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April 8, 1998

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Bill,

I was going to write just to say how great it was to see you in San Francisco and how well I thought you were holding up under pressure--but now I get to say CONGRATULATIONS for the dismissal of the Jones suit. It was clear that the suit should have been dismissed, but it wasn't clear that it would be. You just never know when a Republican appointee will do the right thing--and I'm sure glad she did.

I heard from Peggy via e-mail that she got to see you in South Africa and had a great day with the American delegation. I thought your trip to Africa was very important and I'm glad that you decided to make Africa's situation visible to Americans. I can't even imagine what the trip to Gobee Island must have been like, but I thought it was great that you chose to go there. It made me cry just thinking about what pain and torture was contained in those walls.

I am currently collaborating with a nationally acclaimed filmmaker on a film about AmeriCorps. Our film, whose working title is *Generation Hope*, will follow a group of AmeriCorps members from their first week of orientation through the end of their year 'tour of duty.' After considering a number of approaches to this story, we are convinced that telling one group's story in depth will be the most powerful and engaging way to reveal to the public the importance of this vital social experiment that is invigorating tens of thousands of young people across the country.

As with *Hoop Dreams*, the audience will get to know these Corps members as they confront challenges with those they teach and mentor as well as within their own team. We were struck by the diversity of ethnic and class backgrounds in these teams and are excited about how these AmeriCorps members are building bridges, one by one, across America's great racial divide.

My co-producer on this project is Rick Goldsmith, whose documentary *Tell the Truth and Run: George Seldes and the American Press* was nominated for an Academy Award last year. He and I have spent three days with three different

AmeriCorps programs. We have become convinced that the life-affirming, community-building and country-transforming aspects of this program are largely invisible to most of America today. By turning the camera on these young people, we are convinced we will capture this incredible process of transformation. One of the most striking aspects of this program is how it benefits two generations simultaneously--enabling both to be more creative and engaged in their communities. Empowerment doesn't get more visual than this.

We need your help. We know how much you care about AmeriCorps and that you have contacts all around the country that might support such a film. We would like to meet with you to see what leads you might be able to give us as well to hear any advice or thoughts about our proposed film. There is great immediacy on our end, because we need to be ready to start filming in September when the 1998 members begin work.

The film's budget is \$750,000. While that may be miniscule by Hollywood standards, it is a substantial task for two independent filmmakers to raise this amount in five months. In short, we need all the help we can get. However, we have no doubt that the finished product will make everyone who contributes proud to have been a part of it. Moreover, both Rick and I are dogged about making sure our work is widely seen. His film, by the way, will be on PBS (Maryland Public TV) in Washington on Thursday, April 16th at 10pm.

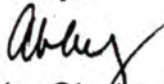
We have been in touch with Sandy Scott of the Corporation for National Service in Washington. He has been enormously helpful in providing us with information and has offered to arrange for us to meet with Harris Wofford when we are in Washington.

What would be most helpful to us at this time would be to know when in May you might be able to meet with us. We don't need an exact day or time now, but some idea of a few days when you plan to be in Washington and could squeeze us into your busy schedule. This would be very useful as we try to arrange other meetings.

We are completely jazzed about this film. From what we have personally witnessed over the past few weeks we have been really impressed with the opportunities presented and taken by the Corps members. We believe it will enable millions of Americans to learn about programs going on in their own backyards and inform the ongoing debate about the value of national service to our young people and to our country.

I look forward to hearing from you and wish you and Hillary a very Happy Easter.

Warmly,


Abby Ginzberg



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Handwritten: 4-17-98

April 9, 1998

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*Handwritten: 4-17-98
To Burkhardt
for Reply*

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of The United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Handwritten: yes

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to seek your consideration and support on an important economic development issue that is currently before the Congress. This legislation, H.R. 979 by Representatives Kennelly and Houghton and S.1251 by Senators Breaux and D'Amato, seeks to increase the tax exempt private activity bond volume cap. Specifically, this legislation would increase the bond cap from its current level of the greater of \$50 per capita or \$150,000,000, to \$75 per capita or \$250,000,000. These bills also would index the increased amount annually for inflation beginning in 1999.

As you are aware, private activity bonds are issued by state and local authorities to provide affordable financing for a wide range of public purpose projects, including single family mortgages, multi-family housing, economic development, student loans, and certain non-profit environmental facilities. In Arkansas alone, several state programs are dependent upon tax exempt financing and must compete against each other for volume cap allocation. For example, these programs include the Arkansas Development Financing Authority's home ownership and farmer assistance programs, all of the Arkansas Student Loan Authority's programs and the Arkansas Soil and Water Commission sewer and water loan programs. In addition to these, our cities and counties also have a need for allocation for financing industrial development projects and other exempt facilities. Unfortunately, these latter needs often cannot be met because of the increasing demands of the state programs. This has had an adverse effect on our state's development, and has put many smaller companies (who do not have the access to credit markets like their larger counterparts) at a competitive disadvantage.

It is increasingly obvious that the volume cap, which was established in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (and has not been increased since then), no longer comes close to meeting all of the legitimate demand for tax exempt financing. This is true not only for Arkansas, but for the rest of the country as well. The Council of Development Finance Authorities (of which I am a Director) now estimates that the request for volume cap allocation nationwide exceeds supply by almost 50%.

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I understand there are many competing concerns in the current budget situation, and I also understand this issue may have a negative impact on revenues. Nevertheless, I truly believe it is for a good cause, and I certainly hope you will give it your support.

On a more personal note, we all were obviously quite delighted with Judge Wright's ruling in the Jones case. Although I realize these problems are far from over, I am hopeful that her decision will help bring the rest of the Whitewater-related problems to a fast and likewise favorable conclusion. I am amazed that you have held up as well as you have, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thanks again for your consideration of this issue, and I hope to see you soon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Field K. Wasson, Jr.", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Field K. Wasson, Jr.

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THANKS —

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR PHIL CAPLAN

98 APR 17 AM 10:28

FROM: DONALD KERRICK 
SUBJECT: Teddy Bear Museum Donation Request

The NSC staff feels there is no compelling foreign policy reason to support this request; a donation could well generate similar requests as well as fuel the minor controversy regarding the stuffed animals upon which the Winnie the Pooh illustrations were based -- they are in the New York City library and have been the subject of a "bring them back to England" campaign that gained publicity during Prime Minister Blair's February visit.

Attachment

Tab A Incoming correspondence

To  Don Burkhardt
for freedom letter
coord with NSC.
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office. Phil

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From Ashley R. Profaizer
In the Ambassador's Office

To: The White House

Ambassador Lader received the attached letter from the Teddy Bear Museum requesting that President Clinton provide a presidential teddy bear on the occasion of their tenth anniversary.

Please handle as appropriate. Thank you.

Ashley R. Profaizer

98 APR 10 AM 9:15

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date 4/10

To: Don Kerrick

From: The Staff Secretary

How do you suggest we
handle this?

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The Teddy Bear Museum

stratford-upon-avon

PLEASE REPLY TO:
40 CASTELNAU, LONDON SW13 9RU
Tel: 0181 741 3454
Fax: 0181 741 7335

14 March 1998

H E Philip Lader
Ambassador
United States Embassy
24 Grosvenor Square
London W1A 1AE

4-10-98
To Eugenie?
yes ☒
no ☐

Dear Ambassador Lader,

Because the Teddy Bear owes his name to the twenty-fifth President of the United States, we were honoured and delighted that, when it opened ten years ago, the United Kingdom's national Teddy Bear Museum was formally launched by your predecessor, Ambassador Charles H Price II.

The museum will be celebrating its tenth birthday on 4 July 1998 and we are mounting a special exhibition of Great Bears of Our Time to mark this special anniversary. The exhibition will be in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, the national trust of recreational space, the charity that promotes play and sport opportunities for young people. I am Vice President of the Association and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh is President. His bear will be one of the distinguished visitors to the museum.

I am writing to you because, as the centrepiece of the exhibition, we would love to have an official Presidential bear. Do you think President Clinton would consider letting us have a bear with his blessing? I would be happy to travel to Washington DC to collect it or do whatever was necessary to ensure its safe transit.

The President and I were contemporaries at Oxford and when he was over here two or three years ago (when I was an MP and a member of the government) he was amused that Ambassador Seitz's teddy bear came to vacation at the Teddy Bear Museum in Stratford-upon-Avon, and my consequent hope is that he would be happy to let a Presidential bear come to Stratford this summer in aid of a good cause in this special anniversary year.

If this were achievable, you can imagine how honoured and thrilled we would be. Do you think it might be possible to arrange?

If there is any further information that you need either about the national Teddy Bear Museum or about the National Playing Fields Association, please let me know.

I look forward to the possibility of hearing from you.

With all best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,
Gyles Brandreth.*

GYLES BRANDRETH
Founder
The Teddy Bear Museum

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The Teddy Bear MUSEUM

stratford-upon-avon



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

4/17

To: Chuck Ruff

From: The Staff Secretary

For appropriate handling.

Phil

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Handwritten signature

April 5, 1998

Dr. Steve Collier
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Searcy, AR 72143

1998 APR 17 AM 9:09

Dear Steve,

This letter will tell you as much about my Dad's situation as I know at the present time. You already know that he was convicted of bank fraud in 1992. He was sentenced to 78 months in prison which he began serving in June 1994. A petition for clemency was filed through the Justice Department in September of 1997.

Officially, all we know is that the petition was received at the Justice Department. Since then, there have been no formal or official communications from any one in the government. Unofficially, we know that the prison officials received a request from the Pardon Attorney for information on Dad's record while he has been in prison. We have "heard" that the Justice Department had expedited the process because of Dad's health problems. We have also heard from "white house counsel" that the Justice Department has passed the petition as acceptable and that it has been sent to the White House for Mr. Clinton's signature. All of the last bits of information are word of mouth from different attorneys talking to someone (I don't know who) that they know in Washington.

I appreciate your help in finding out something. Any information will be very helpful at least from a psychological point of view. Dad is now 71 and has two years left on his sentence. He and Mom are both pretty tired. Thanks again for your help. If you need anything, let me know. Although, we have trouble getting much information from the Justice Department.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David L. Hatfield

David L. Hatfield, M.D.

RE: W.C. ("Bill") Hatfield

PETITION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Relief sought (*check one*)

- ☒ Reduction of Prison Sentence Only ☐ Reduction of Prison Sentence and Remission of Fine
☐ Remission of Fine Only ☐ Other

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Prison Number ✓

PETITIONER, W. C. ("BILL") HATFIELD, a Federal prisoner, Reg. No. 21653-077, confined in the Federal Institution at Bastrop, Texas (Federal Prison Camp) in seeking a commutation of sentence, states that he was born on August 18, 1926 and has Social Security No. 722-01-6717. Petitioner is a citizen of the United States.

PETITIONER was convicted on a plea of Not Guilty in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas of the crime of: Bank Fraud (18 U.S.C. §1344 & 2), Misapplication of Funds (18 U.S.C. §657), Unlawful Participation (18 U.S.C. §1006), Money Laundering (18 U.S.C. §1956), and Conspiracy to commit the above referenced offenses (18 U.S.C. §371) involving the following circumstances:

PETITIONER was the vice-chairman of a savings association based in Lubbock, Texas. Petitioner was convicted of bank fraud and money laundering based upon a series of real estate transactions financed by Caprock Savings Association where the S & L funded its own capital infusion with proceeds derived from those transactions. The Petitioner was convicted along with George Dillman, the chairman of the association. The president of the association and two attorneys involved in structuring the transactions were acquitted by the jury. It was undisputed at trial that virtually all of the funds received by the Petitioner were reinvested in the association.

PETITIONER was sentenced on June 18, 1992, to imprisonment for seventy eight (78) months and/or to pay a (☐ fine ☐ restitution) of \$-0- and/or to supervised release of special parole for two (2) years and/or to probation for Not Applicable.

PETITIONER began the service of his sentence on June 7, 1994. He will be released from confinement on February 4, 2000. The Petitioner is not eligible for parole.

If your conviction or sentence was appealed or otherwise challenged, complete the following paragraph:

PETITIONER appealed to the United States Court of Appeals, where the judgment was affirmed on February 16, 1994. A petition for a writ of certiorari was sought from the Supreme Court and denied on October 3, 1994. Petitioner did challenge his sentence under 28 U.S.C. §2255. The Magistrate has recommended denial of the petition.

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PETITIONER was the vice-chairman of a savings association based in Dallas, Texas. He was convicted of bank fraud and money laundering based upon a scheme financed by Caprock Savings Association where the S & L funded the association with proceeds derived from those transactions. The Petitioner was convicted of being the chairman of the association. The president of the association and the structuring the transactions were acquitted by the jury. It was undisputed that the funds received by the Petitioner were reinvested in the association.

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PETITIONER'S criminal record, other than the instant offense, is as follows:

The Petitioner has never been the subject of a criminal conviction or indictment. To the best of the Petitioner's knowledge, he has never been the subject or target of any criminal investigation.

PETITIONER'S respectfully prays that he be granted clemency for the following reasons:

1. The sentence mandated by the guidelines "money laundering" provisions resulted in an unusually harsh sentence that is disproportionate to the sentence received by other bank fraud defendants.

2. The Petitioner served this country honorably as a member of the armed services in the Pacific during World War II. Prior to this conviction, the Petitioner enjoyed an excellent reputation in the financial industry and in his community. No further purpose will be served by the Petitioner's continued incarceration. (Please see letters of friends and community leaders).

3. The Petitioner's age makes the sentence an even more disproportionate and excessive one. The Petitioner enjoys an close family with 3 children and 4 grandchildren. The incarceration is a significant hardship on the family and a disruption to the family relationships.

4. Petitioner is seventy-two (72) years old, and his health continues to deteriorate due to multiple diagnoses. Informed medical opinion evinces well-founded concern about a premature death while incarcerated. (Please see physician's letter and attachments).

5. While the Petitioner was convicted and the conviction was upheld, there are significant factors that mitigate against the certainty and extent of his guilt. Specifically, the Petitioner passed a polygraph test showing that he did not know many of the details of the alleged scheme. Also, the conviction was primarily based on the testimony of government witness Mukesh Assomull, whose credibility has been seriously questioned in subsequent prosecutions which have been largely unsuccessful.

The statements contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any misstatements of material fact contained may subject me to criminal prosecution and/or cause adverse action on my petition for executive clemency.

Date

Signature of Petitioner