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- Because it would bring the resources of a Federal-State partnership, the Delta Regional Authority would be an effective way to improve the economy of the Delta region, one of the, if not the, poorest regions in the country. It covers seven states (Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, and Tennessee). In the Delta, poverty remains at 175 percent of the national average, and the per capita income in the Delta's distressed communities is only 53 percent of the U.S. average.
- There is a lot of support for this Authority in the local communities. It is not a partisan issue.
- I urge you to include the full \$30 million requested for the Authority.
- After working with you to provide assistance to folks in New Mexico affected by the fires and our continuing efforts to help Native Americans in the Interior bill, I know you share my desire to ensure that the Federal government's resources are directed to the people who need assistance the most.
- We have a chance without too much of an up-front investment to make a significant, lasting difference in the lives of the people in this region.

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July 10, 2000

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

TO: Senator Pete Domenici
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NM H: 505-346-6971

RECOMMENDED BY: Jacob J. Lew, (5-4840)
Sylvia M. Mathews (5-4742)

PURPOSE: To persuade Senator Domenici to include funding for the Delta Regional Authority into the Senate Energy and Water Subcommittee Appropriations Bill. The bill is expected to be marked-up on Thursday, so the call should occur before mid-day Wednesday.

BACKGROUND: Your FY 2001 Budget proposed \$30 million to fund a Delta Regional Authority (Authority), modeled after the Appalachian Regional Commission, to encourage economic development in the region. The Authority would target funding to the counties with the highest poverty and unemployment rates, and lowest per capita income. The funding would be allocated for area development programs such as infrastructure and job training (\$25 million), assistance to participating state and local economic development entities (\$3 million), and technical assistance and administrative expenses (\$2 million).

The House did not include funding for the Authority in its Energy and Water appropriations bill. We see the Senate Energy and Water appropriations bill as the best shot for getting this funding included.

OMB has had discussions with Senator Stevens. Senator Stevens is not opposed to the Delta Regional Authority, and has asked for OMB's support for obtaining funding for the Denali Commission, a similar regional economic development entity in Alaska. Funding was included in the FY 2001 Budget for the Denali

Commission.

Jack has also discussed the Authority with Senator Domenici (Chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee) and Senator Reid's staff (Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee). Both were non-committal.

We have also worked closely with Senator Domenici and his staff on the Los Alamos fire relief funding, even though we encountered friction on language concerning timber harvests.

Senator Byrd was initially opposed to the creation of the Delta Regional Authority because he was concerned that it would compete with the Appalachian Regional Commission. But after receiving positive feedback from Jesse White and Governor Underwood, the Senator has changed his position and no longer is opposed.

Senator Lincoln and Representative Berry have introduced a bill that would authorize the Authority. There are currently nineteen bipartisan co-sponsors from the Delta region. We have been pursuing a couple strategies for trying to get the bill enacted, including possibly attaching it to the New Markets legislation.

The Delta Regional Authority was one part of the larger Delta Regional Initiative included in the Budget. The total funding requested for the Initiative was \$159 million, of which \$30 million was for the DRA. Although we have been working hard to get the other \$129 million in agency earmarks for the Delta, we have had only limited success, partial funding for USDA and HHS programs. **The Authority is the most important piece of the Initiative for ensuring a long-term impact on the region.**

TALKING POINTS:

- I know that you are getting ready to move the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, and I wanted to call about an item that is very important to me.
- I have proposed the creation of a Delta Regional Authority, much like the Appalachian Regional Commission, and have requested \$30 million in my Budget for it.
- I have talked to Senator Lott about the need for the Delta Regional Authority.

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to Sen. McCain
By JKH

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 13, 2000

Mildred Smith
24 East Palisades Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Dear Mildred:

I was sorry to learn of Griffin's death and wanted you to know I'm thinking about you.

He was a good man, long admired throughout Arkansas for his leadership in the legal profession and dedicated public service. Hillary and I hope that your memories of his meaningful life will give you some solace in this difficult time.

We send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family, and we'll be keeping you all in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



Judy Steelman <judysteelman@ezclick.net>

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To: Eugenie Bisulco/WHO/EOP

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Subject: Death of Griffin Smith

Wife: Mildred Smith
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Phone: 501-664-8989

GRIFFIN SMITH, 84, born Oct. 24, 1915, in Paragould, Ark., died at Little Rock on July 11, 2000, of lung cancer and pulmonary fibrosis. He was preceded in death by his father, Griffin Smith, Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, and his mother, Amelia Daggett Smith. He was the father of Griffin Smith, jr., executive editor of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Griffin Smith was graduated from Marianna, Ark., High School, and attended Little Rock Junior College before enrolling at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. In 1941 he was graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law, ranking second in his class.

After briefly practicing law in partnership with Lamar Williamson of Monticello, Ark., he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During World War II he served in the FBI as a special agent in Providence, R.I., New York City and Little Rock. Smith later said that most of his time in New York was spent trailing Russian spies, even though the United States and the Soviet Union were then allied against Germany, "because the German spies were so incompetent you could spot them a mile off." In 1946 he was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney in Little Rock.

In 1947, Smith established a law partnership with Warren E. Wood. The firm of Wood & Smith dissolved in 1959 and Smith became a solo practitioner for many years. He served as general counsel for Union National Bank of Little Rock from 1970 to 1993. During the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s he continued an active practice of law in firms whose partners included, at various times, W. Robert Nixon Jr., William David Duke, and his son, Griffin, jr.

Smith was the author of Arkansas Forms with Practice Commentaries, (West Publishing Co., 1958), a 796-page volume of legal forms that remained the standard reference work for Arkansas attorneys for 20 years. The forms, which guided attorneys in the preparation of court pleadings, became legendary for their clarity and succinctness.

On July 3, 1951, Smith was appointed by Governor Sid McMath to be Special Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, giving him the unusual distinction of serving simultaneously on the same court as his father, then the Chief Justice.

In 1952, Smith represented McMath's executive secretary and campaign manager, Henry Woods, and other state officials at the Highway Audit Commission hearings.

In the summer of 1957, Smith was one of the attorneys for Mrs. Clyde Thomason, secretary of the League of Central High Mothers, in the suit brought to delay integration of Little Rock Central High School. It was in this case that Governor Orval E. Faubus, appearing as a witness for the Mothers' League, first testified that he believed immediate integration of the school might lead to violence.

In 1958, Smith was defeated in the race for Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court by the

incumbent, Justice Ed McFaddin.

From 1948 through 1988, Smith was actively involved with the Pulaski County Bar Association's Gridiron Show, first as a script writer and later, for many years, also a chairman and producer.

Smith was an inveterate outdoorsman, skilled with a duck-caller as well as with a fishing rod. Every summer for the 20 years before he died, he made an annual sportfishing trip to the Bristol Bay wilderness in southwestern Alaska to catch salmon.

Smith was president of the Pulaski County Bar Association in 1969-70. In May 1988, he received its lawyers' award "for service to the legal profession and the people of Pulaski County." He was a member of the Country Club of Little Rock and the Second Presbyterian Church.

At various times Smith served on the Little Rock Censor Board, the board of directors of Union National Bank and Worthen Bank, and the board of directors of Goodwill Industries.

Smith is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred Cross Smith; his son, Griffin Smith, jr., and wife Libby of Little Rock; his daughter, Leslie Smith Cunningham and husband John, who are medical doctors in Riverton, Wyo.; two grandchildren, Alexander and Sofie Cunningham of Riverton; and a sister, Sheffield Smith Lander of Little Rock.

Funeral arrangements are by Ruebel Funeral Home, 666-0123. Burial will be private, followed by a memorial service at Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, on Friday, July 14, at 11 a.m.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Marion Brown; Roy Danuser; Dr. Alfred Kahn, Jr.; Gerhardt Kindervater; Dr. Frank Kumpuris; Herbert H. McAdams II; Sid McMath; W. Robert Nixon Jr.; Clyde Scott; and B. Finley Vinson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Baptist Hospice, 11900 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72210.



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LR lawyer, ex-justice, dies at 84

**JULIA SILVERMAN
AND DAUPHNE TRENHOLM
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE**

Griffin Smith, a prominent Little Rock lawyer known for his concise, elegant arguments and his participation in several of Arkansas' landmark legal proceedings, died Tuesday night. He was 84.

He died of lung cancer and pulmonary fibrosis.

Smith, the second of three generations in his family to leave a lasting impact on Arkansas, was the son of Griffin Smith, former chief justice of the state Supreme Court, and the father of Griffin Smith, jr., executive editor of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

"Griffin's father swore me in as governor of Arkansas in 1949," said Sid McMath, the state's governor from 1949 to 1953. "He was a friend of mine during my administration, whom I consulted from time to time in cases over the years. He would be the defense lawyer, and I would be on the opposite side. We strove mightily and always remained friends."

Born in Paragould on Oct. 24, 1915, Smith had "law in his bones," said another of his colleagues, U.S. District Judge Henry Woods of Little Rock. Smith's mother, Amelia Daggett, was a daughter of a well-known eastern Arkansas family, several of whose members were also lawyers.

Smith graduated from Marianna High School, then attended Little Rock Junior College for a year before entering the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, where he received his law degree and ranked second in his class.

Mildred Cross of Fayetteville became Smith's bride on October 8, 1938, while he was still in law school.

Smith was admitted to the Arkansas bar in 1941 and began practicing law that year as a partner with Lamar Williamson in Monticello. During World War II, Smith moved from Fayetteville to New York City, where he worked for the FBI. In his spare time, he rode the subway to the theater district, where he and his wife, both children of rural Arkansas, were dazzled by the glitz and glamour of Broadway's musicals and plays. The theater would become a lifelong passion for him.

After his stint in the FBI, Smith returned to his native Arkansas to

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practice law. He was named as an assistant U.S. attorney in 1946 under U.S. Attorney Sam Rorex, then re-entered private practice with Warren Wood in 1947. Smith began his own practice in 1959.

As a lawyer, Smith was something of a role model for other local lawyers, said Woods, who recalled that Smith landed the first \$100,000 verdict ever handed down by a jury in Arkansas -- a relative pittance in today's era of high-dollar settlements but a fortune in the 1950s.

"His pleadings were always extremely short -- he didn't like all this legal gobbledygook," Woods recalled. "He went in for pleadings that were always one or two sentences long. It was unusual because a lot of lawyers are so verbose, they couch everything in legal language. A lot of people started copying him. It was one of his great contributions to the practice of law around here."

Back in Little Rock, Smith's circle of friends included McMath, who said that as governor he enlisted Smith's help to untangle the legal jargon that proliferated during an attempt to aid rural farmers in their drive to form electricity cooperatives. In 1951, McMath appointed Smith a special associate justice of the state Supreme Court. So for a time, both Smiths -- father and son -- sat on the state's highest court.

U.S. District Judge Bill Wilson called Smith "a patron saint in the heyday of his law practice for young lawyers starting" out.

Wilson said that Smith's book on legal pleadings, *Arkansas Forms with Practice Commentaries*, published in 1958, was "the standard" that lawyers in Arkansas looked to in preparing forms in those days before computers and printers.

Smith, who did not have a secretary, painstakingly typed all 796 pages of the book on an old manual typewriter, said his son.

"That was an inducement to brevity," Griffin Smith, jr., said.

In the early 1950s, Smith's skills as a defense lawyer came into play in a scandal that racked the McMath administration when an independent committee accused several state highway commissioners of "waste, extravagance and corruption." The scandal dominated headlines with allegations of campaign contributions in exchange for hefty highway contracts. Smith's client, former state highway commissioner A.D. Mason, was acquitted.

"The jury was out for just two minutes," Smith later recalled.

In 1957, Smith was one of the attorneys for Mrs. Clyde Thomason, secretary of the segregationist League of Central High Mothers. Thomason had asked that the Little Rock School Board and Superintendent Virgil Blossom be prohibited from enrolling black students in Central High School.

Smith and another attorney, Arthur G. Frankel, both subpoenaed Gov. Orval Faubus, who testified that he feared integrating the high school could lead to violence. After a two-hour hearing, Pulaski County Chancellor Murray O. Reed temporarily enjoined Little Rock school authorities from enrolling black students.

In 1958, Smith filed as a candidate for the state Supreme Court position held by Justice Ed F. McFaddin but lost the race by a ratio of almost 2-to-1.

"When I ran for the Arkansas Supreme Court, Griffin also ran that year," former Supreme Court Justice Jim Johnson of Conway remembered. "He was the kind of candidate that people dream about. He didn't do the things I did to get elected. His code of ethics was such that he thought background and qualifications and history should be the deciding factor. Theoretically, that's true. But I went at it like running for office. That worked, in retrospect. But it would be an ideal situation to be able to run for a public office in his manner. I am told that presidents used to do it that way."

As influential a lawyer as Smith was, his heart was really in the theater, said his son. For 40 years, until 1998, Smith was part of the Pulaski County Bar Association's Gridiron show, a biennial political parody of local lawyers, politicians and personalities. He had an uncanny knack for matching show tunes with local characters, whether it was a sendup of Sheriff Tommy Robinson's straight-faced raid on a toga party, set to "If My Friends Could See Me Now," or a number about Justice John Purtle's acquittal of conspiracy to commit theft of property by deception through an insurance claim after his car was destroyed in a fire, to the tune of "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire."

In 1978, for the first time, Gridiron's program identified the show's scriptwriter as Smith. He had been the person responsible for putting the perennially sold-out show together for 24 years before that, but it had been the custom not to acknowledge any of the writers.

"He spent so much time -- he would go to England and New York and pick up ideas for his show," McMath said. "He could have been a theater director."

Smith was also a member of the American and the Arkansas bar associations and was elected president of the Pulaski County Bar Association in 1969.

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RETURN to Arkansas Section

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more passionate voice for justice and equality in all of America."

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer (7/14, Pope) reported that Bradley "enthusiastically endorsed the vice president yesterday, providing a shot of momentum that Gore believes will pay rich dividends in tossup states like Washington. In only his second public appearance since dropping out of the Democratic race in March and his first with Gore, Bradley gave Gore his biggest wish -- a strong, unequivocal endorsement." Bradley's support "is important to Gore because it could keep voters from defecting to Green Party candidate Ralph Nader." Gore aides "have become increasingly worried that Nader's appeal could be particularly strong in states like Washington and Oregon."

More Analysis. On CNN (7/13, Inside Politics), political analyst Bill Schneider said that although Bradley "didn't win a single primary or caucus," his endorsement of Gore is important because he "tried to rally liberals in a campaign against Clintonism. His argument? Under Clinton and Gore, the Democratic Party has lost its ambition." But now, it is "not the Bradley vote Gore is worried about. It's the Ralph Nader vote. Nader is doing something Bradley never did: He's attacking Gore personally." Nader's challenge "could turn out to be more serious. To many voters, Nader's a consumer's hero, and his complaint about Gore hits a nerve with the same liberals Bradley targets. Nader's charge -- Gore's a sellout to big money." That charge "resonates with union voters in the Midwest, who are angry with Gore over trade. It also resonates with environmentalists on the West Coast who think Gore is too cautious. Gore hopes the Bradley endorsement will keep liberals onboard. That was Bradley's message: A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush." Nader is "materializing as a bigger threat to Gore than Buchanan is to Bush. Nader is outpolling Buchanan in the polls, number one. Nader has a far more positive image among voters than Pat Buchanan does. Nader is regarded a hero to consumer activist, whereas Buchanan many voters consider a trouble maker. And much more to the point, conservatives this year, unusually, seem to be willing to make compromises to win."

In his Philadelphia Daily News column (7/14), Sandy Grady wrote, "It's hardly an earth-shaking scoop that" Gore is "in trouble. Al's 2000 campaign has zero traction. He's running like a man wearing snow shoes in quicksand." Gore "even bores Democrats -- over half say they're underwhelmed. Every week he reinvents himself. He's still Sominex Al."

Added Grady, "Gore's idea of an exciting event was an endorsement by Bill Bradley. Z-z-z-z. Who's in the wings, Dr. Kevorkian?"

Jim Angle reported on Fox's "Special Report" (7/13), "Here in Green Bay, Bradley said nothing nice about Gore personally, but under the circumstances, the Vice President seemed please the senator went as far as he did. And Gore repaid Bradley's endorsement by praising the same Bradley positions that he ridiculed during the campaign." Angle added, "Now Gore ripped Bradley during the campaign, during the primary, prompting Bradley to call him the elephant of negative campaigning. But now, Gore calls him a Democrat who stands and speaks for the principles that all Democrats believe in, and even suggested he might try to implement some of Bradley's ideas."

Fred Barnes said on Fox's "Special Report" (7/13) Bradley "has more energy shooting free throws than that. I mean, he raised his voice. I guess in Bradley's case that goes for high energy. This was enough of what Gore expected, but he mainly praised what the party can do if they have all of Congress and the White House rather than -- it wasn't that fervent a personal endorsement of Gore." Barnes added Bradley's absence "would be a nagging problem for Gore. Now he's ended that. But look -- I mean, here is what -- I mean, here is the difference. McCain won some things. You look at how a Bush-McCain ticket runs and Bush runs a stronger race against Gore and whoever with McCain as his running mate. You add Bradley to Gore and it doesn't help."

Morton Kondracke said on Fox's "Special Report" (7/13) Bradley's endorsement "was late. You know, it's been a long time for him to use the 'E' word, and you know, I guess it's time enough, you know, the convention is still more than a month away and so on, and they can get their act together, but it's further evidence that Gore is just slow putting the whole Democratic Party together, and Bush has got his party completely solidified." Kondracke added, "The thing about being late here is that if Bradley does campaign for Gore he's got to answer all the questions that McCain has been asked a thousand times -- 'Hey, don't you remember when you said that George Bush was over the top and a bad guy and all.' I don't know. But this is the case with Bradley, this all happens now, late. He has -- there are all these quotes that reporters will have to ask him about."

Jeff Birnbaum said on Fox's "Special Report" (7/13), "I think you have to say that it was better for Gore that Bradley endorsed him than if Bradley did not endorse him, and he

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 2000

Judy Rippetau
4560 Landon Road
Wellesley Island, New York 13607

Dear Judy:

Hillary and I were very saddened to learn of your mother's death, and we wanted you to know we're thinking about you and your family. It seems that Hospice was a true blessing to her and to you during these recent months.

We send you our heartfelt condolences and will be keeping you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Bill

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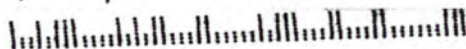
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Dear Friends,

I write to you with a sad heart. My mother, Claire Russell Hodges, passed away on June 29th. My father, Rev. Graham R. Hodges was holding her left hand as she slept. Our Lord came and took her right hand. She is now at peace and free from pain.

During the last two months my mom has been cared for by Hospice of Central N.Y. and of course my father. She was able to stay at home because of this organization. Her pain & our grief have been given comfort by Hospice.

Take care and God be with you always. Judy Rippstein



June 12, 2000

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Karin,

Thanks so much for taking the time to get my speech signed by President Clinton. Once again I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful event. I am so anxious to get some pictures. It was truly a day I will never forget.

Thank You,

Karen Cecil
Karen Cecil
5779 U.S. 60 West
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By vesting Parents, Teachers, School Administrators and the Community in our school system, we are all held accountable for the quality of our schools and as a result get a better education for our children. Today, my girls are receiving a top notch education, and are prepared for whatever life has to hold for them.

I believe that these things, parental involvement, access to computer, and increased accountability along with strong leadership skills possessed by individuals such as Diane Embry and Stu Silberman, have enhanced the learning opportunities for our children. The Daviess County Public Schools lays a strong foundation that will help students be more successful as working adults.

Through the President's leadership the Nation is working to turn schools around and make them work for America's students in every community. As the former Governor of Arkansas his top priority was education and he brought that with him to the White House. He's been working 7 1/2 years to turn schools around. He is a friend of education and is here today because he appreciates its importance.

Ladies, Gentlemen and Students, may I introduce to you the President of the United States of America, William Jefferson Clinton.

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Please address correspondence to Phil R. Manning, M.D., Keck School of Medicine, 1975 Zonal Avenue--KAM 317, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

Sincerely,

Phil R Manning

Phil R. Manning, M.D.
Associate Vice Pres
Health Affairs

E. Connie Mariano, MD
White House Physician

Dear Betty,
I wrote a chapter in
this book on medical
care to special patients &
how to keep current on
medical training. I
would be delighted if
you submitted a comment.
Lois DeBakey is the sister of
Dr. Michael DeBakey. Thank you Connie

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July 7, 2000

President William J. Clinton
c/o Ms Betty Currie
Presidential Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear President Clinton:

Dr. Lois DeBakey and I are preparing a second edition of our book *Medicine: Preserving the Passion*, published in 1987. The book describes how outstanding clinicians and academicians keep abreast of new medical information after training and how they sustain their zest for medical practice. We wish to include comments by Dr. E. Connie Mariano, Physician to the President. We would be most grateful if you would write a paragraph that we could quote describing Dr. Mariano's performance and qualities, and perhaps include an appropriate anecdote, if possible.

Please address correspondence to Phil R. Manning, M.D., Keck School of Medicine, 1975 Zonal Avenue--KAM 317, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

Sincerely,



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July 7, 2000

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

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To Leg Affairs
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Dear Mr. President:

You received two letters, each dated June 15, 2000, signed by some Members of Congress and requesting that you declare India a terrorist nation. I have attached copies of the subject letters for your reference.

I hereby inform you that my name and signature were erroneously placed on this letter. I do not support the position stated in this letter. Therefore, I request that you disregard this letter in so far as it purports to state my position on India.

I regret any misunderstanding that this error might have caused.

Sincerely,

William J. Jefferson
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 15, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned by the ongoing repression of Christians in India. A wave of violence against Christians and that has been going on since Christmas 1998 has intensified recently.

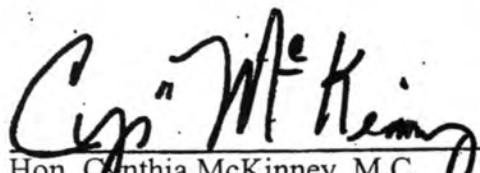
On May 21, a prayer meeting of a Christian women's group was bombed. An investigation by the All-India Christian Conference shows that the Sangh Parivar, a branch of the Fascist RSS, the parent organization of the ruling BJP, carried out the bombing, which injured 30, four of them very seriously. Also in May, six Christian missionaries who were distributing Bibles and religious literature were beaten by militant Hindu fundamentalists. One of them may lose his arms and legs due to the savage beating. On April 21 in Agra, a group of Hindu militants affiliated with the Bajrang Dal attacked a Christian group and burned Biblical literature. The Bajrang Dal is a wing of the RSS. In Haryana, three nuns were run down by a motor scooter while they were on their way to Easter services. The RSS recently published a booklet on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases, the *Hindustan Times* reported.

Missionary Graham Staines was burned to death along with his sons, who were 8 years old and 10 years old, while they were asleep in their jeep. The killers chanted "Victory to Hannuman." Hannuman is a Hindu god with the face of a monkey. Hindu nationalists have murdered at least four priests, raped four nuns and kidnapped another, whom they forced to drink her own bodily fluids. More than 200,000 Christians in predominantly Christian Nagaland have been killed by the Indian government. No one is punished for any of these acts.

India has also committed similar acts of terrorism against its Sikh and Muslim minorities, among others. It has killed over 250,000 Sikhs. In March, the government massacred 35 Sikhs in the village of Chatti Singhpora. According to the State Department, between 1991 and 1993, India paid out more than 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for killing Sikhs. India has killed more than 70,000 Kashmiri Muslims and destroyed the most revered mosque in Kashmir. Tens of thousands of Sikhs, Kashmiris, Christians, and others are being held as political prisoners.

Mr. President, America cannot just watch these atrocities happen. We call on you to declare India a terrorist nation. We further urge an end to U.S. aid to India until human rights are enjoyed by all people there. And we ask the United States to support self-determination for all the peoples and nations of the subcontinent. Let the light of freedom shine everywhere in South Asia.

Sincerely,


Hon. Cynthia McKinney, M.C.


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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 15, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

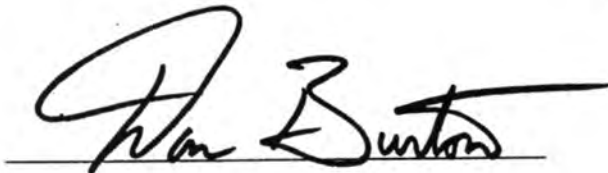
While you were visiting India, 35 innocent Sikhs were massacred in the village of Chatti Singhpora in Kashmir. In recent days it has been reported that the Indian government admitted that the five Kashmiri Muslims it killed as "militants" responsible for the massacre were innocent. The Punjab Human Rights Organization and the Movement Against State Repression recently issued a report showing that the government's counterinsurgency forces, under the command of RAW, the Indian intelligence agency, carried out this massacre. An intensive investigation by the International Human Rights Organization also concluded that the Indian government carried out the massacre. Indian Home Minister L.K. Advani identified the Chatti Singhpora massacre as one of three recent events that have helped strengthen India's standing in world opinion. He implicitly admits that India benefitted from this atrocity.

If India can admit that the Muslims it killed are innocent, when will it admit its own responsibility for the Chatti Singhpora massacre? This is a terrible atrocity and the United States must condemn it in the strongest possible terms. America must take action to make it clear that these actions are unacceptable.

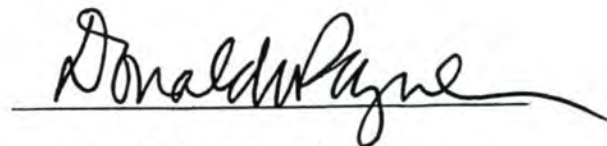
India has also committed similar acts of terrorism against its Christian population. Recently, six Christian missionaries were beaten by militant Hindu fundamentalists while distributing Bibles and religious tracts as part of a gospel campaign called "Love Ahmedabad." They were beaten so savagely that one of them may lose his arms and legs. In Indore, St. Paul's Church was attacked. These acts are part of a campaign of terror against Christians that has been in full swing since Christmas 1998. Whether one is a Sikh, a Muslim, a Christian, or a member of another minority, there is no religious freedom in India, despite its claim that it is democratic. The essence of democracy is respect for the rights of all people. Our government should work to help bring real democracy to South Asia.

Mr. President, it is time that America takes a stance against these terrorist atrocities by the Indian government. We urge you to add India to the list of terrorist nations. It is also time to stop aid to India until it observes human rights. And we should put America on record in support of self-determination for all the peoples and nations living under India's brutal rule. These are the most effective steps to bring freedom, prosperity, peace, and stability to South Asia.

Sincerely,



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July 8, 2000

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

7.14.00

PRESIDENT CLINTON:

I'm a reporter, formerly with the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal, now a best-selling author.

I've enclosed a copy of my book The Bible Code, because your announcement today of a Camp David summit meeting between Barak and Arafat confirms what the code foretold.

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I hesitate to state it in detail in this letter, because it sounds so Apocalyptic. In fact, I'm not at all religious, and I'm sure the disaster can be prevented.

The Bible code is not religion. It's science. It was discovered by a famous Israeli mathematician and his results were replicated by an American code-breaker who worked for more than 25 years at our National Security Agency.

N And the code has been very accurate, sometimes in advance. I've enclosed a letter I sent Prime Minister Rabin, a year before he was assassinated, warning him that the code predicted he would be killed.

I've also enclosed a letter the mathematician who discovered the code wrote my publisher, confirming that it reveals the details of events that took place thousands of years after the Bible was written. Names, places, dates, all in a text 3000 years old.

Your name is encoded, and it was actually the first name I looked for. Eight years ago, in the summer of 1992, when I first began to investigate the Bible code, I was very skeptical and I wanted to test it -- to see if it could accurately predict the winner of the election, then six months away.

"Clinton" was perfectly encoded with "President" against the highest odds. Your election was my first concrete confirmation of the code's reality.

Now I have discovered that crossing your name in the Bible is another statement -- "he restored, repaired." It has deeper meaning in Hebrew, "to restore, repair, transform the world."

The alternative is also starkly stated in the Bible code, the real Armageddon, a nuclear world war, starting in the Middle East. If the code is right, that danger is still years away.

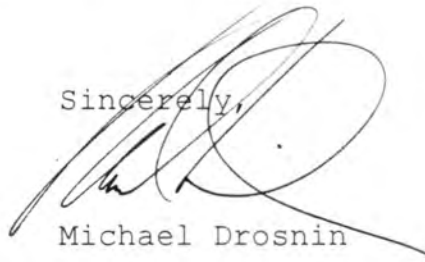
But what we do now, what you do now, may determine what finally happens. I think that's why the Bible code exists. To warn us in time to change the future.

That's what I told Rabin, that's what I told Peres when I met with him when he was Prime Minister, and that's what I have just told Barak.

But it is far more difficult for a secular Israeli to heed the warning than it may be for you, and you may be in a far better position to end thousands of years of violence between Arabs and Jews than anyone inside the conflict.

Good luck with the summit. If you want to know more about the Bible code, and what it may reveal about this critical moment, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Drosnin', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Michael Drosnin

458 West Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10012
212-533-4351

September 1, 1994

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
Jerusalem, Israel

MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I am a reporter, formerly with the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal, now a best selling author.

I have uncovered information that suggests your life is in danger.

It may not reach you through regular government channels, and I have therefore given this letter to your friend, Chaim Guri, so he can get it to you.

An Israeli mathematician has discovered a hidden code in the Bible that appears to reveal the details of events that took place thousands of years after the Bible was written.

I can't explain how, because I'm not religious. But I've been investigating this for two years, and there is no doubt that the information is there.

It has been confirmed by famous mathematicians, and the results have been replicated by a senior code-breaker at the Pentagon using his own computer program.

The reason I'm telling you about this is that the only time your full name -- Yitzhak Rabin -- is encoded in the Bible, the words "assassin that will assassinate" cross your name.

That should not be ignored, because the assassinations of Anwar Sadat and both John and Robert Kennedy are also encoded in the Bible -- in the case of Sadat, with the first and last names of his killer, and the date of the murder, and the place, and how it was done.

No one can tell you whether an event that is encoded is pre-determined, or is only a possibility. My own guess is that it is only a possibility -- that the Bible encodes all the probabilities, and what we do determines the actual outcome.

That is why I'm calling this to your attention. I think you are in real danger, but that the danger can be averted.

I am in Israel through Sunday night. We should meet in confidence before I leave. You can reach me at the King David in Jerusalem, or the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Sincerely,

Michael Drosnin

458 West Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10012

212-533-4351

February 4, 1997

Mr. Jack Romanos
Simon & Schuster
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Romanos,

Michael Drosnin has asked me to write you a brief letter stating the facts about the Bible code.

I can confirm the following:

- 1) The scientific research carried out by Doron Witztum, Yoav Rosenberg and myself shows that there is a code in the book of Genesis. This work was published in *Statistical Science*, which is a respected refereed journal. Our results have also been replicated by a senior code-breaker at the U.S. Department of Defense.
- 2) Details of events that took place thousands of years after the Bible was written are enclosed in the Bible.
- 3) In a few cases, details of events have been found in the Bible before they happened. My colleague, Doron Witztum, found the exact date that the first Scud missiles would be launched against Israel, weeks before the Gulf War started. And your author, Michael Drosnin, found a prediction of the Rabin assassination encoded in the Bible, and showed it to me, more than a year before the Prime Minister was killed.

Sincerely,



Eliyahu Rips
Hebrew University
Jerusalem, Israel

July 7, 2000

Mr. John D. Podesta
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

MR. PODESTA:

Thanks for having Rachel get back to me today, and for inviting me to send President Clinton the enclosed material through you.

It may be very important, especially as the Camp David summit is about to begin, but it's also somewhat unusual -- a code in the Bible that appears to reveal events that happened long after the Bible was written.

As I mentioned in my fax, I'm a reporter, in the past with the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal, now an author. I spent five years investigating the code before I published my book, which became a world-wide bestseller.

I've enclosed a copy of *The Bible Code* for the President. I've also enclosed a letter for President Clinton, along with a copy of the letter I sent to Prime Minister Rabin a year before he was assassinated, warning him that the code foretold his murder.

We now find in the code very clear statements about this critical moment in the Middle East, the chance for peace, and the terrible alternative -- and the central role President Clinton may play.

Even if you're skeptical, please give the President a chance to take a look at this himself. You can tell him Peres asked me to brief him about the Bible code when he was Prime Minister, and I also briefed the chief of the Mossad.

If President Clinton wants further information, please let me know (212-533-4351). Thanks.

Sincerely,



Michael Drosnin

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The White Hourse, Washington, DC 20500

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June 25, 2000

Friend Ben:

Since we talked a lot about George Foreman and his togetherness with my late wife Vada and me, I thought you would enjoy seeing the kind of thing he does. When this check hit the university of Nebraska Foundation in Lincoln for Vada's Alzheimer's Research Fund, it literally rocked them -- and it stunned me as well. We had never asked George for anything, now would we ever, we were only wanting him to have the great life he has had and after an unlikely beginning.

Considering your assignment there in the White House, would he not be the kind of appropriate candidate for the Presidential Medal of Freedom? I believe the time has passed for this administration, but should he be on that long list for some future special ceremony?

In Ronald Reagan's time, I started the ball rolling for Litton Industries founder Charles B. Thornton, which was awarded shortly before he died; Helen Hayes McArthur, the great actress, and others -- all given.

Four years ago, George told me he wanted to do some kind of remembrance for President Lyndon Johnson, because he fathered the Job Corps, and George said without that, he would probably have been dead in a slum gutter somewhere. I did it with the Radio & TV News Directors Foundation, he gave me \$100,000, and its annually given as the George Foreman Tribute to Lyndon Johnson award to a University of Texas student. Last year he said he'd like to give another \$100,000 to memorialize his biological father, LeRoy Moorhead. I suggested we do it with the 100th anniversary Kansas City meeting with the VFW, and we went there for what was a most emotional moment in that benchmark meeting. Veterans came in wheelchairs to tell him they only wished they "had a kid who would do something that nice for me." And now Vada's fund has been treated to a magnificent and touching enrichment. Most professional athletes go to fund raisers and wave to others who are givers, George is a giver. For your consideration, anyway. And best wishes,

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The Honourable Ben Johnson,
Assistant to the President, Initiative for One America
The White House, Washington, DC 20500

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July 10, 2000

Annenberg School
for Communication

Geoffrey Cowan
Dean

President Bill Clinton
c/o Sidney Blumenthal
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Bob Scheer may have explained to you, those of us at the USC Annenberg School are deeply concerned about issues of privacy, particularly as they are impacted by new telecommunication technologies. I know that this is an issue that you feel deeply about, as well.

In view of that concern, I have asked Bob to serve as the founding director of the Annenberg School's new Privacy Project and to help us convene a major conference this coming fall. The conference will be co-hosted by the USC School of Law and the Center for Communication Law and Policy which is headed by noted constitutional scholar Erwin Chemerinsky. We would very much like to have you serve as the keynote speaker.

Specifically, the conference will focus on the implications for privacy in the aftermath of the adoption of the Financial Services Modernization Act. We intend to convene a high level group of corporate executives, consumer advocates, government leaders and experts in the area of technology and privacy to examine possible changes in the law at the state and federal level as well as proposals for technological solutions and self regulation. Your remarks would, of course, serve as the centerpiece for our discussion.

In view of the demands of your schedule, we would like to select a date that might best work for you. If you think that there is any chance that you might be able to join us for this conference, we would like to begin at once to work with your staff to try to identify some possible dates.

With warm regards,



Geoffrey Cowan

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Special Olympics

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July 11, 2000

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

I remain extremely grateful for the extraordinary support you have given to Special Olympics throughout your presidency. All of us, especially the athletes, fondly remember your participation at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and the 1998 Christmas Celebration at the White House. On both of these occasions, your presence helped to honor people with mental retardation in ways heretofore unimagined. Thank you!

Throughout our history, Special Olympics athletes have created a culture of welcome, inviting people from all walks of life to support a movement where every person can make a difference and feel valued. This environment of acceptance has touched people living in areas of conflict in particular ways. You may recall that in Beirut, Lebanon, the cruel civil war was halted for one day so that Special Olympics athletes could compete safely through city streets. In Ireland, athletes from the North and the South compete on a single team at international Special Olympics events, despite centuries of differences affecting all other aspects of their lives.

Special Olympics now proposes to celebrate the athlete's culture of welcome by hosting Special Olympics Peace Games, bringing together athletes with mental retardation from the Middle East to compete together in an atmosphere of unity and respect. These Games will widely expand the historic role that Special Olympics athletes have played in breaking down barriers of ethnicity, religion, geography, and culture. More important, they will be a signal to the world of Special Olympics athletes' capacity to be leaders in the quest for Peace.

Specifically, we plan to hold the first-ever Special Olympics Peace Games in Bethlehem from November 19-22, 2000 for athletes from Special Olympics Israel, The Palestinian Authority, and Jordan. These Peace Games will showcase the athletic

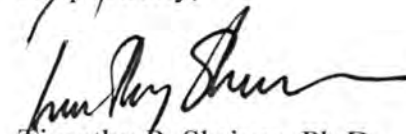
ability of approximately 300 athletes with mental retardation who will compete in basketball, soccer and table tennis. The Games also will include all the elements of traditional Special Olympics events: Torch Run, Opening / Closing Ceremonies, awards ceremonies recognizing the achievements of all athletes, special events and social activities for athletes and family members, all conducted in the highest idealism of the ancient Olympic tradition.

Most importantly, Special Olympic plans to field integrated teams, with Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian athletes competing side-by-side on the same team, rather than challenging each other in the more traditional nationalistic sports paradigm. Again, the purpose is to break down barriers and demonstrate that athletic ability, courage, and heroism knows no geopolitical boundaries.

Given your untiring commitment to the Middle East Peace Process, your official support would be uniquely helpful to the success of the Special Olympics Peace Games. Accordingly, we would be honored and grateful if you would issue a Proclamation of Support for the Special Olympics Peace Games (example attached). President Arafat has given his verbal support for a similar proclamation, and we hope to have his written agreement to serve as Honorary Chairman for the Special Olympics Peace Games very soon. We also have asked King Abdullah II of Jordan and Prime Minister Barak of Israel to serve as Honorary Members of the event and expect that they too will issue proclamations of support. Your encouragement through an official appropriate proclamation would now help us convince other world leaders to join in support of these unprecedented Special Olympics Peace Games.

Mr. President, thank you again for your enthusiastic support of the Special Olympics Movement. As we look to the future, I believe that the athletes of Special Olympics can be symbols of and leaders in the worldwide search for peace in the 21st century.

Respectfully,



Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D.
President & CEO

Enclosure

Proclamation of Support

Special Olympics Peace Games

Whereas, Special Olympics is a global sports organization whose mission is to provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation; and

Whereas, in countries throughout the world, Special Olympics athletes train and compete in twenty-two Olympic type sports to inspire greatness; and

Whereas, a Special Olympics Peace Games Training Camp was held in Israel in November 1999, and was attended by coaches and athletes-in-training from Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority for friendly competition; and

Whereas, an Israeli Special Olympics athlete, Zion Goharrah, and an Palestinian Special Olympics athlete, Abdelqadar Abulebdeh, competed together, not as friendly opponents, but as teammates at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games and together won a bronze medal; and

Whereas, Special Olympics leaders have committed themselves to conducting a Special Olympics Peace Games in Bethlehem in November, 2000 as a celebration of the athletic accomplishments of athletes with mental retardation from Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority; and

Whereas, the spirit of Special Olympics--skill, courage, sharing and joy--transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race or religion.

Now, therefore I officially proclaim my support and affinity for the Special Olympics Peace Games to be held in Bethlehem in November 2000, and I further commend all its supporters, sponsors, volunteers, family members and

athletes. Finally, I ask all people of good will everywhere to lend their support and assistance to this historic important event and to the Special Olympics movement.

Now, therefore I affix my signature and join my voice with the athletes of Special Olympics in their solemn oath:

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Signed this _____ day of _____ in the Year 2000

William Jefferson Clinton
President
United States of America

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Guy L. Smith
Executive Vice President
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SPECIAL FAX MESSAGE

TO: The President

FROM: Guy L. Smith

SUBJ: Putin, Blair and Okinawa

Dear Mr. President

Since we last spoke I've taken a fabulous new position as Executive Vice President of United Distillers & Vintners (UDV), makers of Johnnie Walker, Tanqueray, J&B, Bailey's, Gordon's Gin, Cuervo tequila, Guinness beer, and Smirnoff vodka.

UDV is the largest part of the British-based firm Diageo, which also owns Pillsbury and Burger King. We have more than 50,000 employees in the U.S.

Smirnoff is why I write you. For several years our company, which has owned Smirnoff vodka for several decades, has been involved in an intellectual property dispute with a Russian vodka company owned by Boris Smirnov, a distant ancestor of the original Pierre Smirnoff. For the past seven years Smirnoff has unsuccessfully tried to protect its legally registered trademark in the Russian court system. To put it charitably, the situation is hopelessly mired with substantial irregularities that contravene Russian law. The situation is so outrageous that State has recently issued a Demarche to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs protesting such conduct.

The Smirnoff intellectual property case is widely recognized as a major test of President Putin's pledge of "rule of law." It is seen as a serious impediment to further western investment in Russia, simply because it will demonstrate whether or not western business can count on Russian law.

REQUESTED ACTION: When you are in Okinawa for the G-8 meeting it would be enormously helpful and effective if you could briefly mention the Smirnoff case to President Putin, explaining to him that a resolution in favor of the original Smirnoff "according to law" will send a powerful message for business investment and confidence to the western business community. Prime Minister Blair has received a briefing similar to this note to you. Mr. Blair will be aware that you are likely to speak with him (Blair) about Putin and the Smirnoff situation. It is my hope that you could also encourage PM Blair to make similar comments to President Putin while the three of you are together in Okinawa.

→ PETER KELLY: Our mutual friend Peter Kelly of Connecticut has briefed Sandy with all the details of the Smirnoff issue, if you need additional info.

Mr. President, thank you for your help. It will make a really positive difference for both U.S. and U.K. businesses, especially ours.

Sincerely,

Guy

P.S. Abby misses the White House, but loves her new position as press spokesperson for A.I.D. at State. And, Guy V is press secretary to Democratic Congressional candidate Stephanie Sanchez (who really needs your help!), who is running against Chris Shays in Connecticut's 4th District. Hope to see you soon.

CONTACT: Office 203-359-7154; Cell 917-856-4148; Home 203-629-1264; Pager 800-759-8888, PIN # 2126391

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Re:		Date:	13 July

Nancy,

I hope you're doing well.
I think I finally figured out a way to
get you to visit; get the President
to come. Hope to see you soon, if
not in August I'll be in D.C. in October.
Take Care. Chris



Ambassador of the United States of America

July 13, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President,

It was good to hear from you recently. Your expression of appreciation for the work Embassy Dar did on the preparation for your videoconference in Arusha went over real well in country team meeting. When I quoted from your letter folks lit up like a Christmas tree on Christmas day.

We've been getting soundings that you are thinking about adding Tanzania to your itinerary for the Africa trip. I think that would be an excellent idea (not simply because it would be great to see you.)

Your coming to Tanzania would be an excellent opportunity to do several things. It would be a *perfect opportunity to affirm the sort of positive leadership needed on the continent*. President Mkapa has done a number of things that are counter to the "Africa as Problem" image that predominates the coverage of Africa in the press these days. Beyond all the things I've been reporting on over the last two years, he has recently:

- Pursued a very important investigation into corruption, despite the fact that it might implicate one (or two) members of his cabinet;
- Taken on the Zanzibar element of his party to ensure that the nomination of the Zanzibari President would be in keeping with the country's tradition of democracy, transparency, and term limits;
- Continued economic policies that have resulted in the World Economic Forum ranking Tanzania **first** in improved business climate and **second** on the optimism index in *The Africa Competitiveness Report 2000/2001*.

In addition to a visit here being an opportunity to engage in some positive reinforcement on the things we'd like to see on the continent, there are already some deliverables in the pipeline. As you will probably recall, in your meeting with President Mkapa he requested some assistance from the IRS for the Tanzania Revenue Authority. We are close to announcing a \$ 3 million assistance package. Our DATT also has \$100,000 to do a project in Tanzania that could be announced. I also plan to talk to Rodney about

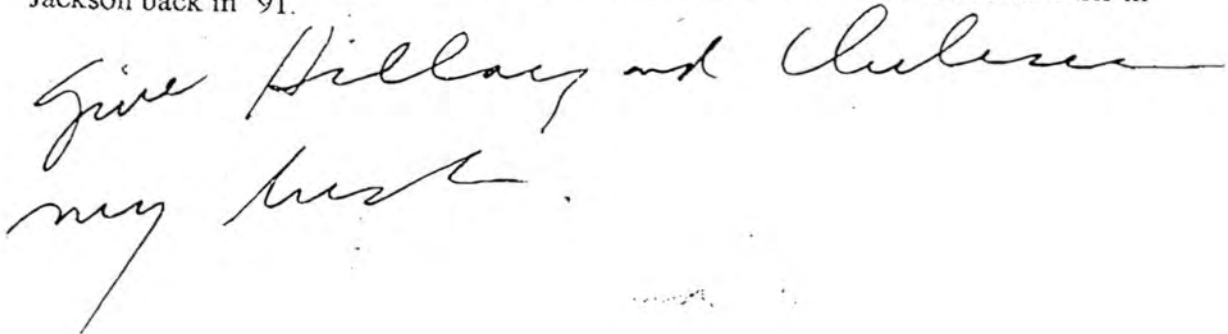
something on Safe Skies. But, quite frankly the biggest deliverable would be your coming. The people of Tanzania love you, our country, and they value our friendship.

President Mkapa continues to do the right things in terms of democratic governance, private sector reform, and terrorism. (The Minister of Foreign Affairs publicly supported our position relative to Sudan and the Security Council seat.) Mkapa continues to be a leavening influence in the region. Finally, his instinct to do the right thing by his people reminds me of you.

I hope to see you. Take Care,


Charles

P.S. Ray Mabus was through here a couple of weeks ago. We had a good (but much too brief) visit. I had not seen him since I was with you at the Jackson-Jefferson Dinner in Jackson back in '91.


Give Hillary and Charles
my best.

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

July 13, 2000

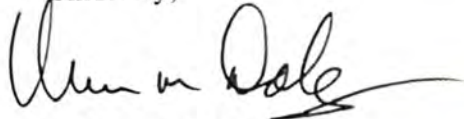
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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby resign my position as Secretary of Commerce effective
5pm on Friday, July 14, 2000.

Sincerely,



William M. Daley

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FOR REPLY

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AMELIA LP

Amelia L. Parker
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June 28, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

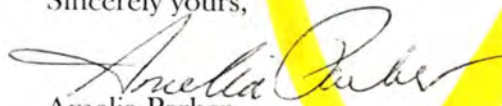
I am certain that there are literally hundreds of Americans who would gladly join in placing the name of Dr. Maya Angelou in nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I have no doubt that you and Mrs. Clinton number among her legions of fans around the world, that include members of your Cabinet, the White House staff, appointed and elected officials, and the masses of people who are consistently encouraged by her words and emboldened by her spirit.

As a strategy for making this appeal more persuasive, I had contemplated reaching out to a broad range of individuals to sign a joint letter of support. However, after reading the official procedure for nomination and eligibility, the symbolism of my placing her name before you as just another ordinary citizen had particular meaning. I believe there are few who would argue that Maya Angelou *is* the people's poet. I therefore make this case for her nomination on behalf of the common man, as well as individuals of note and wealth, celebrity and fame.

Hers is an extraordinary intellect, and a deeply moving, resonant voice that rises with elegance and dignity above the cacophony that accompanies our daily lives. She is greatly loved by strangers and friends alike, and I believe justly deserves to be listed among the legendary men and women who have been honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

It is with great humility and gratitude for your leadership and courage that I nominate the esteemed Dr. Maya Angelou for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Sincerely yours,


Amelia Parker

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Alexis Herman
The Honorable Minyon Moore ✓

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Dr. Maya Angelou

Dr. Angelou is celebrated as one of the great voices of contemporary literature. As poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright, civil rights activist, producer and director, she travels the world where audiences are enthralled by her talent and insight.

Born in St. Louis, Dr. Angelou spent her early childhood in Stamps, Arkansas, before her family moved to San Francisco. Determined to build a stage career, she studied drama and dance, later joining a 22-country European tour of "Porgy and Bess".

As the battle for equality for African-Americans exploded onto the front pages of the world press, the politically active, multi-talented Angelou attracted the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the apex of the civil rights struggle in America, Dr. King selected Maya Angelou to become the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Following her tenure at SCLC, she would marry a South African freedom fighter and move first to Cairo and then to Ghana.

An American treasure, Presidents from both major parties have selected Dr. Angelou to represent the United States for global conferences and on national commissions. President Gerald Ford named her to the United States Bicentennial Commission and President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. President William Jefferson Clinton invited Arkansas native daughter, Maya Angelou, to compose and recite a poem to celebrate his 1992 inauguration. The product of that effort, "On the Pulse of Morning", would win a Grammy Award in 1994 for the best spoken word album.

In theatre, and both television and film industries, Dr. Angelou has been a groundbreaker for black women, especially through her work in script writing and directing. Among many accomplishments is an Emmy nomination for her supporting role in the 1977 production of "Roots", the coveted Golden Eagle Award for her PBS special "Afro-American in the Arts", a Tony award nomination in 1973 for her performance in "Look Away", CBS' s 1979 airing of her renowned autobiographical account of her youth, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings", and a more recent featured role in Universal Pictures' "How to Make an American Quilt".

Renowned for her work as author of outstanding books, she has also contributed countless articles to a world of publications, including *Life*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Essence*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *The New York Times*. Dr. Angelou received a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1972 for Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die, and "Caged Bird" even today continues to break records on the New York Times best-seller list. Much celebrated are: And Still I Rise; Phenomenal Woman, Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now; Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well; All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes ; Life Doesn't Frighten Me; Phenomenal Woman; Gather Together in My Name; The Heart of a Woman, and I Shall Not be Moved. More recently, Dr. Angelou premiered her directorial film debut with Miramax's critically acclaimed *DOWN IN THE DELTA*.

A multi-lingual scholar, Dr. Angelou was appointed in 1981 to a lifetime position as the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. A phenomenal woman by birth, an example for our children by her courage and conviction, Dr. Maya Angelou's words and wisdom are for all time .

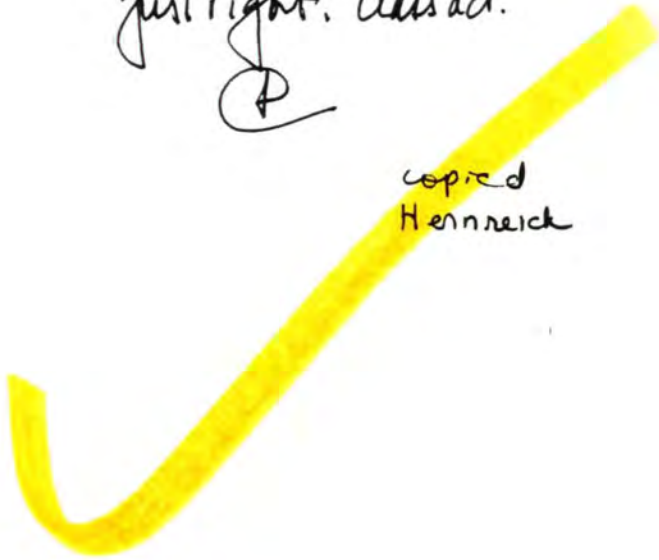
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Nancy

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CAMP DAVID

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Dear Ezer —

I saw the announcement of your leaving the presidency and wanted to write to thank you for a lifetime of service to Israel, for your devotion to peace in the Middle East, and for your kindness and consideration in all your dealings with me.

I am grateful that I had the chance to know and work with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Ezer Weizman, Under a Cloud, Resigns as President of Israel

By JOEL GREENBERG

JERUSALEM, July 10 -- President Ezer Weizman of Israel resigned today, lowering the curtain on a public career that spanned more than half a century of war and peace-making but ended tainted by scandal.

Mr. Weizman's letter of resignation was delivered to the speaker of Parliament, Avraham Burg, who will fill the largely ceremonial post until Parliament chooses a new president on July 31.

Shimon Peres, a former prime minister and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is the candidate of the governing One Israel Party. His opponent, representing the rightist Likud Party, is Moshe Katzav, a former cabinet minister and a longtime legislator.

Mr. Weizman, 75, whose second term as president was to have ended in three years, stepped down early after a report by state prosecutors that harshly criticized him for financial misdealings and a warning from Mr. Burg that the legislature could move to dismiss Mr. Weizman.

The report by the attorney general, issued in May, found that Mr. Weizman had acted improperly when he accepted more than \$300,000 in unreported cash from two executives from 1985 to 1993.

The report said insufficient evidence and the statute of limitations prevented prosecution for suspected bribery, fraud and breach of trust. But it asserted that Mr. Weizman, who was a minister and a lawmaker when he received the money, had violated disclosure rules for officials.

Although he is leaving under a cloud, Mr. Weizman, crusty and out-

spoken, enjoyed wide popularity in his seven years in office. He often stepped beyond the bounds of his apolitical post to dispense advice on peace efforts and to sound off on matters like homosexuality and the role of women, setting off lively debates.

A hawk-turned-dove who is a former air force chief and defense minister, Mr. Weizman was an architect of the Camp David peace accords with Egypt in 1978. He advocated talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization years before the Oslo accords of 1993.

A nephew of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, and a member of Israel's pioneer generation, Mr. Weizman served in the British Air Force in World War II and helped organize the air wing of the Haganah, the Jewish armed force during the British Mandate in Palestine. He commanded the Israeli air force from 1958 to 1966, building the squadrons that destroyed Egyptian air power on the first day of the Arab-Israeli war in 1967.

After leaving the army, he joined the rightist Herut Party, a forerunner of Likud. As the Likud's cam-

paign manager in 1977, he directed Menachem Begin's upset victory, ending 29 years of Labor Party government.

The landmark visit to Israel of President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt in 1977 was the start of Mr. Weizman's conversion from hawk to dove. As defense minister in Mr. Begin's cabinet, Mr. Weizman played a pivotal role in the Camp David talks, establishing a quick rapport with Mr. Sadat and prodding fellow Israeli ministers to show more flexibility in the talks, which led to a formal peace treaty in 1979.

Mr. Weizman left Mr. Begin's government in 1980, dissatisfied with what he considered the slow pace of peace efforts, particularly talks on planned Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In 1984, he ran in elections at the head of a small party that merged with the Labor Party two years later.

As a minister in a Labor-Likud government in 1989, Mr. Weizman clashed with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir over meetings that he reportedly held abroad with the P.L.O., and he was stripped of his membership in the decision-making "inner cabinet."

In 1992, Mr. Weizman announced his retirement from politics, saying that he could "no longer contribute" to peace efforts and that the Likud

government was leading the country toward war. He was chosen as president a year later.

Today, hours before he sent off his resignation letter, Mr. Weizman dispensed one last piece of political advice, urging Prime Minister Ehud Barak to forge ahead with the summit meeting this at Camp David, Md., with the Palestinians, despite the collapse of Mr. Barak's governing coalition.

Mr. Weizman, a former fighter pilot, described peacemaking as a battle. "The prime minister," Mr. Weizman said, "is acting like a commander in the field who knows that he may not have enough troops, but he has a goal to achieve, and he runs forward."

Syrians Vote To Confirm Assad's Son As President

By JOHN KIFNER

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 10 — Syrians lined up to vote today in a referendum to confirm Bashar al-Assad as president.

It was hardly a cliffhanger. Indeed, Mr. Assad was the sole candidate, and the swearing-in was already scheduled for Thursday.

He is the son of Hafez al-Assad, who ruled with an iron fist for 30 years. The election today was part of a programmed process by the governing Baath Party and an inner circle of the late president to provide the trappings of legitimate succession. Portraits of Bashar al-Assad, once a little-known eye doctor, flooded Damascus today.

In quick tempo after President Assad's death on June 10, the Constitution was amended to make the minimum age for the presidency 34, Bashar al-Assad's age. He was also promoted to lieutenant general and commander of the army, named head of the Baath Party Regional Command and endorsed for president by acclaim in a parliamentary session that ran an extra day because so many people wanted to be recorded in support.

As Prime Minister Muammad Miru, who was appointed in March with Bashar al-Assad's backing, voted, he said, "The people gave their opinion before the referendum by choosing Bashar as president."

A long-serving previous prime minister, Mahmoud Zuh, committed suicide on May 21 as security forces arrived to arrest him in what was generally described as an anticorruption drive spearheaded by Bashar al-Assad that purged a number of formerly powerful officials.

The voting today — extended, officials said, for popular demand — consisted of marking a ballot in a green circle signifying approval of Mr. Assad or a negative gray circle. Several polling places offered an unusual accessory, an array of safety pins or sewing needles with which voters could prick their thumbs and mark the circles in blood.

Basil Hassan, 18, voting at a school where he was taking a free 15-day computer course sponsored by Bashar al-Assad in his only previous official role as head of the Syrian Computer Society, marked his ballot with a bloody thumbprint.

"We already sacrificed a lot of blood for our country in peace and war," Mr. Hassan said. "We will sacrifice more of our blood and our country for Dr. Bashar. He is a student in his father's school, and he will continue in his footsteps."

Officials in one voting place open to foreign reporters looked shocked when a woman marked her ballot in blood in the gray "no" circle instead of the green approval circle. She quickly realized her error, however, and was given another ballot to commend the new government.

In the polling place where Mr. Miru voted, an official assured reporters that not 1 of the 435 votes cast in the first four hours of the referendum had been negative.

Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara said to reporters after casting his ballot: "There has been a lot of betting on the succession, that the absence of Assad would lead to instability and ambiguity. We thank God that all these bets have failed."