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Rebecca - 4-2-98

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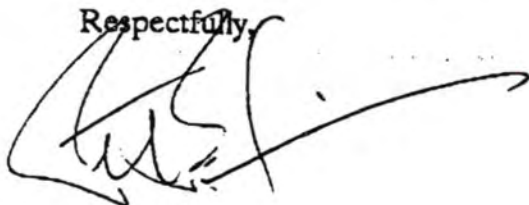
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Respectfully,



Pertelcon. Thank you, and all the best.

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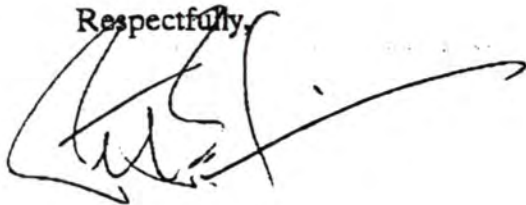
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE
EUROPEAN UNION

Brussels, March 20, 1998

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Dear Mr. President:

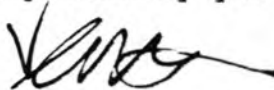
Last Wednesday, the European Council took an important step toward final approval of three varieties of genetically modified corn. With this action the prospects of shipping several billion dollars of U.S. corn and corn products to the EU are preserved.

This vote was a critical one for us. On the day before the vote, France announced that it would abstain. Because of the weighted voting system used in this instance, we had to change the votes of three small countries to make up for the French loss. Sweden and Greece came off the fence to vote our way, but the pivotal nation was Ireland which had announced it would vote no.

As a direct result of your intervention with the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, at your meeting in Washington, Ahern changed the instructions to his delegation from no to yes and this put us over the top.

I just wanted to let you know that those of us on the cutting edge of our trade relationships appreciate the help and support that we get from you.

Respectfully yours,



A. Vernon Weaver
Ambassador

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

4/1/98

To Dan Burkhardt
for a reply?



Ambassador A. Vernon Weaver
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

TO THE
EUROPEAN UNION

The Honorable
Erskine B. Bowles
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
Washington, DC



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

4/2

To:

Rob Weiner

From:

The Staff Secretary

This is the letter we
discussed. Thoughts/edits?

Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1998

Anita and Shelly Drobny
2005 Keats Lane
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Dear Anita and Shelly:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 16
and your kind words of enduring support.

The Jewish Studies Program at the University of
Illinois is fortunate to benefit from your very
generous gift. On the advice of White House
Counsel, though, I am unable to participate in
determining how the program is administered. I
hope you will understand.

I am looking forward to seeing you both in
Chicago. Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Anita and Shelly Drobny
2005 Keats Lane
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

~~Dear Eugene~~ Eugene:

We should respond to this letter in

the following way:

Dear Anita + Shelly:

Thank you for your most recent letter
and your kind words of affirmation and
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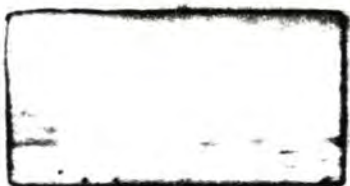
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Shelly and Anita Drobny

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MARCH 16, 1998

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your note to me concerning my support for you and your appreciation of my delivery of Mike Cherry's gift. Shelly and I want you to know how important it is that you prevail in this horrible personal attack against you by the well funded extreme right-wing of this country. It is this group funded by greedy corporate interests that are opposed to your policies that must be exposed once and for all to the vast majority of good citizens who are their victims.

Shelly and I have deep personal experiences that our family has encountered which emphasizes how important it is to purge our society of these evil people. As you may know, Shelly's company made a \$7.2 million grant to The University of Illinois Jewish Studies Program. This interdisciplinary program is geared to provide both Jews and non-Jews a more comprehensive historical prospective of the Jewish culture and religion and it's influence upon our civilization. *I would like to connect our grant to your current issue concerning the extreme right-wing of this country.*

Shelly's maternal uncle, Chaim Lopata, was a commander in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in the spring of 1943. He died as most other participants in that heroic campaign at the hands of the Nazis. Shelly's mother was fortunate to escape from her home in Warsaw in 1934 and has told us in great detail of another extreme right-wing conspiracy occurring in Poland as well as Germany. These fanatics who were well funded by wealthy corporate and private interests were not taken seriously by the main stream population of these countries until they ultimately seized power. The combination of corporate greed and religious bigotry ended in the annihilation of two thirds of European Jewry and plunged the entire world into a war costing 50 million lives and human hardships which staggered the imagination.

Those political activists like my Uncle Chaim were courageous enough to vigorously fight this extreme right-wing up until his death as a hero of the uprising. The problem then and now is that there are not enough people willing to pursue and uncover these vicious groups. The problem of course is that there are strong corporate interests including the major oil companies,

tobacco companies and others who are more concerned about maximizing corporate profits than the interests of our society. When Hillary said on The Today Show that the real story is about the vast right-wing conspiracy, she appropriately challenged the press to follow this story.

Although Hillary's suggestion was appropriate, the powerful corporations that control the main stream media will never cover this story. Their corporate interests are to maximize profits and sell their media content so that advertisers will pay higher rates. As a result, even the main stream press today is more motivated to cover sleazy stories that sell newspapers than try to uncover big corporate right-winged funding. This simply would not be good economics and may very well be threatening to the very interests that own the media.

Mr. President, the problem we have in this country is that there is no significant independent press which is not subject to corporate biases. We simply see the same "usual suspects" as pundits on all the network shows and agenda setting print media. It is my belief that the news media has the greatest influence upon information that the public receives. If this information is biased or suppressed, than we are in jeopardy of the kinds of circumstances that occurred when my Uncle Chaim was fighting these extremists. I would not like my Uncle's memory to be forgotten or lost and I sincerely believe there is a strong connection now as there was then to advance an independent and unbiased news media.

It is my suggestion that in the interest of independent journalism the public should be aware of how large corporations influence everyday news. I do not have an answer, but I do believe it is unhealthy to have the agenda setting media owned exclusively by these large corporate interests. There is a fine line between freedom of the press and allowing powerful corporate interests to set the agenda when their interests are not pure. With regard to the press, we should move away from a policy where money and power dictates the dissemination of news. This is a clear conflict of interest.

We plan to be at the April 7 dinner honoring you at Lou and Ruth Weisbach's house.

* I am hopeful that we can have a few moments of your time to discuss our thoughts concerning this very serious matter in light of our family history.

With warm regards,

Shelly + Anita
Shelly and Anita Drobny

RE: 60 MINUTES INTERVIEW

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Daniel Patrick Moynihan
New York

United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

March 31, 1998

Dear Mr. President:

I read with great interest the text of your address in Rwanda in which you announced that you were directing the administration "to improve ... our system for identifying and spotlighting nations in danger of genocidal violence...."

You may just recall our conversation during the transition in 1992 when I told you I would be making my way to Sarajevo. You asked for a report, which I sent from Zagreb on November 28th. I don't believe it ever got to you in Little Rock and I can't imagine you would have the time to read it now, but there are two relevant passages. First:

There are going to be, what? fifty new states in the next fifty years. A number during your administration. Most will come into being through violent ethnic upheaval. The world needs rules for these upheavals which do not now exist. The old rules of sovereignty, the Westphalian state, just don't fit with this new reality. We have to ask ourselves just what "self-determination" means. And under what circumstances the world community, through the United Nations usually, but not necessarily, has the right to intervene.

And, second:

It would not, for example, be too great a task to instruct your Secretary of State to work up a scenario for ethnic conflicts between now and the year 2000 that would concern the United States and which might or might not be avoided or diverted.

My point, simply, is to encourage you in your initiative. In my experience, our assorted bureaucracies have little interest in ethnicity and need to be prodded.

Respectfully,



The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Zagreb, Croatia

November 28, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

You will recall our conversation of November 13 in which I mentioned that I would be visiting this region. You asked if I would share my impressions with you. I am writing this of a Saturday morning here in our embassy in Zagreb, whence Peter Galbraith, of the Foreign Relations Committee staff, and I will be setting out for Washington later in the day. I will check dates and details in Washington on Monday, and get it retyped, and ask Peter to get it to you in Little Rock. He has been here a number of times over the year and is much better informed than I.

First some atmospherics. We arrived at Frankfurt at dawn on Monday, and made our way to the air base. Galbraith had been sending cables and making telephone calls from New Delhi saying we would need a plane, adding that while I was travelling as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, but that I also planned to send a report to you. However, the base commander at Rhine-Main, as it is called, had heard nothing of this.

Nothing daunted even so, he set out to find us a C-12. As we were sitting about, waiting for news, he mentioned that they were sending three relief flights a day into Sarajevo. That's where I want to go, said I. He leapt to the phone with instructions that UN Two Zero Three was not to move, piled us into his car, and out to the runway. We were airborne in five minutes. Good man.

About the time we were leaving Austrian air space (all rules suspended in this massive, fifteen-nation exercise) our pilot received a radio message that U.S. Senators were not allowed into Sarajevo. I told him to signal back that if the West Virginia Air National Guard, our crew, could take the risk, so could I and that I had no intention of being diverted. This appeared to settle the matter. But another half hour later we received word that the airport in Sarajevo was closed in, and that we would have to land at Zagreb.

This was a lie.

Our charge here in Zagreb, the admirable Ron Neitske, was on hand when we landed. I apologized for disrupting his day, but explained about the weather in Sarajevo. What weather? he asked. Five minutes ago two C-130s had taken off for Sarajevo. The airport was indeed open. Which it isn't always, and when it is, you know. Great.

I will spare you the details, but Tuesday morning we were aboard a Canadian C-130 bound for Sarajevo. We stayed the night and flew back Wednesday on a U.K. Hercules. EUCOM was furious and CODEL MOYNIHAN was denied any further logistic support; in particular no plane was provided for our planned trip to Kosovo and Macedonia, two as yet uninvolved entities where there is no fear of flying whatever.

That is a lot by way of atmospherics, but I can think of no better way to impress upon you, as it was impressed upon me, that the outgoing administration is beginning to realize the magnitude of the foreign policy disaster they are bequeathing to you here in the Balkans. At minimum it will be a human disaster. The International Rescue Committee representative suggests in a best case scenario -- peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina -- 50,000 people will starve to death by spring. In the worst case half a million. Others scale the worst case back toward a quarter million deaths. But then, of course, the seasons go round and winter comes again. It is entirely possible that in time the Muslim population of Bosnia-Herzegovina will be systematically extirpated. Genocide.

It is also possible that before that happens there will be something like a European war in this region.

So much for the New World Order.

The order to keep me out of Sarajevo, and the subsequent tantrum, came directly from Cheney. Scowcroft knew of it. Men I have known for a quarter century and think of as friends. I can't blame them. They depart leaving behind an awful crisis, for which a share of the blame is clearly theirs. Or at least that would be my judgment.

SARAJEVO. The most intense urban warfare environment in the world just now. Disembark, AK-47s chattering. Dash for the sand bags, insinuated into a Ukrainian armored personnel carrier, set out across no man's land to the city proper. UNPROFOR (United Nations Protective Forces) headquarters. An Egyptian APC, considerably more user-friendly, to the presidency. Television as you are greeted by President Izebegovic. Back to HQ. Briefing. Artillery getting heavy now. Whiskey. A good meal in the mess. (Morillon, the commander, is a Legionnaire. They have a thing about dining well under fire.) To bed, shells landing 300 yards away.

I was first in Sarajevo forty years ago. Undamaged by World War II, a Muslim/Viennese city of considerable charm. It is damaged now, but not yet destroyed. That is only partially the object of the

Serbian forces in the surrounding mountain tops. Their object is to destroy the population. We are driven around by a former captain in the Gurkha Regiment, now with the British Foreign Office and seconded to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. With a staff of two, he is responsible for feeding a third of a million persons. The siege began May 2nd. There are no longer any food stores in the city. What arrives by plane or truck one day, is eaten the next day. If the planes can't land, or the convoys can't get through, starvation comes quickly. The Brit is uncomplaining but disheartened beyond what would be explained by exhaustion. He says two things. First, you can never believe anything told you. Second, for seven months there has been a steady decline, which continues.

The military are much in evidence, but it is not clear how much they do. The main forces are French, Ukrainian, and Egyptian. This is meant to enable Roman Catholics to talk to Croatians, Orthodox christians to talk to Serbians, and Muslims to talk to Muslims. How well this works is another question, for their only mandate is to support the relief effort, but to do so without using force. This presents no great problem for the Serbs, who are content that some supplies get through, so long as they are not sufficient. There is no prospect whatever of breaking the siege.

HOW DID ALL THIS HAPPEN? There is a sense, I suppose, in which nothing very much has happened. The twentieth century began in August, 1914 when a Serb nationalist assassinated the Austrian Archduke in -- Sarajevo. The cause was that of Greater Serbia. War followed, a sort of peace, then another war, then a protracted Cold War. Greater Serbia was kept on hold, but then all that came to an end, and the conflict resumed. In the interval, however, largely at the behest of the United States, the international order had proclaimed the principle of self-determination, such that the conquest of a place such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, by a state such as Serbia is expressly forbidden by the United Nations Charter. (In the event it was Stalin who insisted that "self-determination" be included in Article I. But Woodrow Wilson, and the United States, first insisted that this must be the international norm.) A place such as Serbia, however, argues that it is only seeking to provide that self-determination for Serbs living in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Hitler said the same thing when he invaded Czechoslovakia, citing Wilson chapter and verse. A year go the Serbs were seeking to annex portions of Croatia, citing the same principles.

The fact is that most of the conflicts of the 20th century have been basically ethnic or nationalist in character. (Same words, really. One Greek, the other Latin.) However, the reigning ideologies, world views, what you will, have obscured this reality, perhaps especially for Americans. At the outset of the century there were two such dominant views. On the one hand the liberal expectancy, which held that ethnic attachments were pre-modern modes of thought, not very attractive, and would soon go away with the progress of the enlightenment. On the other hand, there was the Marxist prediction, which held that ethnic attachments were epiphenomena of pre-modern modes of production, and would soon go away with the progress of socialism. Both were wrong. Ethnicity is in fact post-modern.

The foreign policy and intelligence institutions you are about to take over have never been able to see this. You are entitled to know that this is a bit of grievance of mine, and my views may need some balancing. In brief, in 1979, when I was a member of the Intelligence Committee, I began to argue, in public and private, that in the 1980s that the Soviet Union would break up along ethnic lines, and that this could conceivably lead to catastrophic nuclear exchanges between the successor nations, in the first fusion of ethnic hatred with nuclear power. No one at the CIA

could grasp the concept. The USSR was seen as a permanent antagonist. After all, it worked, didn't it? (The same Agency which in 1987 formally estimated per capita GDP in East Germany to be higher than West Germany.) During the 1980s I was an Observer to the START talks in Geneva. I would go over from time to time and ask the company at the ambassador's table did they ever consider the possibility that by the time they finished with the mind-numbing details of their treaty with the USSR that there might no longer be a USSR? Blank looks, no comment. (When the treaty did arrive in the Senate I asked the negotiators when did that possibility occur to them? Mid-1991.)

As the Cold War ended, and the Soviet Union began to break up, American analysts by and large said it wasn't happening. Then we began to say it oughtn't to be happening. We were clinging to our bi-polar certainties. In August, 1991 President Bush went to Kiev to warn the parliament there against the dangers of "suicidal nationalism". This after it had become inevitable that the Ukraine would separate from Russia. Bill Safire called it the "Chicken Kiev speech." In the same manner, two months earlier, June 21, 1991, Secretary of State Baker went to Belgrade to warn against the break-up of Yugoslavia, noting the separatists could expect no help from the United

States. This just four days before long-planned Slovene and Croatian declarations of independence were to take effect.

Here in Croatia, over in Bosnia, those remarks are held to have been a signal to the Serbs that the United States would not object to a drive to annex territories with Serb populations, consolidating a Greater Serbia.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Probably not a great deal. The administration has left you with few options. Had we got over our Cold War rigidity sooner, we might have understood that Yugoslavia was going to break up whether we liked it or not, the Serbs might have got the message to accept this reality. Instead we gave the impression that we would not that much object to their seizing the opportunity to start expanding again. Had we seen to it that the sanctions voted by the Security Council on May 30th were instantly enforced -- Serbia imports at least three-quarters of its oil -- the Serbs might have got the message to stop. Instead we dithered for five months, and only two weeks ago said we really mean it. Had we brought the Security Council around to voting "demonstrations" under Article 42 of Chapter VII -- taking out every bridge in Belgrade in one bombing raid -- we might have sent a message to the Serbs that "ethnic cleansing" wasn't

going to be worth it to them. But now we have some 1600 UN troops spread out all over Bosnia. To start bombing Belgrade is to commence the massacre of our peacekeeping forces. Thus Morillon, no stranger to combat, made clear to us that if we were going to ship arms to the Bosnians, he would only ask 48 hours notice so that he could get all his men out of the region.

All that we can do at this point is to see that the food gets in. It is possible that the administration will use the intervention in Somalia, also an ethnic conflict, as precedent for Bosnia, in which event, there will be some additional forces on the ground by the time you take office. If not, you can do more on your own. I would caution, however, that American troops are not needed. What will be needed in January is a clear message to Belgrade that there is a new President who has no history of seeing things from Belgrade's point of view and who, among other things, has instructed the United States embassies in the region to provide the fullest support to the War Crimes Commission announced by Secretary General Boutros-Ghali on October 26. The Commission will operate under the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which grew out of the Nuremberg Tribunal. This was very much an Anglo-American initiative. There are a dozen detailed measures that might make sense. Thus, Croatia

is currently supporting 800,000 refugees; the comparable ratio of refugees to population in the U.S. would mean the equivalent of 50 million refugees. Inflation runs at 3000 percent a year, unemployment upwards of 60 percent. But the main thing is to send the message that a new President has brought a wholly new point of view to this situation.

BEYOND THE BALKANS. If I were asked to pick a symbolic date on which our present crisis may be said to have begun, it would be back in June of 1965. The United Nations, very tentatively, had decided to convene a Seminar -- nothing so grand as a conference -- on the Multi-National State. Yugoslavia had offered to play host, and had offered the site of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. (Which would be the first secessionist state.) The "Minorities" issue was thought to have been the undoing of the League of Nations, and so it had taken a long time for the U.N. to get around to touching on the subject once again. You would have thought that this would be reason enough to hurry, but the Cold War was judged to have put all that nonsense behind us. And so nobody in the Department of State wanted to bother with such a marginal matter. I was then Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy Planning. I had recently published,

with Nathan Glazer, a book on the ethnic groups of New York City. (Still in print, mind!) A call came from State. Would I be willing to represent the United States at Ljubljana? Sure, said I. Off I went, enjoyed it -- one good cable line, "AM IN LJUBLJANA. I HAVE SEEN THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE AND IT WORKS" -- came back and told everyone who would listen that Yugoslavia clearly was going to come apart and was fair to begging us for help and advice. As I suggested earlier, persons listened but did not hear.

There are going to be, what? fifty new states in the next fifty years. A number during your administration. Most will come into being through violent ethnic upheaval. The world needs rules for these upheavals which do not now exist. The old rules of sovereignty, the Westphalian state, just don't fit with this new reality. We have to ask ourselves just what "self-determination" means. And under what circumstances the world community, through the United Nations usually, but not necessarily, has the right to intervene. Without setting ourselves up for an inquest by some future Non-Aligned Conference.

These are not the kind of questions the United States government has been asking within its own councils. The subject has seemed irrelevant, and somehow soft. International law was seen as saying

what cannot be done, a device for restraining and controlling national actions. Which is to say, ours, inasmuch as those other bastards could care less. But that was then, now is now. I repeat that in discussions in Geneva with our START negotiators -- our Ambassador Max Kampelman will attest to this -- I would ask why we seemed to take it for granted that the Soviet Union would exist by the time the Treaty was finished. Utter incomprehension. But now you, poor man, are going to have to deal with the fact that one of the successor States, the Ukraine, is suddenly not so sure that it wants to be a non-nuclear nation. All predictable, but not predicted.

It would not, for example, be too great a task to instruct your Secretary of State to work up a scenario for ethnic conflicts between now and the year 2000 that would concern the United States and which might or might not be avoided or diverted. (I beseech you not to ask the CIA. It is brain dead and should be honorably interred.) Let us reward persons who find patterns, and anticipate Somalias. As for example, a pattern of conflict the world over is for a "backward" group to attack an "advanced" group. This is what is going on in Bosnia, where the Muslims are the people of the towns, the professional classes and the intelligentsia, while the Serbians are the peasants.

Mind we are not used to thinking of Muslims as more advanced than Europeans. Albeit, these are Europeans. (Muslims are not accustomed to thinking of Europeans as more advanced than they.) But all this is lost on official Washington.

My closing thought would be to hope that the people you bring into government try to absorb and to come to terms with the forces of hate in the world. Glazer and I have been writing about ethnicity for a third of a century. (I have a book out in January based on last year's Cyril Foster lecture at Oxford.) But we have never celebrated it. To the contrary, if anything we have warning about it. You could do worse than to send every new Assistant Secretary over to the coastal town of Slano, say 15 km north of Dubrovnik. It was occupied for about six months by Montenegrin territorials. (Or so I would gather.) There is nothing left there but the handwriting on the wall. In Roman letters, so that the Croatians would be sure to understand, the graffiti declares that there will be more to come. One soldier named Marko was concerned that his message go beyond the borders of Croatia, and so scrawled in English letters to wit: YOU ASK FOR IT. I find the slight inaccuracy in the English wonderfully evocative. Not "you asked for it" and now you have got it. Past tense. But rather, your very existence

constitutes grounds for retaliation against you. Unto the end of time.

I will be happy to talk with you further, if you like, or with anyone you ask to call. Perhaps, however, you could hold this memorandum more or less closely.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D.C. 20503

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3/30/98

NOTE TO: Phil Caplan, Dan Burkhardt

FROM: Adam Greenstone

Attached, FYI, is my recent memo on OA's options for handling the next EOP phone directory under the new FOIA amendments. Let us know if you have any thoughts. I'm at 5-1268.

Is it there a
way to put a condensed
version of the directory on-line
not for sale at GPO?

Phil
4/2/98



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 30, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADA L. POSEY
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

FROM: ADAM F. GREENSTONE 
DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Availability of the EOP Telephone Book to the Public

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and its recent amendments (the "Electronic FOIA"), agencies have an obligation to ensure that certain frequently requested materials are easily available to the public. This memorandum summarizes options for compliance with regard to the next edition of the EOP staff telephone book.

Under the recent FOIA amendments, agency records disclosed in response to a FOIA request which have been or are likely to be the subject of future requests are posted in an electronic reading room so they may be accessed more efficiently. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(2)(D). As one of the EOP's most frequently requested documents, the EOP staff phone book qualifies for this category. Accordingly, one option for compliance is to place the phone book in the EOP's electronic reading room.

Another option is that if the phone book is, upon completion, promptly published and offered for sale, it would not have to be placed in an agency reading room (either normal or electronic). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(2). Sale would be effected through the Government Printing Office (GPO). A possible benefit of this option is that because the GPO would need to print more directories than before to have sale copies, the per copy charge to the EOP may be reduced. Several cabinet agencies--including the Departments of State, Justice, Defense, Commerce, Labor, Energy, HUD, and Education--currently sell staff directories through the GPO bookstore.

By copy of this memo, I am informing the General Services Division and FOIA Program Administrator so the terms of an arrangement for GPO publication and sale may be fully explored, and approved by OA if justified by a coordinated analysis.

cc: Ms. Apuzzo, Assistant to the President for Management and Administration
Mr. Bryan, Deputy Director for Administration and
Associate Director for General Services
Ms. Ehrlich, FOIA Program Administrator
Mr. Washington, Special Assistant to the Director

4-2-98

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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Dairy Senter Inc.

John B. Stacks

Telephone 501-335-7271

April 1, 1998

The White House
Washington, DC

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Attention: Nancy Hernwright

The decision from our emergency hearing of flooring or decoupling Class I and Class II milk should be very close at hand.

This Friday, April 3, 1998, the March B.F.P. will be announced which we anticipate will fall some 40 to 50 per C.W.T. from the current B.F.P. of 13.32. April is anticipated down to 11.53 and 10.76 for May. The block cheddar cheese market has already dropped from 1.43 to 1.35 and significant further declines are expected. Because of this tremendous price fall the department needs to take immediate action to floor or decouple the B.F.P. to avoid massive sell outs or bankruptcy. Our dairy farmers need emergency relief, from these upcoming immediate price declines.

By flooring the B.F.P. at 13.50 or even taking an average B.F.P. of the last two or three months will serve as a transition for our dairy farmers until the federal order reform takes place in 1999.

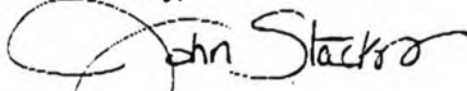
According to USDA reports, dairy farmers have lost money during each of the last five years, and seven of the last ten years. This tells us dairy farmers have been living on their equity. No rational business person is willing to continually lose money, thus reducing their net worth for long periods of time. We believe the point of no return is just around the corner, and that the Secretary must act now to avoid a disaster for dairy farmers and consumers alike.

Without dairy farmers, there is no dairy industry. The number of commercial dairy farmers in the United States has gone from 131,535 in 1992 to 98,413 in 1997, a 24% decline. This trend must be reversed, or at least tempered. The dairy farmers that are going out of business tend to be small family farms. The economic impact is devastating many rural communities.

The loss of dairy farmers and milk production has tended to be in the areas of high Class I utilization, such as the Southeast. For example, Arkansas lost nearly 35% of its dairy farmers from 1992 to 1997.

The decoupling or flooring of the B.F.P. is the only real possibility of bridging this serious problem! We urgently need and greatly appreciate your help!

Sincerely,


John Stacks

4-2-98

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Dear Mr. Cameron:

I don't mean to bother you. But I have been working with the 12 MEN THAT WALKED ON THE MOON SINCE 1969 TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT THESE ASTRONAUTS WERE PROMISED A SMALL MOON ROCK, THEY WERE NEVER GIVEN ANYTHING. YET WHEN THEY TOUCHED THE MOON THEY GAVE DOZENS OF MOON ROCKS TO LEADERS OF AFRICA + ASIA. THERE IS OVER 1000 POUNDS OF MOON ROCK ON PERMANENT DEPOSIT IN HOUSTON. ALL THE EXPERIMENTS HAVE LONG BEEN DONE. TO MAKE A MOON RING, SIMILAR TO A SUPER BOWL RING AND PRESENT THIS TO ALL THE MERCURY, GEMINI + APOLLO ASTRONAUTS BY THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT AT A BIG DINNER IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE THE BEST!



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ALAN SHEPARD WILL BE 75 IN NOVEMBER!
THE MOONWALKERS HAVE NEVER BEEN IN THE SAME
ROOM TOGETHER. ALL IT TAKES IS AN
EXECUTIVE ORDER. ENCLOSED ARE LETTERS
FROM JIMMY CARTER & RICHARD NIXON
SUPPORTING THIS ORDER.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CONTACT ME.
THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH

Bill Hongach

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Bill Hongach

Dear Mr. President:

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Mr. Hongach - The
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I am writing for 12 men who have come to represent the spirit, courage, imagination, and resourcefulness of America. The 12 men that have walked on the moon. I am presently involved in a project called MOONWALKER in which artist, Ron Lewis, was commissioned to paint a 4 foot X 5 foot oil painting paying tribute to the accomplishments of these 12 great Americans (a photo of the painting is enclosed). 1000 prints are being hand signed and will be sold which we hope to raise a half million dollars for the Space Shuttle Children's Fund.

During my discussions with these modern day Columbus', I learnt to my discovery that not one of the 12 were given a small piece of lunar rock as a keepsake and memento of their dangerous and heroic journey. I was further dismayed to learn that certain politicians and heads of state were given rocks.

The purpose of my letter is to correct what I feel is a tragic oversight. With more than 200 pounds of lunar rock on deposit in Houston, nearly 15 years after that last Apollo mission, I'm sure you will agree that a mere 2 ounces in total, could be spared. I have contacted Jostens, the maker of many World Series and Super Bowl rings, to design a magnificent ring worthy of these 12 men. Jostens has estimated less than 2 ounces of rock will be sufficient to make 12 rings, which will have an engraving of the LM on one shank and a scroll with the names of the 12 on the other shank. Jostens will not cut the rock but would supply the dimensions that NASA would make and Jostens would simply insert the stones. I would propose a testimonial dinner in which the 12 were honored and presented their rings. I write to you with the hope that you can exert your influence, where one, such as myself, would not have the faintest hopes of succeeding. I realize you are very busy, but ask that you do what you can for those that helped make America great and are now becoming forgotten heroes. Can you help in gaining release of this small amount of material? Should you have any questions, please feel free to call. I thank you for taking your time.

PS - The photo is a little blurry

Very Sincerely,

Bill Hongach

JOHN H. TAYLOR

ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NIXON

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September 3, 1986

Dr. James C. Fletcher
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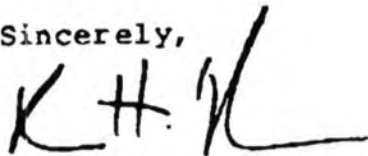
Dear Dr. Fletcher,

President Nixon has received a letter from Bill Hongach, who edits a baseball card collectors' magazine based in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Hongach has asked for President Nixon's support of his effort to have small amounts of moon rock given as mementos to the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the moon.

The former President is well aware of the large number of demands on your time, and was reluctant to raise this matter with you at all. But on second thought he asked me to get in touch and say that, to the extent that this use of the moon rock material is consistent with NASA's other plans for it, scientific and otherwise, he would like to add his voice in support of Mr. Hongach's initiative.

With best wishes and respect,

Sincerely,



John H. Taylor
Assistant to President Nixon

THE
CARTER CENTER



November 12, 1997

Dear Mr. Hongach,

Thank you for your recent letter. We admire your dedication to your goal of presenting lunar rock rings to the 11 astronauts who walked on the moon, but regret that President Carter is unable to assist further in your efforts. He has no authority over the officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. You are still welcome, however, to use his response to your 8/8/86 letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Paula Bosarge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paula" being more prominent.

Paula Bosarge
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Bill Hongach
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November 4, 1997

Dear President Carter;

I hope this letter finds you well. I do not wish to disturb you but I believe that you are now the last hope I have of achieving a goal I have been working on for over 12 years.

I am sorry I am faxing this information on such short notice but I saw in yesterday's paper the photo of you at Prident Ford's Library and it said you would see Preisent Clinton this Thursday.

Enclosed is the letter you sent to me in August of 1986, along with letters from Prèsidnet Nixon and VP Bush's office. All supporting the idea of bringing together the 12 men that walked on the moon and presenting them with a small piece of the moon that they brought back. They would be made into nice rings like World Series or Super Bowl rings. The astronauts were verbally told they would receive samples.

Also enclosed are lettèrs to and from NASA and other Senators and Congressmen. Also the one I received today from NASA again declining to honor these men.

The 12 men (now there are only 11 left- Jim Irwin has passed away) have never been in the same room together! Next month marks the 25th anniversary of the last landing on the moon of Apollo 17 and it would be the perfect occassion to bring the astronauts together for a big dinner and have the President present these great Americans with a token of our appreciation. The few other Mercury and Gemini astronauts could also be included.

So many moon rocks were presented to foreign leaders that it is not right to not honor these astronauts.

I have been told that the President can issue an Executive Order to release a couple of ounces of the 900 plus pounds of rock that are on deposit in Houston and will never be touched again.

This is why I am contacting you today, to ask you if you could ask President Clinton for this Executive Order to give a small lunar sample to these great men while they are still here, when you see him Thursday. Please sir, I have no way to talk to the President and Alan Bartlett Shepard (who is a direct great grandson of Josiah Bartlett the first man to sign the Declaration of Independence after John Hancock) will be 74 in 2 weeks.



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I appreciate you taking the time and any other information you need, your office can contact me at the above numbers.
Thank you very much.

Very Sincerely,

Bill Hongach

P.S. Don't hold it against me, but I was only a batboy for the New York Yankees in 1972 and 1973

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September 5, 1986

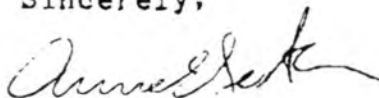
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Dear Mr. Hongach,

Senator Glenn has asked me to respond to your letter of August 8, 1986, regarding the possibility of lunar rock being given to the twelve astronauts who walked on the moon. Senator Glenn does not normally become involved in requests of this sort, but because of the unique nature of your request, he asked me to see what NASA's position would be.

I am sorry to say that NASA's policy is that no lunar rock is to be given out, regardless of its use. I hope that this will not prevent you from continuing your admirable efforts to promote space, and thank you for the photo of the painting.

Sincerely,



Anne E. Lester
Staff Assistant

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Progress Report on Moonwalker Ring

Attached are copies of letters showing support from President Carter, Nixon, and Vice President Bush. The enclosed copy of Mr. Blanchard's letter indicates that my proposal will be taken up in October. Congressman Guy Molinari from New York has been working on this matter for several weeks and I expect to hear from President Reagan and Ford shortly.

It appears from my conversations with people in NASA, that they are against the idea, while everyone outside the agency are amazed to learn that you do not have a lunar rock and are certainly for you getting a "piece of the rock".

It is my intention to have that file well stocked with supporting letters when my proposal is considered. I am convinced that where there is a will there is a way.

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
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Washington, DC 20546-0001



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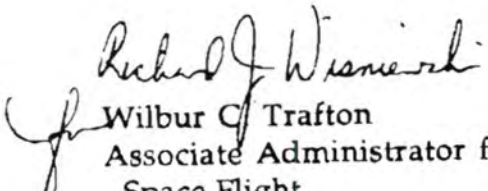
Dear Mr. Hongach:

This is a follow-up correspondence to my letter dated October 6, 1997, to you regarding your suggestion that a piece of lunar rock be presented to the astronauts who walked on the moon and to the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo astronauts.

Your suggestion has been reviewed with officials at the Johnson Space Center and here at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters. Unfortunately, as in past responses, we were unsuccessful in confirming that fragments of lunar materials were promised to the Apollo astronauts. Also, NASA policy governing the control and disposition of lunar materials has not changed. Our current policy states that lunar materials cannot be given as personal gifts. They are reserved for research, public display, and educational purposes.

Your interest in paying this special tribute to the astronauts is appreciated and we regret that our response could not be more favorable.

Sincerely,


Wilbur C. Trafton
Associate Administrator for
Space Flight



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1986

Mr. Bill Hongach
Renata Galasso Inc.
1170 75th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11228

Dear Mr. Hongach:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Vice President regarding your suggestion to provide each of the astronauts a piece of lunar rock.

It was thoughtful of you to write to the Vice President, and he appreciates your having taken the time to bring your suggestion to his attention. I have been asked to share your letter with those officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who are in the best position to assist you. I have asked that they correspond with you directly and that they provide a copy of their response to this office.

Please be assured that your fine suggestion will be carefully reviewed and given every consideration consistent with NASA policy.

With the Vice President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. Terry Mattke".

E. Terry Mattke
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Military Assistant/Aide
to the Vice President

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Headquarters

Washington, DC 20546-0001



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Mr. Bill Hongach
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OCT 6 1997

Dear Dr. Hongach:

Thank you for your letter dated August 12, 1997, to President Clinton requesting NASA provide a piece of lunar rock to the astronauts who landed on the moon, and to the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo astronauts respectively. Your letter was forwarded to me for response.

We appreciate and commend you for your interest in honoring these astronauts. This is to inform you that we are currently reviewing your suggestion with the appropriate officials at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, and here at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. We will notify you once a final decision has been reached.

Thank you for your interest in the Nation's space program.

Sincerely,


Wilbur C. Trafton
Associate Administrator
for Space Flight



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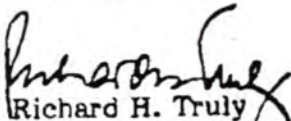
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Dear Mr. Hongach:

Your request to Mr. Baker of March 30, 1987, and your previous requests to NASA for lunar samples to be used in rings for the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the Moon were presented to the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team which advises NASA on such matters. The Team felt they must recommend that your request (#1704) be denied as it is inconsistent with the NASA policy that reserves lunar material only for research, public display, and educational purposes. Therefore, while I concur that this would be a fitting tribute, I must agree with the Team's recommendation.

Thank you for your interest in this Nation's space program, and I am sorry our response could not have been favorable.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Truly
Associate Administrator
for Space Flight



National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Washington, D.C.
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MAY 29 1987

Reply to Attention: C:psn:C21112f

Honorable Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

This letter is in further response to your February 6 inquiry on behalf of Mr. Bill Hongach who has suggested that pieces of lunar rock be mounted into rings for the 12 astronauts who walked on the lunar surface.

As we informed you in our letter of March 3, the suggestion was being reviewed and evaluated by the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team. Their decision is stated in a letter from the Associate Administrator for Space Flight, Richard H. Truly, to Mr. Hongach. A copy of the letter is enclosed for your information.

Senator Bill Bradley and Congressman Guy V. Molinari, who also wrote concerning this matter, are being provided with a copy of the letter to Mr. Hongach.

Please let us know when we may be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

John F. Murphy
Assistant Administrator
Congressional Relations Division

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Bill Hongach

Dear Mr. President:

Today I called the White House hoping that I might speak to someone that might handle the situation that I am now writing to you about. I was told to write directly to you. I have written to you twice over the past six months and have not received a reply.

I am writing to you because you are the only person that can rectify an injustice. Over the past year I have been working with the 12 men that have walked on the moon on a project called Moonwalker in which we hope to raise a half million dollars for charity. In spending many hours with these 12 courageous Americans, the Columbus' of the 20th century, I have learnt that none of the 12 men have received a small moon rock as a memento and keepsake of their perilous journey. I have further learned that it was implied to these astronauts that they would receive a small lunar rock after the rocks were tested and examined.

NASA has a policy that no individual own a lunar sample, yet these same astronauts, who risked their lives to bring these rocks back to earth, presented many rocks to foreign heads of state on their good will trips following their flights. What I have proposed is that each of the 12 astronauts be presented with a "Moonwalker Ring" which would be designed and made by Jostens the same maker of the Super Bowl and World Series rings which would have a small piece of lunar rock in it. I have been told that the 12 rings will need two ounces of rock and there is more than 200 pounds on deposit in Houston.

I firmly believe these 12 men symbolize America's spirit and achievements and that this recognition is long overdue. A key point is that all 12 are alive. Col. Jim Irwin has had three heart attacks. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our Constitution. What better occasion than to recall the triumphs of the United States than to honor its living heroes, the 12 moonwalkers. I have spoken to the Air Space Museum and they have told me that the Museum could be used to hold a testimonial dinner with the presentation of the moonrings by the President of the United States. Such a presentation would draw positive

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Houston, Texas
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Reply to Attn of SN2-86-L397

August 29, 1986

Bill Hongach
Baseball-Hobby Card Report
6305 10th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Dear Mr. Hongach:

Thank you for your August 3, 1986, letter making the case for real "moon stone" rings for the 12 lunar explorers. We have given your letter a lunar request number (No. 1704).

Our advisory group will meet in October. We will present the request to them. They give us a recommendation, but their advice is generally followed. In my discussions of your ideal I have found little support. I do not think your request will be approved. Nevertheless, we will present the concept. It may strike a harmonic chord with the committee. We will inform you by mail of the committee's recommendation.

Sincerely,



Douglas P. Blanchard
Lunar Sample Curator



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1986

Mr. Bill Hongach
Renata Galasso Inc.
1170 75th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11228

Dear Mr. Hongach:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Vice President regarding your suggestion to provide each of the astronauts a piece of lunar rock.

It was thoughtful of you to write to the Vice President, and he appreciates your having taken the time to bring your suggestion to his attention. I have been asked to share your letter with those officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who are in the best position to assist you. I have asked that they correspond with you directly and that they provide a copy of their response to this office.

Please be assured that your fine suggestion will be carefully reviewed and given every consideration consistent with NASA policy.

With the Vice President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Terry Mattke".

E. Terry Mattke
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Military Assistant/Aide
to the Vice President



National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Washington, D.C.
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Reply to Attn of MA

Mr. Bill Hongach
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Dear Mr. Hongach:

Your letters to the President and the Vice President suggesting that pieces of the lunar rock be mounted into rings for the 12 astronauts who walked on the moon have been forwarded to me for response. I have also received the letter addressed to Dr. Fletcher from Mr. John Taylor, Assistant to President Nixon, expressing Mr. Nixon's views.

NASA has an award program which honors each astronaut after a flight. In addition, NASA has an established policy governing the control and disposition of lunar materials. The Johnson Space Center has curator responsibility for the lunar rock, and our policy has been that no individual has property rights to lunar samples. Lunar samples are used for educational displays and research. Samples of the lunar rock have been given to dignitaries of states and nations on behalf of NASA as gifts from our country to theirs. However, no samples of the lunar rock have been given to politicians as personal gifts.

The Johnson Space Center has also received your suggestion and assigned it the number of 1704. You were informed that your suggestion would be presented to the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team, the Board which reviews and evaluates all such requests. This Board will meet in October and will provide me with its recommendation. As soon as I have this information, I will notify you of our decision.

Thank you for your interest in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Truly
Associate Administrator
for Space Flight

cc: President Reagan
Vice President Bush

GUY V. MOLINARI
14TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20515

October 9, 1986

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Mr. Douglas Blanchard
Lunar Sample Curator
LBJ Space Center
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Dear Mr. Blanchard:

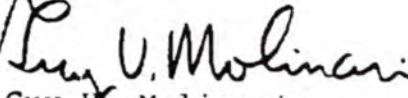
I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Bill Hongach's Lunar Request No. 1704.

Mr. Hongach has come up with a unique way of honoring the U.S. astronauts who walked on the moon. His plan to fashion commemorative rings containing moon rock fragments has the support of such distinguished Americans as former Presidents Nixon and Carter, and Vice President Bush.

These rings could serve as lasting mementos of these astronauts' bravery and service. I urge you to give every consideration to Mr. Hongach's request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Guy V. Molinari
Member of Congress

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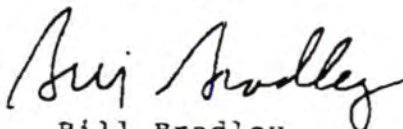
Mr. Bill Hongach
Editor
Baseball-Hobby Card Report
6305 10th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11219

Dear Mr. Hongach:

I have received a copy of the letter sent to you by Admiral Richard H. Truly, Associate Administrator for Space Flight. If I receive any additional information, I will forward it to you.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this matter and hope you will feel free to contact me on this or any other matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



Bill Bradley
United States Senator

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ALFONSE D'AMATO
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 16, 1987

Mr. Bill Hongach
6305 10th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11219

Dear Mr. Hongach:

Enclosed is an interim response I have received to my inquiry in your behalf. I will be back in touch again just as soon as I receive further information.

Please be assured of my continued interest in trying to help.

Sincerely,



Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senator

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Washington, D.C.
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Reply to ATTN CT C:psn:C211121

Honorable Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

This letter acknowledges your February 6 inquiry on behalf of Mr. Bill Hongach who has suggested that pieces of lunar rock be mounted into rings for the 12 astronauts who walked on the lunar surface.

The suggestion has been presented to the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team which reviews and evaluates all such requests. We will inform you of the decision as soon as the information is available.

Senator Bill Bradley and Congressman Guy V. Molinari have also written concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Medway
Director, Congressional
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Office of Legislative Affairs

National Aeronautics and
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Washington, DC 20546-0001



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Reply to Attn of:

L:RDA:L95-27f

The Honorable Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 1995, on behalf of Mr. Bill Hongach who suggested that a testimonial dinner should be arranged to honor the 11 remaining Apollo astronauts who walked on the Moon and provide them with commemorative Moon rings.

We commend Mr. Hongach for his interest in honoring this group of American heroes, and we appreciate his interest in the accomplishments of the Apollo program. NASA holds the astronauts and their legacy in the highest regard, and we are pleased that Mr. Hongach shares this sentiment. The idea of a testimonial dinner is an excellent one; however, Federal agencies may not spend appropriated funds for this type of a ceremonial dinner in the absence of specific statutory authority.

Contrary to Mr. Hongach's impression, NASA has not promised any of the Apollo astronauts fragments of lunar material. The Lunar Sample Curator's office at NASA's Johnson Space Center has confirmed that there are no outstanding commitments to provide lunar samples to any individuals or organizations. Materials returned from the lunar environment represent a unique and limited national resource and future heritage. Accordingly, NASA seeks to ensure that the optimum benefits to science, technology, and education are attained in the use and display of lunar materials.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and trust that this information will enable you to respond to Mr. Hongach's inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lawrence".

Jeff Lawrence
Associate Administrator for
Legislative Affairs