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*Ligon GT Middle School*

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706 E. Lenoir Street

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USA

March 31, 1998

The White House  
The East Wing  
Suite 200  
Washington, D.C.  
Attn: Entertainment Committee

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Entertainment Committee Member:

Ligon GT Magnet Middle School is a performing arts magnet school in Raleigh, NC. Our band and orchestra groups will be visiting Washington, D.C. on Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, and we are interested in performing at the White House. We have been in touch with our US Senators and Representatives, and they have advised us to write to you and to send tapes of our performances which are enclosed.

Four of our performing groups will be available to perform: Ligon Symphony Orchestra, Silver Strings, Jazz Band, and Concert Band. The groups range in size from 75 to 20 in number, and play all types of music. Our Concert Band is preparing Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, and Joplin's *The Entertainer* as part of a unit on traditional American musical styles. Silver Strings will soon be working on Copland's *Rodeo* (this group visited Russia last summer).

The tapes enclosed are of recent performances. These are not necessarily the pieces we are planning to perform in Washington, but they are representative of the quality of our playing. These are exceptional young middle school musicians who are very excited about our potential performance opportunities.

Since we are scheduled to play on the Capitol Building steps between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, it would be wonderful if we could perform some time early Saturday, May 9. If necessary, we could perform on Friday afternoon between 1:00 and 2:30, but performances are emotionally and physically exhausting for everyone, and it might prove to be too much for this age group.

Please respond as soon as possible. We are finalizing our itinerary for this trip, and we would love to have a White House performance on our list! Below are several ways that you may contact me, at home and at school.

Thank you for your consideration!

Very truly yours,

*Helen Bishop*

Helen Bishop  
Band Director  
Ligon Middle School



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Kate Shindle  
MISS AMERICA 1998

TO DAD FOR REPLY

April 6, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington D.C. 20500

COORDINATE W/

TODD SUMMERS

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Dear President Clinton:

I am aware that your administration is once again reviewing the issue of federal funding for needle exchange programs, which affects the lives and futures of thousands of American men, women, and children each year. Once again, organizations across the country have been discouraged and frustrated at the outcome of one of these reviews. I am asking you to use federal funds to support needle exchange programs and prevent the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

It has been eighteen years since AIDS began to decimate American families, and the epidemic shows no sign of slowing. Despite recent breakthroughs in AIDS treatment, the number of new infections continues to explode. Every day, 16,000 people, somewhere, contract HIV. And as you know, the epidemic is undergoing a dramatic demographic shift. Women, minorities, and the young are being infected at unprecedented rates. Every hour of every day, two American teenagers contract HIV. And heterosexual women account for the fastest-rising group of new infections. AIDS is no longer restricted to any one social group. It's happening to all of us.

But a unique phenomenon continues to sweep our nation. It is the dynamic created by a desire to end the AIDS epidemic and a hesitance to implement the programs which will eradicate it. *We know exactly how to stop the spread of HIV.* In the absence of a cure, scientists, educators, and public health officials agree upon the need for strong and proactive programs which empower individuals to protect themselves from this virus.

Statistics regarding the prevalence of HIV infection among IV drug users are astounding. 63% of all AIDS cases among women are related to the sharing of needles—these women contract HIV either through IV drug use or through sex with an IV drug user. Similarly, 58% of pediatric AIDS cases are attributable to a parent's drug use. Clearly, drugs are killing Americans in more ways than one.

But needle-exchange programs are overwhelmingly effective in combating HIV infection. By providing clean syringes in exchange for used ones, we can easily prevent the sharing of contaminated drug paraphernalia. *Needle exchange programs prevent HIV from being spread.*



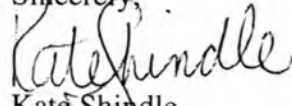
But needle-exchange programs are overwhelmingly effective in combating HIV infection. By providing clean syringes in exchange for used ones, we can easily prevent the sharing of contaminated drug paraphernalia. *Needle exchange programs prevent HIV from being spread.* In Baltimore, the HIV seropositivity rate was reduced by 40% during the program's three-year trial period. And the community benefits as well. The lifetime cost of treating *just one* person with AIDS is estimated to be \$119,000, while the median cost of running an exchange is just \$169,000—eliminating a significant financial burden on taxpayers. And by providing the opportunity for a one-to-one syringe exchange, we can all but ensure that there are no contaminated needles lying around in streets, on playgrounds, or in other places where children can find them and hurt themselves.

President Clinton, we are all familiar with the so-called arguments against needle exchange. Quite frankly, the idea that these programs promote drug abuse is unreasonable, and outdated, and has already been categorically disproven. Seven different independent agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and the University of California at San Francisco, have shown unquestionably that there is no increase in the incidence of drug use in communities where needle-exchange programs have taken hold. In fact, the rate of use can actually decline when staff are able to counsel drug users into treatment. *No one wants more drugs on our streets.*

It's time to take action. Every 5.4 seconds, someone contracts HIV. While we bide our time and weigh our options, people are still dying. There seems to be a lot of "morality" talk surrounding HIV/AIDS prevention. Ironically, we have forgotten our moral obligation to save lives. We need to provide the information and tools which will empower all Americans to protect themselves. I am twenty-one years old, and my generation is dying.

It's time for us, finally, to have an intelligent and substantive dialogue about needle exchange. No more stalling. No more "looking into the issue." We no longer have the luxury of time. The facts are on the table. The AIDS-services community has done what you asked by providing these findings. Approximately 60% of Americans approve of needle exchange, and are watching. *Mainstream America cares about this.* Now you need to hold up your end of the deal.

There is still a lot of fear when it comes to talking about this issue, and dozens of warring factions. No one ever said ending a global pandemic would be easy. America needs money for needle exchange. We need to let scientists and public health officials determine the need for such programs on a community-by-community basis, and then we need funding to support their efforts. At this point, there is no more room for excuses. Americans are still dying, and we are to blame unless we protect them.

Sincerely,  
  
Kate Spindle  
Miss America 1998

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4-7-98

Carol -

Tom —

Alma Brown

Petty

Send to Barkhardt?

Yes ☒  
no ☐

Eugene

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Dear President Clinton and Hillary,  
Thank you again for making the tape for Tracey's  
book signing party. It was a huge hit and everyone  
loved your comments.

Over 500 people attended the party, so many  
more than the book store supplying the books had  
anticipated that they sold out of books.

You two would have had a ball, it was your  
kind of crowd, full of people who love and respect the  
two of you so very much.

(Neri)

So far, the book seems to be doing very well  
a couple of area book stores are on there second  
orders, pretty good for one week.

Thanks again for always remembering Ron, and  
his deep devotion to the two of you.

Please remember that Tracey, Michael, Tami and  
I will always be in your corner.

Your loyalty to us is deeply appreciated.

Please keep in touch.

See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Hilary.

Love -  
Alan



April 3, 1998

Tracey L. Brown

President & Mrs. Clinton,

980403-8107

Today marks two years since my father's death & two days since I saw your wonderfully videotaped message at the publication party for The Life & Times of Ron Brown. I just wanted to thank you both for your years of friendship & loyalty to me & my entire family. Your thoughtfulness will be forever appreciated.

Tracey

4/2/98

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much for including me among  
your delegation to South Africa.

It was thrilling for me to witness the warm  
reception that you and Hillary received from the  
South Africans.

Your words at the Ronald H. Brown Commercial  
Center dedication were superb. Thank goodness I  
was there to see and hear everything for  
myself because it certainly wasn't reported in the  
Press.

Ben Johnson and Bibb Hubbard did a great job of staffing the delegation, even though some of us were "high maintenance." (not me of course smile) The staff handled every ticklish situation that developed with aplomb.

I was so happy to be in South Africa with you and Hillary, I don't think I even stopped smiling, or being so very proud of you and Hillary. I am just thankful that you are my President.

Thanks again for allowing me to tag along.  
Love - Al

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date

4/8

To:

Stephanie

From:

The Staff Secretary

Somehow this woman sent  
this to me. I assume your  
office will take care of it?

Thanks,

Phil



# FAX

'98 APR 8 AM 8:50

To: Staff Secretary  
Fax Number: 202-456-2883  
From: Regina Stewart  
Fax Number: 606-567-5577  
Phone Number: 606-567-5567  
Re: Carrollton, KY Visit by the President, April 9, 1998

I am outraged that approximately 500 students from Carroll County are being denied the opportunity to see the President at the Thursday visit to Carrollton, KY. The Kathryn Winn Elementary School students (grades kindergarten through third grades) are not being allowed to attend his visit because they are "too young!" These are future voters and leaders of our community..and our nation. I didn't realize there was a set "age" that we as Americans are supposed to be aware of and care about our heritage and our freedoms.

This is a historical event for these young people! Perhaps your visit would inspire them to seek out a career in politics..or perhaps just give them a glimpse of the President as a real person...someone just like them.

Apparently, the principal of the Kathryn Winn Elementary School, where my sister (Cindy Wheeler) is a teacher, has decided it would not be appropriate for these children to attend. So, not only do the children miss out, so do the teachers, administrators, staff, and aides. They'll have to go on with school just like nothing else is going on. All the while the entire community and several communities around it are celebrating his return to our community!

I met the President during his bid for election when he visited General Bulter State Park in Carrollton. That brief discussion has meant so much to me over the years, and I know, just seeing the President would mean so much to these children also. Please help me raise the awareness that all children share in our rights as Americans! Please show your support for all our children attending! The school's telephone number is 502-732-7090.

Sincerely,  
Regina Stewart

4/8/98

Came in interoffice mail -

Send to Scheduling -

Yes ☒No ☐

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 4/8

To: Rahm  
Bruce Reed

From: The Staff Secretary

I just received this McCaffrey memo today. He proposes several drug-related events for the President's schedule. Do you have any of these on your radar screen. If you have no objection, I'll send this to the President and tell him you both are considering the events. Phil



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Personal

#259178

March 31, 1998

T. Marshall  
Dear Mr. President:

Since joining your Cabinet two years ago, we have made substantial progress in combating the threat of illegal drugs to the United States and its citizens. Your overall support, guidance, and personal presence on this issue has played a major role in these achievements.

In the coming months, ONDCP has four significant initiatives that we believe would benefit greatly from your participation, namely:

- **The National "Rollout of the Youth Media Campaign:** In early July, we will move from the 12 city pilot phase of the Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign into a national campaign (phase II). This expansion will bring our ads to every city and town across the nation. Already, the 12 city phase is showing results: anti-drug coalitions, whose phone numbers appear on the ads, report two to three times as many calls as received prior to the campaign; and, our buying service reports an unprecedented 100 percent match ratio of ad time to PSA time from media outlets. We expect to see the same types of results -- this time nationwide -- come July. Your participation in a national rollout event would increase the campaign's visibility, helping it to get off to a strong start.
- **United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS):** This June's UNGASS will concern efforts to address illegal drug use. The political declaration and other deliverables being developed for the UNGASS make substantial steps forward in reinforcing the international commitment against drugs. A number of heads of state (including France, Brazil, South Africa, and Mexico) have already committed to attend the session. Your involvement would greatly increase the level of participation and the magnitude of the session. A speech at UNGASS would afford you the opportunity to give a major policy address establishing a broad vision and setting a strong agenda for how the international community must work together to reduce the transnational threat of drugs.
- **The Drug-Free Communities Program Rollout:** The membership of the Commission on Drug-Free Communities is being vetted and will soon be set for release to the public (a decision memo has been prepared for your signature). This program, which over the next five years will create 10,000 new community anti-drug coalitions across the nation, while strengthening the existing 4,000 coalitions, will empower countless Americans to fight drug use at the grassroots level. Your participation in announcing the members and at the inaugural meeting of the commission would send a strong signal to the American people to get involved in this effort.

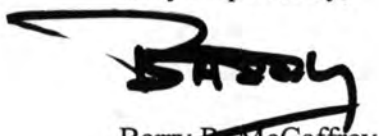


- **President's Drug Policy Cabinet (PDPC) Meeting:** There are a number of key drug policy issues now percolating that would substantially benefit from discussion within the PDPC. One of the most pressing issues deals with focusing on real results and measuring our success. In keeping with the Vice President's reinventing government initiative, the *1998 Strategy* sets out a performance measurement system to track the ten-year *Strategy*. However, substantial Congressional pressure exists for more immediate interim markers, which could cause a legislative response. ONDCP believes that we must proactively craft annual markers that are realistic, achievable, and flexible. Your leadership is necessary to help the PDPC address this need for greater efficacy and accountability. Similarly, a series of other issues, including UNGASS, the Southwest border, and restructuring the counter-drug intelligence system, also would benefit from discussions within the PDPC. We are at a critical juncture involving major drug policy initiatives that promise breakthroughs in bringing down drug use in America. A PDPC meeting is vital to ensure unity of effort as we move ahead.

These events offer an important opportunity to show your hands-on commitment and leadership in the fight against drugs. Each of these events highlights substantive progress with respect to an important counter-drug initiative. By your involvement we can continue to raise the awareness of the American people that drugs present a serious threat to the nation, and that this Administration is working hard under your leadership to reduce that threat by half. Imagine, by way of comparison, the impact to the nation of halving the number of auto or cancer fatalities, or teen pregnancy or illiteracy rates.

We will coordinate these events closely with your staff and do whatever possible in order to facilitate your participation in these four initiatives. Look forward to your thoughts and guidance.

Very respectfully,



Barry R. McCaffrey  
Director

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.



"David E. Dreyer" <ddreyer@steitz.com>  
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To: Phillip Caplan/WHO/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: Haystack, needle

4/8/98  
Dad -  
Can you look into  
this?  
Thanks  
Phil

Dear Phil:

I have a question for you. I got an email referred to me by two Admirals -- one US retired and one UK retired -- who I came upon last year when I was with the Orthodox Church. The Brit sent a letter to President Clinton about an idea for a Coast Guard or Naval Sailing Ship training vessel. The President and the Secretary of State have both been apprised of a project in the UK that involves training seamen aboard such a ship and they have been urged to support a similar project here. As you might imagine, I have no vested interest in this, nor do I have an opinion on what is the right thing. The UK Admiral was wondering if his letter, sent in December, was going to get a response. If you can figure this out when you have a spare moment (as I am sure you often do) it would be great to know.

His name is:

Rear Admiral David Bawtree CB CEng DL  
49 Grant Road  
Farlington  
Portsmouth PO6 1DU  
United Kingdom

If you ever have a chance to figure this out, please let me know.

Thanks!

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Phillip\_Caplan@oa.eop.gov [SMTP:Phillip\_Caplan@oa.eop.gov]  
> Sent: Friday, March 13, 1998 8:44 AM  
> To: ddreyer@steitz.com  
> Subject: Re: Mazel Tov  
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> thanks for your note...it's been a long time coming  
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> you'll have to meet my six-month old, Ari...you know all too well how  
> infectious little ones are