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Eugenie

This is a

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bld gift from

Becky Moore -

Can we do letter -

note tape inside !!

9-15-00

Send to Eugenie?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Carol



'00 SEP 15 PM5:36

Dear President Clinton,

We, at the Clinton Center, hope you had a fantastic 54th birthday. We had fun with our celebration! Over 300 people came to the center to honor you on your birthday. We not only had visitors from many states, but we also visited with folks from the Netherlands, Canada, Pakistan, and Nepal. May you enjoy reading all of the birthday wishes and special notes of gratitude that are enclosed in this book.

I join with all of the others in saying a heartfelt thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for Arkansas, the U.S., and the many countries where you have touched thousands of lives. Please know that you have an open invitation to come home to your birthplace anytime you choose. If you would like to give a tour or two, I'm sure we could work something out. Just update your resume and make sure you have superb references. ☺

Looking forward to seeing you in Arkansas!

Sincerely,

Beckie



Happy Birthday from
Wilma Rowe Booker R.N.
Nurse who assisted in your
delivery 54 years ago -

Happy Birthday - We love and appreciate you!
Joy Herndon - 413 - E. 13th ST
HOPE, AR
All the Best Wishes
and in the Years
Ahead
Jenny Sue McKee
410 E. 13th ST
HOPE, AR 71801

Love And Good wishes
ALMA METCALF
209 E. 15th ST
HOPE, AR 71801



Get Well Note

'00 SEP 15 PM5:58

Lewis Rudin
345 Park Avenue
33rd Floor
New York, NY 10021

9-15-00

From Doug Bond -

Send to Cohen -

Yes ☒

No ☐

Card

00 SEP 15 AM 10:46

SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSEKIDS & MOMMA
WONDA BEEKGEE INC.
P.O. BOX 301162-1162
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77230SHERRY BROWNING, PRESIDENT & CEO
713.736.0542/665.0354 FAX
ARTHUR (AJ) GLASS, JR.
FUND-RAISING CONSULTANT
713.522.0447 PHONE/FAX9-15-00
Send to Celen?
Yes ☒
No ☐

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A
PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT ... SAXAPHONE BILL AKA PICTURE THE SAX:

IT TOOK A WHILE TO "GIDITRITE" BUT I DID. ENCLOSED, AS YOU
REQUESTED, IS MY PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING.

PLEASE CALL ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE SO WE "KINTOK!"

THIS IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION MR PRESIDENT; YOUR SECURED PLACE NOT
ONLY IN "REGLR" HISTORY BOOKS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE HEARTS
OF A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND RESPECT YOU, YOUR WORK,
AND YOUR LIFE.FOR K&MWB, ITS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE COUNTRY, INDEED, THE
WORLD; HOW WE PEOPLE OF MANY HUES AND LIMITED EXPOSURE &
ACCESS, ARE, TOO, BORN WITH GOD GIVEN TALENT.

MUCH LOVE AND GOD'S CONTINUED GRACE FOR YOU AND FAMILY.

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS
"MOMMA WONDA" AKA SHERRY BROWNING

KIDS & MOMMA
WONDA BOOKGEE, INC.
A
PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING

"CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE, TODAY'S U.S. JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS NOT AN "EASY OUT" THAT GIVES A MEANINGLESS SLAP ON THE WRIST TO VIOLENT YOUTH. NOR IS IT A BREEDING GROUND FOR GANGS, DRUGS, AND ADULT CRIME. INSTEAD, THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM PROVIDES YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS AND THEIR VICTIMS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE, YET BALANCED APPROACH TO JUSTICE."

MISSION STATEMENT

DIRECTLY IMPACT AND IMPROVE UPON THE DAILY LIVES OF ALL CITIZENS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY, AND IN PARTICULAR, YOUNG, BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN, MEXICAN/LATINO AND OTHER "AT RISK" YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING FAITH-BASED POSITIVE ROLE-MODELING, MENTORING, & INFORMATION AND EDUCATION THROUGH DEVELOPMENT; PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WITH THE EXCLUSIVE FOCUS OF RE-BUILDING COMMUNITY, HOPE, AND AN ATTITUDE OF SUCCESS INTO COMMUNITY.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

THE HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AS MANDATED IN TEXAS IN THE TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE, IS "COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND PROVISION OF SERVICES TO YOUTH REFERRED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW."

SHAY BILCHIK, ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DECEMBER 1999

IN CALENDER YEAR 1999, REFERRALS WERE TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE (25,559) AVERAGING TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY (2,130) POTENTIAL LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY PER MONTH.....INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.....YOUTH WHO WILL SOON BE HARRIS COUNTY CITIZENS, GOVERNING OUR FUTURE. SOME, UNFORTUNATELY, WILL BECOME BRANDED BY AND SOMETIMES ISOLATED FROM SOCIETY FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

WE CAN, WILL, AND MUST HELP STEM THIS AWESOME TIDE! THESE 25,559 COMMUNITY YOUTH WERE BROUGHT INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AT THE RATE OF:

- ▶ MALES @ 5,724/YR, 477/MONTH
- ▶ FEMALES @ 1,304/YR, 109/MONTH
- ▶ AGE 16+ @ 225/MONTH
- ▶ AGE 15 @ 175/MONTH
- ▶ AGE 14 @ 125/MONTH
- ▶ AGE 13 @ 80/MONTH
- ▶ AGES 10 TO 12 @ 25/MONTH

THESE DATA CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR INTERVENTION AND ACTION BY THOSE MOST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE EXAMPLES AND DIRECTION; THE RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH THESE YOUTH COME.

KIDS & MOMMA WONDA BOOKGEE, INC. (K&MWB) WILL FILL A CRITICAL COMMUNITY-BASED VOID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW, PROVEN PROJECTS, AND IN IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES;

FINANCIAL, PHYSICAL, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE, TO ASSURE OUR YOUTH OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES TO NON-HELPFUL AND HARMFUL ACTIVITY.

THE COMMUNITY: THE NEED

THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF SERVICES REQUIRED BY K&MWB TEND TO BE IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THOSE SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE ELDERLY OR INFANTS; AS EXAMPLE. M&MWB HAS MANAGED TO INTEGRATE THE ROLES OF MANY ENTITIES INTO ONE, MELTING STEREOTYPES AND MELDING MINDS IN THE PROCESS.

PREVENTION CAN, AND DOES, PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN STAUNCHING THE FLOW INTO...INDEED, OUT-OF, OUR COLLECTIVE COMMUNITIES. THE COMBINED STRENGTHS CREATED THROUGH K&MWB PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND CULTURAL/CIVIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT AGAINST THE STARK REALITIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM--WITH WHICH TOO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH ARE INCREASINGLY BECOMING ALL TOO FAMILIAR--IT MUST AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

WHEN AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS COSTLY--IN HUMAN AND CIVIC TERMS--THAN A POUND OF CURE, IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

K&MWB HAS THE PROVEN TRACK RECORD AND IS LOCALLY ACCLAIMED WITH NOT A SMALL DEGREE OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION; INCLUDING THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WE KNOW K&MWB METHODOLOGIES AND PERSONAL, HANDS-ON APPROACH WORK--EVERY TIME! CONTINUED SUCCESS AND GROWTH--THE IDENTIFICATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF SUBSTANTIALLY MORE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, SUPPORTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS CITY/COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS--SUPPORTIVE TO LIKE COMMUNITY-BASED IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES--WILL BE CULTIVATED. OUR DIRECTION IN THE FUTURE, TO A LARGE DEGREE, ENTIRE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY OUR YOUTH, RELIES HEAVILY ON THE MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROJECTS, OPENING NEW AVENUES OF DISCOVERY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY; RECEIPT OF MULTI-YEAR FUNDING.

SERVICE OUTCOMES: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ☐ IDENTIFY, RECRUIT, AND ENGAGE 100 NEW RESIDENTS
- ☐ PROVIDE PARTICIPATION ENHANCEMENTS
- ☐ PROVIDE TARGETED OUTREACH TO 100 YOUTH
- ☐ PROVIDE/COORDINATE INTER/INTRA AGENCY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
- ☐ COORDINATE SERVICES FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENTS, EG: TRANSPORTATION, LODGING AND FOOD
- ☐ SUPPORT PARENT ANCILLARY COSTS EG: CHILDCARE, LAUNDRY/CLEANING (ENROLLED only), AND TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ PROVIDE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ALTERNATIVES FOR ALL COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH
- ☐ COORDINATE AND PROVIDE YOUTH TRAINING IN EACH CATEGORY
- ☐ DEVELOP, MONITOR AND MAINTAIN A DATA BASE

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

- ★ IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT
- ★ EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- ★ PERFORMANCES AND ENGAGEMENTS
- ★ COMPUTER LITERACY
- ★ INTERNET CAPABILITIES--THE COMMUNITY IMPACT
- ★ COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON PERTINENT ISSUES AS; HIV/AIDS AND SMOKING RISKS
- ★ BROADENED EXPOSURE TO OTHER CULTURES, PLACES AND ACTIVITIES
- ★ CELEBRITY READERS CONTRIBUTION

CONCLUSION

KIDS & MOMMA WONDA BOOKGEE INC. EFFORTS TO INTERGRATE MORE COMMUNITY MINDED CORPORATIONS AND MEDIUM TO SMALL BUSINESSES INTO OUR SMALL DISCUSSION AND WORKING GROUPS HAVE BEEN MET WITH ENTHUSIASM.

REAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE OF K&MWB PRESENT MANY CHALLENGES. ADDITIONAL OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT WITH GREATER PARTICIPATION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES; HUMAN, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE.

THE BOARD, FOUNDER AND VOLUNTEERS STAND READY!

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OF TIME , TALENT, OR TOOLS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED BY K&MWB, AND TAX DEDUCTABLE !

BECAUSE OF THE OVERWHELMING NEED TO STABILIZE AND ENERGIZE MANY AREAS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY WITH FULLEST YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION, ORGANIZED, COALESCED EFFORTS WILL PREVAIL OVER THE LONG-TERM.

K&MWB HAS BEEN POSITIVELY IMPACTING AND IDENTIFYING TALENTED AND UN-ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITIES SINCE 1985.

WE ARE CONFIDENT!

WE KNOW THAT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IS A MUST. WE ALSO HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE NEED FOR BUSINESS COMMUNITY COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION. THESE EFFORTS COUPLED WITH MUNICIPAL/CITY/COUNTY AND OTHER CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEAN ENPOWERING EVERY COMMUNITY, NOW!

THIS MEANS FEWER OF OUR COMMUNITIES' YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BECOME STATISTICS; FILLING THE TEXAS (JUVENILE) CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND JAILS WITH OUR HOME-GROWN.

WE EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO THESE CHALLENGES AND PLEDGE TO REMAIN STEADFAST IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE..... FOR OUR COMMUNITIES'.....FOR OUR CHILDRENS' FUTURE.

BUDGET

PERSONNEL	\$ 91,450
PROGRAM COORDINATOR 75% F.T.E. @ \$40,000/yr fringe @ 33% \$13,200	
RESOURCE FACILITATOR 50% F.T.E. @ \$25,000/yr fringe @ 33% \$8,250	
KIDSPACE: RENT/LEASE @ \$2,500/MO \$30,000	\$ 30,000
OUTREACH @ \$1,500/mo x 10/mo	\$ 15,000
UTILITIES @ \$1,200/MO	\$ 14,400
VOICE & DATA @ \$750/MO	\$ 9,000
PRINTING & PUBLICATION	
outreach: 100k/pcs @ \$2.75ea	\$ 275,000
marketing 30k/pcs @ \$7.25ea	\$ 217,000
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 32,991
local @ \$12/trip x 93 trips \$1,116	
inter/intra state @ \$425/trip x 75 trips \$31,875	
CONTRACTS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 75,900
consult/Agreements \$75/hr x 500hrs (\$37,500)	
corplease/National @ \$14,700	
Insurance @ \$ 12,500	
Copy/Faxcimile/Internet @ \$935/mo \$11,220	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 7,500
TOTAL BUDGET @	\$ 768,100
LAND/BUILDING/PROPERTY PURCHASE PROJECTED @ \$1.5M	

SEPTEMBER 12, 2000
KALMWB PROPOSAL
PREPARED BY AJ GLASS
FOR GLASS ENTERPRISES

Unrestricted income

Kids & Momma Wonda Bookgee, Inc.

A

Proposal For Development Funds

**The Garnet Coleman
School-Based "Satelite"
Health (Sciences) Center**

VISION: *FULL-SERVICE, ON-SITE CHILD & ADOLESCENT/(FAMILY)
CARE*

PARTNERSHIP ENTITIES PROJECTED

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER(TBD)
SPEECH & HEARING
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTER
OTHER PERTINENT CARE PROVIDERS/TRAINING
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTHER PERTINENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

UofH/ TSU/ Baylor/ HCC, etc.
Child/youth/Adolescent Development Center
psychological testing & evaluation
treatment
information & referral

PHARMACY

X-RAY/CAT-SCAN

**KIDS & MOMMA WONDA BOOKGEE, INC.
ADOLESCENT & CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

PARTNERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS PROJECTED

**Texas Southern University
Youth Development Center
Nurse/Health Care Worker
Training & /Certification**

**Houston Community College
Texas Southern University**

**HISD
Child Care Attendant Training & Certification**

**Prairie View A&M
Science Lab
Sports Development Training Center**

**Texas Southern University
Hospital/University
Pre-Med Training Center**

**University of Houston
Creative Learning Center
Culinary Training**

Hospitality Industry Training—UofH for

K&MWB HOTEL& CONVENTION CENTER

**Harris County Hospital District
Baylor College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
TSU School of Nursing
Texas Language Development/
Speech & Hearing**

UT/Methodist Schools of Dentistry

**Houston Ebony Opera Guild
Ensemble Theater
George R. Brown Endowment/Foundation
Arts League of Houston
Houston Symphony
Houston Ballet
Houston Chamber Society**

OTHER PERTINENT ENTITIES

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SEPTEMBER 14
2000
K&A&W&L PROPOSAL
PREPARED BY AJ GLASS
FOR GLASS ENTERPRISES

C O V E R

S H E E T

URGENT! FAX

FROM THE DESK OF ARTHUR GLASS, JR.

To: President Bill Clinton, White House
% Justin Cooper

Fax # 202.456.1210

Subject: Kids & Momma Bookgee, Inc

Date: Proposal for funding
Sept 14, 2000

Pages: (13) including cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

- Please confirm receipt @ 713.522.0447
- Please provide E-mail address
- Please provide contact name of lady responsible for funding... She sent Sherry a letter.

Per Sherry —

Anything worth while is worth waiting for.



Thanks
AJ Glass

Staff Sec

September 05, 2000

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

Dear Bill,

Ten years after our military has returned two bases to the Philippine government, the toxic wastes left at the bases are still killing and sickening Philippine citizens. I think our military should not have left toxic waste behind after occupying the land of another country. They give a bad name to our country. All the Manila newspapers are carrying stories about the death and diseases caused by toxic wastes left in shallow wells, and PCB waste leaking from military transformers. (Manila times March 1st, 2000) Other stories have appeared in the Philippine Star. The people of both countries who hear about this failure of our military can easily understand it and blame our military and our country. The military have the responsibility to clean up the poisonous mess they left behind them. It is damaging to both countries that the military do nothing to clean up the mess they made. I hope you will ask them to return and clean up the mess.

Your long-time and present friend,

Richard T. McSorley S.J.
Richard T. McSorley, S.J.

9-15-00
NSC
Send to Cohen?
Yes ☒
No ☐

Coordinate
Yes ☐
No ☐
Card

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9/15/00

Is a reply necessary

Yes ☒No ☐

Send to Leg Afro.

Yes ☒No ☐

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September 14, 2000

The Honorable Norman Mineta
 Secretary of Commerce
 U.S. Department of Commerce
 Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On June 13, 2000, your predecessor, Secretary Daley, proposed as his last official act, a regulation that would divest the decision to produce statistically adjusted census counts from the Secretary of Commerce to the Director of the Census Bureau (see *Federal Register* Vol 65, No. 119).

As you know, I sent a letter to you on September 7 advising you of a hearing regarding the proposed rule and offering to work with your schedule to identify a convenient day in the latter half of September in which you or your designee could testify. After numerous calls by my staff, we finally heard back from your Chief of Staff on Wednesday, September 13. At that time, however, she could provide no information regarding who the Department would send to testify, or when.

Due to the time constraints of this session of Congress, I am now writing to inform you that I have set a public hearing date of Monday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m. in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building. On behalf of the subcommittee, I respectfully request that you or your designee testify at this hearing regarding your Department's proposed regulation. For planning and organizational purposes, please contact the subcommittee clerk (Dan Wray, 226-1973) with the name of the Department witness no later than close of business Tuesday, September 19, 2000.

In preparing your written and oral testimony, or that of your designee, please include in your testimony, or come prepared to discuss, answers to the following questions:

Development of proposed regulation. How and when did the proposal for the regulation originate? Who proposed it and who was involved in its development? Was there

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The Honorable Norman Mineta
September 7, 2000
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ever any oral or written contact, input, direction, guidance, or instruction from, or conversation or meeting with anyone from the OMB, the White House or any other executive branch agency, the Democratic National Committee, IMPAC 2000 or any other organization, or Members of Congress or Congressional staff? If so, please provide in an addendum to your written testimony, for each instance the date, the name of the individual(s), and the nature and substance of the contact or meeting.

Matters of administrative law. As noted in the Subcommittee's public comment on the proposed regulation, it does not appear the Secretary of Commerce has authority to divest his statutory responsibility. Please be prepared to discuss the provision of Title 13 U.S.C. that the Commerce Department interprets as authorization for the Secretary to transfer such final decision-making authority to a subordinate, and how the proposed rule divesting final decision-making authority vested in the Secretary with respect to sampling, comports with long-standing governmental policy vesting ultimate accountability and responsibility in Department heads for substantive policy decisions. Also, please be prepared to explain why you have not been able to provide pertinent court precedent or analogous administrative examples to support the proposed action.

Committee rules provide that testimony be submitted to the subcommittee office at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Therefore, please submit 100 copies of your testimony to the subcommittee office, located at H1-114 O'Neill House Office Building by that time. Please note that your entire written testimony will be submitted for the record and your oral presentation is limited to five minutes. Along with the hard copies, please also provide a 3.5 inch diskette of your statement in WordPerfect format.

According to Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act, the House of Representatives must be in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act. If you are in need of special accommodations based on a disability, please contact Dan Wray at (202) 226-1973, at least four business days prior to the hearing.

I look forward to receiving you or your designee's testimony regarding your Department's proposed rule. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Dan Miller
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Census

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 2000

9-15-06

'00 SEP 14 PM 3:30

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BETH NOLAN *Bn*
MEREDITH CABE *Me*
LEANNE SHIMABUKURO *LS*

SUBJECT:

Attached Department of Justice Survey of the Federal Death Penalty

Attached is the statistical survey of the federal death penalty survey released yesterday by the Department of Justice.

As you know from an earlier memorandum on this issue, the statistics reflect significant disparities in the race of defendants and among U.S. Attorney's offices. In her statement to the press upon release of the study (attached), Attorney General Reno announced steps she will take in response to the study's findings.

The study only includes cases submitted by U.S. Attorneys to the Attorney General's capital case review process. The survey therefore does not include cases in which there was a plea bargain foreclosing the death penalty, cases prosecuted by states, or cases prosecuted under statutes that do not carry the death penalty. The Attorney General determined that it is necessary to gather more information about the cases not included in the survey to understand and draw conclusions about the disparities it reflects. Both the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Holder stated they do not believe the survey results by themselves require a moratorium on the death penalty. They do, however, have serious concerns about the results of the survey. The Attorney General announced the following responses the Department will take to the survey's findings:

1. She directed the National Institute of Justice to solicit research proposals from outside experts to study the reasons why, under existing standards, homicide cases are prosecuted by states or by the federal government; why cases are charged as capital or non-capital cases; and what factors account for the present geographic pattern of submissions by U.S. Attorney's offices.
2. She directed that, over the next 60 days, each U.S. Attorney submit available data about capital-eligible cases in their offices that did not have to be submitted to the Attorney General for review.

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Podesta

4. She also announced that the Department has been working closely with Senator Leahy's staff towards statutory language that will provide access to post-conviction DNA testing and to competent counsel in appropriate cases.

If you would like more information about the study or the Attorney General's responses we will be happy to discuss them.

*Here is the Reno Statement
(subtle differences from what
was actually delivered)*

STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO

In February of this year, Deputy Attorney General Holder announced that the Department was conducting a review of the federal death penalty cases to determine whether there were any inappropriate racial disparities in the system. Today, we are releasing the results of our review. The Department's survey of the federal death penalty system from 1988-2000 presents extensive statistical information on the racial, ethnic and geographic distribution of defendants and victims.

The Survey today finds that minorities are over-represented in the federal death penalty system - as both victims and defendants - relative to the general population. Sadly, the same is true of the entire criminal justice system, both state and federal. This should concern us all.

It is my view, based on more than 25 years as a state and federal prosecutor, that crime is often the product of social ills and harsh conditions -- such as poverty, drug abuse, and lack of opportunity -- that disproportionately affect minorities. So long as those conditions remain, we will continue to see disparities in the number of minorities in the criminal justice system. That is the reason I have focused on prevention efforts to give all our children positive futures and fought to secure equal opportunity for all. That is the reason we have established drug courts to give offenders who have a drug problem a real chance for treatment regardless of their ability to

afford it.

The federal criminal justice system is not designed to remedy these systemic problems by itself. We must ensure, however, that all defendants who come into our system are treated in a fair and just manner. We must do all that we can in the federal government to root out bias at every step. This is particularly important it when comes to the death penalty.

In 1995, after federal law changed and the number of capital-eligible offenses greatly expanded, I established a new procedure for evaluating potential capital cases in an effort to ensure that the federal death penalty is applied in a fair and effective manner. Under that procedure, the U.S. Attorneys are required to submit for review all cases in which a defendant is charged with a capital offense and no plea agreement is reached.

As a result, U.S. Attorneys submit all capital-eligible cases in which they recommend that the death penalty be sought, as well as all cases in which they recommend that the death penalty *not* be sought.

I also established a Review Committee of senior Department attorneys to review each case and make an independent recommendation to me. This was a change from the prior policy in place from 1988-94, in which U.S. Attorneys were required to submit to the approval for Attorney General only those cases in which they wished to seek the death penalty.

There are other important safeguards in place that have helped to minimize the role that race and

ethnicity play in the federal death penalty system:

- Each defendant in a federal death penalty case is entitled to the appointment of competent counsel. In particular, each defendant is entitled to two attorneys, one of whom must be experienced in capital litigation.
- Each defendant is entitled to sufficient resources to take reasonable investigative steps and to hire experts.
- The defense attorneys are permitted to meet personally with the U.S. Attorney or his or her designee *before* the U.S. Attorney makes a recommendation to me.

- The defense attorneys may also meet personally with the Review Committee before the Committee makes its recommendation to me.

The Findings

There are a few statistics from the Survey that I would like to highlight. From 1995 until July of this year, the U.S. Attorneys submitted 682 cases for review. 20% were White defendants; 48% were Black defendants; 29% were Hispanic defendants; and 4% were defendants of other races and ethnicities.

The U.S. Attorneys recommended the death penalty in 27% of these 682 cases. Among all White defendants, they recommended the death penalty 36% of the time; 25% of the time for Black defendants; 20% of the time for Hispanic defendants; and 52% of the time for other races and ethnicities.

The cases submitted by the U.S. Attorneys were then examined by the Review Committee. After receiving recommendations from the U.S. Attorneys and the Review Committee, I authorized the death penalty 159 times since 1995, in 27% of the cases that I considered. Among all White defendants, I authorized the death penalty 38% of the time; 25% of the time for Black defendants; 20% of the time for Hispanic defendants; and 46% of the time for defendants of other races.

The Need for Further Study

There are important limitations on the scope of our Survey. The Survey only captures data currently available, beginning when a U.S. Attorney submits a capital-eligible case to the

Review Committee and to me for further review. This Survey therefore does not address a number of important issues that arise *before* the U.S. Attorney submits a case: why did the defendant commit the murder? why did the defendant get arrested and prosecuted by federal authorities rather than state authorities? why did the U.S. Attorney submit the case for review rather than enter a plea bargain? The answers to all of these questions have a significant impact on whether a particular homicide is included in, or excluded from, the group of cases that become potential federal capital cases and therefore wind up among the statistics reported in this Survey.

More information is needed to better understand the many factors that affect how homicide cases make their way into the federal system, and once in the system, why they follow different paths. An even broader analysis must therefore be undertaken to determine if bias does, in fact, play any role in the federal death penalty system.

I have asked the National Institute of Justice to solicit research proposals from outside experts to study the reasons why, under existing standards, homicide cases are directed to the state or federal systems and charged either as capital cases or non-capital cases, as well as the factors accounting for the present geographic pattern of submissions by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. The Department will also welcome related research proposals that outside experts may suggest.

Within the Department, I am asking that, in the next 60 days, each United States Attorney

submit available data about capital-eligible cases in their offices that did not have to be submitted for review under the 1995 protocol. This will permit the Department to gain an even greater understanding of the entire pool of capital-eligible defendants in the federal system over the past five years.

Furthermore, the Deputy Attorney General will lead an effort to examine the factors used to decide which homicide cases are taken into the federal system when there is joint state and federal jurisdiction, and to identify the ways to improve how such decisions are made across the country.

As another important step, Senator Leahy introduced a bill earlier this year with bipartisan sponsorship aimed at providing post-conviction DNA testing in appropriate cases and ensuring competent counsel in capital cases. A similar bipartisan bill was introduced in the House by Representatives Delahunt and LaHood. We strongly support these aims and the Department has been working closely with Senator Leahy's staff on developing statutory language. Our goal is to minimize the potential for frivolous litigation, while striving to ensure that a person who has a reasonable claim that he or she is innocent of the crime for which they were convicted and imprisoned will have access to DNA testing. We also are working with staff to develop and fund a system of grants to support these goals.

We cannot stop here. We must be ever-vigilant in our attempt to distribute justice fairly at every stage of the federal criminal justice system. I encourage and welcome the input of state

and local law enforcement, the defense community, academics, and the public as we all strive to improve our system of justice.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BETH NOLAN *Bm*
MEREDITH CABE *me*

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision to Clemency Regulations

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Attached is a proposed amendment to the advisory regulations on executive clemency addressing victim input in the clemency application process. The Attorney General has approved the amendment and has forwarded it to you for your approval.

The amendment essentially codifies what has long been the practice of the Department of Justice in its investigation of pardon and commutation petitions. The proposal calls for the Attorney General (in practice, the Pardon Attorney) to make reasonable effort to notify victims of crime when the person convicted of that crime applies for clemency and the Pardon Attorney believes contacting the victims is warranted. In those cases, the Department will notify victims (1) that a clemency petition has been filed; (2) that the victims may submit comments regarding clemency to the Department; and (3) whether the clemency request ultimately is granted or denied.

Victim notification is limited to cases in which the Pardon Attorney deems it warranted because the Department frequently does not recommend clemency in cases with identifiable victims, and therefore does not undertake exhaustive investigation of those petitions. In those cases contacting the victim is not necessary, and could be disruptive to victims and their families. Under the attached proposal, the Department would consider several factors in assessing whether contacting the victim is warranted in a given case: the seriousness and recentness of the offense, the nature and extent of the harm to the victim, the defendant's overall criminal history and history of violent behavior, and the likelihood that clemency could be recommended in a given case. The proposal also defines "victim" for purposes of the regulations.

As is the case with the existing clemency regulations, these regulations are advisory only.

DECISION:

APPROVE: 

DISAPPROVE:

DISCUSS:

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Pardon Attorney

28 CFR Part 1

AG ORDER No.

Rules Governing Petitions for Executive Clemency:

Victim Notification and Comment

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the existing regulations on executive clemency to codify the Attorney General's practice of providing notice to the victims of the crime when an offender convicted of a federal felony files a petition for executive clemency. Under these procedures, the Department will invite victims to submit comments, if they wish to do so, and inform them of the President's final decision on the clemency request. The rule also defines the term "victim" for purposes of such notifications, and lists criteria considered in determining in what circumstances such victim notification is warranted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective [Insert date of publication in the **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger C. Adams, Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, telephone (202) 616-6070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Since 1996, the United States Attorneys Manual (USAM) section on clemency expressly mentions the issue of victim input. Drawing on these provisions in the USAM, this rule provides that

in appropriate cases (e.g., if it appears likely that clemency could be recommended in the case), reasonable effort will be made to notify the victim(s) of an offense for which clemency (commutation or pardon) is sought that a request for clemency has been made, and that the victim(s) may submit comments concerning clemency. Moreover, the rule provides that in such cases the victim(s) will be informed of the final decision on the clemency request. The term "victim" is defined consistently with the definition used in the existing Attorney General Victim/Witness Guidelines.

Administrative Procedure Act

This rule relates to matters of agency management or personnel, and is therefore exempt from the usual requirements of prior notice and comment and a 30-day delay in effective date. See 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2). Moreover, to the extent that rulemaking procedures would otherwise be applicable, the Department finds that this rule would be exempted from the requirements of prior notice and comment as a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). Similarly, the effective date of this rule need not be delayed for 30 days after publication because the rule is not a "substantive rule." See 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been drafted and reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866, section 1(b), Principles of Regulation. The Department of Justice has determined that this rule is not a

"significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review, and accordingly it has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 13132

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Executive Order 12988

This regulation meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 804. This rule will not result in an annual effect on

the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

As a rule relating to agency management or personnel, this rule is also therefore excluded from the scope of a covered "rule" for the purposes of Chapter 8 of Title 5 U.S.C. See 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(B). Moreover, to the extent that this rule would be considered to be a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice, it is excluded from the scope of a covered "rule" pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C).

Accordingly, because this action is not a covered "rule" it is exempt from the requirement for the Department to submit a report to each House of Congress and the Comptroller General before this rule can take effect as provided in 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1).

List of Subjects

Clemency, Pardon

With the approval of the President, acting in conformity with his authority as Chief Executive and with Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, and 5 U.S.C. 301, part 1 of chapter I of title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations is revised to read as follows:

PART 1 -- EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read as follows:

AUTHORITY: U.S. Const., Art. II, sec. 2; authority of the President as Chief Executive; and 28 U.S.C. 509, 510.

2. Section 1.6 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1.6 Consideration of petitions; notification of victims; recommendations to the President.

(a) Upon receipt of a petition for executive clemency, the Attorney General shall cause such investigation to be made of the matter as he or she may deem necessary and appropriate, using the services of, or obtaining reports from, appropriate officials and agencies of the Government, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) (1) When a person requests clemency (in the form of either a commutation of a sentence or a pardon after serving a sentence) for a conviction of a felony offense for which there was a victim, and the Attorney General concludes from the information developed in the clemency case that investigation of the clemency case warrants contacting the victim, the Attorney General shall cause reasonable effort to be made to notify the victim or victims of the crime for which clemency is sought:

(i) That a clemency petition has been filed;

(ii) That the victim may submit comments regarding clemency; and

(iii) Whether the clemency request ultimately is granted or denied by the President.

(2) In determining whether contacting the victim is warranted, the Attorney General shall consider the seriousness and recency of the offense, the nature and extent of the harm to the victim, the defendant's overall criminal history and history of violent behavior, and the likelihood that clemency could be recommended in the case.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph (b), "victim" means an individual who:

(i) Has suffered direct or threatened physical, emotional, or pecuniary harm as a result of the commission of the crime for which clemency is sought (or, in the case of an individual who died or was rendered incompetent as a direct and proximate result of the commission of the crime for which clemency is sought, one of the following relatives of the victim (in order of preference): the spouse; an adult offspring; or a parent); and

(ii) Has on file with the Federal Bureau of Prisons a request to be notified pursuant to 28 CFR 551.152 of the offender's release from custody.

(4) For the purposes of this paragraph (b), "reasonable effort" is satisfied by mailing to the last-known address reported by the victim to the Federal Bureau of Prisons under 28 CFR 551.152.

(5) The provisions of this paragraph (b) apply to clemency cases filed on or after [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

(c) The Attorney General shall review each petition and all

pertinent information developed by the investigation and shall determine whether the request for clemency is of sufficient merit to warrant favorable action by the President. The Attorney General shall report in writing his or her recommendation to the President, stating whether in his or her judgment the President should grant or deny the petition.

Date: *August 9, 2000*


Janet Reno
Attorney General.

Approved:

William J. Clinton
President.

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Mr. President:

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I look forward to seeing you soon.

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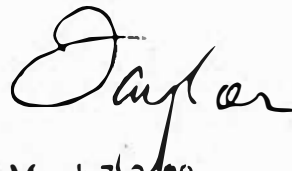
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BACK CHANNELS

The Intelligence Community

The Agent Who Scuttled Lee's Bail Bid

By VERNON LOEB
Washington Post Staff Writer

U.S. District Court Judge James A. Parker seemed to be leaning last week toward granting Wen Ho Lee bail under some very restrictive conditions—until FBI Special Agent Robert A. Messmer filled the courtroom with intrigue.

Here was a man who knew his way around the witness stand. Messmer looked directly at Parker when he spoke. He claimed expertise in the spooky world of Chinese intelligence.

And he basically left Judge Parker no room to fashion any sort of home detention for the former physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Lee faces 59 felony charges for downloading 806 megabytes of nuclear secrets from the lab's secure network and transferring most of the data to seven missing computer tapes.

Even an innocuous phrase by Lee, Messmer testified, could be a signal to an accomplice to pass the tapes on to hostile foreign spies. Messmer's now famous example: "Uncle Wen says hello."

What's more, Messmer told the judge, the risks of that happening are greater than ever because foreign spies now know the tapes exist and are likely to try to come and get them from Lee.

Mark Holacher, Lee's attorney, called Messmer's claims "ludicrous" and said no one could believe Lee would attempt to commit espionage in the face of round-the-clock surveillance by the FBI.

But Parker denied Lee bail pending trial. Paul D. Moore, the FBI's former chief Chinese counterintelligence analyst, doubts that China's Ministry of State Security would have flooded Lee's neighborhood with spies and says, if anything, the threat of Chinese espionage has been diminished, not heightened, by Lee's indictment.

But that, Moore said yesterday, is because the government, hamstrung for years by the difficulty involved in prosecuting people for espionage, has decided to make the mishandling of classified information nearly as serious an offense—in Lee's case and, presumably, others to come.

"There has been a paradigm shift," Moore

said. "The government has decided it is going to find new ways to stop espionage."

THE SELECT AGENDA: The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has put together quite an agenda for the next two or three months. The committee has hired Paul Redmond, the CIA's former head of counterintelligence, to help draft a report, due out by mid-February, on security and counterintelligence failures at the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons laboratories.

The panel is also promising hearings on security failures at the State Department, highlighted by the recent disclosure that a Russian spy, Stanislav Borisovich Gusev,

was caught skulking around headquarters so he could monitor a bug implanted in the molding of a seventh-floor conference room.

Even before the sun set on Gusev's spy career in Washington, the committee was so upset by a State Department inspector general's report on lax security that it sequestered funds this fiscal year from State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research until a report details how the holes in security have been plugged.

If all that weren't enough, the panel, chaired by Rep. Porter J. Goss (R-Fla.), is scheduled to hold yet another round of closed-door hearings on North Korea and meet with Air Force Gen. Michael V. Hayden, director of the National Security Agency, to assess his efforts at investing in new signals intelligence technology.

EYE ON NORTH KOREA: The first unclassified satellite images of the Taepo-Dong missile launch complex in North Korea made their way into the public domain last night when John Copple, chief executive of Space Imaging, appeared on CNN's "World Today."

Copple's company provided the network with a disk that also contained the first commercially available, high-resolution satellite imagery of the devastated Chechen capital of Grozny—imagery heretofore only available from supersecret U.S. spy satellites.

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Spy Probe Raised Doubts

Despite Field Agents' View, FBI Kept Public Focus on Lee

By VERNON LOEB
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Two months before Wen Ho Lee was fired in March 1999 and identified by U.S. officials as the prime suspect in an espionage case at Los Alamos National Laboratory, FBI investigators in New Mexico told headquarters they doubted Lee was the spy they were looking for.

But FBI officials in Washington did not acknowledge these and other doubts about Lee as the source of leaked W-88 warhead secrets to China until FBI Director Louis J. Freeh told Congress in mid-September that the bureau was widening its espionage probe to include other potential suspects at additional weapons facilities.

New information about the FBI's initial investigation of Lee has emerged as Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) today begins three days of hearings on new legislation designed to rectify the kind of "very serious mistakes" he attributed to the Justice Department in its failure to approve a secret search warrant in the Lee case.

Specter yesterday dismissed doubts expressed about Lee's culpability by the FBI's Albuquerque field office in a Jan. 22, 1999, memorandum. He said FBI investigators were "thrown off" course in early 1999 after they were informed by the Department of Energy that Lee had passed a polygraph examination in December 1998. Subsequent FBI reviews, Specter maintains, show he failed.

A senior law enforcement official offered a similar view and said the Jan. 22 memo expressing doubts about Lee's guilt cannot be assessed on its own. Investigators completely changed their assessment of the case within a month, the official said.

But Lee's lawyer, Mark Holscher, said greater candor on the FBI's part could have substantially changed the public's understanding of the case and mitigated the widely held belief that his client was possibly one of the most damaging spies of the century.

"We're concerned that this information was not given to the Senate during its review of this matter



FILE PHOTO/AGAT-TV

Two months before scientist Wen Ho Lee was identified as the prime suspect in the leak of bomb secrets, FBI investigators told headquarters they doubted Lee was the spy.

last year—and has yet to be provided to us," Holscher said yesterday in an interview. Holscher also disputed Specter's contention that Lee failed the DOE polygraph, saying three DOE polygraphers had given Lee high passing scores.

Lee is now in solitary confinement awaiting trial and facing the possibility of life imprisonment on 59 felony counts for downloading nuclear secrets to unsecured computers. The case grew out of—but is unrelated to—the earlier espionage probe, in which prosecutors now concede they have no evidence that Lee passed warhead secrets to China.

The hesitancy of FBI investigators in focusing on Lee as the government's prime espionage suspect preceded the December 1998 polygraph and continued throughout last year, even after Lee had failed a second, FBI-administered polygraph on Feb. 10, 1999.

An FBI investigative report written in the fall of 1998 quoted a Los Alamos official as saying that 250 people a year had access to the "contours" of the W-88 warhead, according to sources close to the investigation.

Following up on the report, the sources said, a Nov. 19, 1998, memo from the Albuquerque field office to headquarters stated that investigators were beginning to look at 10 other individuals who

had been identified as potential suspects in DOE's administrative inquiry, the espionage probe's initial road map.

The Jan. 22 memo to headquarters, stating that investigators did not believe Lee was the one who passed W-88 secrets, was based in part on the finding that Lee had passed his DOE polygraph a month earlier.

On Feb. 10, 1999, Lee failed the FBI polygraph, in which he was asked whether he had ever passed W-88 secrets to China. But still, doubts persisted among FBI agents about whether he had leaked warhead information to China.

Those doubts were expressed in yet another another memo to headquarters on Feb. 26, 1999, stating that investigators thought it was still necessary to pursue other potential suspects, sources said.

But officials did not mention those doubts when Lee was fired less than two weeks later and identified as the prime suspect in the espionage case, code-named "Kindred Spirit."

FBI agents first discovered that Lee had improperly downloaded nuclear secrets onto the unsecured computer network at Los Alamos when they searched his office computer in March, a week after he was fired for a string of security violations.

In April, FBI investigators began working on two separate cases: a criminal probe into Lee's improper downloads, which resulted in his indictment, and a new expanded espionage case code-named "Fall-out" encompassing a variety of additional suspects.

But the FBI made no public reference to its new and expanded espionage case until September. Indeed, Neil Gallagher, head of the FBI's National Security Division, told Congress in June that Energy's original administrative inquiry, which focused on Lee as the primary suspect, made "a compelling case," sources said.

Gallagher subsequently sent Congress a letter in November clarifying his testimony to reflect the fact that FBI agents had expressed interest in numerous suspects beyond Lee, the sources said.

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BALANCE IN LIFE CASE

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September 15, 2000

Dear President Clinton,

This is a very grave moment in the Cyprus situation. The Cypriots are getting ready to walk out of the talks. They have been totally abused by the last proposal from our state department, from what I hear.

Did Al Moses actually propose that there be two EQUALLY powerful governments in Cyprus???? The Turks invaded Cyprus with weapons that were financed by America, took over one third of the country, killed several thousand people and now make up 18 percent of the population and we want to give them 50% of the political power of the country and we want to give them more than "one person, one vote". If this is true Mr. President, I have no words to express my reaction to it. America is negotiating with Terrorists and giving them rewards.

Al says that they never meant that, but wanted Denktash to feel good and maybe move forward in the talks, but he never has in the past 26 years with many other give-ways. Now the Turkish President and Denktash have already given this verbiage credence by saying, I told you so, we do deserve to take over this country.

If it is true, then call Al and them off. Doing nothing is better than that.

Here are some ideas about this situation that I had Andy articulate.

Your Friend,

David

David I.

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The following is the context within which the Clinton Administration, with apparent good intentions, has aided (like the Nixon, Carter and Reagan Administrations) Turkey's (and some Turkish-Cypriots) goal of taking over Cyprus. It is in reverse chronological order.

Step 5 Toward Taking Over Cyprus -- Clinton Administration Presses for Equal Control of Cyprus by 18% Turkish minority.

Prior to the Clinton Administration, the U.S. and U.N. opposed Turkey's desire to end democracy, majority-rule, and "one man one vote" on Cyprus by giving the 18% Turkish-Cypriot minority equal control of Cyprus. The U.S.-pushed UN position said specifically in resolutions that "political equality does not mean equal numerical participation in all federal government branches and administration." The Clinton Administration this week pressured the United Nations to reverse this position. The new U.N. position states through the Secretary General, "I have concluded that the equal status of all the parties must and should be recognized explicitly in the comprehensive settlement."

The reaction of the repressive Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash was, "this is a happy day." The President of Turkey said "we have been saying there are two separate and equal states on the island and this idea is beginning to be accepted."

Conclusion:

The Cambodian seat at the United Nations was empty because the U.N. would not choose one government as legitimate over another. Cyprus is now much closer to that position. Turkey is moving well in its plan to take over the previously free and peaceful nation of Cyprus.

As of this morning (September 15), there are some efforts to erase this Clinton Administration blunder. This is due to the Greek-Cypriots walking out of the talks being coordinated by people who are supposed to be helping the tragedy of the nation of Cyprus. Pray that they are able to erase this step.

Step 4 Toward Taking Over Cyprus -- The Reagan Administration and Turkish-Cypriot Declaration of Independence:

The Congress withheld Turkey's foreign aid to discourage leaked plans of a Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash's move to declare independence of the occupied part of Cyprus. The Turkish Prime Minister assured President Reagan in the White House that the Turkish-Cypriots would not declare independence and that even if they did, Turkey would not recognize the false entity. The day after American aid to Turkey was released, Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash declared independence and Turkey immediately recognized it as a legitimate entity.

Step 3 Toward Taking Over Cyprus -- The Carter Administration's Role:

The Turks told the Carter Administration that if they lifted the military arms embargo on Turkey (due to its invasion), Turkey could save face and would immediately withdraw its troops. Even though the embargo was the only real incentive for Turkey, to end its attempt to take over Cyprus, the Carter Administration (led by NSC staffer Madeleine Albright) lifted the embargo on Turkey. After Carter gave them arms Turkey ended even the pretense that it was only occupying temporarily and was not moving to take over Cyprus.

Step 2 Toward Taking Over Cyprus -- American CIA and Nixon Administration Encouragement:

The American CIA paid for a junta on Cyprus which killed only Greek-Cypriots. The Nixon Administration, looked the other way when it learned of Turkey's plan to use the junta as an excuse to invade. Turkey killed, in a few days Bosnia-style, 4,000 Greek-Cypriots and took under military occupation 37% of the country. Turkey and Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash told the U.S. and U.N it would immediately withdraw the troops once the (imagined) "threat" against Turkish-Cypriots subsided.

Step 1 Toward Taking Over Cyprus -- The Turkish Plan Made Public:

Turkey employed full-time on Cyprus (in the 1950's), Turkish-Cypriots who tried to end the hundreds of years of complete harmony between Turkish-Cypriots (18% minority) and Greek-Cypriots, unlike the history of Greeks and Turks. Led by Turkish- Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, these paid Turkish-Cypriots succeeded by executing their own people who would insist on cooperating with their Greek-Cypriot friends, bombing (as they later admitted) their own facilities, blaming the Greek-Cypriots then attack Greek-Cypriots.

To: Betty Currey
From: David Leopoulos

RE: Letter to the President

Betty,

Please get this into the President's hands asap. It is very important.

Thanks so much.

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August 24, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

On Thursday, October 26, 2000, the United Nations Association of the United States of America will hold its 42nd Annual Dinner in New York. At the dinner we will present the World Bank and its President, James D. Wolfensohn, with our Global Leadership Award. The Chairmen of the evening are Michael Bloomberg and Vernon Jordan.

Mr. President, we would be honored if you would join us at this event and address a distinguished audience of American business leaders and the representatives of the international community. The venue offers an opportunity, especially with James Wolfensohn as the honoree, to emphasize some of the major issues of development and poverty that are among the core concerns of the entire U.N. system, with the G-7 just last month underscoring the need to help it in closing the gap.

In view of the particular importance your administration has given to issues linking "haves" and "have-nots", we hope you will see this setting as a high profile opportunity to build awareness and support for your priorities.

The event, as which we expect upward of 1,100 guests will be held at the Sheraton New York Hotel, and will begin with cocktails at 7:00pm followed by dinner at 8:00pm.

On behalf of everyone at the United Nations Association, let me express the hope that you can join us for this event.

Sincerely,

William H. Luers
Chairman

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August 8, 2000

Mrs. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
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Dear Ann:

It was a pleasure to see you and Vernon last weekend. Now that we are all back to real life I want to follow up with you on the possibility of the President attending the UNA dinner on October 26th.

Attached is a copy of the letter of invitation that I sent to the President. In view of the opinions that he expressed at the Millennial Summit this week, "peacekeeping meant thinking not only about weapons but also about water, schools, health, and the environment—Until we confront the iron link between deprivation, disease and war, we will never be able to create the peace that the founders of the United Nations dreamed of." I think this would be an ideal venue for him to expand on these ideas, if he would wish to do so, especially since we are honoring Jim Wolfensohn and the World Bank.

In any case to speak to the international community and to major corporations and business leaders following this ground breaking UN conference would have a great impact regardless of the topics he might choose.

As I mentioned we would be most grateful for any help you could give as far as getting our dinner on the President's calendar. Kathleen has been speaking with Kerry Street in scheduling.

Thank you for your help and we are looking forward to a very successful event.

Sincerely,

William H. Luers
William H. Luers
Chairman

*Also I trust you
and Vernon have this on
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already been great
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September 13, 2000

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

Re: The Annual Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

Dear President Clinton:

Long before the tragedy at Columbine High School, Mary Lewis Grow, of Northfield, Minnesota, was working to curb school violence. The initiative she started, called the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence, has steadily gained national momentum, resulting in more than 2,000,000 high school students signing the pledge last year alone.

This year the Student Pledge and corresponding day of national concern will take place on October 17. On that day, students in public and private schools across the country will stand together and pledge (1) never to carry a gun to school; (2) never to resolve a dispute with a gun; and (3) always use their influence to keep friends from resolving disputes with guns. Ms. Grow is hoping to register close to 3,000,000 Student Pledge signatures nationwide this year!

Here in Minnesota, the home of the Student Pledge, students are planning a variety of events. In Minneapolis, Mary Lewis Grow will partner with our office and a number of other groups to help the students at DeLaSalle High School host a Student Pledge program on October 17 that will feature health care professionals and young people who have personally experienced gun violence.

As a preview for this event, as well as other Student Pledge events taking place nationwide on October 17, this office and the individuals and organizations named in the enclosed letters, respectfully request that you consider hosting a brief Student Pledge kick-off event at the White House in late September or early October. As the enclosed letters indicate, Senator Murray, as well

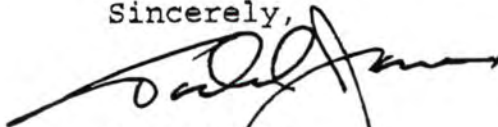
as people from a variety of education organizations, would be happy to participate in such an event. And, of course, our office would do whatever it could to assist.

A White House Student Pledge kick-off event could feature young people who have been affected by gun violence and could culminate with remarks from you, which could be taped and made available for the replay at October 17 Student Pledge activities in schools across the country. Even a few words from you would mean so much to young people in Minnesota and elsewhere, who, through the pledge, are realizing their collective ability to reverse the violence that has affected far too many of this country's youth.

If you are interested in a White House event and would like more information about the Student Pledge initiative, please have your staff contact Jeanne Cooney, of this office, at (612) 664-5611. Or, if you are unable to host such an event at this time but would like to make taped remarks for use in various October 17 Student Pledge activities around the country, please have your staff let Jeanne Cooney know that too.

The Student Pledge is endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers, the American Association of School Administrators, the American Medical Association, the National Council of Churches, the United States Congress, as well as your own office. All of us involved in the Student Pledge initiative thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Jones", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Todd Jones
United States Attorney
District of Minnesota

PATTY MURRAY
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United States Senate

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August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to encourage you to host an event in September to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. Student, Members of Congress, and representatives from the American Federation of Teachers, National Association of Student Councils, National School Boards Association, National PTA, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals want to present the Pledge to you and use this event to launch their efforts to get millions of more young people to sign the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence this year.

Last year, over 2 million young people signed a voluntary pledge promising never to bring a gun to school or use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use their influence to discourage peers from resolving problems with guns.

For the last four years, the U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution, for which I've been the chief sponsor during three of those four years. This resolution calls on the country to observe a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and asks that the Student Pledge be distributed on that day as a means of underscoring the collective power of young people's individual decisions to end gun violence. For each of the last four years, you have reinforced the message of the Senate Resolution by issuing a Presidential Proclamation. This year I have again submitted the Resolution along with Senator Warner and 31 other Senators and I expect it to pass unanimously once again. It names October 17, 2000, as this year's Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence.

The premise behind the distribution of a common contract on a common day is that through their own life-saving decisions and actions, young people themselves – one by one and collectively by the millions – can dramatically reduce their risk of gun violence. Young people in particular are more likely to believe in the impact of their actions and decisions if they see them as part of a large concerted effort. A collective promise suggests power and a real potential for significant change.

It would be appropriate to have an event at the White House this year to celebrate the over 2 million young people who took the Pledge in 1999 and to call out to even more young people to take the Pledge.

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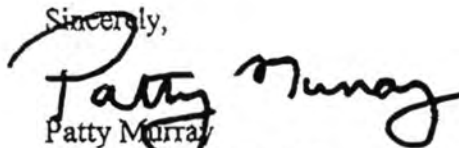
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A September date will be the most effective. It is the start of a new school year, and it will also give schools and communities time to build towards the observance. Too often young people are talked to as if they are a problem to be solved. A White House event in September will provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge them as important partners in the task of creating a safer future. Your encouragement, in particular, will illustrate to them that they matter and that their voices and commitments are honored at the highest level of the country.

I encourage you to host this event in September to roll out this year's Pledge and to celebrate the successes we've had in the past. I hope we can find time in our schedules to do this important event.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

Attached: Letters from:

The American Federation of Teachers
The National Association of Secondary School Principals
The National Parent and Teachers Association
The National School Boards Association

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

*Executive Board*

Board Member's Address:

August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am sure that you remember the tragedy that occurred in your home state of Arkansas in March 1998, when two middle school students gunned down their fellow classmates in Jonesboro.

It was inconceivable that middle school students could be capable of this dastardly act yet they got the guns and did the deed. More school shootings followed that spring. When Mary Lewis Grow, the founder of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence called our offices that May looking for the support and assistance of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), it was evident that we needed to be involved. The NASC Executive Board unanimously voted to support the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

It is not metal detectors, school administrators, teachers or police that will solve this problem. It rests with young people themselves. They must learn to be more tolerant of those who are different than they are and be more inclusive. Student council leaders must be part of the solution and get their peers involved in solving this great problem of youth violence.

NASC helped the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence obtain more than two million signed pledges from students last year on the Day of National Concern in October. This year we ask your help in this cause by sponsoring an event at the White House in September to call attention to this problem and to highlight this year's Day of National Concern on October 17, 2000.

We know that this issue is one of great concern to you. Please join with students nationwide to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Rocco Marano,
Director of Student Activities
& Secretary to the NASC Executive Board

Claire Doran
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August 14, 2000

President William Clinton
White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for providing leadership on the important topic of protecting children and youth from gun violence. The 6.5 million member National PTA joins Senator Murray, parents, and students in asking you to continue this important work and host the September 2000 launch of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence drive.

Due to the tremendous impact on the health and well-being of children and youth, gun violence is a serious public health issue, which requires the enactment of various prevention strategies. National PTA supports federal legislation that promotes the use of gun safety locks, restricts Internet gun sales, enforces federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases, and establishes or expands awareness programs that educate parents, children, youth and community members about firearm safety.

This event will let America's youth know that millions of citizens across the nation care about their health and well-being. Your participation in this event will also signal a federal commitment to ending gun violence. Thank you again for making an important difference in the lives of all children. We hope that you will be actively involved in this year's event.

Sincerely,

Ginny Markell
President



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Executive Office

August 10, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the National Education Association's (NEA) 2.5 million members, we urge you to support efforts to curb youth gun violence by hosting a bipartisan White House event this September publicizing the October 17th *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*. The ceremony would recognize the more than 2,000,000 young people who have already signed the *Pledge against Gun Violence* and would help encourage millions more youth to take the *Pledge*.

The members of the National Education Association are deeply concerned about the gun violence that threatens our students, our schools, and our communities. By signing the *Pledge*, students promise never to bring a gun to school or to use a gun to settle a dispute and to influence their friends to do the same. We believe this voluntary student pledge offers a wonderful vehicle for students to take affirmative, self-motivated steps to end the violence.

A bipartisan contingent of United States Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of these Senators and other elected officials will attend the White House event to send a strong, unified message against gun violence.

We thank you for your unwavering commitment to ending the senseless gun violence that has claimed too many innocent lives. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical issue and to joining with you to support the *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*.

Sincerely,

Bob Chase
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Dear Mr. President:

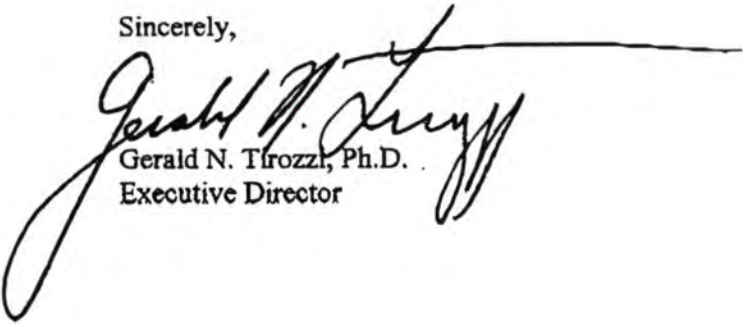
Though the number of violent incidents in schools continues to decrease and classrooms remain one of the safest places for students, there is no denying that gun violence is a national epidemic that negatively impacts the lives of many children and youth. That is why over 2,000,000 young people have signed the *Student Pledge Against Gun Violence*. We urge you to support these commitments by hosting a bipartisan White House event in September, to publicize this year's October 17 *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence* and to launch this year's national *Pledge* drive.

By signing the *Pledge*, each student promises to never bring a gun to school, to never use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use influence with friends in order to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. I can think of no better tool for ending youth violence than the self-motivated, responsible approach offered by this action. Middle and high school students are especially influenced by friends and colleagues, and the *Pledge* supports and reinforces each individual choice to act peacefully with regard to disagreements.

While the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has strongly supported your commendable efforts to help end gun violence through legislative means, we envision the event as one that will not involve the sometimes divisive issue of politics. A bipartisan contingent of U.S. Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of them will attend the White House event in order to send a strong and unified message about the importance of self-motivated, non-violent action. It is our hope that the event will create a groundswell of interest, encouraging other young people around the nation to take the *Pledge*.

"Youngsters who are intimidated and fearful cannot be at ease; they cannot give education the single-minded attention needed for success." This statement appears in the NASSP school reform publication *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*. We believe the *Pledge* brings us one step closer to easing students' fears, and helps to create more effective learning environments for our children. I thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the nation's students and hope you agree that a White House event would be an excellent extension of your work to end gun violence in the United States.

Sincerely,


Gerald N. Tirozzi, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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August 3, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

On March 30, 2000, the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association unanimously endorsed the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. As an organization dedicated to bettering the lives and education of our children, NSBA believes the voluntary student pledge is a wonderful approach since, in the final analysis, it is going to be students themselves who will be the main force in eliminating gun violence.

NSBA will encourage local school boards across the nation to participate in the October 17, 2000 Day of National Concern. We believe that holding a September pre-celebration event at the White House would greatly increase the visibility of this worthy effort. To that end, NSBA supports the proposal from Senator Patty Murray and her colleagues and ask you to give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Bryant
Executive Director

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SANDRA FELDMAN
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July 31, 2000

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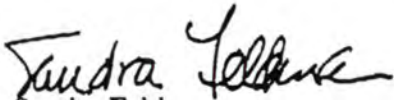
Dear Mr. President:

The American Federation of Teachers is an active coalition partner in the Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence. We believe that it is important for the AFT to support the efforts of the coalition and to support our members' participation in the Day of National Concern through their local unions.

Ready access to guns and gun violence are of great concern to the leaders and members of our organization. That is why our members have encouraged students to participate since the event's inception. And, it is why we are in favor of a White House event to honor those students who have taken part in the Day of National Concern. Such an event would give a tremendous boost to the coalition's efforts to encourage all students to sign the pledge and participate in this year's Day of National Concern.

We will continue to support the efforts of the coalition and, through our local affiliates, encourage school districts to promote and participate in this important campaign. We would welcome and encourage your participation in an event to launch this year's program.

Sincerely,


Sandra Feldman
President

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Sincerely,

Bob Chase
President



Richard M. Daley
Mayor

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Terry G. Hillard
Superintendent of Police

August 4, 2000

Dear Chief of Police:

I am writing to you and enclosing information on an important national observance, one that I urge you to publicize in your own city. Since 1996, the United States Senate has passed a bipartisan Senate Resolution calling for a National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. In support of this, students across the country, in cooperation with law enforcement, were given the opportunity to make a voluntary promise that they "will never bring a gun to school, never use a gun to settle a dispute and use their influence with friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes."

In the wake of the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado; Springfield, Oregon; and Jonesboro, Arkansas, people are looking for constructive ways to address the issues of young people and guns. As Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, I believe that observing the National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence provides an effective vehicle for leaders, educators and law enforcement to work together to assure that our schools remain a safe and productive environment conducive to teaching and learning.

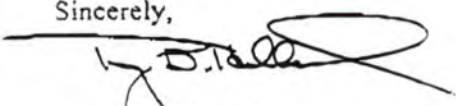
Let me take the opportunity to tell you about Chicago's initiative on the Day of National Concern held last year. The Chicago Police Department, in coordination with the Chicago Board of Education, the Archdiocesan Schools and Lutheran Schools provided over 800,000 students the opportunity to sign the Student Pledge. Additionally, WBBM-FM Radio (B-96) provided an hour long live discussion about handgun violence. This year I had the pleasure of leading all the students in saying the Pledge. Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, Paul Vallas, Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, Senator Dick Durbin, Jim Ryan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and Dick Devine, Cook County State's Attorney also participated in the program. The coordinated efforts of the Chicago Police Department, the Board of Education and the participation of city leaders identified Chicago as the national model for the last four years. Chicago has been unique among participating cities in that law enforcement has taken the lead in coordinating these efforts to ensure student safety.

This year's Student Pledge is to be held on October 17, 2000. It is my hope that law enforcement throughout the State of Illinois will join Chicago's effort in a collaboration between law enforcement and education. I believe that because of our position and leadership in government as well as our commitment to prevent gun violence in schools, we have the unique opportunity and ability to motivate law enforcement to partner with their respective school districts.

Enclosed is a package of materials concerning the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. I believe that observing the "Day of National Concern" brings the issues of youth and gun violence to the forefront, thereby fostering awareness, discussion, and hopefully, pro-active measures by schools, law enforcement, parents and youth to prevent future gun violence.

Should you need additional information, please contact Commander Roberta M. Bartik, Youth Investigations Group at (312) 745-6005 or Fax (312) 745-6832.

Sincerely,


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Superintendent of Police

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