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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT
SHANNON BUTLER

SUBJECT: PARDONS MEETING

CC: JOHN PODESTA

Bruce would like to meet with you this week to discuss pardons. He has requested a two hour meeting. Your options are as follows:

☒ Tuesday, January 16. You could meet with him during one of the following blocks of time:
_____ 12:00-2:30 or ☒ 5:00-7:00

We are currently holding these for phone and office time. Please see attached schedule for details.

☐ Thursday, January 18. Time TBD. We are currently holding the day for briefing and speech prep for your address to the nation.

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Tuesday, January 16, 2001

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2001

Draft Schedule

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9:00 am- NSC STAFF PHOTO
9:10 am SOUTH PORTICO
Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: This will be a group photo with 210 staff members.

9:15 am- **MEETING**
9:30 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: John Podesta

9:30 am- **BRIEFING AND FOREIGN POLICY CALL**
9:50 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

9:55 am- **PRESENTATION OF CARLETON WATKINS' PHOTOGRAPH**
10:00 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 3 guests in attendance.

10:00 am- **MEETING**
10:10 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

10:10 am- **STAFF PHOTOS**
11:10 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

11:15 pm- **BRIEFING**
11:20 pm OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Lisel Loy, Joseph Simmons

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11:25 am-
11:55 am

**MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY FOR PRESIDENT THEODORE
ROOSEVELT AND ANDREW JACKSON SMITH**

ROOSEVELT ROOM

Remarks: Heather Hurlburt

Staff Contact: Joseph Simmons, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich

POOL PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 40 guests in attendance.

-- Chaplain General David Hicks delivers Invocation.

-- **The President** makes remarks, asks Military Aide to read the citation
for Andrew Jackson Smith and presents the Medal of Honor to Mrs. Caruth
Smith Washington, Daughter, and Andrew Bowman, Grandson.

-- **The President** makes remarks, asks Military Aide to read the citation
for Theodore Roosevelt and presents the Medal of Honor to Tweed
Roosevelt, Great Grandson.

-- Chaplain General David Hicks delivers Benediction.

-- **The President** departs.

12:00 am-
2:30 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

2:30 pm-
2:35 pm

BRIEFING

MAP ROOM

Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

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2:40 pm-
2:45 pm

MEET AND GREET

BLUE ROOM

Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

Event Coordinator: Sharon Kennedy

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Note: There will be 8 guests in attendance.

- The President greets guests.
- Mayor Dennis Archer, President, National League of Cities and Mayor Bob Knight, Immediate Past President, National League of Cities present NLC Presidential Award to **the President**.
- Mayor Wellington Webb, Immediate Past President, US Conference of Mayors presents Mayors Arts Gala Award to **the President**.

2:50 pm-
3:25 pm

U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AWARD CEREMONY

EAST ROOM

Remarks: Paul Glastris

Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

Event Coordinator: Sharon Kennedy

POOL PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 300 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Secretary Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Brent Coles and Mickey Ibarra.
- Mickey Ibarra makes brief welcoming remarks and introduces Secretary Andrew Cuomo.
- Secretary Andrew Cuomo makes brief remarks and introduces Mayor Brent Coles.
- Mayor Brent Coles, President, U.S. Conference of Mayors makes brief remarks and presents **the President** with *Distinguished American Award*.
- **The President** make remarks and proceeds to Blue Room.

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3:30 pm-
4:15 pm

RECEIVING LINE
BLUE ROOM
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra
Event Coordinator: Sharon Kennedy
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Note: There will be approximately 300 guests in attendance.

4:20 pm-
4:30 pm

HOLOCAUST ASSET COMMISSION AND MEMORIAL MUSEUM
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: The First Lady will attend.

Note: There will be 20 guests in attendance.

4:35 pm-
4:40 pm

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY (MW/PSD)
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY *Maggie Williams and Pat Solis-Dogle*

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

4:40 pm-
4:45 pm

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY (MW) *Mark Weiner and Terry McAuliffe*
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 3 guests in attendance.

4:45 pm-
4:50 pm

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY (JP) *Jim Pledger*
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 6 guests in attendance.

4:55 pm-
5:00 pm

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY (SW) *Susie Whitacre*
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 4 guests in attendance.

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5:00 pm-
7:00 pm

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OVAL OFFICE

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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DOWN UNTIL 9:30 A.M.

9:30	am-	BRIEFING
9:35	am	MAP ROOM Staff Contact: George Frampton, Ellen Lovell

9:40	am-	MEET AND GREET
9:50	am	BLUE ROOM Staff Contact: George Frampton, Ellen Lovell Event Coordinator: Sharon Kennedy, Sarah Rozensky WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 9-15 guests in attendance.

9:55	am-	HISTORY, CULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT CEREMONY
10:45	am	EAST ROOM Remarks: John Pollack Staff Contact: George Frampton, Ellen Lovell Event Coordinator: Sharon Kennedy, Sarah Rozensky PRESS TBD

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Stephen Ambrose.
- **The President** makes remarks and presents Non-Commissioned Officer Status in order TBD.
- Stephen Ambrose makes brief remarks and introduces Secretary Bruce Babbitt.
- Secretary Bruce Babbitt makes brief remarks.
- **The President** thanks guests and departs.

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10:55 am- **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS**
11:05 am **DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM**
Staff Contact: Jackie Blumenthal
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

11:10 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs The White House via Marine One en route
Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 10 minutes]

11:20 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base

11:30 am- **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH AF1GROUND CREW, OFFICERS**
11:40 am **AND FLIGHT CREW**
TARMAC
Andrews Air Force Base
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

11:55 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en
route Adams Field Airport, Little Rock, Arkansas
[flight time: 2 hour, 10 minutes]
[time change: -1 hour]

TBD am- **HOLD 15 MINUTES FOR BRIEFING AND 15 MINUTES FOR**
am **INTERVIEW WITH MARA LIASSON OF NPR**
ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE
Staff Contact: Jake Siewert

1:05 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Adams Field Airport

Greeters: TBD

1:20 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Adams Field Airport via motorcade en route
Arkansas State Capitol Building
[drive time: tbd minutes]

1:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Arkansas State Capitol Building

Greeters: Mike Beebe, President Pro Tempore, State Senate
Shane Broadway, Speaker, State House of Representatives

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1:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to Office of the Speaker of the House,
Arkansas State Capitol Building

Greeters: Senators and Representatives TBD

1:45 pm **THE PRESIDENT**, accompanied by Senators and Representatives TBD,
proceeds to House Chamber, Arkansas State Capitol Building

1:50 pm- **ADDRESS TO ARKANSAS STATE LEGISLATURE**
2:30 pm **HOUSE CHAMBER**

Arkansas State Capitol Building

Remarks:

Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

Event Coordinator: Shannon Butler

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Note: There will be approximately 345 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of the President by Tim Massanelli. Sergeant
of Arms.

-- Shane Broadway, Speaker, State House of Representatives introduces
the President.

-- The President makes remarks and departs, accompanied Governor
Mike Huckabee, President Pro Tempore Mike Beebe and Speaker Shane
Broadway.

2:35 pm- **ROPELINE**
3:00 pm **GROUND FLOOR**
Arkansas State Capitol Building
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra
Event Coordinator: Shannon Butler
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately tbd guests in attendance.

3:15 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Arkansas State Capitol Building via
motorcade en route Hanger #1, Adams Field Airport
[drive time: tbd minutes]

3:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Hanger #1, Adams Field Airport

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3:35	pm-	REMARKS TO THE PEOPLE OF LITTLE ROCK
4:30	pm	HANGER #1 Adams Field Airport Remarks: Staff Contact: Terry Edmonds Event Coordinator: Shannon Butler OPEN PRESS
 Note: There will be approximately 1,000 (T) guests in attendance.		
 -- Mayor Jim Dailey makes brief remarks and introduces the President .		
 -- The President makes remarks and departs.		
4:35	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Hanger #1, Adams Field Airport via motorcade en route Raytheon Fixed Base Operation, Adams Field Airport [drive time: 5 minutes]
4:40	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Raytheon Fixed Base Operation, Adams Field Airport
4:55	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Raytheon Fixed Base Operation, Adams Field Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 1 hour, 55 minutes] [time change: +1 hour]
TBD	pm- pm	HOLD 45 MINUTES FOR INFORMAL DINNER WITH MEMBERS OF PRESS CORPS ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE Staff Contact: Jake Siewert
7:50	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base
8:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route The White House [flight time: 10 minutes]
8:15	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House
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DAY AND EVENING OFF

TBD

HOLD FOR POSSIBLE ADDRESS
ROOM TBD
Staff Contact:
Event Coordinator:
PRESS TBD

BC/HRC RON

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Friday, January 19, 2001

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2001

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Friday, January 19, 2001

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2001
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DAY AND EVENING OFF

BC/HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 15, 2001 (6:16 PM)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart:

Thank you for your letters expressing your concerns about Cuban President Fidel Castro's visa request and travel to the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York. I share your belief that the Cuban Government has violated the human rights of its citizens as well as implemented policies that keep families separated.

Under the doctrine of Head of State Immunity, however, Fidel Castro is protected from arrest as a sitting head of state -- he has personal inviolability and immunity from the jurisdiction of the U.S. courts. While in New York for the UN Millennium Summit, he was also entitled to immunity under the General Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me. My Administration remains committed to working toward our common objective to achieve a free and democratic Cuba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honorable Lincoln Diaz-Balart
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0921

NSC

10-14-00

(date)

RM:

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**RETURN ALL LETTERS AND ORIGINAL MEMOS TO
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Staff Secretary's Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Yoshiro:

I was pleased to hear about your recent successful infectious diseases conference in Okinawa. The meeting not only forged a strong action-oriented plan to meet the G-8 Summit goals to control AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis, it also generated increased financial commitments -- quite an accomplishment.

I applaud your leadership in focusing global attention on infectious diseases. There is much that needs to be done to narrow the health divide between rich and poor countries. Beyond the clear human impact of disease is the staggering economic toll. Without good health, development can remain only a dream for many.

Thanks to your efforts, Japan and the United States are engaged in a strong and effective working relationship to combat these diseases of poverty. I am confident that in the upcoming year our governments will build on our joint efforts to meet this goal.

Sincerely,

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His Excellency
Yoshiro Mori
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo

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Staff Secretary fm
Date 12-20-00

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate your letter and recommendations regarding the state of religious freedom in Iran. I fully agree with you that this is a matter of great concern for the United States and must remain a key issue in U.S.-Iranian relations.

My Administration has been an active champion of religious freedom in Iran. We have repeatedly protested Iran's mistreatment of its minority Baha'i community, both in public and private. We have led international efforts to hold Iran accountable for the imprisonment and conviction of Iranian Jews on unproven charges of spying for Israel. We have stressed to the Iranians that progress on religious freedom will be critical if Iran is to be accepted as a member in good standing of the community of nations.

Earlier this year, Secretary of State Albright announced that Iran would be allowed to export carpets and foodstuffs to the United States. We decided to take this step in part from recognition of initial steps that Iran has begun to make toward democracy. Rule of law, which has not yet broadly taken hold, is key to religious freedom. Iran's religious minorities will only enjoy the freedom to worship when Iran becomes a country where every citizen has an equal voice in government and equal protection under the law. The United States must continue to work for those goals.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Elliott Abrams
Chairman
United States Commission on International
Religious Freedom
800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 790
Washington, D.C. 20002

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 2001

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER 

SUBJECT: Response to Elliott Abrams on Iran

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Elliott Abrams regarding Iranian Religious Freedom.

Background

Elliott Abrams has written you in his capacity as Chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom to ask that we make improving Iran's treatment of religious minorities a high priority in our relations with Iran. Your response notes the importance you attach to this issue and the efforts that your Administration has made to pursue it. Your response also indicates that one aspect of our decision to allow Iran to export foodstuffs and carpet to the United States was the desire to recognize Iran's progress toward democracy and rule of law, which are the ultimate guarantors of the freedom to worship.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter to Elliott Abrams.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Abrams
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

November 1, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Religious Freedom and U.S. Policy Toward Iran

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, I am writing to express the Commission's deep concern over the conditions of religious freedom in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to make recommendations with respect to U.S. policy toward Iran in light of those conditions. This evaluation and recommendation of United States policy is made pursuant to the Commission's mandate in the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 ("IRFA"), Sec. 202, 22 U.S.C. § 6532.

The conditions of religious freedom are very poor in Iran, particularly with respect to minority religious groups that are not officially recognized by the state and those perceived to be attempting to convert Muslims. For the last two years, the Secretary of State has determined that the government of Iran has engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom, including prolonged detentions and executions based primarily or entirely upon the religion of the victims, thereby designating Iran as a "country of particular concern" pursuant to IRFA, Sec. 402(b), 22 U.S.C. § 6442(b).

In her address to the American-Iranian Council in March of this year, Secretary of State Albright announced that the U.S. was open to taking steps toward improving relations with Iran, if Iran were to take steps to address the issues that the U.S. has identified as prerequisites to better relations, such as desisting from the development of nuclear weapons and support for international terrorism. The Commission believes that human rights, including religious freedom, must remain an essential element of U.S. policy toward Iran.

Background

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran provides that the official religion of Iran is Islam of the doctrine of the Twelver Ja'fari School and stipulates that all laws and regulations, including the Constitution itself, must be based on Islamic criteria. The Constitution also

Hon. Elliott Abrams, *Chairman* • Firuz Kazemzadeh, *Vice Chairman* • Lalla Al-Marayati, M.D. • Hon. John R. Bolton
Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick • Rabbi David Saperstein • Nina Shea • Justice Charles Z. Smith • Dean Michael K. Young
Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, *Ex-Officio* • Steven T. McFarland, *Executive Director*

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provides that other Islamic schools of doctrine are to be accorded full respect (in matters of religious rites, religious education, and personal status). It recognizes Zoroastrians, Jews, and Christians as the only religious minorities who, as such, are free to engage in religious practices and act according to their own rules in matters of personal status and religious education "within the limits of the law."

Current, reliable statistics on the religious composition of Iranian society are not available. Shi'a Muslims are reported to comprise 89 percent of the population, 10 percent are Sunni Muslim, and one percent are non-Muslims, including Baha'is (300,000), Christians (250,000, including 150,000 Armenian Orthodox, 30,000 Assyrians-Chaldeans and small communities of Catholics and Protestants), Zoroastrians (30,000), and Jews (30,000).

Members of the Baha'i community suffer the worst forms of religious persecution at the hands of the state. More than 200 Baha'is were executed in the first six years following the 1979 revolution. Since 1983, the Baha'i community has been barred from assembling in public or operating administrative institutions. The Iranian government does not recognize Baha'is as a religious minority, but in its view Baha'is constitute a political organization which was associated with the Shah's regime, is opposed to the Iranian Revolution, and engages in espionage activities on behalf of foreign countries, including Israel. Baha'is are effectively prevented from (1) teaching or practicing their religion; (2) communicating with or sending funds to Baha'i world headquarters; (3) attending public or private universities; and (4) holding government jobs (all Baha'is were removed from government positions in the 1980s). Baha'i holy places, cemeteries, and administrative properties were seized after the 1979 revolution, and many places have been destroyed. Much of the personal and business property belonging to Baha'is has also been seized.

According to the State Department, as of June 30, 2000, 11 Baha'is were under arrest for the practice of their faith, including four persons who have been sentenced to death - two for alleged "Zionist Baha'i activities" and two for apostasy. In addition, a number of Baha'is - particularly those engaged in educational activities - were harassed and detained over the preceding year.

Members of the officially-recognized non-Muslim minorities - Christians, Jews and Zoroastrians - are subject to legal and other forms of official discrimination. They are reportedly (1) prohibited from being elected to a representative body (except for reserved seats in the National Parliament); (2) prohibited from serving in the army, the security services, and the judiciary, and from becoming school principals (even in private minority schools); (3) limited in their access to higher education; and (4) suffer discrimination in legal proceedings.

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The recent trial and conviction of a group of Iranian Jews on charges of espionage and cooperating with Israel, under conditions that fell far short of international standards, illustrates the continued vulnerability of that group to harassment and imprisonment.

In addition to the problems faced by other Christians in Iran, Evangelical Christians are subjected to a number of further repressive measures. This harsher treatment is reportedly due, in part, to the Western origins of Iranian Protestant churches, their continued links with Evangelical churches outside Iran, and their willingness to seek out and accept converts from other religions. Iranian Evangelicals operating in Iran are subject to harassment and close surveillance and many are reported to have fled the country. Evangelical services are allowed only on Sundays and government officials require notification when a new member joins a church. Some Protestant associations have been unable to officially register since 1979, while a number of Protestant places of worship remain closed by government order since the 1980s. There are also allegations that the government played a role in the murders or disappearances of a number of Evangelical Christian leaders in the past ten years.

Members of the Sunni Muslim minority face a number of difficulties. Sunni Iranians, for example, claim that the government has prevented them from building a Sunni mosque in Teheran. They also point to the 1994 murder of a Sunni imam who had been critical of the regime and to the destruction of the only Sunni mosque in the eastern town of Mashhad as evidence of official and popular hostility toward Sunnis. Iranian Sunni leaders have alleged widespread abuses and restrictions on their religious practice, including detentions and torture of Sunni clerics and bans on Sunni teachings in public schools and Sunni religious literature, even in predominantly Sunni areas.

A number of senior Shi'a religious leaders who have opposed various religious and/or political tenets and practices of the Islamic Republic have also reportedly been targets of state repression, including house arrest, detention without charge, unfair trials, torture and other forms of ill treatment. In addition, the government has closed and confiscated educational and charitable institutions associated with these leaders. In some cases, these clerics have been targeted for their opposition to reported restrictions on controversial religious practices and state control of religious institutions.

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Commission Recommendations

In light of the preceding description of the situation in Iran, the Commission makes the following recommendations for United States Government policy:

1. **The President or Secretary of State should reaffirm to the Government of Iran that improvement in religious freedom and other human rights in that country is a prerequisite for the complete relaxation of sanctions by and the normalization of relations with the United States.**

In the past, the State Department has articulated four conditions for the improvement of relations with Iran: (1) Iran should not develop weapons of mass destruction, (2) Iran should not sponsor terrorism, (3) Iran should not impede the "peace process" in the Middle East, and (4) Iran should improve its human rights record. With regard to human rights, including religious freedom, for example, the State Department spokesman stated on July 23, 1998 that U.S. concerns about religious freedom in Iran "will play an important role in any future dialogue with the government of Iran." More recent statements appear to have dropped reference to the fourth condition. Secretary Albright in her March speech articulated only two conditions on the full normalization of diplomatic relations with Iran and the elimination of sanctions: halting nuclear weapons development and ending support of terrorism. The Commission recommends that the fourth condition - improvement in human rights - be prominently and publicly reinstated as an essential part of United States relations with the Government of Iran, and that religious freedom be clearly included in such advocacy of human rights in Iran.

2. **The U.S. Government should consistently, continuously and vigorously press the Government of Iran to improve conditions of religious freedom, and should urge its European and other allies to support advocacy for religious freedom in Iran. Voice of America Farsi-language broadcasting into Iran should include regular reporting on religious freedom in Iran and religious freedom issues in general.**

Although the United States does not have diplomatic relations with Iran, the U.S. government should use every opportunity available to press the government of Iran to improve the protection of religious freedom, including public statements and diplomacy in multilateral fora. The Commission recognizes statements made in the past by the White House and the State Department concerning persecution against members of the Baha'i community and the recent arrest and trial of the members of the Iranian Jewish community, and believes that such statements made at the highest levels should continue as events dictate. The U.S. government should also urge other countries, in particular the European Union and those European allies that are engaged in trade and investment relations with Iran, to press for improvements in the conditions of religious freedom in their bilateral relations.

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3. **The U.S. Administration should continue to sponsor annual resolutions of the United Nations Commission On Human Rights condemning Iran's egregious and systematic violations of religious freedom and should recruit the support of other Commission member countries, until such violations cease.**

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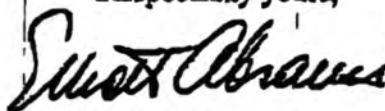
Secretary Albright in her March 2000 address stated that Americans should work to expand and broaden person-to-person exchanges of academics and civil society leaders between the U.S. and Iran. The Commission believes that such exchanges should be encouraged. Iranian religious leaders in particular may benefit from travel in the United States and exposure to American religious leaders who concern themselves with the process of the protection and promotion of religious freedom and with interreligious dialogue and action in the United States.

One impediment to cultural and religious exchanges appears to be an order of the Justice Department that all non-immigrants bearing Iranian travel documents that are seeking entry into the U.S. must be registered, photographed, and fingerprinted at the port of entry. This policy applies to essentially all Iranians seeking to enter the United States. Iranian scholars, athletes, and others have protested the application of this policy, and in some cases have declined invitations to the U.S. or have returned home after refusing to be fingerprinted upon arrival. The current, broad fingerprinting policy has frustrated efforts to engage in person-to-person exchanges with Iran, and appears to be more restrictive than is necessary to meet U.S. security objectives. In addition, the publicity in Iran surrounding the use of this policy is reportedly used by those in Iran who oppose the improvement of relations with the U.S. to criticize those who favor increased ties.

Letter to President William J. Clinton
November 1, 2000
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Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter. Please let the Commission know how it may be of further service in your evaluation and implementation of these and other policy recommendations, toward the common goal of promoting religious freedom in Iran.

Respectfully yours,



Elliott Abrams
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State
The Honorable Samuel R. Berger, National Security Advisor
Office of the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
The Honorable Dennis Hastert, Speaker, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore, United States Senate
The Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Jesse Helms, Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
The Honorable Joseph Biden, Ranking Minority Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
The Honorable Richard Gephardt, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Benjamin Gilman, Chair, House International Relations Committee
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COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 2001

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate your letter and recommendations regarding the state of religious freedom in Iran. I fully agree with you that this is a matter of great concern for the United States and must remain a key issue in U.S.-Iranian relations.

My Administration has been an active champion of religious freedom in Iran. We have repeatedly protested Iran's mistreatment of its minority Baha'i community, both in public and private. We have led international efforts to hold Iran accountable for the imprisonment and conviction of Iranian Jews on unproven charges of spying for Israel. We have stressed to the Iranians that progress on religious freedom will be critical if Iran is to be accepted as a member in good standing of the community of nations.

Earlier this year, Secretary of State Albright announced that Iran would be allowed to export carpets and foodstuffs to the United States. We decided to take this step in part from recognition of initial steps that Iran has begun to make toward democracy. Rule of law, which has not yet broadly taken hold, is key to religious freedom. Iran's religious minorities will only enjoy the freedom to worship when Iran becomes a country where every citizen has an equal voice in government and equal protection under the law. The United States must continue to work for those goals.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ben Clinton A

The Honorable Elliott Abrams
Chairman
United States Commission on International
Religious Freedom
800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 790
Washington, D.C. 20002

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 2000

Dear Representative Smith:

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Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3004

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December 29, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*
CHARLES M. BRAIN *CB*

SUBJECT: Response to Representative Smith and 16 House
Colleagues *CB*

Purpose

Reply to a letter from Representative Smith and 16 House colleagues on the decision to resume military-to-military ties with Indonesia.

Background

Representative Smith wrote to request that your Administration refrain from resuming military-to-military ties with Indonesia until the Government of Indonesia demonstrably brings the military under civilian control and brings to justice those who participated in the atrocities in East Timor and throughout Indonesia.

In your response, you explain that we believe engagement with the Indonesian military to promote the process of democratic change and respect for human rights is in the national interest of the United States. However, you also state that commencement of such engagement should await tangible progress in West Timor, as well as civilian control of the military and accountability for past human rights abuses.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Smith and Colleagues
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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August 18, 2000

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the Administration's decision to begin resuming joint exercises and other forms of co-operation with and assistance to the Indonesian military (TNI). We believe any such resumption — even a "phased" resumption — is likely to be counterproductive so long as significant elements of TNI continue to resist civilian control and to be implicated in gross human rights violations.

As you know, section 589 of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000, prohibits military assistance, including military education and training, to the armed forces of Indonesia until six important human rights conditions have been met. These conditions include certifications that the Indonesian armed forces are:

- (1) taking effective measures to bring to justice members of the armed forces and militia groups against whom there is credible evidence of human rights violations;
- (2) taking effective measures to bring to justice members of the armed forces against whom there is credible evidence of aiding or abetting militia groups;
- (3) allowing displaced persons and refugees to return home to East Timor, including providing safe passage for refugees returning from West Timor;
- (4) not impeding the activities of international peacekeeping forces and transitional authorities in East Timor;
- (5) demonstrating a commitment to preventing incursions into East Timor by members of militia groups in West Timor; and
- (6) demonstrating a commitment to accountability by cooperating with investigations and prosecutions of members of the Indonesian armed forces and militia groups responsible for human rights violations in Indonesia and East Timor.

In recent briefings of Congressional staff, Administration officials conceded that TNI has not met these conditions, but argued that "phase one" of the resumption of military-military

relations did not include forms of assistance that were covered by the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act restrictions. With respect, we believe this argument misses the point. The six conditions set forth in the Act restate minimal standards of decent and civilized behavior. Assisting an entity that flouts these standards confers a United States "seal of approval" that sends exactly the wrong signal to that entity, to its innocent victims, and to other such entities and victims around the world.

In the weeks since the U.S. began "phasing in" its new relationship with TNI, military violence in Indonesia appears to have escalated. Violence and harassment against East Timorese refugees perpetrated by TNI-supported militias in camps in West Timor have intensified in recent weeks. There has also been an upsurge in militia border incursions into East Timor and in attacks on United Nations peacekeepers — resulting in 2 recent deaths — and on civilians. Militia members killed or caught along the border in recent months have been dressed in TNI uniforms, have been carrying new weapons, and in at least one case possessed an ID card from the elite Kopassus military unit — all signs of continuing TNI involvement. Militias have also begun operating in Papua (Irian Jaya), and there are persistent and highly credible reports of deep involvement by elements of TNI in massacres of Christians in Maluku. Most recently, the disappearance of Acehnese human rights lawyer Jafar Siddiq Hamzah — while it is too early to tell what has happened or who is responsible — is disturbingly reminiscent of the disappearances of human rights activists at the direction of senior TNI officers during the Soeharto and Habibie eras.

In light of these developments, we are particularly concerned at reports that the "phase one" assistance to TNI — which we have been assured will be "nonlethal" — may include spare parts for C-130 aircraft. Unless it can somehow be guaranteed that these parts will never be used in support of combat missions or operations directed against Indonesia's civilian population, it is inaccurate to characterize them as nonlethal assistance. Moreover, we are informed that TNI is particularly anxious to receive the C-130 parts, which makes them the very kind of leverage that should be used as an incentive for significant progress toward respect for human rights, accountability, and civilian control.

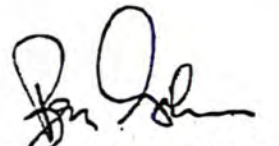
We believe the United States should strongly support the reform government of President Abdurrahman Wahid and Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri. Such support should include generous bilateral and multilateral assistance. It should include military assistance when and only when the Abdurrahman-Megawati government has succeeded in its efforts to bring the military under civilian control and to bring to justice those who have committed atrocities in East Timor and throughout Indonesia. For as long as TNI continues to evade civilian control and to condone or even participate in gross violations of fundamental human rights, we will not be doing any favors to the development of democratic governance in Indonesia by giving TNI the material and symbolic benefits of a renewed relationship with the United States.

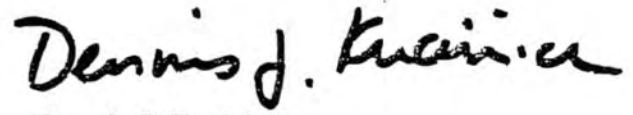
Thank you for your careful consideration of this urgent request.

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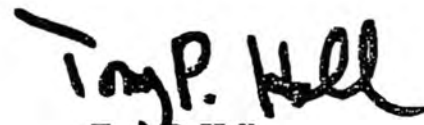

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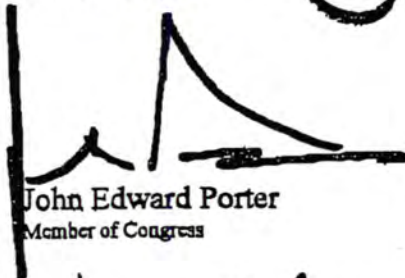

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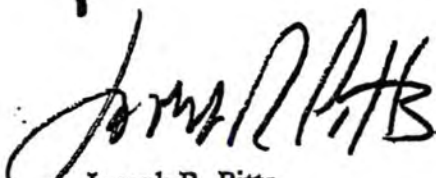

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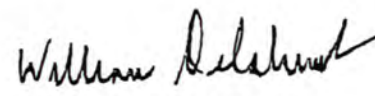

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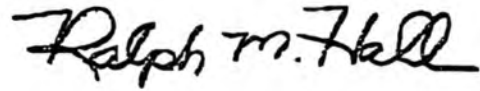

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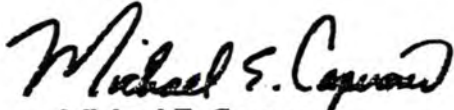

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Michael E. Capuano
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David E. Price
Member of Congress



Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress



Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Michael E. Capuano
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2108

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 2001

Dear Lester:

Thank you for writing to discuss my decision to impose travel sanctions on Liberia. I appreciate your concerns and believe it is important that Liberia's friends understand why I came to this decision.

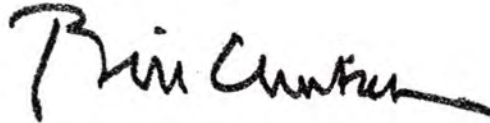
Credible, convincing information available to my Administration corroborates the Taylor government's continued support to the Revolutionary United Front (RUF). President Taylor's assertions that he wishes to be helpful have not translated into ending this support. Without Liberia's assistance, the RUF lacks the means to persecute Sierra Leonean civilians, illegally exploit the country's diamond wealth, and hamper the UN's efforts to build peace.

Regarding the RUF's alleged willingness to turn over the diamond fields to the United Nations, RUF commanders need only to order their followers to present themselves for demobilization, and RUF units need only to follow that order, for implementation of the peace process to begin throughout the country. The Lome Accord was signed more than a year ago, and the RUF has not withdrawn from the diamond fields. Without Liberia as a source of arms and a market for illicit diamonds, the RUF would have no viable alternative to demobilizing.

Visa sanctions against Liberians who support the RUF were implemented because the cost of the sanctions is in large measure borne by the guilty. We must all work together to persuade President Taylor to stop supporting the RUF -- only then will the United States Government remove the visa sanctions.

Again, thank you for sharing your views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Lester S. Hyman
3826 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

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January 4, 2001



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER *for*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Mission to the Ghanaian Inauguration

Purpose

Seek your approval for a Presidential Mission.

Background

A Presidential Delegation headed by a high-ranking administration official will travel to attend the Ghanaian Inauguration on January 7, 2001.

The State Department is requesting designation of this trip as a Presidential Mission and that a Special Air Missions aircraft be made available on a non-reimbursable basis, under the authorities available to the Department of Defense, to transport the Delegation to Ghana on January 6 and return to Washington on January 8. Military air is requested due to the size of the delegation (up to 8 members), scheduling concerns, and the unavailability of seats on commercial flights.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve a Presidential Mission for the Ghanaian Delegation.

Approve

Ben Clinton A

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A

Incoming Request from State Department

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Staff Secretary's Office

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Staff Secretary Lisel Loy
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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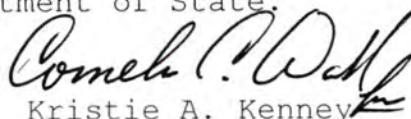
MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT A. BRADTKE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Request for Special Air Missions Aircraft.

A U.S. Government delegation will attend the January 7 inauguration of Ghana's new President, John A. Kufuor. The inauguration marks the historic transition from one elected President to another, a first for Ghana, as President Rawlings observes Constitutional term limits and steps down after two elected terms and nearly two decades in office.

The Department has recommended that this delegation be designated a Presidential Delegation, and requests that a C-20 be made available on a non-reimbursable basis under such authorities as may be available to the Department of Defense. The C-20 is needed to transport the delegation from the U.S. to Accra because awkward, unreliable, and time-consuming commercial air schedules to and within Africa make it impossible for the delegation to travel to Accra and return January 7. In addition, the Department has proposed that a high-ranking Administration official head the delegation, and the official's scheduling constraints would require the use of the C-20.

This request has been cleared by the Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State.


Kristie A. Kenney
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KAY CASSTEVENS *Kay*

SUBJECT:

CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached for your signature are letters to the following Members of Congress, thanking them for their leadership in securing passage of H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2001:

- 1) Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)
- 2) Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- 3) Rep. Sonny Callahan (R-AL)
- 4) Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

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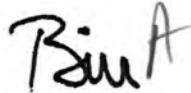
Dear Pat:

Thank you for your leadership in securing passage of H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2001.

This bipartisan legislation supports our efforts to promote peace and stability around the world, in turn helping to make our Nation more safe and secure. I am particularly pleased that this legislation funds our landmark initiative to provide debt relief to the poorest of the world's nations, which you were instrumental in getting included in the bill. The bill also provides increased funding for a number of other programs that support our global interests.

Thanks, again, for your hard work to ensure enactment of this measure. As a token of my appreciation, please accept the enclosed pen I used when I signed the bill into law.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Callahan:

Thank you for your leadership in securing passage of H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2001.

This bipartisan legislation supports our efforts to promote peace and stability around the world, in turn helping to make our Nation more safe and secure. I am particularly pleased that this legislation funds our landmark initiative to provide debt relief to the poorest of the world's nations, which you were instrumental in getting included in the bill. The bill also provides increased funding for a number of other programs that support our global interests.

Thanks, again, for your hard work to ensure enactment of this measure. As a token of my appreciation, please accept the enclosed pen I used when I signed the bill into law.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sonny Callahan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

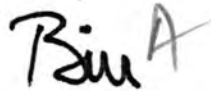
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Staff Secretary Lisel Loy
Date 1/4/01

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Ms. Prise:

As you depart the National Security Council staff, I would like to add my thanks to those of Sandy Berger and your colleagues for your service to the White House and the Nation.

As a member of the National Security Council's Records and Access Management Directorate, you carried out your responsibilities with skill, insight, and exceptional dedication. Your long hours and hard work made a real difference.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for a successful and challenging future.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ^A

Ms. Edie M. Prise
Access Review Officer
National Security Council
Washington, D.C. 20504

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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January 2, 2001

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *A*

SUBJECT: Farewell Letter for Edie Prise

Purpose

Sign a letter of appreciation to Edie Prise, who departs the National Security Council staff on December 29, 2000.

Background

Edie is leaving the NSC after more than three years of exemplary service. Through her work as a case review officer in the Access Management Office, she has provided a valuable service to you and to the NSC staff.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter of Appreciation

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OK [signature]
MR [signature]
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 2001

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Sincerely,

Bill Clinton^A

Command Sergeant Major David Moore, USAR (Ret.)
820 North Glenwood Place
Aurora, Illinois 60506

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Bill Clinton

Lieutenant Colonel Roger Kaplan, USA (Ret.)
6620 Westbury Oaks Court
Springfield, Virginia 22152

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 2001

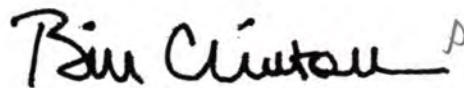
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Colonel Michael E. Naylon, USAR (Ret.)
1434 Aldenham Lane
Reston, Virginia 20190-3901

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WASHINGTON

January 2, 2001

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Bill Clinton ^A

Dr. Vinh Cam
P.O. Box 31132
Greenwich, Connecticut 06831

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Rear Admiral Alan Steinman, USPHS (Ret.)
1135 Harrington Drive
Dupont, Washington 98327-9763

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Rear Admiral Paul Busick, USCG (Ret.)
1205 Woodberry Road
Kingston, North Carolina 28501

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Lieutenant General Marc A. Cisneros, USA (Ret.)
President, Texas A&M University
Kingsville Campus Box 101
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The Honorable Jesse Brown
6743 Kirk Lane
Warrenton, Virginia 20187-9320

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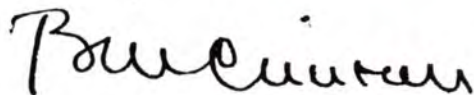
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The Honorable Warren B. Rudman
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
1615 L Street N.W., Suite 1300
Washington, D.C. 20036-5694

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Command Sergeant Major David Moore, USAR (Ret.)
820 North Glenwood Place
Aurora, Illinois 60506

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12/29

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Staff Secretary's Office

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Dep Stf Secretary Adam Rosner
Date 12/29

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 28, 2000

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER^①

SUBJECT: Special Oversight Board

00 DEC 28 AM 11:08

Purpose

Provide appreciation letters to the members and key staff of the Special Oversight Board for Gulf War Illness.

Background

You established the Special Oversight Board by Executive Order in February 1998 to "provide advice and recommendations based on its review of DoD investigations into possible detections of, and exposure to, chemical or biological weapons agents and environmental and other factors that may have contributed to Gulf War Illnesses." You appointed Senator Warren Rudman as Chairman. The Board held its final public meeting and has delivered its final report.

The final Board report relates that DoD worked diligently to fulfill your directive to "leave no stone unturned" in investigating the possible causes of GWI. The Board also determined that "OSAGWI made assessments that were consistent with available evidence in all of its case narratives regarding the presence of chemical and biological warfare agents."

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Board Members and Key Staff
Tab B Final Report of the Special Oversight Board

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff



SPECIAL OVERSIGHT BOARD
FOR
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
INVESTIGATIONS
OF
GULF WAR
CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INCIDENTS

Final Report
December 2000

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 2000

Dear Senator Abdulrazaq Gwadabe:

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I am proud of my Administration's principled stand on human rights. The credit for Nigeria's democratic transition, however, must go to patriots such as yourself for working to make democracy a reality for all Nigerians, and to those who suffered for their efforts to end the abuses of the previous government.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Khairat Abdulrazaq Gwadabe,
B.A., LL.B., LL.M.
Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
for Abuja, Federal Capital Territory
Abuja



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Date: 9/21/2000

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TO: NSC - Kay Joshi
FAX: (202) 456-9260
FROM: Barb Hambrick, Secretariat Correspondence Officer

SUBJECT: NIGERIA

Kay -

I have checked with the Nigeria Desk Officer re local custom in Nigeria. Based on the information I received, the inside address and salutation follow:

The Honorable
Khairat Abdulrazaq Gwadabe, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.
Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
for Abuja, Federal Capital Territory
Abuja

Dear Senator Abdulrazaq Gwadabe:

If you have ?s, please call.

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Sincerely,



The Honorable Khairat Abdulrazaq Gwadabe,

per our conversation,

Natalie

"Dear Senator"

NSC

10-2-00

(date)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

With your support, we have reached a historic point in the Holocaust assets issue. I applaud the Swiss banks that have stepped forward to further the restitution process for the now-elderly Holocaust survivors. It gives me great satisfaction to see this measure of justice finally coming to completion.

In addition to this good news, let me add how much value your international outlook and your many efforts to steer your nation down the moderate road of engagement. I appreciate the notable achievement of sending Swiss peacekeepers to Bosnia and Kosovo, and of your promoting Swiss membership in the United Nations.

Thank you for your leadership, generosity, and widening engagement in the crucial affairs of our time.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ✱

His Excellency
Adolf Ogi
President of the Swiss Confederation
Bern

Munter, Cameron P. (EUR)

From: WHSR
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2000 4:03 PM
To: Blinken, Antony J. (EUR); Cables; Crawford, Bernard T. (RECORDS); Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Ficklin, John W. (RECORDS); Greenwood, Thomas C. (SEE); Kass, Nicholas S. (EUR); Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC); Munter, Cameron P. (EUR); Norland, Richard B. (EUR); Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC); Yee, Hoyt B. (EUR)
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLF OGI, PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT ADOLF OGI. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND WISHES TO DO SO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
AUGUST 9, 2000

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE REACHED A HISTORIC POINT IN THE HOLOCAUST ASSETS ISSUE. I APPLAUD THE SWISS BANKS THAT HAVE STEPPED FORWARD TO FURTHER THE RESTITUTION PROCESS FOR THE NOW-ELDERLY HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. IT GIVES ME GREAT SATISFACTION TO SEE THIS MEASURE OF JUSTICE FINALLY COMING TO COMPLETION.

IN ADDITION TO THIS GOOD NEWS, LET ME ADD HOW MUCH I VALUE YOUR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK AND YOUR MANY EFFORTS TO STEER YOUR NATION DOWN THE MODERATE ROAD OF ENGAGEMENT. I APPRECIATE THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF SENDING SWISS PEACE KEEPERS TO BOSNIA AND KOSOVO, AND OF YOUR PROMOTING SWISS MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, GENEROSITY, AND WIDENING ENGAGEMENT IN THE CRUCIAL AFFAIRS OF OUR TIME.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

HIS EXCELLENCY
ADOLF OGI
PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION
BERN

END TEXT.
TALBOTT

8-28-00

Brooks Bash has asked for a signed copy
of this letter which was sent to cable -
The President of Switzerland says it would
be most helpful to him if he had a hard
copy - Card

Okay for Signature by
Staff Secretary
Date 8.28.00

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8/29/00

(date)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

GENE SPERLING

CHARLES M. BRAIN

SUBJECT:

Letters Regarding U.S.-EU Trade Dispute over Bananas

Purpose

Respond to letters from Members of Congress and Prime Minister Mitchell of St. Vincent and the Grenadines regarding the U.S.-EU trade dispute over bananas.

Background

Fourteen Members of Congress wrote urging you to show flexibility to reach a solution in the U.S.-EU trade dispute over bananas.

On behalf of fourteen Caribbean countries, Prime Minister Mitchell of St. Vincent and the Grenadines also wrote you to oppose the latest proposal from the EU for "first-come, first-served" market access. Instead, he indicated that Caribbean producers support a quota solution based on historical market shares, which was the basis of a proposal made directly by Dominica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) to the EU in December 1999. The United States and all major Latin producers (Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, and Nicaragua), except Ecuador, support Dominica's proposal.

USTR and EU negotiators made tentative progress in talks that concluded on November 17. The two sides focused on the U.S.-favored Caribbean proposal, rather than the Europeans' most recent "first-come, first-served" proposal. The EU tentatively offered a quota number that comes three-quarters of the way to our position on a quota for Latin producers and the distribution of import licenses to U.S. firms such as Chiquita and Dole. However, EU Trade Commissioner Lamy has not decided whether to

abandon the "first-come, first-served" proposal in favor of the quota solution, which European Commission officials fear may be difficult to sell to EU member states. USTR negotiators made less progress on moving to a tariff-only system earlier than the January 2006 date under discussion within the EU. They also made less progress on reducing the prohibitive tariff rate above the quota for ACP countries (former EU colonies in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific).

Your response to Members of Congress and to Prime Minister Mitchell affirms that we share the Caribbean Community's opposition to the EU proposal for "first-come, first-served" market access and expresses our desire to work with the EU and Caribbean countries to find an appropriate solution. Your reply also notes that you and President Chirac agreed (in your exchange of correspondence on preparations for the U.S.-EU summit) to try to resolve this trade dispute during France's EU Presidency.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tabs A and B.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Members of Congress
 Tab B Letter to Prime Minister Mitchell
 Tab C Incoming Correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Caribbean Community expressing concern about the European Commission's latest proposal to resolve the dispute over bananas. I share your interest in settling this dispute soon and on terms that support economic growth in the Caribbean Community.

The United States has informed the European Commission and the member states of the European Union (EU) that it opposes the proposal for a "first-come, first-served" import system for bananas. This proposal will not resolve the banana dispute in a timely or lasting manner. I welcome your efforts, through direct communications with the European Commission and the EU member states, to divert our European trade partners from an approach so strongly opposed by the Caribbean countries.

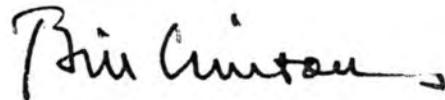
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resolve this long-standing dispute during France's EU Presidency. Ambassador Barshefsky has informed her European counterparts of U.S. flexibility and has sought a similar indication from them. Your nations can help press the EU for flexibility as well.

Again, thank you for your letter on this important issue. I will continue to work with you to reach a lasting solution that will benefit Caribbean banana exports and support economic development and prosperity in the region.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honorable
Sir James F. Mitchell, K.C.M.G., P.C.
Prime Minister of Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines
Kingstown

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The Honorable Maxine Waters
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urgently request your help in a matter of great significance for US/Caribbean relations, namely the ongoing dispute with the European Union (EU) over bananas.

Your Administration has repeatedly insisted that, in pursuing this dispute, it will not sacrifice Caribbean social and economic stability. We know that it has backed up this commitment by agreeing with the Caribbean on a framework proposal that could meet both US and Caribbean needs. The problem, as we understand it, is that that proposal contains elements that the EU apparently cannot accept.

We fear that, in the absence of a US/EU agreement, the EU will have no alternative but to adopt unilaterally, a solution that, though WTO-compatible, will fail to safeguard the Caribbean. This would have disastrous economic and social results for the Caribbean states that are overwhelmingly dependent on banana exports. This issue, therefore, is clearly not merely a trade issue, but one of far-reaching national security and regional significance for the United States.

For this reason, we hope that our country will show the flexibility and imagination necessary to enable the logjam in the US/EU negotiations to be broken, and a solution to be found that safeguards US national interests as well as the fundamental economic and social needs of the Caribbean to maintain its export trade.

We ask that you instruct all those concerned to achieve this before the end of your Presidency.

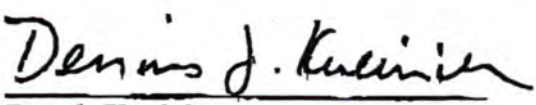
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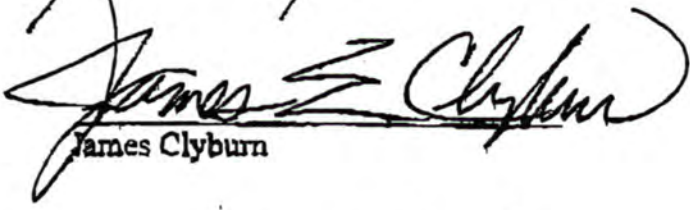
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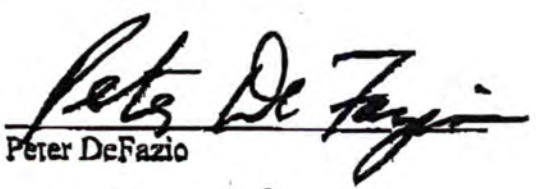
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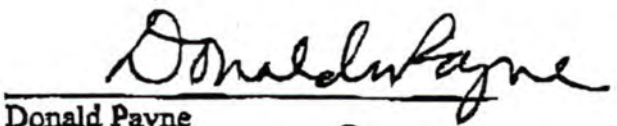
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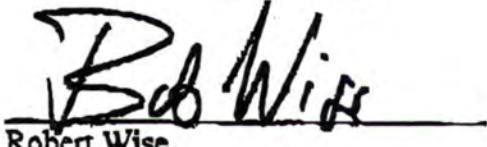

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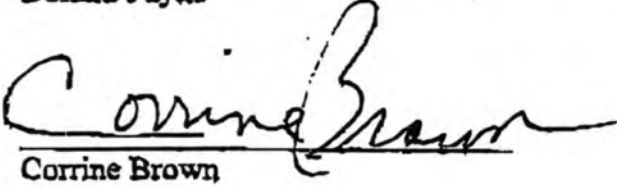

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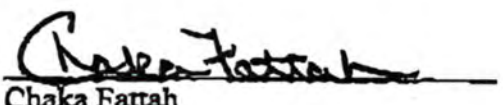

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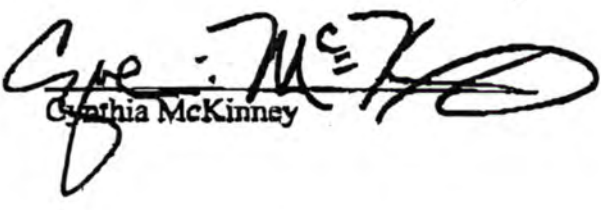

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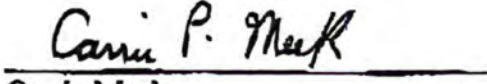

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Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative



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October 4, 2000

The Hon. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear President Clinton,

I again write to you on the subject of bananas on behalf of the Governments comprising the Caribbean Community. They are Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Suriname, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. We seek your personal and urgent intervention to avert an imminent economic catastrophe for the Caribbean.

Since there has not been progress in the US/EU talks on bananas, the EU seems now poised to adopt a speedy solution to the dispute which will get US sanctions lifted and avoid further action in the WTO. The proposal to achieve that however would not ensure continued market access for the Caribbean - an objective you shared with us in our meeting in Barbados in May 1997. We desperately need an EU banana import regime which can permit the survival of our export trade. This can be achieved through tariff rate quotas managed on the basis of past trade.

Our long negotiations with the EU led to the ACP-EU Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June, 2000 in which we obtained a commitment from the EU "to ensure the continued viability of their (ACP) banana industries and the continuing outlet for their bananas on the Community market". In the current circumstances, however, achieving that objective would require agreement on a solution with the various parties to the dispute, principally the US. This has not happened. We are aware of accusations and counter-accusations regarding which side did not genuinely and constructively engage in negotiations. But

The Hon. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America

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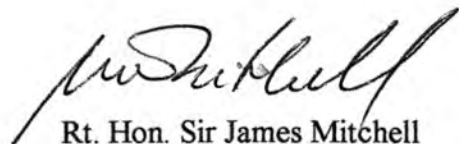
this stand-off will invariably result in the EU reneging on a treaty obligation to the ACP countries which will cause severe economic damage to the Windward Islands, Belize, Jamaica, Surinam and eventually the entire Caribbean region.

Mr. President, we are not concerned to attribute blame or criticise tactics. But we now face economic and social disaster, not of our making and which we on our own cannot avert. Only an agreement in the coming days between the US and the EU can save us. We recognise the ability of the United States and the EU to find common ground on issues they consider important. We have seen that demonstrated as late as last week in the Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) dispute.

Last July, I wrote to Mr. Vidrine, President of the EU Council and will again be writing to him before next week, to make a final appeal for the EU to work with the US to find a fair solution. But we know that the EU Council will opt for alternative solutions, notwithstanding their disastrous consequences for the Caribbean, unless there is a clear and tangible signal from the USTR of willingness to work for a compromise to speedily end the present impasse.

Mr. President, we in the Caribbean have been reassured by your commitment to economic development and prosperity in our region and in Africa and particularly by your repeated assurances that the US does not wish to damage our vital banana industry. We have now reached the critical stage when that damage will indeed occur unless your Administration takes action to avert it.

Yours sincerely,



Rt. Hon. Sir James Mitchell
Prime Minister of St. Vincent and
the Grenadines and Chairman of
the Caribbean Community

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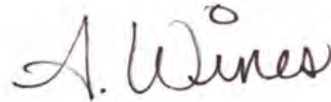
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The Honorable Maxine Waters
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The Honorable David E. Bonior
Democratic Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2210

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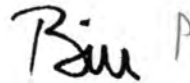
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The Honorable Donna Christian-Christiansen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-5501

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The Honorable Dennis J. Kucinich
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3510

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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4006

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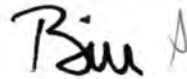
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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

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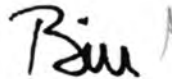
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The Honorable Donald M. Payne
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3010

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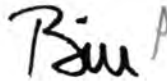
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The Honorable Robert E. Wise, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4802

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The Honorable Corrine Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0903

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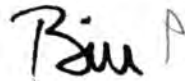
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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chaka Fattah
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3802

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December 20, 2000

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1302

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1004

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