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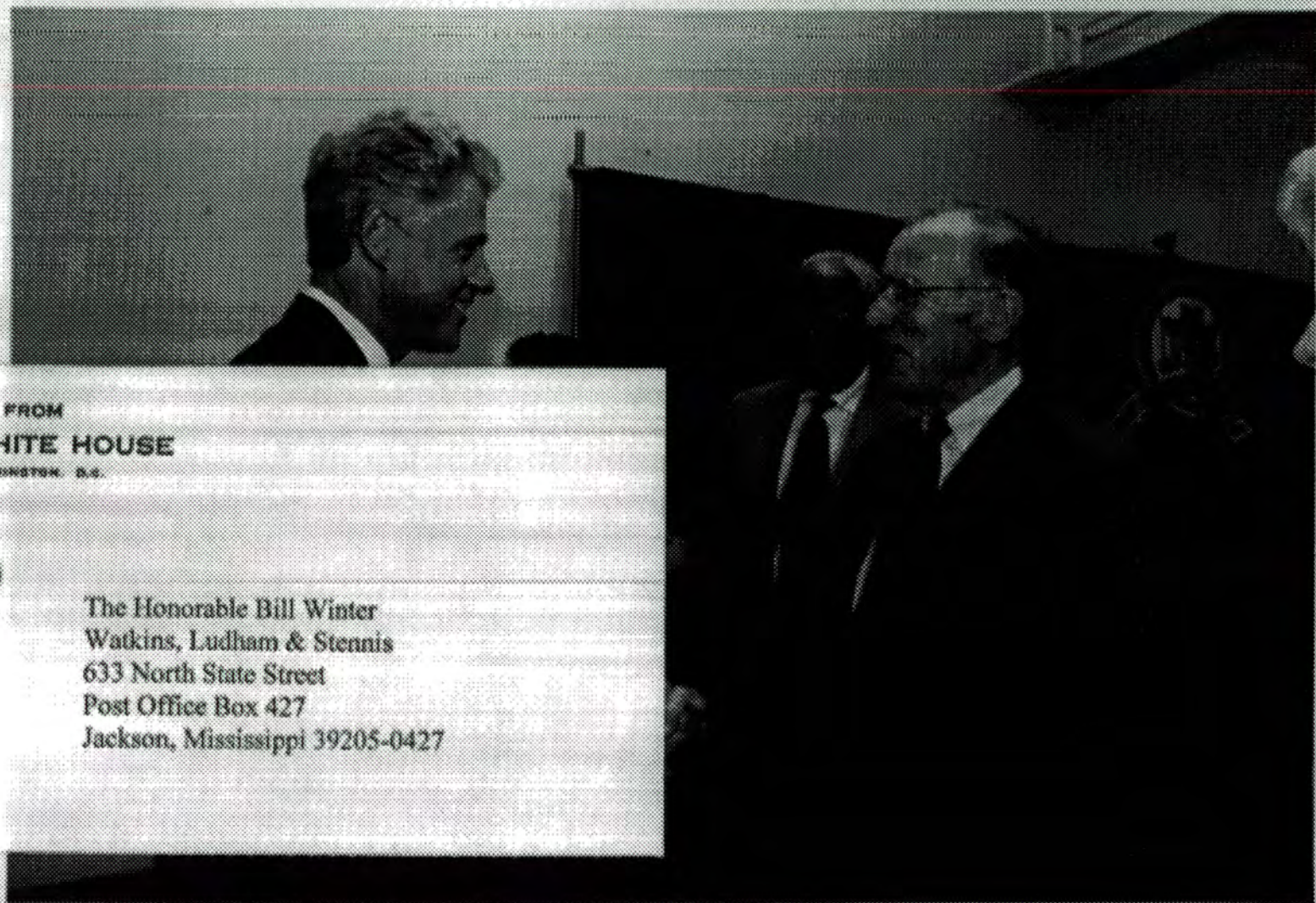
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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The Honorable Bill Winter
Watkins, Ludham & Stennis
633 North State Street
Post Office Box 427
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0427

To Governor ~~Winter~~
With thanks, for so much over all the year
Boie Crissan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1998

The Honorable William F. Winter
Watkins Ludlam & Stennis
Post Office Box 427
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0427

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Bill

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The President's Initiative on Race

This Week: An Interview with Governor William Winter



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- About the Advisory Board -

The seven member Race Initiative Advisory Board was established to counsel the President on ways to improve the quality of American race relations. Currently, the Board is working with the President to:

- ☐ Promote national dialogue on race issues;
- ☐ Increase the nation's understanding of the history and future of race relations;
- ☐ Identify and create plans to calm racial tension and promote increased opportunity for all Americans; and
- ☐ Address crime and the administration of justice.

- Advisory Board Meetings -

Throughout the Initiative, Advisory Board members are reaching out to the nation to better engage the public in the President's efforts. As part of this outreach, the Advisory Board is holding a series of open meetings across the country to discuss their work and findings with the public. Visit this site for complete transcripts and materials from the [Advisory Board Meetings](#).

- Dialogue -

Share your thoughts and ideas with the Advisory Board and join the dialogue by e-mailing the Board at: OneAmerica@whitehouse.gov

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I have hesitated to intrude on your time, but I would like to take this opportunity to give you my impressions of the work of the Initiative on Race.

First, let me say that I believe that the Initiative is beginning to accomplish what you had in mind when you established it last summer. In spite of some of the skeptics in the press and elsewhere, I am finding an incredible amount of agreement on the importance of what we are doing and a desire to be involved in it. It is simply the sheer magnitude of the problems that we are dealing with that causes some folks to be skeptical.

Be that as it may, I think that we have already accomplished one of our initial purposes, and that is to raise the subject of race to the level of genuine reflection, conversation and inquiry. Every newspaper columnist, skeptical or not, has been writing about the Initiative.

I am tremendously impressed by the very able and hard-working staff headed by Judith Winston. When we consider that they started from scratch in late summer, it blows my mind that they have been able to develop so many creative plans to make the Initiative a success. The Advisory Board is working harmoniously together.

After my brief experience on the Board, I am more convinced than ever that we are on the right track and that this is the most important endeavor that the people of this country can be involved in. I believe that the positive results that can flow from this Initiative can represent a historic and monumental achievement of your administration.

To that end I urge you to use your unique authority and influence to the maximum extent that you can to give emphasis to the purpose of the Initiative. It is acknowledged that you are the first President to

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
November 26, 1997
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make this a specific matter of national priority. More people are now beginning to understand how important this effort is. We must continue to emphasize it in every way possible.

I greatly appreciate the privilege which you have given me of being a part of this. I hope to see you in Akron next week.

Sincerely,



William F. Winter

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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To: Judy Winter

From: The Staff Secretary

Here is a copy of Gov. Winter's
Dec 30 letter to the President,
which probably crossed in the
mail with the Jan 12 response to
his Nov 26 letter. Can you
call him? Thanks, Phil

Mike - this
can just be
filed.
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Eugene

No response needed
to Gov. Winter's

Dec 30 letter.

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Dear Mr. President:

As we begin the new year, I simply want to express my appreciation for your leadership of our country and for your long-standing friendship. I regret that Elise and I will not get to be at Hilton Head this time, but other plans have intervened.

I also want to take the opportunity to update you on my perspective of your Initiative on Race. Despite some skepticism from some quarters, I think that the Initiative is accomplishing what we hoped it would. That is to say it has put the subject of race relations in front of the American people in a way that is making them look at it in all of its complex dimensions.

It is hard to pick up a newspaper that you do not find some commentary on the Initiative. The fact that all of it is not positive is beside the point. At least, they are writing about it and causing people to think about it.

What is more encouraging, though, is the number of communities that are responding to this Initiative with initiatives of their own. But we are just beginning to scratch the surface in getting people to understand what the stakes are.

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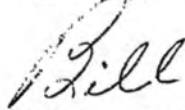
My point of view is that the Initiative must focus on public policies that address educational and economic inequity and at the same time engage the institutions of civil society, of business, of education and of religion to make racial reconciliation and understanding a significant priority. With your commitment and leadership I believe that we can go a long way in accomplishing that.

You may recall that I mentioned to you in Akron how appropriate it would be for you to hold a Town Hall meeting or deliver a major address on race in Oxford, Mississippi, where like Little Rock, a defiant Southern governor fought a last-ditch stand. There where the spirit of William Faulkner still lives, I believe you would find a setting where better than anywhere else in the country the message of One America could be most poignantly and effectively delivered.

Your Advisory Board is looking at a date the third week in March to go to Oxford. Let me urge you to include that time or an alternate one for your personal participation there. I am convinced that this could be an event that would evoke special interest across the country.

Let me thank you for affording me the privilege of being a part of your Administration.

Sincerely,

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William F. Winter

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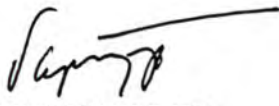
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WASHINGTON

August 25, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR EOP STAFF

FROM:

VIRGINIA M. APUZZO 
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT:

REMINDER - WAVES Appointment Request Procedures

This is a reminder that effective September 1, the USSS WAVES Center will no longer accept faxed appointment requests from staff with access to Lotus Notes or All-in-1.

The fastest and most efficient way to process appointments is by sending requests electronically through Lotus Notes or All-In-1. When appointment requests are processed through these systems, the requestor will receive a confirmation message that the appointment has been processed. The requestor can also double check the confirmation notice for accuracy. Fax appointments require that WAVES personnel reenter the information, which results in a higher probability of error entering the information.

By electronically sending appointment requests, the Access Control Officers in WAVES will be able to handle last minute appointment requests received over the phone. Phone appointments take longer to process since they must manually enter the data into the system.

Please contact the White House Office of Management and Administration at x62861 with any questions. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EOP PASSHOLDERS

FROM: Melinda N. Bates
Special Assistant to the President and Director, Visitors Office

RE: State Arrival Ceremony

The President and Mrs. Clinton are pleased to invite all EOP passholders, and 2 guests, to the Arrival Ceremony for His Excellency, Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic and Mrs. Havlova, on the morning of Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at 9:30 a.m..

Passholders and their guests enter the South Lawn using the **southwest** gate, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. **The gate closes promptly at 9:00 a.m.** No one is admitted after that time.

EOP passholders, with hard passes that display the passholder's picture, may attend if the pass is one of the following types: CONTRACTOR, E/EOB, LE, MAC, MIL, N/NEOB, NGS, OGA, RES, SE, U, and W. Other pass types, or those whose passes do not have their photo, may not attend using this procedure. Volunteers and Interns will receive further information from the volunteer and intern offices.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this memo with your guest names (as they appear on their picture ID), dates of birth, social security numbers, and citizenship and submit **this original form with the label intact** to the Visitors Office by noon on September 10 (no photo copies accepted).

If you or your guests have special needs, please notify the Visitors Office by September 10. Passholders must pick up guest tickets in the OEOB Pennsylvania Avenue lobby on **Monday, September 14** between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please note: **this is the only time these tickets may be picked up.** Tickets are not required for passholders; present your pass at the Southwest gate upon entry.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1998

The Honorable William Winter
4205 Crane Boulevard
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

Dear Bill:

Happy Birthday! Hillary and I send our
very best and hope the year ahead brings
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Sincerely,

Bill

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February 11, 1998

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~~cc: Eugenie Bisulko, 214 East Wing~~

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Happy Birthday

With the Compliments
of

The President

Honorable William Winter
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June 11, 1998

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

When I visited Jennings High School in the St. Louis area recently, I promised the students that I would report to you on what they said. The attached article is a fair account of their comments.

Jennings is a remarkable school in a predominantly African American suburb. You would be impressed with the kind of leadership provided by its superintendent, Dr. Terry Stewart.

Your Initiative on Race continues to indicate to me how important it is that we pursue these efforts at increasing racial reconciliation.

I thank you again for your dedicated leadership.

Sincerely,

Bill
William F. Winter

WFW/sjt
Enclosure

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Send to Berkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐



Kyle - Thanks. Reuben 6/5

Teens send their thoughts on race to Clinton

Students share experiences,
hopes with president's emissary

BY SAMUEL AUTMAN
Of the Post-Dispatch

Ebonie Taylor has a message for President Bill Clinton.

"We don't have as bad a problem with racism," said the 15-year-old Jennings High School sophomore. "The people who are racists are just a few."

Former Mississippi Gov. William F. Winter, an advisory-board member for Clinton's Initiative on Race, met Thursday with several Jennings students and promised to take their remarks to the president next month in Washington.

Ebonie's message contrasted with some of the experiences of her schoolmates, especially black males. They told of being harassed by local police or treated rudely by store clerks. The stu-

dents say they are aware that race and economics divide the St. Louis area.

"Some people just don't socialize outside of their race," said DeAnthony Morris, 18, a senior. "One of the reasons we cannot come together as one is the way we live in certain areas. Those boundaries are important to some people."

Junior Michael Patton, 17, recalled that once when he was playing baseball during his freshman year, he went to retrieve a ball from a wooded area by a creek, and a child about 6 or 7 years old started throwing rocks at him.

"The little boy called me a 'stupid nigger,'" Michael said. "When I told the coach about it, there wasn't much he could do."

The students were divided on affirmative action, saying that there is a need for corrective action for racial disparity but that they feel uncomfortable with the idea of race determining who gets into college, lands government contracts or gets jobs.

The president's advisory board, creat-

ed last summer, has been criticized for being unfocused. It also has become embroiled in the affirmative action debate.

No matter which direction political winds blow, Winter said, the United States will only embrace its racial diversity by having honest discussions on race relations.

"It's not the kind of thing, frankly, that has a lot of automatic appeal," Winter said. "It is perceived as just being another conversation. There's a lot of skepticism that nothing will come of it."

Winter, 75, was governor of Mississippi from 1980 to 1984, when he met then Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. Winter is a lawyer and lives in Jackson, Miss. He has met with students in Arizona, California, Colorado and Virginia for similar conversations.

"It's not the same message everywhere, but students are expressing discontent and want the quality of education improved," he said. "There has been some concern over resegregation. The schools are becoming more racially segregated."