

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: *Phil*

FROM: Office of Counsel to the President
Room 128, OEOB, x6-7900

- ☒ FYI *President sent a letter referring issue to our ofc. Attached are replies.*
- ☐ Please Call
- ☐ Appropriate Action
- ☐ Let's Discuss
- ☐ Per Our Conversation
- ☐ Per Your Request
- ☐ Please Return
- ☐ Other

*To Eugene's
for your files*

*Phil
— 2/17*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1999

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Beverly and Burton Elliott
2805 Shadybrook Cove
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Elliott:

Thank you very much for your recent letter to President Clinton regarding executive clemency for Preston Bynum. I appreciate your taking the time to communicate with the President on this important issue, and apologize for the delay in replying.

I have been informed by the Department of Justice that Mr. Bynum has not yet applied for a pardon. If he would like to apply, he can obtain application materials from the Office of the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice. Their mailing address is 500 First Street, N.W., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC, 20530, and their phone number is (202) 616-6070. The Department of Justice conducts an initial review of all applications for executive clemency, and then forwards them, along with the Department's recommendation as to whether clemency should be granted, to the President.

Our office will keep your correspondence on file so that it is available to the President should Mr. Bynum decide to apply.

Thank you again for contacting the President on this matter, and especially for your kind words. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 456-5388 if I can answer any questions or be of assistance.

Sincerely,



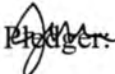
Meredith E. Cabe
Associate Counsel to the President

cc: Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1999

Jim Pledger
General Manager
Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show
P.O. Box 166660
Little Rock, AR 72216

Dear Mr. ~~Pledger~~ 

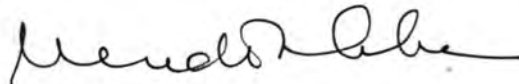
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Associate Counsel to the President

cc: Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

*Jim -
hope all is well
with you!
Meredith*

From: William Molloy <billm@pdq.net> on 12/16/2000 06:19 AM GMT

To: president@Whitehouse.GOV
cc:
Subject: Information Oval Office

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CITY: Houston
STATE-PROVINCE: Tx
ZIP-CODE: 77077
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Veteran
SUBJECT: Information Oval Office

EB

[Message]

On December 15th I saw President and Mrs Clintons television tour of the Whitehouse. In the Oval office President Clinton showed a brick from the Hanoi Hilton Prison. I too have a similar brick which I removed from the prison in January 1995 while the prison was being torn down. I would like to know the inscription on the brass plaque above the brick. Thank you.
William Molloy

Hoa Lo (Fire Oven)
"The Hanoi Hilton"

Built in 1899 by French colonials,
from 1945 until "Operation Homecoming"
in 1973, the prison held U.S. POWs.
They nicknamed it "Hanoi Hilton" & its
remembered still as a symbol of American courage during captivity.

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this info and
all respond?

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Lee,

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the spouse club

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Bill Higgins, Founder
Direct: 201-358-5070

January 4, 2001

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

When I gave the First Lady my Spouse Card at a fundraiser last fall, she got a big kick out of it. She even asked for extra cards which identified me as the spouse of Barbara Corcoran, the high profile Founder-Chairman of New York's Corcoran Group, a real estate firm.

Whenever I went to events with Barbara, people kept asking me who I was. To simplify matters, in 1999 I decided to form The Spouse Club, for less-known spouses of high profile people, and print up cards. Before marrying Barbara, I was a former FBI agent, a retired US Navy Captain and veteran of Desert Storm.

With your becoming ex-President and Mrs. Clinton a high-profile Senator, I thought you, with a great sense of humor, would get a kick out of passing out enclosed cards at events that you attend with her - thus making you a member of The Spouse Club.

Cordially,


Bill Higgins, Founder
The Spouse Club

P.S. Please let me know when you want a new supply of the cards.

SY PRESTEN ASSOCIATES
150 WEST 26th STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001



President Bill Clinton
Chappaqua, New York 10514



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NEWS

from **SY PRESTEN ASSOCIATES**

JOANNE BINDER

150 West 26th Street • New York City, 10001 • (212)242-5058

January 8, 2001

PRESIDENT CLINTON IS SENT UNIQUE MEMBERSHIP CARDS

President Bill Clinton, whose White House days are numbered, has been sent membership cards in the unique Spouse Club. It was formed in 1999 for less-known Spouses of high-profile people.

The Club was created by Bill Higgins, the Spouse of Barbara Corcoran, the high-profile Founder-Chairman of New York's Corcoran Group, a real estate firm.

Whenever he went to events with his Spouse, Higgins always was asked who he was. To simplify matters, he decided to form The Spouse Club and print up cards, identifying him as the Spouse of Barbara Corcoran.

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Before marrying Barbara, he was a former FBI agent, a retired U.S. Navy Captain and veteran of Desert Storm.

In sending a batch of cards to the President, identifying him as the Spouse of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (FedEx delivered them to the White House January 5 at 9:20 a.m.), Higgins wrote:

"With your becoming ex-President and Mrs. Clinton a high-profile Senator, I thought you, with a great sense of humor, would get a kick out of passing out the enclosed cards at events you attend with her..."

FRONT OF CARD

the spouse club

Bill Clinton
Spouse

address: Chappaqua, NY 10514

Husband of
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY)

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THE CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY ACCEPTANCE FORM

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SF, CA. NOV. 3, 2000

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE APOLOGY FOR TAKING SO LONG TO RESPOND. YOU SEE, I'M ON A LIMITED RETIREMENT INCOME, AND I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT MY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAD PRIORITY... SO NOW THAT I HAVE MAILED MY LAST CHECKS TO GORE 2000, FEINSTEIN 2000, DCCC AND DSCC AND DNC... FINALLY I CAN MAKE MY CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY.

I HAVE ALREADY VOTED, SINCE I WILL BE OUT O'TOWN NEXT WEEK,

I'M SORRY I MISSED YOU TODAY AT THE MOSCONE CENTER, I WAS A BIT LATE AND WAS NOT ALLOWED IN... I HAD SO MUCH WANTED TO SEE YOU AND HEAR YOU IN PERSON, TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR AMERICA, FOR SENIORS AND KIDS, FOR THE ENVIRONMENT... FOR WORLD PEACE... PERHAPS I'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME. MY BEST ALWAYS... GOD BLESS,

Joe

Lee,

This has all been
taken care of. Counsel
gave permission to use the
2 letters. Please file/
handle as appropriate
— Eugene

Crystal Cathedral Ministries
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, CA 92841
714-971-4075

facsimile transmittal

To Bruce
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To: Eugenie Bisulco

Fax: 202-395-5198

From: Barbara Evans

Date: 01/12/01

Re: Approval

Pages: 3

☐ Urgent

☐ For Review

☐ Please Comment

☐ Please Reply

☐ Please Recycle

Here are the two letters Dr. Schuller would like to use in his autobiography.

Thank you for your attention!

1/18/01 via call from
Dawn Woollen, per McCabe +
BLINDSEY
approval to use
both letters
called B. Evans to
inform of decision
- EB

THE WHITE HOUSE

5/6/99

Dear Rep. Schumer —

When I saw this article,
I thought of you.

If Congress will adopt my
Social Security plan, will pay the
debt down to its lowest level since
before World War II by 2015, and
we can be debt free by 2018!

When you first mentioned
this to me, I didn't think it could
be done. As events at home and
abroad unfolded, I became a
"possibility thinker" on this issue!
I hope you're well.

Sincerely,

Phil Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1/27/97

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home time to see you if you can
come.

Sincerely

Bill Clinton

PS - Please give my regards
to our friend JTB Frazier, a
remarkable man.

Betty -

Full of letters
to Schuller from
Cory -

(attached)

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ROBERT SCHULLER

Do you want
him to send you
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December 11, 2000

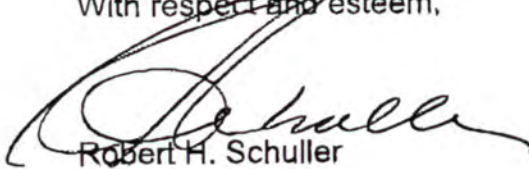
Dear Mr. President:

Of the many letters I have received in my lifetime, two, which in my mind have great significance, have come from you. Because these letters are of such significance to me, I am seeking your permission to use the letters in my autobiography, which I am currently working on.

As always, there is a time consideration, and I would appreciate receiving your comments as soon as possible. Thank you for taking time from your extremely busy time to consider this request.

May your holiday season be filled with blessings and the upcoming transition filled with peace.

With respect and esteem,


Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
East Wing, Room 214
Washington, DC 20500

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The Reverend Robert Schuller
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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remarkable man.

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Dr. Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, CA 92640

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ROBERT SCHULLER

January 21, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

"Thou shall be called the repairer of the breach, and the restorer of paths to dwell in." Isaiah 58:12.

My eyes filled with tears and my heart was thrilled with pride when I heard you use those prophetic words from Isaiah on your Inauguration Day. I remember first sharing them with you "as my gift" in November and sharing them again last Saturday with you at the White House.

Is it true that you shared these words from the Bible with Senators Ford and Warner and Congressman Gingrich as you rode together to the Inauguration site at the Capitol?

And is it true that you placed your hand on that very verse as you took your Oath of Office?

Then, is it possible that verse which you first received in November may have motivated you — perhaps subconsciously — to make the most honorable move any elected president ever made to his recent opponent when you gave the Medal of Freedom to my old friend, Bob Dole?

Forty-seven years ago when I took my ordination vows, I placed my hand on that same text to claim it as the spiritual guiding star of my life. How God blesses the heart so positioned to peace and prosperity for all.

I'm sharing the challenge of this verse with my television audience this coming Sunday, January 26.

I will be on the East Coast on Monday, February 3. I have lunch that day in Atlanta at the home of our mutual friend, J.B. Fuqua.

THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
12141 LEWIS STREET, CARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92640

January 21, 1997

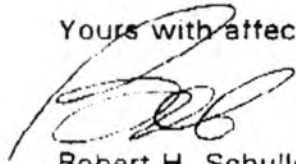
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A private plane available to me would allow me to slip into Washington later that afternoon or evening. I would love to have quality time with you. We are all in this together — to bring our country together!

Bill Hybels called this morning and we had a long talk and I shared how thrilled I was that I gave you a gift for your Inauguration Day. I want to believe that if I was used by God to give you that Bible verse, you received the best gift you could possibly have received from anyone on the most important day in your life.

I want to help you any way I can to build the bridge into the 21st Century.

Yours with affection, respect and esteem,



Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
East Wing, Room 214
Washington, DC 20500-2000

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P.S. I agreed with every word of your fantastic speech!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1997

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92840

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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thanks for your recent fax. I'm glad the trip to Calcutta for Mother Teresa's funeral was as meaningful to you as it was to Hillary.

Thank you also for sharing the *Los Angeles Times* editorial on the Russian religious freedom law. I am disappointed that President Yeltsin signed this law, but rest assured we will continue to engage Russia on how it implements the statute and how its government lives up to its international commitments, including respecting the rights of religious minorities. Both the Vice President and I have raised this with President Yeltsin.

Keep up all your good work. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Brian

We have been assured
the law will not be applied
against efforts of our
faithful — and we'll keep at it

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RUSSIAN LAW ON RELIGION

September 29, 1997

Background: On July 21, President Yeltsin vetoed a bill that would have imposed severe restrictions on freedom of conscience in Russia. In early September, however, the Yeltsin administration endorsed a revised version of the legislation that contains many of the worst elements of the original, including a provision that would require newly established religious organizations to wait 15 years before acquiring full legal status. The new draft would also impose severe limitations on foreign missionaries. The Duma overwhelmingly approved the bill on September 19, the Federation Council passed it on September 24 and President Yeltsin signed it on September 26. The law goes into effect upon its official publication – probably next week. We understand that some religious organizations in Russia are considering challenging the law in Constitutional Court.

- We regret the enactment of this law which appears to restrict religious liberties and would discriminate against some religious groups in Russia.
- Both the President and the Vice President have raised this issue with their Russian counterparts. The Vice President told President Yeltsin that he and the Prime Minister would continue their intensive dialogue to address the concerns of religious leaders.
- We have had assurances from the highest levels of the Russian government that Russia will continue to respect the rights of religious minorities and to honor its international commitments to religious freedom – principles reflected in President Yeltsin's veto of the original bill.
- We will continue to engage Russia on how it implements this statute and how the Russian government lives up to its international commitments. We look to Russia to ensure that implementation of this law does not violate the principles of religious freedom set forth in its constitution.
- Freedom of conscience and religious tolerance are essential components of a democratic society. The Russian people today have this right, which is protected by the 1993 Russian Constitution and a 1990 law on religious freedom.

Eugenie:

This isn't Presidential
language, but it might
help you in getting a
grasp on the subject.
(provided by NSC)

Wayna
6-5492



ROBERT SCHULLER

Reply

September 23, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

I am profoundly grateful for the part you played in making it possible for me to be a part of the Presidential Delegation to Mother Teresa's funeral. Hillary is so special! Of course, so are you.

How can I thank you? Probably by being the most effective spiritual voice to help shape the course of religion in the years to come.

I can tell you that I rededicated my life and my ministry to be a television expression of the spirit of Mother Teresa. As I stepped off the plane in Calcutta, a member of the delegation receiving us greeted me with a wide smile and the warm words: "Dr. Schuller, your program is now on every Sunday morning in Calcutta! And India!"

I received another call from my closest friend in Hong Kong who shared the same exciting news! And from another friend in Taiwan. And from a member of my German board who did a seminar in Morocco and was surprised to see in that Muslim country, "The Hour of Power is seen every week giving hope to a vast and appreciative audience!"

I want to help shape religion for the next century as a spiritual movement bringing people together to help those who are hurting. We are uniquely positioned. And I believe God has great things in mind for our ministry.

THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
1244 LEWIS STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92640
12141 Lewis St

President Bill Clinton

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September 23, 1997

But He had to make sure that He could trust the greater successes in the future to me. So he humbled me this summer with an incident on an airline. Now He knows He can trust me with even greater blessings than any of us imagined.

Well, you are a major player in putting me in this power position. And I promise you that I will prove to be worthy of your trust.

Yours with growing admiration, affection and genuine respect,



Robert H. Schuller

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Washington DC 20500-2000

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Enclosure

P.S. We were the first televised Christian television program to be aired in U.S.S.R. starting December 25, 1989. It was a result of Dr. Armand Hammer's personal appeal to Gorbachev. The work we have done and are doing there is fantastic! So naturally I'm concerned with the editorial that appeared in this morning's Los Angeles Times. Perhaps there is something you can do.

I was grateful to have the opportunity to visit with Vice President Gore while I was in Washington following the funeral of Mother Teresa. I have also written to him regarding my deep concern for the religious freedom in Russia and enclosed the article.

B8 R TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

LOS ANGELES TIMES EDITORIALS



Blow to Religious Freedom

Russian law targets 'newcomers,' to the Orthodox Church's benefit

The constitution approved by Russian voters in 1993 defines the Russian Federation as a secular state in which religious organizations are to be treated equally and left free of government control. This guarantee of tolerance, pluralism, and independence is about to be negated by a measure passed by the state Duma, implicitly endorsed by President Boris Yeltsin and warmly supported by the Russian Orthodox Church. It awaits only the *pro forma* approval of the upper house of Parliament to become law. When that happens, the legal status of religious groups that have been establishing themselves in post-Communist Russia will be largely revoked.

The legislation, slightly modified after an earlier Yeltsin veto, notes the Orthodox Church's special role in Russian history while recognizing such "traditional" religions as Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. Traditional faiths are defined as those that have been active in Russia for at least 15 years, meaning those that had a presence during the Communist era. That provision effectively excludes Roman Catholics, Seventh-day Adventists, Mormons, Pentecostals and others from the rights and protections granted "traditional" religious organizations. Groups that do not meet the 15-year rule will not be allowed to own property, produce or distribute religious literature, operate schools or radio and tele-

vision stations or conduct services in hospitals, schools, orphanages or cemeteries.

The Orthodox Church says the new legislation is needed to protect Russians against "cults," which apparently means any religious organization that the dominant church views as being heterodox—and competitive. Evangelical movements have been especially active in Russia since the collapse of communism six years ago, giving rise to 800 congregations. Populist politicians catering to historical Russian xenophobia have repeatedly attacked foreign religious activists, with Mormons being a special target.

Human rights groups, the Vatican and other religious organizations have strongly protested the pending religious restrictions. The U.S. Congress has threatened to suspend \$200 million in aid to Russia over the issue. The goal of the new law is of course to halt proselytizing, which would deny Russian citizens the freedom of religious choice and conscience. If the constitutional guarantee of religious tolerance can be overthrown, then so can such other basic rights as freedom of expression and assembly. A Russia that seeks eagerly to be integrated into the community of advanced nations will be judged on many counts, not least on how it upholds its own basic laws. With the discriminatory religion law, Russia has taken a dangerous step backward.

Betty -

Robert Schuller

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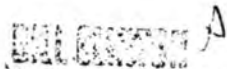
March 7, 2000

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you for your letter and the materials regarding the preservation of historic buildings, particularly the Neutra Cyclorama Center at Gettysburg. I appreciate having your recommendation for establishing a presidential commission to examine historic preservation, and I have shared your correspondence with members of my staff for consideration. I value your counsel, and I send my best wishes.

Sincerely,



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cc:
BOB NASH

ROBERT SCHULLER

November 19, 1999

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes



12-7-99

Dear Mr. President:

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We had an unusual ceremony on our campus this past Sunday, November 14, 1999. I had as my guest, Dion Neutra, architect -- the son of Richard Neutra, who designed our campus from its inception in early 1960. Our Tower of Hope, which Richard designed and Dion presided over, forms the centerpiece of our older campus.

The purpose of the occasion was the rededication of the reconstruction of Neutra's original building, an L-shaped one-story building which contained classroom and office spaces. We spent over \$2 million refreshing it after nearly 40 years and I wanted Dion to share my excitement on this happy occasion.

During our conversation, he reminded me of his on-going fight to save other examples of his and his father's elegant and significant work on many fronts, including one on which you personally could have an impact.

If the Federal Government cannot lead the way towards the preservation of our built environment, who can?

In the last two years Dion has watched the world famous Neutra Cyclorama Center at Gettysburg be sacrificed despite numerous nominations on National Registers and Lists. This building is considered among the most important buildings of the Mission 66 program in the country. Hundreds of preservation supporters have been writing letters to you and Hillary pleading to intercede with executive authority to change the course the National Park Service and your Interior Secretary have elected to follow. Dion tells me there has been no official response from your office.

~~+~~ Dion Neutra would be a great asset to a Presidential Commission to examine the state of National Policy on

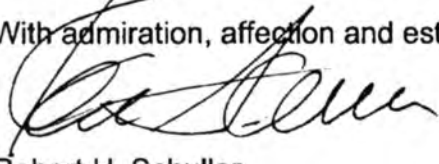
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Preservation, or lack of it, that currently allows any of our historical monuments to be sacrificed over the objections of many constituents. This, no matter what lists they appear on!

Please review the enclosures and let me urge you to take action. In this last year of your presidency, you could leave a legacy on preservation that will be a model for the next century! The commission idea sounds like a winner to me!

We here in California wish you the best for this next year.

With admiration, affection and esteem,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bob Schuller', written over the closing phrase.

Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
East Wing, Room #214
Washington, DC 20500-2000

INSTITUTE FOR SURVIVAL THROUGH DESIGN -LOS ANGELES

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

11 November 1999

We know how busy you must be, now with New York, etc. but we're hoping it's not too late for your White House to sponsor the Study Commission we have been recommending for two years before the end of your term in Washington.

You are on record in favor of preservation, as is your husband. What better legacy for the Clinton Administration than to convene a commission which would result in your being able to recommend a NATIONAL POLICY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR HERITAGE! Something we don't have yet.

(Could even have relevance in New York?).

Please take the time to read through the enclosures. We see the current plight of the Gettysburg Cyclorama Center as an example of the inability of preservation forces in the country to affect the outcome of finding a particular monument significant in the face of raw commercialism or other special interests. We see this scenario being played out in countless other cases with resultant loss of our irreplaceable heritage. Despite continuing and increasing interest in the work of our firm, for example, more and more examples are being desecrated, demolished, or lost through remodels.

Is there something that can be done? YES; a NATIONAL RESOLVE!

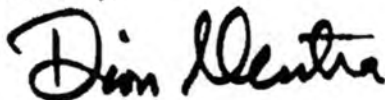
This could be a legacy your administration could leave to the next, hopefully Al Gore, to implement!

See enclosures for what we have said on websites to persons interested in saving the Cyclorama Center. Included is a copy of the introduction to a letter which has been coming to you on the Internet over the past couple of years without a response.

Is there a chance that the President could still intercede to protect this valuable Monument?

Is there still time to consider the implementation of a fast track Study Commission? I'd be pleased to serve.

Sincerely,



Dion Neutra, Architect, Executive Consultant
Institute for Survival Through Design
2440 Neutra Place
Los Angeles, CA 90039
323 666 1806 www.neutra.org

Encl: 1. Intro to proposed 'Letter to the Clintons' on our website
2. Text of letter which has been E-mailed to you repeatedly over the past years.
3. 'Information Release' The latest which we are sending to TV Magazine shows.
It would be great if you could swing into action before these folks focus on these issues!

For more details, contact: Christine Madrid at 804-975-1402, clm2c@virginia.edu, or Dion Neutra, architect at 323-666-1806, DionN@aol.com or www.neutra.org.

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

DOOMED NEUTRA BUILDING NOMINATED FOR LANDMARK STATUS!

The Richard Neutra Cyclorama Center on the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA, is in the final stages of review for elevation to "National Historic Landmark" status as nominated by the Society of Architectural Historians. A review process, supported by letters of interested parties will be considered at a meeting of an advisory committee on December 13 in Washington DC.

Reasons for this release: The current review process is being conducted by agents of the National Park Service. This is the same National Park Service that signed a Gettysburg General Management Plan (GMP) in May of this year that includes demolition of this same Cyclorama Center deemed so worthy of preservation that it was determined last year eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The GMP plan was adopted against the objections of Congresspeople, citizens, merchants, battlefield buffs, and the preservation community nation-wide.

You are invited to speculate how unbiased the review process can be on December 13 ?

The history of this process might well be examined along with a hard look at the proposed \$40 million dollar mall-type visitor center NPS wishes built by a private developer. There are interesting questions to raise about the choice of the mall site on undeveloped open space, as well as the developer's failure to reveal relevant information about financing and details.

For instance, the site chosen is also on "sacred" battleground, the clearing of which is one of the reasons given for destroying the Cyclorama Center. And townspeople have objected that the new site is so far from town, it will encourage the growth of urban sprawl outside this rural community.

Since the new visitor's center is to be built with "private funding", a large part of which has yet to be raised, the details have been hard to come by. Congressman Ron Klink and others feel control of the result is problematic.

Congressman Goodling is reputed to have drafted an appropriations bill which would address the program with fresh federal funding. He is holding this in reserve "as a contingency".

The political processes behind this program are such that many people have termed this "Gettysgate".

It is hoped that a thorough probe by an in-depth television magazine program such as yours might throw light on this seemingly disreputable effort to foist commercialism on the most important Civil War site in the country. It has been rumored that the Park Service views what happens here as a model for what it wants to do at other important National Parks, rather than attempt to obtain appropriations through the congress.

Beyond Gettysburg, the potential destruction of this and other modernist examples of the Park Service's Mission 66 program illustrates the sorry state of "non-policy" of the National Government in regard to preservation of icons of our country which are at risk.

President and Mrs. Clinton

Summer 1999

Re: Neutra Gettysburg Cyclorama Center Demolition

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clinton:

SAVE THE NEUTRA CYCLORAMA CENTER IN GETTYSBURG!

As you know, the National Park Service, our Government's agent for preservation, is claiming lack of functionality and funding as its excuse to ABANDON AND DEMOLISH world-famed architect Richard Neutra's Cyclorama Center complex at Gettysburg.

Neutra [1892-1970] was recipient of the AIAs highest honor in 1977, its Gold Medal. He also designed the Visitor Center for Painted Desert /Petrified Forest National Monument in Arizona, and the US Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan, and enjoys a world reputation. See December 1998 Issue of Modernism Magazine [p.26] for a centerfold of a Neutra Project. The Gettysburg Cyclorama Center is also highlighted here and in stories in the February and April 1998 issues of AIArchitect. An editorial in the New York Times appeared Sunday, February 21, 1999 --"Which of all the pasts to preserve?" with large photographs of the building and a description of its place on the battlefield.

Placed into service in the early 60s, the Cyclorama Center is the only example of this modern master's work commissioned by the US Government in the eastern US. Frustrated by the failure of Congress to find funds to up-grade and restore this famed and much discussed building which is sited near the High Water Mark of the Confederacy at Cemetery Ridge, the NPS would rather bulldoze the building and site and opt for a new developer-built and maintained facility to be built nearly a mile from the established businesses that have sprung up around the Park Service facilities. These businesses would be frozen out of the tourist trade on which they depend should these facilities be removed, and the new Mall constructed as planned.

In September, 1998, despite the relatively young age of the building, the Keeper of the National Register, Carol Shull declared this building to be ELIGIBLE for listing on the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. In May, 1999, at the end of a long review process called Section 106, your own Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, in direct disregard for the findings of the National Register, but in support of the Secretary of the Interior's statements, came out in favor of the Park General Management Plan (GMP) which calls for demolishing this building!

It is time that the Executive of our government TAKE THE LEAD in preservation of worthy historic buildings and sites such as this. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE NPS GMP PLAN BECAUSE DEMOLITION WOULD LOSE AN IRREPLACEABLE EXAMPLE OF HISTORIC AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE, not to mention a shameful waste of tax-payer investment, AND THE DISTORTION OF HISTORY AT THIS SITE! This building, after all, has been a part of this scene for longer than many other monuments that now stand on the battlefield.

Suggested courses of action:

1. If the developer scheme IS TO BE FOLLOWED, require him to split the program. Include in his package a PRESERVATION COMPONENT. Devote funds instead of for demolition and repair of the historic site, to REFURBISH the existing CYCLORAMA building, contents and site to accommodate whatever usages the NPS can retain for it. In this way it will be preserved as part of the interpretive experience. In addition, the developer should budget for the continued maintenance of the Neutra building along with the new facilities that might be created.

Emphasis added for item 2 of the letter which has been E-mailed to you over the past two years!

2. Among the final acts of your administration, sponsor a study-commission designed to pinpoint legislation that is needed to provide actual financial assistance or a creative means to finance endangered historic architecture in our country. As we've seen in this instance, existing policies and lists do little but delay the inevitable destruction of the historic fabric of our built environment. What better time than NOW to begin to RECONSIDER this non-policy?

I am copying interested parties and asking them all to cooperate with you in getting this done. I would appreciate your forwarding copies to others involved.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, and wishing you well in efforts to preserve our heritage, but meanwhile, I urge you to...

SAVE THE NEUTRA CYCLORAMA CENTER IN GETTYSBURG!

/s/ sender with snail mail address, and E-address

Cc: Vice.President@whitehouse.gov, bruce_babbitt@ios.doi.gov, Senator_Specter@specter.senate.gov, Denis_Galvin@NPS.gov, Bob_Stanton@nps.gov, Bob_McIntosh@nps.gov, Randy_Biallas@nps.gov, Dwight_Pitcaithley@nps.gov, Marie_Rust@nps.gov, Brent_Glass@PHMC.state.pa.us, Brenda_Barrett@PHMC.state.pa.us, John_Latschar@nps.gov, richard_moe@nthp.org, aiapa@ptd.net, Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov, Carol_Shull@nps.gov, sshearer@preservationpa.org, getyburg@mail.cvn.net, George.Miller-pub@mail.house.gov, senator@boxer.senate.gov, senator@feinstein.senate.gov, brigid_sullivan@nps.gov, ann_hitchcock@nps.gov, David_Anthone@nps.gov, clm2c@virginia.edu, hines@history.ucla.edu, rodd_wheaton@nps.gov, rwl@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu, Sarah_Allaback@nps.gov, snoopy@netrax.net, stubbss@aiaemail.aia.org, Ethan_Carr@nps.gov

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1999

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Dr. Robert H. Schuller
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92840

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your wise letter and for sharing concerns about Social Security and the national debt. You've raised some interesting questions, and I'll be thinking about how we might best address them. As you know, I care deeply about this issue and am pleased with the progress my Administration has made.

I'm glad you took the time to write.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, CA 92840
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**Crystal Cathedral
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Fax Cover Sheet

To: President Bill Clinton

From: Dr. Robert H. Schuller

Fax: 202/395-4198

Pages: 3

Phone: 202/456-2957

Date: June 7, 1999

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ROBERT SCHULLER

June 2, 1999

Dear Mr. President:

I was excited to receive your letter of May 6 telling me of your plan which you believe would not only save Social Security, but also erase the national debt by the year 2018. And as we discussed the possibilities in our phone conversation while you were aboard Air Force One, I said this would be a spectacular accomplishment! And you are truly a possibility thinker!

I have learned more than once during my lifetime that when one has a vision that, if realized, will lift the spirits and elevate the lives of even the most disadvantaged among us, that vision must be pursued. First you make the decision and then you do not let any problems defeat you. All the obstacles blocking the way, the long odds against success, can be overcome if one has the courage, faith and fortitude to make it happen.

You have such a vision, Mr. President, and given the mood of the electorate, like Nixon to China, you have the unexpected opportunity as a Democrat to lead the country in reaching the historic and unprecedented goal for abolishing the national debt. I can think of no greater legacy of the Clinton Administration, and no greater gift that you can give to the American people now and bequeath to future generations.

Your letter inspired me to think more deeply about how to solve some of these problems. This is where we, as possibility thinkers, get involved in problem solving. I jotted down a few concerns that must be addressed in order to gain the broad public support that will be key to your success. Here they are.

Since Social Security rolls will increase significantly in the next 15 to 20 years as "baby boomers" retire, how can we pay Social Security obligations and pay down the debt at the same time?

We are in debt to the Social Security trust fund, having borrowed funds from it for the last 30 years. Recently, an emergency spending bill was financed with nearly \$13 billion in excess Social Security revenues. Would your plan abandon the trust fund concept and use general revenues to fund Social Security in future years? If so, would your plan reduce the debt held by the public, as well as the debt held by the trust fund?

If the responsibility for Social Security benefits was transferred from employers and wage earners to all taxpayers, that might mitigate the solvency issue. However, could

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June 2, 1999

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we afford to fund health, education, defense, Social Security and other expenditures within the normal budget framework? Or do you anticipate raising general taxes in order to pay off government bonds as they mature? If you did that, have you calculated how this would shift the tax burden among various age and economic income groups?

Regarding Alan Greenspan's comments about direct investment by the government, would it not be very difficult to insulate the investment process from political interference which could lead to bad investments, lower rates of return and even ethical lapses? What safeguards in your plan would prevent that?

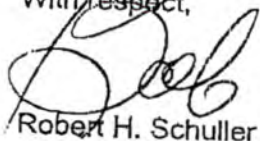
Another aspect of the Social Security problem that would need to be solved is the financing of today's debt by the taxpayers of tomorrow, our children and grandchildren. Won't we be forced to take money out of their pockets in the form of higher taxes to pay the government bonds —these IOU's to the Trust Fund — when they must be cashed in sometime early in the next century?

Mr. President, as I've said before, an America buried in debt cannot help those Americans most in need and an American buried in debt cannot be an economic model in a world desperately searching for inspiration.

The nature of this ministry keeps me ever alert to the spiritual and material needs, and the aspirations, of Americans of all ages. I know we're concerned that the quality of life for older people dependent on Social Security will suffer and their children's hopes of making their dreams come true will disintegrate unless we solve the Social Security dilemma and work toward the day when our national debt is zero.

I pray that your plan has the answers that the country is desperately seeking so that all of us in all faiths, all disciplines, and all parties may give you the support needed to enact your plan. It would dwarf the other accomplishments of your administration. It would be a victory for you, for the country, and an indelible chapter in the history of our nation. Remember ... Just because every great idea has problems ... don't allow the problems to stop you from making decisions ... the true mark of a "possibility thinker!"

With respect,



Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
East Wing, Room #214
Washington, DC 20500-2000

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February 1, 1998

PERSONAL

The Reverend Robert Schuller, D.D.
Box 100
Garden Grove, California 92642

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you very much for the calendar and
the copy of *365 Positive Thoughts for Today and
Tomorrow*. You were kind to share these with me,
and I'm touched by your thoughtful inscription.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Dear Friend,

The enclosed item is being sent to you at the request of someone who cares for you.

I know, from the many thousands of positive reactions we read and hear each day that literally millions of lives have been touched in a positive way by this Hour of Power television ministry. I hope the item enclosed is something you will treasure for many years.

God loves you and so do I!



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Robert Schuller
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to give you a future
with hope!*

Jeremiah 29:11

To
Mr William Clinton

*I
find
hope
in
friends
like
you!*

Pat Muller



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for
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1998

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92840

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you for your kind letter. I deeply
appreciate your expression of congratulations
on my nomination for the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize
and your words of affirmation.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

A
Bill Clinton

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Robert H. Schuller - Congratulations on being nominated for 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. He joins millions of Americans who applaud you for your outstanding commitment to the embodiment of the ideals for peace.



ROBERT SCHULLER

February 2, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations! What a tremendous honor to be nominated for the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize! How wonderful!

There couldn't be a more fitting tribute to the exemplary contributions that you have personally made in your efforts to protect world peace and promote democracy.

I join with millions of Americans who applaud you for your outstanding commitment to the embodiment of the ideals for peace. Only God knows the magnitude and impact that your efforts toward mankind's dream of world-wide peace will have on the lives of men, women and children for generations to come.

Again, congratulations!

With respect and admiration,

Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

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The Reverend Robert Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92840-4627

Dear Dr. Schuller:

I was so sorry to learn you haven't been well
and wanted you to know I'm pulling for you as
you work toward recovery.

Hillary and I are holding you in our thoughts
and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Hillary Clinton

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BETTY W. CURRIE

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We received word that Dr. Schuller had a mild heart attack over the weekend. Can you prepare a letter? k Thanks

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Eugene
Did we do
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- Nancy Hermann wants POTUS to know that Dr Robert Schuller had a minor heart attack. He is in intensive care in UCI Hospital in Orange, Calif. P.O.C.'s Michael Nason, Mr Schuller's asst. @ hospital (714) 456-6079 or his cell phone (714) 337-3337. The press representative is Sherry Angels @ (714) 456-5948.
- Rev. Horne called from Little Rock # 501 221-9448

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1997

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PERSONAL

The Reverend Robert A. Schuller
Crystal Cathedral Ministries
29251 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano, California 92675

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thanks so much for the copy of *In Search of Morality*. As you know, I'm always delighted to read your work.

Thanks, too, for your kind invitation to join you at the Washington National Cathedral in December. I've forwarded a copy of your letter to my Director of Scheduling for consideration, and I hope to be able to see you.

It was good to hear from you, and Hillary and I send our warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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August 12, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
c/o Carolyn Huber
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
East Wing - Room 214
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I fondly remember sitting at your table for breakfast in the aftermath of the church burnings. I am so pleased that many of the churches have been rebuilt and want to congratulate you on taking the necessary steps to make that a reality.

The Sunday following our breakfast meeting, I delivered a message on the Hour of Power telecast to two million viewers. I shared our meeting with them and your efforts to rebuild the churches. I asked them to send contributions to the World Council of Churches. I have no way of measuring the results of that announcement; however, I am confident it made some impact.

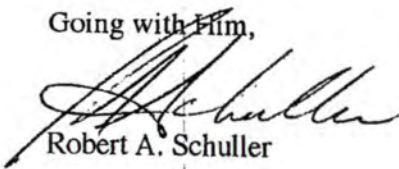
Enclosed, you will find a book that I believe may be of interest to you and your staff. I believe it outlines positive actions that our national and church leaders need to hear. The current thought that I hear many church leaders espousing today is one that I am reluctant to support and so I have written this book to form a basis upon which we can continue to build a firm foundation for all people.

I also wanted you to know I will be in Washington in December. I will be preaching from the Canterbury Pulpit of the Washington National Cathedral at the 11:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, December 21, 1997. It would be an honor to have you and your family join us in worship that day!

May God bless and guide you as you continue to make decisions that impact our nation.

God loves you so do I!

Going with Film,


Robert A. Schuller

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Enclosure: In Search of Morality

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1997

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Dr. Robert Schuller
Crystal Cathedral Ministries
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San Juan Capistrano, California 92675

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Happy Birthday! Hillary joins me in wishing you the very best on this occasion and for a healthy, happy year to come.

May your day be filled with all the joy you so deserve. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

I'm so glad you
were able to join
Hillary in going to
Mother Teresa's funeral.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1997

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lew Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you for your note and for sharing with me
your recent op-ed piece on individualism
published in *The Washington Times*. I always
appreciate the benefit of your insights and
opportunities to visit with you.

Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,

A

Bill Clinton

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Robert H. Schuller - It was wonderful to share your minds and hearts Saturday. He encloses his op-ed piece from *The Washington Times*, "An Enlightened Individualism." Individualism in its optimal sense means everyone contributing in his or her own way towards the building of a good society. While growth can be encouraged, it cannot be wholly planned or mandated.

Mike

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The Washington Times PAGE A20 / THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

An enlightened individualism

By Robert Schuller

When Martin Anderson, a senior economic advisor to President Reagan, arrived in Beijing in December 1981, he was surprised by the absence of large posters and murals propagandizing a glorious communist revolution. His surprise turned to shock when he later met with a top Chinese government official who explained his country's experiment with communism by stating simply: "You see, for many years in China we were following a policy whereby everyone put everything into one big iron bowl. And then everyone took from the bowl what they needed. It didn't work."

For Mr. Anderson, who had come of age intellectually during the Cold War, an admission by the Chinese that collectivism had failed probably seemed akin to Bull Connor admitting that segregation was immoral. But the Chinese astutely realized that international competition, spurred by the philosophy of freedom and democracy, made China vulnerable in its national defense. The technological innovations of Japan and other emerging nations were beginning to eclipse China in influence even in China's stronghold in central Asia. Moreover, collectivism had failed because instead of freeing society from the evils of inequality, it created an overall state of mediocrity in that society.

Thus the problem with a socialist state or a welfare state has to do with the fact that, while attempting to ameliorate material deprivation, it fails to address the real inner

desires of people. Some have described this need as a will to power, or a need for pleasurable stimulation by external influences. But the real craving that human beings need to satisfy comes from an inner sense of their own self-worth. And that self-worth stems from the belief that one can benefit from one's own creativity and initiative. Under collectivism, however, differences in individual effort are averaged over the whole society, and there is no correlation between the amount of effort and sacrifice that a person devotes to an endeavor, and what a person gets out of it.

Under this system, people felt compelled to give of themselves without any expectation of return based on their individual efforts. This led to a sort of "mental averaging" which, instead of focusing on the excellence of a few people, gave more weight to the aggregate mediocrity of everyone. Because the personhood of the individual was violated, the real needs and wants of people were not met.

Is the choice we have before us merely one of stark, unfettered individualism? No, it's not. While extreme collectivism had its problems, rampant individualism is probably even more dangerous. Everyone can conjure the image of the meticulous sweatshop owner, whose only concern is the pace and efficiency of production. And there are more recent instances in which corporate greed has led to corruption, for example, the savings and loan industry — a cost which the country bore collectively. We know what a human meat grinder capitalism can be, and we have seen, at its extremes, rampant oppression, egomaniacal behavior and deceit.

But a unique fact of American individualism is an ethic of concern

for one's fellow man. There are countless examples of institutions in this country that are supported by the generous contributions of wealthy citizens. From universities and private schools to hospitals, shelters and community-based organizations, there is evidence of a pervasive willingness on the part of those who have to give to those who have less.

Another essential aspect of the system is that it gives everyone the benefit of his or her personhood. That is — by allowing individuals to maximize their unique God-given talents and strengths, society naturally takes care of its various needs. There is no need for an overly-centralized government that, in attempting to reallocate various resources, inevitably exhausts them.

In a society that respects the sanctity of the individual soul, creativity (energized by natural differences in motivation and aptitude) flourishes amidst differences in thought, perspective and action — much like the designs of post-modernist architects whose creative power is found at the modal points of contrasting shapes, sizes and textures. On the other hand, the drab, regimented infrastructure of communist China should serve as a reminder that the quelling of human ingenuity by an unflinching adherence to dogma will not work.

Individualism in its optimal sense means everyone contributing in his or her own way towards the building of a good society. While growth can be encouraged, it cannot be wholly planned or mandated. Instead, there must be a willingness to avoid collisions caused by uncivilized individualism and to embrace conditions engendered by enlightened self-interest.

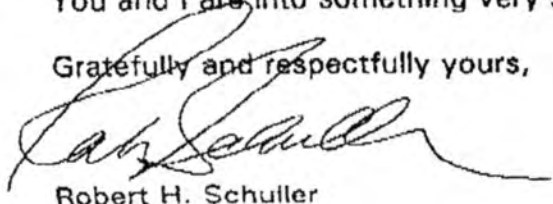
Rev. Robert Schuller is the founder of the Hour of Power and Crystal Cathedral.

Dear Mr. President:

How wonderful it was to share our minds and our hearts last Saturday.

Here is the OP-ED piece that was supposed to run on Sunday -- it ran today. You and I are into something very significant.

Gratefully and respectfully yours,



Robert H. Schuller

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1997

PERSONAL

The Reverend Robert Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral Ministries
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you so much for the copy of If It's Going to Be It's Up to Me and The New Possibility Thinkers Bible. It was a pleasure to receive these copies of your work, and I hope to read them soon.

I hope you know how much I value your continued support and kindness. Hillary and I send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Jillian R. Morey
Special Assistant to
Dr. Schuller

Monday, March 17, 1997

*President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
East Wing, Room 214
Washington DC 20500-2000*

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed, please find a gift from Dr. Robert H. Schuller. The new Possibility Thinkers Bible just for you, duly signed by Robert Schuller himself.

Sincerely,

Jillian Richards-Morey

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ROBERT SCHULLER 3/11/97

My Dear Mr President.

Thank you! dear Sir. For
a priceless historical gift:
the autographed deluxe copy
of the State of the Union address
with our photograph.

It is being framed for posterity.

I'm so grateful too, for the
invitation to the White House
Monday & so sorry I could
not make it.

I have just re-read your
insightful book full of possibility
thinking. I would have been
proud to have written it for you.

I am enclosing my book which
hits this week. I'll soon have my
last Sunday note. I'm enclosing an
autographed copy. Start with the
two page epilogue. You'll see how
well we connect. All my best

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Bob
Schuller

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WASHINGTON

March 19, 1997

The Reverend Robert Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Hillary shared with me the wonderful verse from the Hebrews. I will keep it close to my heart and will surely gain strength from it during my recovery and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Robert Schuller
St. Thomas, V.I.

Dear Kullaug

Thank you for giving me the
honor of speaking to you last night.

I've just written to the President
and am sending it to you to
share with him.

My prayers are with you and
with him.

God loves you and so do I.

Bob

Robert Schuller
March 15, 1997

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Robert Schuller
St. Thomas, V.I.
March 15, 1997

The President U.S.A.
Bill Clinton.

Dear our President.

How I have prayed for you since your accident & surgery yesterday.

I called Hillary last night to express my concern.

Now I have a very special gift which holds immense recovery power. I believe it is a very personal message that wants me to deliver to you. Now it is with the healing power of hope.

Hebrews Chapter 12: Verses 12, 13, 14. - The new English Bible translation.

"Therefore strengthen... the feeble knees"

"And make straight paths for your feet." "So that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather, be healed"

"Pursue peace with all men"

God loves you and so do I.

Robert Schuller

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March 17, 1997

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The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thanks for sending me your thoughtful letter and op-ed on cloning. I wholeheartedly agree that "the human spirit cannot be cloned."

As you point out, this scientific breakthrough raises complex issues; and I've asked the National Bioethics Advisory Commission to review the legal and ethical issues associated with the use of this technology. I expect the Commission to report back to me by May 24, 1997, with its findings.

In the meantime, we must all seriously ponder the implications of this development, and I applaud your contribution to the debate. Thanks again for sharing your wisdom and your insight.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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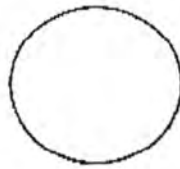
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ROBERT SCHULLER

March 4, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

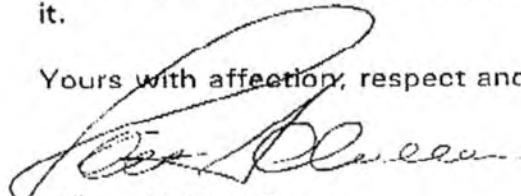
I was listening to the morning news and heard your "call" for a moratorium request on "Cloning."

Thank you ... that is strong, protective leadership!

Just this past Sunday I said to my congregation, "The human being is not by nature humane."

I am enclosing a copy of an Op. Ed. piece I have just completed for the *Los Angeles Times* and wanted you to have a first look at it.

Yours with affection, respect and esteem,


Robert H. Schuller

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.



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Enclosure

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"YOU CAN'T CLONE THE HUMAN SOUL"

According to modern sages, genetics are the road map of human existence because they are said to explain not only what we are, but who we can be. Recently, when a team of Scottish scientists cloned a female sheep, shockwaves of awe and fear were sent throughout the world's scientific, religious and legal communities. Many wonder what the implications are if humans can be similarly duplicated.

The cloning of "Dolly," as the sheep is called, was important for two reasons. This was the first time a clone had been made from an adult creature. Thus its characteristics at maturity could be observed and selected. For many this is as close to a guaranteed product as anything. If two identical beings can be created, what are the implications for the human soul? If the body is made up of the same genetic material, what happens to the mind and soul?

If we agree, as seems to be the current fashion, that humans and other creatures in God's creation are merely the sum of their parts, then genetic engineering poses some real threats. A duplicate Adolf Hitler or a mass murderer would probably also commit genocide or mass murder.

But the fact is that human beings are more than the sum of their biological parts. The whole of each individual consists of the physical and spiritual nature.

Teilhard de Chardin says: We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, rather we are spiritual beings on a human journey. And the spirit cannot be cloned. Even if the biological material is the same, differences in spiritual makeup could also create differences in physical appearance.



Take for example two individuals who appear to be identical; one abstains from drugs, promiscuous sex, and other vices. He worships and has faith in God. The other disregards the Commandments of God, and pursues a reckless life of sin and self destruction. Can you picture the difference? Although similar, the two would develop drastically different personalities. Certainly once you got to know them, they would seem worlds apart.

From the time we are infants, and we begin to grow and make choices (or have choices made for us), our physical states undergo change. Thus, even with the same genetic material a cloned child would end up very different in "appearance" than the adult he or she was cloned from. We all become a collection of recorded experiences, which are not carried in human genes. And identical human spirits cannot be cloned. Bones, muscles, hair and blood may be cloned. But memory systems cloned? Never!

The soul has a profound influence on the appearance of an individual. Some would phrase this argument in terms of nature and nurture. If two identical twins were brought up by different parents, in different cultures and socio-economic circumstances, chances are they would see and make different choices in their lives.

This is very important. It is not our physical make-ups which most prominently mark our uniquenesses. It is our power to privately make personal choices. The evolving human personality can emerge into a person marked as either "kind" or "mean." One fact is irrefutable — you cannot inseminate and predetermine the "soul."

Choice. We have the choice to bring good or evil into existence for ourselves. The extent to which we choose either accounts for the only truly significant disparity in human nature. And the choices we make are based on the extent to which we try to civilize our souls and refine our character. This is an individual quest, and something that no scientist anywhere can ever recreate.

As scientists explore the unfathomable depths both within and outside the human body, they are often fascinated to find traces of the divine master plan. They call them, DNA, "The Theory of Relativity," "The Big Bang Theory," and other names. But these names are only metaphors, or useful lamp posts leading to the real nature of things. As such, they should not be mistaken for the deeper truths that lay beneath the surface.

As a person of faith, I would be interested to see how the cloned sheep develops under different environmental circumstances than its cloning parent. I'd avoid any milk or meat produced by a clone for now. But the question remains, should we lose sleep over men with God complexes trying to tinker with nature? As I ponder

this question, I take solace in the fact that science cannot transcend the human soul, because the human soul transcends science.

As the debate continues over whether or not humans are next to be cloned, the faithful should take heart. No matter how clever we become, we cannot have the power to control God's creation. Every person is endowed with the power to observe and select. And no two persons will be identical in all of their responses, reactions, choices and decisions. So we may be able to clone bodies — but the cloning of "persons" will be impossible. If science could possibly clone the personality, spirit, mind, soul and memory system, the end product would not be a "person" defined by the freedom to choose. Instead of a "person" we would have a "product," not a human soul.

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February 25, 1997

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lew Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

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Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you for your kind letter and words of support for the State of the Union address and the Prayer Breakfast. It was my and Hillary's honor to have you as our guest in the Gallery. Thank you also for your thoughtfulness in enclosing the videotape of your February 16 service. I look forward to viewing it.

Hillary and I continue to be grateful for your inspiration and, especially, for your prayerful support.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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STATE OF THE UNION

Address to the 105th Congress

— First Session —

To Robert Schuler

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President William J. Clinton

February 4, 1997

Washington, D.C.



With
Love
you

ROBERT SCHULLER

2/12/97

Dear Mr. President.

One week has gone by since I experienced the most humble honor of my life.

To think that I was used as a letter carrier to deliver a message from Isaiah the prophet of peace into the hand and heart of the President of the United States of America still astounds me. My life's mission has been to bring this message to a divided and confused culture. But my platform, though significant, was not adequate. So God picked the President of the United States to do what only a person in his position could do. You are already fulfilling that prophecy.

Then to be honored by name in your insightful message sitting in the seat at the First Lady's right hand in the gallery is still something that almost makes me cry with spiritual fulfillment.

And then to hear, in my Florida Hotel room, your speech at the Prayer Breakfast drew from me my loudest applause. Your honesty! Your humility! Along with the profound spiritual comments attributed in the Press cause me to say without hesitancy: "I never saw a more authentic and articulate expression of the true Christian faith than the witness that came

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from the President - and his wife!
I will never be able to thank you
appropriately. That's impossible. So I
pass that obligation to my Lord "God
thank them - Bill and Hillary - for me!"

That Bible verse goes beyond placemaking.
"We are more than conquerors, through
Christ who loves us (Rom 8:37).

Noble heroic conquering is place making.
Conquerors at their best bring peace.

More than conquerors rebuild, repair,
restore! That's where you are at!

The cold war century is over.

You are precisely at the prophetic point
where the President of the United States
and our government should be as
we face the third millennium.

Yours with affection and profound
gratitude

Russ Schuller

PS 1. I'm including a video
of my message this coming
Sunday in my American market.

2. Also pages from my book
30 years ago: "How to keep
a disagreement from turning
into an argument"

1/11/01

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Lee, This was my
gift file for Christmas
2000. Some of
the memos inside
have POTUS handwriting -

Eugene

Gifts

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12/29/2000 10:07:37 AM

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To: Eugenie Bisulco/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Holiday Gift

David Matter - gave POTUS two books - "And the Fans Roared" and "And the Crowd Goes Wild" - I think I may have given this info to you --- but just in case.

Sports books
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Eugenie

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Eugénie Bisulco *EB*
Re: Holiday Gifts
Date: 22 December 2000

Jeff Sestilo & Family

Godiva chocolates TY done

Barbra Streisand/ Jim Brolin

Picnic basket & accessories TY done

Janet Howard
Coca-Cola

unopened

Marilyn Horne

Donation to AGMA Relief TY done

Robin Johnson

unopened

David Graham

"Land of the Free"
Photo book TY done

Rocky Carroll

Custom-made boots
also for HRC and Doug TY done

Chuck Brain

Election 1896 book TY done

Betty Currie

unopened

Bob Nash/Janis Kearney

unopened

Pam Cicetti

unopened

Eugénie Bisulco

unopened

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Eugenie -

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Best wishes for the season & Happy
New Year.

Can't wait to see you.

Richard & Daphna Ziman

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Eugénie Bisulco
Re: Holiday Gifts EB
Date: 20 December 2000

Dean Ornish	Cannonball Adderley CD	TY done
Bill Titelman	Cufflinks	TY done
Edwin Alderson El Dorado, Arkansas	Book -- Arkansas in Modern America	TY done
Susan Estrich	cowboy boot tree ornament hot chocolate mix	TY done

*The following gifts were left for you after the Friends & Family reception 12/17.
Letters will be ready for you to sign on 12/26 if you have office time that day.*

Robert Carver Mena, Arkansas	unopened	UA gift box
Christine Warnke	unopened	ti
Don Nelms Fayetteville, Arkansas	unopened	UA gift box
Millie and Bobbie Nelms	unopened	
Denise Dangremond & Family	unopened	1962 Vietnam Book
Carolyn Staley & Family	unopened	
Abby Ginzberg	unopened	
Marge Mitchell	unopened	
Phyllis George	unopened	Sum from

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Jan, Glenn, & Lisa Piercy

unopened

Denis and Brita Chagnon

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Dr. and Mrs. Talal Nsouli
Drusilla Francis

unopened

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John Ryan

unopened

Handwritten: "tool kit"

Stephen and Marsha Rothenberg

unopened

~~Stuart Hunt Family~~

unopened

Elizabeth Cohen

unopened

Handwritten: "CDs"

Francis and Jane Halligan

unopened

~~Clare O'Callaghan~~

unopened

Barbara Barenson Warren
Susan White

unopened

Mr. and Mrs. Field Wasson

unopened

~~Betsy and Tom Ebeling & Family~~

unopened

~~Joe and Susan Purvis~~

tool box full of "goodies"
intended for POTUS and HRC

location: HRC

~~Catherine~~

Handwritten: "file/HAL"

~~Matt~~

Handwritten: "Sprinkles"

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Eugénie Bisulco *EB*
Re: Holiday Gifts
Date: 24 December 2000

Tito Fuente	cigars	TY done
Enrico Barone	cigars	TY done
Joan and Robert Authenrieth	apple ornament	TY done

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Letters for the following ~~will~~ be ready for you to sign on Tuesday...

~~Kathy Sloan~~ Limoges "Buddy"

~~Clarence Avant~~ unopened

~~Wendy Smith, CAA~~ unopened

~~Paul Carey~~ unopened

Tyler and Samantha Shorris unopened

John Edward Hasse unopened

~~Karen Tramontano~~ unopened

~~Christine Warnke~~ unopened

Richard North Patterson unopened *Book*

~~Melinda Bates~~ unopened

~~Diane Lander-Simon~~ unopened

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~~Andrew Cuomo~~

unopened

~~Tom Friedman~~

~~unopened~~ *CP*

~~Josh Gottheimer~~

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~~Steve Ricchetti~~

unopened

~~Orson Porter~~

unopened

~~Bill Cohen~~

unopened

~~Justin Cooper~~

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~~Dan Glickman~~

T-shirt, book

~~Markie Post~~

~~Sher Maes~~

~~Jeff Miller~~
Fly Cloud 9

*video of CVC
on balloon*

~~John Catsimatidis~~
~~*[scribble]*~~

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First Lady

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by Kurt F. Stone

Shirt with "USDA PRIME"

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The
President

We salute your
good work and
wish you many
blessings in 2008
Love + respect
M. Luty

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12.22.00

Mr. President -

Happy Holidays...

Bob Nash and
Janis Kearney

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Janis Kearney

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Bob Nash

BETTY W. CURRIE

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Steve Ricchetti - garment bag

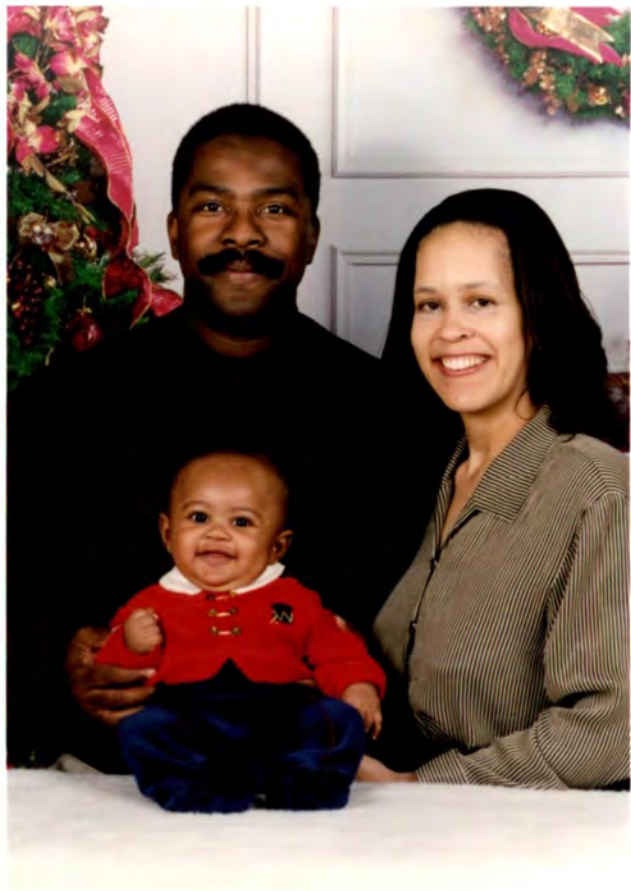
Jofh Gottheimer - book "Running for "President"

Did I do the CD's from Orson

Book of Poetry from Secy Cohen - by Secy Cohen - - leather bound

yes

President Clinton



Dec. 2000

Joshua Andrew Brown

4½ months

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Phil Stefani

Italian wine

The Berksons
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/ CD Zoot and Sons and
the Gershwin Bros

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Marie and Jeff
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Merle Chambers / one dairy
Hugh Grant / goat on their
behalf

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giving up
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FIRST COLLECTED EDITION OF LINCOLN'S WRITINGS

LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. COMPLETE WORKS. Comprising His Speeches, Letters, State Papers, and Miscellaneous Writings. New York: Century, 1894. Two volumes. Original publisher's deluxe half brown morocco binding. A handsome set.

FIRST EDITION. This edition of Lincoln's writings and speeches was edited by John Nicolay and John Hay, Lincoln's secretaries and confidants. The first attempt at a collected edition of Lincoln's writings, this set includes some of the greatest speeches in American history (the Gettysburg Address, the Cooper Union Speech, the Second Inaugural Address), state papers such as the Emancipation Proclamation, and Lincoln's witty and wise letters.

SANDBURG ON LINCOLN

SANDBURG, CARL. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE PRAIRIE YEARS. New York: Harcourt, Brace, (c.1926, i.e. ca. 1940). Two volumes. Original blue cloth. Very good.

Signed and inscribed by Sandburg "Marion Abernethy as between fellow travelers on the good HB ship - with good wishes always. Carl Sandburg 1940." HB refers to the publisher, Harcourt, Brace.

[with:] **SANDBURG, CARL. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE WAR YEARS.** New York: Harcourt, Brace, 1939. Four volumes. Original blue cloth. Near fine.

FIRST TRADE EDITION. Signed and inscribed by Sandburg "Marion Abernethy as between fellow-travelers. Carl Sandburg 1939." Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln* remains one of the most readable and illuminating biographies of Lincoln. Sandburg won the Pulitzer Prize for *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years* in 1939.

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(FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN.) BIGELOW, JOHN, ed. THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, written by himself, now first edited from original manuscripts and from his printed correspondence and other writings. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1874. Three volumes. Original reddish-brown cloth. Minimal rubbing. A fine, tight set.

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Dear Betty:

Following is a list of several gift ideas. I think the Lincoln might be especially appropriate because it is in nice condition in a handsome leather binding and because it was edited by Nicolay and Hay, Lincoln's personal assistants during the White House years.

Please give me a call when you have a chance.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Edsall

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 2000

Geoffrey C. Ward
290 West End Avenue #17-C
New York, New York 10023

Dear Geoff:

Thank you for the thoughtful letter. I was moved by it and was particularly pleased to know more about Fateh Singh Rathore. It was wonderful to meet him. I greatly appreciated his wisdom and guidance at Ranthambhore.

It was good, too, to see you and Diane in India. Do call Nancy Hernreich when you know when you might come to town.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000
May 5, 2000

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per file
Sandy

Dear Mr. President,

We're recently back from India, where it was wonderful to see and talk with you again on the helipad after your visit to Ranthambhore. Before memories fade too far I thought you might like to hear something of the kind of impression you made.

In thirty years of visiting India I have never heard such enthusiasm for any American as I heard following your visit. Everyone I know, from cabinet ministers in Delhi and Jaipur to the man who has driven for us for 15 years, followed your progress in the newspapers and on television with total fascination. And everything you did seemed to strike precisely the right chord – from the artful adult way with which you dealt with the nuclear problem in front of the Indian parliament and the empathetic patience with which you listened to those heroic but long-winded village women in Rajasthan, to the fact that you shook hands with everybody at the New Delhi hotel (something no Indian statesman would ever dream of doing). Clearly, the trip was a triumph for you and for the United States.

But I thought you also might like to know how it affected the man who showed you around at Ranthambhore, Fateh Singh Rathore. It took some behind-the-scenes maneuvering and help from D. Miller, the sharp and sensitive young man who headed your advance team, to get him into your vehicle in the first place. Fateh is long-retired and unpopular with the higher-ups in the forest department whose corruption and lack of commitment he has publicly denounced. Had they had their way, you would nothing been accompanied by a desk-bound bureaucrat with impeccable academic credentials and absolutely no knowledge of the forest

Fateh himself is intimidated neither by tigers nor by armed poachers but the prospect of guiding you through the park he helped create did give him some pause. I remember his asking me what he was to call you. "Mr. President," I said. He shook his head: "Not mighty enough. He is the most powerful man in the world". I told him that was they way we did things. And how would you react, he asked, if after making you and your daughter drive through all that dust, he was unable to show you a tiger? (Most visitors don't see one, after all.) I said you'd survived worse disappointments. He seemed reassured as he drove off from his house, but he was praying hard, he told me, before you rounded that curve and saw your first tiger. The fact that you did see two – and that the second was a tigress stalking deer in the middle of a stream – was something like a miracle. (I'm envious, having been through the park at least 100 times without ever seeing anything like it.)

Diane and I were waiting at the helipad, along with a big crowd of Indian reporters, forest officials, heads of conservation groups, embassy personnel, secret

By visiting Ranthambhore – and by publicly speaking about the importance of saving tigers three times the next day – you did a great deal for the cause and everyone involved is grateful. But your visit also provided the capstone for my friend Fatch's career, served as public vindication for all the pain and vilification he's suffered over the years. For that, I personally can never thank you enough..

Best,


Geoffrey C. Ward

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 18, 2000

Geoffrey C. Ward
290 West End Avenue, #17-C
New York, New York 10023

Dear Geoff:

Thank you for your letter about my trip to India and for your wonderful book on tigers. I love it, and I'm so glad you followed up on our earlier conversation. I will keep your suggestion in mind and give your contact information to my staff.

You make an excellent point about a common feature of American and Indian society -- the fact that we are both nations pulled together from many peoples. India and the United States have learned, by and large, how people of different races, creeds, and cultures can live together and build on each other's strengths. Mahatma Gandhi preached this doctrine in a way that inspired the world, and inspired Martin Luther King in this country. I will look for ways during my visit to India to celebrate this common heritage, one in which both our countries have made such progress but still have far to go.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.
February 13, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

In a hand-written note some time ago you suggested that I send along "more ideas or suggestions" from time to time.

This note is prompted by the welcome news that your long-deferred visit to India is on again and echoes a couple of letters I wrote to you back in 1997 when you were getting ready to go the first time.

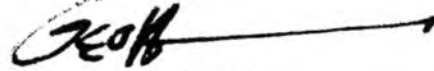
The first suggestion deals with politics. The standard line when American statesmen land in New Delhi has always been to pay tribute to India as "the world's largest democracy," and then to wax poetic about our common history as former British colonies. It's all true enough but tedious. Jet-lagged visitors and cordial hosts alike find it hard to stay awake. But India and the United States share something else in common which rarely gets talked about. Ours is a comparatively new civilization and India's is among the world's oldest, but each country is also a collection of minorities, ethnic, cultural, and religious. India and the United States are both "Nations of Nations." Mahatma Gandhi — on whose cremation site you will surely be asked to lay a wreath — sacrificed himself for the principle of religious tolerance. Our survival, like India's, finally depends on the kind of mutual respect for which he gave his life, and it would be wonderful, I think, for Indians and Americans alike to hear that message from the President — especially now, when India is more seriously threatened by religious hatred than at any time since Partition. No one makes this kind of appeal with more eloquence and genuine sincerity than you do, and I can't imagine a fresher or more timely message.

The other has to do with tigers. When I was last at the White House (at the reception for Ken Burns's "Lewis and Clark") you expressed interest in trying to see a tiger in the wild during your time in India. I then wrote suggesting that you visit Ranthambhore National Park, not far from Delhi and still the best place to see one on the subcontinent and that you ask to be shown around by Fateh Singh Rathore, the park's former director (who is himself worth a visit even if no tiger happens to cross your path). I know that some advance work was done for such a visit because to my astonishment I found myself riding around the park with members of the White House staff during my last visit. I don't know whether such a stop is on your new itinerary, but if time is too short or logistics prove too difficult, just having you express public concern for the survival of the species would also be of great help to the cause of conservation. By and large, India has a good conservation record — remarkable for a country beset by so many economic and social problems — but the present government has shown alarmingly little interest in the subject and poaching seems again to be on the rise. Even a private word from you to Indian officials telling them how grateful the world is for their efforts to save an animal that belongs to all of us and offering whatever assistance seems possible would be of immeasurable help.

I'm enclosing a copy of my second book on tigers and would of course be honored to help arrange things in any way I can.

And many thanks, by the way, for once again mentioning "A First-Class Temperament" on network television. How I wish it were still in print!

Best,



Geoffrey C. Ward

PS: Diane and I will be in Delhi from March 9 until April 9 and will likely go to Ranthambhore ourselves some time during that period. My address and phone number follow, should anyone want to contact me:

c/o Mrs. Sajni Thukral

G-8 Maharani Bagh

New Delhi 110065

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 5, 2000

Geoffrey C. Ward
290 West End Avenue #17-C
New York, New York 10023

Dear Geoff:

Thank you for your letter and for sending the interesting interview with G.V. Reddy. I enjoyed it very much and would appreciate your passing along the enclosed note to him.

Thanks, too, for letting me know that Fateh Singh Rathore didn't receive my earlier note. I know you'll see that this new one reaches him.

Looking forward to seeing you and Diane soon.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 2000

Fateh Singh Rathore
Ranthambhore National Park

Dear Mr. Rathore:

I just wanted to thank you once again for making my visit to Ranthambhore so memorable. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the tour of the park. You were an outstanding guide, and your wisdom and informative commentary were much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you again at some point in the future.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 2000

G. V. Reddy
Ranthambhore National Park

Dear Mr. Reddy:

I enjoyed reading the interview with you in *Sanctuary* magazine, and I appreciated your kind words about my visit to Ranthambhore.

Thank you for your help with that visit. It was an incredible experience for me, due in no small part to your efforts.

All the best to you.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey C. Ward and Diane are honored by your invitation to spend the night at the White House. He sends an interview, from the Indian conservation magazine *Sanctuary*, with G. V. Reddy, the forest official who helped Fateh Singh Rathore escort you through Ranthambhore. In it he describes reactions of your visit there. If the world's most powerful man, who has an influence on all aspects of our economic world, can be so open in his support for the tiger, surely we can get even more people behind the tiger.

Geoffrey C. Ward
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

Diane and I are greatly honored by your invitation to come down and spend the night at the White House. I've contracted Nancy Hernreich's office, as you suggested, to see when it might be arranged.

But in the meantime I thought you might like to see this clipping from the latest edition of an Indian conservation magazine called *Sanctuary*. It's an interview with G.V. Reddy, the younger forest official who helped Fateh Singh Rathore escort you through Ranthambhore. On the last page, he gives his impression of your visit. I don't think Americans have any understanding of the impression you made on ordinary Indians - and I know they have no idea how important that impression will be for the future.

We look forward eagerly to seeing you and thank you again for thinking of us.

Best,



Geoffrey C. Ward

The Sanctuary Interview

Meet G.V. Reddy

Defender of tigers

Tough, efficient, yet caring... Goddilla Vishwanatha Reddy is the quintessential wildlifer. A Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), in charge of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, he is one among five recipients of the Sanctuary Millennium Wildlife Service Awards and is widely acknowledged to be responsible for Ranthambhore's miraculous recovery in recent years. Born in 1960 to a Forest Range Officer's family, in a small village called Chandramakula Palli in the Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh, his childhood was spent in and around wild places. Bittu Sahgal travelled to the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve to speak with him about his work, life and the tiger.

When did you decide you were going to spend the rest of your life defending nature?

Actually I did not decide that; fate took that decision for me. Though my ancestors were agriculturists, my own earliest memories remain those of the *shola* forests and slopes in whose midst the Rishi Valley School is now located. Nature was like the air we breathed. Necessary, but not special. My father's job exposed me to the most beautiful parts of India and my parents' abiding respect for nature did the rest. My post graduation in botany seemed the most natural choice in the world. One thing simply led to another.

But was there any one trigger?

It was probably Gamble's *Flora of the Madras Presidency*, written by the famous British forest officer. Gamble's texts are the standard even today. Volumes in hand, I recall walking the famous Sheshchalam Hills in the Eastern Ghats that run parallel to the Coromandel Coast through which rivers such as the Godavari, Krishna and Kaveri empty. I did much of my fieldwork here and every plant or tree I managed to identify in the field was like a mystery uncovered. Every day was one of discovery. I was utterly absorbed and happy and could not have asked for anything better from life. The idea of doing something that would allow me to stay permanently in such an environment made the Forest Service an obvious choice.

Books obviously had a huge influence on you... do you still read a lot?

Between patrolling the forest, government red tape and spending time with the family,

it is difficult for a forest officer to find the time to read. But, yes, I still love books. Fukuoka's *One Straw Revolution* and *Road Back to Nature* actually changed my entire approach to nature and life. But it was only after joining the Forest Service in 1985 that I started any serious wildlife reading and this interest was further sparked when I took up specialised wildlife training in 1988. Fortunately we have a budget for books and I find this a very good way to enhance my field knowledge.

I notice you never go out into the field without a camera and binoculars.

Both are tools of my trade. I get so little time to use my camera, but it can help with evidence for court cases. And binoculars can save your life when confronted by hostility from any quarter in the forest. Of course, both also serve other purposes. When I was with the Territorial Forest wing in the Banswara District prior to my taking up a wildlife

Reddy with his family in Ranthambhore.



posting I was able to do quite a lot of birdwatching. Even today Dr. Salim Ali's bird books are permanent companions, together with newer ones written by Bikram Grewal and the Inskipps.

Let's talk about tigers. When did your life get taken over by them?

The very first time I saw one was in Sariska in 1988, for precisely 10 seconds! Almost before I realised it, the tiger vanished. I doubt that I will ever be the same again. Something happened deep inside me. Subsequently I was able to spend lots of time with this family. Once as I sat watching the cubs, the male, we called him Nandu, began to walk right towards us. He was really mischievous. The tiny fellow actually forced me to back my vehicle away from him because his mother was watching all this with great interest. But she felt secure about us. It's so easy for tigers to take over your life. There is something powerful about them that commands you to become a *bagh sevak* (servant of the tiger).

Is that what you are?

I am proud to be a *bagh sevak*. I serve the tiger by trying to save its forests, which also happen to be so important to India. In the past few years I have understood how people like Kailash Sankhala must have felt about helping tiger habitats recover. Ranthambhore was really in trouble and my people had to do so little... hardly any management... just protection. Project Tiger can again turn the corner only if people in the field are supported politically and provided with resources.



Felled wood from the Taloda rehabilitation sites for the Sardar Sarovar oustees. The usurpation of forests for schemes such as these threaten the survival of several endangered species, including the Forest Owlet.

Taloda in trouble

The forests of Taloda typify the cascading effect of destructive schemes such as the Sardar Sarovar Project. Apart from forests that were drowned, 2,700 ha. of forest land was chosen in Taloda and 1,500 ha. in Akkalkuwa to 'rehabilitate' those whose homes were drowned. Thousands of old-growth trees were felled here and this has already seriously harmed the Forest Owlet's habitat. But even this much land is not enough and now the Maharashtra government wants another 1,500 ha. This demand is sure to be challenged in court. At this rate, the Forest Owlet might well die a 'second' death, this time for good.

30 minutes or so and by their calls I could tell the male from the female. By any measure, this was a great 'owling' day for me and led me to believe that the birds may not be as uncommon as we had originally thought. What we need to do now is to allocate more time and resources to investigate every potential habitat. By the end of 1999 we had identified at least seven pairs of Forest Owlets. I never once saw lone, unpaired birds.

A threatened existence

The world of science was understandably thrilled by the rediscovery of the Forest Owlet. But now comes the tough part of our job... defending the habitat in which the birds tentatively hold on to survival. With such few sightings, intensive protection and research is imperative if the enigmatic owlets are not to be condemned to a 'second death'.

Our year-long study on the Forest Owlet threw new light on many hitherto hidden aspects of their lives. One conclusion, however, needed no major research to arrive at... their habitat must not be destroyed under any circumstances. Unfortunately, I have no happy news on this front. I saw heavy pressure on the habitat from local tribal populations. There are two main tribes in these forests, *Bhils* and *Powras*. They have cleared large chunks of land for cultivation. Illicit cutting, grazing and collection of fuel wood merely adds to this crisis. Each patch of soil can be cultivated for only two or three years, necessitating frequent clearing of fresh patches... resulting in further fragmentation.

Taloda is where the maximum number of specimens were collected in the past.

Tragically, most of the plains forests have been cleared to make way for the resettlement of communities displaced by the Sardar Sarovar Project (*Sanctuary* Vol. XVIII No.4). Around 500 families who occupy the site are still dependent on forest resources. In June '98 we were unable to find the Forest Owlet there, but in December I located three pairs in the lower forest and one at an elevation of 400-500 m. If this habitat is altered and human pressure increases, I fear we will soon lose the birds and their habitat. This time forever.

I have recorded 204 bird species from the Shahada and Taloda sites of which six are new records for Khandesh. Khandesh used to be rich in ungulate species such as barking deer, spotted deer and sambar. Today these species have all but vanished on account of hunting pressure. Birds,

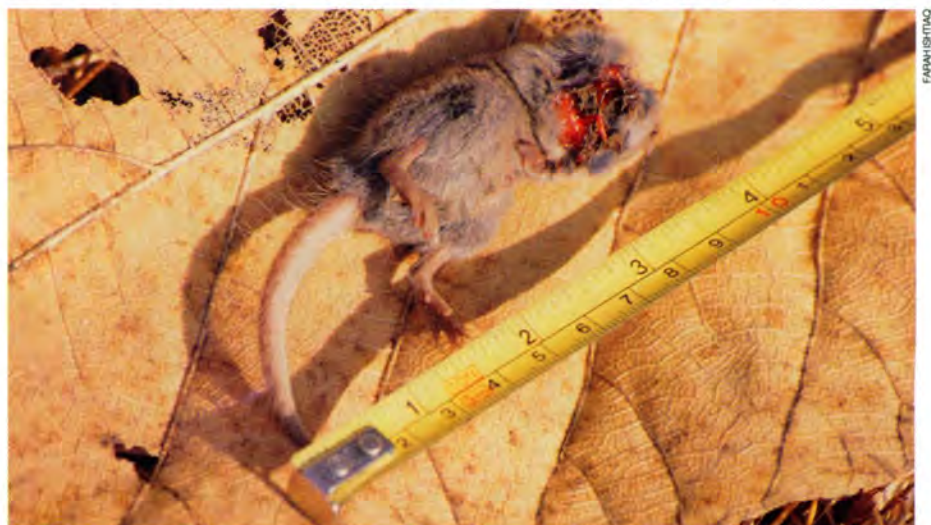
particularly peafowl and Painted Partridge are still present, but hunted. The area was once rich in Red Spurfowl, but I never saw one in a whole year.

Postscript

From June 1998 to June 1999, I was able to locate a total of 14 Forest Owlets (seven pairs) and four nests in the Satpuras. I am fairly sure that other pairs will be located at other sites if the study continues. In my view, the Forest Owlet could be a flagship species for the deciduous forests of the Satpura. It is listed under Schedule I of the *Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972* and is considered endangered by the IUCN. Habitat loss has clearly been the single most contributive factor to the decline of the Forest Owlet and therefore protecting the reserved forests of the Satpuras in which it survives is the single most important strategy to ensure its survival. These forests also happen to be some of the most important water catchments for both the Tapi and Narmada rivers, providing us with another powerful rationale for protection.

Recent surveys, conducted in January-February 2000 with funding received by the Oriental Bird Club, revealed the presence of 25 Forest Owlets in the Central Indian highlands, some from new sites as distant as Melghat in Maharashtra and the Khaknar forest range in Madhya Pradesh. I advocate still more intensive habitat studies. Naturalists know too little about the differences between the Spotted and Forest Owlets. Education camps to raise the level of expertise in identifying the birds and the use of radio tracking to get more precise information are some of the directions in which our energies should be channelled in the future. ❧

A rodent under a Forest Owlet's roosting tree at Shahada. Warblers, skinks and frogs also form part of their diet.



Are you saying such support is missing now?

How can I say that? Without support from the political and administrative systems we would never have been able to achieve what we have in the past two years. But of course, we want more.

Can you give us one example of the kind of support that would make a real difference?

Not just me, but probably every field forest officer needs help with legal issues. As of now, for instance, local courts have issued three bailable arrest warrants against me. These are 'counter cases' filed by poachers to harass me. We managed to obtain a stay order from the High Court, but all this takes up time and disturbs the peace of mind of department staff. There are six more cases against me pending in local courts and I have to attend each one personally. The Wildlife Department faces scores of cases too. All this eats into our main purpose... to save the tiger.

Do forest officers have political support?

Yes, but we always want more support! I do wish, however, that political parties and their representatives were made a little more aware of the tremendous benefits to Rajasthan from forests like Ranthambhore. When the whole state is in the grip of such a terrible drought the water from Ranthambhore is nothing short of a lifeline for thousands of humans living downstream. No one can put a value on water, which is literally the tiger's gift to us. Actually, many politicians support us privately, but when elections draw near, they are forced by the system to make populist statements and that encourages people to do things that put them in conflict with us. What to do? This is life.

Can you give me an example of what you would like the political system to do for tigers?

We want to connect the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve with the Jamua-Ramgarh Sanctuary towards the south, in the Bundi district. The Amla-Kwalji closed area corridor can actually enable this to happen. Towards the north-east the Keladevi Sanctuary needs to be connected to the Dholpur District. This would provide a critical breeding habitat for tigers extending across 2,500 sq. km. (as against 824 sq. km.), which could save the tigers of Ranthambhore for years to come. All this land belongs to the Forest Department and nothing should prevent us from achieving the above objective. But we need political support. In return this tiger habitat



Reddy (facing the camera) with President Clinton's family in the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve.

could change the face of Rajasthan by guaranteeing its water security. The ground water recharge contribution of this extended tiger habitat alone would justify the plan.

What have you done to explain Ranthambhore's water contribution to the public?

Very little. We barely have the time and energy to patrol and defend the forest. Communication requires very special talents. NGOs should be doing this job. Ranthambhore's two large water bodies directly help thousands of villagers around the reserve to farm their fields. The forest is also the catchment area of the Banas river, which flows into the Chambal. Thousands of wells would run dry if Ranthambhore's forests, god-forbid, were to be lost. Yet no one from the water resources or agriculture

I serve the tiger by trying to save its forests, which also happen to be so important to India.

department has ever done any systematic studies to evaluate the hydrological contribution of the tiger reserve. The Tarun Bharat Sangh, an NGO, has ably demonstrated some of the positive effects of what I describe, near the Sariska Tiger Reserve.

Are NGOs supporting you more than government departments?

It's not like that. No one can replace the government, but NGOs can supplement

official programmes. Fortunately, we have a really good relationship with the four NGOs working around Ranthambhore. WWF-India has been running their field station at Khandar for a decade and have a good rapport with selected villages. Tiger Watch, a relatively new NGO that is being run by Mr. Fateh Singh Rathore has helped to build up the department's infrastructure. They also help to train forest staff and have financed accident insurance policies for them. The Ranthambhore Foundation, of course, is the oldest NGO here and has been instrumental in so many initiatives including school programmes, promotion of local fine-artists, holding exhibitions, tree planting and dairy improvement. The Centre for Environment Education (CEE) is active in the area of children's education. I wish, however, that there was more coordination between NGOs so they could work to a common strategy. Like government departments, sometimes one NGO is unaware of the other's agenda!

And what about the controversial World Bank Ecodevelopment Project?

That is a very difficult question to answer. The project was sanctioned in 1996-97, but only last year did any villages start seeing any sign of investments. The bureaucratic procedures for micro-planning and engaging consultants have been so tedious that after three years we were unable to engage even one. And because we have no additional staff to implement the project there is increased pressure on the existing people whose prime

task is protection. How can such people handle the delicate job of 'participatory management' and that too with no legal provisions in the *Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972* to support the Bank's prescriptions?

Almost every forest officer will agree with you, but how do the villagers feel about it?

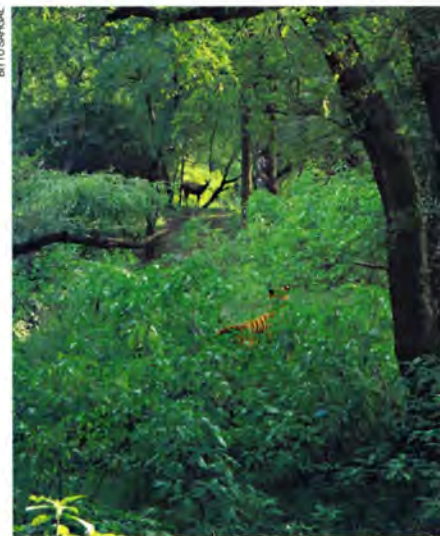
They expect huge sums of money or benefits... that may not be possible. Also they are most often fighting with our staff. In such a climate how can harmonious village meetings be held with objectives such as biodiversity enhancement? The greatest difficulty is not government procedure, but World Bank procedure. The Bank asks to be consulted at every stage for approvals. Sometimes strange situations emerge. For instance, some villages are literally begging to be relocated. But the Bank wants 'authentication' from some NGO, which no one is willing to do. Strangely, Bank officials have themselves talked to villagers and are convinced of their desire to move; yet 'NGO Certification' holds up progress. Nevertheless, ecodevelopment has helped acquire some infrastructure for the park in the form of buildings and roads and in improving water conservation structures. Perhaps more transparency and time is required before judging the Ecodevelopment Project.

What in your view should we do to protect wildlife more effectively?

To begin with, stop the sole preoccupation with National Parks and Sanctuaries to the exclusion of wildlife protection in unprotected forests where the vast bulk of our wildlife is to be found. And let all wings of government and the public work towards the objective of protecting nature. This should not be the monopolistic prerogative of the Forest Department alone. In days gone by peoples' attitudes towards other species were much more evolved. They believed in the sanctity of life for all species. Today things have changed. Perhaps it is necessary therefore to nudge individuals and society at large into changing some of our more destructive habits, lifestyles and consumption patterns. Even minor sacrifices at the individual and community level could make a huge difference to the fate of the tiger.

Many officers lobby to be posted in cities such as Jaipur, are you happy in Ranthambhore?

Very happy. I had heard so much about the tigers of Ranthambhore from the writings



"Love your country. Love your tiger. And be prepared to defend them because there are people who are capable of taking both away from you."

G.V. Reddy

and photographs of Fateh Singhji and Valmik Thapar. I had also seen the many films that had been produced. I was very keen to be posted here. And, as luck would have it, the second day after I joined Ranthambhore, as I was driving through Lahapur, we heard a call from the *talaab* (lake). We went to the site and waited quietly for half an hour. Then, suddenly, just when I thought we must have missed the cats, a tigress and her two cubs came out. I am not ashamed to admit that I was scared because of the stories of man-eaters and fear psychosis about the Sundarbans tigers. But within moments my whole perception changed. They did nothing except rest in the shade and keep alert. I was thrilled. The tiger's hold on my life became even more strong.

So your job is not really dangerous?

Not because of the tigers. But I was introduced to danger in 1997, my first year of service in Ranthambhore. It was October and some villagers had sneaked into the forest and were camping in the Semli area with their cattle. We rounded up the villagers but just as we headed for the cattle pound in Sawai Madhopur they began to attack us with slingshots. The attack was sudden and the stones could have killed someone. A forest officer's job involves danger... from humans, not wild animals.

And what about humans like President Clinton?

I look upon President Clinton's visit to Ranthambhore as a god-given opportunity

to renew the world's interest in the tiger. If the world's most powerful man, who has an influence on all aspects of our economic world can be so open in his support for the tiger, surely we can get even more people behind the tiger. This is particularly important today when public enthusiasm for conservation seems on the decline in cities. With evidence that international terrorism is connected to wildlife traders, the intervention of people like President Clinton is vital.

What did you all see in Ranthambhore?

He spent three hours with us in the park together with his daughter Chelsea and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rodham. Everything seemed to interest them. The President was particularly taken up with the large herds of sambar and chital. He seemed to love the austere beauty of the dry forest. When he saw a peacock he asked whether the bird was native to India, or whether Persians had introduced it. Fateh *Saheb* quickly said: "Ancient epics like the *Mahabharata* and the *Ramayana* make mention of the peacock." The President was instantly convinced that the bird was native to India.

He was thrilled to see the huge male tiger who we call Bamburam, whose name he mistook to be Boomerang! He told us he had seen a white tiger in captivity but that this was the very first time he saw one in the wild and it was: "More majestic... fabulous." He was not worried about how close the tiger was and watched it for over 20 minutes. He was extremely considerate and asked that the vehicle in which we were seated be moved forward so people behind may also see it. President Clinton was really lucky because soon after he saw a tigress stalking a sambar, which she narrowly missed.

He understood how lucky he was and was quite moved by the wildlife drama, alarm calls and all. He asked us many questions about the tiger's behaviour. He enjoyed the trip. This must be why he mentioned the tiger in both Hyderabad and Mumbai, asking business people to help save the cat.

Do you have any message for young Indians?

Love your country. Love your tiger. And be prepared to defend them because there are people who are capable of taking both away from you. And when you grow older, treat India's soils, forests and rivers better than this generation has done.

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Ms. Sharon C. Farmer
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Dear Ms. Farmer:

A photograph taken during President Clinton's visit to Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan, India was sent directly from the White House to Mr. P.K. Sen, Director of Project Tiger. Unfortunately, Mr. Sen is not in the photograph.

The Director and Former Director of Ranthambore National Park are in the photograph and they accompanied President Clinton on his tour of the park. They would be very pleased to receive inscribed photographs. The photograph in question is:

Official White House Photograph P80838-15A, 23 March 2000, William Vasta

Could you please arrange for two copies of the photographs to be printed and inscribed by the President with best wishes to Fateh Singh Rathore and G.V. Reddy.

To ensure safe delivery of the photographs to the above individuals, please send them by registered pouch to my attention:

Marti Doggett
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US Embassy - New Delhi

and we will arrange personal delivery.

In advance, I thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marti Doggett".

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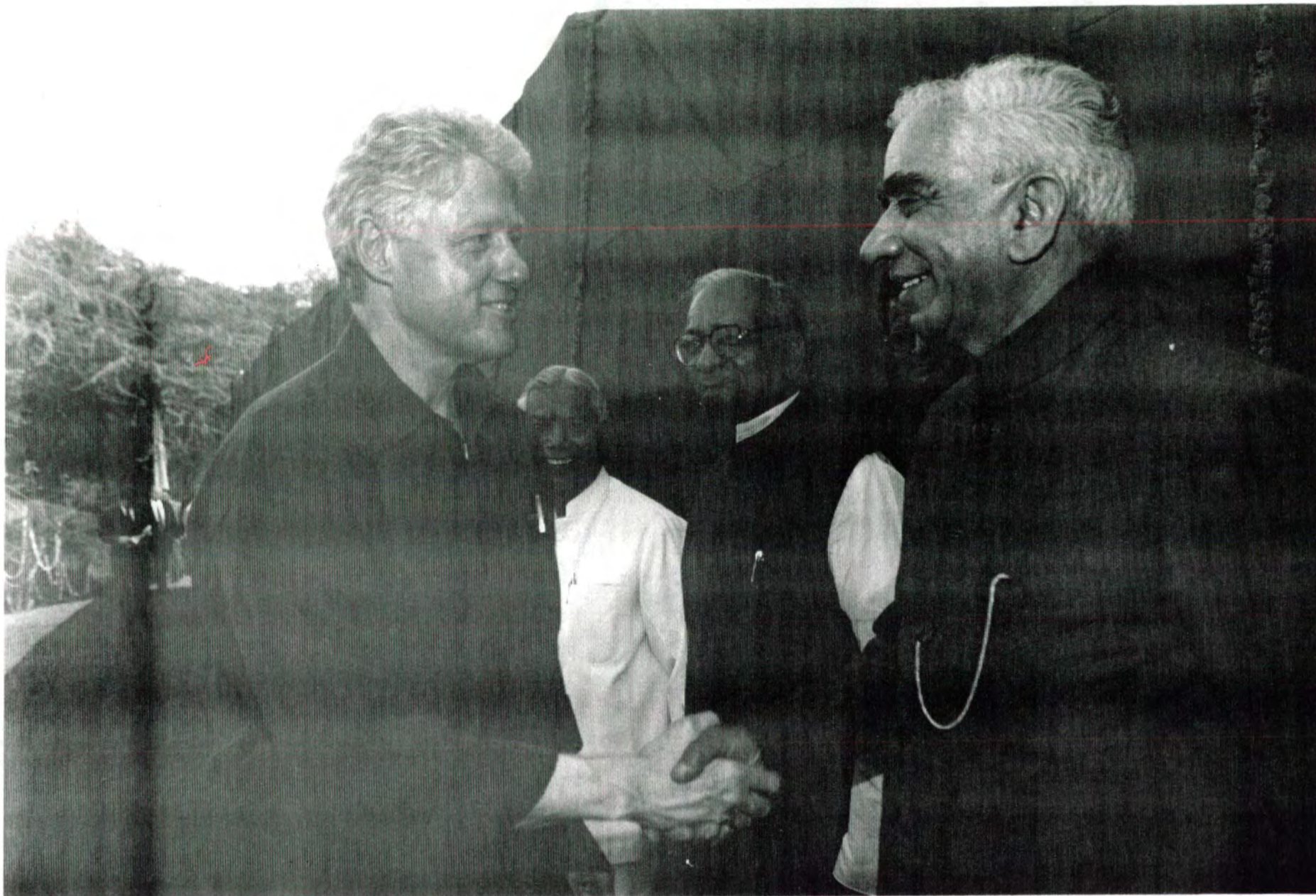
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Mr. Ward: Per our conversation, attached are the pictures
Message: we discuss. Thank you for your help.

Carol Cleveland

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Subject: Photo Issue

Haven't reached you by phone so I'll try this.

I talked to Bruce and he does believe the photo for Jaswant Singh should be signed again by the President. We wouldn't normally ask this but he is someone we deal with a lot in India, high-level Indian government person and would be very awkward not to do this. Thanks so much.

Kathy Cooper



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Memorandum to: President Bill Clinton
From: Al From 
Re: Presidential Portrait Artist
Date: December 15, 1999

I understand you are in the process of interviewing artists to paint your official portrait, and I've just met someone I think you should consider. His name is **John Court**. I became aware of Court through his son, Randolph, who happens to be a policy analyst at PPI. I've enclosed a brochure of his recent work, as well as a copy of *American Artist Magazine* with a cover story about him.

He has an impressive resume, which is also enclosed, and has earned critical acclaim from a number of distinguished figures in the art world. Ambassador William Middendorf, the former president of the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum, said Court's portrait painting is what the great 19th century American painter Thomas Eakins would have wanted American portraiture to become. Carter Brown, the recent director of the National Gallery, took personal initiative in choosing Court's portrait of Barry Goldwater for the National Portrait Gallery's permanent collection. And Tom Messer, emeritus director of the Guggenheim Museum, has written a glowing forward for the forthcoming book about Court's work by the imminent art critic Frank Getlein.

I met with Court yesterday, and I think you should consider interviewing him. Please let me know if you'd like my office to help facilitate this. Thanks.

