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Joe thinks both
of these are good
recommendations for the
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both are friends of the
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- Henry Aaron
- Muhammad ali

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Jenni Engelretsen
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TOM JOHNSON

6/9/2000

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Aaron should be considered for a Medal of Freedom. His Records on the field have been exemplary. He and continues to be a genuine American by his baseball career and in he never has been anything other than a model, a man of courage, a leader, a big man who cares for the poor, and the less fortunate. The President, who admires Henry greatly, is this.

Best, Tom



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June 8, 2000

Mr. Joe Lockhart, Press Secretary
Office of the Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

Governor Patton has asked me to forward the enclosed information to you as a follow-up to the discussion he had recently with the President regarding the possibility of awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Muhammad Ali. Those of us who are working so very hard to develop an institution that will use the story of Muhammad's life and the values that he has come to represent to inspire people—especially children—all over the world, can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Muhammad. He is not merely a great athlete, but he is a great human being, a great humanitarian.

I have enclosed a 10-minute video presentation that we developed recently for the "Salute to the Greatest" that was held in Louisville on February 25th. It was designed to explain to the 6,000 people (including 4,300 school children), and others who have since viewed it, the evolution of Muhammad from a determined young man into a humanitarian of global reach and impact. It also explains the values that have given him the courage and strength to 'stand up for what he believes.' These are the messages Muhammad continues to carry with him in his humanitarian travels around the world, and the messages that the Ali Center will continue to pursue as his legacy for years to come after Muhammad himself is unable to do so. The video includes some wonderful and poignant comments that the President himself made about the significance of Muhammad and the obstacles that he had to overcome.

Many people in this country know a great deal about Muhammad's incredible athletic career, and many also remember his social and political awakening, and the tremendous courage that enabled him to stand up for what he believed in spite of public opinion at the time. But many fewer people realize how he has devoted his life in the two decades since his retirement to those things that he believes most strongly about—world peace, tolerance, and human kindness and understanding. As a United Nations

Ambassador of Peace, Muhammad continues to tirelessly circle the globe helping promote these values, helping feed the hungry of the world, and helping to inspiring everyone –especially children – to become as great s they can be. Many are under the false assumption that his Parkinson's has sapped his strength and his ability to continue his life's work. Nothing could be further from the truth; his bout with Parkinson's is merely one of the obstacles he is currently facing, and he deals with it just as everyone deals with their own particular obstacles and challenges, whatever they may be. This in itself has become a remarkable inspiration to many, and the sight of Muhammad lighting the Olympic torch in Atlanta was a powerful symbol to many people with challenges of their own to face.

Curiously, more people *outside of this country* are aware of the issues that Muhammad is dedicating his life to now, than people in this country. The awarding of the Presidential Medal to Muhammad would not only honor his incredible life work, but also help to highlight these issues and inspire many people in this country to strive for greatness themselves.

The Governor asked the President to watch the videotape and review the enclosed information in order to help him understand why he believes this is an appropriate honor to bestow upon Muhammad Ali. Your help in facilitating this would be most appreciated.

If you would like any additional information concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (502) 584-9254.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barry Alberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barry" and last name "Alberts" clearly distinguishable.

Barry Alberts
Project Manager

Enclosure

Foundry United Methodist Church

J. Philip Wogaman
Senior Minister

8 June 2000

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

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Dear Mr. President,

I understand that George McGovern has been proposed for the Medal of Freedom, and I want to add a word of support. His nearly 50 years of public
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own for his leadership of one of the two great political
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earth, first through the Food for Peace program and then his
things as the Food Stamp program (done, I believe, in
with then Senator Dole). His more recent initiatives at the
Organization have promised sweeping nutritional assistance
children the world around. His service as Ambassador to FAO
the foreseeable future, and a Medal of Freedom recognition
give signal to people of good will throughout the world.

e, made many other contributions to American life. As his
years, I am especially conscious of the pain he and Eleanor
the alcoholism and death of their daughter Terry. And yet,
translate that pain into a public outreach to millions of
ease of alcoholism and to their often isolated loved ones.

n a small monument in Glacier National Park dedicated to
Mather, one of the architects of the present National Park
bore these simple words: "there will never be an end to
When I think of George McGovern, now in the twilight of
those words come back to me. When we honor people
we are as a people.

Sincerely yours,

Phil

J. Philip Wogaman



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Diabetes therapy cuts need for shots

Doctors see cure as real possibility

By August Gribbin
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A team of Canadian researchers has succeeded in eliminating the need for insulin-dependent diabetics to take the drug — a remarkable breakthrough that signals a cure for the disease is possible.

Scientists at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, led by Drs. James Shapiro and Jonathan Lakey, transplanted insulin-producing cells harvested from donated pancreases into seven severely diabetic patients. Almost as soon as a sufficient number of cells was injected into the patients' bloodstreams, they settled in the patients' livers and started producing life-preserving insulin.

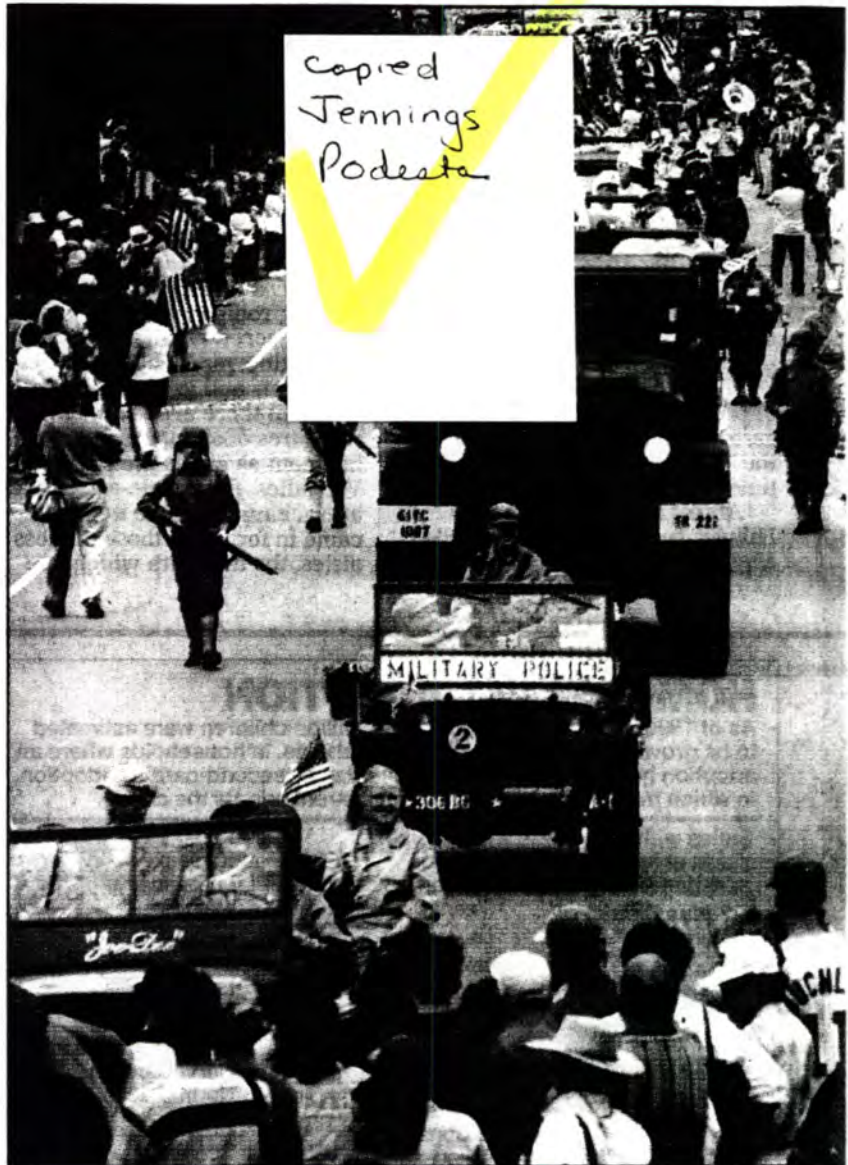
The seven patients then stopped their insulin injections. They began eating normal diets and discarding the rigid regimes that dominated their lives as Type 1 diabetics.

In a phone interview, Dr. Shapiro said he considered the team's results "a truly major step forward. They show transplant works — works effectively and controls many of the difficulties diabetics experience. These patients were having devastating comas. The transplant completely eliminated them. It reversed the disease's complications."

The New England Journal of Medicine reported the experiment's results and details of the Canadians' achievement yesterday. In arresting fashion, it announced the article was being presented almost two months before its July 27 publication date because of its "potential therapeutic implications."

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INVASION HEROES



Servicemen who braved German gunfire and artillery bombardments are honored in a parade through New Orleans and the opening of the National D-Day Museum.

District continues buy

By Jim Keary
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The District's collection of expensive but seldom-used vehicles has grown significantly despite Mayor Anthony A. Williams' promise to manage the fleet better, city documents show.

Since Mr. Williams took office in January 1999, city officials have bought 74 sport utility vehicles at a cost of more than \$20,000 each,

Cars with luxuries, often

increasing the District's tally of gas-guzzling SUVs to 308.

Yet many of the SUVs merely sit in lots most days — like the new red Ford Explorer, which still has its sticker lying in its cargo area and remains unmoved in the parking space for the director of the Child and Family Therapy Center.

And at least 24 of the city's SUVs

Palestinian refugee fund eyed

Peace Accord and another

DIABETES

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Still, says Dr. Stephen Clement, director of Georgetown University's Diabetes Center: "It is not a cure. It's close, and it's a big, dramatic leap, but it's not a cure. It doesn't translate into a therapy we can do in every medical center in the United States overnight. And there are issues to overcome."

Dr. David M. Harlan, a National Institutes of Health specialist in transplantation and immunology, says Drs. Shapiro and Lakey have us "sailing beyond the horizon. We

don't know what's out there. We don't know if we have a cure."

Dr. Harlan says: "It's important to realize that diabetes rules the diabetic's life, and victims are desperate for a cure. Yet they shouldn't be unduly enthusiastic at this important development. The cure isn't there yet. The Edmonton group's breakthrough is experimental with risks and costs."

Physicians explain that the transplant therapy raises several issues yet to be resolved. It could be, for instance, that the transplanted cells could fail in months to come, necessitating renewed insulin injections until a new supply

of cells becomes available.

That's a significant factor because it takes two pancreases — the donated organs from two recently deceased persons — to supply enough cells to treat one diabetic, and donated organs are notoriously difficult to come by.

Also, diabetics receiving the transplanted cells must take drugs to prevent their bodies from rejecting the foreign cells. The drugs suppress the patients' immune systems. That might stop the rejection, but it makes the patient susceptible to infection.

It's a risk many diabetics would be willing to take. Moreover it's a risk that is gradually dissipating.

Type 1 diabetes is the most severe form of the ailment. It normally strikes before 35 years of age, often between the ages of 10 and 16. It hampers the pancreas' ability to produce insulin, which the body must have in sufficient amounts at the appropriate time. The insulin enables glucose (a type of sugar) to move from the bloodstream into the body's cells, where it is needed to provide energy.

The disease is a leading cause of death in the United States. It affects the patient's heart, eyes, kidneys, circulatory system, nerves, liver and skin. The afflicted can experience excessive urination, thirst, vomiting, stomach pain,

trembling, sweating, headache, confusion, fainting and coma.

Most, if not all, of the symptoms can be controlled through medication plus relentless, wearying adherence to dietary and exercise programs that are especially hard on children.

Thus researchers for decades have been striving to find a diabetes cure.

"I personally have been working on this problem for 16 years," said Dr. Shapiro. "I stopped for a time and came back at it in 1993 and almost gave up."

Now, almost suddenly, explains Dr. Clement, a number of breakthroughs are occurring.

"There is research coming out next week that reports researchers have developed ways to produce pancreatic cell lines in the lab. A lot of things are coming together all at once."

Lab-produced cells would eliminate the need for donor pancreases and could alter the body's tendency to reject the transplanted cells.

The point is, Dr. Clement concludes, "it is possible to cure diabetes. There is no question about that. What we don't know is when we'll be confident enough that the cure is completely safe for a large number of folks. That might be a matter of a few years."

her tenants.

They just patched a little area right in front of the curb — it's real tricky to drive on it and it's a real problem for our parkers," Ms. Ragans said.

Ms. Ragans said utility cuts were made three months ago, just before the city placed a moratorium on new cuts. But because of the moratorium, the company was unable to complete the work, which is why permanent repairs haven't been made on the block, Mr. Tangherlini said.

On April 23, Mr. Williams re-



Still, there was paid to cause chest pains for Charles Mayberry, who lives on disability payments from Social Security because he has heart disease and diabetes. Mr. Mayberry, who previously lived in a cramped trailer with his wife and five of their children, became especially anxious when he was informed last week he was being evicted by Gore Realty.

"I don't want to move back to a trailer," Mr. Mayberry said yester-

would soon receive vice president will use whenever he calls.

Mrs. Mayberry has received plenty of other calls since the story broke over the weekend. One man accused her of helping Mr. Gore look good by providing him with a chance to fix her house.

"I've been offered homes if I moved to New York City. I've been offered a Republican attorney to sue Al Gore for \$10 million," said Democrat. "But I

By Ben Barber
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Clinton yesterday promised Jordan's King Abdullah U.S. backing for an international fund to resettle Palestinian refugees, a first step toward resolving one of the most intractable obstacles to Middle East peace.

"There has to be a provision made for dealing with the refugee problems, including some sort of fund, international fund, which would deal with the financial burdens of the displaced refugees everywhere, including Jordan," Mr.

Clinton tells king U.S. will contribute

Clinton told reporters after a White House meeting with the king.

Though no figures were mentioned, analysts say the amount needed to resettle or compensate displaced Palestinians could run into the billions, with much of it shouldered by the United States.

It would come on top of up to \$100 billion estimated to have been spent to implement the 1979 Camp

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\$15 billion to \$45 billion...
placed on any Israeli return...
Golan Heights to Syria.

King Abdullah also met congressional leaders yesterday to discuss funding to resolve claims of the estimated 1.4 million Palestinian refugees who have lived in his nation for four decades.

White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said Mr. Clinton did not tell the king how large a refugee resettlement and compensation fund would be, or what the U.S.

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U.S. seeks softer stance on hookers

By George Archibald
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The U.S. delegation to a United Nations Women's Conference is leading efforts to avoid condemning prostitution as a "form of abuse" of women and is attempting to weaken anti-pornography provisions.

A leading U.S. negotiator, Sharon Kotok, confirmed reports from closed-door negotiating sessions on a U.N. report being drafted this week that the Clinton administra-

Clinton-led agenda weakens porn curb

tion spearheaded the move for wealthy, developed nations.

Poorer, undeveloped nations in Africa, the Middle East and South America have strongly objected to the U.S.-European moves because of strong religious traditions.

"We [the caucus of developed nations] had agreed to drop all of these phrases," Ms. Kotok said of

the anti-prostitution provision. She attributed the move to "cleaning up" the report to avoid listing specific abuses that could be broadly labeled "sexual exploitation."

The United States wants to drop an attack on the pornography industry as an exploiter of women and simply label pornographic and obscene material as an "obstacle" to women's dignity and rights.

The provisions are part of a draft report at a conference of

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10,000 female delegates from throughout the world, five years after the 1995 Beijing women's conference. The delegates are mapping an agenda for women's advancement and empowerment over the next five years.

The United States, the European Union and wealthy, developed countries — Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea — are trying to use the report to expand homosexual rights, create new sexual rights for adolescent girls starting at age 10 and require abortion training for all health care workers.

Poorer undeveloped countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and South America want stronger pro-family provisions and condemnation of sexual exploitation of women through sexual promiscuity, prostitution, pornography and other abuses.

Participants in the closed-door sessions said the United States made the move to strike the prostitution provision in a section on women's migration after the Philippines delegation tried to strengthen it.

As written, the draft report noted that while global migration of women increases their earning opportunities and self-reliance, it also exposes women and children, especially girls, to inadequate working conditions, increased health risks, the risk of sexual

The United States wants to simply label pornographic and obscene material as an "obstacle" to women's dignity and rights.

forced prostitution, racism, xenophobia and other forms of abuse.

The Philippine delegation moved to drop the word "forced" so that all prostitution was labeled as an exploitative abuse. At that point, delegates said, Ms. Kotok jumped up and moved to strike any reference to prostitution, racism and xenophobia.

This was not a paragraph calling for criminalization of prostitution, thus the Clinton administration cannot contend that it was trying to protect women from prosecution for a crime in which men go unpunished, said Kathryn Balmforth, a nongovernmental organization (NGO) delegate representing Family Voice of Utah.

The maneuver was simply designed to prevent voluntary prostitution from being included in a negative context.

Ms. Kotok said the United States and other countries in its caucus had agreed before the conference to push to delete the prostitution references.

"I suggested dropping this entire phrase," she said. "We were just trying to clean it up. That was a balanced sentence. We thought it [prostitution] was covered [as sexual exploitation]."

can's delegation to the U.N., and the undeveloped nations' caucus called the Group of 77, or G-77, said the administration has opposed U.N. references condemning prostitution in other negotiations.

According to published reports in the Wall Street Journal and elsewhere, in negotiations involving the U.N. Convention on Transnational Organized Crime in Vienna, the administration has supported using the phrase "forced prostitution" rather than simply "prostitution," thus placing women in the position of having to prove whether their prostitution was coerced or not.

The administration's position in Vienna this year was spearheaded by the President's Interagency Council on Women, whose honorary chairman is first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the reports said. The President's Interagency Council on Women also is directing the U.S. delegation's positions at the U.N. women's conference, officials said.

"I am not involved in Vienna," Ms. Kotok, a State Department official assisting the U.S. delegation, said yesterday.

"It's all in brackets," she said of the prostitution section, and it

have not been agreed to and are still under discussion.

"We are trying to condemn the entire pornography industry as an abuse; it is one of the obstacles we are dealing with," said T. Malek-Ebrahimi, a delegate for Islamic Women Institute of Iran, an NGO group.

The U.S. words referring only to pornographic materials are diluting the actual language because it does not encompass filmmakers who exploit women and children in making pornographic movies, or other aspects of the pornography trade, she said.

Pornography is the whole institution: filmmakers, magazines, sex shops and so forth. Pornographic and obscene materials are only one part of it.

Ms. Kotok says the U.S. proposal talks about products in a section dealing with women and media. "We thought it made more sense. We thought 'pornographic materials' was more appropriate," she said.

E.J. Suh, a University of Illinois college student representing World Youth Alliance, a major youth NGO group at the conference with members on five continents, said she was disappointed in the U.S.-led action.

"It doesn't make sense to me that the U.S. would loosen regulations on issues of prostitution, pornography and abortion," she said. "It is something very damaging to women physically."

Longer sought a

GENEVA (AP) — V groups from around the world pressed for an international treaty guaranteeing women maternity leave and the breast-feed during working hours. "There has been a tradition using women's biology against them," activist Solveig said as the International Conference debated a new one on maternity protection.

"We are in a situation where we are having to do two jobs poorly paid and the other one she said of the dual role of employee and mother.

The new labor treaty, due approved next week, would place a 1952 International Organization treaty on maternity leave.

The original treaty was ratified by only 39 countries, mainly in South America and Eastern Europe. The United States, Japan, Australia and much of Western Europe never signed it.

Thirty-four countries women less than 12 weeks maternity leave. Many do not women full pay and in some

"If adequate compensation is provided, said an Arab source on the condition of the decision by Mr. Williams. The decision requires the running boards and a representative

E. J. Dionne Jr.

Enter Bashar Assad

A revealing joke often told in Lebanon: An angry but petrified Lebanese citizen rushes into a police station to report a crime.

"A Swiss soldier stole my Syrian watch!" the indignant citizen tells the sympathetic desk sergeant.

"Calm down," the friendly cop replies. "Don't you mean that a *Syrian* soldier stole your *Swiss* watch?"

A look of fear crosses the complainant's face. "You said it," he replies. "Not me!"

That tale was first told me by a Lebanese friend in Beirut almost two decades ago during the civil war. It speaks many truths about the Syrian occupation of Lebanon and the combination of terror and corruption that is part of the late Hafez Assad's legacy to his nation and his region.

Keep that story in mind when you hear the encomiums bestowed on Assad at his funeral today and in the coming weeks. True, the man was crafty, perhaps even brilliant, in his ability to hold power in an unstable nation in an unstable region. But his was the magic of brutality.

He seemed especially skilled at getting American presidents to trust him as a man who would "keep his word" and "deliver" on his promises. But in truth, Assad always flinched when it came time to make peace with Israel. Peace was not in his interest. Maintaining a never-entirely-stable balance of power, inside Syria and outside, suited him perfectly. He was a genius at playing his enemies and potential enemies off against each other. Assad knew how to deal with non-peace. Peace was too unpredictable.

So after 30 years of Hafez, the rise of his 34-year-old son Bashar to power would be a hopeful sign, no? All the early reports are encouraging. Bashar is a partly Western-trained ophthalmologist who has a fascination with the high-tech era. He's said to want to modernize the Syrian economy and contain corruption. He wasn't supposed to be the leader. The job was supposed to go to his older brother Basil, but Basil died in a car accident. The fact that Bashar may be less imbued with his father's politics can't, on its face, be a bad thing.

The upbeat scenario fits with a view popular among Israeli peacemakers: that economics is now the real task of international politics. Your typical Middle Easterner on the street, especially in Israel, is exhausted with a half-century of conflict and would like to get around to the business of getting rich. Syrians, it's thought, would like much the same. In light of the country's secular leanings and the entrepreneurial skills shown by so many Syrians abroad, there's good reason to think it would like to open Windows on the world of Macs, Big Macs and microchips.

This upbeat form of economic determinism was well expressed over the weekend by Shimon Peres, one of the most passionate advocates of peace in Israeli politics. "Assad's successor is the times and not any one man," Peres said. "Because if his successor doesn't adapt himself to the times, Syria will remain a very poor and isolated country in a very difficult situation."

Here's the hopeful scenario carried to its logical, if unrealistic, extreme: Bashar becomes Syria's answer to Spain's King Juan Carlos. Spanish

dictator Francisco Franco designated Juan Carlos as his successor, and the new king proceeded systematically to dismantle Franco's fascist regime and transformed his nation into a durable free-market democracy. Now, there's a legacy.

But let's stop dreaming. Bashar, whatever his personal wishes, has to deal with the same constricted situation his father did. His succession would represent the continued rule of Syria's Alawite minority over a predominantly Sunni Muslim country. His father's balance-of-terror politics reflected the need to keep all potential opponents off-balance and to build complex alliances among the military, the secret police and his secular Baath party. All that, plus a neighbor and rival called Saddam Hussein.

In the absence of Hafez's skills, it's not hard to see the entire Syrian regime blowing up. That's why some of the eulogies for Hafez Assad may even be sincere. They're based on the theory that an unstable dictatorship built on terror can be even more dangerous than a stable dictatorship built on terror.

Although visionary leaders can alter political facts, all international politics is, finally, local. Hafez Assad's attitudes toward Middle East peace were dictated by his survival needs at home. It would be a heaven-sent inspiration if Bashar decided that his survival depended not on instability and back-stabbing, but on the old democratic formula, peace and prosperity.

Don't bet on this. Whatever his wishes are, Bashar has to deal with an intimidating power struggle, not a free electorate. But you can still hope that Juan Carlos puts in a call to Damascus.

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The Washington Post

Suddenly, Southeast Asia's Recovery Looks Dubious

Weakness in U.S. Could Hit Exports

By ROBERT FRANK
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

SINGAPORE—Southeast Asia's recovery is looking increasingly fragile, as domestic troubles and signs of weakness in the U.S. drive away investors.

"The Slowdown Cometh," begins a recent report by Bill Belchere, Asian economist at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Singapore. He adds that "Asia's healing process ... appears to be losing momentum." Forecasting a shift in market clichés in the region, UBS Warburg economist Arup Raha says the words "recovery" and "robust" are about to be replaced by "double dip."

Several economists have lowered their regional growth forecasts by one to two percentage points to 3% to 5% next year, and many say a hard landing by the U.S. economy could cut even deeper.

The region's stock markets and currencies have skidded, and foreign investors have pulled billions of dollars out of Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, countries that only a few months ago were heralded the comeback kids of the global economy. Even the conservative Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development warns of risks in Southeast Asia.

"The repercus-

sions [of a U.S. slowdown] on interest rates and exports to dynamic Asia could significantly set back, although probably not abort, their recovery," the OECD said in a recent report.

Such an eventuality could have an impact on a host of U.S. companies, which are banking on recoveries abroad to help offset earnings shortfalls at home. Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp., General Electric Co.'s GE Capital unit, Citigroup Inc.'s Citibank and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. have all invested heavily in Southeast Asia in hopes that consumer demand would rebound. Yet demand in the region has yet to take off.

"We're watching industry sales very closely," says William Botwick, president of General Motors Thailand,

which just completed a \$650 million plant south of Bangkok and launched its new Zafira multipurpose vehicle last week. Orders for the new vehicle are strong, in keeping with a fast-growing Thai auto market, but Mr. Botwick says the impact of a U.S. slowdown remains unclear.

The big fear: weaker exports. Southeast Asia's recovery has been powered largely by U.S. consumers, who are buying up everything from Indonesian-made sneakers and Thai silk to Philippine-assembled Intel Corp. chips. The U.S. is the largest buyer of Southeast Asian goods, accounting for more than 20% of exports from Thailand and Malaysia, and nearly 30% from the Philippines.

The ripple effect is even greater. Much of the trade within Southeast Asia is in parts and materials used to make goods that are later sold to the U.S. Adding in these "goods-in-process," along with the consumer spending that flows from U.S. trade, Mr. Raha and other analysts estimate the impact on regional economies could be "multiplied by several times."

"The recovery in Southeast Asia has been singular in nature in that it relies on exports," says Mr. Raha. "Right now, this is the danger."

Of course, few people expect a repeat of the 1997-98 financial crisis. Current-account balances in the region have stabilized, currencies have strengthened, and investment remains moderate. And some argue that because elec-

tronics and computer parts account for a growing share of Southeast Asian exports, and because demand for those products remains buoyant, there is little risk of a slowdown.

"Our business continues to be very strong," says David Cunningham, Asia/Pacific president for FedEx Corp., which ferries semiconductor chips and other computer parts from Asia to the U.S. The company's Asian business grew 28% in the quarter ended in February, and "we'll continue to stay tuned" to market trends, he says.

Still, most agree that Southeast Asia is dangerously dependent on the U.S. for growth, and, more specifically, on the volatile technology sector. A drop could expose deep structural

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problems, including the heavy debt lingering in the region more than two years after the financial crisis.

"If the tide rolls out, we may find that much of the wreckage is still there," says Mr. Belchere of Merrill.

Consider Thailand. Earlier this year, Thailand looked largely cured. It graduated in May from its \$17.2 billion International Monetary Fund brokered rescue program, foreign investors had returned, and exports were surging.

But all of the good news fostered complacency. Corporate restructuring stalled, banks continued to labor under bad loans, and the government put the brakes on privatizations. Investors were further agitated by the prospects of elections later this year, and spats between the central bank and the Finance Ministry.

Foreign investors have sold off a net \$700 million of Thai stocks this year, adding to pressure on the Thai currency. In April, exports increased only 12%, compared with the 30% gains earlier in the year. Consumer demand remains weak in some sectors, and overall production growth slowed to 4.2% in April from 10% in the first few months of 2000.

Government officials and a few bullish economists say the decline was an anomaly, and point to rising consumer demand as a sign of strength. Yet all agree that exports to the U.S. remain crucial to the recovery. A sharp downturn in U.S. growth could bring Thailand's GDP growth to less than 4% next year, from the current forecast of more than 5%, according to Tim Condon, economist at ING Barings in Hong Kong.

'If the tide rolls out, we may find much of the wreckage is still there,' an analyst says.

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June 8, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President;

On the occasion of Kris Engskov's 'retirement', I thought I would impart to you my singular piece of White House history.

In 1933, I believe, Franklin Roosevelt wanted to expand the Supreme Court, as he was not doing very well with the 'nine old men' and their rulings. Roosevelt then tried to pack the court and was unsuccessful. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes from Kansas grew to dislike the President so much that they did not speak from that time until 1944. Hughes' daughter married one of my dad's best friends, Chauncey Waddell of Kansas City. Hence my knowledge of the story.

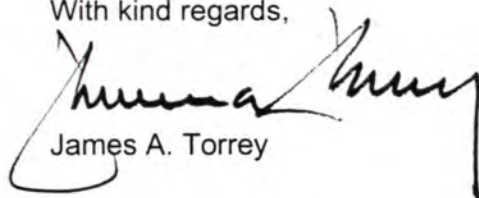
In 1944, Hughes announced that he was retiring as Chief Justice at age 88. He gave up on the wish that he would outlive Roosevelt so he sent a letter of resignation to the White House. A White House messenger came to the Hughes' house in Georgetown the next day as they were packing up their books and belongings to return to Kansas. The messenger had an invitation to tea at the White House from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt for Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. Chief Justice Hughes took the invitation and wrote the following on the back:

*"The sun may kiss a butterfly
A man may kiss his wife goodbye
Two lips may kiss a foaming glass
And you my friend - - farewell."*

I've always loved this limerick. In all that the Republicans have put you through, it comes to mind that this is a terribly apt salutation for many of your friends on the other side of the aisle. I doubt that you would use it in a speech, but you certainly deserve to!

Many, many thanks for a great job and a thick skin. 21 million new jobs isn't such a bad legacy!

With kind regards,


James A. Torrey

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*After you have seen,
we will send to
Berkhardt -*

cup

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GEORGE BUSH

June 7, 2000



Staff Secretary

Dear Mr. President,

I understand that Jim Burke has been nominated for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I further understand that Barry McCaffrey, your knowledgeable and able Drug Czar, has made the nomination.

Given my great respect for all he has done as head of the Partnership for a Drug Free America, I write in support of Jim Burke's nomination. Indeed, in my view, Jim deserves the award not only for his tireless and unselfish work in the fight against drugs, but also for his exemplary business leadership when he was CEO of Johnson & Johnson.

I know you get a lot of recommendations, many of them kind of *pro forma*. This one comes from the heart because I know fact certain that Jim Burke has been so effective and has exerted great leadership in the war against drugs.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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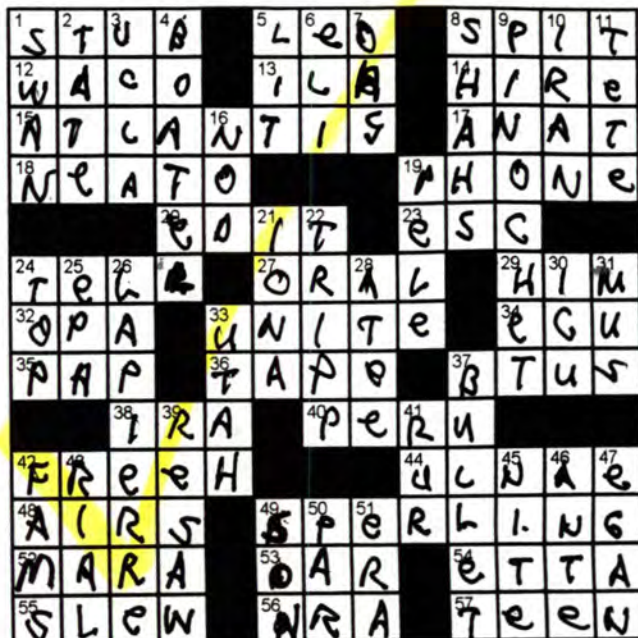
Fred Piscop

News Quiz Crossword

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1. Rain check, typically
5. Tony Blair's brand-new son
8. Polish partner
12. eBay halted bidding on a charred rifle from here
13. Stevedores' org.
14. Take on board
15. It boosted the space station to a higher orbit
17. Gray area?: Abbr.
18. "Peachy-keen!"
19. The House voted to repeal a tax enacted to finance Spanish-American War
20. Get to work on TIME?
23. Key at the upper-left corner
24. Hamoukar, site of a recently discovered 6,000-year-old city in Syria
27. Like the Sabin vaccine
29. One of L.B.J.'s beagles
32. Inflation-fighting agcy. of the '40s
33. Word on a striker's placard, perhaps
34. Euro forerunner
35. Money obtained as political patronage
36. Holder of Nixon's "smoking gun"
37. AC rating units
38. Org. in the movie *Michael Collins*
40. Site of controversial May 28 presidential runoff
42. Specter may seek a sanction against him over the fund-raising scandal
44. Neighbors of radli

For more of Fred's puzzles, see his website at mac.namarasband.com



48. They're sometimes put on
49. Gene, who is advising Clinton on an economic plan for impoverished areas
52. Rebels demanded this Fijian President step down
53. Henley crewman
54. James in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
55. Did away with
56. Org. that's offering speeding-ticket insurance
57. Britney Spears fan, most likely

DOWN

1. Ugly duckling, in time
2. Gallery with the John Singer Sargent Wing
3. Alkman QB'd here
4. Seaside lodging
5. Liberal arts course, for short
6. "Dubya," as a collegian
7. Gp. that didn't monitor election in 40-Across

8. The last of them fled in '79
9. He's been stripped of immunity in Santiago
10. Hard-liner Rafsanjani has withdrawn from its Parliament
11. Head of Haiti?
16. Affirmative action?
19. Sensation of the 1958 World Cup
21. New Rochelle, N.Y., college
22. Prosecutors have dismissed charges against her
24. It may be blown
25. Grp. wanting less arsenic in H₂O
26. New guns 'n' butter man in Times Square

28. To (perfectly)
30. Post-O.R. destination
31. Sweater letters
33. It's rethinking its use of inmates as telemarketers
37. Preakness winner Red
39. Further shorten, in a way
41. Play in which the word robot was coined
42. Nuclear gps.?
43. 10-Down coin
45. Nick's time, on the tube
46. Deal precader
47. O'Connor's successor
49. Jeb, to George
50. She played Mindy
51. It was defeated in '82

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Answers to 6/5/00 puzzle

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 13, 2000

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Donald L. Nathanson, M.D.
Executive Director
The Silvan S. Tomkins Institute
2403 Medical Tower Building
255 South 17th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Donald:

Thanks for sharing your insights about our nation's economic and social challenges. I value your counsel and was glad to get your thoughts about a modern WPA. I have passed along a copy of your letter to members of my staff in the National Economic Council and the Domestic Policy Council for study.

As you know, I share your commitment to broadening access to our thriving economy through a national effort to encourage public and private investment in our nation's underserved areas. I agree that by doing so, we can help address many of the problems that are facing our communities. The bipartisan agreement on New Markets and Renewal Communities is a step in the right direction.

I look forward to your continued involvement in our efforts to widen the circle of opportunity in America, and I'm glad to know I can count on your help.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

THE 20/00 FAX

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6/9/00

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Bob

Eugenie

6/13/00

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Eugenie

Comments:

I'm doing a little spring/summer clearing and
found this. It's a bit odd, but would you
consider the President a fan of Arthur C. Clarke?
Do you think we should submit something?

From:

Eileen McLaughrey

MESSAGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

A TRIBUTE TO SIR ARTHUR C. CLARKE

March 18, 2000

Bill Clinton, President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20510-4001

Dear Mr. Clinton,

The scientific vision, inspired teaching, and highly imaginative writing of Sir Arthur C. Clarke have touched the lives of millions. As we approach the new millennium, standing on the threshold of 2001, it seems an appropriate time to reflect and pay tribute to a man who has given us so much.

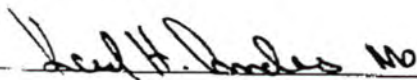
Like you, we are friends and fans of Arthur C. Clarke. We have admired his creativity and marveled at his incomparable imagination. We have had the privilege of meeting with Arthur on a number of occasions, and have enjoyed his hospitality, kindness, insights, and sharp wit.

To honor Arthur, we are compiling an album of special memories and tributes. We would like to solicit from you – and from many other friends and fans – a contribution to this Endeavour. You may contribute anything you like, such as a letter to Arthur, a poem, photograph, handwritten note, painting, video, or some combination of these items. Your contribution will be collected and compiled in an album that we will present to Arthur on behalf of all of us in 2000, hopefully by midyear.

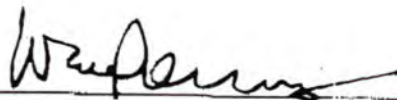
This project has the support and cooperation of Fred Clarke, Arthur's brother in England, and Valerie and Hector Ekanayake, Arthur's extended family who live with him in Sri Lanka. If you wish to confirm this by phone, you may contact Fred at 44-182-343-2671, or Hector and Valerie at 941-699-756. Please do not make mention of this project to Arthur C. Clarke. It is our intention that this gift from his friends be a surprise.

If you are interested in participating in this tribute, please read the attached sheet for further details. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to honor this special man.

Sincerely yours,



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No ☐

Carl

6-12-00

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Monsieur Le PRESIDENT,

Depuis plus de deux mois, j'ai essayé de vous demander une audience. Vainement!!...

Grâce à DIEU, vous êtes là aujourd'hui. S'il vous plaît, veuillez me donner une audience car j'ai des choses très graves pour la sécurité à vous révéler et à vous remettre en main propre.

Que JESUS vous guide.

Handwritten signature

06/11/00

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The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

The 700 families in small Midwestern towns like Atchison, Kansas, Pekin, Illinois and Hamburg, Iowa who work in the wheat gluten industry are grateful for all you have done to protect their jobs against unfair foreign trade.

In this case the U.S. industry has sustained serious economic injury as the result of a surge in imports from the European Union ("E.U."). These imports are possible only because the E.U. has a tariff on wheat starch that is 40 times higher than the U.S. tariff and a tariff on the co-product wheat gluten that is 10 times higher than the U.S. tariff.

These high tariffs provide the European producers with a totally protected market that enables them to sell wheat starch for 2½ times the world market within the E.U. This also enables the European producers to cross subsidize the export of the co-product wheat gluten to the United States at prices for below the cost of production.

As you know, the long term solution is for the E.U. to open their market by lowering the E.U. tariffs on wheat starch and wheat gluten to the level of the U.S. tariffs on these products.

The U.S. wheat gluten industry knows that if the E.U. lowered its tariffs to a level equal to U.S. tariffs, the under-priced E.U. exports of wheat gluten to the U.S. would no longer be possible, and trade relief would not be necessary. Until this market-opening action is taken by the E.U., the 201 relief you have supported for the U.S. industry is absolutely essential.

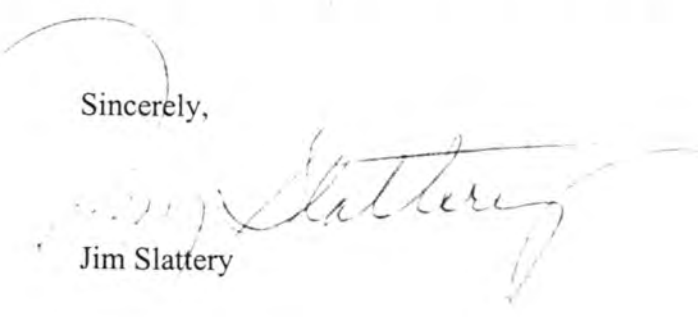
Again, on behalf of the 700 families whose jobs are dependent upon the wheat gluten industry, thank you for your continuing support.

Mr. President
May 30, 2000
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On a personal note, I will always be grateful for all you have done to give this small but important U.S. industry, located in the midwest, a fighting chance against the global agri-business giants. Thanks again -

With warm best wishes always.

Sincerely,


Jim Slattery

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Thanks again!
Law help has been
extremely important.
Len*

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

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Dear President Clinton,

In a 1998 appearance on a television special celebrating Motown Records, you declared that the music of the Supremes, Temptations, Marvin Gaye etc. is central to who we are as Americans. It was awesome, but not surprising, to see the weight of your Oval Office behind this point in prime time. Your presidency marks a generational sea change in perspective on racial sensibility and American identity.

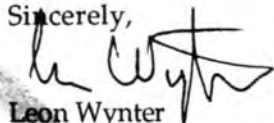
I'm writing a book on how that sea change has transformed American popular commercial culture and, by extension, what it means to be an American. I'd like to interview you on the subject of race, identity and popular culture.

"Dreaming in Color: The Business of Browning America," to be published by Crown in the Spring of 2001, considers the possibility that popular culture may be binding us together in an "American race" that supersedes historical social divisions and shines a light for the politics of racial reconciliation. I'd like a little of your time not because you're the President, but because you're the first President that 'gets it'.

You 'get it' because you're the first President to face the reality that demographically, America will not be a 'white nation' by the time our generation retires. You're also the first person in the White House, I think, who embraces the fact that, at least culturally, we haven't been a 'white nation' since the Jazz Age. Yours is the first administration to attempt to use our common transracial culture as a political touchstone, the vehicle for the "One America" vision.

Your remarks in the Motown show were a rare act of political leadership in popular culture. True, Nixon showed up to say "sock it to me," on "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" in the 60's, but it was mostly to say something about himself. You used your appearance to say something about the American people. In the long run, I believe, this insight will be at the core of the Clinton legacy. I hope you'll give me the opportunity to be among the first to get it into print.

Sincerely,



Leon Wynter
Wall Street Journal Staff Reporter
National Public Radio-Commentator

cc: Anne Lewis
Joe Lockheart

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Yes ☒

No ☐

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Dreaming in Color: The Business of Browning the Mainstream

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IN 25 WORDS

It's how Corporate America came to embrace the browning of commercial popular culture since 1980, and the implications for American identity in the next millennium.

PUBLISHING INFORMATION

In hardcover, by Crown Publishers, New York, a unit of Random House, in 2001.

WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED

- 1) Professional and corporate marketing, advertising and other executives representing influential mass commercial culture industries, including beverages, package goods, fashion, movies, television, music, professional sports and sportswear.
- 2) Leaders on the subject of race, identity and culture in the 90's from the academic, research, political and creative sectors.
- 3) Prominent 'stars' and icons in the new mainstream, and/or their representatives, including professional athletes, musicians, actors and journalists.

Leon Wynter created the Wall Street Journal column "Business & Race" in 1990. His monthly column on the front of the second section explores how business is responding to the increased influence of racial minorities as consumers and employees. The column has been especially interested in how racial identity affects consumer behavior. Mr. Wynter is also a regular commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," evening news show. A native New Yorker, his commentaries frequently turn on issues of race, identity and politics.



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U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

MAY 15, 2000

Mr. President _____

WHILE I REALIZE YOU HAVE
NO LACK OF READING MATERIAL,
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW
TDA IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FROM YOUR
RECENT VISIT TO INDIA.

I HOPE ALL IS WELL. FOR SOME
STRANGE REASON, I FIND MYSELF
ESPECIALLY INTERESTED THIS YEAR
IN BOTH NEW HAMPSHIRE AND NEW
YORK.

SINCERELY,

Joe Goodman

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TDA — Advancing the Follow-Up to President Clinton's India Visit



India — it is a country that is clearly on the move. With its growing population and robust economy, there are compelling reasons for U.S. businesses to be watching this hot South Asian market. President Clinton's March visit elevated India's position in the global economic order and highlighted vast commercial opportunities for projects in some of TDA's most active sectors.

The United States is India's largest trading partner but exports to the country have lagged considerably. Economic reforms have propelled India to one of ten fastest growing economies in the world. Growth predictions for the near future are more than six percent. Inflation is low; the rupee is strong. American businesses might now be wondering, "Where do we go from here?"

You will be pleased to know that an unprecedented level of intergovernmental cooperation has been mobilized to help you capitalize on the promises made during the President's historic visit. TDA is actively engaged in strategic partnerships with the Departments of Commerce, Energy, State, the Agency for International Development, the Export-Import Bank, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to move important infrastructure projects forward. We have also been working closely with U.S. Ambassador to India Richard Celeste and his capable staff to ex-

pand our business development efforts in India. Additionally, prominent business organizations including the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and the Federation of Industry and Chamber of Commerce of India (FICCI), and the U.S.-India Business Council in Washington, D.C. have been our partners in working with the private sector, both in the United States and in



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu presents President Clinton with traditional items of greeting. Hyderabad Airport, India. Photo by David Scull

India. Between 30 days before the President's visit and 60 days after it, with the help of each of these institutions, TDA will have funded new activities in India in every major sector in which we do business.

A special initiative of TDA's is to expand our work with the Indian private sector. Now in their second generation, sweeping market reforms have sparked an entrepreneurial spirit among small and large Indian companies that are eager to form international partnerships. As public funds for new infrastructure projects have dried up, these companies have stepped in to efficiently and effectively meet the country's growing infrastructure needs. TDA has actively pursued these projects for American companies. In fact, every project that we funded in 1999 was led by a private Indian company. In 2000, we expect to continue our work with both the public and private sector.

For more information about TDA's program in India, please contact Regional Director Geoff Jackson or Country Manager Manisha Kothari at (703) 875-4357. ☞

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency assists in the creation of jobs for Americans by helping U.S. companies pursue overseas business opportunities. Through the funding of feasibility studies, orientation visits, training grants, conferences, and various forms of technical assistance, we enable American businesses to become involved in the planning stages of infrastructure and industrial projects in middle-income and developing countries. By doing this we provide American firms with market entry, exposure and information, thus helping them establish a position in markets that are otherwise difficult to penetrate.



U.S. Ambassadors Play a Key Role in TDA's South Asia Efforts

Three of his colleagues joined host U.S. Ambassador Ralph Frank at TDA's "Energy South Asia" conference in Kathmandu held two weeks before President Clinton's visit to the region. U.S. Ambassador to India Richard Celeste (pictured at left) moderated the all-important project finance panel while Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives Shaun Donnelly and Ambassador to Bangladesh John Holzman similarly led the delegation from their assigned countries and participated substantively in the program. Ambassador to Pakistan William Milam was planning to attend but had to remain at post given the decision to include a stop in Islamabad on the President's agenda.

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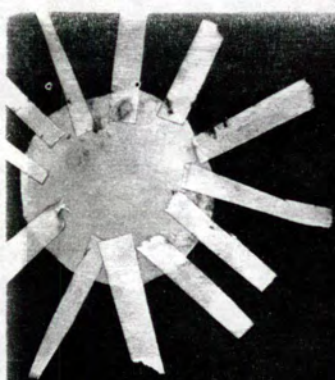
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TOM JOHNSON

6/13/2000

DEAR JOHN:

Media executives should not lobby, but this is an exceptional case. And, I have written to Joe L. as well on this.

Henry Aaron should be considered for a Medal of Freedom, presented by President Clinton. Hank deserves the recognition. He has been an exemplary role model, both on the field and off. His dedication to civil rights and his unfailing support of young people match his world record tennis career. Thanks for considering this. Sincerely,
Tom



Americans for Indian Opportunity

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Staff Secretary

June 7, 2000

Ms. Nancy Hernreich
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of the Oval Office
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Hernreich:

Ann Lewis, with whom I serve on the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History, advised me that you could make sure that President Clinton receives the attached letter. We are requesting that the President consider joining the Board of Directors of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). He knows of AIO's work through our executive vice president, Laura Harris, who served as a consultant to the Advisory Board of his special Initiative on Race.

We appreciate your help. If you need more information or have questions, please call me or Laura at 505/867-0278.

Warmest regards,

LaDonna Harris
President

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June 7, 2000

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

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to extend an invitation to you to serve on the Board of Directors of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO).

Last week, as you know, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of AIO in Washington D.C., and during this occasion we read aloud to everyone gathered your kind note in recognition of this milestone. Subsequently, I received many positive comments about your letter, and about the many contributions of your Administration to Indian Country. This was the inspiration for a decision by our Board of Directors and me to extend to you this invitation.

Your understanding and actions on behalf of Native Americans will stand as legacy to be admired and respected. I know you have a genuine interest in causes that advance Native American rights and opportunities, and that you may want to pursue this interest once your term in office has expired. In your remarks during the April 13 DSCC Native American Dinner, you stated, "my association with the Native American tribes of our country has been one of the most important aspects of my presidency." And you concluded; "...give me every chance I can to be helpful, not only for the next nine and a half months, but for the rest of my life."

I am delighted to offer you one such chance with this invitation. We would be greatly honored to have you serve as an active member of our Board. In this regard, I should point out we are looking for more than a name on our letterhead. Our goal for the new millenium is to become an even greater resource as a catalyst for new opportunities for Native Americans and the development of emerging Native leaders. Your valuable experience, influence, and counsel are major assets that could significantly raise the level of our contributions in the future, and enable you to pursue your interest.

I know you will have many paths to choose from as you embark on your new life as a private citizen. I hope you will give this invitation your most serious consideration, but regardless of your decision, my daughter, Laura, and I wish you and Hillary the very best in whatever you do.

Thank you so much for your past support, and for your inspirational letter honoring me and Americans for Indian Opportunity. We are looking forward to our next 30 years!

Warmest regards,

LaDonna Harris
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Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to you out of my concern for Mr. Leonard Peltier, a man who I believe has been unjustly imprisoned for 24 years, and to appeal to you to use your powers of executive clemency to allow him to return to his family.

I believe that there are exceptionally-strong indications that judicial impropriety, coercion of witnesses, fabricated evidence and falsified ballistics tests were all factors in Mr. Peltier's conviction, and evidence that could have exonerated him was suppressed. Further, it does appear that Mr. Peltier was singled out for selective prosecution because of his status as an American Indian leader who had previously dared to exercise his right to criticize the F.B.I. and other law enforcement and political institutions he believed were oppressive towards his people.

I do not minimize the terrible tragedy that took three lives in the shootings at the Pine Ridge reservation. But it poorly serves the cause of justice to allow such a thoroughly discredited conviction to stand and to cause further pain and suffering for Mr. Peltier.

By all accounts, Mr. Peltier has been a model prisoner who continues to serve his community, even while unjustly incarcerated and being denied proper medical care, despite a severe illness. Numerous public figures and respected community leaders have testified on the high quality of his character and the great contributions he could make if allowed to return to his family and community.

Mr. President, American Indians have been subjected to a long litany of the most brutal injustices and horrific treatment, and Mr. Peltier's unjust incarceration remains a festering sore that impedes better race relations in America. Surely the time has come to promote healing and a spirit of trust and genuine goodwill toward the Indian peoples of America with an act that serves both compassion and justice. For all of these reasons, I urge you to grant executive clemency for Leonard Peltier.

Sincerely,

Coretta Scott King

cc: Attorney General Janet Reno
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