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To Bill Knapp

I hope this will remind you
of how you help me run so
fast and leap over hurdles

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Bill Clinton

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Bill Knapp
Squier, Knapp & Ochs
511 2nd Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

I think the American people are disgusted by the spectacle of an alliance that helps lobbyists hide who they work for, and what they get paid. And its long past time for Members of Congress to stop accepting their gifts, their meals and their golf games.

We will keep fighting for Superfund reform, because it is time to make environmental laws work for average Americans instead of the lawyers.

We want welfare reform and health care reform, because ordinary Americans want the opportunity to work, and they deserve the same shot at health care coverage that their elected Representatives enjoy.

Measures that keep our economy strong, that put people first, that create jobs, and reform our system will keep us vital and moving forward as we have throughout our history.

Countries all across the world follow our example because we are constantly renewing ourselves. That is why democracies on the way up, like South Africa and Russia, sent their elected leaders to Washington this week. It is why the long oppressed people in Haiti are embracing the young men and women of our military upholding democracy in that recovering land.

In only three weeks, our troops have helped Haiti turn from fear toward freedom. Their job is still difficult and dangerous but, thanks to their efforts, violence is down, parliament is back, refugees are returning and democratic government is on the way. Our troops represent the best of America. And we want to keep the country that they are representing so well moving in the right direction.

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TO: Nancy Hernreich
FROM: Ann Stock
DATE: September 28, 1993

Please return to my office for mailing
after being signed by the President.

C O P Y
from ORM



To Susan and Lew Marilow
with best wishes, and thanks

Ben Clinton



To Linda and Tom Daschle
with best wishes, and never
Bill Clinton



To Tricia and Harry McPherson
with best wishes,

Bob Linton



*To Robin and Angie Duke
with best wishes,*

Robin Clinton



*To Bob and Prudy Squier
with best wishes,*

Bill Clinton



To Letty and Bert Pogrebin
With best wishes,

Bill Clinton



*To Senator David Durenberger and Susan Foote
with best wishes,*

Tim Cinton



*To Steve and Sabina Forbes
with best wishes,*

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To Mike Castle
with best wishes,

Tim Lincoln



To Mike and Jane Castle
with best wishes,

Ben Clinton



*To Ambassador Donald McHenry
with best wishes,*

Bill Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1995

Hays T. Sullivan
Post Office Box 206
Burdette, Arkansas 72321

Dear Hays:

Thanks for your letter of July 17. It was great to see you at the recent helicopter departure and to have a chance to visit briefly. I'm sorry we didn't have longer!

I appreciate your letting me know about how much Hilary Jones enjoyed his recent trip here. It was certainly nice to see him and to have an opportunity to visit.

Thanks, too, for sending the copy of your earlier letter about the Burdette sewer. I've asked my staff to look into it for you.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1995

Hays T. Sullivan
Post Office Box 206
Burdette, Arkansas 72321

TO
TREY

Dear Hays:

Thanks for your letter of July 17. It was good to hear from you and to hear how much Hilary Jones enjoyed his recent trip here. It was certainly nice to see him and to catch up on everything.

Thanks, too, for sending the copy of your earlier letter about the Burdette sewer. I've asked my staff to look into it for you.

I'm looking forward to another pound cake!

See you soon.

Sincerely,

cc: M. McLarty
cc: Kitty Higgins
cc: EPA

FYI - Hays saw
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Marine One
departure. Do you
want to mention that?
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Trey

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Hayes Sullivan- He talked with Hilary Jones who loved his visit to the White House. He enclosed a copy of his letter regarding the Burdette sewer lagoon and hopes to see you next week.

P.O. Box 206
Burdette, Arkansas 72321
July 17, 1995

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bill:

I talked to Hilary Jones for over an hour last night. He told me of every detail of his visit to The White House, staying in the Lincoln bedroom, and going around town with you. Bill, I know his visit was very enjoyable to both of you. You and I both realize how important it is to keep in touch with friends.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter on the Burdette sewer lagoon. I just wanted to keep you up to date on what is happening.

I hope to see you next week. The fish and pound cake offer is still good!

Your friend,



Hays T. Sullivan

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August 23, 1993

President Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C. 20001-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express my great concern about the Environmental Protection Agency forcing the city of Burdette to make unnecessary changes to the city's sewer ponds.

Mr. President, you have been in my home in Burdette many times and you have known me personally as a sportsman and as a conservationist for over 17 years. I would never be a part of, or knowingly allow anyone to damage our environment in any way, especially ditch #24 that runs behind my 82 year old mother's house.

The city sewer has been in operation for 13 years. It was built with FmHA loan and grant funds to the EPA specification with permits to discharge into ditch #24. According to the 1980 census, Burdette had a population of 328 which included an elementary school with an average daily attendance of 260. According to the 1990 U. S. census, Burdette's population has declined to 183 and the Burdette Elementary school's average daily attendance has declined to 160. This population loss has reduced the city's water discharge by 1/3. Many months during the year there is no discharge whatsoever.

EPA and the ADPC&E, because of new regulations, say we must construct a third sewage pond, then pump the effluent (there is none most months) 1 1/2 miles to ditch #31, a free flowing stream, at a cost of approximately \$300,000. This will mandate an increase of \$12 to \$15 per month on every households' monthly sewer bill for the next 40 years.

As you know, Burdette is a rural farming community, with many retired and fixed income families. The 1990 census yearly per capita income is \$5459, well below the poverty level. In most cases, the 12 to 15 dollars additional sewage charges each month will reduce the amount of money Burdette residents have for food, clothes and shelter.

I would like for you to make an appointment for me with your Secretary of EPA, Ms. Carol Browner on the 13th, 14th or 15th of September, to discuss this problem. I will bring pictures and maps to explore ideas for solving this problem.

President Bill Clinton

August 23, 1993

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Lastly, Mr. President, our friend Sam Kitadai will be in Washington on the 14th and 15th of September. I talked to Melvin Lapidés this morning and if your busy schedule would permit, his daughter Eva Lubin, will bring him to Washington to see his President, and possibly all have dinner at Blackies. Eva would need Sam and me to push Melvin's wheelchair, unfortunately to which he is totally confined.

Best Regards,

Hays

Enclosures:

Labeled pictures enclosed

1990 Census for Burdette

December 20, 1989

The Honorable Dale Bumpers
United States Senator
Room 3229
Darken Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dale:

I am writing to express my great concern about the federal Government and the EPA forcing the city of Burdette to make unnecessary alterations to the city sewer ponds. New EPA regulations simply state that we cannot discharge any effluent from our ponds into a non free flowing stream (or agricultural drainage ditch in our case).

Dale, as a lifelong sportsman and conservationist, I would never be a part of, or knowingly allow anyone to damage our environment in any way.

The city sewer has been in operation for 10 to 12 years and was constructed to EPA specification with permission to discharge in this drainage ditch, which we have done all these years. No water has been discharged from this pond since last May or June. I drive around this ditch everyday in my farming operation. This ditch is located only 1/2 mile south of my office.

I killed my first rabbit and first duck on this ditch. I have gigged frogs and trapped on this ditch. I have hunted rabbits as recently as last week on this ditch. My mother still lives in our home place on the bank of this ditch only three quarters of a mile east of the discharge point. Just last spring, I took little 11 year old Harold Sudbury, Jr. frog gigging on this ditch; we gigged 12 frogs, saw two beavers, one muskrat, and several snakes until little Hal was ready to go home. My daughter Susanne, gave birth to my first grandson (only boy for us after raising four daughters) who I feel will also hunt and trap this same ditch for many years to come.

Senator Bumpers
December 20, 1989
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You know I am not opposed to government regulations; they are as necessary to life as the air we breathe. I strongly approve of them when they stop excessive pollution that destroys our environment; but that is not the situation in this case. The only time our pond discharges into this ditch is after a three or four inch rain over a short period of time. When we get this much rain in a short period of time, not only are the man holes covered with water, but so is the entire county. The wheat, soybeans, cotton plus the roads are under water. Water backs up into my mother's garage for eight to ten hours until the drainage ditches run down. The only time our sewer pond overflows is during these cloud bursts when this rain water gets into the sewer system. If the EPA used a little common sense, they would realize that for ten to twelve hours this ditch is certainly free flowing.

EPA and PC&E have approved plans which would allow the city to pump this excess rainwater 1 1/2 miles to Ditch Number 31 or to National Ditch (our ditch runs into National Ditch 1 1/2 miles from the present discharge point). Both ditches are declared by CEPA to be free flowing ditching. If the city of Burdette has to construct a pumping station at a cost of more than \$250,000, it will be the most totally ridiculous waste of money I have ever seen, except perhaps the \$250 toilet seats, the \$500 hammers, and the \$200 bolts.

The residents of Burdette, composed mostly of retired, low income persons can not afford an additional \$4.50 added to their water and sewer bill each month from now on to pump rainwater away from Burdette. Each dollar they spend on their water and sewer bill is less dollars they have for food and shelter for their families.

Dale, please ask one of your staff to research this; perhaps they can help us. I will be willing to meet with EPA and/or PC&E in Washington or Little Rock. I can bring pictures, maps or any other information we might need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to your and Betty.

Sincerely yours,

Hays T. Sullivan

P.O. Box 206
Burdette, AR 72321
July 17, 1995

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Randall Mathis, Director
Pollution Control and Ecology
8001 National Drive
Little Rock, AR 72209

Dear Randall:

Blankenship Construction started construction on the "not needed" third cell sewer pond for the city of Burdette on July 13th.

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I would like a few questions answered.

- 1) If this new ten acre pond never fills, who will be responsible for expensive maintenance such as cutting the Johnson grass, cockleburs, willow and cottonwood trees, that will take it over?
- 2) Why was the former Eaker AFB, located in Blytheville, Arkansas, fined \$138,000 for non-compliance, and did not pay as Burdette, Corning, and many other cities did pay? The U. S. Government recently closed Eaker AFB and did absolutely nothing to rehabilitate the sewer system that was not working and out of compliance and now is trying to give the mess to the city of Blytheville for them to pay for the clean-up.
- 3) Why couldn't the city of Burdette install a hydrographic control device to discharge when Ditch #24 is at flood stage?
- 4) Why couldn't the city of Burdette install a new type chlorinator to meet EPA and ADPC&E guidelines?
- 5) Can the city of Burdette wait to install the expensive pumps and back-up diesel generator (we know the pumps will never be used in our lifetime) until the new pond is within one foot of discharge? (It will take approximately six to eight months for one foot of rise.)

Mr. Mathis
July 17, 1995
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We had 11.55 inches of rain between the afternoon of June 29, 1995 and July 10, 1995. Before the 29th, the pond was dry at the discharge outlet. On the 13th of July, after 11.55 inches of rain, it was still 4" below the discharge outlet. Ditch #24 was dry on the morning of the 29th; it was at flood stage that same afternoon after the rain.

With 11.55 inches of rain in two weeks and 500,000 gallons of water being pumped from the Mississippi County Jail, the three acre pond still has not discharged since April, 1995. How can anyone ever expect this ten acres to fill?

I tried to ask these questions last March 21st when Mayor Tompkins, Dave Gill, Captain Stovall and I were asked to come to your office for a meeting with top members of your staff. We were told that our engineer, Dave Gill could ask questions and for me to shut up.

I once served as a Commissioner of the ADPC&E, the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, and the State Board of Vocational Education and have never witnessed nor been a part of a more rudely "set-up" meeting in my life of public service. After 29 minutes, we were each given an already prepared policy statement, with no exception but to do what your policy was ... start construction, or else.

Sincerely yours,

Hays T. Sullivan

cc:

President Bill Clinton
Senator David Pryor
Congresswoman Blanche Lincoln
Carol Browner, EPA
Shelia Hershaw, Producer-Director Prime Time Live
Sam Donaldson, Prime Time Live
Dave Gill, Engineer, EOCR

July 17, 1995

**Ms. Shelia Hershaw, Producer-Director
Prime Time Live
17th & Desaler Street
Washington, DC 20036**

Dear Shelia:

We, along with several hundred cities in Arkansas, have been fighting the EPA and the Arkansas DPC&E for ten years. Enclosed are letters and pictures that are self explanatory.

I enjoyed your last month Prime Time Live production on Phoenix, AZ. Burdette and thousands of cities across America are being fleeced out of billions of dollars annually by our own government bureaucracy.

Mayor Bob Cochran of Corning, Arkansas, and I were sorry we missed Sam when we were at the Mayflower in March.

I will be at the Renaissance Hotel on 9th Street in Washington on July 24-26. I would like to visit with you or your at that time if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Hays T. Sullivan