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Copied to
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN 1/13/94

✓ B. C. Huber
Pres. for Per. Fin.
H. Schneider's Summer 1993

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schneider
17201 Norwood Road
Sandy Springs, MD 20860

1 Original envelope
Sent to
C. Huber
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1/13/94

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Mack - I agree that
this is the problem. B.

Mr. President

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
9/17/93 00



You **Will** hit another home run !

THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD HAS A
NICE RING TO IT. GO GET'EM

Dear Mr. President,

I'm just a middle class guy. I live in a middle class house. I have middle class children. I eat middle class food and I dream middle class dreams. For the life of me I can't understand anything about the treaty with Mexico. Someone up there has forgotten that true communications with the middle class is what will win this thing. I think you should tell the public:

1. Who do you think will lose their jobs and why? What do you plan on doing for them.
2. Who will gain jobs (what industries)? Give me examples that have already benefited from their relationship with Mexico. Get these employees and CEOs on TV saying, "Yeah it really works."
3. Show me the exact language that is in these deals that will ensure environmental and work standards.
4. Give examples how Europe or whomever has suffered because of their lack of a trade relationship.
5. Go on Letterman, Tonight Show, CNN, CSPAN, MTV, ABC, CBS, LOCAL Radio and on and on. It's a fight and people are afraid. They are afraid because they do not understand. Since Perot has been screaming and yelling they will believe him. What is the difference between getting the people of America to believe in you (the election) and getting the people of America to believe in you and trust to make this type of decision for them. Campaign - Campaign - Campaign for this - if you believe in it. If you pull out all the stops - it shows that you truly believe in it and are willing to do anything to stand by your convictions. Campaign Campaign - look into their eyes and tell them how important it is to them and their future. I see BUSES in your future. Body language is everything. Effort shows your sincerity.

Well, enough of this. Here is news from home.

Mary Jo was operated on last week (Histo...) She feels much better now. Cards are so nice get.
Dixie won a national recipe contest. She will be flying to NY to cook it for Paul Newman. WOW...

Well, see you next week. I am getting in Washington Tuesday and leaving on Thursday

Our Love and Respect, You're a **Great American**

David

P.S. I would love a picture of you and the famous handshake. Please sign one for me. Also one with the three other Ex Presidents.

10-1-93

Mack/Marcia Hale/Joan B.

FYI—

Governor Roberts

cc BL

① for General Fred Reese

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REP SAWYER (?)

REP MARTIN HOKE (R)

FORMER Rep. MARY O'CAR

MAYOR WHITE

X LEE FISHER

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JOEL HYATT

Gorton

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Votes on the Economic Plan and Trade

1993 Economic Plan	CON COVEN	No
Stimulus Plan	The Cuts	No
Budget Reconciliation	Sig Red	No
NAFTA		Yes

Votes on Gun Control

Assault Weapon Ban	No
Brady Bill	Yes

Votes on the Crime Bills

First Crime Bill	Yes
Crime Bill Budget Waiver	No
Crime Conference Bill	No
Crime Cloture	No

Votes on Family Issues, National Service, Motor Voter, and School to Work

<u>Family Leave</u>	No
<u>Community Service</u>	No
Community Service Conference Bill	No
<u>Schools to Work</u>	No
Motor Voter Conference Bill	No
Motor Voter Cloture	No
Goals 2000	Yes

Campaign and Lobbying reform

<u>Campaign Finance Reform</u>	No
Campaign Finance Reform Cloture	No
<u>Lobbying Reform Cloture Vote I</u>	No
Lobbying Reform Cloture Vote II	No

- (2) **For comment.** Jack Rosen wrote. ~~As DNC National Finance Council~~ Chairman, he gets a lot of feedback from people on various issues, and he would like the two of you to get together to talk about current issues. Would you like me to ask Mack or Harold to meet with him in the near future to get his input?

cc Mack

NA

☒ Yes ☐ No

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My Reply of mine
cc. Emerson
in Scott

Mack

The Pres.
has seen.
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Martha Whetstone
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Greenbrae, CA 94904
415/461-3577

August 30, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for allowing me to accompany you to California on your recent trip. Riding on Air Force One was quite a thrill and was only topped by the good time and laughs shared at dinner and during the card game.

As I mentioned to you previously, one of the nicest aspects of working on your campaign in California was meeting and getting to know Marsha Scott and Willy Fletcher, now two of my closest friends. Both are very special people and I know you share an affection for them as well.

I would like to pass on to you something that you probably already know but which I feel I must mention about Marsha. Marsha is one of the most naturally talented people I have ever known. Not only is she intelligent, but she combines an innate political sense with great people skills. Marsha is modest and never, unlike others, takes any credit for the victory in California, although she is quick to bestow the credit upon others. However, those of us who have been there from the beginning and have worked with her know better. Please don't underutilize her or underestimate her potential. Her loyalty to you is total, and your trust in her is well placed.

Finally, to follow up our conversation, I am exceedingly concerned about California and the current political atmosphere here. Unfortunately, my concern stems not from the usual Clinton/Gore detractors, but from what I hear continually from our own supporters whose feelings range from frustrated to furious. Most of their feelings are the result of public relations blunders rather than from substantive differences on issues. Donors, for instance, feel particularly abused by the "pick you pocket" finance philosophy espoused by the DNC without regard to the political fallout.

I am quite concerned that the current communication links between The White House and the California DNC representatives are weak. Several of these links are not

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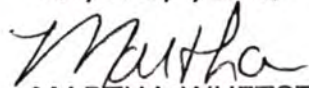
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manned by trustworthy proven Clinton loyalists, but have come from the offices of other politicians. I believe California is too critical and these links too vital to leave to others with their own possible political agendas and who have no history with the Clinton/Gore organization in California.

I am fearful that if we wait another two years to think about California and the campaign here, it will be too late to capture this state. I believe we should already be mobilizing our supporters and resources to help in ways which can benefit the administration now, as well as building an organization for the re-election. We need to reach out to our supporters to bring them back in before they are forever gone without bothering to leave us a forwarding address.

I will spare you my specific ideas about what we can do to turn around this situation, but I would be happy to share them in further detail with anyone who might be interested. I know that Marsha and Willy are resources whose ideas should be solicited as well. I believe your best interest is what we all share. It is with this in mind that I have taken the opportunity to express my concern.

Very truly yours,


MARTHA WHETSTONE

P.S. -- Am glad to know you share an awareness of the Roswell, New Mexico U.F.O. Incident. If we can get Bruce to read the two books I gave him on the subject, I feel sure he'll want to take a look at those very secret files about the incident. I'm dying to know if it's true! This would be bigger than the stuff in the JFK files. Maybe you should look into it the last month of your second term. -- M.W.

August 31, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK MCLARTY

FROM: RAHM EMANUEL *RE.*

Subject: Expanding on California Strategy

I appreciate you sharing Howard's memo regarding California Strategy with me. I strongly agree with Howard, in particular that we need to move quickly on the announcement of a substantial grant for cops in Los Angeles.

If the Attorney General does in fact have broad discretion on how to spend grants for increasing the number of police officers, I recommend that we give her a list of potential grant recipients that reflects the administration's political interests.

For many mayors, getting more cops on the street means their re-election. We should try to reward those mayors who have been the most supportive of the President. Mayors Daley of Chicago, Rendell of Philadelphia, Dinkins of New York, Norquist of Milwaukee, White of Cleveland, and Lanier of Houston come to mind.

Of course, we need to vet this idea depending on available funds and the AG's discretion for dispensing them. But if it is feasible, it would go a long way to help the mayors that have -- and will continue to be -- loyal soldiers.

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~~*[Signature]*~~

cc: Howard Paster
Marcia Hale
Joan Baggett

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

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Desk

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK MCLARTY

FROM: HOWARD PASTER *HP*

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STRATEGY

Recalling our conversations about the need for a sustained approach to the economic, crime, and related problems in California, and our ~~conversations earlier this month~~ with Dick Blum, I have a suggestion that may make sense.

If the information I have is correct, the Department of Justice has broad discretion on how to spend the supplemental appropriation we got for cops on the street. This is the FY 93 money that was included in the offset section of the supplemental passed just before the recess.

If there is such departmental discretion, the White House should instruct Justice to make a grant of sufficient size to be meaningful to Los Angeles and the President should make the announcement.

To succeed, this probably requires prompt action.

cc: George Stephanopoulos
David Gergen

John Emerson
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TOM EPSTEIN

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I would expect Californians to embrace the reinventing government concept, even if some jobs are lost. The state prides itself on innovation, and a federal initiative using

If you do choose to visit California, please consider Sacramento for the reasons articulated in the accompanying memo.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY WILSON

FROM: TOM EPSTEIN 
SUBJECT: REGO SCHEDULING IN CALIFORNIA

I understand the Vice President is considering a visit to California as part of his REGO announcement tour. As we discussed last week, I recommend that he travel to Sacramento for a REGO event for the following reasons:

- * Since so many Sacramento-area residents work for or with state government, they have a stronger interest in governmental efficiency than any other region in the state.

- * A statewide press corps based in Sacramento is well-informed and interested in government reform.

- * Since a Republican administration has led the state from Sacramento for the past 11 years, it is logical to contrast the Vice President's bold new initiatives with the inaction of state leaders. Governor Wilson, facing huge budget deficits every year, has not even given lip service to the notion of reinventing government.

- * Not one of the top administration principals has visited Sacramento since the election, even though it is the third largest media market in the state and the region is home to a substantial percentage of swing voters.

- * The legislative session ends in mid-September, and a plethora of special interest bills is attracting media attention. A call for government reform amid this "politics-as-usual" environment is especially compelling.

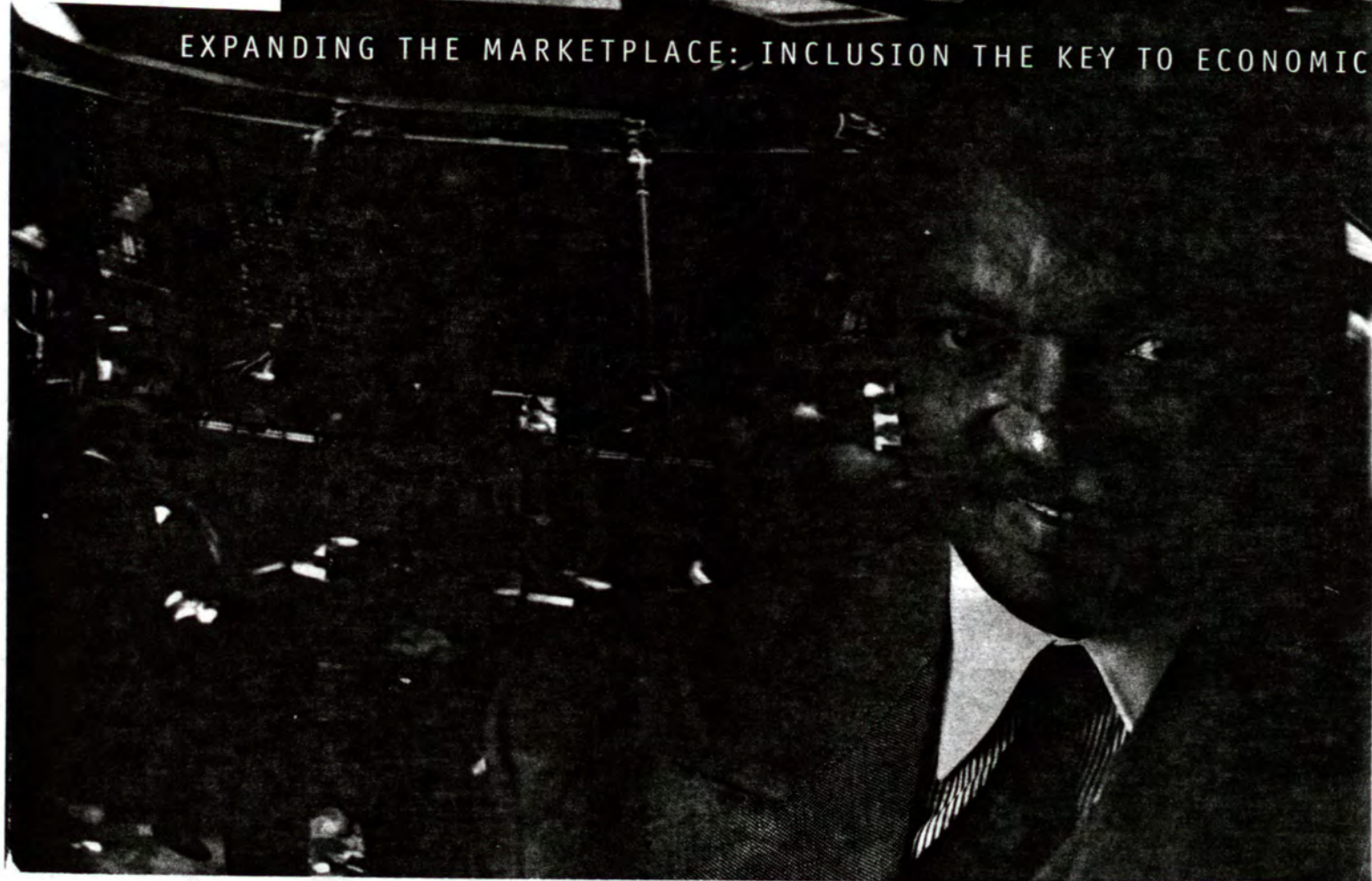
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POTUS Qs for Lehrer Interview.

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- Suspend does not mean terminate and SYG Solana retains authority to resume.
- Remember to be very careful with Milosevic.
- It would be a grave mistake to go back on this deal.

Is it time to celebrate?

- Time for optimism but prudence too.
- Just a first step in an 11-day phased process.

When will US troops enter Kosovo?

- U.S. forces are poised to enter Kosovo perhaps as early as tomorrow, along with British and French forces. As I have said, the United States will contribute about 7,000 military personnel to KFOR.
- Close to 30 countries have said they are willing to participate in the international security force commanded by British NATO General Mike Jackson. These include NATO members as well as non-NATO countries, like Argentina, Azerbaijan, and Ukraine.

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- We and our allies are prepared to develop special arrangements for a Russian contingent, much as was done in Bosnia. DepSec Talbott is discussing such arrangements with the Russians in Moscow.
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Will there be a Russian Sector?

- No.

Are Russians playing a constructive role, or are they part of problem?

- Russia was instrumental in getting Milosevic to agree to a diplomatic settlement. They have played a constructive role dating back to last year as we tried first to resolve this problem diplomatically.
- President Yeltsin told me yesterday that he shares my sentiment that together we realized a significant achievement that can bring peace to Kosovo. We agreed that we need to continue to work together. This bodes well for our ties with Russia.
- Strong U.S.-Russia relations are crucial to advancing the national interests of both our countries.

How long will US forces be in Kosovo?

- There are no artificial deadlines.
- Our immediate priority is to move quickly into Kosovo to provide assistance to the internally displaced persons and establish a secure environment so that the hundreds of thousands of Kosovar refugees may return home.
- We will reassess whether it is appropriate for NATO to begin drawing down its forces once there is a secure environment, the refugees have returned home and there are the appropriate security presence necessary to allow the Kosovars to live their lives with peace and dignity.

When will Serb forces reenter Kosovo? What will they be doing?

- Serb forces will only reenter Kosovo with the permission of KFOR. It will only be a small number, hundreds not thousands, most of which will be involved in demining.

Aren't the Kosovars worse off now than before – they no longer get to vote on independence?

- No. The Kosovars now have an opportunity to build a Kosovo free from repression and where people will be able to use their language, practice their customs and religion.
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- All Serb troops will now be out of Kosovo. They have the protection of a robust international security force.
- Let me also be clear. We do not favor an independent Kosovo. We need to see further integration not division in Europe.
- I envision a democratic Serbia in the future, under which Kosovars can enjoy self-government and autonomy. This would be the best way for the peoples in the region to prosper.

Will the KLA demilitarize?

- Yes, I fully expect that they will cooperate, and stand by their commitment to do so. The KLA has a tremendous incentive to participate in the political process. The quicker it does and there is a consensus on rebuilding political institutions in Kosovo, the sooner that the U.N. civilian administration will leave.
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- The Kosovars have suffered greatly. Let me assure you that we want their return to be done in a way that minimizes risk to them..
- As I have made clear, we will reverse ethnic cleansing.

Do you feel vindicated?

· I knew, my national security team knew, that if we stayed focused and determined we would prevail. I knew that the American people would understand why we needed to take action – why it was the right thing to do.

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- Were you surprised by the Russian decision to deploy out of Bosnia to Serbia? What if they go into Kosovo before you reach agreement on command? What about Ivashov's comment that if NATO doesn't give Russia a sector it will create one unilaterally? Is this consistent with your claim that Russia is cooperating?**

- Said from the beginning that we want Russia to play a role
- Discussing command arrangements now. Bosnia a model but other ways we can do this so long as effectiveness and unity of command is preserved.
- Work cooperatively with Russia to reach a settlement of this conflict. Look forward to continued cooperation.

What about a Russian sector?

- Expect Russia to work with other countries in framework of unity of command. All sectors have multiple countries.

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December 1, 1995

Todd Stern or Carol Cleveland
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. Stern and/or Ms. Cleveland

Enclosed please find the Medicare bill-signing pen requested for the President. Mr. Yarrington explained to you about the loan agreement—which usually precedes a shipment—and the receipt. It would be great if you could immediately sign the back of the loan agreement and the front of the receipt and return the white copies to me in the envelope provided.

Also, Mr. Yarrington will not be in the office for the next two weeks. Please call me at 512-482-5137 extension 232 when you are returning the pen. I would prefer that it not go out on a Friday. I will call you if I have not heard from you nor received the pen back by December 12.

Sincerely

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Secretary Bill Richardson
Subject: Proposals to Increase Domestic Energy Security

Today's increased focus on oil prices provides you with the opportunity to advance significant energy initiatives over the next several months. Each initiative I am proposing for your consideration would stand alone, but as a package would dramatically enhance our domestic energy security.

Northeast/New England Energy Supply

- **Regional Product Reserve**
 - ▶ Support a federally-funded and operated two million barrel product reserve at NY Harbor, available to entire region, with relatively high threshold for use
- **Regional Energy Diversification Project:** *60 day study*
 - ▶ Issue strong Administration statement in support of natural gas infrastructure expansion
 - ▶ Convert federal buildings in Northeast and New England to natural gas
 - ▶ Repeal the tax on Contributions in Aid of Construction, which adds 35% to 50% to the cost of natural gas hookups
 - ▶ provide other incentives for businesses and large users to switch to natural gas

Increased Energy Independence Through Energy Efficiency

- **Fuel Efficient and Alternative Fuel Vehicles:** issue an Executive Order on fuel efficient vehicles with a goal of a 20% reduction in federal transportation oil use by 2005
- In addition, we should:
 - ▶ increase mass transit subsidies for federal employees
 - ▶ reallocate federal funding to increase alternative fuel bus use
 - ▶ through your office, direct an inter-agency effort to develop a "green label" for vehicles to increase consumer product understanding*PNGV / SUV Initiative to make SUV's more fuel efficient*

Enhanced Domestic Oil Production

- **Support Tax Incentives** for domestic producers would increase producer's access to capital and add up to 300,000 barrels of oil to domestic capacity:
 - ▶ counter-cyclical marginal well tax credit (phased in at \$12-\$15 per barrel)
 - ▶ expensing of delayed rental payments & geological/geophysical costs
 - ▶ removal of net income limitations on depletion
- **Improve administration of oil and gas loan program** at Commerce Department

More Effective Management of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

- **Manage the Reserve to Increase Energy Security:** *Once the current oil crisis subsides,* institutionalize market-based, counter-cyclical SPR oil acquisition strategies -
 - ▶ oil exchanges, leasing of unused storage capacity, more royalty-in-kind oil
 - ▶ will put more oil in Reserve and have new tools to fight market volatility

Industry/Public Communication

- Announce National Campaign for Energy Efficiency and Savings
 - ▶ Blue Ribbon Panel for Energy Efficiency
 - ▶ Fuel Economy Web Site/Consumer Campaign
- Convene White House Summit on Energy
- Meet with Oil CEOs

Next Steps - Oil Diplomacy

Proposed Presidential calls

Saudi Arabia

Kuwait

Mexico

Venezuela

Nigeria

Norway

Potential Richardson travel to

Nigeria

Algeria

Venezuela

Norway

IEA (Paris)

Gulf States ?

Indonesia

Prices Under Various OPEC 10 Scenarios

WTI Price	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Base	30.20	29.62	29.20	28.30	28.00	27.90	27.70	27.30	26.90
+1.5	30.20	29.10	28.20	26.90	26.20	25.70	25.20	24.70	24.30
+1.7	30.20	29.00	27.90	26.40	25.50	24.80	24.10	23.50	22.90
+2.0	30.20	28.70	27.30	25.60	24.50	23.50	22.60	21.70	20.80

Gasoline Price	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Base	1.57	1.56	1.55	1.51	1.49	1.46	1.42	1.39	1.37
+1.5	1.57	1.55	1.53	1.48	1.45	1.41	1.36	1.33	1.30
+1.7	1.57	1.55	1.52	1.47	1.43	1.39	1.33	1.30	1.27
+2.0	1.57	1.54	1.51	1.45	1.41	1.36	1.30	1.26	1.22

- EIA considered several scenarios related to actual increases in OPEC 10 crude oil production. The impact on the price of WTI and the U.S. average price for regular, unleaded gasoline under these scenarios is described above. In all scenarios, EIA made 3 basic assumptions:
 - Demand growth in 2000 is assumed to be 1.6% (1.2 million barrels per day)
 - Iraqi oil production increases from 2.3 million barrels per day in the 1st quarter to 2.6 million barrels per day in the 2nd quarter, 2.8 million barrels per day in the 3rd quarter, and 3.0 million barrels per day in the 4th quarter. These production levels will probably necessitate a quicker infusion of spare parts for the oil industry than is currently occurring.
 - Non-OPEC production (including Mexico and Norway) is forecasted to increase by 0.9 million barrels in 2000 from 1999 levels.

Enhancing Domestic Energy Security

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Northeast Regional Energy Diversification Project

Background

In the Northeast and New England, there has been a long-standing dependence on fuel oil to heat homes and power businesses. Historically, the principle reason for this dependence on oil (largely imported) was the lack of adequate interstate natural gas pipeline capacity.

During the last decade interstate natural gas pipeline capacity into the Northeast has increased by over 25 percent, from 10 billion cubic feet per day (Bcfd) to over 12.5 Bcfd. In addition, there are currently 27 proposed pipeline expansion projects in the Northeast that will enhance the movement of gas *within* the region. Currently, pipeline capacity appears to be adequate for heat but additional capacity will be needed for new gas-fired power generation facilities.

Nationwide, growing energy demand will require the construction of 1000 new power generating plants by 2020. EIA projects that almost all new generating capacity will be fueled with natural gas as it is efficient, abundant, cheap, and the most environmentally benign of the fossil fuels; 23% of all carbon emissions from fossil fuel combustion are from natural gas, compared to 34% from coal.

In the Northeast, demand for gas power generation is expected to grow by 250% by 2010. There are currently 51 applications for new power plants in New England alone. To meet this demand, there must be investment in natural gas production, as well as a corresponding investment in natural gas infrastructure. The Administration is supporting a 30 tcf market by 2010 (currently we are at approximately 22 tcf). Policies to encourage diversification of energy sources in the Northeast and New England are consistent with, and will underscore the Administration's support for natural gas as a cleaner, transition fuel.

On February 16th, President Clinton tasked the Department of Energy with undertaking a "60 day study on converting factories and major users from oil to other fuels [especially natural gas] which will help to free up future oil supplies for use in heating homes". The final results of the study are not yet known, but preliminary analysis suggests the following initiatives could help lead the way to diversification of energy sources in the Northeast/New England region:

Strong Administration Policy Statement is Key for Northeast Pipeline Construction

It is estimated that an investment of \$1.5 billion will be required to provide the infrastructure to meet natural gas demand in New England and the Northeast. Industry is not concerned about raising the capital to finance infrastructure construction because demand continues to grow. Instead, industry is concerned about the speed and nature of decisions by federal and state regulators -- that they are sufficiently slowing down the permitting process to endanger project deadlines and investment plans.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) permits the construction of new pipelines. Industry has reported that it is having difficulty in getting timely permitting from FERC and believes that a clear, unambiguous statement of policy support for natural gas infrastructure expansion, particularly for the Northeast and New England, would be very helpful in dealing with federal, state and local regulators and elected officials. The policy statement should stress the importance of natural gas to regional and national energy security, the need for additional infrastructure, and the need to reduce our reliance on imported oil.

Provide Incentives for Natural Gas Hookups

The largest obstacle to quickly reducing fuel oil dependence is the cost of converting homes and businesses from fuel oil to natural gas and the cost of extending gas utility lines to new homes and businesses. Although both consumers and utilities will benefit from conversion over the long run, pay back could take many years.

Because of the high initial cost of conversion, modest federal and state incentives would make it possible for more homes and businesses to convert to natural gas. Such conversions would have positive regional and national benefits – environmental, economic and national energy security.

- **Convert federal buildings to natural gas or renewable fuels, consistent with the President's Executive Order 13123.**

Converting federal buildings to natural gas or renewable fuels would demonstrate the government's leadership and commitment to alleviating the pressure on fuel oil use by homeowners. For example, there are approximately 200 federal buildings in New York City alone that could be converted from fuel oil to natural gas. One of NYC's large natural gas utilities, Keystone, is proposing that the federal government partner with them to convert these facilities to natural gas. This single action, which is already within the authority of the federal government, would save 1.25 million gallons of fuel oil per year and could serve as a flagship demonstration project for diversifying energy sources in the region. Additionally, we should survey the entire region to determine other federal buildings that are suitable for conversion from heating oil to natural gas.

- **Repeal the Tax on Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC)**

The IRS imposes a tax on new connections to utility systems. This tax is an unnecessary barrier to new connections because it increases the cost of expanding natural gas systems and, at a minimum, should be repealed for federal buildings, military bases, government facilities, state and municipal buildings, new subdivisions, schools, hospitals and facilities owned by charitable and religious organizations.

Payments or contributions of property to a utility by a new customer to connect to the system are treated as taxable income by the utility. Many state utility

regulations require that connection costs paid by the customer be “grossed up” to include the utility’s income tax liability. The customer must pay both the cost of connection plus the utility’s tax burden. In other states, either the utility or ratepayers absorb the tax. This tax increases the cost of connections anywhere from 35 to 55 percent.

-- *Sensitivities*: there might be state opposition. Need to further research what interests, if any, the states have in this tax.

- **Customer Incentives**

- ▶ Tax Credits: a tax credit should be offered to encourage business customers to switch from heating oil to natural gas, fuel cells, combined heat and power systems, or renewable energy. The amount of the credit would be 20 percent of the cost of conversion, up to \$1000 (this is consistent with the Administration’s existing tax credit proposals for fuel cells and CHP).
- ▶ SBA loans: the current SBA loan program should be enhanced to encourage businesses to convert to natural gas or renewable fuels. Generally, SBA loan guarantees can be used for this purpose.

--*Sensitivities*: Petroleum Marketers (heating oil distributors and wholesalers) will strongly oppose these incentives and will likely oppose this effort in general.

Reduce Regulatory Impediments/ Increase Incentives for Gas Fired Independent and Distributed Power Generation

Distributed generation refers to the placement of small-scale power-generation units at or near a site where the electricity will be used. These units can generate as little as 5 kilowatts of electricity (enough for a single family home) or as much as 50 kilowatts (enough for a factory). Natural gas is a particularly attractive fuel for distributed generation and currently powers most distributed generation technologies.

Compared to electricity generated at central power stations, distributed electricity generation produces fewer pollutants, is more energy-efficient and can be more reliable. A significant percentage of electricity is lost when power is transmitted from a central station to the end-user; this is not the case with on-site generation.

On the generating plant side, gas-fired combined-cycle technology is the overwhelming choice for new power stations. These plants offer extremely high efficiency – now approaching 60 percent compared to 34 percent for traditional boiler units – as well as lower construction costs, and shorter construction lead times.

- **Develop and pass federal interconnection standards:** federal interconnection standards would enable independent power producers of all sizes to connect to the grid to receive or sell power. The Administration's electricity restructuring bill would establish a federal interconnection standard; this is key to increasing competition and power options in a restructured electricity market.
 - *Sensitivities:* certain investor owned electric utilities and some states oppose federal interconnection standards.
- **Support increased research and development for natural gas/electricity infrastructure reliability.** Additional gas pipeline capacity is needed in the Northeast, largely for electric power generation. The need for increased power generation, fired by natural gas turbines, will provide additional ammunition as gas pipeline companies seek FERC permitting approvals for new pipelines. The Administration has included a \$36 million energy infrastructure reliability R&D initiative in its 2001 budget request to support the merging electricity/natural gas infrastructures.

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Proposal for a Federally Funded Regional Product Reserve

This proposal would have the Federal Government provide the resources for the leasing and operation of one or more reserve facilities in the Northeast (or the construction if existing facilities were not suitable), the purchase of initial inventory, and the support for a regional Federal-State board of Reserve managers.

Step 1 – The Federal Government would provide technical assistance and appropriations through Congress for the exploration of the leasing and construction options for storage facilities that would be Federally owned. In addition, Congress would provide for the creation of a Northeastern Reserves Board who would direct the study of the lease/build decision, have oversight of the building or leasing decisions, have oversight for the fill contracts, and oversight for the operation of the reserve.

Step 2 – The Federal government would provide funds to acquire refined product to store in the reserve. This could be done through annual appropriations or through use of a revolving fund. If a revolving fund were used, the fund would be (at least partially) replenished if the product were sold at a profit. (Note: It may make sense to acquire and store diesel fuel in a refined product reserve, rather than heating oil, since the products are similar, but diesel fuel can be used directly as heating oil, and the diesel fuel market is larger, making it easier to sell the product without severely affecting prices in order to keep the supply “fresh”. This could be a decision left to the Board, however.)

Step 3 – *The trigger operator.*

Option A. The federal government could be the given the authority to release product by the authorizing legislation. However, the authority should be different from the one now given for SPR release, which requires a national supply disruption.

Option B. the states could have authority over a proportion of the reserve, which they authorized for shipment to their state. The State of New York acknowledges that they do not have the expertise to make informed decisions about market needs.

Option C. A third options would be to have the previously mentioned Northeastern Reserves Board interpret a trigger authority or criterion. This would ensure some continued, moderating Federal role in deciding when to open a reserve while also giving States the majority role in deciding to open the reserve.

Cost of A Regional Reserve

Current legislation proposing a regional product reserve suggest a two million-barrel reserve based in the Northeast. In addition, industry is likely to support a reserve of this size.

According to a 1991 study carried out for the Department of Energy, the reserve would cost about \$7 and \$10 per barrel to operate annually for leased storage, assuming the product could be sold each year at cost. Also, based on work done in a 1998 study of regional reserves, we believe that a two million-barrel reserve would cost about \$85 million to site and construct. In order to ensure that the reserve was able to be fully constructed (if necessary) and set up for operation without delay, the project should be fully appropriated for a initial two year period for about \$125 million

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Increased Energy Independence through Fuel Efficiency and Alternative Fuels

Background

At the same time the federal government focuses on supply factors that will help reduce oil imports, it is equally significant that improvements can be made by enhancing fuel efficiency, primarily in the transportation sector, and promoting the increased use of alternative fuels. These goals can be met through the following action items:

Issue Executive Order on Alternative Fuel and Fuel Efficient Vehicles

The Department of Energy and other agencies have been working with the White House Climate Change Task Force on several "Greening the Government" executive orders. One executive order currently being reviewed would set a goal of 20% reduction in oil use for transportation by Federal agencies by 2005. This executive order would require agencies to increase the use of alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels, and for the first time requires agencies to purchase more fuel efficient vehicles. This order would demonstrate that the government is leading the effort to reduce oil imports by example.

Enhance PNGV Through Increased SUV Fuel Economy

Overall transportation sector fuel economy has worsened due to the increasing popularity of sport utility vehicles (SUVs). The Administration is currently engaged in negotiations with the auto industry on the appropriate means of improving the fuel economy of SUVs through the government's Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV) initiative. The Secretary of Energy and other government leaders could become actively involved in the ongoing negotiations. The objective would be to reach agreement on addition of SUVs to the PNGV initiative, in time for the Vice President to announce at a March 30 PNGV event in Washington.

Green Energy Star Labeling for Vehicles

The President should direct an interagency effort to develop a "green label" for vehicles that will allow consumers to more easily make environmentally and fuel efficiency friendly purchase decisions. Green labeling of vehicles is designed to provide consumers with an easy to understand assessment of the environmental impacts of particular vehicles. Various non-government organizations, EPA, and DOE are all developing green labeling concepts. An interagency approach should be used to speed up the develop of one standard as a means of reducing oil imports and improving the environment.

Reduce Heavy Truck Engine Idling

The ubiquitous idling of heavy vehicle diesel engines across the U.S. needlessly consumes about 0.75% of all the fuel used in surface transport at considerable cost penalty to the trucker, the trucking company, and the Nation. Auxiliary cab heaters and coolers available commercially can achieve the desired cab comfort control and winter heating of the fuel, engine block, and lubricating oil at about one sixth the fuel consumption and cost, with far lower exhaust emissions and reduced wear and maintenance of the engine than by the continued idling of the truck engine. Only about 1% of U.S. heavy duty trucks utilize these devices compared to 70% in Germany. The President and trucking industry should announce a partnership to reduce truck idling through the use of small, fuel-saving, energy efficient heaters and coolers for heavy trucks.

Increasing Mass Transit Subsidy for Federal Employees

While several federal agencies, such as the Department of Energy, offer the full subsidy available under law for employees that use mass transit, other agencies do not. Expanding the transit subsidy to all federal employees would make a strong statement that the Federal Government supports transportation options that help reduce oil imports. Congressman Wolf (VA) has already requested the President to implement a draft DOT executive order for this effort.

Reallocate Federal Funding for Transit Buses to Encourage Purchase of Alternative Fuel Buses

Local transit districts need more funds to defray the incremental costs of alternative fuel buses. The Federal Transit Authority pays 80 percent of a capital project's eligible costs (the Federal share), and a recipient pays the remaining 20 percent (the local match or local share). Decreasing the local share on buses that run on natural gas or other alternative fuels to 10% or even 0% will increase the attractiveness of alternative fuel buses relative to diesel buses. The President should support changing the Federal Transit Administration funding formula to encourage increased purchase of alternative fuel transit buses.

Publicize Fuel Economy Web-Site and Driver Tips

The Department of Energy web-site offers information on the fuel economy of all MY 2000 vehicles. We have just added used car and truck information. Furthermore, the site is preparing new "tips for drivers" on how to reduce fuel use regardless of the kind of vehicle driven. Traffic on the site has doubled since gasoline prices have gone up, yet is still only 1000s per day. The Administration can help showcase the web-site to increase public awareness.

Support Legislative Incentives for Fuel Efficient Vehicles and Alternative Fuels

The Administration's tax package includes incentives for the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles. Automakers are now more supportive of this effort and the Administration has an opportunity to make this a high visibility debate. In addition, the automakers and natural gas stakeholders are promoting alternative fuel incentives. Senators Jeffords, Rockefeller, and Hatch and others are preparing legislation to promote the use of alternative fuel vehicles and Senator Daschle is working on legislation to promote alternative fuels. The Administration should reach out to members of Congress to develop legislation to promote the use of alternative fuels as a means of reducing oil imports.

Draw Attention to Need for Long-Term Investments

The Administration's budget requests for car and truck R&D, the Climate Change Technology Initiative, and the BioEnergy Initiative, need continued congressional support. Each offers the potential for important technology benefits that will reduce dependence on imported oil in the transportation and manufacturing sectors in the long-term. Coupled with short-term announcements and solutions, these investments ensure continued progress toward a less reliance on oil. By identifying the unfunded programs proposed by the Administration, we can disarm Congressional critics that say the Administration is not doing enough to solve today's oil price problem.

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Enhanced Domestic Oil Production

Incentives to Reduce our Reliance on Imported Oil

Background

The current oil crisis has focused significant attention on oil imports and the availability of worldwide excess oil production capacity. The bottom line: of the available 5.5 million barrels per day excess production capacity in the world, 4.5 million of it is in OPEC countries. Increasing domestic production would enhance US productive capacity.

U.S. oil fields are generally mature, and exploration and production costs are higher than in most OPEC nations. Reducing exploration and production costs for domestic oil and gas production enables our producers to compete and increases domestic production.

The following tax credits would likely increase domestic production by approximately 300,000 barrels per day; this is roughly the equivalent to the excess productive capacity of Venezuela.

Marginal Well Tax Credits

Prior to the oil price crash of 1998, over 433,000 marginal wells produced almost a million barrel per day — roughly equivalent to the amount of oil we import from Venezuela. Small producers own approximately 70 percent of all marginal wells. When oil prices fell, over 30 percent of these wells were shut-in; the high cost of reopening these wells means much of this production is simply lost. In addition, many of these wells also produced associated natural gas; shut-in of wells has resulted in a corresponding loss of natural gas supply as well.

The Administration could design a marginal well tax credit with a variety of limitations to restrict its application. For instance, the tax credit could phase-in between particular prices (e.g. \$12-\$15 dollars per barrel, the minimum price above shut-in) and could be limited to small producers, to companies or individuals that derive at least a specified percentage of their income from oil-related activities, or be permitted to offset only taxes due on oil-related revenue.

The cost to the Treasury would depend on the limitations tied to the credit. Legislation introduced in Congress this session, which includes a sliding credit in the \$14-\$17 range, has an estimated cost of \$600 million over five years. Estimates of the benefits range from 75,000 to 150,000 barrels per day, the equivalent in additional production we are seeking from Norway in the current oil crisis.

Expensing of Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Costs

G&G costs represent the cost of exploring for and producing oil. They are an important and integral part of exploration and production for oil and natural gas. Under current tax law, G&G costs are treated differently, depending on the success of the venture. The cost of unsuccessful ventures can be deducted during the tax period they are incurred; successful activities must be capitalized, because for tax purposes costs that benefit *future* periods must be recovered over

such periods.

G&G costs are similar to research and development costs for other industries, which are allowed not only deductions, but tax credits for R&D costs. Allowing the deduction of G&G expenses would likely increase domestic production by around 126,000 barrels of oil per day and costs approximately \$430 million over five years.

Delayed Rental Payments

A delayed rental payment is an amount paid for the right to delay development on a currently-held lease. In September, 1997, the IRS issued an issue paper that such payments are "pre-production" costs which must be capitalized as opposed to expensed. This ruling effectively increased the cost of oil production by limiting the flexibility a producer has to make judgements on the timing of production. The Administration should allow deductions of delayed rental payments to reduce the costs of doing business.

Elimination of the Net Income Limitation for Small Producers on Percentage Depletion

The deduction for depletion is generally limited to 65% of the taxpayer's taxable income before the depletion allowance and is constructed to disadvantage small producers. The Administration should support the elimination of the 65 percent limit and permit small producers to carry back excess depletion for a period of time, perhaps ten years. This would permit producers to amend returns for prior years, thereby reducing their tax liability and enabling them to put capital back into current production.

In addition to tax credits which would directly encourage production, we would propose two credits that would enable us to enhance production at the same time they would mitigate environmental damage.

Tax Credit for Carbon Sequestration

The purpose of this tax credit (would require amending Section 43 of the Federal Tax Code) is to encourage the injection of carbon dioxide into petroleum reservoirs to gain environmental benefits from the safe disposal of carbon dioxide, and increase domestic production utilizing enhanced oil recovery techniques. The tax credit could be deactivated if oil went over a certain price e.g. \$28 per barrel. Benefits would go to both independent and major producers. Costs have not been estimated.

Tax Credit for Efficient Motors

For small producers, electricity represents up to 40 percent of the costs of oil production. Many motors are old and inefficient. A credit for motor replacement with motors that have been given efficiency ratings, would lower the cost of production and reduce emissions through energy efficiency.

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More Effective Management of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve A Concept Paper

In Brief

This concept paper advances several strategies to use market-based mechanisms to more effectively manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, increase the nation's energy security, and decrease oil market volatility.

Following a prolonged, post-Gulf War period of stability in world oil markets, the recent history of oil prices has been one of extreme volatility -- from roughly \$10 per barrel a year ago to almost \$31 today. This volatility is a direct result of OPEC interventions in markets and is testimony to the problems associated with cartel-driven production levels -- where serious miscues in matching supply to demand and the need to maintain consensus among eleven nations have resulted in disastrous production strategies.

Excessive volatility is bad for U.S. energy security at both ends of the price spectrum. Extremely low prices discourage diversification of energy sources and encourage energy inefficiency. High prices contribute to inflation, slow economic growth, and artificially increase reliance on low-cost production areas in the Persian Gulf. Overall, volatility creates an uncertain energy investment environment and precludes rational business planning for those businesses in which energy represents a significant variable cost.

Stable oil prices are a desirable goal for both the U.S. and the world, for producing as well as consuming nations. How then does the federal government help achieve this objective in the face of continued OPEC market intervention, without either itself intervening in markets or becoming de facto partners of OPEC, as we continually seek rational production levels to serve the world's energy and economic needs?

We can meet this challenge by managing the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) in a manner that increases our energy security while maximizing the value of the Reserve to the American taxpayer and the public. The Reserve is a large stockpile (570 million barrels) of crude oil and has significant unused capacity. The Reserve's organic statute currently allows the Department of Energy (DOE) to engage in counter-cyclical oil acquisition strategies for the purposes of least-cost SPR oil acquisition.

These *market-based strategies* could enable the DOE to fulfill its mandate to increase the size of the Reserve utilizing available tools which would, as part of the process, enable the Department to increase demand for oil when prices are low, and add supply when prices are high. This paper will discuss how these acquisition strategies take advantage of high and low price market conditions, how they encourage more effective SPR management, and how they help to mitigate market volatility.

Assumptions

This paper assumes that the Government will not adopt oil price control regimes, but may tailor its SPR oil acquisition strategies to be counter-cyclical to the oil market. It also assumes that there is no political will to appropriate billions of dollars to buy oil when it is cheap, or to allow the Administration to sell oil just because of high prices. It assumes that there will be only minimal appropriations for the acquisition of oil and that all activities will be self financed.

Managing the SPR in a Backwardated Market

Situations of war, natural disaster, or the reluctance of OPEC to raise production despite high prices and low inventories, inevitably result in an oil market in which a *price premium is associated with near-term deliveries relative to deliveries at a later date*. On the New York Mercantile Exchange this condition is known as “backwardation”.

Backwardation sends a signal to owners of oil to draw down inventories for immediate refining and consumption. Inevitably, inventories drop. If this supply/demand imbalance is not rectified, the backwardation becomes steeper, more inventories are drawn down and spot shortages occur, sometimes accompanied by sudden and sharp price spikes. This situation occurred most recently in the January-February heating oil market in the Northeast.

This description of market backwardation is key to understanding the idea of a “time exchange” of oil from the SPR because *market conditions that create backwardation are ideal for an exchange of oil*. The Secretary of Energy is expressly authorized to “acquire petroleum [for the SPR] by purchase, *exchange* or otherwise.” When conditions are backwardated, companies can take high-priced oil today, sell it at high prices tomorrow, purchase lower-priced oil down the road, and ultimately return more oil to the SPR than the original contracted amount. All of this can be accomplished at no cost to the taxpayer and, over time, result in increased oil in the Reserve.

Whenever oil markets are seriously perturbed by short supply, the Reserve can and should offer to exchange oil now for more oil later. Again, at the completion of the exchange, the Reserve inventory will be greater, satisfying the energy security mandate of the Department to fill the Reserve. Also, an exchange would add to the Reserve without appropriated funds or cost to the Government, except for transaction costs.

Using SPR Storage Capacity When Oil Prices are in Contango

Several times in the last 20 years, the supply of oil has seriously exceeded demand; the most notable cases were in 1986 and 1998. Both times, oil prices dropped to the \$10 level for benchmark West Texas Intermediate oil, and even less for poor grade, high sulfur oils. When supply exceeds demand, despite very low near-term prices, oil traders put oil into inventory because the price for later delivery is sufficient to pay the cost of storage.

As storage capacity around the world fills, the options for adding to inventories become constrained, and prices fall to the point where some producers must stop production. That situation occurred in 1998, due to the Asian economic collapse. Although demand from Asia dried up, production continued unabated, leading to very low prices in the United States.

Since the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is the world's largest storage facility, it can take advantage of the value associated with its assets -- in this case storage capacity. The price conditions just described put a *premium on the price of oil that is delivered later rather than earlier*. If the future price is sufficiently high -- a condition referred to on the New York Mercantile Exchange as "contango" -- there is profit potential for a private company to buy cheap oil, store it in the Government's caverns, pay the Government a rental fee (in oil), and sell the oil for later delivery.

Using the Government storage facilities in this manner has multiple benefits: the SPR takes payment for storage "in-kind," adding to the Reserve; the domestic petroleum industry will get some relief from price volatility; and the contractor makes a profit. As in the case of an exchange, the Government does not spend any appropriated funds or incur costs other than the minimal operating expenses associated with moving oil through the Reserve.

At the end of year 2000, the Reserve will have 110 million barrels of unutilized capacity. By comparison, the change in U.S. crude inventories during 1999 that caused prices to double was 45 million barrels, and the worldwide inventory change was 300 million barrels. Clearly as an adjunct to commercial facilities, the SPR storage caverns would be a formidable asset.

Smoothing the Transitions Using Royalty-in-Kind Oil

In theory, the Government should buy oil when prices are low, but because of the great anxiety associated with potential oil shortages, the appropriation of funds for buying oil has always occurred at precisely the wrong time -- following oil price *increases*. In other words, the Government feels pressure to buy high, when it should be buying low.

The ideal situation would be for the Department of Energy to constantly be filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and to moderate the rate it takes oil out of the market according to price indicators. SPR activities are, however, episodic and attract a disproportionate amount of market attention.

This ongoing moderation could be accomplished by the institutionalization of the existing, one-time royalty-in-kind transfer program with the Department of the Interior. DOI is the recipient of very large volumes of oil from companies that have taken leases on Federal lands on the Outer Continental Shelf. The Minerals Leasing Act provides that Interior may transfer that oil to the Department of Energy.

Similarly the Energy Policy and Conservation Act that authorizes the Reserve provides that Energy may take Federal royalty oil for the Reserve. Furthermore, because the transfer is an administrative action, it has no budget impact, even though there is clearly a cost to the Treasury because oil transferred to the Reserve is not sold.

In February 1999, Energy and Interior agreed to conduct a 28 million barrel transfer that will continue through December 2000. DOE takes title to the oil at the legal transfer point but exchanges it for Reserve quality oil to be delivered to the Reserve sites. The cost to Energy is only the operating expense of injecting the oil; there is no cost to Interior.

One under-appreciated aspect of the royalty-in-kind program is that the Reserve can vary the rate at which oil is taken off the market according to market conditions. In early 1999, with very low prices, the delivery dates for royalty-in-kind exchange oil were set to occur as soon as the contractors took delivery of the royalty oil. However, during January 2000, with prices rising, it became clear that the Reserve could both increase the amount of oil it would receive in the exchange, and add oil to the current market to relieve supply pressure.

The Reserve contracting officer approached contractors that were scheduled to deliver 5 million barrels of oil between February and June, to renegotiate the contracts for a later delivery. The revised contracts changed the delivery date to December, 2000; in exchange for this renegotiated delivery date, the contractors agreed to deliver 13 percent more oil -- the Reserve acquired 600,000 extra barrels of oil at no cost, and five million barrel of oil were kept on the market when oil supplies were very low.

In order to make the Reserve actions in the marketplace less abrupt, the royalty-in-kind transfer program could be made permanent at a modest base rate, around 50,000 barrels per day. The rate could be varied to respond to market conditions. When prices are relatively high, deliveries would be negotiated for later dates when prices were lower. When prices are too low, Interior would increase the rate of transfer to Energy, removing some supply from the market without actually reducing production.

Summary

By using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve's oil and storage capacity in a counter-cyclical manner, the Federal Government could add to the Nation's energy security by a continuous addition of oil inventory, and be a moderating influence in oil price cycles without regulating or spending appropriated funds. The counter-cyclical acquisition strategies outlined in this paper -- exchanges, storage and royalty-in-kind oil -- could be institutionalized as market-based mechanisms to increase energy security by filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, at the same time they serve as tools to address the problems associated with oil market volatility.

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Energy Diplomacy

As a result of Secretary Richardson's visit to oil-producing countries in late February, most OPEC governments now support production increases in April. The goal of the diplomatic strategy at this stage should be to ensure that the level of increase is adequate to replenish depleted oil stocks. In addition to dealing directly with OPEC governments, we should urge key consuming nations to also weigh in with these governments.

With **OPEC**, we need to maintain pressure for a 2-2.5 million barrel per day increase in production in April. The most important player remains **Saudi Arabia**. We need to engage Saudi Arabia directly at the highest levels and specifically ask for the level of increase we need. **Venezuela** is currently in the lead on developing OPEC consensus. We need to stay in close contact with them and push their other customers to reach out to them. So far, Energy Minister Rodriguez appears to welcome this. **Kuwait** has reversed its previous rejection of production increases, leaving **Algeria** as the last "friendly" holdout. We need to underscore for Algeria that it will be hurt politically to be alone with Libya in opposing increased production (even Iran is now acquiescing to increases), and that it will help them financially to support such increases. **Indonesia** and **Nigeria** have not been vocal about their position. Nigeria is the more important player, because it has excess capacity and because its Petroleum Minister is the Secretary General of OPEC. We need to encourage them to vocally support significant increases in production. We should stay in touch with both **Qatar** and **UAE**, both of whom appear to support increases. We cannot talk to **Iran**, **Iraq** and **Libya**, but should find surrogates to approach Iran and Libya.

The only **non-OPEC member countries** with excess capacity are **Mexico** and **Norway**. Both support increasing production. We should continue our close contact with them to underscore the importance of their increasing production on April 1 whatever OPEC does.

Of the **consuming nations**, **Japan** is the biggest and most influential (after the US). Japan can weigh in with Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. We should focus considerable efforts to get them to do this. **South Korea** is another key market for Gulf oil. We should ask them to support our position with OPEC nations. We should continue discussions with the **UK**, **Canada**, **France**, **the Netherlands**, **Germany** and **Italy** to weigh in with their own suppliers and to push for a joint EU demarche to OPEC governments. In addition, developing countries that are large customers or who have influence in the G-77, should be asked to lobby their suppliers and express concerns about the effect of high prices on developing economies. We have been successful with India and Egypt. Now we should also approach **South Africa** and **Ghana**. Finally, other large producers, such as **Brazil** and **Angola**, should be pressed to call for stable markets and increased production.

As a supplement to these key efforts, we should consider a general message to embassies explaining our position. We can also work some of the regional economic groups, such as IEA and the **Organization of African Unity**.

Oil Diplomacy

Proposed Presidential calls

Saudi Arabia

Kuwait

Mexico

Venezuela

Nigeria

Norway

Potential Richardson travel to

Nigeria

Algeria

Venezuela

Indonesia

IEA (Paris)

Secretary of State will see

UK

Germany

Italy

France

Richardson calls/meets in Washington with

Qatar

Kuwait

Mexico

Japan

UAE

Others travel to

Japan

South Korea

Contact through Embassies

Brazil

Angola

Canada

S. Africa

Ghana

OAU

Remaining IEA/OECD countries

Draft Talking points for Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia is a valued strategic partner of the U.S. Our security and economic relationships are of great importance to us. We want to maintain these close ties.
- We appreciate your statement March 9 that Saudi Arabia will work to have OPEC restore stability to the market.
- We further appreciate your support of increased OPEC production levels in April. As you know, we believe that significant increases will be important to meet demand and replenish depleted stocks.
- Our analysis shows that the increase needed is 2-2.5 million barrels per day beginning in April. A smaller increase – or one spread out over a long period – will not be enough.
- I understand that you want to calibrate production increases so that the price of oil not drop precipitously. None of us wants to see prices fall as they did in 1998.
- However, we believe that demand for crude oil in the second quarter will remain strong and that prices will not fall too fast if production is raised by 2-2.5 million barrels per day.
- Will Saudi Arabia advocate for an increase of at least 2 million barrels per day?
- We greatly appreciate your willingness to work with us on this.

Draft Talking points for Prime Minister of Norway

- I appreciate the responsible position that you are taking with respect to the current situation in the oil market.
- As you know, our analysis shows that world oil stocks are at their lowest level in two decades and that we need significant increases in production in April if we are to have any chance of replenishing these stocks.
- Our experts say there needs to be an increase of 2- 2.5 million barrels per day. Is that consistent with your analysis?
- I am very concerned that several OPEC countries may only supporting small increases in April. To reach consensus within OPEC, they may even agree to an increase as small as 1 million barrels a day.
- We do not believe this would provide adequate supply and would certainly not reduce the current high prices, which will hurt, not only our economy, but the economies of Asia and the developing world.
- That is why I would urge you to keep the pressure on OPEC governments to increase production in the second quarter.
- I would also urge that, if OPEC's increases are under 2 million barrels per day, Norway increase its own production. I believe that Mexico may do the same.
- I appreciate and support your efforts. Let me know if there is any way in which we can help you.

Draft Talking points for Venezuelan President Chavez

- We appreciate how well our two countries have been able to work on the issue of oil supply.
- We appreciate the news we are hearing that Venezuela supports increases in OPEC oil production in April.
- We understand the need to build consensus in OPEC prior to the March 27 meeting and are pleased that Venezuela is taking the lead in this effort.
- Our analysis shows that the increase needed is 2-2.5 million barrels per day beginning in April. A smaller increase – or one spread out over a long period – will not be enough.
- I understand that you want to calibrate production increases so that the price of oil not drop precipitously. None of us wants to see prices fall as they did in 1998.
- However, we believe that demand for crude oil in the second quarter will remain strong and that prices will not fall too fast if production is raised by 2-2.5 million barrels per day.
- This is a view that is shared by most of the world's oil consuming nations. France, India, IEA and the EU have all made statements expressing this concern.
- Will you advocate for at least a 2 million barrels per day increase?
- We greatly appreciate your willingness to work with us on this. I will send Secretary Richardson to Venezuela next week to follow up on this conversation.

Draft Talking points for the Emir of Kuwait

- Kuwait is an important friend and ally of the United States.
- We greatly value our strong relationship.
- I need to raise with you an issue of great importance that will affect the continued health of the U.S. economy.
- I know your government is currently considering its support increased oil production at the OPEC meeting on March 27.
- I understand and appreciate that none of us want to see prices as low as they were a year ago, when the Kuwaiti economy was devastated.
- However, our analysis shows that world oil stocks are at their lowest level in over a decade and that we need significant increases in production in April if we are to have any chance of replenishing these stocks.
- This is a view that is shared by most of the world's oil consuming nations. France, India, the IEA and the EU have all made statements expressing this concern.
- Our analysts say that to avoid damage to the world economy, there needs to be an increase of at least 2-2.5 million barrels per day.
- Can I count on you to support an increase of at least 2 million barrels per day?
- I appreciate your willingness to work with us on this. Secretary Richardson will be in contact with Minister Sheikh Saud next week to follow up on this.

Talking points for Zedillo

- I appreciate all the work that Mexico has done with respect to the current situation in the oil market. You are supporting the right decision – a 2.5 million barrel per day increase in production in April.
- You and Secretary Tellez should be commended for your leadership. I know that domestically and internationally you have received criticism, but you are doing the right thing.
- I am very concerned, however, that Saudi Arabia and Venezuela may support only small increases in April. To reach an OPEC consensus, they may even agree to an increase as small as 1 million barrels a day.
- As your own analysis shows, this increase will not be enough to replenish depleted world stocks, which are now at their lowest levels in over a decade. And continued high prices – or even higher prices – are bad for the global economy.
- That is why I would urge you to keep the pressure on OPEC governments to increase production in the second quarter.
- I would also urge that Mexico, with Norway if possible, increase its own production if OPEC's increases are too small. I know that you have already had discussions along these lines with the Norwegians.
- I also want to share with you the latest information from our oil experts. Our analysts predict that the United States will not have enough crude oil **this month** to meet gasoline demands in April and May. As a result, US gasoline prices may continue to rise.
- For this reason, I am asking that you increase your own production as soon as you can. I understand that you may be compelled to keep production down this month, but I would urge you to increase supply to U.S. markets as soon as you are able.
- I appreciate and support your efforts. Let me know if there is any way in which we can help you.

Talking points for Obasanjo

- Today, I need to discuss with you our concern over the level of crude oil supplies on the world market.
- I know your government is currently considering whether to support increased oil production at the OPEC meeting on March 27.
- Our own analysis shows that world oil stocks are at their lowest level in over a decade and that we need significant increases in production in April if we are to have any chance of replenishing these stocks.
- We believe that production needs to be raised by 2-2.5 million barrels per day. A smaller increase – or one spread out over a long period – will not be enough. Is that consistent with your analysis?
- I appreciate that you do not want the price of oil not drop precipitously. None of us wants to see prices fall as they did in 1998. I know low prices were devastating for your economy.
- However, we believe that demand for crude oil in the second quarter will remain strong and that prices will not fall too fast if production is raised by 2-2.5 million barrels per day.
- This is a view that is shared by most of the world's oil consuming nations. France, India, the IEA and the EU have all made statements expressing this concern.
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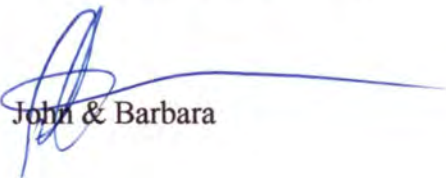
It was an absolute pleasure to meet you on Mother's Day.

Thank you for your concerns and suggestions on the letter, as well as shortening the name. I hope that you like the shorter version. As soon as we can get funded we will open the website and file the 501C3 status.

Today I received a call from Good Morning America. They want us at the White House possibly as soon as Monday, May 17th, and hopefully this will get to President Clinton before then so he will at least have time to review this information.

Thank you for your help. We know that with your help we can make a difference in preventing these tragedies.

With love and good wishes,



John & Barbara

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President Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

May 10th, 1999

Dear President Clinton

We need your consideration, support, strength and the humanitarian dedication of a person like yourself to endorse and support our foundation. Stop Our Shootings Foundation (formerly The Shanelle Foundation) consists of several aspects that are focused on saving children's lives and preventing families from experiencing that devastating psychological and emotional disaster, as when a parent hears those words, "YOUR CHILD'S BEEN SHOT"! You have shown the country your tremendous concern about this issue by simply requiring your Federal Agents to secure their guns with Trigger Locks and all new guns to be sold with a security system!

STOP OUR SHOOTINGS FOUNDATION intends to donate a tamper proof security system for firearms to families with unsecured guns in the home; financial and emotional support for victims of shootings; and educational programs THAT WORK, where victims can teach the real dangers of playing with guns! Our goal is to prevent unintentional and intentional shootings like ours and the tragedies in Arkansas, Greensboro, Jonesboro, and now in Littleton.

Our daughter Shanelle was unintentionally shot in the head with a Federal Agent's gun by her 13-year old girlfriend in July 1997. The gun was an unsecured, loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol belonging to a Criminal Investigator working for the Department of Defense. He left the pistol in an unlocked briefcase sitting on the floor in the middle of the house in "super safe" Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, where my daughter had stayed the night. The event that took place that day has undoubtedly changed the lives of our family forever, as I'm sure you understand these types of events often do. With lots of prayers our daughter Shanelle, thank God, survived! After several months of frustration trying to make sense of it, Shanelle was asked to speak to some schools here in Orange County. The response was overwhelming and very positive. The impact that Shanelle made on the kids was incredible as they listened in stunned silence! For the first time we sensed a positive event emerge from a near tragedy, as schoolchildren realized the real dangers of guns in Shanelle's lesson. We found that sharing the experience is great therapy for any child who is a victim of gun violence.

As we have become more involved with this issue of kids shooting kids, we realize a lot of work still needs to be done. We have found that trigger locks don't always stop guns from being fired, even when they are properly installed. They can also be easily removed by an unauthorized user.

We need a "Fool Proof" system to secure guns!

Stop Our Shootings Foundation endorses a revolutionary product that received the Geneva, Switzerland Award in 1994 called 'Tri-Best Security System for Firearms' because it secures a

firearm internally. Even if the firearm is stolen, the Tri-Best Security System cannot be removed from the firearm! With our extensive research compiled over the last few years, we are positive we have an educational program that works supported by a product that answers all the concerns of firearm safety.

After Hollywood has made billions of dollars with movies showing kids "the bigger the gun, the more you kill, the bigger the Hero you are!" we see the importance of showing kids what REALLY HAPPENS when you pick up a gun and play with it. Video games are a tremendously realistic way for children to playfully aim a gun and blow people to pieces as blood splatters everywhere! It's time to take a stand and say, "Enough is enough"! Through our Foundation we can educate our society and secure the guns in the homes of children throughout the United States with systems that are tested and certified for firearms to completely prevent it from happening in the first place. ***Even aspirin are sold with locking caps!***

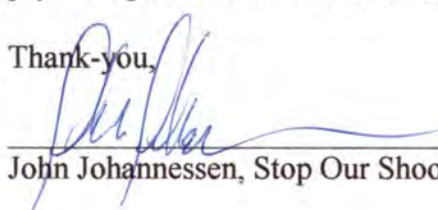
UNITED STATES STATISTICS SHOW THAT 13 CHILDREN A DAY ARE ACCIDENTALLY AND INTENTIONALLY KILLED. MANY MORE WHO SURVIVED HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY DISFIGURED!

Mr. President, I have dedicated my life to preventing such tragedies because of the tremendous family destruction that follows. We're wasting our time pushing legislation for inferior trigger locks and need help to launch our Foundation so we can provide people with a security system that works. Would you please support this Foundation and join with us and the following organizations and individuals, together in helping us to try to put an end to these senseless tragedies:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense -- Cheryl J. Roby, Acting Deputy
United States Department of Education -- William Modzeleski, Director, *Safe & drug Free Schools Program*
City of Los Angeles -- Mayor Richard J. Riordan
City of Anaheim, California -- Mayor Tom Dailey
City of Costa Mesa, California -- Mayor Peter Buffa
Venado Middle School, Irvine, California -- Julie Michelle, Principal
Court TV, New York, NY -- Monica Seale, Associate Producer, *Your Turn*
ABC KNXV-TV, Phoenix, AZ -- Paul Joncich, Anchor
Cosgrove Meurer Productions, Burbank, CA -- Fran Weinberg, Producer, *You Be The Judge*
Maury Povich -- Monica Joseph, Assoc. Producer, *Kids & Guns*
Leeza, *Teens Beating the Odds*
EXTRA -- Phil Shuman, Correspondent, *Unintentional Shootings and Justice*
KFI AM 640 Talk Radio, Bill Handle Show -- Michelle Kube, Exec. Producer, *Kids & Guns*
Saddleback Valley College -- Dawn Kamber, KSBR News Director, *Unintentional Shootings*
Orange County Sheriff's Department -- William Francis, Lieutenant, *Medal of Valor*
CBS 2 News -- Judd McIlvain, News Correspondent, *Special Assignment - Two Teenage Kids and a Federal Officers Gun*

Now, as we desperately seek out the answers, please join with us with support and any suggestions, so we can move forward preventing families from experiencing a devastating psychological and emotional disaster because another child has been shot.

Thank-you,



John Johannessen, Stop Our Shootings Foundation

Stop Our Shootings Foundation

MISSION & PURPOSE STATEMENT:

*For the Prevention of Unintentional Shootings
through Education & Security Systems for Guns*

1. To allow victims to educate children through the schools across America, everything about the real dangers of playing with guns, with a tested and proven system that works.
2. To provide, free of charge, a tested, certified security systems for guns to people who have children in the home.
3. To provide financial assistance and counseling to victims and their families that are involved with shootings.
4. To create Federal Laws that make all gun owners responsible for their weapons.
5. To limit the age to 21 and under, prohibiting the use of violent video games and the use and /or sale of weapons.
6. To provide a web-site for the victims across America to express their grief and concerns and provide a face with all the names of all the children who were shot; to use as an educational tool to teach the children in the schools and homes about the real dangers of playing with guns.

Blazing trail—Commuters create rivers of light that appear to flow from the sky on a recent night along the San Joaquin Hills tollway in a time-exposure image.

MISSION VIEJO

Girl, 12, Shot in Face by Friend Goes Home

After spending nearly two weeks in the hospital recovering from a gunshot to the face, 12-year-old Shanelle Johannessen returned home on Wednesday, relatives said.

Though the girl still has her jaw wired shut from her extensive surgery, she has been able to mumble a few words, her father, John Johannessen, said.

Doctors have told Johannessen that she will not be able to eat solid food for at least nine months, since they fear that any chewing motions could damage her fragile jaw. Her lower jaw was shattered by the single bullet.

"She can walk around pretty good and is so happy to be home," her father said.

Shanelle Johannessen was shot July 19 while she was visiting her friend's house in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Authorities said the girl's friend found the weapon in the house and when she attempted to show it to Shanelle, the gun fired, sending a bullet below her left

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ear and through her right cheek.

John Johannessen said they have not been in direct contact with the other family. Charges have not been filed in the case.

—LORENZA MUÑOZ

LAGUNA HILLS

In-Flight Medical Technology Tested

Airline passengers suffering in-flight medical emergencies may soon be just a phone call away from immediate help because of a revolutionary new technology tested Thursday at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center.

In a first-ever simulation, vital signs and photographic images from an American Airlines passenger on a flight from Los Angeles to Chicago were transmitted instantaneously by phone

line to emergency-room doctors in Laguna Hills.

With the immediate medical information, doctors will be able to treat patients in flight.

The tests prove doctors "can do the same thing at 30,000 feet that we can do on the ground," Saddleback Memorial's Dr. Wesley Fields said.

With the help of a seatback cellular phone, a portable patient monitor sends critical medical information, such as blood pressure and heart rates, to the emergency room. A laptop computer and camera also are patched through the cellular line, so the patient and doctor can talk or communicate through electronic messages.

Known as "telemedicine," the technology was developed nearly two years ago by Kevin Montgomery of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,

Dr. Alex Gandsas, a Michigan surgeon, and George Migliarini, a computer expert at Saddleback Memorial.

Airline officials say in-flight medical emergencies are not unusual. American Airlines diverted 157 flights in 1995 for medical reasons. Doctors said most emergencies involve passengers with heart or breathing problems.

Fields said there are no immediate plans for airplanes to use the technology because many legal and logistical issues remain unresolved.

—KIMBERLY BROWER

LAKE FOREST

1-Year Renewal Likely for Animal Shelter

The City Council has been urged by staff to extend its

animal control contract with Orange County for at least one more year when the issue comes up for approval Tuesday.

But that could change next year if costs increase.

"At this point, [renewal of the \$95,000 contract] is the better business decision," City Manager Robert C. Dunek said. "But we are going to monitor the situation based on what other cities are doing."

With the proposed expansion of Theo Lacey jail in Orange, the animal shelter would be forced to move.

City officials say subscriber cities may be required to pitch in for the cost of a new county shelter.

Lake Forest has the option of contracting with shelters in Mission Viejo and Irvine.

The 7 p.m. meeting will take place at City Hall, 23161 Lake Center Drive.

Information: (714) 461-3400.

—FRANK MESSINA

School Items Sought for Battered Kids

The Child Abuse Prevention Center of Orange County and other organizations are collecting school supplies for neglected and battered children through Aug. 21.

Items needed include crayons, notebooks, pens, highlighters, paper dictionaries in Span-

COUNTYWIDE

• Premier Health, 150 Avenida Cabrillo, San Clemente. (714) 492-7488.

• Create A Party Rental, 2812

ment does not require the city to lease or resell the land to the troupe.

However, a city would have

take such action in this case.

Once the city purchases the land, it could transfer ownership to the ballet company in exchange for not having to pay back the loan, according to Jones-Helper.

The City Council, acting as the

NORTH

FULLERTON

State Funds Sought for New Building

The Fullerton School District is applying for state funds to help

Adults won't face gun charges in girl's accidental shooting

COURTS: The District Attorney's Office says it cannot prove gross negligence.

By JOHN McDONALD
and ALESSANDRA DJURKLOU
The Orange County Register

No charges will be filed against the owner of a 9 mm pistol that a 13-year-old Rancho Santa Margarita girl used to shoot her friend, the District Attorney's Office said Tuesday.

The July 18 shooting of Shanelle Johannessen, 12, was ruled accidental because her friend thought the gun wasn't loaded when she pointed it at Shanelle. The District Attorney's Office concluded that neither the 13-year-old's mother nor her fiancé, Eric Braun — the gun's owner — could be charged under a 1992 law that requires guns be stored so they are inaccessible to children.

"We could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the (couple) behaved in a grossly negligent manner," Deputy District Attorney Bruce Patterson said.

John Johannessen, whose daughter needed reconstructive jaw surgery after the shooting, was livid after learning of the decision.

"I can't believe it," he said. "I'm surprised that this is how the district attorney takes care of our little children."

Braun, 30, who works for Defense Criminal Investigative Services in Mission Viejo, is authorized to carry a gun. At the time of the shooting, the briefcase containing the gun was in an unoccupied bedroom, where there was no expectation the youngster would find it, Patterson said.

"The briefcase was equipped with a combination lock, but the girl said it was unlocked when she found it," he said.

The 13-year-old had been warned about the gun's dangers, he added.

Penal code 12035, The CHILDREN'S FIREARM PREVENTION ACT, a law enacted in 1992.

12035. (a) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Locking device" means a device that is designed to prevent the firearm from functioning and when applied to the firearm, renders the firearm inoperable.

(2) "Loaded firearm" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision (g) of Section 12031.

(3) "Child" means a person under 16 years of age.

(4) "Great bodily injury" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 12022.7. (5) "Locked container" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision (d) of Section 12026.2.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a person commits the crime of "criminal storage of a firearm of the first degree" if he or she keeps any loaded firearm within any premise which is under his or her custody or control and he or she knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby causes death or great bodily injury to himself, herself, or any other person.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a person commits the crime of "criminal storage of a firearm of the second degree" if he or she keeps any loaded firearm within any premise which is under his or her custody or control and he or she knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby causes injury, other than great bodily injury, to himself, herself, or any other person, or carries the firearm either to a public place or in violation of Section 417.









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6000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-6000

December 2, 1997



Mr. & Mrs. John Johannessen
28271 Glenbrook
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Johannessen:

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 1997, to President Clinton concerning locking devices on federal firearms. As the head of the office responsible for firearm safety within the Department of Defense, I have been asked to reply to your correspondence. I was touched by your letter and the personal tragedy you have experienced. I was encouraged by your recognition that the President has taken positive steps to ensure weapons issued to federal agents are secure at all times.

In furtherance of the President's direction, this Department requires a trigger lock on all weapons stored outside armories. I know that directives are only as good as the people who employ the procedures. Safety is continuously stressed to prevent incidents such as the one which involved your daughter, Shanelle.

Please accept my best wishes that your daughter continues to experience a complete and full recovery.

Sincerely,

Cheryl J. Roby
Acting

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Intelligence and Security)





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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

RICHARD J. RIORDAN
MAYOR

November 4, 1998

John and Diane Johannessen
PO Box 80271
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johannessen:

I extend my appreciation and commend you and your family for having the courage to share your daughter, Shanelle's tragic story with others to bring forth an important message about guns and young people. I admire Shanelle's bravery in turning her terrible experience into a positive and educational one for her peers.

As you may know, creating a livable environment along with public safety is one of the principal goals of my administration. There is definitely a great need to educate youth about the real dangers of guns.

Once again, I commend you and your family's hard work and dedication to promote non-violence to young people.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Riordan
Mayor

RJR:ap





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. and Mrs. John Johannessen
P.O. Box 80271
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

OCT 30 1998

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johannessen:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Riley concerning your violence prevention efforts through the Shanelle Foundation.

The prevention of youth violence remains a high priority for both President Clinton and the Secretary. As you may be aware, on October 15, 1998, the President held the White House Conference on School Safety as a way to explore new solutions to the problem of youth violence. The conference was designed to build on the existing body of knowledge about young people and violent behavior, share best practices and model programs, and develop strategies to put these models in place in our Nation's schools and communities.

At this conference President Clinton announced a series of new initiatives designed to address many of the problems that schools and communities may face in the creation of safe environments for our youth. Specifically, he proposed:

- (1) A \$12 million School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV) program that will enable the Federal government to help local communities respond to school-related violent deaths;
- (2) A new \$65 million initiative to hire up to 2,000 community police and school resource officers to work in schools with serious crime problems, and to train police, educators and others to help recognize the early warning signs of violence;
- (3) Plans to reform the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program that will be require schools to adopt more rigorous, comprehensive school safety plans, and
- (4) A \$25 million Safe Schools-Safe Communities initiative designed to help 10 communities develop and implement a coordinated, comprehensive response to school safety.

The President also announced a partnership with MTV to engage youth in solutions to violence. Beginning in 1999, MTV will launch a yearlong media campaign -- "Fight For Your Rights: Take A Stand Against Youth Violence" -- designed to give youth a voice in the national debate on youth violence.

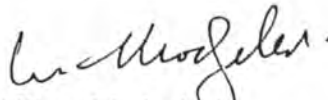
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As you can see, President Clinton and Secretary Riley are strongly committed to helping schools and communities effectively address the problem of youth violence. We cannot achieve our National Education Goals or ensure the ability of our youth to succeed in their lives unless we first make schools and neighborhoods safe places. Children with a chance to learn and grow in a safe environment will help strengthen and enrich our families, neighborhoods, and communities, and I commend your efforts and wish the Shanelle Foundation every success in helping others understand the dangers of gun violence.

To be exempt from federal income tax, an organization must be described in one of the sections of the Internal Revenue Code providing for exemption. For more information, you may wish to download the publication *Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization* at the Internal Revenue Service webpage at www.irs.gov.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 260-3954, or visit us on the Internet at www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS.

Sincerely,



William Modzeleski
Director, Safe and Drug-Free
Schools Program



CITY OF ANAHEIM

Office of the Mayor

October 27, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. John Johannessen
The Shanelle Foundation
P. O. Box 80271
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johannessen:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your daughter's most unfortunate encounter with a gun.

The positive response she has received from other youth about her experience is very encouraging. I agree that education is the key to prevention of gun violence, and I applaud your on-going commitment to extend your message to young people throughout the nation.

Best of luck with The Shanelle Foundation for the prevention of unintentional shootings.

Sincerely,

Tom Daly
Mayor



CITY OF COSTA MESA

CALIFORNIA 92628-1200 P. O. BOX 1200

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 2, 1998

John and Diane Johannessen
The Shanelle Foundation
P. O. Box 80271
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Johannessen:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding your proposed foundation. From the information in your letter, I understand that your daughter Shanelle was the victim of an unintentional shooting at a friend's house. It was a blessing that she survived and now chooses to share her experience with her peers.

On behalf of the Costa Mesa City Council, I certainly support your efforts to educate school children on the dangers of handling guns. Good luck with your foundation.

Regards,

Peter Buffa
Mayor of Costa Mesa

/jc



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Presented to

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In recognition for your work and dedication to non-violence in Orange County

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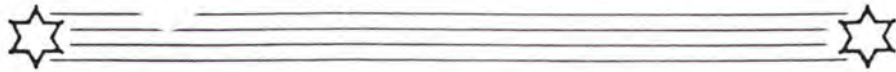
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JOHANNESSEN**

FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO
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ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN.

Mary Leigh Blek
Chair



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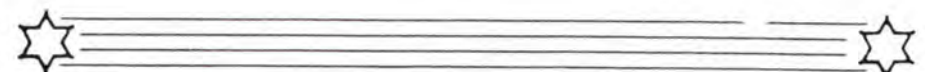


JIM SLIKKER

Born and raised in Southern California, Jim graduated from Costa Mesa High School in 1981, where he excelled in water polo, wrestling and track. He later attended Golden West College and majored in Police Science.

Jim joined the Sheriff's Department in 1984 and has worked in Corrections, North Patrol and later South Patrol, where he is currently assigned. He is a member of the Sheriff's Department's Dive Team and has received several letters of appreciation for the many rescues and underwater searches he has been involved in. Jim's goals are to join the Sheriff's Department's Gang Detail, then eventually promote to investigator and one day become a sergeant.

He currently resides in Mission Viejo with his wife, Cathy, and their 5 year old son, Andrew. Jim enjoys scuba diving, spear fishing, weight lifting and riding his motorcycle in the desert.



DEPUTY JIM SLIKKER

Saved the Life of a 12 Year Old Gunshot Victim

On July 18, 1997, Deputy Slikker was dispatched to the scene of an accidental shooting in the community of Rancho Santa Margarita. Upon arrival, he found a 12 year old girl covered in blood, lying on the bed in the master bedroom. She had been accidentally shot in the neck by a friend who was playing with a large caliber handgun. Deputy Slikker immediately rendered assistance to the child by applying direct pressure to both sides of her neck with his hands in order to cover the gaping wound she suffered from the gunshot.

During the time it took for fire units to arrive, he spoke to the victim and her hysterical girlfriend in a calm and calculating manner. Deputy Slikker was successful in stopping the profuse bleeding and continued to turn the child's head to the side allowing blood to exit her mouth to alleviate choking. When paramedics arrived, he continued applying direct pressure to her wounds while they administered an I-V and stabilized her vital signs.

During the incident, the young girl looked directly into the deputy's eyes and asked, "Am I going to die?" This may have shaken even the most experienced veteran. Deputy Slikker, however, kept his cool and calmly told her she would be fine and instructed her to keep breathing slowly and remain calm.

Paramedics later stated Deputy Slikker's fast response time and quick and decisive actions were the major reasons she survived. He most assuredly saved her from bleeding to death.



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Dear John Johannessen:

9-3-98

KSBR appreciates you, your wife Diane, and daughter Shanelle, for sharing your story about the unintentional shooting of Shanelle.

I know it was a tough ordeal your family experienced. But it was kind of your family to share with listeners your experiences, so hopefully they won't endure the same troubles.

Several listeners had phoned following the program to compliment you on being courageous in sharing the story, and for wanting to do more with the Shanelle Foundation.

With the numbers of unintentional shootings among kids rising in the nation, I can see how your organization can help educate kids to desire to stay away from guns, and for adults to lock them up.

I hope you're successful in getting the Foundation off the ground. Please keep me updated.

I look forward to doing a yearly show on unintentional shootings, to air near the anniversary of Shanelle's shooting. I have already put that down on my 1999 calendar.

Thanks again for the half hour show.

Sincerely,

Dawn Kamber
KSBR News

John Johannesse
Phoenix, AZ.



Dear John,

All of us at News 15 want to thank you and your family for helping us put together our Kids and Guns story.

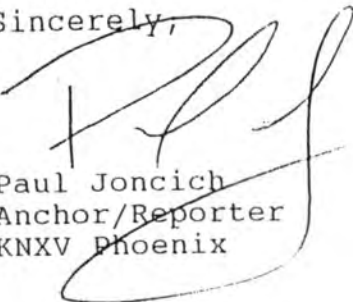
Shanelle's close call with death - may give other children life.

It takes courage for a father to talk about the feelings that come with almost losing a daughter. Thank you for doing that.

I'm returning the two video tapes you loaned us, and I've included a copy of our Kids and Guns story that aired February 23rd. We receive a large amount of positive feedback about the story. You really helped get the message across.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,



Paul Joncich
Anchor/Reporter
KNXV Phoenix

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4/20/98

Mr. John Johannessen
28271 Glenbrook
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Dear John:

As I am moving on from the current project, I wanted to return all the materials you so generously provided for our use. Please find enclosed both audio tapes of the 911 calls, your lovely photos of Shanelle, the hospital colored xeroxes and modelling shots, xeroxes of the crime scene evidence and newspaper articles (I photocopied them for our files).

It was great to have access to them for a riveting anti-gun segment. As it now stands, the show, "You Be The Judge" is slated to air on NBC this Fall. I will leave your number on the contact list for those to be given an airdate. But if you don't hear from someone, call in on the 800 number and ask for an airdate for "You Be The Judge". Tell them your daughter is featured in the piece. The number is 1-800-421-4519.

It has been my pleasure to get to know you and learn Shanelle's story. Thanks again for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Fran Weinberg
Segment Producer

April 15, 1998

Mr. John Jonanassen:

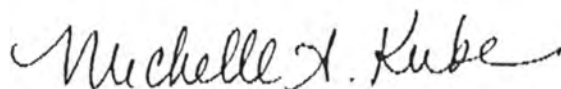
I'm not sure if you'll remember me, but I hope so. My name is Michelle Kube, Executive Producer of KFI Radio in Los Angeles, and Producer of the Bill Handel Show. We spoke last July soon after the accident that happened to your daughter. I am writing you now, because I saw an article in the O.C. Register last week about your daughter Shanelle speaking at some schools in the Orange County area regarding her experience. I admire her bravery in bringing the most important message about guns to light to young people, and I'm hoping to extend that message to the million people that listen to us each week. In the wake of the Jonesboro, Arkansas shootings, the topics of kids and guns seems to be in the forefront of everyone's mind. Whether accidental or intentional shootings, the issue of a child's access to guns in the home is the same.

I am hoping that the three of you will consider appearing on Bill's show together to share your experience, along with the very emotional 911 call, so that we can try to prevent this from happening again to someone else, and to let parents know that they need to be responsible, even more so if they consider keeping a gun in a home with children.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you may give this.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns

Sincerely,



Michelle A. Kube
Executive Producer
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Phil Shuman
Correspondent

June 2 1998

Dear Sharice

Thanks to you and your Mom
and Dad for sharing your story with us
at EXTRA and with our audience.

Your work and your courage
in speaking out will definitely save
lives. Not many of us can
have such an impact ... congratulations
on taking something terrible and
making something good happen.

Sincerely,

Phil Shuman

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May 18, 1998

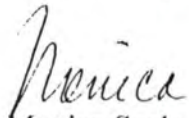
Mr. John Johannessen
The Shanelle Foundation for the Prevention of Unintentional Shootings
28271 Glenbrook
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Dear John,

Thanks so much for your help, time and sharing Shanelle's story with me. I can tell you that her appearance on *Your Turn* made a difference. I've enclosed the materials you sent me, except the tape recording of the 911 call.

Hope all goes well with *Extra*, and we will forward a VHS copy of the show once it airs in late June. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 212-973-7921.

Sincerest regards,



Monica Seale

Associate Producer, *Your Turn*

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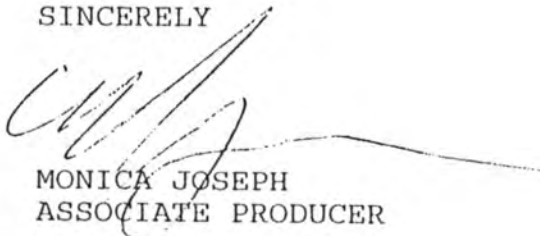
DEAR JOHANESSENS,

LET ME START BY SAYING I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOUR FAMILY ON OUR SHOW FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT TOPIC. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU MR. JOHANESSEN ALONG WITH YOUR WIFE DIANE AND OF COURSE SHANELLE THAT YOUR TRIP HERE TO THE "MAURY POVICH SHOW" WILL BRING ABSOULUTELY NO SURPRISES.

AFTER AFTER DISCUSSING THE EVENTS THAT HAVE UNFOLDED IN REFERENCE TO SHANELLE'S ACCIDENT WE BOTH AGREE THAT INVITING THE CURTIS'S TO BE ON THE SAME SHOW WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL OR HELP CONVEY THE MESSAGE WE ARE TRYING TO GET ACROSS IN THIS SHOW.

I HOPE THIS LETTER WILL PUT US IN TOTAL UNDERSTANDING WITH EACHOTHER, AND PLEASE LET SHANELLE KNOW THAT NEW YORK IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING HER AS MUCH AS SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING HERE.

SINCERELY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Joseph", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MONICA JOSEPH
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER





May 27, 1998

Diane and Shanelle Johannessen
28271 Glenbrook
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Dear Diane and Shanelle,

You have our heartfelt thanks for joining us on the program to share your incredible story. We really appreciate your contribution. Thanks so much and take good care.

All the best,

Leeza





Shanelle Johannessen
3 Via Yortuga
RSM, CA 92688

July 22nd, 1998

Dear Shanelle

Thank you very much for going on *KidsTalk Live*, Children and Guns. The show was a great hit because of you.

When people see what, you went through and how an accident like this can happen to innocent children, hopefully this will give parent's moors of an impacted as to keeping their guns in a safe place, or as, Mark Warschaw said, teach your children about guns. What guns really are and how dangerous they are?

I hope your Foundation is going well, we at *KidsTalk* commend you and wish you all the very best on what you are doing for other children.

If I can be of any help to you, just give me a call and I will do whatever I can. It was a wonderful experience meeting you and thanks for being part of *KidsTalk*.

With Love •

Ninon de Vere De Rosa.

Enclosure



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From: dnoble@cpsc.gov <dnoble@cpsc.gov>
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pgilbert@cpsc.gov <pgilbert@cpsc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 06, 1998 2:21 PM
Subject: Your August 6, 1998 email message to CPSC

Dear Mr. Johannessen:

Thank you for your August 6, 1998 message. The July 18, 1997 incident, as described in your message, certainly demonstrates the necessity for parents and caregivers to keep any firearms stored in their residence in a safe and secure location and away from any unsupervised access by children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is mandated by Congress to have jurisdiction over more than 15,000 types of products to ensure that they do not present an unreasonable risk of injury or death to consumers. Congress also specifically prohibited action on our agency's part to address potential hazards with firearms as well as with food, drugs, cosmetics and tobacco products.

Therefore, you may want to consider contacting the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) within the Department of the Treasury and bring to that organization's attention the work of the Shanelle Foundation. General inquiries can be sent via email to:

atfmail@atfhq.atf.treas.gov

or addressed through a letter to the following address:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Office of Liaison and Public Information
650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.
Room 8290
Washington, DC 20226

This and other information about BATF can be found on their web site at www.atf.treas.gov

Thank you again for contacting us and sharing this account of a near tragedy to Shanelle and her family and actions she is taking to warn other young people about the potential hazards of firearms.

Cordially,

Douglas L. Noble
Assistant Executive Director for Information Services
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

From: Kurt Knutsson <kurt@cyberguy.com>
To: Shanelle <pop@mail.shanelle.org.criticalpath.net>
Date: Thursday, July 30, 1998 12:11 AM
Subject: RE:

Hi Shanelle--

Our phones rang off the hook about your story here at ktla5.

People really appreciated you sharing your experience from a year ago to now.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us about it.

Take good care,

Kurt
CyberGuy
ktla5/cyberguy tv

CyberGuy, Kurt Knutsson, brings the Internet to life on TV. Based at KTLA-TV Los Angeles, the CyberGuy syndicated TV news features currently reach into nearly 35% of US broadcast TV households. Led by an Emmy Award-winning team, the reports air as part of a local newscast 3 times weekly. More info is found at <http://www.cyberguy.com>

Kurt is called on by Entertainment Tonight, EXTRA, Leeza, CNN, the BBC and other national programs. Kurt is quoted by Associated Press for his experience with the Internet and technology. Catch his monthly columns in print publications including Detour Magazine.

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From: Patricia Guinn <bondman007@earthlink.net>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Thursday, July 09, 1998 11:00 PM
Subject: Getting GUNS away form kids

Hi. One year ago I was shot with a Windstor 1 Ounce Shotgun shell in the hand. I almost lost my hand. Now I am hear to hlep you take guns out of the hands of kids and into the hands of Pros. I think GUNS should all be burned. I tired to do what you are doing but all that happend is that people laguhed at me. Now I am turning to you. Togther we can help save lives.

RW GUINN
E-mail me when you get this
bondman007@earthlnik.net

From: Thomas J. O'Toole <tjotoole@bit-net.com>
To: friend@shanelle.org <friend@shanelle.org>
Date: Thursday, June 25, 1998 4:39 PM
Subject: Nice site

Hello,

First let me say I'm sorry your family has been put through this ordeal, I hope Shanelle has fully recovered, God was surely watching over her that morning.

I've been browsing your website with interest as it develops. I can't remember how I found it, possibly on a firearms related mailing list, my first thought was ohh geez another Sarah Brady/HCI organization. But I'm glad to see you acknowledge that guns have their place, or at least not making this a 2nd Amendment issue. I carry a handgun daily for self defense, but I'm sickened whenever a child is injured through an owner's negligence, not only is a child's life destroyed or at the least severely disrupted, but it gives the gun control advocates more power.

I'm not a fan of trigger locks because I view them as dangerous, the installation of the trigger lock on a loaded gun can cause the gun to go off. I think a more substantial storage device, even a firesafe from SENTRY will work better. What works best even if guns are not in the home is instilling a healthy respect, you don't want your kids playing with a circular saw either right? Well thats just as dangerous in my opinion. The main focus of the Eddie the Eagle program seems to work great with kids, and I'm glad you have it on your page, but controlling access by children is even better.

I'm only 25 years old, I grew up in a gunfree household, but many of my friends did not. BUT I respected them(guns) enough to avoid when possible and the parents were responisble enough to teach their kids not to go near them when they weren't around. The trick is to demystify guns. If my friends wanted to show me a gun they would have their parents permission and their parents would be observing. I know of some owners who have their kids help them clean their weapons after a hunting trip or trip to the range, this demystifys the gun and teaches safe gun handling from an early age. Also the kids knew that all they had to do was ASK Mom or Dad if they could see the gun and Mom or Dad would show it to them, always stressing safe gun handling. It's when it's kept in the bedside table or in a closet and is a "secret" THATs when guns become the most dangerous.

When more information about the Foundation is posted I may become a full supporter, fo now I wish Shanelle well and hope she is doing better.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. O'Toole - Certified Flight Instructor

<http://www.bit-net.com/~tjotoole>

Owner - Av8r Images

http://www.bit-net.com/~tjotoole/photos_new.htm

From: jay bennett <network@fea.net>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Wednesday, June 03, 1998 7:17 PM
Subject: wishing you well

dear shanelle, 6/3/98
we wanted to write a note of encouragement, in your commitment to share
your powerful story, with kids about the dangers of playing with guns.
today with more kids your age purposely shooting there fellow students
there is a great need for your experience and dramatic story to educate
others on being responsible with guns. keep sharing your story!!!
our little girl who is 5 yrs. old is also named shanelle. we read your
story in the times and she reminded me when we were in my office to send
you an e-mail.
i know as a family you have to be very thankful on shanelle's recovery.
our family wishes your family the best and God bless.
sincerely, jay, siw, shanelle, & keane

9/4/98

From: Chris <llchris@earthlink.net>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Sunday, August 30, 1998 4:32 PM
Subject: Guns

I appreciate what you are doing and wish you luck, although hard work is what counts. I can support your idea 100% and I have always been responsible with my guns. But I can't support any more legislation, we have too much now.

I have two daughters who really enjoy shooting, and that is part of what taught them about the danger of guns and what they can do. Something mysterious is often dangerous. Many disagree about methods but the goal is the same. If one person is saved by your efforts that would be wonderful, and I'm sure this web page alone can make a difference.

My youngest daughter goes to Thurston High School. She will be a Junior this year. She has only been back to the cafeteria once since the shooting. She was not directly involved, but it affects us all.

Parents that are responsible are involved with their kids in all aspects of their lives, irresponsible parents are difficult to deal with and new laws can only do so much. I feel such sadness for parents that won't do their job as role models and just being there for their kids. I'm a single father and it's been very hard to do this alone, but it's the best job I have ever had and I'm very proud of my girls.

Chris Lindley
Springfield, Oregon

From: Serina Knight R Knight <WINDYKNIGHTS@prodigy.net>
To: educate@shanelle.org <educate@shanelle.org>
Date: Monday, May 25, 1998 9:22 PM
Subject: shanelle

I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO TAKE THE TIME FOR THIS KIND OF STUFF. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

<http://educate@shanelle.org/html/shanelle.html>

From: EDSPLZ@aol.com <EDSPLZ@aol.com>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 1998 10:58 AM
Subject: hello

I just visited your site. I want to thank you for sharing this with us and our children.

Sincerely,
Ed and sue Yenowine
EDSPLZ@aol.com

From: BeachChk80@aol.com <BeachChk80@aol.com>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 1998 10:35 AM
Subject: hi there!!

dear shanelle,

i am so happy to hear that you are fully recovered! that is so neat that you are brave enough to go to school auditoriums and make your own website about the danger of guns!! i remember hearing about you on TV and it made me sick to think that someone could just pick up a gun and playing with it when they didn't know it was loaded. i know it was an accident but guns are such dangerous things. well, good luck in the future and i again i am so happy for you to have the energy to do the things you do!! i will talk to you later maybe?

bye!
love always,
kristin martin
irvine california

P.S.--write back please

From: Donna Antekeier <fuzzysmom@yahoo.com>

To: friend@shanelle.org <friend@shanelle.org>

Date: Wednesday, July 08, 1998 1:19 PM

Hello...

I saw Shanelle's story on the news this morning and I wanted to say how proud I am of her. I think it is very important that kids know what to do if they see a gun and that they know the consequences of handling guns. I have a six year old daughter whom I'm very protective of and I am always trying to teach her how to handle many, many situations and also what can happen if a situation is mishandled. I also think it is important to fill her life with things of importance and substance not just the Spice Girls and such. I am so glad Shanelle has recovered and I wish her well throughout the rest of her life!

Sincerely,

Donna Antekeier

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From: mauricio Escobar <mauricio@avcomputercenter.com>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 1998 8:58 AM
Subject: Just an average letter from an average guy

Hello I write because I want to thank you for being an image of strength in my life when I had heard what had happened about a year ago I looked at it as just another California day someone gets shoot due to lack of responsibility on someones behalf. As the weeks rolled on I heard more about how you were doing and the details on the incident . I am sorry that you had to go through all that but just like you said on KTLA when you spoke with the cyberguy you felt like the bad had been done to you , so now the good you sowed has now turned into reaping in the form of many new admirers and people who get inspired by your story of determination. I just wanted to thank you. Write back if you ever get a chance .

~Maurice E
Palmdale California

9/4/98

From: Shanelle <pop@mail.shanelle.org>
To: jay bennett <network@fea.net>
Date: Friday, September 04, 1998 8:00 PM
Subject: Re: wishing you well

Dear

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>our little girl who is 5 yrs. old is also named shanelle. we read your
>story in the times and she reminded me when we were in my office to send
>you an e-mail.
>i know as a family you have to be very thankful on shanelle's recovery.
>our family wishes your family the best and God bless.
> sincerely, jay, siw, shanelle, & keane
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9/4/98

From: chris glover <chetco23@hotmail.com>
To: friend@shanelle.org <friend@shanelle.org>
Date: Friday, July 10, 1998 2:01 AM
Subject: From a friend

Hi,

My name is Chris Glover and I am a Fire Fighter in Southern Oregon. I am a Prevention Officer for my Department, and I think that what you are doing is GREAT!!! It is great that you want to educate others from your accident. I saw your story on KTLA tonight. Keep up the good work!!!!

Chris Glover
chetco23@hotmail.com

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From: Michelle Kube <handel@primenet.com>
To: Shanelle <pop@mail.shanelle.org.criticalpath.net>
Date: Sunday, May 10, 1998 11:21 PM
Subject: Re: to Bill and Michelle Kube

Shanelle....

Thank you for coming on the show and telling your story....you really touched a lot of people. I've been getting e-mails and phone calls from people that said they listened to the hour with their kids and they really learned something.

I'm really glad that you have e-mail now website. Bill's on vacation this week, but when he gets back, I'll have him tell everyone over the air where they can get in touch with you.

I'm going to e-mail the people who wrote me about the show to let them know your e-mail as well.

Tell your family I said hello, and I'll keep in touch with you. Remember, knowledge is power and you are empowering people by speaking and sharing the pain that you went through.

All the best.....

Michelle

From: Mark Bottjer <alizhan@nmt.edu>
To: guestbook@shanelle.org <guestbook@shanelle.org>
Date: Monday, May 25, 1998 2:34 PM
Subject: Guest login

Camille Scielzi |
mailto:camille_scielzi@rocketmail.com
<http://www.nmt.edu/~cscielzi> |

Hi Shanelle,

I am a teacher and am having my students in New Mexico do civil rights debates. One of the topics is gun control. I am glad you decided to take action. I always tell my students that history is written by the people who took action, not the ones who didn't.

Camille Scielzi

From: Brian Heffley <webmaster@BandNetwork.com>
To: shanelle@shanelle.org <shanelle@shanelle.org>
Date: Thursday, July 09, 1998 11:06 PM
Subject: to Shanelle

Hey Shanelle,

I saw your interview and story on the news here in L.A. tonight (Thursday) and just wanted you to know that I'm glad you came through alright and I'm glad you're making a good cause for a serious problem.

I'm from Covina, California (close to L.A.), 21 years old, and own a Website company, Webco. I just started a new website last month called www.BandNetwork.com for music groups. Anyhow, I'd like to support your cause if I could. I'd like to get permission from you to make a link on my site to yours, if I could. Hopefully this could help get the message across.

Please let me know how I can help! Have a good day!

Thank you!
-Brian Heffley

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Print Msg

From: NBurt90208@aol.com
Subject: (no subject)
To: shanelle@shanelle.org
Date: Sat, 10 Oct 1998 21:22:44 EDT

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While working on a college class project I stumbled onto your web site! I love what I see and want you to know you are in my prayers, as well as your efforts. I choose the topic of guns and children to do a research/debate topic in my Sociology class. I do not think people who have not experienced the pain of a gun shot wound to themselves or loved one can truly understand the feeling and conviction as we whom have been changed forever by a gun. 4 years ago I held my 12 year old son as he fought for life after being "acidently" shot in the head . To make matters worse it was his own 15 year old brother who pulled the trigger. My son is a walking miracle and doing good. He has been left with a seziure condition but we are not complaining. However, the severe trama his brother endured by this (he loves his brother) plunged him into a deep depression. He became very suicidal and we came very close to losing him also. Praise God, he is better now too but I still 4 years late have not seen the son I had before the shooting. The experience should have never happened but it did. I hate guns and do not want them in my house. I must ask myself though when my children visit others homes "are they safe?" People are so blind sighted. I want to scream out when I hear the statement "my kids no better". My son did too but he made a mistake. I and my husband as parents made a bigger mistake! We allowed my son to have a key to the locked gun closet in case a burgler broke in the house. How stupid! When we built our house the guns (hunting guns) were a big priority for me. I had lost a 10 year old Sunday school student to a gun shot wound and wanted the guns locked up! Out of 4 children he was the only one with a key. I think we need laws to help protect everyone from guns and punishments for those who do not use good sound judgement when owning a gun, I am not sure what this should be but we must do something. I will visit again, and God Bless!

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From: NBurt90208@aol.com
Subject: Re: responding
To: pop@shanelle.org
Date: Mon, 19 Oct 1998 23:40:32 EDT

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Thank you so much for responding. In an odd way it helps to share. The accident is like a "big pink elephant in the kitchen" at my house. Everyone notices it but ignores the fact and NEVER dare speaks of the trauma we all encountered. My family and I live in the "Heart of Dixie"! Needless to say "I hate guns" of any type. In the South much family tradition lies around hunting which makes it more difficult. My son Stephen is 16. He is a very active teenager and loves body building. Stephen was left with a seizure disorder which causes some problems off and on but we are not complaining. He is Great! His scares have healed very good. It was very odd but the way the shell entered was through his nose. (I can hardly stand to type the words, I get goose bumps) He had surgery to remove the shell and then to repair damage to his nose and sinuses. The shell was slowed down by the cartilage (and God) to stop right between the eyes. It did penetrate the membrane layer that protects the brain and his seizures are a result from losing the cranial fluids. He is literally a walking miracle. I hope and pray your daughter is doing good. I did not see in your net page how she has recovered. I am trilled she can speak out to others. She is truly special. This past spring my sister lost her only child in a car accident. She fell asleep coming home from work. I can not imagine how she must feel. I know the utter pain that comes with standing on the edge of life and death with a child but I can not see how I could have endured if things had not worked out the way they did. Please pray for her and her husband. They are so much in pain. They are trying to be brave. I am sorry to type so much. I guess I should send you a fee for listening. Better yet a prayer! Take Care.....NB

Narrow

Dear Shanelle,

Thanks for coming to our school to tell us about guns and about what happened to you. I appreciate you taking the time from your life to talk to people that you don't even know. It must be hard to talk to us about your story because it ^{must} bring up some painful memories, and feel strange sitting up there in front of everybody like that. So I just want to say thanks and if it makes you feel any better I convinced my dad to lock up his gun and hid the bullets away from the gun.

Trisha Peters
Trisha Peters

Dear Shanelle,

I would like to thank you for coming to our class. I think that it is awfully generous of you to take up your time just to share with us. Even though it might have seemed that we weren't listening or even paying attention, I can assure you that we were. Meeting someone who has experienced a tragedy because of gun violence really helps me realize that things like this can happen to you when you least expect it, and change your life forever. Thank you for coming, it means a lot.

Sincerely,

Alina Grant

April 9, 1998

Dear Shanelle and Mrs. Johannessen,

I really appreciate you for coming and talking to us about gun violence. I learned so much from you. For instance, I learned that guns are not cool and if you see a gun you should walk away from it. I consider it a miracle that you survived, and I also consider you very lucky. At home we have 2 handguns. At first I thought they were cool, but now I know they are dangerous. I think you should go around to other schools and tell the students to be gun free. I was watching the news and I heard that you want to be a attorney. I wish you good luck.

Sincerely,
Timmy Choy

April 9, 1998

Dear Shanelle Johannessen,

Go Girl! I'm proud of you for speaking out about gun violence! It is a very unfortunate thing that you have been a victim of a gunshot wound. I wouldn't say a victim of gun violence because it was accidental. You are a beautiful 13 year old girl who has a lot going for her. I would say continue your modeling career until you want to stop to become a lawyer like you said. You can do it, Shanelle! Thank You for coming to Venado to educate us about gun violence. We greatly appreciate it. My father has two guns. One is a rifle from the United States Navy and the other is a starter gun. The BB bullets used in the starter gun can seriously hurt you or kill you if fired from a certain distance. I don't know how many kids know about it, but I've had several kids ask me if they could see the guns. I always change the subject, but before I do, I always say, "Why would you want to put yourself at risk? I wouldn't want to do that to myself and my friend." By speaking out, you have probably prevented a lot of deaths. You should be proud of that!! I have two words to say. GO GIRL!!!

Sincerely,

Alaina Talbot

8th Grader

Dear Shanelle,

4/8/98

12:35 p.m.

It's sad that something like this had to happen to a beautiful young lady like yourself. We all were honored for you to stop by Venado and talk to every student.

You gave me a valuable message about guns now I saw and heard what could happen. It can scar you for life, or even death at the worst. I hope you can come back and visit us again and just hang out with the students of Venado. Hope to meet again and the best of luck. Here's a poem for you.

Take Care of Yourself

Brian

Duffin

Poem: The Message

With her majestic power
and mysterious moods,
Shanelle touched something deep
within our souls.

At times inspires us all, with
her dramatic tale of gun violence.
Other times she soothes our spirits
with soft whispers of pain.

Strong, yet gentle, happy,
yet sad,

she reflects her pain to teens
to avoid the same fate as her.

-End-



Venado Middle School

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Julie Mitchell, Principal • John McKeever, Assistant Principal

April 22, 1998

Dear Shanelle and Mrs. Johannessen,

I want to thank you both again for taking the time to speak to my health students at Venado. I think you'll find from their letters that your presentation had a powerful effect on them.

I appreciate your work in educating us all about guns and gun violence.

Sincerely,

Lee Wallace

P.S. I felt the coverage by OCN, Channel 9 and the Register was both professional and informative. Well done!



VENADO



Val-U-Gram

Dear Shanelle ~

I want to thank you again for taking the time to visit my health classes last week.

Your message is a very important one, and you delivered it well. My students were definately affected by your visit. Why do kids listen so well to their peers?

😊 Thanks again, Mrs. Fallace

April 9, 1998

Dear Shanelle,

Thank you for coming to speak to my health class about gun violence. It was better to hear about a shooting first hand from someone who was shot, than to just hear about it on the news when I normally would not pay any attention to it. Having you come to speak really made the situation sound more real and less far away, like it could not happen to me.

I am fourteen years old and am in the fifth period class at Venado Middle School. Most of my interests are theatre arts, bowling, and arts and crafts. I hope to be an actress some day.

I think it is great that you are speaking to other kids about gun violence. What you have said has probably made a lot of kids think twice about touching or playing with a gun (even though you did not even touch the gun). It was surprising to me how it happened so quickly and you did not even see the gun before you were shot.

I have never encountered a gun and hope never to, but I know from what you and other speakers have said, to be safe, to not even to stay in the same room with a gun, just leave.

Never think that what you are doing is not worth it because it is everything you said to us had a bigger impact than any violence prevention ad we could see on TV or elsewhere. Our class was listening. Sometimes it must feel like we were not listening since we did not have that many questions, but we were since what you said was so important.

Thank you again for coming. Good luck on your modeling career.

Yours truly,

Georgette Kightlinger

Dear Shanell,

Thankyou so very much for coming to our school and explaining what happens when people don't respect guns and fool around with them. It must of been hard telling people that your friend shot you when they asked, "Who and how did this happen." I bet many people say, "If she shot you she's not much of a friend." I wish I had the courage to go up and speak to our class, you might be wondering if we were listening or goofing off and thinking what we were going to do after school. I was listening to you the whole time. Your mom said, "It was a 9mm semi-automatic. My dad has ~~an~~ a 9mm semi-automatic and I don't know how many kids know about it but all of the young kids ask me to see it. I get so ticked off how they are so irresponsible. I tell them no and change the subject.

From,
Scott Scholz
Scott Scholz

Dear Shannel,

Thank you for the time that you have spent to educate us about the dangers of guns. I have learn a lot from the information that you have taught me. I always thought that guns were a tool needed for any hero to have, but because of that day that you have spent with us, I have totally changed my believe. Thank you once again and hope you would have a successful career as an attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silas Chiu". The letters are fluid and connected, with a large initial 'S' and a distinct 'C' for the last name.

Silas Chiu

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FEBRUARY, 1999

BACKGROUND:

In the United States today there is a tremendous social, cultural, and legal movement to diminish and eventually eliminate the loss of human life to unintentional firearm deaths. Few movements in the history of the United States have created such a new product marketing opportunity for an entrepreneurial driven firm to help solve this enormous needless loss of human life of all ages and in particular those of our children. During the recent past lawmakers have enacted numerous laws that hold adults criminally liable if they leave a gun loaded and accessible to a child and the minor uses it to injure himself/herself and/or others. Further, many of these child access prevention laws also require dealers to offer gunlocks to their customers when they purchase firearms. Tri-Best Industries, Inc., has developed the Tri-Best Security System to provide a foolproof solution of the tragic consequences of too many unlocked guns by developing this patent protected product.

TRI-BEST INDUSTRIES, LLC.:

Tri-Best Industries, LLC., is a nearly new 1998 business start-up built around the development of its Tri-Best Security System. Its small and entrepreneurial driven market oriented team consists of its founder Mr. Phillip M. Arreguin, its CEO, Dr. Doug Brown, Mr. John Johannessen, and Mr. Bernie Rosellen. The members of this team together have approximately 100 years of combined business experience and substantial business strengths in the firearms industry in particular. The company has developed a comprehensive Business Plan, has patent protection, and tested Tri-Best Security System working prototypes.

PRODUCT: THE TRI-BEST SECURITY SYSTEM:

The core product is a tamper proof gun security lock that effectively prevents a gun from being fired. The Tri-Best Security System is so foolproof that it is impossible to fire a gun when it is in use yet it is instantly removed by an authorized person for complete gun function or firing. This product has a superior fool-proof design that renders a gun inoperable until a conscious effort and special tool is used to remove it by its authorized owner or user.

OPERATIONS:

The Tri-Best Security System is positioned as a complete foolproof firearm security system that is virtually impossible to remove by unauthorized persons. To provide competent manufacturing of this innovative product, Tri-Best Industries, Inc. has Mr. Bernie Rosellen as a member of its management team. Mr. Rosellen also is president of Rose-tech Manufacturing company a leading manufacturer of products for the firearms industry.

THE TRI-BEST MANAGEMENT TEAM:

As previously discussed, the start-up management team consists of four highly experienced and capable professionals. Mr. Arreguin, the project founder, originator/developer and design engineer of the Tri-Best Security System, also established the Tri-Best Team across the United States and Canada, is an accomplished and technically based individual with 15 years experience in the firearms industry. Mr. Arreguin's impeccable research in the Firearms Industry, relating to the safety design issue, formulated the Tri-Best Security System. Mr. Bernie Rosellen also has multiple years in the manufacturing business within the firearm industry utilizing manufacturing contacts overseas with Certified ISO 9000 Quality Assurance Standards and for product cost effectiveness. John Johannessen having dedicated his life to saving children's lives from accidental and unintentional shootings and the prevention of unauthorized or self inflicted use of a firearm. He is heavily involved with the media, as his family has been involved with several TV programs and news media about promoting an awareness of the real dangers of guns. John's 12-yr. old daughter Shanelle barely escaped death from accidentally being shot in the head by her friend in July of 1997. Dr. Doug Brown is an internationally known and respected authority on New Products and Marketing who has worked with Mr. Arreguin for eight years. These four businessmen represent an ongoing strong competitive advantage.

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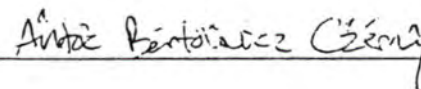
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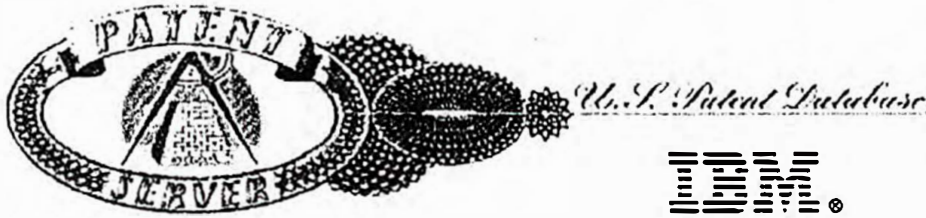
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ABSTRACT: A tamper proof gun lock is provided, which consists of a double dummy cartridge adapted to be received in a firing chamber of a gun. A keeper is adapted to be inserted into a bore of a barrel of the gun. A tool is insertable into the barrel of the gun, to engage with the keeper. In a first instance, the tool can cause the keeper to connect to one portion of the double dummy cartridge, making the gun inoperable by preventing the gun from being fired. In a second instance, the tool can cause the keeper to be disconnected from the one portion of the double dummy cartridge, thus allowing the keeper to be removed from the barrel and the double dummy cartridge to be removed from the firing chamber of the gun, making the gun operable to be fired.

U.S. REFERENCES: Show the 2 patents that reference this one

Patent	Inventor	Issued	Title
2803909 *	Soski et al.	8 /1957	
2836918 *	Pula et al.	6 /1958	
4224753	Bielman	9 /1980	Safety device for firearms
4461108	Von Muller	7 /1984	Revolver safety lock
4479320	Fix	10 /1984	Cylinder lock for revolvers
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4802299	Baugus	2 /1989	Reel mounting device on fishing rods
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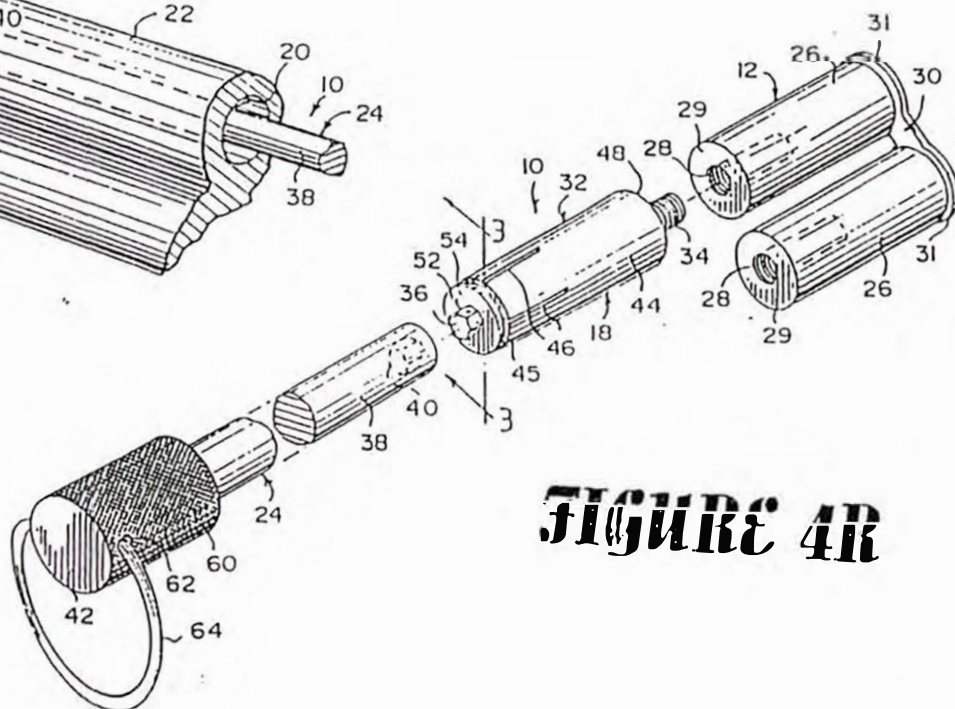
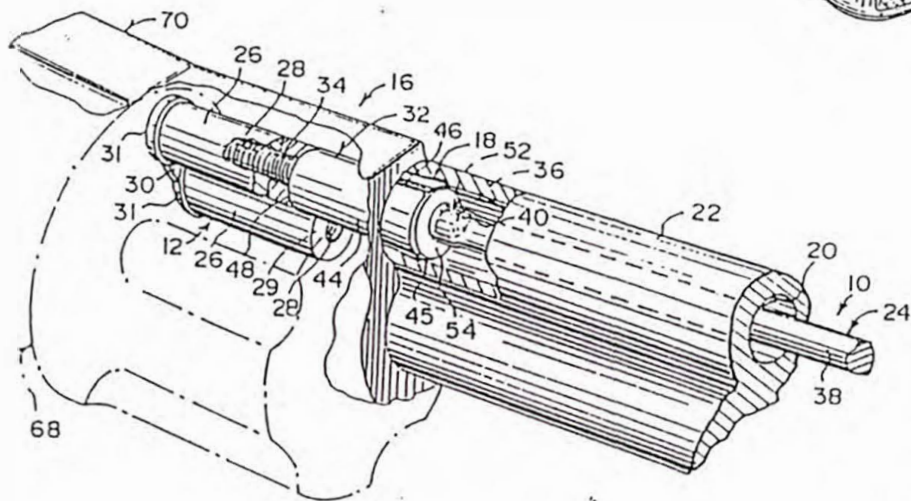
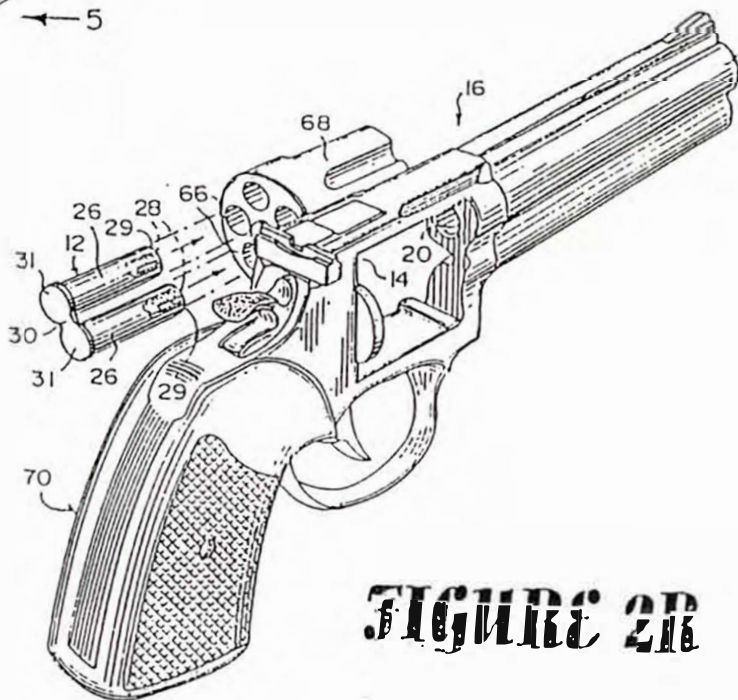
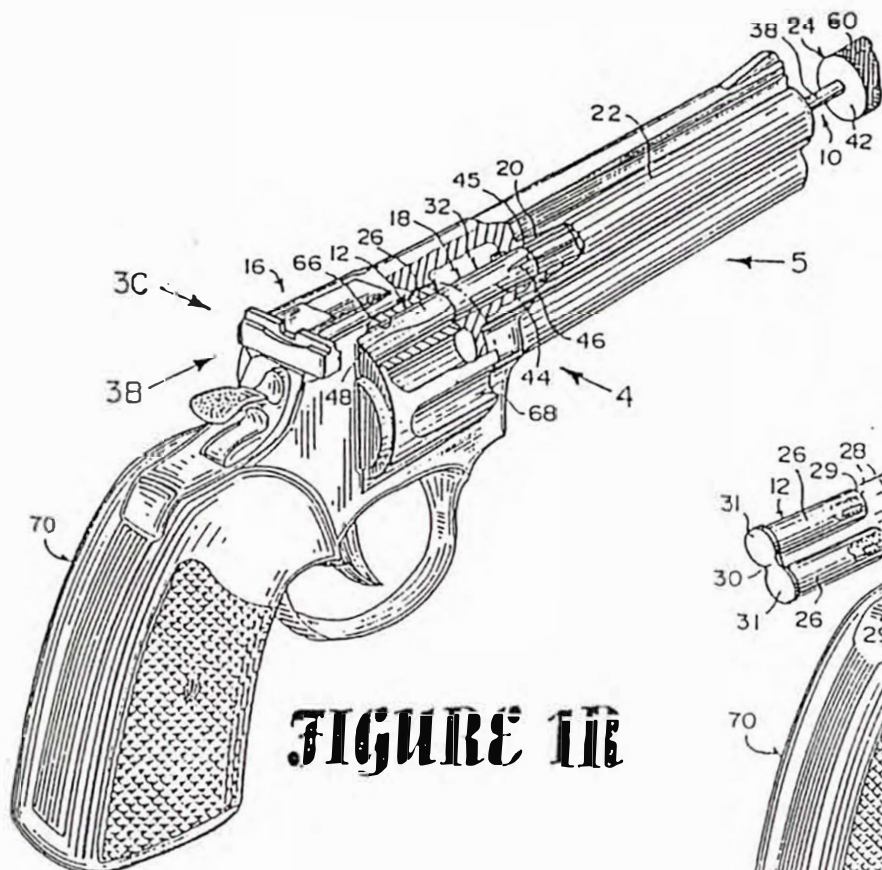
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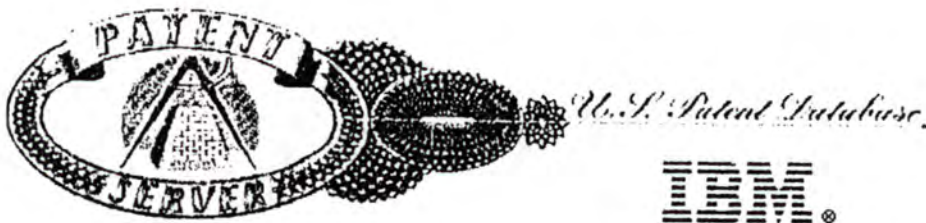
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5732498 : Tamper proof multi-functional multipurpose firearm safety lock

INVENTORS: **Arreguin; Phillip M.**, Garden Grove, CA 92641

ASSIGNEES: **none**

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ABSTRACT: A tamper proof multi-functional multipurpose safety lock is provided which will render a firearm inoperable until a person utilizes a collapsible rod key coded tool head is used to remove the safety lock. A contoured insert is placed into an ejection port on a slide when the slide is in its most rearward position. The contoured insert has a socket, so that it will accept a lug on a dummy cartridge that is carried in a magazine. When a keeper is inserted into the barrel with the collapsible rod key coded tool head, the keeper will lock the dummy cartridge to the contoured insert. Accordingly, the firearm will be completely locked up including the magazine and the slide. In firearms that do not have magazines the dummy cartridge is eliminated.

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2836918 *	Pula et al.	6 /1958	
2923323 *	Franck	2 /1960	
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What is claimed is new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims:

1. A tamper proof multi-functional multipurpose safety lock for use in a firearm of the type having a barrel with a bore therethrough, a cartridge receiver firing chamber breech, a

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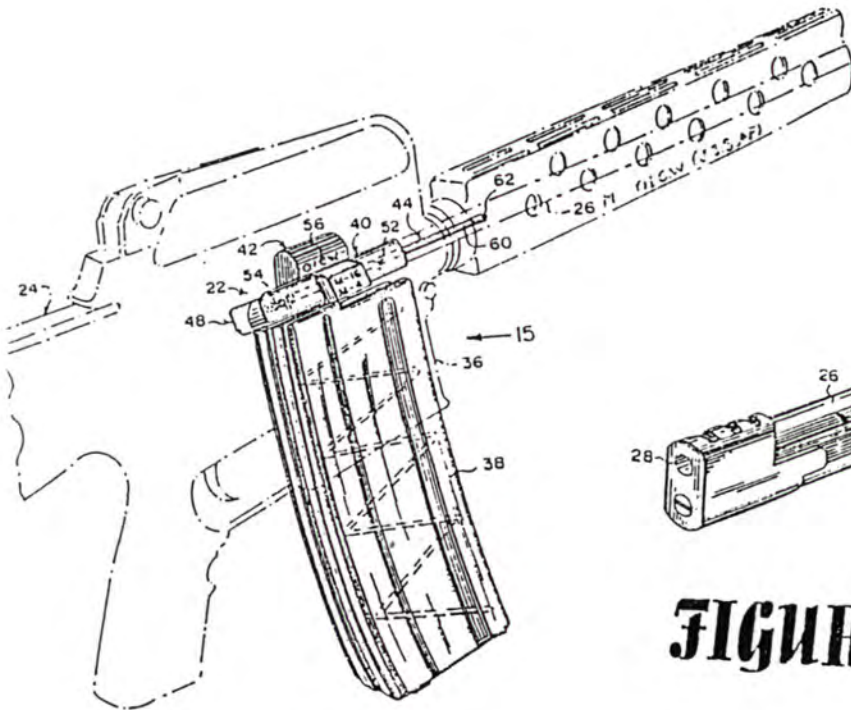


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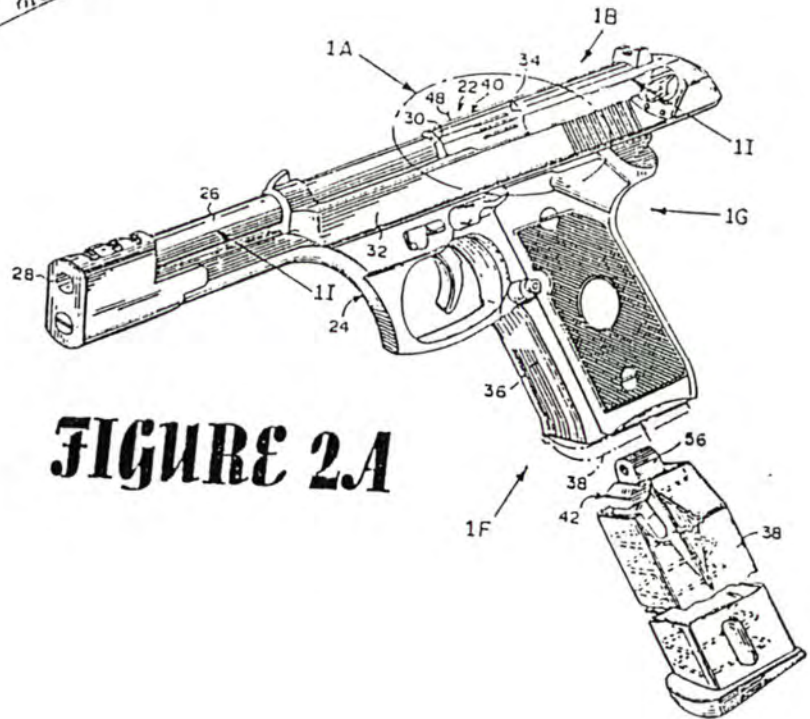


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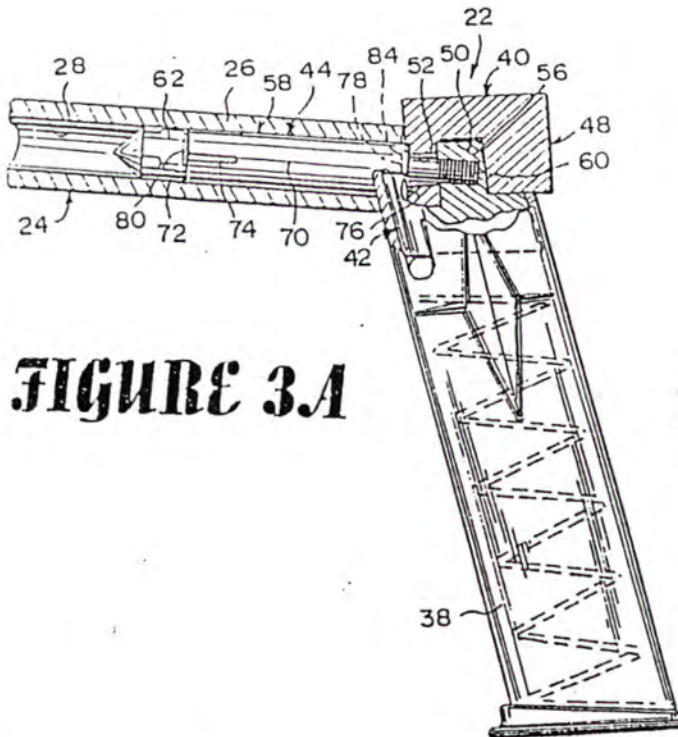


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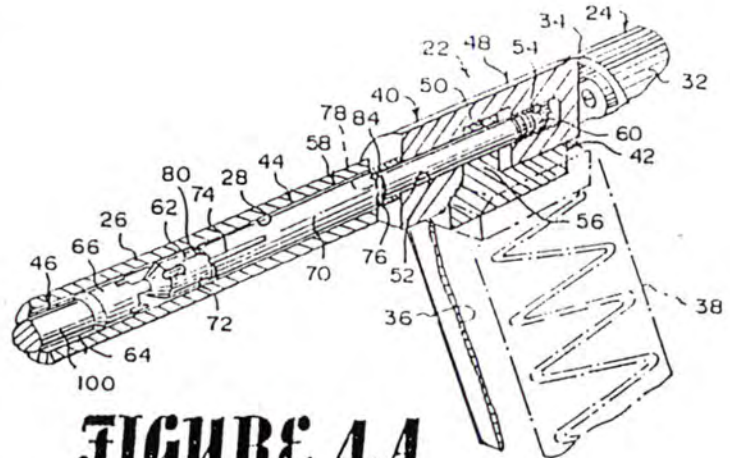
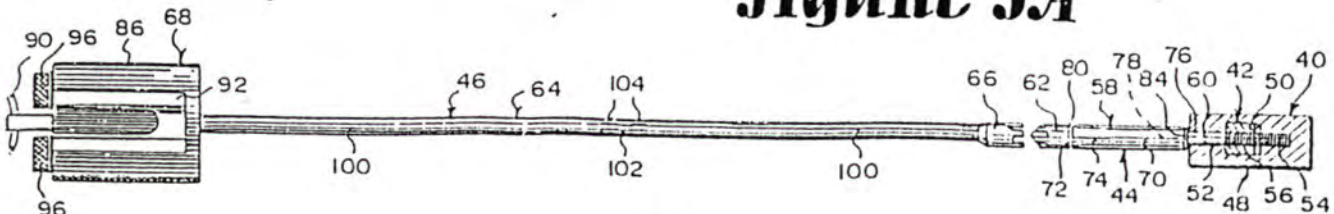


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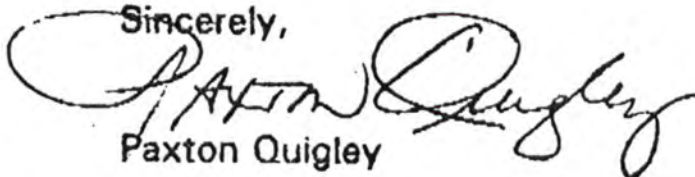
To Whom It May Concern:

As America's foremost female personal safety awareness advocate and author of "Armed & Female" (St. Martin's Press) and "Not An Easy Target" (Simon & Schuster), I am offering my support for the Tri-Best Project.

I have taught thousands of people how to shoot a handgun for personal protection and I know one of the most important elements of gun ownership is being a safe gun owner. I believe that the Tri-Best project offers gun owners an important option in keeping their guns safe.

I am ready to offer my services in promoting the Tri-Best Project through advertising, videos, radio and t.v. appearances, and infommercials.

Sincerely,


Paxton Quigley



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October 14, 1997

Tri-Best Products International
Phillip Arreguin
8572 Daumor Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92641-1505

Dear Mr. Arreguin,

In regard to your Tri-Best Security System and related products, we have evaluated your prototypes and supporting literature and we hereby acknowledge our interest in becoming your manufacturer for these products.

After reviewing your business plan, your marketing strategies, and the documentation you forwarded, we feel that you have done a thorough job in your research and that your plans are sound. We think you have a great product and we would be pleased to continue discussions on manufacturing methods and costs.

As a designer and manufacturer of other gun related products, we have a broad range of capabilities to support your requirements for quality and delivery. We also have alliances with sub-contract companies in our area that add to our fabrication capabilities. I have enclosed several business references who can confirm our reputation for quality and commitment to our customers.

Please feel free to have potential investors and other parties interested in your products contact me regarding our discussions and your security system.

In the meantime, please call me at your convenience to talk about subsequent actions to be taken.

Sincerely,

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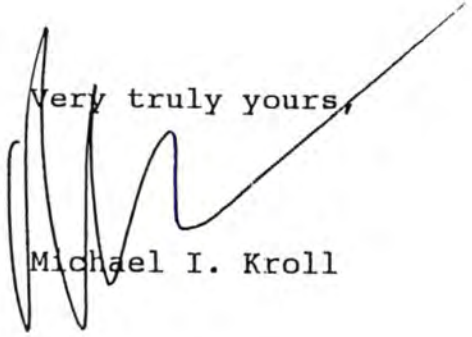
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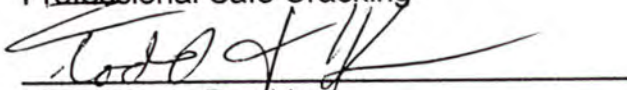
Thank-you for coming over to my business the other day to present to me and my associates, the Tri-Best Security System that you have been working on. I must say that it looks very incredible! We were very amazed at all the research and hard work that went into the prototypes of this Aerospace Engineered Internal Inter-changeable Multi-functional, Multi-purpose Security System for firearms.

As you are aware, our company services and opens all kinds of safes, locks in the home, business and Government. With all our years of service and extensive experience in safe cracking worldwide, we feel that we would be qualified to do the testing of the Tri-Best Security System for firearms. The standards and requirements for security systems for firearms is quite simple, if it can be removed or if the gun can be loaded and fired with the security system installed, it failed the test!

As you have mentioned in regards to the national challenge of testing of gunlocks, we would be very interested in participation of the testing of gunlocks of all brands and types. I feel that it is very important that the people of the United States know and understand the real aspects of liability concerns and safety issues when it comes to guns locks and unauthorized use of firearms. The lives of our children depend upon it!

Please keep us informed about the project and have anyone contact us if they need any further assistance. We feel that this is a revolutionary product that will change the way society thinks about the issue of gun lock security and the safety of our children.

Thank-you,
Professional Safe Cracking


Todd Kern, President

AcuSport

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Mr. Phillip Aireguin
Tri-Best Project
8572 Daumor Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92641

October 22, 1998

Dear Phillip,

I appreciate all the information you have forwarded to me. The amount of time you have spent accumulating your facts is very evident in the quality and quantity of the information you have provided.

The multi-functional security product that you are working on is very interesting. It is not just a safety devise, but also a firearm cleaning rod and tool system. In the marketplace, this makes your invention extremely desirable. Today's consumer is looking for items that have more than a single function, they want more for their hard earned dollar. Your product is very useful and practical for the firearm owner. Other manufactures produce items that may operate as a security devise or a cleaning rod or a tool, but your product is all three.

As a wholesale distributor, AcuSport Corporation is very interested in new and improved products for the firearms industry. Your product looks to be a step in the right direction to help improve the safety of firearms, which is a concern for everyone. We sell many different products to help prevent firearms from being fired by unauthorized persons, and your product is even more appealing because it is multi-functional. Your business plan establishes manufacturing costs and suggested retail pricing which is very appealing also. Safety is very important, but your product will also be profitable and that is what the distributor, manufacturer, and retailer count on to stay in business.

Firearm safety and security is in the forefront of every American's mind now, with all the newspaper articles and television documentation showing the potential dangers associated with the misuse of firearms. With so many state and federal governments planning legislation to require safety devises, your product will surely be in high demand.

I look forward to talking with you again about this project.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Phillip Arreguin
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Dear Mr. Arreguin,

In reference to the TriBest Security System, we feel that our viewing audience would be the right audience for your product. Hunting and shooting is an integral part of our programming strategy. As such, a majority of our viewers are gun owners. Any device that can prevent injuries or accidental death due to firearms would be a benefit to society, and from the looks we have been able to see the Tri-Best is among the best. Who would not want to protect their family from the dangers of accidental discharge of firearms in the home?

It is our belief that the TriBest product would sell very well to our viewers, and more importantly, key members of prestigious organizations such as the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the National Rifle Association, the National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers, and others watch our channel regularly. In addition, gun dealers and other distributors monitor our channel, and many people will call inquiring about distribution arrangements.

We are confident that an ad campaign for TriBest on The Outdoor Channel would be well received and a tremendous boost to the TriBest effort.

Best Regards,

Wade Sherman
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Mr. Phillip Arreguin
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Dear Mr. Arreguin:

Thank you for visiting my office to discuss your gun safety lock with my District Representative, Greg Haskin.

I have enclosed of copy a Department of Defense publication entitled, "Selling to the Military." This publication provides contact names and phone numbers to a wide variety of military installations. This should answer all your questions regarding marketing to the military.

It was a pleasure to have assisted you with your request. The opportunity to help people in this way is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job as a Congressman.

Please feel free to contact my Orange County staff at any time if you need additional assistance with this or any other matter involving the federal government.

It is a privilege to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Cox
U.S. Representative

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Los Angeles Times

A New Method of Home Security

By STEVE CARNEY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE—Inventor Phillip Arreguin thinks he has a remedy for the third-leading cause of death among kids 5 to 14: shootings.

He's patented a lock that secures handguns and rifles alike from within, unlike traditional safeties such as trigger guards, which can still allow a loaded gun to be fired if installed improperly.

Arreguin's belief that he's built a better mousetrap comes after eight of the nation's largest handgun manufacturers announced in October a voluntary agreement—brokered by President Clinton—to supply a child-safety lock with every new weapon sold.

The agreement intercepted a push toward a mandatory gun-lock law last year after Clinton personally appealed for such legislation.

Seventeen California cities and counties already require that trigger locks be sold with guns, including San Jose, San Francisco, Sacramento and West Hollywood.

"Trigger locks have been a craze, at least politically,

Phillip Arreguin
Has Patented a
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statistics.

But what locks are best and whether locks should be mandatory are still being debated.

Powers said the NRA is opposed to a trigger-lock mandate because the devices aren't appropriate in all situations.

For example, he said, he has no children at his home, and though he wants to keep his .45-caliber pistol secure, he also wants quick access to it to defend his home if needed. So he keeps it loaded inside a combination-locked box that he can open easily.

over the last several months," said Bill Powers, a National Rifle Assn. spokesman.

It's all in response to disturbing figures: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shootings were the third-leading cause of death nationwide for children ages 5 to 14 in 1994. That same year, according to the FBI, gunshots killed more preschoolers than on-duty police officers. In 1995, Orange County alone saw 90 hospitalizations and three deaths from unintentional shootings, according to state

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Garden Grove inventor Phillip Arreguin holds a revolver with part of his new locking device in the cylinder.

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"There are literally dozens of ways of storing firearms," Powers said. "The No. 1 rule of storing a firearm is to keep it from unauthorized persons. It's common sense."

Arreguin, 34, says preventing unauthorized use and the tragedy that can follow is the reason he designed his lock, which he calls Tri-Best.

The former stonemason said he came up with the idea in 1993 and has been refining it ever since with his brother, a machinist.

His lock requires no alterations to the gun, he said. A probe fits down the barrel and screws into a companion piece in the gun's chamber, where the bullet normally is held before it's fired. When the parts are screwed together, they can't be removed without damaging the weapon unless a special tool is used.

"If it's in your glove box, it's locked, it's secured," Arreguin said.

The FBI says it receives about 300,000 reports of stolen firearms every year. That's why Arreguin suggests that the release tool be kept separate from the gun, a step he said makes the stolen gun useless.

Arreguin, who has yet to find a backer for his project, said he learned this firsthand. While testing a prototype in 1994, Arreguin misplaced his release tool and had to destroy a 9-millimeter Beretta pistol by cutting off the barrel in order to remove the lock.

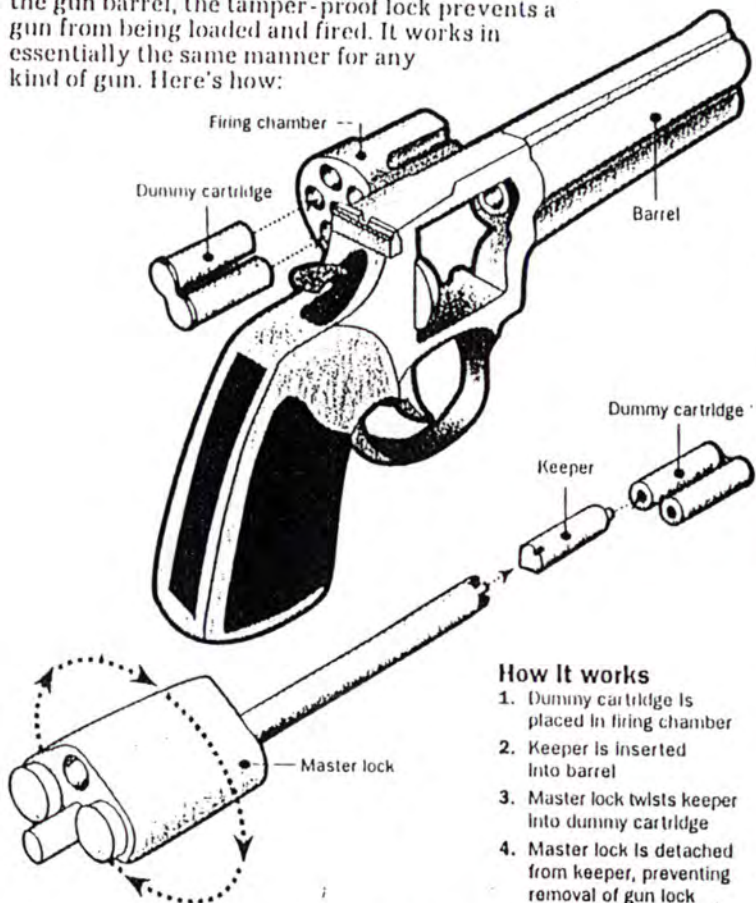
Firearms security became a matter of law in California in January 1992, when the Children's Firearm Accident Prevention Act took effect. Like similar legislation passed in 14 other states, it holds adults accountable for the safekeeping of their guns by making it a crime to leave a loaded, unsecured firearm where a child can get to it.

The crime becomes a felony if the minor then injures himself or someone else with the gun. A violation carries up to a three-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Florida was the first state to pass such a law, in 1989, and unintentional shooting deaths there fell 50% in the first year. A similar

Weapon Safety

By locking a dummy cartridge into place and closing the gun barrel, the tamper-proof lock prevents a gun from being loaded and fired. It works in essentially the same manner for any kind of gun. Here's how:



Source: United States Patent Office and California Department of Health Services

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drop occurred in California, according to the state Department of Health Services. And gun dealers reported jumps in gun-lock sales.

John Johannessen of Mission Viejo has become an outspoken supporter of gun locks. He knows better than most people the danger of keeping a loaded gun where a child can find it.

In July, his 13-year-old daughter, Shanelle, was shot in the face by a 13-year-old playmate who found a loaded 9-millimeter pistol at her home. She was showing it to

Shanelle and it fired.

Shanelle needed reconstructive surgery after the bullet leave through her cheek, jaw and neck. She's still recovering, and she can now talk and eat soft foods.

"We're the lucky ones," Johannessen said. "She's still alive."

"It's just horrifying what people go through because adults leave guns lying around," he said. "People have to be responsible for their guns and keep them locked, so if a child does get hold of it they can't make it work."

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Insurers Act to Limit Exposure in Suits Filed Against Gun Makers, Distributors

By DEBORAH LOHSE
And VANESSA O'CONNELL

Staff Reporters of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

As litigation mounts against gun makers and distributors, liability insurers are taking steps to limit their exposure.

Several insurers have notified gun companies and industry trade groups that they won't necessarily cover damages awarded in lawsuits, including suits brought by municipalities seeking to recover public costs related to gun violence.

The insurers' stance creates a danger for smaller gun companies, which industry officials have said might be forced to seek bankruptcy-court protection if faced with sizable verdicts. Without insurance coverage, the firearms industry as a whole also could be forced to consider settling lawsuits rather than fighting them.

The move to limit coverage comes as more cities are gearing up to sue and after a federal jury in Brooklyn, N.Y., this month found that 15 of 25 gun makers distributed weapons negligently. In the Brooklyn case, brought by the families of seven shooting victims, the jury imposed \$520,000 in damages against three gun manufacturers: the Beretta U.S.A. Corp. unit of Italy's Beretta SpA; American Arms Inc.; and the Taurus Manufacturing International Inc. unit of Brazil's Forjas Taurus SA. Last week, the judge presiding over the case ordered a fourth gun maker, S.W. Daniel Inc., to pay \$49,000 in damages.

Open Question

"It's an open question at this point as to whether insurers will have to cover damages," said Daniel T. Hughes, a lawyer for American Arms, which was ordered to pay \$9,200 and has been told by Home Insurance Co. that it won't necessarily cover any damage awards. Home is one of several insurers of defendants in the Brooklyn case that sent their clients so-called reservation of rights letters during the trial. A spokesman for Home, which now handles claims under the supervision of the New

Hampshire insurance department, said he couldn't verify the information.

Some insurance brokers say their clients who are defendants in the city cases also have gotten, or expect to receive, reservation-of-rights notices from their insurers.

Insurance companies often try to avoid covering jury awards in cases that aren't clearly covered by the language of their policies. In the gun cases, which all make novel allegations, "all carriers will look for a way to escape," predicts Jay Mayesh, a product-liability defense lawyer who isn't involved in the litigation.

The insurers are scrutinizing the city suits to see whether such allegations as "negligent marketing" of guns are covered by their product- or general-liability policies. The theory that gun makers fail to take reasonable care to keep their weapons out of criminal hands was the core of the trailblazing Brooklyn case. Chicago and Bridgeport, Conn., make similar allegations. New Orleans, Miami and Atlanta allege that gun makers were negligent in failing to incorporate safety devices in their products.

Warning in Chicago Case

Indeed, Hi-Point Firearms, a Mansfield, Ohio gun maker with about \$4 million in annual sales, was told by its product-liability insurer, Bermuda-based Sporting Arms Insurance Ltd., that any damage awards in Chicago's negligent-marketing suit wouldn't be covered by the policy, according to Tom Deeb, president of Hi-Point. An executive at the insurance company said it has sent out reservation-of-rights notices, but couldn't be reached for comment about Hi-Point.

Lawyers say a product-liability insurer could also argue that the shootings by criminals weren't caused by a misfire or malfunction of the gun, the classic trigger for such policies to pay.

Grounds for denying a claim also might
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Insurers Act to Limit Exposure in Lawsuits Involving Gun Makers

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center on language in many general-liability policies that excludes payments for "intentional acts," which insurance companies may argue include flooding lax-regulation areas with guns that fall into the hands of criminals. Timothy Bumann, an attorney for Taurus, said plaintiffs could "prove themselves out of coverage" and have to try to collect from gun makers.

Then again, gun companies could argue that insurers should pay unless they can prove the gun companies intended to cause deaths, not just to flood certain markets, said Robert L. Carter, a product-liability lawyer whose firm has represented gun makers in the past.

Some insurers, meanwhile, are backing away from new gun business. New York-based Gulf Insurance Group, part of Citigroup's Travelers Property Casualty Corp., last week stopped writing policies for shooting ranges if the ranges also sell guns, according to an agent. A Travelers spokesman confirmed that Gulf Insurance no longer writes such policies.

CONTACT KNBC (4) OCT 15TH 1997/3:47 PM (4) UNSAFE TRIGGER LOCKS USAGE Trigger-Locking Devices

By Paul K. Vallandigham, CRPA Member

CRPA member William R. Stewart's suggestion that we support the use of trigger-locking devices (*The Firing Line*, September, 1997, p. 15) overlooks one major problem with these devices: **TRIGGER LOCKS DO NOT PREVENT THE GUN FROM BEING LOADED AND FIRED!**

NRA has recently produced a video tape on just this subject for distribution to legislators and others, as the trigger lock issue has been raised in legislatures across the country. I was able to obtain a copy of that tape. It clearly shows trigger locks being placed inside the trigger guard (per the lock manufacturers instructions) of a Glock semi-auto pistol and a double action revolver (it appears to be a Smith & Wesson or clone thereof in .38/.357 caliber). Both firearms had completely empty chambers prior to installation of the lock.

After the locks were installed, a loaded magazine was fully inserted into the mag well of the Glock, and the slide was cycled, placing a live round in the chamber. Likewise, the revolver's cylinder was opened, loaded with 3 live rounds, and closed. My point? The locking devices did not prevent loading live ammo. A

person relying on the locks to keep the firearm in a childproof condition of safety could be gravely mistaken (in more ways than one).

Worse still, after the firearms were loaded, the Glock was pointed downrange (with the lock still installed) using a normal (firing hand) position on the "grips". Pressure was applied with the other hand to the front of the lock, causing it to slide backward into the trigger, thus firing the loaded round and cycling the slide! The same was true for the revolver -- the trigger lock did not prevent manual cocking of the hammer, and the lock was pushed back into the trigger, causing the revolver to fire!

Finally, although I cannot verify this through my own experience, I have been told that all of the trigger locks available today are relatively easy to remove with a few simple household tools, thus negating their value in preventing criminal misuse of stolen guns.

The best safety device we have available is the grey matter that resides inside our skulls. The appropriateness of any gun

safe, lock box, or trigger-locking device depends entirely on the individual owner's situation and preferences.

We (the CRPA and the NRA) should certainly continue to be a resource for people seeking information on how to use and store their firearms safely and responsibly. *But we should make sure we provide the best and most complete information.* That means we should not promote the use of any single firearms storage strategy. We need the public to know that, while they may have their place in some situations, trigger locks are no panacea. We should never fall into the trap of believing that technology can overcome our problems.

★ Trigger-locking devices hold the false promise of safety and security -- with potentially deadly consequences. Legislation mandating their sale and/or use is dangerous.

Thank God that Governor Wilson VETOED AB 1124, the trigger-lock bill that passed both houses of the Legislature this session. *It CAN BE Rumped*

AND SHOT LIKE SILENT KILLER (Pump)

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The CRPA Annual Banquet is Near

By Jeffrey A. Enriquez, CRPA Member

I really look forward to receiving *The Firing Line* every month. I usually sit down and read it cover to cover as soon as I get home. I enjoy the articles very much. They are very informative. I am not a very outspoken person when it comes to issues of gun control, however, I find myself to be increasingly vocal in trying to argue for our Second Amendment rights using the information I continue to learn each month from *The Firing Line*. I am a firm supporter for our Second Amendment rights and will continue to be more and more vocal in support of those rights.

I would also like to add that I have attended the CRPA members banquet for

the last two years and have found it to be an awesome event. The program is fantastic and the food is outstanding. I have really enjoyed Leslie Easterbrook as the MC. She is so vibrant. I urge all members to attend if you can, it is a very enjoyable and fun filled evening, and maybe next time I'll win one of those fine firearms offered as door prizes.

CRPA's 1998 Annual Banquet will be held at the WestCoast Anaheim Hotel (near Disneyland) on Saturday evening, February 28, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Banquet seating and sweepstakes entry forms will be featured in the December and January issues of *The Firing Line*. *It's*

Hype Over Trigger Locks

A month after deadline for weapon makers to include childproof device on new handguns, some worry that the public will be lulled into a false sense of security.

By ERIC SLATER
TIMES STAFF WRITER

MILWAUKEE—The October 1997 ceremony was an unprecedented show of solidarity between gun control advocates and firearms makers. The heads of some of the nation's largest gun companies, facing even stricter legislation, had gathered around President Clinton in the Rose Garden and signed an agreement to include "child safety locks" with new handguns.

"This will affect eight of 10 handguns made in America, and it will save many young lives," the president declared.

Now, a month after the deadline for including the locks, only a handful of the 27 arms makers who eventually signed on are complying, according to industry insiders—although others are scrambling to include the devices with their guns.

Although gun control advocates are disturbed by the lack of timely compliance, many find themselves in a similarly unusual position of agreement with the National Rifle Assn. and other firearms groups: Trigger locks, by far the most popular of the locking devices, are being hyped well beyond their capabilities—to the point, some say, that they might actually lead to accidents because gun owners frequently don't understand their limitations.

"If it is a loaded gun, there isn't a lock out there that will keep it from being fired," said Tracy Lang of Master Lock, which manufactures the devices. "If you put a trigger lock on any loaded gun, you are making the gun more dangerous."

Many gun control advocates also question the wisdom of promoting trigger locks in the name of child safety and wonder how many people forced to buy one—either as part of their gun purchase or under a growing number of laws—will actually use it.

"We're not the biggest cheerleaders for trigger locks," said Kristen Rand of the pro-gun control Violence Policy Center in Washington. "They've been way oversold."

But, Rand added, "We're taking baby

steps. We need to keep our expectations low. These things are going to work to prevent a very small number of gun injuries . . . off the top of my head, [perhaps] 10 to 20 child injuries a year."

In 1996, the most recent figures available, 220 children under the age of 15 were killed in accidental at-home shootings. Forty of those were under the age of 5.

Skeptics—and even some of the lock makers themselves—say the Rose Garden agreement and laws from Los Angeles to Massachusetts that require buyers of some firearms to also purchase a locking device are "feel-good" policies that have served primarily to create a small but booming industry and offer gun owners an exaggerated sense of security.

"If they were really effective, people would have started buying them long before now," said Michael Saporito, a former New York state judge who is now with ITR Management Corp., an Orlando, Fla.-based firearms distributor.

'If it is a loaded gun, there isn't a lock out there that will keep it from being fired. If you put a trigger lock on any loaded gun, you are making the gun more dangerous.'

TRACY LANG
Master Lock official

Although a host of gun locks—from cable locks to devices that are inserted in the barrel—fulfill the requirements set forth in the Rose Garden agreement and most local laws, trigger locks have taken center stage in this latest push for firearms safety.

They are simple to use, as effective as most other types of locks in many circumstances, and perhaps most importantly, are inexpensive—averaging around \$10, with the cheapest versions available for about \$2.

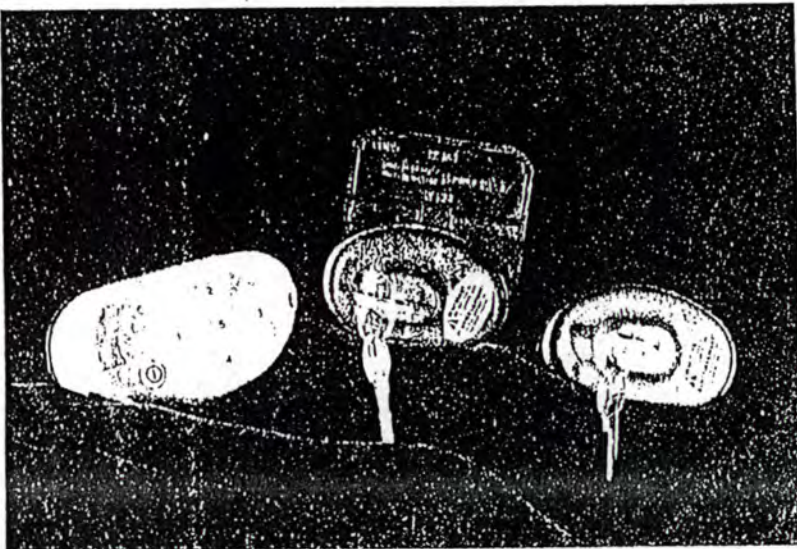
The first trigger lock was patented in 1969 by Milwaukee-based Master Lock, and remains the standard. A two-piece rubber-coated steel device with a center bar, the lock snaps over the trigger guard.

Such devices were never designed to prohibit all movement of the trigger.

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Provokes Fear of Firearm Accidents



CLARENCE WILLIAMS / Los Angeles Times

Some worry that trigger locks such as these might actually lead to more accidents because gun owners frequently don't understand their limitations.

Rather, they function primarily by denying easy access.

And although virtually all lock packaging includes an explanation that the device must be used on unloaded firearms, that message has been lost, some say, as cities and community groups offer trigger lock giveaways and legislators praise the devices as an easy way to childproof a firearm.

"Even the politicians today are calling them 'child safety devices,'" said Lang, who heads Master Lock's gun lock branch. "We never market our products like that, and I would guess the Consumer Product Safety Commission wouldn't like it either."

Some gun control activists say it will take years, but eventually many owners will understand how to properly use the devices and the potential benefits of doing so.

"This situation is very analogous to seat belts," said Bob Walker, president of Handgun Control Inc. "When seat belts were first put in cars, there was a very low rate of compliance."

Eventually, Walker noted, through a series of laws and grim lessons, the rate of seat belt use grew from about 10% three decades ago to 69% today.

Walker and other gun control activists concede, however, that the single largest group of handgun buyers is going to be difficult to persuade.

About 60% of all handguns are purchased specifically for home- or self-protection. And some gun owners—among them peace officers—shudder at the notion of having their firearm locked.

Although few of the roughly 240 million firearms in the U.S. are ever wielded against a home intruder, most shootouts are over in a matter of seconds. And even if the gun owner were able to release the trigger lock in time, the gun would be unloaded if they've followed the manufacturer's advice.

"I'll probably stick [my gun] under my mattress," Joe Crump, a 21-year-old from Sherman Oaks who is saving for a handgun, said recently at a Burbank firing range. "And it's not going to have a lock."

Indeed, of those who are forced to purchase a trigger lock, "I would think a majority never use them," said Jack Adkins of the American Shooting Sports Council, which helped broker the Rose Garden agreement.

Even so, a series of nationally wrenching shootings by children, the growing number of must-purchase laws—and the support of politicians, including Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.)—have led to a boom in the industry.

The Master Lock-style device was about the only type available until a few years ago. Today, sporting goods stores and chain retailers sell key-operated

versions in various colors, combination-style trigger locks and a battery-powered version with a lighted keypad for easier nighttime access. There are locks with 110-decibel alarms and locks with motion sensors that indicate the gun has been moved or tampered with.

Unlike padlocks, trigger locks are not subject to a quality rating system, and some of the biggest sellers are little more than plastic-and-aluminum devices that can be picked with a paper clip or shattered by a simple hammer blow.

Opponents of the Rose Garden agreement and lock laws say trigger locks certainly serve a purpose, but that forcing people to buy them is a policy doomed to fail. Gun education programs, they contend, would be a far more effective way of reducing injuries and deaths.

"You have more children who die by drowning in buckets than by guns," said University of Chicago School of Law professor John Lott, the author of the controversial book "More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun Control Laws."

"These are feel-good type rules, and people will say if we can save only one life, it will be worth it. But the solutions that are proposed also have costs."

Gun control advocates, who are pushing manufacturers to research "smart guns" that could only be fired by the owner, say trigger locks have great limitations but are better than NRA child gun-education programs—which they deride as gun promotion efforts—and are certainly better than nothing.

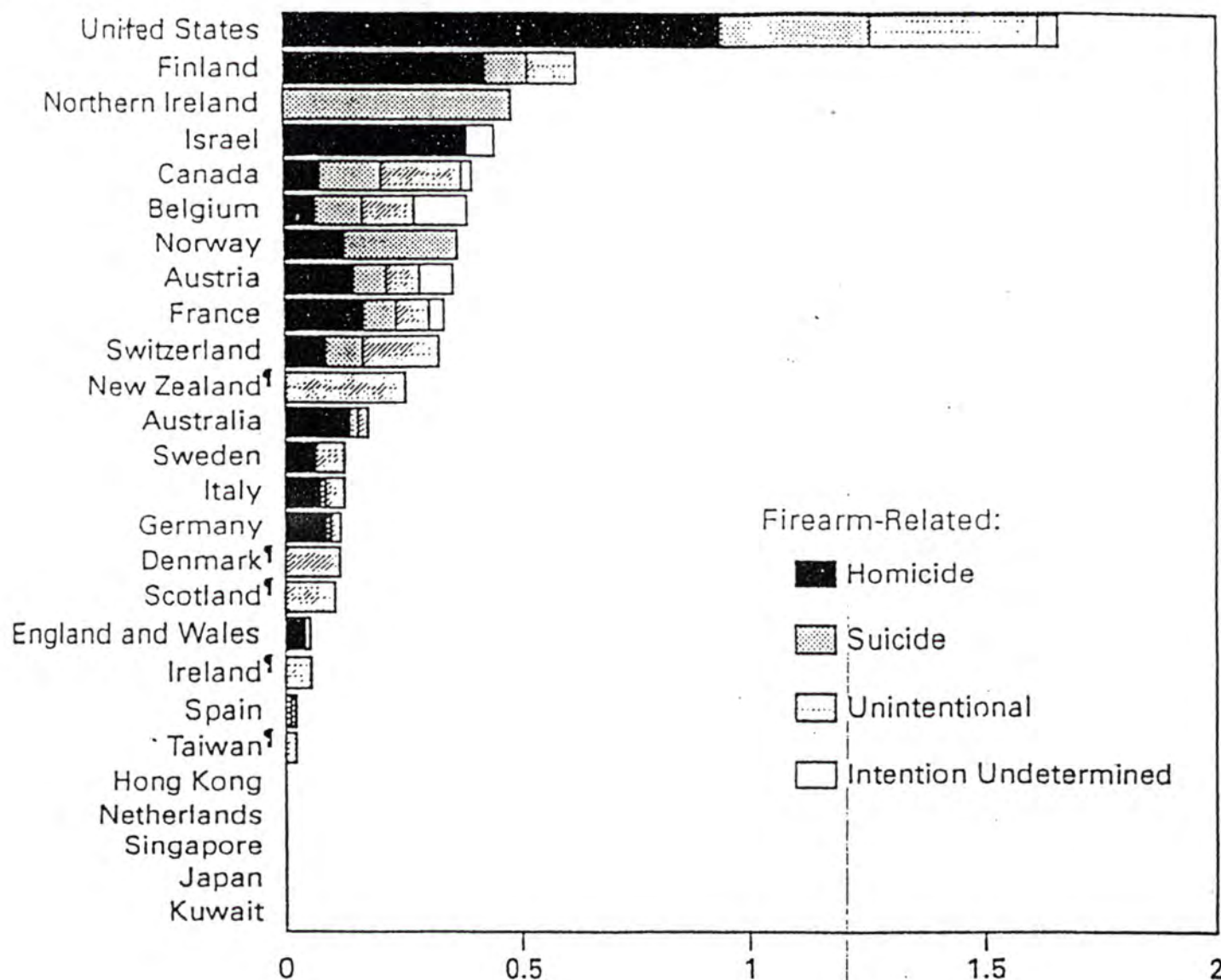
"Gun manufacturers and gun dealers have not done their part in seeking to reduce these deaths," Walker said. "They need to take steps. . . . We think this is a first step."

As gun makers and retailers brace for anti-tobacco-style lawsuits—by Chicago, New Orleans, Miami-Dade County and Bridgeport, Conn.—aimed at recovering costs from gun-related injuries and deaths, they are doing their best to promote themselves as responsible corporate citizens—and skeptically going along with the push for trigger locks.

Several new versions were unveiled at the gun industry's annual trade gathering, the SHOT Show, this month in Atlanta. The city of Atlanta, meanwhile, is considering filing its own suit against gun manufacturers and retailers.

Times staff writer Kurt Stroeter and correspondent Joseph Trevino in Los Angeles contributed to this story.

FIGURE 1. Rates* of firearm-related death† among children aged <15 years — 26 industrialized countries‡



*Per 100,000 children aged <15 years and for 1-year during 1990–1995.

†Homicides by firearm (*International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision*, codes E965.0–E965.4), suicides by firearm (E955.0–E955.4), unintentional deaths caused by firearm (E922.0–E922.9), and firearm-related deaths for which intention was undetermined (E985.0–E985.4).

‡All countries classified in the high-income group with populations ≥1 million (5) that provided complete data. In this analysis, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, and Taiwan are considered as countries.

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