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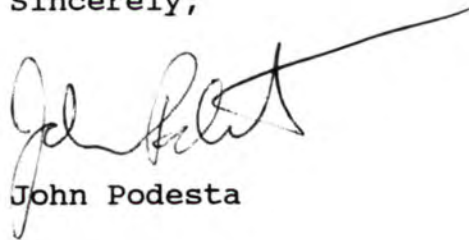
June 29, 1994

Mr. Joe Cooper
Chairman
National Study Center
Suite 113
499 South Capitol Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Cooper:

With regret, I hereby resign from the Board of the National Study Center, effective immediately. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Podesta", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

cc: Roy Dye
Beth Nolan



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers and Board Members
FROM: Roy Dye, Director
DATE: June 17, 1994
SUBJECT: Board Meeting on Research Projects

~~YES~~ YES
NO

NSC President Joseph Cooper has called a board meeting on Thursday, June 30, at 10:00 A.M., in the Center's office at 499 South Capitol Street, S.W., Suite 113.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential areas of research for the Center to undertake in the months ahead. Please contact us if you have any particular research projects or ideas that you would like included in the discussion paper being prepared for this meeting.

The agenda also includes review of the June 10 fund-raising mailing and follow-up calls, and other administrative business.

Please let us know whether you will be able to attend this important board meeting, either in person or via telephone hook-up.

mt. Joe Cooper



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10:00 am

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To: John Podesta, - White House

From: Dave Banisar, Electronic Privacy Information Center

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Note:

Hi John,

Here's the updated conference agenda. Do you know yet whether you will be available?

Dave

(DRAFT)

The 4th Cryptography and Privacy Conference
Sponsored by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)
Co-sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

June 6, 1994

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
2400 N Street, N.W., 8th Floor
Washington, D.C.

8:30 Coffee and Introductions

Marc Rotenberg, EPIC
Barbara Simons, US ACM

9:00 Key Note Address

John Podesta, The White House (invited)

9:30 Cryptography Primer

Bruce Schneier, a noted expert on cryptography and author of *Applied Cryptography*, will provide an overview of the technology and discuss the current trend toward use in everyday activities.

10:00 Clipper and Alternatives Implementation

On February 4, 1994, the Administration announced the adoption of the Escrowed Encryption Standard. Since that time, there has been little official discussion of its implementation while industry has continued implementing alternatives. This panel, representing government and industry, will address this issue.

Moderator: Lance Hoffman, George Washington University

Participants: Lynn McNulty, National Institute of Standards and Technology
James Bidzos, RSA Data Security, Inc.

11:00 Break

11:15 Status of Digital Telephony

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has recently renewed its call for legislation designed to ensure its ability to conduct wiretaps in the new digital communications environment. Representatives of law enforcement, the telecommunications industry and the civil liberties community will discuss the status of the Bureau's proposal.

Moderator: Andrew Grosso, Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Boston

Participants: Alan McDonald, FBI
TBA, US Telephone Association
David Sobel, Electronic Privacy Information Center

12:15 Lunch (provided at Carnegie Endowment)

1:00 Luncheon Address

David Kahn, author of *The Codebreakers*, on "The Importance of Cryptography in an Electronic World "

1:30 Update on ACM Panel on Cryptography and Public Policy

Susan Landau, Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Massachusetts and staff member of the ACM-convened cryptography panel, will provide an update on the panel's activities and discuss the policy issues the panel has identified.

1:45 International Implications of Clipper

The communications infrastructure is global, requiring universal standards of interoperability. How will a unilateral privacy standard such as Clipper effect our ability to communicate internationally?

Moderator: Karen Casser, esq.

Participants: Stephanie Perrin, Industry Canada
Allan Suchinsky, State Department
Ed Regan, US Council for International Business, Information Policy Committee

2:45 Break

3:00 Cryptography and the NII

Clipper and the Escrowed Encryption Standard are intended for use in our existing communications infrastructure. This panel, comprising cryptographers and an Internet expert, will look into the future and explore the cryptographic applications that may protect the privacy and security of the emerging National Information Infrastructure.

Moderator: David Banisar, EPIC

Participants: David Chaum, Digicash
 Vint Cerf, Internet Society (invited)
 Stephen Kent, Bolt, Beranek & Newman

4:00 Discussion and Wrap up

For more information, please contact Dave Banisar at 202-544-9240 or email banisar@epic.org

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May 17, 1994

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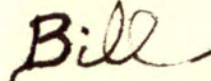
Dear John:

Larry Mattox who is a Senior Deputy U. S. Marshal has informed me that his name is on the President's desk for the appointment of U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia. I wrote you a note in March and requested that you assist him if at all possible.

It seems that six of his friends throughout the country have been appointed recently and all their papers were supposed to be delivered together. I hope his papers have not been lost or misplaced in the White House. I would appreciate you checking into this matter and seeing if you could hurry this along. It is my understanding that the only thing needed is the President's signature.

I really enjoyed the article in the Washington Post on May 5, 1994. I received a copy from Frank Szczebak of the Administrative Office with a note "Do you think you will be able to afford this guy when he leaves this position?". My answer is I don't know, but congratulations on the article and the fine job you are doing. Best of luck to you and the President.

Sincerely,



William E. Anderson
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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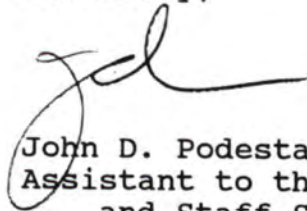
May 31, 1994

Mr. John Sasso
Advanced Strategies
945 Concord Street
Framingham, Massachusetts 01778

Dear John:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

STILL CRAZY AFTER
ALL THESE YEARS



JOHN SASSO

94 MAY 31 P3:41

May 25, 1994

Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President
& Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

Terrific piece in the Washington Post.
You really deserve the praise; just don't get
too much of it.

Please send my best to Tony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John R. Sasso', with a stylized, cursive-like flow.

John R. Sasso

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1994

Ms. Suzanne Swanson Lisio
4203 Twin Ridge Court SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Dear Suzanne:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. It means a lot to get feedback, especially from fellow Knox alumni.

I was able to get information on both the White House Internship Program and the Golden Fleece Award. I hope that it's useful. The internship program has two summer sessions. Unfortunately, they are both filled. The fall session, which begins after Labor Day, is accepting applications until June 15. Their address is:

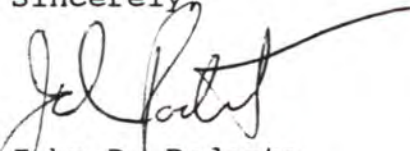
The White House Internship Program
The Old Executive Office Building
Room 469
Washington, D.C. 20500

Steve can reach them at the following phone number: 202/456-2742. Please let me know if he is interested in the program and I will try to help him.

Secondly, to the best of my knowledge, the Golden Fleece Award has never been given to Congressman Leach.

Suzanne, thanks again for taking the time to write. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary.

Send to
Gail Britton
Intern office?

Due June 15
Room 469

— wants WH internship for her son,
graduate student at AU.

May 9, 1992

John Podesta
Staff Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Podesta:

As two Knox alums, my husband (class of '56) and I ('58) want to congratulate you on your wonderful career, and especially your position as Staff Secretary at the White House. We read the article in the Knox Alumnus with great interest, and then, after I had thrown the Alumnus away and decided to write this letter, I called the Alumnus Office and was most amused to hear from them the description given in Time magazine. (We take Newsweek, but I hope the story will appear there too). When the Knox man said that Time had said, in addition to all your other duties, you were also Secretary of Sh--, I had to laugh, but we also know that it is a high honor, and obviously your skills are greatly valued.

Don and I were especially pleased to learn that Knox had graduated a liberal and a Democrat! When we were there, aside from ourselves and a few others, they seemed to be few and far between! (Perhaps you're not a liberal and a Democrat, just an excellent executive and administrator, but I think it's a safe guess).

I am writing to ask you two favors if it is in your power to help. The first concerns our son Steve, who is a first year graduate student at American University, where he hopes to earn a Master's Degree in the School of International Service. He is looking for a part-time internship, and we wondered if you would know if any such position might be available for him at the White House. He is just finishing up his school year now. He would be willing to do any kind of job. He is unassuming, charming, and pleasant. He was president of his high school Student Senate and a graduate of Grinnell College. He is very fluent in Spanish and is becoming fluent in French. On the National Language Proficiency Examination he scored 100% in Spanish and 96% in French. He had applied for an internship in the State Department (which is his career goal), but he didn't receive one for this summer. He is planning this summer to take an intensive French course through the Agriculture Department, but he has recently learned that those courses meet at night, so he will have his days free. He is a good writer; he can type; but he would also be willing to empty wastebaskets. He has a wonderful attitude and would be happy to serve in any way he could.

Steve is also a big fan of President and Mrs. Clinton; he is a committed feminist so he is very proud of Hillary Rodham Clinton; his idealistic attraction to President Clinton is perhaps similar to that which the president felt for John F. Kennedy. Incidentally, Steve just wrote an excellent term paper repudiating the "revisionists" who became excessively critical of Kennedy's "politically-motivated brinksmanship" during the Cuban missile crisis. Don and I think he should try to get it published, which is one more thing he can do this summer. I've enclosed a picture. Should you wish to contact him, his address is: Steve Lisio, 2725 39th Street, N.W., Apt. #404, Washington, D. C. 20007. His phone is: (202) 338-6240. Thank you for your consideration and help.

My second request concerns the scurrilous Clinton-bashing that unprincipled Republicans are perpetuating. Our daughter, who works for the National Consumer Law Center in Boston (but may soon begin her own practice in consumer law) told us of

hearing about a Golden Fleece Award given to our Iowa congressman, Jim Leach (regarding the expensive bill he got passed in order to provide just a few parking spaces for himself and staff). She heard this report quickly on radio or TV and didn't focus on the details, but upon hearing me rail against Jim Leach, a vague recollection came back to her. Do you know anything about this? Can you provide me with the information? I believe that this should be supplied to our local Democratic Headquarters, and I'd like to have the information available when I speak to my many Republican friends. In the last congressional election, because our Democratic candidate was so weak, Don and I voted for Jim Leach, and we have always admired his seeming integrity, but I am telling everyone I can that we will never vote for him again. It seems to us that he has attacked the Clintons with little or no evidence and an abundance of innuendo. He has used his seeming "sweetness" to twist the knife in the president's back whenever he can. I am normally a very mild-mannered person, but his behavior has really irritated me. It seems that the Republicans are fallaciously trying to make Whitewater into the equivalent of Watergate or Iran-Contra or the corruption of previous administrations. But we think also that Jim Leach is already running for Tom Harkin's seat. In any case, if you have this information, I'd like to use it whenever I have a chance.

The whole attack on the Clintons makes us very sad. When we visited relatives in San Diego at the end of March, we were appalled when one said that in her art class two or three people were spreading the rumor that the Clintons had bumped off Vince Foster!! With our knowledge of history and politics, this sort of smear does not surprise us, but it saddens us terribly, for it seems to be a repetition of the errors of the past. My husband is the senior American historian at Coe College, and he has published on the subject of accusations of political conspiracy. Don achieved a Ph.D. with honors from the University of Wisconsin in 1964 and then did an unusual thing; rather than seeking a high-powered university, such as his advisers liked, he looked for a college like Knox, where teaching undergraduates was important, and which also happened to be close to a major research center so he could continue his research and writing. Coe College had an opening and was the only one of the ACM schools near a major research center (the Hoover Library). We never imagined that Don would become a Hoover scholar, but he has covered that subject with integrity. As he has won various teaching awards and numerous national research fellowships, you may have read about him in the Knox Alumnus also.

Anyhow, Don's first book, published in 1974, was about Hoover, MacArthur, and the bonus march of 1932. And it dealt with the kind of hysteria and smears the Clintons have experienced. Don established that when the bonus marchers were driven out of Washington by the U. S. Army, it was not upon Hoover's orders -- as has always been the popular impression -- but because of the disobedience of MacArthur, who decided for his own purposes to drive them out. (My small claim to fame is that I have typed, edited, and indexed his books and other writings). Fordham University Press has requested the right to re-publish a second edition of this book, and this morning, we sent to them the Preface For the Second Edition. The last paragraph of that preface begins: "Conspiracy theories have always been popular, even today." (That sentence, of course, refers to the Leach-like accusations we hear even today). Surrounding the story of the bonus march were two competing, conflicting, partisan conspiracy theories. First, MacArthur managed to convince Hoover that the bonus marchers had threatened to overthrow the government; Hoover unwisely accepted this theory and failed to discipline his disobedient Chief of Staff, with the result that, when MacArthur's theory collapsed, Hoover bore the blame. The second conspiracy theory was that Hoover himself had planned the rout and had seized upon a flimsy pretext to drive the marchers out of the city in order to manufacture a law-and-order campaign issue. Both theories were totally incorrect, but their staying power has been enormous. The Hoover-MacArthur insurrection theory was disproved



Enclosure:
Steve Lisio
10/10/93
(at sister's wedding)

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within a few months. (Nonetheless, a few right-wingers still try occasionally to dredge it up). The accusations against Hoover have been much harder to disprove, but gradually scholarly works, college textbooks, and even television documentaries ("The Great Depression") have accepted Don's interpretation. It was a difficult task to sift through all these charges and countercharges of conspiracy, but it was worth the effort.

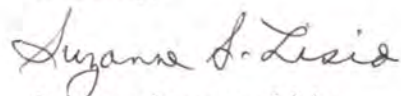
It is especially sad that how to deal with accusations of conspiracy remains a problem even today. Sometimes it seems that people do not learn from the past. It is also aggravating that politicians continue to make horrible accusations with very little proof. They still attempt to blur ideas by suggesting that all accusations are equal, and only the current one counts. Sometimes I wish that the Clintons would strike out against these accusers, but that would be a mistake. Actually, the Clintons' patience and restraint is both commendable and effective. But I do hope that at some point other Democratic politicians will skewer those who promote sensational accusations without evidence.

I have never been able to figure out why this campaign began so early. I suspect that part of the attack was a reaction of Republicans to the attacks on Watergate and Iran-Contra; perhaps they felt emboldened to attack a younger couple; and finally, I think the right-wing has crossed into a new level of craziness. Even before President Clinton was elected, our local newspaper ran an unfavorable editorial on Mrs. Clinton. It aired several suspicions, and it gave no proof at all. I called up the editorial page editor and chewed him out for ten or fifteen minutes, rebutting each point in the piece. I concluded by saying, "I certainly hope that the Gazette isn't going to adopt a policy of Hillary-bashing!" He assured me that they would not, and I think his word has been good. I then told him that I expected him to take up each one of my points with the writer and educate him on the importance of evidence.

We have always considered ourselves more independents than Democrats. Don works very hard to present an independent, balanced presentation to his students. But we are very disturbed by the direction that the Republican party and its supporters have taken. And we want you (and President and Mrs. Clinton) to know that there are many Americans like us who wish them well and condemn the dirty politics they have had to deal with. I can't help but believe and certainly hope that these smears will backfire; the Clintons' patience and straightforwardness will be rewarded.

Again, congratulations on your position and the good work that you are doing!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne S. Lisio".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 31, 1994

Mr. David W. Houston, III
President
National Conference of
Bankruptcy Judges
P.O. Drawer 867
Aberdeen, Mississippi 39730

Dear David:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

Hope to see you in
Toronto



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Seventh Circuit

HON. DAVID H. COAR (1994)
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604
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Eighth Circuit

HON. LEE M. JACKWIG (1996)
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**National Conference
of Bankruptcy Judges**

94 MAY 31 A9:18

May 23, 1994

**Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20005**

Dear John:

Enclosed is a copy of the Washington Post article concerning your "cleaning" work at the White House. I thought that the article was an outstanding tribute to your abilities to manage extremely delicate and sensitive issues. I extend my congratulations to you for your most successful accomplishments.

Although I realize that your schedule is extremely hectic, I do hope that you will be able to find the time to join us in October at our annual meeting in Toronto.

With my best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

**David W. Houston, III
President**

DWH, III/lsc

When Cleaning Up Is the Worst Job: A Whitewater Success Story

By David Von Drehle
Washington Post Staff Writer

John Podesta has been questioned before a federal grand jury, he has been obliged to correct the president of the United States—*very* carefully—he has been assigned to explain the First Lady's commodities trading, and then to change his explanation.

And he is a Whitewater success story.

This has been life among the ruins of the Clinton administration's early Whitewater damage control. Podesta's job is to clean up the mess that was made the first time around. But so extensive was the mess that the cleaning man got dirty.

A lot of insiders say Podesta has the worst job in Washington. They're not talking about his official role. Officially, he is White House staff secretary—one of those gray but powerful jobs. (The staff secretary controls the paper going to and from the president, and is best known as the guy with the arm that reaches into famous scenes, like the Israeli-PLO peace accord signing, to put a historic document on the president's desk.)

What folks call the worst job in Washington is Podesta's unofficial duty: White House cleanup chief. When bombs go off in the nation's capital, most people assume the classic Washington position—duck your head and cover your posterior. Podesta shoulders a shovel and trudges into the rubble.

Ever since subpoenas began arriving at the White House, and the administration began to understand that finger-wagging and wounded pleas would not solve the crisis, Podesta has been trying to pull together documents, recreate long-lost wheelings and dealings, and generally patch up the image of a dissembling White House. Slowly, with frequent setbacks, he may be making some progress.

The most obvious sign came late last month, when Hillary Rodham Clinton called a news conference and fielded Whitewater questions for an hour and a quarter. As she spoke, Podesta—an intense, slight man with sharp features and a quick laugh—watched happily from the edge of the room. Much of the senior White House staff was caught flat-footed by the news conference; Podesta helped in the First Lady's preparation.

Along with deputy White House counsel Joel Klein and Clinton family lawyer David Kendall, Podesta fields scores of telephone calls each day from reporters. Instead of scolding them, he generally tries to answer their questions. He has collected and released hundreds of pages of documents: old tax returns, commodities trading records, Whitewater corporate tax documents.

"There's been a distinct change of approach since John's taken on this job," said one senior administration official. "Since John has gotten in, you've seen a fairly aggressive presentation of facts and documents, and a tightly coordinated effort."

Colleagues at the White House give Podesta high marks for pooling the Whitewater frenzy in a few offices—giving the rest of the staff a chance to tackle other tasks. As Podesta says: "People are back to business, and I'm absorbing most of the arrows."

One veteran Democrat, knowledgeable of the inner workings at the White House, called Podesta's appearance as Whitewater troubleshooter "the most hopeful sign in a long time" that the administration might calm the tempest. Why? "He's strong as a political organizer, strong as a lawyer. He knows Congress, and he can talk



White House staff secretary John Podesta, leaning in front of President Clinton, is a frequent presence at official ceremonies, such as the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord last September.



PLAYERS

JOHN D. PODESTA

Assistant to the president and White House staff secretary

EDUCATION

BA, Knox College (Galesburg, Ill.), 1971; JD, Georgetown University, 1976

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee; chief counsel to the Senate Agriculture Committee; president, Podesta Associates.

PERSONAL

Age 45. Married, three children.

to the press. He has the probity. And he understands a lawyer's job is simple: to solve your client's problem."

Podesta's strategy is simple. Get the facts and make them your weapon. An example of the Podesta style came recently: He and Kendall were plowing through Hillary Clinton's investment records, and they discovered a profit on which the Clintons failed to pay taxes in their 1980 return. Fact was, the statute of limitations was long past; moreover, an Internal Revenue Service auditor had approved the Clintons' 1980 return. Legally, they were on solid ground.

But Podesta hustled to 'fess up. Painful as it was, it was better than having some newspaper reporter discover the unpaid tax. An old foul-up is better than a fresh exposure.

Former White House counsel Bernard W. Nussbaum probably would not have handled it this way. When he was dealing with Whitewater, Nussbaum—an accomplished Wall Street lawyer—preferred the classic Wall Street approach: Lock the files, hunker down, occasionally flip your enemies a middle-finger salute.

New York's ways are not Washington's ways. Here, we bury people in paper and make nice by phone. "You've got a lot of people who can sit down and tell you the law," said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.), Podesta's

boss for a number of years. "But they don't have a sense of the political ramifications."

Podesta learned by doing, coming up through Democratic Party ranks on the heels of his older brother, Tony, a longtime political strategist. In state and national campaigns spanning a generation—from Eugene McCarthy's presidential bid in 1968 to the Clinton victory in 1992—Podesta, 45, learned the art of the sound bite, the care and feeding of the press, the importance of answering fire with fire (without wounding friends).

As Leahy's top aide on the Judiciary Committee, and later chief counsel to the Senate Agriculture Committee, Podesta also mastered the fine print of government. Over time, he became the rare Washington figure who can match the nerds detail-for-detail on, say, intellectual property law in the digital age and hatch strategy with the backroom politicians. "John's both a rigorous lawyer and good pol and they don't usually go together," said Leslie Dach, who worked with Podesta on Michael S. Dukakis's ill-fated 1988 presidential campaign. "He can memorize bank records and also know how they'll play in Peoria."

The lousy jobs began coming his way almost a year ago: The first mess was the travel office. Seven employees of the White House travel office had been fired, and

the press was full of charges of cronyism, money-grubbing, manipulation of the FBI. Normally, the White House counsel's office would handle it, but Nussbaum's staff was involved. Enter Podesta.

With his deputy, Todd Stern, Podesta went from office to office around the White House asking people how they managed to screw up so badly. Then he published his findings. He linked important people—like Vince Foster, presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos, even the First Lady herself—to the debacle. Annoy your colleagues, embarrass your boss... the worst job in town.

Except: Podesta pulled it off. His come-clean strategy deflated the issue. "It ended the story," Stephanopoulos said.

Podesta then was called in to preserve the nomination of Joycelyn Elders to be surgeon general, when it seemed like Elders might talk herself out of the job. Then he shepherded William Gould's nomination to head the National Labor Relations Board through a pack of grumbling conservative senators. Next, he persuaded the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that resort owner M. Larry Lawrence had qualifications to be an ambassador beyond writing fat checks to the president's party.

Then came Whitewater.

Podesta has made mistakes, including one doozy. When he announced the tax error, he produced supporting documents, which undermined an earlier description of one Clinton commodities trading account. A reporter asked if the new material made the old version "inoperative." And Podesta confirmed: "That is inoperative."

"I can't believe you repeated it!" a colleague said to him after the briefing. Only then did the scope of his error sink in: "Inoperative" is a Watergate word. He had echoed the quote of a Nixon aide. "And the blood drained out of my face," Podesta recalled.

But in a White House where gaffes often turn into gaping wounds, Podesta minimized the damage. Since uttering the fateful word, Podesta has jumped on any reporter who has tried to use "inoperative" to stand for anything beyond the specific details of a single ancient commodities account. For example, he fired off a letter chiding a Washington Post columnist: "I have to publicly eat my mistakes. I hope you acknowledge yours."

Podesta denies he has the worst job in Washington. "I actually like defending the president and the First Lady and the administration," he said. But Whitewater is dramatically more complex than his earlier crises: "The stakes are higher, more people are watching, the questions are more complicated, the documentation is more sketchy."

Sometimes, Podesta says, when he ventures into the First Lady's office with the latest question about her finances, Mrs. Clinton slaps her hand to her forehead and, exasperated, says, "I just can't remember any more!" (Or words to that effect.) Podesta allows that he doesn't know all the answers—and so each quiet Whitewater day feels like the slow climb to the top of a roller coaster.

"I'm trying to get the truth as best I can," he said recently. "And I believe in the truth of our position. We're trying to get information out quickly, to avoid the appearance of stonewalling. As we gather more information, we correct our mistakes."

"I expect we'll take some more hits before it is over," he said, "but I believe we are going to get through it."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1994

Ms. Sally Wengrover-Ormond
4603 S.E. 44th Street
Portland, Oregon 97206

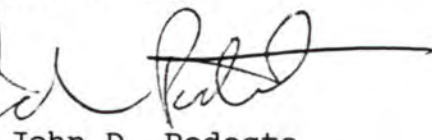
Dear Sally:

Thank you for your two cards. In my official position as Staff Secretary, most mail that passes through my office is meant for the President. So it was a pleasant surprise when I received two letters of support.

It sounds like you are on the right track in terms of your letter writing. Contacting your senators and congressman is probably the most effective way to have your voice heard.

Thanks again. It means a lot that you took the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John D. Podesta', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

May 16, 1994
4603 S.E. 44th
Portland, OR 97206

Dear John Podesta,

I've written letters to a few Demo. members of the House asking that they stand up for the President and against the forces who have been out to undo this administration since the day after the election. I wonder if there's a way to target my letters to make them more effective. Are there certain people it would be especially beneficial for me to write? If so, would you be able to supply some names?

Please let me know if there's something I can do. If there isn't, don't feel compelled to respond. I'm sure you have more than enough to do as it is.

Yours,
Sally Wengrover-Ormond

More
Ship happens.

Thanks for working in government. You all at the White House work very hard and take a lot of grief. I hope there's some compensation in knowing there are people who really appreciate the work you do.

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The Senate Republicans gave President Clinton a good swift kick in the teeth as he prepared to depart for his first tour of Europe.

They stalled his appointment of Sam Brown as ambassador to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Brown offered the perfect surrogate target. Brown was a leader of Vietnam War dissent. He ran the troops of students for then-Sen. Eugene McCarthy, making "Clean for Gene" a world famous slogan for disciplined dissent. Talking about Brown, named subsequently by President Jimmy Carter as director of ACTION and the Peace Corps, gave Republicans a chance to beat up on Clinton without seeming to.

Sen. Hank Brown (Colo.), who has the reputation of being a civilized conservative Republican, led the fight. He said in an interview last week that he had asked himself if his combat service in Vietnam—he flew missions over Danang—had anything to do with his opposition to Brown, whom he knew when Sam Brown was state treasurer in Colorado. Hank Brown said he really thinks "the war is over and done with."

But the debate said otherwise. Vietnam's power to divide and poison was once again in evidence on the Senate floor. All the old reflexes and rages came into play as they did in the long years when Congress voted the bodies and the funds for the bitter war. While everyone denied it, they refought the war.

Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.), a decorated Navy veteran of the war, who came home in 1971 to lead his comrades in the most poignant of the antiwar demonstrations, was Sam Brown's chief defender.

Politely and inexorably, he told the Senate the miserable, spiteful thing it was doing: "The United States Senate should not lynch a nominee on the basis of his exercise of his constitutional rights. I understand that some of our colleagues bitterly disagree with the views that he held. But that is our system."

Sam Brown's enemies in the Senate saw it differently. Under the cover of concern for his qualifications, they finally got even with the personification of Spiro Agnew's "effete corps of impudent snobs."

Possibly what Republicans find hardest to forgive in Sam Brown is his prescience. In 1968, his elders told him that the newly elected Richard Nixon would have to end the war—a political imperative and so forth. Sam Brown knew better than the

Establishment. He went ahead with the gigantic Vietnam moratorium, occasioning paroxysms of White House outrage. Kerry called it "a morally courageous endeavor" and "in the best standard of American political activity."

To no avail, Kerry reminded his colleagues that Sam Brown's suspicion that the war would be prolonged for Nixon's reelection purposes has been confirmed by H.R. Haldeman's recently published memoirs. He quotes Haldeman quoting Henry Kissinger: "He thinks that any pullout next year would be a serious mistake because the adverse reaction to it could well set in before the '72 election."

But no one wanted to talk about the vindication of Brown's judgment. The Republicans reveled in the chance to do to Sam Brown what they do not quite dare do openly to fellow-dissident Bill Clinton. Grumpy Democrats who mistakenly blame Sam Brown for the nightmare of 1968 went along with voting against ending the debate.

Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.) worked in a word about Clinton's struggle with his draft board. He had read Sam Brown's letter to his draft board. "It reminded me of the note President Clinton wrote to his draft board," Nickles said.

Cheap shots seldom come so free. The scaffolding of the opposition to Sam Brown was carefully rigged. Hank Brown spoke of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe as if it were a kind of NATO-plus and of our ambassador to it as a person who should be a combination of Dwight Eisenhower and Colin Powell. Hank Brown suggested that Sam Brown would have the fate of further conventional arms treaties in his hands and the responsibility of selling them to the Senate. Others see CSCE as more of "a talking chamber."

Sam Brown asked his old friend the president for the job in Vienna because of its human rights component. If the high standards the Senate demanded in his case were applied to other diplomatic appointees, the United States would be largely represented by junior clerks.

Hank Brown, who called Sam Brown "a nice man" and "articulate," doesn't begrudge him the job. He knows that Sam Brown sold his house in California last November and that he's going broke—but not to worry. He thinks Sam Brown should go to Vienna, but without the rank of ambassador. In other words, Sam Brown should be sent out as a lynching victim, the emissary of a humiliated president.

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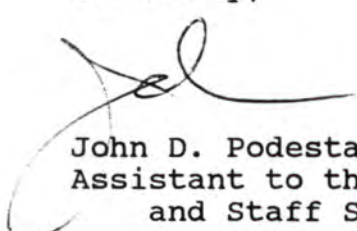
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Ms. Alana R. Davidson
The Venture Group Ltd.
1225 19th Street, N.W.
5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Alana:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

mary says hi.

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May 12, 1994

Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

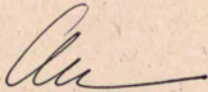
Hooray....

How good it was to read your profile in the Washington Post.

How very lucky the Clintons are to have access to your talents. I sincerely hope your rewards are as great as the sacrifices you are making. 

My very best to Mary and the Podesta crew.

One of your fans,



Alana R. Davidson

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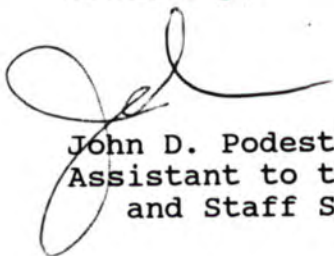
May 25, 1994

Mr. Ben Palumbo
Palumbo & Cerrell, Inc.
1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 706
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ben:

Sorry for the delay in getting this
picture out to you. Thanks again
for lunch. Talk with you soon.

Sincerely,

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John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary



To Ben

Best wishes,

Bill Clinton

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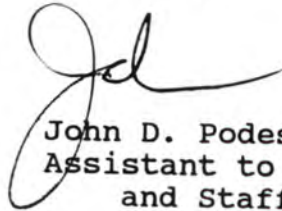
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The Honorable Mel Levine
Fortieth Floor
2029 Century Park East
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Dear Mel:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

*I thought everything
started in California.
What gives?*

Tom

MEL LEVINE

Terry

FORTIETH FLOOR
2029 CENTURY PARK EAST
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067
(310) 552-8574

94 MAY 16 PM 12:27

Dear John,

5/9

I loved the best article
on you.

It takes a few extra days
for good stories to reach California

Hang in there.

Sincerely,
Mel

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

501 School Street, SW, 8th Floor
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Fernando M. Torres-Gil
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Executive Director

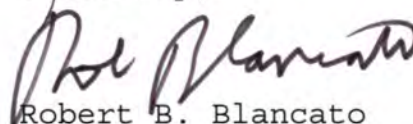
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Mr. John Podesta
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear John:

As one of your admirers from the Italian American world, I enjoyed reading most of the profile piece on you in the Washington Post. I wish you continued stamina in the difficult days which lie ahead and hope sometime we will see each other at some pleasant National Italian American Foundation function.

Sincerely,


Robert B. Blancato
Executive Director

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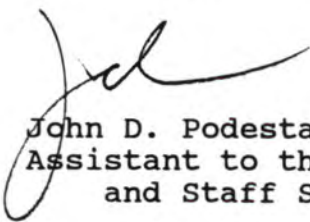
May 18, 1994

Mr. Robert B. Blancato
Executive Director
White House Conference on Aging
501 School Street, S.W.
8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

Good to see you at
NIAA. Stay in touch.

John

94 MAY 12 A 9: 03

May 10, 1994

Dear John,

Great article! Only
you could get "Whitewater"
and "success story" in the
same headline. I'm
keeping a copy of the
article for myself; it's



the recipe for how to
get along in Washington.

Mary Dunbar

MARY DUNBAR
5327 WAKEFIELD ROAD
BETHESDA, MD 20816

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 18, 1994

Ms. Mary Dunbar
5327 Wakefield Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

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— To John Podesta
White House

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John —

94 MAY 12 P2:26

That was a wonderful
people in the Post.

The President is so
lucky to have you.

We're all proud of
you and the work you're doing.

Best wish

Jim Fitzgerald

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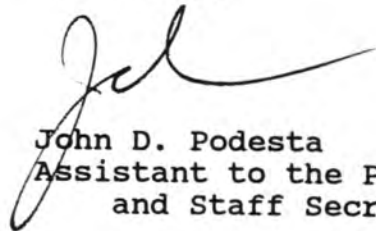
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Mr. Jim Fitzpatrick
Arnold & Porter
1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,

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John D. Podesta
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PHILLIP L. FRAAS
PARTNER

May 5, 1994

Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

John:

Congratulations on the well-deserved accolades in today's Washington Post!

As we both know, staff work for persons in public office is grueling, unglamorous, and thankless most of the time, but it's got to be done and done right so our bosses can do their job effectively. It's just a pleasant thing to see good staff effort recognized occasionally, as was done today.

Keep up the outstanding work . . . it'd be nice to have a good guy in the White House for a few more years. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Phil Fraas

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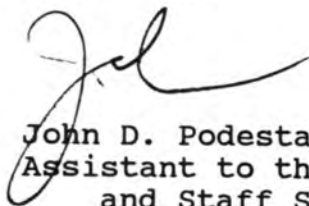
May 18, 1994

Mr. Phil Fraas
McLeod, Watkinson & Miller
One Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

Hope all is well
John



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JACK VALENTI
PRESIDENT
AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 8, 1994

Dear John

I read your "ad" in the Washington POST on May 5. I figure, given the space rates in the POST, you got about \$25,000 worth of lineage.

One thing old former White House Assistants learn about encomiums (AFTER they leave the White House) is 'enjoy but never inhale!'

You deserve all the laurels now bestowed on your noble brow. It's a tough job and only a very skilled few can play the game with verve and dash, and survive! You do it superbly well.

Warmly
[Signature]

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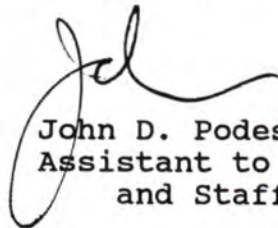
May 18, 1994

Mr. Jack Valenti
Motion Picture Association
of America, Inc.
1600 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

*We're working on FRC.
I'll get back to you*



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May 5, 1994 94 MAY 11 P1:56

Mr. John Podesta
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

It is a real accomplishment to be the subject of a favorable story in the Post and on the Federal Page, too. The praise is richly deserved, John.

I feel good that you are in such a critical post.

I wish you the very best and again I thank you for your many favors.

Sincerely,

Don

THE WHITE HOUSE
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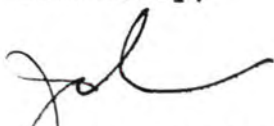
May 18, 1994

Mr. Fowler C. West
North American Securities
Administration Association, Inc.
One Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite 310
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Fowler:

Thank you for your note regarding
the recent Washington Post article.
It means a lot that you took the
time to write.

Sincerely,



John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

*Now I know why
I learned something about
ARTURES*

John

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 18, 1994

Ms. Francesca Macsali
7 Grand Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Dear Francesca:

Please accept my apologies for not sending these on sooner. Unfortunately, we misplaced the photograph of James Roosevelt. I know how much they mean to you. Please know that we are continuing our search. In the mean time, I wanted to make sure you received the other two.

Thank you for your patience, Francesca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John D. Podesta", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

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7 Grand Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
October 18, 1993

Mr. John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Podesta:

We were delighted to meet you and your wife this summer when you visited the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. At the time you kindly offered to have photographs of President Clinton's visit to Hyde Park signed by the President if we send them to you. We had delayed in sending them because we didn't want to impose on you upon your immediate return to work, and then one of the staff, who also wanted to enclose a photo, had a family emergency.

I had the very special honor of conducting the tour of the FDR Home for the President. I have enclosed the black and white photo of me shaking hands with the President. Diane Boyce, who is both a park service employee and Historian for the Town of Hyde Park, also had the privilege of meeting the President the night he visited the Roosevelt Home. Her's is the matted photograph. Sally Sugg another colleague, whom you met when you visited, is enclosing a photo of the President with James Roosevelt. Sally waited for several hours in front of Haviland Jr. High so that she could hear the President's speech. She was very fortunate to meet him at the school after the speech.

President Clinton's visit is still a big topic of conversation so many months after his visit. The staff often mentions it to the visiting public, who are always thrilled to hear about it.

We are delighted at the prospect of getting the photos signed. We will treasure them. Please send them to me at my home address as indicated on the top of the letter. I don't want them getting lost in the park mail.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to do this for us.

Sincerely,



Franceska Macsali
Supervisory Park Ranger

Enclosures (3)

March 10, 1994

94 MAR 21 AM 11:15

Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President
Staff Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Podesta:

On October 20, I sent you three photographs of President Clinton, along with the attached letter. As of this date, the photographs have not been returned. I was concerned that perhaps they have been lost in the mail.

We will all understand if you are unable to have the photographs signed by the President. However, we would like to have the photos returned, even unsigned, since they mean a great deal to us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Franceska Macsali
Supervisory Park Ranger
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS

7 Grand Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
October 18, 1993

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Dear Mr. Podesta:

We were delighted to meet you and your wife this summer when you visited the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. At the time you kindly offered to have photographs of President Clinton's visit to Hyde Park signed by the President if we send them to you. We had delayed in sending them because we didn't want to impose on you upon your immediate return to work, and then one of the staff, who also wanted to enclose a photo, had a family emergency.

I had the very special honor of conducting the tour of the FDR Home for the President. I have enclosed the black and white photo of me shaking hands with the President. Diane Boyce, who is both a park service employee and Historian for the Town of Hyde Park, also had the privilege of meeting the President the night he visited the Roosevelt Home. Her's is the matted photograph. Sally Sugg another colleague, whom you met when you visited, is enclosing a photo of the President with James Roosevelt. Sally waited for several hours in front of Haviland Jr. High so that she could hear the President's speech. She was very fortunate to meet him at the school after the speech.

President Clinton's visit is still a big topic of conversation so many months after his visit. The staff often mentions it to the visiting public, who are always thrilled to hear about it.

We are delighted at the prospect of getting the photos signed. We will treasure them. Please send them to me at my home address as indicated on the top of the letter. I don't want them getting lost in the park mail.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to do this for us.

Sincerely,

Franceska Macsali
Supervisory Park Ranger

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To Diane Boyce
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*To Franceska Macsali
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The White House
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December 15, 1993

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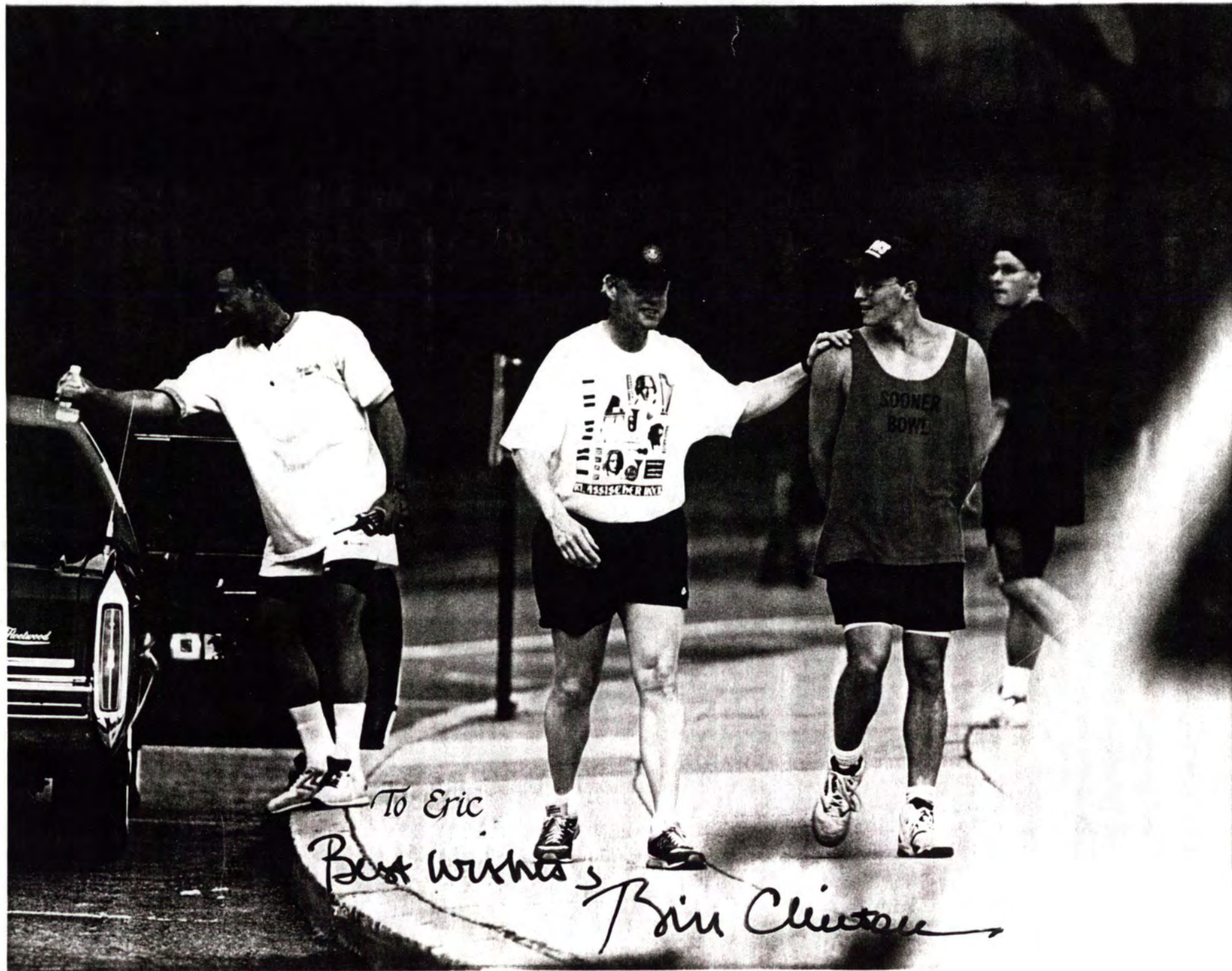
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 9, 1994

Gary S. Isaacson, Ph.D.
Director, Counseling Service
Knox College
Galesburg, IL 61401-4999

Dear Gary:

I received your letter about Marc Safman.
I would be happy to sit down with him.

It's a long road from the Knox of the late
60's to the White House. I very much value
the education I received there, and from you
in particular.

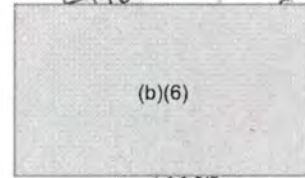
I hope our paths will cross soon. Call if
you're in D.C.

Sincerely,


John Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

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April 28, 1994

Mr. John Podesta
Assistant to the President
Staff Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

It is a pleasure for me to introduce **Marc Safman** to you by way of this letter and the enclosures.

Marc is a senior Political Science major and will graduate in June '94. I appreciate Marc because he reflects many of the qualities of political insight, enthusiasm, and involvement that I remember in you when you were here at Knox.

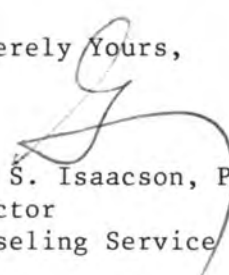
Marc is a thoughtful, clear-thinking person with a deep sense of compassion for others. He feels comfortable in using his organizational and communication skills in an effort to be helpful. His primary interests are in non-profit social service or domestic and/or foreign government service. He recently interviewed with the Peace Corps recruiters here on campus.

U He plans to be in Washington May 11-15. I hope your schedule will permit the opportunity to meet him. I know you could trust him to share his perspectives openly and honestly. He is a kind, caring person with much to offer.

I am enclosing some materials that will give you first-hand evidence of his interests and communication skills.

On a personal note, I hope all is well with you and your family. Thank you for taking your time with this.

Sincerely Yours,


Gary S. Isaacson, Ph.D.
Director
Counseling Service

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Dear Gary
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Marc Safman.
I'll be happy to sit
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Major: Political Science

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Fall 1993- **CHAIR- STUDENT INITIATIVE 1994 COMMITTEE**
Winter 1994 "Perspectives on the Middle East: Arabs and Muslims in the American Narrative," Feb. 15-17, 1994, Knox College, Galesburg, IL
* Coordinated seven student volunteers
* Spearheaded \$10,000 fundraising campaign

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Northwestern College, Orange City, IA
Winter 1993 * Assistant Secretariat General
Winter 1992 * United Arab Emirates- Economics Committee

Fall 1991- **CONTRIBUTOR- THE KNOX STUDENT**
Knox College, Galesburg, IL
* Editing, typing
* Reporter: news and features

WORK

EXPERIENCE

Summer 1993 **INTERN- COUNCIL FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST**
Sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations,
Washington, D.C.
* Wrote copy for organization's advertisement
* Prepared mailings to members

Fall 1992- **WRITER- KNOX COLLEGE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**
Galesburg, IL
* Researched and wrote press releases, articles for college publications

Spring 1991 **ASSISTANT HOUSE MANAGER/COOK- QUAKER HOUSE**
Chicago, IL
* Responsible for day to day operations of small boarding house
* Submitted monthly budgets
* Prepared meals for 7-10 people six days a week

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Union questioned

BY MARC SAFMAN

In Peoria last week Knox College and General Service Employees Union Local #73 appeared before a National Labor Relations Board hearing officer to present testimony regarding objections filed by the college against the union representation election held this past fall term.

The November 12 election by food service, maintenance, and housekeeping employees of Knox College was to decide whether or not they wanted Local #73 to bargain a labor contract with the college. The college filed objections with the Board following the election conducted by NLRB representatives. These objections have halted the needed certification of the election's outcome by the NLRB.

The college has asked that the NLRB abjure two issues before certifying the election. The college is challenging the eligibility of two employees to vote in the election, and has filed five objections regarding

union conduct during the election period.

A memo circulated on December 3 by Jim Hakes, vice president for finance for the College, stated that these actions were taken to insure that the vote itself reflected the true sentiments of eligible voters.

According to an informal straw poll conducted amongst the workers after the voting had been completed, election results should be as close as those in June 1992, in which the union failed by a slight margin.

The arrival of President Rick Nahm on campus did not deter planning of another election after the NLRB's mandatory year-long waiting period. In Nahm's convocation address, he stated his administration's goal of making Knox College the region's "employer of choice".

While these remarks were appreciated by many employees, some workers are single parents and felt they couldn't afford to wait any longer for the college to take action on its own.

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out July and August to decide whether or not to hold another election in the fall," said Al Piper, a business agent with Local #73.

Piper also said that this fall's election was an expression of workers interest in asking for external assistance to gain desired improvements in the workplace. Local #73 has represented employees in the local school district for many years. Piper was put in contact with Knox employees by former employees of the college.

Piper commented that Knox College's objections seem to be typical delay tactics commonly used by institutions that face unionizing efforts. The college's law firm of Seafarth, Shaw, Fairweather, and Geraldson of Chicago "is well known throughout the labor community as a 'union buster,'" he asserts.

Though he was unable to comment on (what specific issues, Marc?), Hakes stressed the college's concern that the adoption of the union was an affront to the informal way the college likes to conduct its internal affairs.

While a union contract would provide job security for employees, Hakes expressed concern that it may undermine the flexibility of current employer-employee relations at Knox.

"If your brother-in-law dies and you need a few days off," said Hakes, "[you] have to look at the contract to see how much time you get off."

The NLRB's hearing officer has decided to continue listening to testimony on the college's objections next Wednesday and Thursday, if necessary. The officer will then make a report to the NLRB's regional director. According to both Hakes and Piper, the regional director will either call for new elections or move to certify the elections.



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Safman gets down with the boyz in the hoods

BY MARC SAFMAN

One hundred thirty barricades, 660 sandbags, 1500 feet of fencing, 263 law officers wielding truncheons and industrial size cans of mace and 6 port-a-potties—at a cost of \$84,502—enabled America to celebrate its diversity by having a Ku Klux Klan rally last Martin Luther King Day Weekend in Springfield, IL, on the capitol steps. A huge display of State force helped keep the number of arrests down on a day where people were cold, already in ugly moods, and on a look out for any reason to drop the gloves.

"We were able to pull off what we had to pull off," Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan said

"We [white people] allow the other races here because of our generosity and our tax dollars."

after the rally, commenting on the security and crowd control.

Across the country MLK day weekend Americans witnessed a rash of Klan and anti-Klan counter-demonstrations. Springfield had the unfortunate distinction of being a historical landmark in America's war against racial oppression. Never mind Abe Lincoln; Springfield is near areas with Klan activists and close enough for militants from across the country to fly in and do their anti-Klan thing.

Groups that sponsor rallies to promote hate are perfunctorily denounced by a parade of public officials, but encouraged to exist by poor decisions made by these individuals. Ryan's office did a wonderful job of granting permits to allow the Klan to demonstrate,

and allowing militant anti-Klan groups to congregate the same day; they even gave the event a huge PR boost by placing roadblocks hindering media coverage of the event.

According to Mike Gordon, Knox alum and reporter for *The Zephyr*, a mere 5 reporters would be selected from the press pool and allowed to roam the capitol steps freely.

Members of the press had an important job to do MLK weekend. In the war against oppression there is no greater weapon than the truth. The Klan's Grand Wizard—that-be recently decided to let Catholics and women sit at their round table; perhaps this was the opportunity for me to make it into big time press by interviewing a member of this New Age Klan organization. But that didn't seem likely.

The potential for violence at the rally was promoted with eye-catching headlines in the media for weeks in advance. Arctic temperatures, blizzards and Prairie Fire winds weren't enough to keep either side from humping to Springfield from as far away as San Francisco, Iowa, and New York. Unfortunately, the only thing both sides seemed to agree upon was that violence was an acceptable debating tactic.

Fifty to sixty Klan members, emerging from within the capitol, stood in silence for a few minutes before the festivities began. Speeches were made, music was played. Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" proved to be a favorite amongst the anti-Klanners. They serenaded their neononic rivals with chants of "Kill the Klansmen, Kill the Klansmen."

The credentials given to me by TKS were rejected by the press box cop, denying me a highly sought after opportunity to hunker down with members of The Work-

ing Press, who were penned in like cattle next to the Klanners. I roamed about freely associating with cops, commies, and Action Eight News crews.

"We [white people] allow the other races here because of our generosity and our tax dollars,"



said Kelly Glenn, a St. Louis area coordinator for the Klan. The Klansmen threw a few Nazi salutes.

"We have to fight them physically," said anti-Klan Gary Phaneuf of Staten Island, New York. "They only understand force."

Clad in riot gear, complete with 30-inch hickory sticks and five pound cans of mace, groups of cops passed me by, only observing the scene unless a crime was being committed. The big mustached guy in front of me, like Phaneuf, was prepared to duke it out, even with his fellow anti-Klanners. I had the good fortune to witness a textbook debate over doctrinal differences between two of these smelly and cankerous militants.

"We have to fight them with our fists!" screeched Mustached Man.

"We don't want to do anything that will encourage the officers to come in here arresting

people," was the calm rejoinder from Megaphone Man.

"They only understand violence, violence we should be prepared to give them," was Mustached Man's response.

Just as the fight looked like it would escalate beyond the verbal stage, a State Trooper stepped out of his Orwellian dream-state to say a few words that seemed to put things back in order.

The beautiful thing about America is the fact that the our society will take extraordinary expensive measures to protect the crazies from hurting themselves. There is no difference in espousing hate and violence based on race and espousing "any means necessary" to impress their dribble over their competitors.

The Ku Klux Klan and the anti-Klan malcontents proved nothing that blustery afternoon, besides demonstrating their ability to scream not so pithy slogans. Klan organizers, realizing they had squeezed all they could out of this event, called their rally off an hour and a half early and went to warm themselves up.

Members of the press had

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been grumpy throughout the day. A few from the herd actually had battle scars from occasional snowballs and batteries thrown at the Klan during the event.

The Partisan Defense Committee (PDC), a class-struggle legal and social defense organization, and the Spartacist League (SL) were in on staging one of two anti-Klan demonstrations that afternoon.

Anti-Klanners were greatly

hindered by the fact that they didn't coordinate their efforts better. The PDCers and SLers I spoke with at their after rally gathering were quite happy with what they had done.

Peter from Toronto, who was fairly intoxicated, was happy with SL efforts against the Klan that afternoon. "Nobody was doing anything before we [SL] had planned our demonstration," Peter mumbled.

A red-haired woman chattered quite amicably with me about PDC activities. My impression of these people was only fouled by their weak vocabulary. Peppering an academic paper with quotes from Marx and Malcolm X is an acceptable practice; unfortunately, the militants' message is clouded by a limited verbal vitae.

When all the speeches were finished, and the commies had quaffed their brews fondly comradng one other, they piled back onto their caravan of buses and headed home. My group stayed behind long enough to see the bartenders mopping up spilt beer and the owner of Sam's getting paid by anti-Klanner organizers.

The shortened MLK rally stuck the taxpayers of Illinois with a bill totaling \$84,502. One can't help but walk away thinking, Isn't there a better way to spend taxpayer's money?

Later that evening, while paying for our beer at a drugstore, the black clerk working along side a white clerk agreed that the Klan and the militants had a right to speak.

Did you take part in the activities? "No, it was too cold" was the response.

The black guy offered this explanation: "If the Good Lord meant for the people to get together today, He would have made the weather better."

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BY DEANNA CUERDEN

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Letter to the Editors: Remarks on residence life

Have you been keeping up with the storyline in *Doonesbury* for the past two weeks? For those of you who haven't, I encourage you to track down copies of these strips to get the necessary background. The plot line surrounds an aging white male president of a respectable institution of higher learning who decides to fight back against the neo-segregation being propagated at his university, and countless others, across these United States of America in the name of achieving "civil rights." He tells his assistant his intentions to desegregate campus housing and cafeterias so the community members might actually learn to live together, not just tolerate. His actions are met with considerable hostility from faculty and students alike.

I'm not going to spoil a tale that has already been told; if you haven't read the past two weeks of *Doonesbury* I urge you to do so, it is rather amusing, but the point of including this here is to let you know where the inspiration for these words came from in the first place.

In the name of "civil rights,"

institutions of higher learning have tolerated the institutionalization of a galaxy of monsters: "affirmative action," "minority affairs," "ethnic studies," but nowhere has the case against "separate but equal" shown its weakness than in the housing policies adhered to by institutions of higher learning.

How these institutions house their beaming little scholars is fraught with significance for revealing how healthy our communities are today, and perhaps explain why people walk around in soggy diapers scratching their heads wondering how come there is never a shortage of insensitive people in this world.

Knox College's housing policy is a text book example of how the "culture of rape" survives through evolutionary trends in society. Going beyond perfunctory complaints about conditions in the dorms, there are not a lot of positive things to say about the school's attempt to foster community.

A glitch in the system oft starts with personnel; if the quarterback keeps fumbling the ball, the whole team is going to suffer. There

is a problem in personnel when the housing director identifies Post Hall as the "virgin vault." There is a bigger problem when that same housing director says she can't think of another place to put first year women. Call me a sensitive male but, ah, this wouldn't play well in Peoria.

In the university community people argue for a place to call their own, or a place where they can feel comfortable with other individuals who share a common experience. Sociologists call them "ethnic enclaves." Political leaders like to think of these claims as "nation-building." University officials like to call it being "sensitive" to student concerns.

How do we create an environment capable of producing dandy dandelions instead of the same old smelly roses? A housing policy that will help install an appreciation for different people, respect for conflicting cultural traditions, and a fleeting fancy for fatuous old fuddyduddies? How about a few thoughtful policy suggestions that can give student senators, and housing administrators to think about before next year's lottery!

tery!

Make all of Knox College residence areas available to the entire campus. Groups can still petition for housing, but each year they have to be assigned a different area. This explicitly eliminates the "fraternity house," the "ABLE house," and the "International House." This plan does respect a right for freely associating people to petition Knox's housing director for group housing; what it doesn't do is erroneously institutionalize a "separate but equal" place for them.

Neither does it tie a segment of the student population to a particular place, such as lumping first year women into Post Hall, or returning students into Hamblin.

Housing would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, and adjusted as necessary for incoming students. Students would retain the right to live in single sex or mixed housing. Those seeking off-campus housing shouldn't have to claim and prove chronic bedwetting or bestiality in order to live in the surrounding Galesburg community.

Greek men will finally be able

to celebrate the Knox bond they've been missing. And why not? Educated men can't feel very comfortable justifying their monopoly over some of Knox College's nicest housing with their "members only" status. Never mind that Knox College's institutionalization of sexually-exclusive housing runs counter to its promotional rhetoric about equality.

The freedom to flourish at Knox College is reserved for men that have a desire to join a fraternity. If you really want to live in a frat house but don't have a chromosomal imbalance, be prepared to peddle yourself around the desired residence's residents until someone takes you in.

This plan will take a generation or two of Knox students to become effective. It will also go a long way toward nurturing the respect for difference and all that swamy bleeding heart liberal stuff. Knox College has long celebrated diversity, isn't it time we gave ourselves the freedom to flourish? Just remember, you saw it in the funny pages.

Cordially,
Marc Safman

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Knox College Student Initiative to Examine Images of Arabs and Muslims in American Culture

Former U.S. Senator George McGovern and former Illinois Congressman Paul Findley head the list of speakers at a Knox College/Model United Nations Club student initiative that will examine the ways that Arabs and Muslims are represented in American culture. The initiative, "Perspectives on the Middle East: Arabs and Muslims in the American Narrative," will present six speakers on the Knox campus in Galesburg on Feb. 15, 16 and 17. All lectures are free and open to the public.

The goal of the conference is to increase understanding of Arab and Muslim culture in this country, according to the conference organizer, Marc Safman, a senior history and political science major from Gaithersburg, MD.

"Our lack of understanding of Arab and Islamic culture is one reason our government has such difficulties developing foreign policy in the Arab world," Safman says. "For example, our media routinely demonize Arabs, creating a false impression that the Islamic world is a modern age leviathan. Journalists give ample space to the alleged 'danger' posed by Islamic fundamentalists, but we're not told how Islam is filling the void left by the failure of Western-style nationalism in the Arab world."

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, Findley will speak at 4 p.m., in the Common Room, Old Main, on special interest groups in the making of American foreign policy, and professor Ronald Stockton of the University of Michigan at Dearborn will discuss at 8 p.m., in the Ferris Lounge, Seymour Union, how the Arab-Israeli conflict is taught in high school and college courses.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, professor Ghada Talhami of Lake Forest College will

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