podesta
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear John:

If you can direct this letter to whoever handles the Medal of Freedom matters I would appreciate it.

I understand that Jack Dreyfus has been nominated for a Presidential Medal of Freedom. Jack at the age of 34 was one of the wealthiest Americans. His ideas, including having that lion appear with the Dreyfus mutual funds ads, have changed the face of the nation.

But at an early age he had a bout of severe depression and was cured through the use of a medicine, Dilantin, that is ordinarily used for prevention of seizures.

He has been devoting these past years to rectifying some imbalances in our procedures on approving the use of medicine. He says we have a good defensive team but not a good offensive team and he has the facts to bear up what he has to say.

My guess is he will be honored, as many people are, more after our lifetimes than during our lifetimes because of his understanding of our situation.

But his contributions to this nation's economy and his willingness to sacrifice himself through the Dreyfus Medical Foundation to change things for the better in our country is an inspiration to those of us who've had the chance to meet and work with Jack.

He richly deserves the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Sincerely,

Paul Simon

PS/pg

Paul Simon, Director • Mike Lawrence, Associate Director