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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 24, 1994

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply troubled by press reports of a memo sent to you by Office of Management and Budget Director Rivlin. Apparently, this memo included a "catalog" of budget options from a variety of sources inside and outside of your Administration. While I know that these options are not recommendations, I wanted to convey in the strongest possible terms my opposition to the possible cuts described in Medicare, Social Security and the home mortgage interest deduction.

I have always fought against any effort to cut COLAs or to change the basic nature of Social Security as a social insurance program and I will continue to do so.

In the past, the Congress and the Administration have produced budget savings by clamping down on the excessive fees charged by hospitals and other health care providers participating in the Medicare program. Senior citizens, the beneficiaries of the Medicare program, were intentionally not affected by these changes. While we must continue efforts to root out abusive practices by providers, we must protect beneficiaries. I will continue to fight vigorously against proposed cuts that adversely affect Medicare beneficiaries.

Following the historic deficit reduction effort of last year, the deficit is coming down sharply. Discretionary spending was frozen and the bureaucracy in Washington was cut. For the first time in half a century, the deficit will fall for three consecutive years. I am proud of the progress we have made on the deficit, and I will continue to work to bring the deficit down further.

I have also fought and will continue to fight hard to reduce wasteful spending. Programs like the Superconducting Super Collider have been eliminated, but others like the space station and B2 bomber remain. These types of programs should be the focus of future deficit reduction efforts, not Medicare and Social Security.

Thank you for considering my strongly held views.

Sincerely,

Jim Sasser

United States Senator

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cc FOR US, V. FOR US. B. W. N. L. Panetta
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Pentagon 'Problem' ^{over}

Mismanagement and waste in the Pentagon will be among the many targets at the Wipe Out Waste rallies on Oct. 15, to be held in more than 150 cities. (For the locations, call 1-800-232-6479.)

The General Accounting Office (GAO) found a gap of more than \$150 billion between the Clinton Administration's 5-year military plan and the resources allocated to pay for it, according to Citizens Against Government Waste, sponsor of the Oct. 15 rallies. For example:

- The 1995 military budget was underfunded by \$21.6 billion.
- The Pentagon overestimated by \$32 billion projected savings from base closings and better management. It underestimated by \$112 billion the cost of the base closings, environmental cleanups and weapons systems.
- Cost overruns on the C-17 cargo plane, V-22 Osprey plane, F/A-18 fighter, Seawolf sub and other weapons will add \$58 billion to the 5-year budget.

The Pentagon admitted there was a \$26 billion to \$40 billion "problem," and some weapons programs may be canceled, scaled back or stretched out. Possible targets: the Army's Comanche helicopter; the Air Force's F-22 fighter and standoff attack missile; and the Marines' tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey.

Working Too Hard?

At the turn of the century—before faxes, cellular phones and computers—the average American workweek was 60 hours. By 1970, it was down to 37 hours. Today, however, the average worker puts in 46 hours a week at the office and six more at home—for a total of 52 hours, according to a survey by Day-Timers Inc. Corporate "downsizing" is probably a factor, as those who are left to do the work must carry a greater load.

And 40% of those surveyed said they'd work 10 more hours for extra pay. Which would add up to 62 hours—two hours longer than in the horse-and-buggy days, despite a century of progress.

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Wilma Donley
Apartment D-11
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Wilma:

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you and to know that you received your birthday letter. I hope you had a wonderful day!

Thanks, too, for what you said about Haiti. As you know, President Aristide returned this weekend. Though much work remains to be done, we are on the road to restoring democracy there.

Again, thanks for your letter and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bill

Oct. 18, 1994

Dear Supporter,

I'll never forget your help in 1992, when so many had written us off.

We won because of our commitment to change and because we got our message out.

As you can see from the attached report card on our first 31 months, we've made a good start. We've got a lot left to do, but America is in better shape than it was two years ago: government is working more for ordinary citizens; there are more jobs and lower deficits; and America is leading a worldwide effort to greater security, trade, and democracy.

As you can also see from the attached report, the Congressional Republicans have a very different idea about our future. They've opposed most of the progress we've made. They killed important bills. Their "Contract" is a promise to take us back to trickle down Reaganomics, to exploding deficits, Medicare cuts, jobs going overseas.

I need your help. In many House and Senate races, new Democrats are threatened by old Republicans filling the airwaves with false charges and false choices. We can only beat back this assault with your help. Please send us a check now - anything you can afford. \$50 now is worth more than \$100 in a week. And share this report with your friends and neighbors. Copy it. Fax it. Help in your local campaigns. The people won't be misled if they get the facts! Sincerely,
Bill Clinton

Let's Look At The Record

We've begun to make government work for ordinary Americans:

Honoring Work and Family

We've passed the Family and Medical Leave Act; a plan to immunize all children under two by 1996; sent welfare reform legislation to Congress and gave 17 States permission to try their own plans to move people from welfare to work; and tax credits to 15 million working families to ensure that no one with children who works full time will be in poverty.

Developing A System Of Lifetime Learning

We've expanded Head Start to 200,000 more children; launched apprenticeship programs for young people who don't go on to college; provided more affordable college loans for millions of middle class students; and begun National Service for those willing to do grassroots community work to earn money for their education.

The Crime Bill and The Brady Bill

We've increased police by 20% on the streets all over America; we added 100,000 new jail cells; passed 3 strikes and you're out; banned 19 assault weapons and juvenile handgun possession; provided more protection for victims; launched special efforts to combat violence against women; and begun a more vigorous fight against crime and drugs.

Lower Deficit and Higher Economic Growth

We've put our economic house in order, reversing trickle down economics, with \$255 billion in spending cuts; tax cuts for 15 million working families with modest incomes and 90% of small businesses; higher tax rates for only the wealthiest 1.2% of Americans; big reductions in the federal bureaucracy and in federal regulations; new markets for American products, more investment in new technologies; defense conversion; and job training; special empowerment zones and development banks to bring free enterprise to poor urban and rural areas. And we've cut the deficit by 40%.

The Results

The smallest federal government since JFK; three years of deficit reduction for the first time since Truman; and 4.6 million new jobs, with more new high wage jobs in 1994 than the previous five years combined.

(over, please)

It's a good start, but there is still a lot to do: Too many Americans are out of work or never get a raise; over one million more Americans in working families lost their health insurance last year; our welfare reform legislation to end welfare as we know it has yet to pass; important environmental legislation was blocked by GOP Senators at the end of this Congress.

Perhaps more important, at the end of this session of Congress, GOP filibuster and delay tactics killed our attempt to change the way the Washington culture works: campaign finance reform, lobby reform and a bill to require Congress to live under the laws and regulations it imposes on the private sector were all killed.

We must keep fighting for these changes. What do the Republicans offer?

First, they offer a record of fighting against change that helps ordinary Americans. Against middle class college loans. Against Family Leave. Against the tax cuts for working families. Against the Brady Bill and the Crime Bill. They killed campaign finance reform and lobby reform. The lobbyists literally cheered as one of their filibuster leaders walked off the Senate floor having preserved lobbyist-paid meals, gifts and trips. They killed the Superfund bill to clean up toxic waste dumps even though everyone from the chemical companies to the Sierra Club supported it. They preferred to leave the poison in the ground so they could poison the political atmosphere.

Second, they offer a contract on America. They promise the moon: big tax cuts; big defense increases; revival of Star Wars; and a balanced budget -- one trillion dollars worth of promises. How will they pay for it? They don't say. But we know the price of their promises. We are still paying for the first round of trickle down Reaganomics of the 80's. Now they promise more of the same: exploding deficits; cuts in Medicare and veteran benefits; jobs going overseas, and a crippling legacy to our kids.

The choice is clear:

are we going forward or turning back?
are we coming together or choosing division?
are we embracing tomorrow's challenges or looking for yesterday's cheap promises?
do we want to empower Americans to compete and win or support the power grab of the GOP Congressional leadership?

America's best days are ahead. We can't turn back now!

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Dog-piling the President

The press and public treatment of President Clinton have created a problem for me.

My natural inclination is to be an adversary to anyone in power. This comes with the need for journalists to be on the side of the underdog, assuming that those in power deserve suspicion if not opposition.

So I would be more comfortable to concentrate on negative things about his administration, and, as with any leader, there are plenty to write about. Everyone makes mistakes.

The problem is, it seems that the press has been unusually harsh in its treatment of this president. I wondered if this was just my impression because I especially wanted our first president from Arkansas to be successful, but now there is a study by a conservative group, the Center from Media and Public Affairs, confirming my impression. The study shows that the television evening news coverage of Clinton has been negative 62 percent of the time, based on examination of 4,256 stories in the first six months of 1994.

These statistics support what others have been writing. As Donald Kaul wrote in his column in our paper a couple of weeks ago, if Clinton discovered a cure for cancer, he would be attacked for practicing medicine without a license.

It's no wonder that many shallowly-informed members of the public think he is not accomplishing much, despite the fact that he is lowering the national debt created by 12 years of Republican rule, has maintained prosperity and low unemployment, and has succeeded in passing several major pieces of legislation despite monolithic opposition from Republicans.

On the agenda

He hasn't succeeded in passing any medical care reform, because of massive lobbying by all the groups that profit from the high prices we are paying, but he put the subject on the agenda, and reform is taking place by the private groups, such as insurance companies because of the pressure created by the Clinton reform movement.

The pressure is also speeding up the process of reform at the state level. It will be better, of course, if it is done voluntarily by private agencies. Anti-Clinton writers keep saying health-care reform is dead, when in fact it is proceeding apace at the private level.

There's no question but that the Clinton administration has done a poor job communicating its successes to the public through the filter of an anti-Clinton mass media. And as long as the public is bombarded by stories by lazy reporters and those who just don't like Clinton, polls will continue to give the president low approval ratings. The editorial pages of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette are among the most hostile, an exceedingly strange phenomenon, considering Clinton's Arkansas connections.

Anyway, to come back to my original point, the hostile media, working with Republicans, have cast Clinton as an underdog. Thus, those of us who favor the underdog feel compelled to support him. On. As children, we called that dog-piling and attributed the behavior to those too cowardly to buck the bullies and the majority of bully-followers.

Now, I want to make it clear that there are some legitimate reasons to criticize Clinton, and those people who oppose him on specific issues or general philosophy are doing their duty. The dog-pilers are those who are taking the easy, trendy route of least resistance.

On the playground

They are like the kids I remember on the playground who, after bullies pounced on a lone kid, joined in the pushing, punching or piling-on after the outnumbered guy was down.

I have been delaying any comment about national politics for several weeks, in my general feeling that I don't want to use *The Chronicle* editorial column for much of that kind of discussion. I see our main role on this page as dealing with community issues, preferably those not directly related to politics or religion.

In other words, things that we can work together on or just enjoy as members of a congenial community.

But occasionally, I feel the need to wade back into politics. One reason for this column is to show some of our readers that there are people who still want our Arkansas president to succeed — who want our American president to succeed. This effect seems to be needed in the face of some especially shrill and ugly propaganda by people whose only purpose seems to be to attack Clinton and "liberals."

One question to ask this element is to come up with constructive proposals. Their only purpose seems to be to obstruct attempts to accomplish improvements in society.

Finally, I will just emphasize, once again, that I hear from a lot of people who want Clinton to succeed and feel that he is doing a good job, generally, although they may not agree with all he proposes. I feel that some of these people hesitate to make their views known because they don't want to risk inciting the rabid anti-Clinton comments.

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Republicans obstructionism "Democracy at its best?"

by Donald Kaul



Health care reform died this week, strangled in its crib by Republicans.

They deny it, of course. They say that the brat was Rosemary's Baby and that it was the American people, in their righteous wisdom, who did the deed.

"I think America rejoices that the president's health care plan is dead," said Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, the Republicans' designated gloater. "This is American democracy at its best."

The Republicans say that the health plan offered by President Clinton was a loser, and there's some truth in that. Surely it seemed complex, confused and overly bureaucratic. But every time the Democrats moved toward the Republicans in an effort at compromise, the Republicans backed away.

Bob Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate, started out with an alternative plan that didn't do much and he progressively weakened it, out of fear of support.

What the whole thing was, really, was an exercise in obstructionism. The Republicans were simply unwilling to let Clinton have anything that might be construed as a victory in health care lest voters be impressed, so they used the threat of a filibuster in the Senate to stifle the issue. They would have done the same no matter what the substance of the plan was.

In the meantime, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that the number of uninsured Americans went to 37.4 million, up from 35.4 million on the year before; that spending on health care consumed 14-14.2 percent of the nation's

output in 1993 (up from 13.7-13.9 the year before); and that by the year 2003, Medicare and Medicaid would be taking up 26.4 percent of the federal budget.

This is an avalanche on the way, and Congress chose to do absolutely nothing about it. You have to wonder what Gramm thinks democracy at its worst looks like.

Nor have the Republicans limited their obstructionism to health care. In the Senate, where the rules allow the thwarting of majority rule by a 40 percent minority, they've pretty much shut things down.

Last week and this they've been trying to talk a campaign reform bill to death, in order to make the world safe for special interests. To do it, they used an arcane procedural technicality, which, so far as anyone has been able to find out, had never been used before.

Dirty pool, say the Democrats.

Democracy at its best, say the Republicans.

The important thing, of course, is what the American people are going to say. The early returns, sadly, indicate that it's going to be: "Isn't that cute."

It's a long wait until November but the initial signals — special elections, polls, voter interviews — suggest a Democratic catastrophe in the making. One can imagine a Republican Party next year that has absolute veto power over anything the president suggests and that controls the statehouse in eight or 10 of the biggest states. As a matter of fact, one can hardly imagine less.

Which would be endurable, I sup-

pose, if all we were confronted with were gridlock, but the Republicans have relieved themselves of a set of legislative goals for the coming year that sends chills up the spine of a fiscal conservative like myself.

They would cut taxes for married people with children, for high-income old people and for all rich people, without regard to race, creed or spats. They would cut corporate taxes and increase military spending. And, they would balance the federal budget. How?

By passing a balanced budget amendment.

If you think you've seen that movie, you have. It was called "Ronald Reagan Triples the National Debt."

An even dipper plan is being put forward by Dick Arme, a Republican representative from Texas. He wants to throw out our present tax system and replace it with a "flat tax" of 17 percent, a plan that would cut taxes in half for rich folk, add \$200 billion a year to the deficit and require you to file a tax return every month.

And that's the party that's winning the hearts and minds of the American people.

One is reminded of the definition of democracy offered by H. L. Mencken, who wrote: "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

It looks as though we're in for a heavy dose.

(Donald Kaul is a nationally syndicated columnist who lives near Washington, D. C.)

THE OBSERVER Sunday, October 16, 1994 3D

The truth about Clinton

■ Rarely in history
have perception
and the facts been
more at odds.

By DAVID MORRIS
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

President Clinton is widely viewed as ineffectual. The Democratic Congress is derided and detested. The country is convinced government is arrogant, corrupt, inefficient and downright unworkable. The voters plan to make their anger felt on Election Day by sweeping conservative Republicans into power.

Can anything stop the coming tidal wave of conservatism? I can think of only one thing: getting the story right.

The fact of the matter is that the record of Bill Clinton and this Democratic Congress is pretty darned impressive.

Rarely in history have popular perception and the cold hard truth been more at odds. According to pollster Richard Wirthlin, 70% of us think the nation is "moving in the wrong direction." Just 23%, according to a recent CBS/New York Times poll, believe the economy is "getting better."

Yet 4.3 million jobs have been created in less than two years under Bill Clinton, about four times more jobs than were created in four years of George Bush. And 93% of Clinton's jobs are in the private sector, while in some years in the 1980s the majority were government jobs.

Unemployment is at a six-year low. Inflation is back at early '70s levels. For the first time in a decade, the country has had eight consecutive months of manufacturing job growth. For the first time in a decade, international economists view the United States as the

Deficit, work force shrink

What about Clinton's performance as chief executive officer of the world's largest corporation? The federal deficit has been reduced three years in a row, the first time since Harry Truman. As a result of staff reductions, Clinton heads up the smallest federal work force since John F. Kennedy.

Clinton's changes in the federal judiciary, one recent study by two legal scholars concluded, is of "historical proportions." Women and racial minorities comprise some 65% of the general population. Bill Clinton is the only president to appoint them to the judiciary in similar percentages. Women or minorities account for almost two-thirds of his appointees to federal courts. That compares to 14% by Reagan, 28% by Bush and 34% by Carter.

The quality of Clinton's judicial appointees is very high. The proportion receiving the highest rating from the American Bar Association and the proportion with prior judicial and prosecutorial experience exceeds those of the past three administrations.

In the legislative arena, the Democratic Congress has wrought the most dramatic redistribution of income in the last 50 years. They raised taxes for the top 1.2% of Americans who, on average, earn more than half million a dollars a year. And they lowered taxes on much of working America. The device they used, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), pays refunds to households with workers. Clinton knows that most poor people work. The EITC, in effect, increases their wages.

Republicans kill bills

Is this Democratic Congress productive? You bet it is. There is not enough space to list all the reforms Congress has passed. Or to be more accurate, all the reforms a majority of Congress voted for but which the Republicans filibustered to death.

Republicans killed legislation designed to stop legislators from receiving vacations from lobbyists. Republicans killed a bill to require companies to pay a royalty for gold or silver mined on federal lands and to be responsible for cleaning up their pollution.

Last year the federal government was forced to sell a Canadian company the right to mine gold worth \$8-10 billion for the unbelievable sum of \$9,765. Most Americans were outraged, and 70% of Congress voted to reform the 1872 Mining Act. Forty-one

Given the remarkable hostility by the Republican Party to any innovations and reform, Americans should send Clinton a vote of confidence by electing a few more sympathetic members of Congress. But Americans do not know Clinton's record. And that lack of information could prove a tragedy for the republic.

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David Morris is a columnist for the St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press.

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Nuclear Waste Tech Review Board (5)
Pacific Salmon Commission (3) (On Hold)
Pennsylvania Ave. Development Corp. (2)
Postal Service Board of Governors (1)
Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled (2)
Rural Telephone Bank (2)
Sabine River Compact (1)
Social Security Advisory Board (3)
Southern States Energy Board (1)
U.S. Institute of Peace (4)
Udall Scholarship (1)
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Comm (1)

Target Completion Date - November

Arctic Research Commission (2)
D.C. National Guard (2)
International Food and Agriculture Development, Board for (5)
James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Board of Trustees (6)
Mississippi River Commission (3)
National Commission on Reducing Capital Cost for Emerging Technology (3)
National Commission on Rehabilitation Services (5)
~~North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (1)~~
Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission (6)
~~Rural Partnerships Investment Board (2)~~
Trans Alaska Pipeline System (1)
White House Conference on Aging, Advisory Committee (no limit)
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (1)

Target Completion Date - December

Advisory Comtee re: Operation and Modernization of Nat'l Defense Stockpile (no limit)
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (1) (Governor slot)
Geologic Mapping Advisory Commission (4)
Panama Canal, Joint Commission on Environment (2)

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October 19, 1994

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FROM: TIM SAUNDERS *TS*
DAVE KALBAUGH *DK*

SUBJECT: Appointment Document for Terence McAuliffe

Terence McAuliffe was accorded the personal rank of Ambassador in his capacity as United States Commissioner General to the Tejon International Exposition on August 4, 1993.

The President may confer the personal rank of Ambassador or Minister on an individual in connection with a special mission for the President of a temporary nature not exceeding six months in duration (22 U.S.C. 3942(B)(i)).

This is a **temporary** rank conferred by the President in connection with a special mission -- **not** an officer of the Government appointed by the President, therefore he does not receive a commission signed by the President. Individuals accorded the personal rank of Ambassador receive a letter signed by the President as Mr. McAuliffe did on August 4, 1993.

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David Wilhelm, Chairman

Terence R. McAuliffe
National Finance Chairman

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see you soon.

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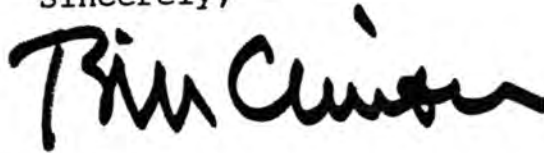
August 4, 1993

Dear Mr. McAuliffe:

It gives me great pleasure to accord you the personal rank of Ambassador in your capacity as the United States Commissioner General to the Taejon International Exposition 1993. This rank, as you know, is of a temporary nature not exceeding 6 months in duration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Terence R. McAuliffe
United States Commissioner General
to the Taejon International
Exposition 1993
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR BILLY WEBSTER
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING AND ADVANCE

FROM: JIM DORSKIND *[Signature]*
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE
AND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

SUBJECT: RENEWED SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION EVENT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND
OTHER PRINCIPALS

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Stephanie Streett suggested that I formally renew our long-standing scheduling request for a volunteer recognition event.

Background on the Event

Earlier this year, after many months of effort and discussion, a volunteer recognition event was tentatively scheduled for September 14. Unfortunately, because that date coincided with the observance of Yom Kippur and thus would have kept many of our volunteers from participating, we had to postpone the event.

We immediately began efforts to find a replacement date. With the fall campaign, we understood that it might have to wait until late this month or early November. However, we had hoped that it would at least be scheduled by now, and we are very concerned that November (and its colder, inclement weather) is approaching without a date having been set. Stephanie and Robyn Dickey both have advised us that the event has been the subject of recent Scheduling Office discussions. But the issue is becoming urgent.

Recognizing the extraordinary demands on the President's time, I nevertheless request that the event be scheduled some time before the holiday on November 11. Please note that we will need at least two weeks' notice to ensure that we can notify all volunteers of the event. Of course, more notice would be much better.

Background on White House Volunteers

Although this Department, in particular, relies heavily on volunteers, approximately 25% of the volunteers work in other offices throughout the White House, including the Office of Scheduling and Advance. We have as many as 250 volunteers at the complex on a given day out of a pool of about 1500 active White House volunteers.

Over the last twenty months, this Department has processed over 10.8 million incoming letters, cards, and e-mail messages. We could not handle this amazing blizzard of paper (and e-mail) without the loyal volunteers who are here day in and day out, often in the evenings and on weekends. Our volunteers also staff the Comment Line, help at major White House events -- such as the Easter Egg Roll and July 4 -- and they help us send out a monthly average of 40,000 greetings (birthday, anniversary, wedding congratulations, and the like). Overall, working together, staff and volunteers have sent out close to three million letters and cards on behalf of the President.

The volunteer event we are requesting is our only event with the President that is dedicated to the White House volunteers. The volunteers are a stalwart crew of hard-working, unsung heroes in the White House, and they need to know that the people at the top are aware of their invaluable contribution to the Administration.

The last volunteer event was held in April of 1993. Not surprisingly, many volunteers are beginning to feel that they are taken for granted by the President. It is crucial that the President and, to the extent possible, other principals have an opportunity to thank the volunteers for all that they do here *gratis*. It truly means everything to the volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to meet with you to pursue this important request. Anything you can do to expedite the scheduling of the volunteer event will be greatly appreciated.

Attachment

cc: ✓ John Podesta
Harold Ickes
Stephanie Streett
Robyn Dickey
Patty Solis
Tony Wilson
Cindy Gire

☐ ACCEPT☐ REGRET☐ PENDING

TO: Billy Webster
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: James A. Dorskind *JAD*
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence
and Presidential Messages

REQUEST: Reception with White House Volunteers

PURPOSE: To recognize their tremendous, selfless efforts
throughout the White House complex.

BACKGROUND: Since January of 1993 over 3000 individuals and
groups have participated in the White House
Volunteer Program. Currently, we have more than
1500 individuals on our active volunteer list.
While approximately 75 percent of volunteers work
in the Correspondence Department, there are many
offices throughout the complex that depend on their
services daily.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: In April 1993, we honored volunteers by holding a
reception on the White House lawn. The President,
the First Lady, the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore
all attended.

DATE AND TIME: Before November 11. (We need at least two weeks'
notice to alert all volunteers.)

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: South Lawn

PARTICIPANTS: President, Vice President, First Lady, and
Mrs. Gore, if available.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Volunteers will assemble out on the South Lawn.
Participants will meet and greet volunteers on
rope line. Brief remarks will be made by all
participants.

REMARKS REQUIRED: yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: open press

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: If available

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: If available

MRS. GORE'S ATTENDANCE: If available

RECOMMENDED BY: Jim Dorskind and The Volunteer Office

CONTACT: Jim Dorskind/Jennifer McCarthy
ext. 65460 ext. 66556

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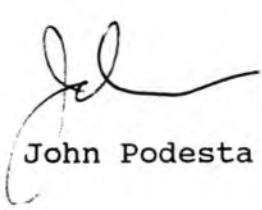
October 5, 1994

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a memo from Bob Rubin recommending an Administration position in favor of lifting the export ban on Alaska North Slope (ANS) crude oil, but requiring that ANS oil be carried in U.S.-flag, U.S. crewed vessels.

In addition to the NEC, the position has been reviewed and cleared by Leon, Harold, George and Pat.

If you concur with the recommendation, it is important that the timing and manner of announcement be closely coordinated. Scheduling is working on a request for a drop by with Tony Knowles in the next day or two, with whom you may wish to discuss this matter.


John Podesta

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1994

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DECISION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BO CUTLER 
THROUGH: BOB RUBIN 
SUBJECT: Alaska North Slope Crude Oil Exports

At a meeting involving all relevant agencies, your advisors unanimously recommended that the Administration support the export of Alaska North Slope (ANS) crude oil, but require that ANS exports be carried in U.S.-flag, U.S.-crewed vessels. Doing so would provide significant economic benefits with little risk of higher gasoline prices, environmental degradation, or international trade complications. We believe this will not create a precedent for extending cargo preference to other international shipping, a concern expressed by DOT.

Most, if not all, of the likely legislative vehicles for considering the ANS oil issue now appear unlikely to pass during the remaining days of this Congress. Your advisors believe, however, that it remains important for the Administration to develop a position on this issue in case a "live" vehicle unexpectedly materializes. Should no acceptable legislative vehicle present itself, your decision will be made public through a letter from Secretary O'Leary in response to letters received from several Democratic Members of Congress.

Background

Lifting the export ban would increase oil production in California and Alaska, and thereby raise revenues to oil producers, the States of California and Alaska, and some of their local governments. This new economic activity would create new jobs in California and Alaska. Gasoline prices are not expected to rise because plentiful supplies, available from numerous sources, will restrain them.

The current export ban requires that ANS crude be shipped only from Alaska to other U.S. ports. These shipments fall under the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (the Jones Act), which requires all inter-coastal shipments to be carried on vessels that are both U.S.-flag, (i.e., U.S.-owned and -crewed,) and U.S.-built.

Simply lifting the ban without a U.S. carriage requirement would expose U.S. maritime jobs to lower-cost foreign competition. To preserve jobs, U.S. maritime interests recently reversed their long-standing support for the ban and joined British Petroleum (BP) in supporting Sen. Stevens' proposed amendment to lift the ban. Stevens would require all exports of ANS crude to continue to be carried on Jones Act ships. The extension of the Jones Act's requirements from intercoastal to international shipping would greatly jeopardize the July 17th OECD agreement to eliminate foreign shipbuilding subsidies and also surely invite a GATT challenge. If we were to lose such a challenge, we could lose protection for the entire Jones Act. **Therefore, your advisors unanimously recommend that the Administration oppose the Stevens Amendment if it is proposed.**

Recommendation:

Your advisors recommend seeking Congressional authority to grant licenses to export Alaskan oil, **conditioned on a requirement that the oil be carried in U.S.-flag, (meaning U.S.-crewed but not necessarily U.S.-built) vessels.** Unlike the U.S.-build requirements in the Jones Act, U.S.-flag requirements do not violate the GATT. The licenses would cover a period of up to twenty years. If at any time during the term of a license the President finds that the national interest were no longer being served, the license could be revoked. Only BP, the largest of the three major North Slope producers, has indicated that it would seek an export license; Exxon and ARCO are expected to continue using their shares of ANS crude to supply their own West Coast refineries.

International Trade Considerations: This option would, for the first time, extend **cargo preference** -- the requirement that goods be shipped on U.S.-flag vessels -- to private, commercial exports. (Cargo preference now applies only to government-impelled shipments, such as military aid and food exports.) This policy, therefore, may lead to domestic political pressure to extend commercial cargo preference to other sectors of the economy.

We believe, however, that this proposed policy involves unique circumstances, and that we can continue successfully and credibly to oppose other commercial cargo preference proposals. Our proposal would **liberalize** trade by ending a prohibition against the export of ANS crude and by expanding the types of ships that can carry the exports to include all U.S.-flag vessels. In addition, since the West Coast surplus of ANS crude would no longer be transported to the East and the Gulf Coast, foreign shippers will have a new trade opportunity in bringing replacement foreign crude to the U.S. without any maritime carriage restriction. In contrast, other commercial cargo preference proposals, (such as Rep. Lynn Schenck's bill requiring imports of Japanese cars to be carried on U.S. ships), would **restrict** trade by limiting the types of ships that could be used to transport U.S. exports and imports. We will include our view as to distinguishability in the legislative history.

Environmental Concerns: The Office of Environmental Policy, EPA, and Interior, share some of the concerns of environmental organizations regarding the potential impacts of exporting ANS oil. Chief among these concerns is that higher oil prices will increase economic and political pressure for oil exploration and production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). In addition, they suggest that production increases might create adverse air quality impacts and the potential for oil spills along new shipping routes.

To address these concerns, the Administration's proposed statutory language will provide for appropriate (and prompt) environmental reviews prior to any exports. In addition, the Administration will re-state its continuing opposition to the development of ANWR and environmentally-sensitive areas of the OCS. These issues have been of concern to several key committee chairs in the House. We have consulted them to craft an acceptable approach.

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SPECIAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS
HONORARY CHAIR, HONORARY PATRON, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Today's Date: October 13, 1994

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Date of Request: 9/23/1994
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Chairman
Requestor Name: Mr. B. Clarke Green
Title: Director of Retail Marketing
Organization: White Flint
11301 Rockville Pike
Third Level
North Bethesda, Maryland 20895-1021
Contact Tel. #: 301/688-5777
Event Date: 11/20/1994
Event Description: 8K Race and 1K Fun Run

Notes: The event is being hosted by White Flint, Lerner Corporation, and The Tower Companies and will benefit the Scleroderma Foundation of Greater Washington. One hundred percent of the entry fees will go to research. Scleroderma affects about 300,000 Americans and strikes women three times as often as men.

Recommendations:

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Please return this form to Rm. 457.

October 13, 1994

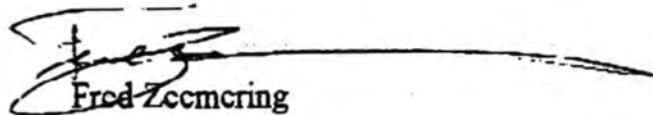
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The White House
Staff Manager

It has come to our attention from news paper sources that Christopher Warren is about to be replaced. The alleged replacement is to be Tom Foley. Please be advised that in the real world, Mr. Tom Foley is seen as the most arrogant (tied for 1st place with John D. Rockefeller) son of a bitch in the United States Congress.

With all politicians coming under heavy voter fire, it would seem that a more credible person (hopefully not a politician) could be found for the post.

Sincerely,



Fred Zecmcring
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Rockford, MI 49341

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I've had lung cancer. I was a welder
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I am presently working with the
DAC in Little Rock to re-attempt
getting an increase in my pension. I
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the papers to go before the Board in
Little Rock but your help with that
Board would be appreciated very much.

Mr. President you know I'm like Henry &
Miss Edith I support you & am very proud of
you. My prayers are with you always. I know
you'll do the best you can for me & others.

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Thank you! Your friend
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Excerpts from address by George Stephanopoulos
Cleveland City Club
October 14, 1994

In this morning's Washington Post, there is an article on Congressman Gingrich that reminds me of Lord Acton's admonition about power — power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The Post recounts a meeting held in Congressman Gingrich's Capitol Office during which he offered to exchange his influence for campaign contributions. He told donors that if they contribute to his campaign efforts, they can — and I quote — "get even for the Clinton tax increase." He told lobbyists, that they can seek their revenge on Democratic efforts to reform our campaign and gift rules which he described, and I quote again, as "Stalinist" and "punitive."

A man who three weeks ago stood in the sunlight outside the Capitol and swore to average Americans he was for reform, sat inside his dark office and swore to special interest groups that he would block reform. A man who stood outside talking about tax cuts for the middle class, sat inside his office telling special interest groups the tax cuts would be for them. All so that he can be Speaker. All so that they can control the agenda. And in that arrangement, who speaks for ordinary Americans? Nobody.

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IN OUR OPINION

WELCOME, CLINTON

Goals are sound; pursue them with steady conviction

Bill Clinton's visit to Michigan today comes at a critical time in his presidency. The Republican Party already is saying benediction over his presidency.

The president may or may not be able to cut his party's losses in November. But we're convinced his goals are still sound and deserve to be put forward with more clarity and vigor.

Here's how that can be done:

Foreign policy: The perception of the president as a waffler began with last year's ignominious turnaround of the USS Harlan County in Haitian waters in the face of a mob, and the dithering afterward. It was exacerbated by the contrast between tough talk and mild or limited actions in Bosnia, and confusion about tactics vis-a-vis North Korea. The reverse on China's most-favored-nation trade status was necessary but costly.

These things have obscured achievements: facilitating the Middle East peace process, aiding the transition in South Africa, helping Russia and Eastern Europe deal with staggering challenges, pushing the British on Northern Ireland.

The president finally has grabbed hold in Haiti, and his policy shows clear signs of working. His unambiguous response to Saddam Hussein shows he's learning how to act like the commander in chief. If the president could build on Haiti and devise a more creative strategy to end Cuba's long nightmare and isolation, he might change the whole character of the Caribbean basin.

Mr. Clinton also should refuse to let his Balkans policy be set either by the New York Times or by his European allies. The realistic course probably is less heroic than the morality play of press legend, and more committed to change than Europeans imagine.

In short, the president must remember the basic truth that his interests, and the country's, are best served when he behaves like the commander in chief, with both the cautions and the boldness that job demands.

Domestic policy: The president's goals — expanding the economy, reforming the health care system, changing welfare, cleaning up institutions of government — are on target. What obscured real achievements was the way he set — or didn't set — priorities, and the way the administration acted as if health or welfare are technical rather than political questions.

Approach health care incrementally. Have a master plan and insist that the pieces conform to it. But go for insurance reforms. Move to cover children first. Borrow, with appropriate safeguards, the favorite Republican gimmick of this year, the medical IRA, which has dangers but may also have promise. Give the states more flexibility. Build gradually.

Push welfare reform and political reform to the top of the agenda. Bring the Republicans into the process of finding answers. Hang onto such basics as the need to eliminate disincentives and build in incentives in welfare.

Put together a credible next-stage plan on deficit reduction. Include a middle-class tax cut, but pair it with tradeoffs such as finally protecting federal assets such as mining rights and grazing lands. Accept a real line-item veto. Get on with reshaping the courts expeditiously. Shape up your operation on the basics.

Finally, the president can show that, imperfect being though he is, he has deeply held principles and will keep pursuing them. Sooner or later, people will look around and say, hey, maybe the man really is trying to do the right thing. If he shows steadiness, he can set a lot of things straight.

It's a big mountain Mr. Clinton has to climb. But some of our better presidents — Abraham Lincoln and Harry Truman come to mind — were beaten up pretty badly at this stage of their presidencies. They figured out what they had to do to be leaders, and they did it.

Tough assignment? Sure. But President Clinton can do it, and the country will be better off if he does.



Clinton: Priorities

IRAQ

Threat of force is correct response to Saddam Hussein

Trying to ascribe a rational thought process to Saddam Hussein is always tricky business. But the Iraqi dictator's latest gambit — dispatching some 64,000 troops to the Kuwaiti border in an apparent attempt to force an end to economic sanctions against his country — is reckless and counterproductive by any standard.

Monday's announcement by Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations that those troops were being withdrawn from the border area may defuse the situation, at least for now. Yet there can be no doubt that President Bill Clinton's show of military force in response to the Iraqi provocation was the right course to pursue.

If substantial doubt remained about the UN's wisdom in maintaining its economic embargo against the Baghdad regime, that, too, seems to have been dispelled.

The sanctions are afflicting Iraq's peo-

ple. But the power to remove them always has been in Baghdad's hands, by meeting the conditions of the agreement that ended the gulf war. Instead, Saddam Hussein has continued to play hide-and-seek games with international inspectors attempting to assess Iraq's weapons development, and to persecute ethnic populations within Iraq.

His most recent power grab, or at least feint, points up the need for continued vigilance against — and, where necessary, multinational resistance to — aggression. That surely entails risk (and a degree of distaste, given the autocratic governments of Iraq's potential targets in the gulf), but the danger of acquiescing in brutal local adventurism is far greater.

It was said during the gulf war that force is the only language Saddam Hussein understands. If that is so, the United States and its allies must remain prepared to speak unambiguously in that language.

HAITI

Cedras' plans to leave help ease the process of change

The announcement by former Haitian military leader Raoul Cedras that not only is he stepping down immediately, but that he plans to leave the country, is welcome. His presence surely would have thwarted Haiti's efforts to rebuild its fragile democracy.

Without a military to defend him, and with the imminent return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide to resume his presidency, it would have been virtually suicidal for Gen. Cedras and his family to stay in Haiti. The people whom he abused so viciously remain determined to make him pay for his crimes, even if Father Aristide agrees to pardon him.

The amnesty provisions adopted by Haiti's legislature offer few protections from criminal prosecution for Gen. Cedras or the other ex-military rulers. That knowledge likely spurred last week's abrupt departure of former Haitian police chief Michel Francois to the Dominican Republic. Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby has submitted his resignation as well.

These developments affirm the success of the diplomatic mission led by former President Jimmy Carter. The foot-stomping critics of Mr. Carter, and of President Bill Clinton's Haitian policy in general, sound ever more shrill, pitiful and distant.

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The two suspects saw Eric and Derrick on the street that evening and took them to a rowhouse, where they slapped Eric around and held Derrick, CHA officials said.

The brothers ran out of the rowhouse, but when they exited an elevator at the 13th floor in the Wells developments, the two suspects were waiting for them, sources said.

That is when Eric and his brother were lured to the site of the final struggle, authorities said.

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Less than two hours after police were notified, they talked to Derrick and shortly after arrested the 11-year-old and the 10-year-old on a crowded street corner, said Wentworth Area Detective Jerome Doroba.

"Someone pointed them out," he said.

After giving oral and written statements to police, the boys were held overnight at the Juvenile Detention Center, where Associate Judge Charles May on Friday ordered that they remain until at least Monday, when a trial date will be set.

If the boys are convicted of the first-degree murder charges in the delinquency petition filed against them, they could be sent to a locked residential facility outside Illinois until about their 19th birthdays.

Illinois has no such facilities, but because of a recent rash of murders committed by juveniles, authorities are considering building some here. In addition, authorities are considering lowering the age when a juvenile can be charged as an adult with murder to 10 from 13.

The fathers of both suspects are in prison. The younger boy allegedly involved in Eric's killing recently had several brushes with Juvenile Court authorities. In an unlawful-use-of-weapons conviction this month, he was placed on one year's probation and sentenced to 90 days' home confinement.

Police were notified about 8 p.m. Thursday that a child had fallen out of a window of the Wells public housing building, and when they arrived, found the child on the ground.

Eric's body was "twisted he looked like every bone in his body was broken," said Brenda Abrams, 42, who was visiting her stepfather there when Eric fell.

Both suspects, who were named on juvenile petitions with first-degree murder, made admissions in statements to police, officials said.

"They admitted their part in the crime," said Police Cmdr. Charles Smith, of the Wentworth Area violent crimes unit. "As far as showing remorse, they were stunned. I can't say how much remorse they showed."

Smith described Eric's brother as "horrified. He's scared. He's terrified, just like any 8-year-old would be," terrified "of watching his brother dangle from the 14th floor and fall to his death."

Smith said there was no apparent gang connection in the incident.

Some residents of the Wells housing development where the killing occurred blamed the CHA for failing to secure the building adequately. Throughout Friday afternoon, work crews boarded up doors and windows of vacant apartments in the building.

"Something this horrible has to happen before they come out here and do anything about it," said Dee, a neighbor of the Morris family who would not give her last name.

But CHA officials said work crews had reboarded the unit from which Eric fell just hours before the struggle. The unit was reboarded three times in April, as well, said CHA spokesman Steve Canty.

After the work crews left Thursday, someone broke through the wood bolted over the door. It was unclear

Friday whether that was done by the boys or someone else.

"I don't know if the boards on the door were already off or whether they ripped them off," said Kelly McGrath, a CHA spokeswoman. "It doesn't matter. When someone is determined to get the boards off, they'll get them off."

(EDITORS: STORY CAN TRIM HERE)

CHA crews constantly battle to keep up with vacant units that are broken into, often by gangs who use them to hide guns and drugs.

The site of Eric's death carried at least one sad irony: The building is home to the CHA's victim-assistance program, so members of the authority's newly formed crisis-response team were on the scene immediately.

"A lot of people saw it. A lot of people came out," said Taya Sun, director of CHA's preventive programs, whose office is there.

Sun spent much of Friday talking with members of Eric's large extended family "countless cousins," she said who are spread throughout the CHA.

"This was a 5-year-old child who was the darling of everyone," she said.

"Like any family in America," Sun said, "they are grieving about a 5-year-old child who was senselessly taken."

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Tribune reporters John W. Fountain, Peter Baniak, Nancy Ryan and V. Dion Haynes contributed to this article.

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Toys 'R' Us announces it no longer will stock toy guns

**By John N. Maclean and Louis Carlozo
Chicago Tribune**

CHICAGO The voice of a Vernon Hills, Ill., police dispatcher, responding to frightened calls from residents, went out over police radios Thursday afternoon: "Two juveniles possibly pointing a gun."

Squads raced to the address given on Monterrey Drive in the Deerpath development looking for a black sedan described by residents.

They found the car, pulled it over and drew their guns, ordering the 17-year-old driver to come out with his hands in the air.

For the police, everything about the situation was chilling and real. But as it turned out, the youth's gun was fake a plastic look-alike version of a 9 mm pistol.

"Some of these guns are dead ringers for real guns," Vernon Hills police Cmdr. Jerry Storer said. "And if you've ever looked down the barrel of a gun, it's scary."

Two weeks ago a similar incident ended differently when police shot and killed a 13-year-old boy in New York City who was carrying a toy gun. Hours later in that city, a 16-year-old was chased and shot by a police officer who thought the toy gun in the youth's belt was real. The second youth was wounded in the abdomen.

On Friday, toy retailers took another step to limit sales, but it didn't make the controversy go away.

Retailing giant Toys "R" Us Inc. announced it no longer will stock toy guns that can be altered to look like the real thing, though it will sell what it has on hand. Overseas sales will continue.

Michael Goldstein, chief executive of the company, said in an interview he will "err on the side of caution" in choosing which guns to eliminate in the U.S. market and expects to have only a few outsized water guns left for sale after mid-February.

At the Toys "R" Us store in Melrose Park, Ill., a store employee said that toy guns already were being pulled off the shelves. But at the Bloomingdale, Ill.,

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branch, store managers still were waiting to get exact details of the pullout plan from corporate headquarters in Paramus, N.J.

Other retailers already have taken similar steps, though Toys "R" Us, as the world's largest toy seller, is the industry leader. Kay-Bee Toy Stores, based in Pittsfield, Mass., announced Friday that it would immediately begin removing and destroying all realistic toy guns on its shelves.

At the Kay-Bee Toys store in Lincolnwood, Ill., assistant store manager Sharon Levin said toy guns were being removed gradually from the store aisles. Levin said her store only sells a handful of toy guns a week, and that she recently has had to handle some parents bringing them back for refunds.

Bradlee's Inc., a discount department-store chain based in Braintree, Mass., has said it won't order toy guns for the Christmas shopping season.

Kmart Corp., of Troy, Mich., stopped selling realistic toy guns about 10 months ago, spokesman Stephen Pagnani said Friday. The company will continue selling guns that obviously are toys, like brightly colored Nerf and Super Soaker water guns, he said.

In Chicago, an executive of the nation's largest maker of toy guns said the crisis is overblown and the company expects to go on making plenty of brightly colored toy guns or water guns. Myron B. Shure, chairman of 125-year-old Strombecker Corp. on the West Side, said playing with the toys is a healthy outlet for hostilities.

Shure said incidents like the shooting described above happen because of problem children, not problem guns.

"I think you probably had a disturbed kid of some kind," Shure said. "I can't imagine a 16-year-old playing with a gun. Our products are intended for young children." He added nothing will stop little boys from pointing their fingers at each other.

Shure said realistic-looking rifles and pistols account for only an "infinitesimal" part of Strombecker's business, and a cutoff would have little effect on the company, which makes a wide variety of products.

Strombecker, with about 250 workers in Chicago and more than 400 worldwide, has about 60 percent of the toy-gun market in the U.S.

Goldstein, of Toys "R" Us, said the company will work with its suppliers to try to come up with safer, alternative products.

"We want to be fair with our suppliers," Goldstein said. "We're asking them to be imaginative and come up with ideas for substitutes. For instance, if they have a police set with a gun, substitute a baton for the gun."

There has been a previous effort to limit look-alike toy guns. Since 1990, a federal law has required that look-alikes have their barrel tips painted bright orange or have corked barrels.

But Goldstein acknowledged that anyone who wants to can spray paint over the orange or pull the cork, which is hardly visible anyway. And police and concerned groups have complained that color differences can't be seen at night.

"When you get that call of a man with a gun, your heart beats faster and you sweat a little," said James Davis, a New York City policeman who worked with Toys "R" Us on this issue. "You don't have the opportunity to say, 'Is this live or is it Memorex?'"

Stevanne Auerbach, director of the non-profit Institute for Childhood Resources in San Francisco, said the action by Toys "R" Us is "definitely a beginning," but is long overdue and should have gone further.

"Letting toy guns stay in the stores is bad business," said Auerbach, who is known as "Dr. Toy." "If you know something is bad for children and you go on selling it, you're doing the children a disservice."

"But part of the problem is parents don't know how to say no to their children."

Parents, law enforcement officials and gun-control advocates praised the retailers' moves.

"Because so many kids are carrying real guns, for kids to carry realistic-looking toy guns is incredibly dangerous and incredibly stupid," said Cheryl Brolin, spokeswoman for Handgun Control Inc.

Haitians prepare for Aristide's return, some fear assassination attempts

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Red roses and blue candles mark shrines to assassinated supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Nearby, heavily armed U.S. soldiers are perched on tanks and atop the Presidential Palace to make sure he does not meet the same fate.

After 1,111 days in exile, Aristide comes home Saturday.

He returns to the graves of hundreds of his murdered supporters. To a land where five attempts were made on his life. To 20,000 U.S. soldiers assembled to return him to power. To a bevy of U.S. Secret Service agents and Haitian bodyguards for his protection.

As he steps behind bulletproof glass to address his country this afternoon, friends say Aristide will have more to worry about than how to save his profoundly troubled land. He will have to wonder how he will remain alive.

"President Aristide knows the field very well, and he knows it is mined," said Fignole Jean Luis, a deputy in the Aristide-era parliament. Luis recently came out of hiding. "I don't think there could ever be enough security to protect him."

Haiti's history of violence lurks in the background of what is likely to be a cathartic release of emotion Saturday.

Tens of thousands are expected to clog Port-au-Prince's streets in a mass celebration of Aristide's return and the end to three years of repressive military rule.

Some are worried, however, that celebration may turn to retribution. In the wealthy suburb of Petionville, Haiti, businesses plan to close and the wealthy elite many of them backers of the military coup plan to spend the day behind locked gates. Some have already fled to the neighboring Dominican Republic for the weekend.

"The people think they have a license to kill," said a Catholic nun who lives in Port-au-Prince. This week, she saw Aristide backers chase and stone a military man in her yard.

"When the Americans came, the police left and the people have run wild. I am afraid they will turn on anyone even us."

That atmosphere has the U.S. occupation troops wary. They are doing everything in their power to keep Aristide from harm. For nearly a month, U.S. forces have been eradicating Haiti's brutal military, seizing thousands of weapons, taking over barracks and outposts, and persuading top generals to resign and leave.

They rendered impotent Haiti's dreaded paramilitary squads. The U.S. State Department hired a security firm of former Secret Service agents to train Aristide's personal bodyguards.

On Friday, dozens of U.S. tanks took up positions on the streets. Bomb detectors swept through the Presidential Palace and sharpshooters were placed on the roof.

When Aristide arrives shortly before noon, he will be