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The President Has Seen

November 2000

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November 27, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

Boies and Meyer are here,

Have no fear.

We'll kick 'em in the rear.

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
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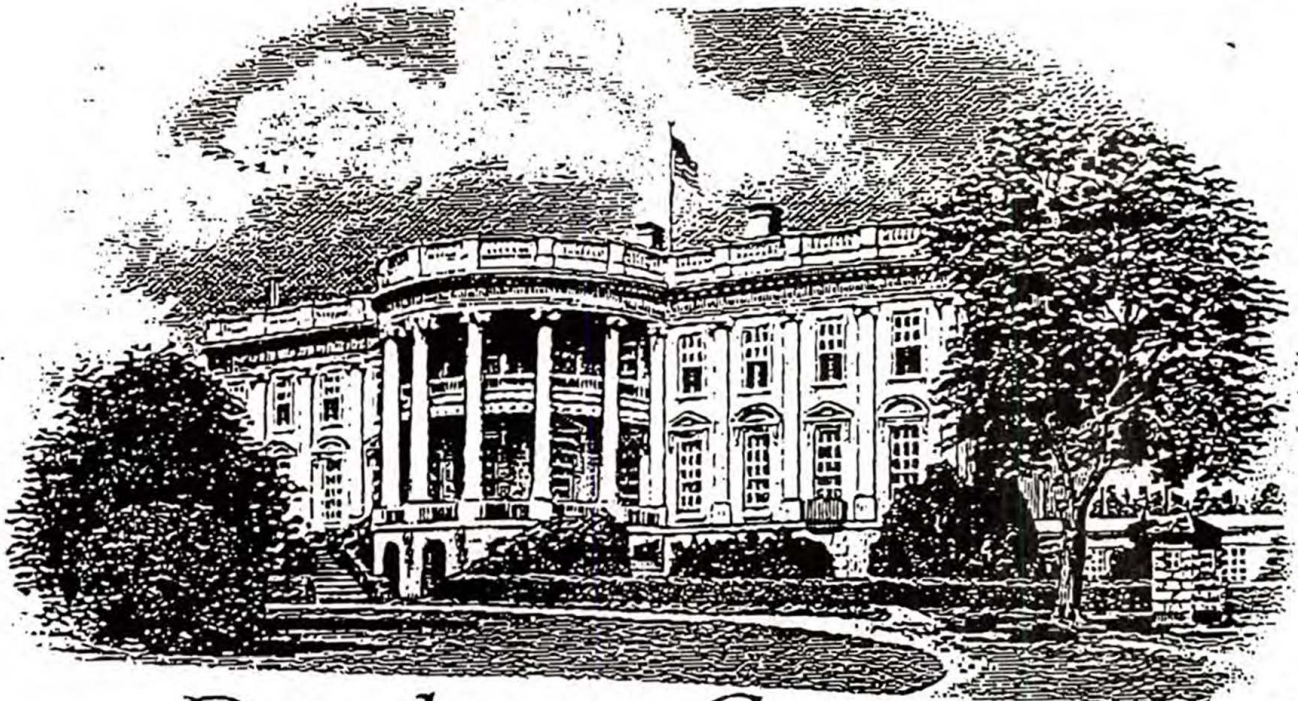
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Tuesday, November 21, 2000

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Clinton and Hillary:

Maureen, Haley, Kori, Elana and I want to extend our best wishes to you for a Happy Thanksgiving with your family. We were so delighted last year when your Thanksgiving at Camp David included Eli's Cheesecake. We look forward to Eli's being on your holiday table again this year and for many years to come.

Thank you for your wonderful friendship to our family.

Sincerely,


Marc S. Schulman

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Mr President:

SANDY ASKED me to pass the
ATTACHED numbers on Chretien's
election to you.

WE are preparing points in case
you wish to call.

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INTELLIGENCE NOTE

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November 28, 2000

CHRETIEEN WINS CANADIAN ELECTION

Prime Minister Jean Chretien won a resounding third consecutive term, becoming the first prime minister since World War II to win three successive majorities in Parliament. As of this morning, the Liberal Party had won or is leading 173 seats of the 301 seats in the House of Commons. The party also captured about 42 percent of the popular vote. The Liberal Party went into the election with 161 seats and needed only 151 to retain its majority. It held onto its power base in Ontario and made inroads in other parts of eastern Canada, including winning more votes than the separatist Bloc Quebecois in Quebec.

Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day conceded defeat last night. The Canadian Alliance was virtually shut out of Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada; however, it gained additional strength in the west. It won 66 seats. The Alliance began the election with 58 seats. The Alliance will remain the official opposition party.

Financial markets reacted favorably to Chretien's victory as the Canadian dollar climbed and bond prices edged modestly higher.

Source: Reuters, Financial Times, CBC

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JIMMY CARTER

November 15, 2000



To Hillary and President Bill Clinton

It was good to be with you again, especially on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the opening of the White House. We thoroughly enjoyed the evening, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to reminisce and reflect on an extraordinary chapter in our lives.

Thank you for inviting us to stay at The White House. As always, we appreciated the warm hospitality and many courtesies that were extended to us. You are both in our thoughts as you celebrate an important election victory and prepare for the challenges of building a presidential library. We hope you will call on us if we can ever be of assistance to you.

With warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter
Rosalynn Carter

The Honorable Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

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To: Nancy V. Hernreich/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: Please deliver to the President

Dear Bill and Hilary

I know that this has been quite a rollercoaster ride for you and Hilary of late, but I thought perhaps you would also like to hear about us.

Life continues a pace with the excitement of the job and the times. In preparation for my re-entry to the US, I wrote a headhunter friend of mine just to get their input of what might be possible. In his response he asked, "What is your dream job." I responded, "I already have that, now let's just think about the next one."

We had a visit from our very good friends the O'Briens from Westport. Bill and I would stay up late smoking cigars and drinking brandy, and then I would get up early and go try to rid the world of the scourge of war. It was a two-ended burn that just about killed me. However, it was great fun. We did get to spend a couple of days at our favorite Uruguayan ranch, eating cows and riding horses.

Patrick is still waiting to get into the Marines, which has now been postponed to January. To take up the time, he went to Paraguay to work as a gaucho on a friend's cattle ranch. Where he is they have no electricity or running water, but they still carry side arms and he is compiling a thousand stories. What an adventure at 18. However, he is now 19. Amy and I went to Asuncion to surprise him for his 19th birthday. We had never been to Asuncion before, and it was actually a pretty nice place. We also drove to Iguazu falls on the Brazil-Argentina border. One of the most spectacular natural wonders I have ever seen.

I went to the retirement ceremony of General Wilhelm in Miami in early September. What a great guy he is and what a job he did in Latin America. I then flew to Phoenix to meet my new grandson, Christopher Ryan. He is beautiful. Mother, son and father are doing well, big brother Austin is still trying to figure it out.

After a few days in Phoenix flew back to Washington to talk to some folks and eat Mexican food. I was fortunate enough to be invited to sleep at the White House, perhaps for my last time. I had not seen President Clinton since June of 1998. We had a good time, just talking into the evening as we always did. The next morning I got to view the arrival of the Prime Minister of India on a State visit from the roof. Quite a view.

We have had the somewhat standard rounds of efforts to get laws protecting intellectual property passed, get Uruguayan assistance for the crises in Peru, and Plan Colombia, and sponsoring a conference of 200 attendees on Doing Business between Mercosur and the United States. I attended the Caledonia ball at the invitation of the British Ambassador, who is a Scott, and listened to the all Uruguayan pipe and drum highlander band.

We had a regional conference in Buenos Aires of all the Ambassadors from Mercosur; Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia. It was the first time in the three years I had been here that the

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United States had an Ambassador in every country. It is a real shame that the US Senate views ambassadorships as political poker chips. It appears that they don't know or don't care about the damage they have done to our interests abroad by delaying for months or years ambassadorial appointments.

✓ We also had the retirement party for my driver, who had worked at the embassy for 35 years. The first visiting Secretary of State he drove was Dean Rusk. I spoke at the local state University. I spoke there last year, the first time an American Ambassador had appeared there in 50 years. It was such a hot bed of Marxism that 5 years ago the kids would have gone on strike if our ambassador had shown up. It is another indices of how things are changing, and for the better, in this part of the world.

✓ Probably the best party we have thrown in the Resident was for election night. We had about 800 people, and it was a great affair. The whole process will be over shortly, and whomever wins will have a hard time convincing us that he should have. Hopefully, they will realize that. We also had a visit from our friends Peter and Peggy Alexander, who we knew back in Jakarta. We had a great time, and spend a couple of days at an Uruguayan ranch. It was all good fun.

Number two son Anson turned 25 in November, and Kathleen will turn 16 in December. The miracle of children is, of course, they get older and we don't.

Let us hear from you.

Best Regards
Kit

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 2000

11-10-00

Dear Mrs. President:

I am pleased to transmit to you: *Climate Change Impacts on the United States: The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change*. This is the first national assessment submitted as required by the Global Change Research Act of 1990. The best scientific estimates indicate that the U.S. will warm by about 5-10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. While we are confident that climate is changing, we are not yet able to predict exactly how it will be manifested at smaller regional scales. The assessment is therefore not intended as a prediction of the future climate in any given place, but rather examines the impacts that could result from a plausible set of future climate scenarios. The report clearly indicates that climate change is a serious issue for our nation.

Climate change appears to pose a significant challenge for water resource management nationally. More intense precipitation and faster evaporation of water are very likely to lead to more floods and droughts; changes in rainfall patterns, snowpack thickness, and timing of snowmelt will affect water supply. Rising sea level is also a widespread concern, as it will threaten wetlands and expose many coastal communities to increased storm surges. Other projected national impacts are mixed and could change over time. Total U.S. crop productivity is very likely to increase over the next few decades, but some areas will suffer losses. Forest growth is also likely to increase in the near-term, but the composition of many forests will change and, over the longer term, changes in fires, insects, droughts, and disease are expected to decrease forest productivity. A range of negative human health impacts is possible from climate change, but surveillance and adaptation are likely to help protect much of the U.S. population.

Regional impacts will vary significantly. Some Southeastern barrier islands and Rocky Mountain alpine meadows may disappear entirely. Milder winters are likely to reduce cold-related stress in some areas, but summer heat waves are very likely to increase in frequency. The desert ecosystems native to the Southwest are likely to be replaced by grasslands and shrublands, and maple trees may disappear from New England. Increasing stream temperatures may harm migrating fish in the Northwest. Increased melting of permafrost threatens forested areas, roads, and buildings in Alaska.

This document was produced by a team of authors -- chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act -- which included experts from U.S. government agencies, the academic community and the private sector. It was created through a fully open, public process, with contributions from thousands of concerned citizens from around the country, including many of our nation's leading climate scientists. The report has been through multiple rounds of scientific peer review, with hundreds of experts providing detailed comments and suggestions, assuring its technical accuracy. The result is a document that responds to the information needs of local, regional, and national decision-makers in the public and private sectors by providing a picture of what is at risk from climate change. The report's identification of uncertainties and research opportunities is an important contribution to the U.S. government and the Congress as they consider the future agenda for U.S. global change research efforts.

cc:
Ballentine
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Neal Lane

Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

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➔ Mr. President —

The meeting tomorrow with
Barack will not be easy but
it could make the difference between
an irreversible descent into greater
conflict on ^a same path toward.

Give me a call if you
want to discuss.

Judy

Israeli – Palestinian Conflict

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

11-13-00

The Real Story
The Real Story

Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

Educating The Next Generation Towards “Peace”



Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

“Only Stones”



Yes, that is an Anti-Tank missile

Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

“Only Stones”



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“Only Stones”



Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

Respecting Other Nations



Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

Humanity



A happy Palestinian showing the blood of 2 Israeli civilians - lynch victims the Palestinian Police & Mob just butchered in Ramalla

Pictures from the recent Palestinian riots

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and the Secretary of State for
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Palestineland

Fri, Nov 10, 2000 3:57 PM

To: The President and Senator Mrs. Clinton
Subject: Palestineland

Dear Mr. President,

I beg you follow a line from the mouth of the Litani River on the Levant Coast, east until you can go south, just East of the Golan Heights down a little into the Republic of Jordan. Make our line go west to the Jordan River, follow it north to a point just south of the Sea of Galilee and take the line back to the Levant Coast between Haifa and Accra. The shape of this land resembles a backwards capital P. Let's call this backwards P Palestineland.

Israel gains total sovereignty over West Bank and Gaza. Lebanon might just do it for its own peace. Israel would no longer share a border with Syria. Pipelines from the Persian Gulf reopen. The Palestinians here have a piece of ground that should make sense to them. Security and investment in good drinking water. Being landlocked in West Bank divided Gaza they cannot in the end act sensibly with an insensible Authority.

peace, love, unity, respect.

Paul E. Chambers
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To the President and Senator Mrs. Clinton.

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November 9th, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President,

Once more, the philosophers of the Buenos Aires Yoga School have the honor of writing to you.

As you know, for several years we have been denouncing before U. S. authorities, from whom we've received constant and valuable support, the constant violations of human rights perpetrated against BAYS' members by the Argentine Judicial System.

Last Friday, October 27th, our delegation in Washington met with State Department Officials: Peter Higgins, Human Rights for Latin America, and Jeff Irwing, Argentina Desk Officer, and informed them in an extended interview, about the dangerous Stalinist domination of the Argentine Government.

Before the end of your presidential term that has brought so many successes to the ideals of democracy and progress that United States of America so strongly defends, we would like to request the honor of meeting with you in person to discuss the dangerous ideology that each day, unfortunately gains more ground in Argentina.

Sincerely,



Mr. Ariel Hirsch Pels

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KRIS ENSKOV

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Dear Mr. President -

Thanks for taking time to meet our staff -

I found the book at an auction in
Seattle last month - I hope you like it, I
don't think you have a copy

Kris Enskov

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Bread for the World
Seeking Justice. Ending Hunger.

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November 6, 2000

Me. President,

If you focus on world hunger and poverty after you leave the White House, you could lead a process that would cut world hunger in half by 2015 – and end widespread hunger in the United States much sooner.

At the Cabinet Room meeting on poor-country debt, you sketched an exciting vision. You suggested that the diverse coalition for debt relief could grow into a bigger, sustained coalition to reduce poverty and hunger worldwide. I was thrilled when you later told me that you yourself intend to work on this.

It is now feasible to cut world hunger in half by 2015. The financial cost would be only \$4 billion a year from all the industrialized countries. Winning and maintaining a \$4 billion a year increase in effective, resolutely poverty-focused aid is no small matter. But with your leadership, we can build the necessary alliance of leaders from both parties, religious and humanitarian groups, ethnic organizations, corporations, and others.

Bread for the World has already started to approach various institutions about forging an Alliance to End Hunger. Leon Panetta (a Bread for the World board member), Susan Berresford (president of the Ford Foundation), and George Rupp (president of Columbia University) are helping me. We could shape this work to support what you may have in mind.

In our view, the Alliance should aim to end widespread hunger in our own country as well as worldwide. Americans are concerned about hunger in their own communities, and we could achieve dramatic progress against hunger in America within a few years. In today's economy, a \$5 billion annual increase in the national nutrition programs would cut U.S. hunger and food insecurity in half. Food banks would soon be reporting reduced hunger in communities across the country. That would help convince people that hunger is one problem we can actually solve, and that the key is to get our government to do its part. Clear progress against domestic hunger would help us push for progress against world hunger and for a broader anti-poverty agenda in the United States.

We are planning an April meeting to organize the Alliance to End Hunger. We will invite institutions that are prepared to commit additional resources to changing the politics of hunger.

Would you agree now to chair this meeting next spring?

David Beckmann

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Statement on the Death of Hosea Williams
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Hillary and I were deeply saddened to learn of the death of an American foot soldier for freedom and a driving force for the Voting Rights Act, Hosea Williams. From his bravery in the fields of battle in World War II, to his leadership in the civil rights struggle at home, Hosea Williams was a profile in courage. One of the greatest honors of my presidency was walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with him on the 35th anniversary of the Selma march earlier this year. Hosea Williams dedicated his entire life to making sure we never take a detour on the road to freedom. He helped us all cross the bridge to a better and more just world. With his memory as a guide, we'll keep marching on. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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Nov. 22, 2000

from Adams
out-box

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

~~Mr. President -~~

The attached may prove helpful
for your upcoming trip. God speed.

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Presidential Visit to Vietnam – Issues Presented by Vietnam Veterans of America

1. The site visit to the repatriation sites is a "must do" item. To drop these site visits would send an extreme negative message to the Nation's Vietnam Veterans. To participate in the visits would significantly build the stature of the President in the minds of the U.S. Vietnam Veteran community.
2. The site visits also send a very clear signal to the Vietnamese of the importance of the POW/MIA issue to the President. It is strongly recommended that before any discussions regarding building business relationships are held that the issue of the POW/MIA is addressed. From the VVA point of view, great progress has been made through working with the Vietnamese, but they need to be reminded of the importance of the issue. Thomas H. Corey (Nat'l Vice President of VVA) has a strong working relationship with the Vietnamese and has visited with them many times on this issue. He would be a superb resource for the President.
3. The Vietnamese will raise the Agent Orange issue. It will likely be addressed in the context of reparations, but this is, to a great extent, posturing. To the extent the research and medical outreach efforts can be announced the Vietnamese will be pleased.
4. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to heal an open wound and to bring some closure to a most painful chapter in our country's history.



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**The Deputy Secretary of
Veterans Affairs**
Washington, D.C. 20420

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The President

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Nov. 21, 2000

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TO: Nancy Hernreich

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Nancy,

Hear we are about to have a nice fall weekend — hope you get the chance to enjoy it.

Have enclosed a letter to the President and First Lady plus an additional attachment for Hillary. Thanks.

Since I recently heard somewhere that the President may be going to Arkansas about the same time I was making plans to go, wanted to ask about the possibility of catching a ride going down. Again I understand that even with the unlikely prospect of having room you may have restrictions due to the campaign. But it's worth asking.

Talk to you later.

**FAX**

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October 6, 2000

The President
The White House
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Dear Bill and Hillary,

Seems as if both the Presidential and Senate campaigns are doing great. Wish I could vote absentee in New York.

Hillary, don't know if you can use the attached paper, but it is the latest paper the DoD senior policy person, Walt Slocombe, has put out on some of the issues with which my office deals. (I know that Walt is a Princeton, not a Yale, Alumni but I did hear that he had one of the highest grade point averages in Princeton's history.) He is a very solid guy.

Bill, since you are now the real expert on this stuff, having gone through the world's greatest course in international politics, you may want to see what you think about the paper also. On a different topic, I heard that you may be going to Arkansas next week. If I can get away, was intending to pay Mom another visit and attend the Cultural Center Open House on Friday, the 13th (glad I am not superstitious). Your trip probably comes under campaign rules, but thought I would ask Nancy's office about the chances of catching a ride with you in case there is room and it's OK. In any case, will let you know how things go in Hot Springs. By the way, just got off the phone with David L. -- he is very busy being the great father that he is.

So far, great news coming out of Belgrade. I still remember you in Carolyn's old Little Rock house the morning after the 1992 election observing how intractable the situation in Yugoslavia was and even then trying to come up with ways to resolve the Balkan situation. You can be very proud of what you and your Administration accomplished over there. In terms of both tactical and strategic results the Balkan campaign overall could go down as one of history's most successful regional military operation. (I wish this was highlighted more on the campaign trail.)

Hope both of you can afford a little time off this long Columbus Day weekend, but realize it probably won't happen. Take care and good luck.

Sincerely,



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IS DETERRENCE STILL RELEVANT?

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the number of weapons the United States needs to maintain effective nuclear deterrence has diminished sharply, but nuclear weapons continue to play a critical role in deterring aggression against the United States, its overseas forces, its allies and friends. Their utility is not limited to protecting against nuclear threats, but against chemical, and biological attacks that could be just as deadly.

But the Cold War is over, and it is important to recognize the great degree to which our nuclear deterrent and indeed that of Russia has been transformed from that period. The role of nuclear weapons in our defense posture has diminished—we welcome this trend and expect it will continue in the future. US spending on strategic forces has declined dramatically from Cold War levels—from 24 % of the total DoD budget in the mid-1960s, to 7% in 1991, to less than 3% today.

Over the past eight years, the Clinton Administration has worked hard to secure detargeting of US and Russian strategic missiles; the entry into force of the START I Treaty, which limits deployed strategic nuclear forces for the United States and Russia to 6,000; the complete denuclearization of Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan; the indefinite extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT); Senate ratification of START II, which reduces deployed strategic nuclear weapons to 3,000-3,500; and negotiation of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

In addition to START reductions, there have been qualitative changes in our nuclear arsenal. There used to be nuclear land-mines, artillery, infantry weapons, surface-to-surface missiles, surface-to-air weapons, air-to-air weapons, depth-charges, and torpedoes; all these have gone.

We have made clear that, once START II enters into force, we are prepared to work on further reductions in strategic nuclear arms. We have emphasized nuclear safety issues and since 1992 we have spent \$3 billion on the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. This money has assisted Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine with the dismantling of weapons of mass destruction, the prevention of the proliferation of these weapons, and providing ways to harness the resources that once were used to build weapons of destruction and turn them into non-lethal, productive facilities.

Lifting the threat of nuclear weapons destruction and limiting their spread has been and remains at the top of President Clinton's foreign policy agenda. However, we are not yet at the point where we can eliminate our nuclear weapons.

We will need such a force because nuclear deterrence—far from being made wholly obsolete—remains an essential, ultimate assurance against the gravest of threats.

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Why nuclear deterrence?

The question, however, is rightly asked: Granted all these reductions, with the end of the Cold War, why do we continue to maintain a nuclear deterrent at all?

Nuclear weapons remain important as deterrents against two broad classes of threats.

First, Russia has made great progress and we do not regard it as a potential military threat under its present, or any reasonably foreseeable government. We wisely invest substantially in the Nunn-Lugar, Cooperative Threat Reduction program, in future arms control--and we share with the current Russian leadership (and most of their opponents) a determination not to let our relations return to a state of hostility in which these weapons would be a threat.

All that said, Russia continues to possess substantial strategic forces and an even larger stockpile of tactical nuclear weapons. And because of deterioration in its conventional military capabilities, Russia may be placing even more importance and reliance on its nuclear forces. We cannot be so certain of future Russian politics as to ignore the possibility that we would need again to deter the Russian nuclear force.

Second, even if we could ignore the Russian nuclear arsenal entirely, there are, unfortunately, a range of other potential threats that require a deterrent. One cannot survey the list of rogue states with potential weapons of mass destruction programs and conclude otherwise.

The Intelligence Community estimates that over the next 15 years the United States most likely will face ICBM threats from North Korea, probably Iran, and possibly Iraq in addition to long-standing missile capabilities of Russia and China. The arsenals these states are developing will be much smaller, less accurate and less reliable than those of Russia and China, but they will still pose a significant threat to the United States in the hands of the leaders of those countries.

Is Deterrence Alone Enough?

Deterrence is not an end in itself. It is a strategy to prevent attack, but if it fails, we have no defenses against the most destructive forces ever devised. We did not during the Cold War, nor do we now have the technology to destroy hundreds of attacking missiles; however, defenses against a limited threat are no longer outside the realm of possibility. We have invested substantially in the development of a limited national missile defense (NMD) system that holds potential to be able to effectively defend against rogue state threats that have grown so significantly in recent years.

If a future President decided to deploy a national missile defense system, it could be an important complement to nuclear deterrence. President Clinton decided not to order deployment of an NMD system at this time, but he did order the Department of Defense to continue a robust program of development and testing on the NMD system.

The utility of considering active defenses against missiles from states like North Korea, Iran and Iraq does not depend on a judgment that their leaders are utterly indifferent to the prospect of retaliation. Rather it is based on a recognition that leaders of these isolated states might be prepared to use WMD attacks – and risk retaliation – in circumstances where more traditional, or at least more cautious, leaders would not. Leaders such as Saddam Hussein and Kim Jong-il have established records of indifference to the suffering of their own populations and they value regime survival above all else.

The most troubling scenario would be a miscalculation by states that acquire a missile capable of reaching the United States taking action to start a regional conflict, in the mistaken belief that by threatening strikes at the US, their missiles would prevent us from meeting our commitments to our friends and allies.

Any nation using weapons of mass destruction against the United States, its forces, or its allies, would face a prompt and overwhelming response. This is a powerful deterrent – and one we will maintain, whatever we do about other defenses. However, far from undermining deterrence, missile defenses complement overall deterrence by enhancing the United States' ability to fulfill its global security commitments to allies and friends. They present a potential aggressor with the prospect that an attack will not only be fatal, but futile. Fatal – because of retaliation – but also futile – because it will be blocked from striking its target.

Shouldn't Nuclear Weapons At Least Be Taken Off "Hair Trigger" Alert?

It is often said that our nuclear forces are on "hair trigger" alert. This is a mischaracterization. It implies that the slightest mistake could launch our nuclear forces. Our nuclear forces cannot be launched by mistake. It takes a decision by the President that sets in motion complex procedures with multiple safeguards to pass the order from the President along with the codes to unlock the weapons systems. So we have high confidence in the safeguards we have established to prevent an unauthorized launch.

Still, we have implemented some de-alerting options, and we have studied others. US nuclear bombers no longer stand on "strip alert" as they did until 1991. A substantial number of our nuclear submarines at sea are not on alert because they are survivable and there are no time pressures for a rapid launch. We have studied options for taking our ICBM's off alert. In general, we concluded that the options that are verifiable are destabilizing. They increase force vulnerability to a first strike, and introduce incentives for rapid re-alerting in a crisis.

The heart of the problem is not that our forces are on alert. The problem stems from concerns that a false warning event generated from Russia's deteriorating early warning system will lead to a launch based on erroneous information. The United States has a reliable early warning system and, in a crisis, would seek to verify an event using two distinct physical mechanisms. Importantly, we have also taken steps to work cooperatively with Russia to ensure that mistakes can not lead to conflict. For instance, in June, Presidents Clinton and Putin agreed to establish a joint warning center in Moscow, where Russian and US personnel will monitor global ballistic missile launches. This will reduce the possibility that either side would misinterpret an event as a hostile act.

Proposals to take all of our weapons off alert, or to eliminate them completely, might be intended to reduce the likelihood of nuclear war, but, if they cannot be verified and do not involve all nations who might have weapons of mass destruction, these proposals would actually decrease stability.

Our objective is a safe and stable world. Nuclear weapons and the underlying technical knowledge cannot be dis-invented, whether or not the US retains its weapons. In this connection, the US will continue to lead the way to a safer world through deep reductions in nuclear forces, undertaken in START agreements and through our Cooperative Threat Reduction program. We will also continue our work to ensure the safety and reliability of our deployed nuclear forces and continue cooperative measures with Russia to reduce the chance for a miscalculation by either side. At the same time, we will maintain a smaller nuclear force as a hedge against a future that is uncertain and in a world in which many states seek to develop nuclear, chemical, and biological arsenals.

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President William Jefferson Clinton

JACK C. BENDHEIM

October 20, 2000

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

Delivered by hand

Dear Mr. President:

I write to you from Jerusalem, where I am visiting with family for the Sukkoth holiday. Events here are truly troubling.

Mr. President, you continue to provide us with hope during these distressing times. In this time of transition and change, your hand has remained steady. I cannot adequately describe how important that knowledge is, how important it is for us to know that you are there and you will be there – for the sake of Israel, for the sake of the Middle East, for the sake of peace.

Although your second term will soon come to a close, and a precious moment in history will have ended, the quest for peace will continue. For us, it is a lifelong quest that has been immeasurably enriched during your tenure in office. History has determined that the search for peace will extend beyond your presidency – but I pray that it will continue to benefit from your intense personal involvement during your final months in office, as well as afterward.

Just over two years ago, as you may remember, you met Rabbi Michael Paley at an event hosted by Stan Chesley. It was just before Yom Kippur, our holiest of days. I asked Rabbi Paley to reflect on the current situation and I would like to share with you what he said:

Sukkoth is the holiday of dreams and hope. One would think that it would fall before Yom Kippur, which is our Day of Judgment, because hope should come before judgment. But that's not the way life is.

Sukkoth commemorates our trek through the desert but not our arrival to the Promised Land. Instead, we start and finish the holiday by remembering our experience in the desert. We celebrate our dreams and hope, but not the achievement of our goal. But dreams should not be thought of as fantasies. Fantasies are delusions; dreams are what we work towards with plans and perseverance. That is where we are now. It still feels like we are wandering – and the desert feels hot and dangerous. But we are actually still working hard to achieve our goal of peace. And in that respect, we are eternally grateful to President Clinton for helping us, and often leading us, along this difficult road.

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Along this difficult and all-too-violent road, we are moved to see how deeply your emotions are touched. We are also grateful that your rational sense of purpose is not shaken.

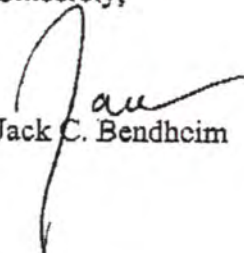
When the instinct of too many others is revenge and recrimination, we are proud that your response, and that of the United States Government, has been restraint and the restoration of calm. When so many say it is over, it is a blessing that you say and do all that can be done, in order to keep hope alive and to help all understand that the sacred goal cannot be over and never be abandoned. When no one can speak except to attribute blame and denounce the other side, it is so important that you can denounce the violence and keep faith with the leaders to try again, to persist.

Many have said that during an election campaign, no policy can surpass the political moment. Yet you have kept the focus on policy and peace foremost. When so many say this is the end of this Presidency, you have demonstrated every day that there is a strong and determined President of the United States, just as the Constitution mandates.

Please know that most Americans share with you this clear-eyed sense of priorities and commitment of American world influence; know that the majority of American Jews feel so fortunate that we have a President who loves Israel enough to commit the United States to persist in peace-making even in its moment of greatest despair. The Jewish tradition says that if you save one life, you have saved the world. Mr. President, if you lead the way to stop the violence, to save the life of one child, Israeli or Palestinian, or of one young Israeli soldier – you will have saved a world.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,



Jack C. Bendheim