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Mr. President -

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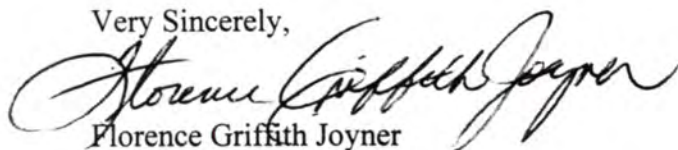
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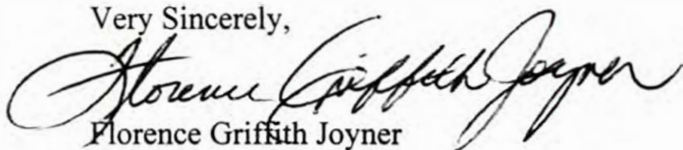
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Blaine G. Terman
Maurice J. Terman
Chairman

4/28/98

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"Professor" Lowe's Balloons

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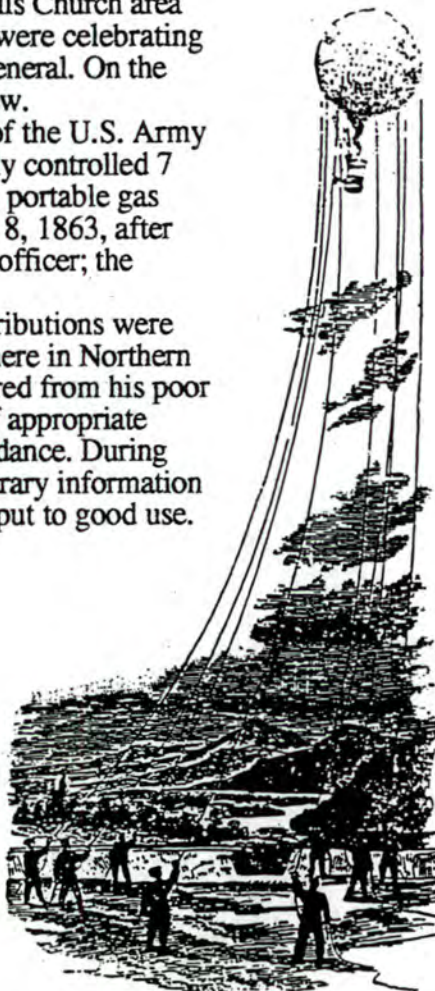
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From August 28, Lowe made tethered ascents on 23 of 34 consecutive days from Arlington to observe and map Confederate positions then in the Falls Church area. The rebels rapidly learned to use camouflage, concealment, and deception, and also aimed rifled artillery fire at the balloon.

On September 24, the airborne Lowe for the first time used flag signals to direct Union artillery onto targets in the Falls Church area where J.E.B. Stuart's troops were celebrating his promotion to Brigadier General. On the 26th the Confederates withdrew.

Lowe, appointed as Chief of the U.S. Army Aeronautical Corps, eventually controlled 7 balloons, 8 aeronauts, and 12 portable gas generators. He resigned May 8, 1863, after being replaced as chief by an officer; the Corps rapidly disintegrated.

Lowe's most effective contributions were probably made during 1861 here in Northern Virginia, but the Corps suffered from his poor administration and the lack of appropriate military coordination and guidance. During 1861-63, much valuable military information was gathered; it was seldom put to good use.



DRAFT OF TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

Balloon *Enterprise II*
Falls Church, Virginia
May 9, 1998

To the President of the United States:

Dear Sir: About 127 years ago the following telegram was sent to President Lincoln from approximately 500 feet above the Mall at the Smithsonian Institution:

Balloon *Enterprise*
Washington, D.C.
June 18, 1861

To the President of the United States:

Sir: This point of observation commands an area nearly 50 miles in diameter. The city with its girdle of encampments presents a superb scene. I have pleasure in sending you the first dispatch ever telegraphed from an aerial station, and in acknowledging indebtedness for your encouragement for the opportunity of demonstrating the availability of the science of aeronautics in the service of the country.

T.S.C. Lowe

On June 24-25, 1861, the 28-year old civilian aeronaut, "Professor" Thaddeus Lowe, made several tethered ascents in his gas-filled balloon from Taylor's Tavern, a high point of the Falls Church hills at the edge of Union-held territory; this was the first military aerial reconnaissance in American history. Lowe subsequently was appointed as Chief of the U. S. Army Aeronautical Corps, and eventually controlled 7 balloons, 8 aeronauts, and 12 portable gas generators. Lowe resigned in May 1863, and the Corps rapidly disintegrated. Much valuable military information was gathered by the balloons, and the Civil War experiences set the stage for infinitely more sophisticated observations and imagery from subsequent airplanes, space ships, and satellites.

Today Falls Church is proud to honor Lowe's first balloon ascensions by presenting the Third Annual Civil War Living History Demonstrations including reenactors from Confederate and Union infantry, cavalry, artillery and medical units as well as appropriately attired civilians and artisans. The Morse Telegraphers are sending this message by hard wire from our hot-air balloon much as was done in Lowe's time, and our passengers, even in brief tethered ascensions, can begin to understand how the science of aeronautics could be used in the service of the country.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Brangman, Mayor, City of Falls Church

DRAFT OF A POSSIBLE RESPONSE TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON

The Office of the President of the United States
Washington, D.C.
May 9, 1998

To the Balloon *Enterprise II* and Mayor Alan Brangman, City of Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Sir: Thank you for sharing with my office some of the intriguing events of June 1861. Certainly the first telegram from an aerial station and the first military aerial reconnaissance are truly significant steps of man's ascent into space. It is a pleasure to acknowledge Thaddeus Lowe's contributions as one of the brave and imaginative aeronauts that were the forerunners of the fliers of the later U.S. Air Corps and U.S. Air Force, and today of the astronauts of NASA. I join you in honoring Lowe as an early aerial pioneer, and hope your Third Annual Civil War Living History Demonstrations proceed successfully. Congratulations to all the organizers and participants!

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William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States

Date: April 12, 1998

To: Patrick Gilbo
Phone 301 279-2840
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From: Jim Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer *Jim*
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Fax 703-838-6393

Subject: Requested "Laundry List" of items needed for the White House

After talking to several knowledgeable members of MTC, I prepared this list of items needed for the May 9th telegraph message round-trip from Falls Church to the White House:

- 1) A small table
- 2) Two chairs
- 3) Standard telephone connection

Could life be so simple!

I can bring:

- 1) Telegraph Sounder and Key
- 2) Modem & Terminal Unit
- 3) Small Oscillator, if needed, as a substitute to the Sounder
- 4) Camera with flash unit and film
- 5) Note pad and pen

Questions:

- 1) Will there be any need to dress in costume, or just to wear a suit and tie?
- 2) May we take photographs?
- 3) How many people will be permitted at the White House?

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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Rationale for Energy Conservation

Date: AUG 7 1974

From: John H. Gibbons

To: Roger Sant

I will share with you from time to time short communications concerning this subject in the hopes that over the coming months we will be able to collectively assemble a "thesis". If it begins to look good enough I would be happy to co-author a publication with you on the subject sometime this winter. The following were points of "rationale" which I furnished to Secretary Morton early last fall and which I believe are still as valid as ever.

When I look at the array of national commitments we have undertaken, I find it hard to discover anything that has as much going for it as energy conservation.

It is strongly compatible with the traditional values of thrift and prudent household management that were practiced by American families for three hundred years until we were stricken with affluence and engulfed by the throw-away economy after World War II. The innate frugality in the American character is still there, I am convinced, and will be responsive to properly directed appeals aimed at reducing waste, whether it be energy or anything else.

Second, conserving energy means saving money. The connection is direct and visible, and as the cost of energy continues to rise, it will become even more so. Most things the government asks its citizens to do cost money. Conservation doesn't.

Third, almost every action to conserve energy complements and supports the actions being taken to improve the environment and our quality of life. Less electric power usage by consumers means less combustion effluents and less heat rejected to the atmosphere and watercourses of the nation. A determination by any considerable number of people to use public transit systems instead of driving to work means less noise, less traffic congestion, less dirt and smog. The same can be said of fewer aircraft flights. Slower highway speeds mean lives saved and reduced costs of repairs and insurance.

Fourth, energy conservation is the most immediately available option we have to lessen the burden of oil imports on our balance of payments. A reduction, say, of two percent in total oil consumption would equate to a savings in our international trade balance of at least half a billion dollars this year.

Finally--and this too is related to imports--conservation offers a way to slow the increase in our dependence on foreign sources of oil while we build up our domestic supply sources. It is available now; we don't have to wait three to five years for its benefits.

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A gambler's description of
thermo-dynamics:

1. Conservation of Energy:
"You can never win"
2. Entropy: "You always lose
and you can't even get out
of the game"

Dear Al:

You asked me to comment on Mr. Rifkin's lecture (Clearinghouse on the Future lunch, July 30) and his book, Entropy: A New World View. I have honestly not been able to read his book in full detail, but have read most of it. I have reviewed the transcript of his talk. My comments are purposefully brief and reflect, in large part, my comments to Rifkin during the discussion that followed his lecture.

1. He displays, through numerous wrong statements, that he does not actually understand the developments of science and the quantitative meaning of thermo-dynamic principles.

- He gave a totally incorrect account of the development of Heisenberg's "uncertainty principle" and then proceeded to ascribe the outcome of DeBroglie's "duality principle" to it. Anyone who has had high school physics should gasp at such a performance.

- He made such statements as "The sun comes down and interacts with the bowels of the earth, converting it to light ...". This is not science--nor even appealing poetry.

- He refers to entropy as though it is only now being discovered, despite the fact that it was explicitly investigated by Carnot 150 years ago and broadly used in engineering for well over a century. Familiarity with the

consequences of the principle of entropy have extended well beyond engineers for at least a century. Ralph W. Emerson: "Nature never gives anything to anyone; everything is sold. It is only in the abstractions of ideals that choice comes without consequences." The market place has always incorporated energy "heat availability" along with versatility and cleanliness as determinants of market price.

- He proports to dispell a "myth" that living systems violate the second law. That "myth" was dispelled before his grandfather was born. He states that "...no molecule in your face will be there six months from now..."--that is not even half true.

- In both his speech and his book he makes inaccurate quotations and references. References used in his book are highly selected in order to achieve his point.

- He attributes the notion of duality in Christian thought as something that was unchallenged for 500 years, until 1973--pure nonsense. Similarly, he states that "Newtonian physics, the notion of no limits, a material cornucopia, ... are all incompatible with Christian theology." This displays woeful ignorance of the history and status of Christian theology.

My conclusion from these and countless more of his own misimpressions and inaccuracies is that Rifkin either uses material he doesn't understand or that he is attempting to distort ideas to fit his own preconceived model and social purpose. He reads like a new convert who, while not yet intellectually involved in the new revelations, wants to immediately apply them to his view of the world. Alexander Pope offers this caveat: "A little learning is a dangerous thing, Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring; There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, And drinking largely sobers us again."

2. On entropy and economics. Entropy in its simplest context has to do with the total effect of actions in a closed system. In that context, every time energy is "used" it loses some of its quality or availability and therefore its utility. That's why Rifkin claims that every blade of grass that grows means there's one less that can grow in the future (Nevertheless he is wrong even on that score). But earth is not a closed system. And a nation, community, industry, family, and individual is even less of a "closed" system. None of the systems we deal with in our economy, ecology, or political process are closed. We optimize within those sub-systems.

That's why the "entropy" principle as espoused by Rifkin, as far as I can see, holds little direct relevance to decision making or even to political, social, or economic analysis beyond the extent to which it is already being utilized by analysts. This is not to say that the notion of finiteness of resources should not be stressed to people who still want to think of an infinite world.

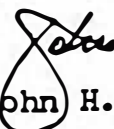
3. On research in molecular biology. I frankly am unable to understand Rifkin's reasoning here. He seems to be saying that genetic research and engineering is morally wrong and therefore unacceptable, but (implicitly) that selective breeding (which can include randomly induced mutagenesis) is acceptable. He may only be resisting the unfettered application of scientific knowledge about genetics to commercial ventures in new technology, but what he espouses--to halt research in molecular biology--would make Galileo roll in his grave.

Let me recall what Oliver Wendell Holmes said about research: "True science knows no bounds. It penetrates into every domain without fear and serves all men without prejudice or favor. Its work is to substitute facts for appearances, demonstrations for impressions, and beneficial realities for those many things ignorance and greed proclaim to be impossible. For suffering humanity, it is hope and promise."

Rifkin may base his arguments against molecular biology on the premise that more efficient biochemical conversion of sunlight, water, and nutrients which could result from that research would only tend to accelerate the depletion of finite resources (nutrients). This is an inaccurate hypothesis for several reasons. Let me illustrate with two: (1) Genetic engineering may allow adaptation of nitrogen-fixing bacteria to a wider variety of food crops. If this can be done, it will enable less use of fossil fuel-derived nitrogen fertilizers per unit of output. (2) Genetic engineering has already enabled the production of biochemicals important to treatment of illness in larger quantities, vastly lower cost and higher quality than was imagined several years ago. Prior production methods required a lot more resources than the new methods.

In summary, if Rifkin is concerned for more humane application of knowledge and more careful stewardship of our earthly heritage, then I applaud him. But I cannot abide by the details of his methods or logic in arriving at that stance.

Sincerely,


John H. Gibbons

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Don Argue, Ed.D.
President

April 27, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Warmest Greetings,

It was my privilege to serve you as a member of a religious delegation to the People's Republic of China during this past February 8-28, 1998. We worked very hard as a delegation to not only represent the concerns of the diverse religious community in our country, but of people everywhere who share a commitment to international religious freedom.

Our conclusions were released on March 18 in a document entitled "Religious Freedom: A Report of the U.S. Religious Leaders Delegation to the People's Republic of China, February, 1998." In over fifty meetings with government and religious leaders, including President Jiang Zemin, we engaged in substantive discussions about religious freedom in which both sides politely but firmly voiced criticisms and concerns.

In discussions with the Chinese embassy in Washington prior to our visit, and in numerous meetings with the Ministry of Justice, Bureau of Religious Affairs, and other Party and Government Departments, our delegation raised the cases of Pastor Xu Yongze, Bishop Zeng Jingmu, Bishop Fan Zhongliang, Bishop Su Zhimin, Philip Xu Guoxing, and Abbott Chadrel Rinpoche and asked for their release. In total, a list of thirty pastors, evangelists, bishops, Buddhist abbots, and other believed to be detained or harassed because of religious activities was presented to the Ministry of Justice and to the Religious Affairs Bureau for further information on their cases. A copy of this list was given to Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck.

While a number of high-profile political dissidents have recently been released to the West, no similar actions have been undertaken on behalf of any religious prisoners. We appeal to you to raise these cases during your upcoming visit to the People's Republic of China. As friends of China, we reiterate that its treatment of the unregistered "house church" movement is critical for improved relations between our two countries.

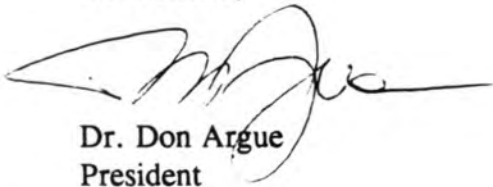
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In our estimation, human rights issues increasingly center on religious liberty, not just in China but around the world. That was the reason for our ground breaking "Statement of Conscience on Worldwide Religious Persecution" released in January, 1996.

We want to thank you for the leadership that you have given on religious human-rights issues, including the creation of the Advisory Committee on Religious Liberty Abroad. Your help in championing international religious liberty could become one of the most important legacies of your presidency.

Blessings,

Your friend,



Dr. Don Argue
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The Ambassador

Ms. Nancy Hernreich
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director for Oval Office Operations
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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23 April 1998

Dear Nancy,

Referring to our telephone conversation I would like to transmit to you for your information the letter I have written to the President and Mrs. Clinton, asking them to once again be the patrons of the Viennese Opera Ball in Washington, D.C. which will be held on September 25, 1998 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. I am also enclosing the reply I have received from Ms. Stephanie S. Street, Director of Presidential Scheduling, and my further letter to her regarding the question of the honorary patronage which I hope will once more be agreed to.

I fully understand that the President's and Mrs. Clinton's manifold commitments may not allow them to spend the entire evening at the Viennese Opera Ball. However, I would be most appreciative if the President and the First Lady could at least attend for a little while. If this were to be confirmed I would suggest to the Austrian Federal President Thomas Klestil who was just reelected for another six-year term by a majority of 63,5 % to travel to Washington for that occasion. I would furthermore through the National Security Council request a meeting with President Clinton at the White House.

Sent to Burkhardt?

Embassy of Austria
Washington, D.C. *7/27*

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As Austria will in the second half of this year - for the first time in our history - hold the presidency of the European Union this would seem to be a particularly propitious time for a meeting between the two Presidents. In addition, such a meeting would be the highlight in celebrating this year's Austrian-American Day on 26 September.

Thanking you very much for all your most kind endeavors and looking forward to seeing you again soon, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

Helmut

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

December 10, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

I have the privilege of writing to ask you and Mrs. Clinton to agree to be the patrons for the second **Viennese Opera Ball** which will be held on September 25, 1998 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. We were most appreciative of your patronage of the first Viennese Opera Ball in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. The event 1998 will once again benefit **SOS Children's Villages USA**, the sister organization of Austria's particularly admired charity, and net proceeds will be directed to the establishment of a Village in the Washington, D.C. area. The Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Thomas Klestil, will once again be the Honorary Chairman of the event.

At our first ball on March 14, 1997 we were most pleased that your daughter Chelsea and a group of her friends were able to attend. I would like to express the hope that you, Mr. President, Mrs. Clinton, and your daughter Chelsea will honor us with your presence at our second Viennese Opera Ball.

The ball is being organized with the intention of recreating the Opera Ball in Vienna which has been held in Austria's capital city for over 100 years.

The guest list of approximately 2,000 persons will include leaders of government, congress, industry and culture, the Diplomatic Corps, and distinguished persons from Austria.

As in Austria, in Washington, D.C., the Viennese Opera Ball will be an elegant, entertaining and varied production which is to include a number of traditional segments: an opening procession and cotillion, ballet, concert, dinner and, of course, a great deal of waltzing.

For Austrians the ball has a very special meaning. It is a celebration of life and human achievement which does homage to the indomitable spirit of mankind. It is our wish to share with the American people all that is best in Austrian tradition and culture.

Mrs. Tuerk and I would be honored if you and Mrs. Clinton would accept the patronage for this event.

Please find enclosed two fact sheets on the ball and on the charity it will benefit.

Respectfully Yours,

Helmut Tuerk
Ambassador

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January 26, 1998

His Excellency Helmut Tuerk
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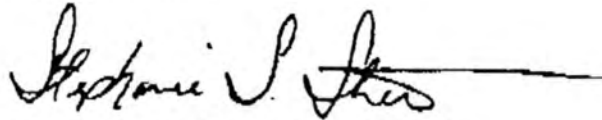
Dear Ambassador Tuerk:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for inviting the First Family to the second Viennese Opera Ball to be held on September 25, 1998 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The President has asked me to convey his appreciation for your thoughtful invitation.

The White House is currently unable to confirm the President's availability. Please know that you will be contacted should the President's schedule permit the White House to accept your request.

Once again, thank you for contacting the White House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie S. Streett", followed by a horizontal line.

Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling

February 23, 1998

Ms. Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Streett:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 26, 1998 in reply to my letter to President and Mrs. Clinton requesting their honorary patronage for the second Viennese Opera Ball to be held on September 25, 1998 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

I appreciate your informing me that the White House is currently not in a position to confirm President and Mrs. Clinton's availability to attend the Ball. However, you did not address the request for the honorary patronage and I would appreciate receiving a reply on this as well.

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter dated December 10, 1997 as well as a copy of the invitation of the first Viennese Opera Ball which took place on March 14, 1997 under the honorary patronage of the President and Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

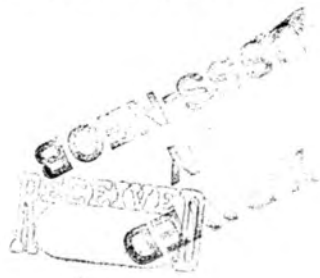
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Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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Richard J. Jasculca 4/14/98

Kris:

Great talking to you yesterday; great seeing you in Africa. Thanks for all your help and support.

Enclosed is a video of network TV coverage, as well as a report of selected print coverage, from the Clinton's visit to Ghana.

These come with my best wishes and warm regards

Rick

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PRESIDENT CLINTON'S JOURNEY TO AFRICA

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John Kerry and a Children's Crusade

BOSTON—While small children play in an adjoining room at the South End's Castle Square Child Development Center, grown men and women sit around a small table in serious conversation about the need for early childhood intervention.

"If we don't do more, there will be a further implosion," warns Sen. John Kerry, as the assembled group—a couple of pediatricians, the day-care center staff, a state and a city representative, a college president, a social worker and the mother of one of the children—nod in agreement. He vows: "This battle is just beginning."

The junior senator from Massachusetts hopes to lead a battle on kids' issues—from

cides to get engaged and there's action, he's a superstar," says Thomas Valley, a close friend, fellow Vietnam veteran and now a Harvard academic. "Normal, everyday life is not his strong suit."

But the 1996 re-election race, in which he was challenged by popular Republican Gov. William Weld, may have been a political epiphany for Sen. Kerry. Ten weeks before Election Day, he was well behind, usually death for an incumbent.

Then, in Mr. Valley's words, he got into generalship. Egged on by a cheap-shot Boston Globe column suggesting that he may have been a war criminal in Vietnam, he snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, beating the highly regarded Gov. Weld by almost 200,000 votes. In the process, he became a little more of a pol. "The toughness John showed under pressure in that race has given him a renewed respect among other politicians," notes John Sasso, a leading Democratic strategist.

It also hasn't been easy being the junior senator to Ted Kennedy, who frequently dominates the legislative arena the way Michael Jordan dominates the basketball arena. On foreign policy, Sen. Kerry is an important lawmaker, leading, with his Republican friend Sen. John McCain, the successful effort to normalize relations with Vietnam and serving as a critical Clinton administration ally.

He generally is a liberal but isn't always predictable. He voted for the punitive welfare bill two years ago and is sympathetic to partially privatizing Social Security. But he hopes his frustration over not being identified with any domestic initiatives will end with this focus on kids.

Early childhood intervention is the first leg. Experts agree that the first few years of any child's life are crucial to development; this fact has been woefully neglected, and welfare reforms that require

mothers to go to work don't provide adequate child-care assistance. Sen. Kerry rattles off the appalling numbers: Out of almost three million children eligible nationally for the early Head Start program, only 32,000 get it; in Massachusetts, there are more than 12,000 kids on waiting lists for day care; there are 122 infants and preschoolers in the splendid Castle Square Center here, but more than twice as many—300—are on the waiting list. "When it comes to children, we have almost a policy of national neglect," the Massachusetts Democrat complains.

With Republican Sen. Christopher Bond of Missouri, he has introduced ambitious legislation that would vastly expand Head Start and provide more federal assistance for day care. Over a five-year span, this measure would allocate \$11 billion—only 40% of what Sen. Kerry wants, but as high as he could go and still attract bipartisan support.

The Kerry-Bond bill would establish child-care initiatives that are "collaborative" with existing charitable and church groups; private groups often have considerably more expertise than government in dealing with children. He wants to use this model in other areas such as instruction for parents and after-school programs for poorer kids.

He hopes to unveil another major initiative soon for some major educational reforms in public schools. "We have to find a way to break down the traditional walls of how Democrats and how Republicans view this," he says. "Democrats have to give up an automatic sense of defending the inde-

fensible and refusing to acknowledge the problems of bureaucracies. Republicans have to give up an automatic condemnation of government and the notion that resources don't make a difference."

He envisions a trade-off: significantly increasing resources while working with these collaborative efforts to break down bureaucracies that perpetuate mediocrity in public education. He hopes to appeal to conservatives with his denunciation of "value neutral" schools and to liberals with outrage over inadequate pay for teachers and woeful facilities. There are, he thunders, seven million children going to public schools with life-threatening building code violations.

This is all a work in progress, but Sen. Kerry is serious about reaching across political lines. He has talked about these issues with such conservatives as House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Sen. Dan Coats (R., Ind.), Rep. John Kasich (R., Ohio) and former Christian Coalition chief Ralph Reed.

It's another matter whether this will become a winning political issue for him. Vice President Al Gore remains a prohibitive favorite to win the Democratic nomination in 2000. Of the most formidable challengers—House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt, Sen. Bob Kerrey, former Sen. Bill Bradley and Sen. Kerry—only one or possibly two are likely to run. The odds are decidedly against all of them.

But successful or not, it's healthy if these aspirants are willing to take some risks and raise important issues—entitlement reform, child care or educational reform. Moreover, it's hard to disagree when Sen. Kerry ventures: "If there's any lesson of the last 25 years of politics, it's that things will be different from the way you see them now. The next election will be different from what everybody thinks it will be about today."



John Kerry

Politics & People

By Albert R. Hunt



early intervention to reforming the public schools—that creates a national dialogue, changes policy priorities and conceivably advances his own national aspirations.

It should be no surprise that the 54-year-old Massachusetts Democrat is considering a presidential run. His curriculum vitae is blue chip. A graduate of Yale and Boston College Law School, he was a Vietnam war hero, winning the silver star for bravery and then returning home to lead the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He was a successful prosecutor and lieutenant governor and is in his third Senate term. A few years ago, he married the fabulously wealthy and engaging Teresa Heinz.

But politics, as opposed to policy, doesn't come easy to this Brahmin son of a foreign service officer. He is a stranger to the common touch, hallmark of so many Massachusetts politicians.

"John is into generalship; when he de-

What will we leave our Children?

The Earth is their Heritage

The Responsibility is Ours!

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A new way to tell the story:

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by Maia Aprahamian

*a choral/dance work for the millennium
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Yes ☒
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To William Jefferson and Hillary Rodham Clinton,
President and First Lady, Parents and Leaders,
The White House, Washington, D.C.

29 January, 1998

Please take one moment to consider this:

We are in need of millennial celebrations, not just state of the world reports.

We are in need of ways to bring families and peoples together in the larger picture of who we are in the world, and the legacy we leave for others.

We are in need of ways of engaging our children as well as our corporations, our elders as well as our politicians, in ways that bind people together, rather than offend them.

I offer you a way of reaching out to people as we approach this 21st century, in a story that belongs to all of us - ***From the Beginning***, a story of the universe..

This is a musical, dance, narrative work that tells of the emergence of the universe, and more particularly, our place in it and what the future will ask of us. It tells this story from an historical, scientific and mythical point of view, in a participatory manner.

From the Beginning, is based on the book by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme entitled, *The Universe Story*.

Parts of this work were performed in San Francisco to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. The response was phenomenal. It requires large choruses, dancers, orchestra, narrator, children's chorus, and the participation of the audience who have their own unique score.

This is not a religious piece in the sense of belonging to any particular creed or belief, but it is a deeply spiritual work that encompasses the myths and stories and belief systems of the world as we know it. It offers hope as well as a realistic assessment of where we are, where we have come from, and where we are going.

Please listen to the tape as a sample - the children are especially moving when they sing,

"We Are the Earth".

Thank you!



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From the Beginning - excerpts

Maia Aprahamian

We Are the Earth

Children: We are the Earth, the new ones;
We shall inherit the world around us.
We are the Earth, the old ones;
We are a part of you, and always will be.
 We are the elements that first expanded,
 We are the smallest spark that lit the sun, the stars, (the sky;)
We are the Earth, the children;
Receive our blessing, as we receive the Earth.

Audience: We are the Earth, the seedlings;
We shall remember the gift of life.
We are the Earth, the small ones;
And all that nourishes shall be our home.
 We are the broken reed, the child abandoned;
 We are the tiny hope that stays alive inside; **Children:** (And will not die!}
We are the Earth, the children;
Be our protectors, as we protect the Earth.

Children: We are the Earth; behold us;
We walk in beauty; the earth is sacred.
We are the Earth; come join us,
For only you can save the generations.
 We are the falling trees, the barren wasteland,
 We are the drops of rain that bring the gift of life (to all;)
We are the Earth, the children;
This is our only prayer, that you will wake in time.

Audience: We are the Earth, the young ones;
We shall inherit the world around us.
We are the Earth, the old ones;
We are a part of you, and always will be.
 We are the breath of air from the beginning.
 We are the mystery of space and time and love; **Children:** (And life!}
We are the Earth, the children;
Receive our blessing, as we receive the Earth.

Black Elk's Vision

Bass and The stallions in the sky,
Boy Alto: The music of their dancing;
 then It was more beautiful than anything can be.
Everyone: The virgins danced, and all the circled horses;
 The leaves and the grasses on the hill.
 The waters of the creek and the rivers and the lakes;
 The four legged, the two legged, the winged of air;
 All danced together in the music of the stallion's song.

The Time Has Come

Chorus: (*spoken*) 1. "The time has come," the walrus said it,
 "to re-evaluate where we're headed;
 To cap the cost, and look at the range,
 For we are now in the time of **CHANGE!**"

2 The time has come, the media babble;
 Reduce all words to one syl-lable!
 Strobe the mind with buzz words and bytes;
 The only reality's under the lights!

3 The time has come, in the C.E.O. tower,
 To grasp the incentive, consolidate power!
 Exploit resources for credit and gain;
 Profit and loss is a paper chain!

Audience: 4. **The time has come, the militant rage,
 To wipe out the enemy, set the stage,
 Control the masses, amuse the bored.
 For the Right and the Might are the only reward!**

Chorus: 5. The time has come, the scientist crieth,
 To research the data without a bias!
 Alter genetics and fathom the deep,
 For the human race, it's a Quantum Leap!

6. The time has come, the walrus recited,
 To see ourselves as Species United.
 Respect all Life; Stop the warring!
 And take our place in the Universe Story

Audience Right: ***United Nations!*** ***United Nations!*** (*repeat*)

Audience Left: ***United Species!*** ***United Species!*** (*repeat*)

Chorus: 7. The time has come, the spirit sighs,
 to listen to voices, ancient and wise;
 To live as species united as one,
 For this is the meaning of life begun;
 For this is the meaning of life.

Maia Aprahamian

Protect the Earth

Protect the Earth;
It was not given to you by your parents.
It was lent to you by your children.

(Kenyan, Hopi, and others)

Epilogue: *Celebration!*

Chorus:	1. Celebration! Celebration! Look up at the Sky, The Heavens so blue The sun so radiant The clouds so playful The soaring raptors The songbirds The woodland creatures The meadows in bloom The rivers singing their way to the sea. Celebration, Celebration!	2. Drumbeat, Heartbeat, Heartbeat of a planet Poignant as Eternity come into time Time resonant with Eternity Sound, a gothic sound come down from the beginning of Time Sacred sound of some Great Spirit hovering over the darkening Earth, The Passion of Earth in our times. Time resonant with Eternity Wolf cry, Whale cry, Human cry, Cry of the Sun!
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Audience: **Wolf song on the land,
Whale song in the sea;
Celebration everywhere,
Celebration that is the
Universe itself.**

Chorus: Listen! Earthsound Listen! the Wind
 Listen! the Owl Listen! the Wolf
 Wolf song - A cry of distant meanings
 Beseeching humankind to
 Bring back the sun
 To let the flowers bloom in the meadows
 The rivers run through the hills
 To let the Earth and all its living creatures
 Live their wild fierce serene and abundant life
 .Riotous - immense as a monsoon
 Lifting an ocean of joy.

Audience:	Wolf song on the land Whale song in the sea Celebration everywhere Celebration that is the Universe itself.	Moved by that vast Compassionate Curve That holds us all so intimate In ecstatic celebration Celebration that is the Universe itself.
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Celebration! Celebration! Celebration!

based on two poems by Thomas Berry, *An Appalachian Wedding*, and *Morningside Cathedral*

FROM THE BEGINNING:

Birth of the Universe, Emergence, Our Planet Earth

Maia Aprahamian

based on *The Universe Story* by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry

- 1) The story of the universe, and our place in it as human beings, is a story we long to know in this age and to be able to tell our children. This earth is the heritage we leave them, and its condition is our responsibility. Since children are our future, they are an integral part of this work.
- 2) From the beginning, human beings have engaged in a spiritual quest to find meaning in their lives. All of religion is a reflection of this quest, and of the continual blossoming of the spirit. The coming of consciousness is in itself the result of the universe evolving from the original spark of creation. We are but its voice in these times. In this work, we not only experience the vastness and beauty of creation, but also our individual place in the story, and our ongoing role in its continuation.
- 3) As the storytellers of old engaged their audiences in experiencing the wonder of where they came from, so does this work engage the audience as a participant in the musical telling of the tale. In addition to the more elaborate choruses in the work, the audience has a specific score with its own parts to contribute to the performance, both choral and spoken.
- 4) The many stages of the creation of the universe, and subsequently of the earth, are reflected in our own evolution as human beings. We mirror the various stages in our lives, much as the psychological eight stages of the life cycle of Erik Erikson. We go through cataclisms, transformations, unitive stages, matriarchal and patriarchal periods, and are now entering the next era which is an ecozoic age of mutually respectful coexistence with all facets of the earth; human and non-human, sentient, inert and evolving. We can no longer dominate the earth process without damaging the source and sustenance of our lives. We must not allow corporate mismanagement to destroy the fragile balance of the life systems of the earth which is our home.
- 5) As the many stages of evolution have their own particular modes of expression, so does this work reflect many musical styles that come together in a cohesive presentation of the story of the universe. Lyricism, rhythmic variation, chants, polyphony, modal, melodic, jazz and humorous elements all combine in a rich expression of our heritage and our ongoing path as a species.
- 6) The origin of music, dance and theatre was in the ancient rituals that celebrated cosmic moments in the drama of existence. This work combines all of these elements in a contemporary rite of passage for humanity and for the earth. As this millennium draws to a close, we must not only reflect on our past, but look forward to new modes of expression, new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. In an age of multi-media and computerized thinking, we still need human involvement in the arts in an active participatory way. We cannot encounter the earth and each other solely through the internet! As a millennial expression, this work engages people in a participatory manner at all levels; from professional musicians - choral, orchestral, and soloists; to dancers, poetic narrations, visual presentations, and an inclusion of the audience in the presentation itself. With great respect for Handel, this is not a "sing-it-yourself" *Messiah*, nor a community sing-along, but an appropriate - and possible - way of including the audience in performance. *From the Beginning* can be a celebration for the 21st century, and a gateway to the new millennium.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Celebration - An Exaltation of Larks!

A Choral/Dance work

based on ***The Universe Story*** by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry

Text and Music by

Maia Aprahamian

Part One: *Birth of the Universe*

Part Two: *Emergence*

Part Three: *Our Planet, Earth*

Epilogue: *Celebration!*

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"Fifteen billion years ago, in a great fiery flash, the universe flared forth into being." So begins The Universe Story, and so also begins this choral/dance work, **FROM THE BEGINNING**. With sound, movement, song, and dance, **Birth of the Universe** progresses from the initial flaring forth, galactic winds and supernovae, through the formation of planets, the first sea and land creatures, the birds and the coming of flowers. The unfolding of life is expressed as an *Exaltation of Larks*. **Emergence** reflects upon the flickering of consciousness in the firelight of caves, the early formation of communities, the Neolithic, the matriarchal and patriarchal societies, and the rise of Western imperialism. **Our Planet, Earth** portrays a gradual domination of the earth process by humankind and the corporate state. We have forgotten who we are. These are the central issues of this work which never loses sight of the quality of "Mysterium" which imbues all creation with a sense of awe and wonder. In the end, it is *Celebration* which calls forth the next evolutionary steps before us.

I Birth of the Universe

- I **Sound** - Orchestral, high-pitched intensity, growing complexity
Chorus: "Fra fra fragile, mira miraculous!"
Time Space Energy Being
"Originating power brought forth a universe!"
Nuclear weak, Nuclear strong, Electromagnetic, Gravity
Pinwheeling clusters, galactic winds, the universe is acting
Supernova! - Sacrifice
- II **The Elements** - "The Birth of the Sun" Chorus and Audience
The Planetary Waltz
The Elements: Hydrogen (wind quintet), Helium (string clusters),
Carbon (the blues), Nitrogen (Whiz Kid), Sulphur (the Punk),
Phosphorous (Wall Street Broker), Oxygen (Juvenile Delinquent,
Robin Hood). Prokaryotes - Eukaryotes
Ur-lightning Volcanic Activity Life forms
- III **Mysterium** - the unknown Soprano solo
- IV **Earth** - Smoking, barren shore, forms sliding away, perishing
"The Beginning of Life" - Chorus and Audience
A creature crawls up on a rock: "I'll send for you, when I get established"
Emergence of plants; creatures of sea, earth and sky - dance
- V **An Exaltation of Larks** - The Coming of flowers (beauty and color)
"The Universe thrives on the edge of a knife" - Chorus

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II Emergence

*A Canticle in honor of the fiftieth anniversary
of the United Nations*

- I **Fire and Ice** - the migration of the human, journeying across the earth,
the coming of the ice ages, the retreat to caves and fire, the emergence
of intelligence (language) and compassion, a mother and child -
Lullaby. Choruses, solo, audience

- II **"There was a child went forth . . ."** - Hunters/Gatherers and Farmer/
Herders, based on Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, and *The Universe
Story* by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry
Antiphonal choruses, audience

- III **Black Elk's Vision - The Stallion's Song**
Bass and boy alto soli, chorus, audience, drums

- IV **The Great Mother** - Matriarchal, the Earth Mother, Sop. & Alto soli.
 "Song of the Earth" - soloists and audience
 The Neolithic village - arts, crafts, the domestication of plants
 Soli, chorus, audience - "Earth is the Mother of us All"
 The Shaman springs forth - *Dog* (hunting), *Camel* (transportation),
 Chickens (domestication) *The Digging Stick* (cooperation).
 "The Wild and the Sacred" Chorus
 Children's chorus, bass solo, dancers.

- V **The Sky Gods** - Zeus, Indra, Thor, Yahweh
 Patriarchy - awe, ceremonials, transcendence; processions of many
 religions; Judaic/Christian dominates western thinking.
 Chorus, soli and dancers.

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III - Our Planet, Earth

- I **March of Civilization** - City state - Nation - Empire - Military -
 Corporate. *"The Time Has Come"* instrumental/choral speaking

- II **Mysterium II** - a reminder of our origins - soprano solo

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FROM THE BEGINNING , a choral/dance work based on <i>The Universe</i>	1996
Story by Thos. Berry & Brian Swimme, Parts Two & Three: Emergence	
& Our Planet, Earth , commissioned for the UN 50th celebration in SF	1995
The Night of St. John , for sop. & 2 pianos	1994
Psalm 91 , for sop., winds and strings	1994
COVENANT FOR THE WORLD; Bosnia, Somalia, Tibet	1992
"CONCERT" commissioned by the Salem Boy's Choir, OR	1992
PROCESSION OF THE PATRIOTIC MONKS , for two trombones	1991
"My House Is Too Small!" an opera commissioned by the San Francisco Opera Guild, Nat'l. Opera Association conference	1990
MASS IN TIME OF EPIDEMIC , commissioned by the Erikson Center, Cambridge, Mass	1988
ARIADNE, The Labyrinth , for the Ms Ftd. & Jung Inst. S.F.	1987
PROLOGUE TO JOHN, "In the beginning" , Festival Chorale Oregon, OR Arts Commission, Meet-the-Composer & others	1987
"Brother Francis" , an opera in 4 acts; grants from Respighi Fdt. Marin Arts Council, San Francisco-Assisi Sister Cities Com.	1986
CLASSICAL CONCERTO for trumpet and orchestra	1986
FIVE SONGS of e e cummings for sop. and string quartet	1984
"Batter my heart.." (John Donne) for horn and organ, for Barry Tuckwell and John Fenstermaker, revised for horn and chamber orch.	1983
THE CRITICAL MASS (Teilhard de Chardin), International conf.	1980
"One Is the Spirit" , symphony for the Conf. of World Religious Leaders with the U.N.; perf. by Symphony for United Nations	1975
SYMPHONIC STATEMENTS , for string orchestra and piano, performed by Emmanuel Vardi and the Adelphi Orch.	1972
PRAYERS FROM THE ARK , (Rumer Godden), a cantata for children's chorus, bar. & countertenor, Grace Cathedral, SF	1970
"Who Are the Blind?" an opera in 2 acts, Hartt Sch. of Mus.	1969
THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL an opera in 1 act, Hartt School	1965
Sonata for Viola & Piano	1961
ALICE IN WONDERLAND , ballet, Little Orch. Society, NY, rev. 1997	1960

Works in progress: **Shades of Black and White**, a novel; **R.U.R.** - an opera based on the play by Karel Capek, **"Midway upon our journey.."** an opera inspired by Dante's "Divine Comedy"

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SPECIAL ANALYSIS

Does It Pay to "Make Work Pay?"

Results from a major new experiment in Canada suggest that an earnings supplement for long-term welfare recipients promotes work and increases family incomes.

The theory. Most welfare programs discourage work because they reduce benefits dollar-for-dollar with additional earnings. Allowing welfare recipients to keep some earnings without a reduction in their grant may encourage current recipients to work more. However, it may pull working families into welfare and potentially decrease their incentive to work. One alternative is to target long-term welfare recipients to receive an earnings supplement. This minimizes work-disincentives because it limits the program to those who were likely to be on welfare anyway. It also reduces program costs. The main drawback to targeting long-term recipients is that it may encourage families to stay on welfare longer in order to qualify for the subsidy.

The experiment. The Self-Sufficiency Project (SSP) is a large Canadian social experiment that offers single parents who have been on welfare for at least a year an earnings supplement if they leave welfare and work at least 30 hours a week at a job paying the minimum wage or better. The supplement is reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of earnings above the implied minimum earnings level. The amount of the supplement is set at an unusually high level, but is available for only 3 years. For example, a family working 30 hours per week all year at \$6 per hour would receive a supplement of about \$12,000 (more than three times the maximum amount an equivalent U.S. family could receive from the Earned Income Tax Credit). The hope is that stabilizing income at a high level for 3 years will allow families to move toward economic self-sufficiency and will leave them with better jobs and higher incomes in the long run than a more traditional welfare-to-work program.

Findings from a recent 18-month evaluation of the SSP include the following:

- Work. The SSP was clearly effective in promoting work and increasing earnings. Both full-time and aggregate employment rates increased substantially. Average monthly earnings increased by about 40 percent (\$95) relative to the control group.
- Income. Average monthly incomes (earnings plus transfers) rose about 20 percent (\$173) among those eligible for SSP. This reflects both an increase in earnings and an 11 percent (\$78) increase in transfer payments. (Since many of those eligible for the SSP elected not to receive it, increases in work and income among those who actually participated were substantially greater.)
- Targeting effects. Targeting the program to long-term recipients appears to have been successful in limiting its effects on welfare duration, even with these very large supplements. The probability of being on welfare a year later increased by

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about 3 percentage points for new welfare recipients who were told they had to remain on welfare for a year to qualify for the SSP.

Implications. These results suggest that the SSP program has been successful in increasing both work and income, in part because of its high subsidy, but also because of its high earnings disregard. This is promising for the 40 states now experimenting (on a much more modest level) with expanded earnings disregards. In fact, a recent evaluation of the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) showed that its high earnings disregards were successful in promoting work and increasing family incomes. The SSP results also suggest that targeting benefits to long-term welfare recipients may help to minimize costs and work disincentives, since it does not appear to be associated with substantially greater welfare duration.

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DAN BURKHARDT:

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President William Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Like many Americans, I am pleased that you have adopted a wonderful Labrador Retriever. I also know that you have received advice, not only from my own profession, but from many people who love and work with animals.

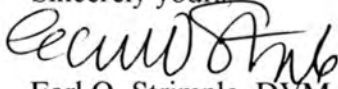
After graduating from veterinary school, I joined the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and was stationed at Fort Myer where I cared for President Johnson's dogs, Him, Her, and Blanco. As a result, I became aware of the abundance of information a President receives along with a new animal.

I have a few suggestion that will make Buddy's early life more enjoyable. First, Buddy should be raised in a crate, especially for sleeping and for the times when he is not attended. Dogs by nature are "den" animals and feel secure spending time in a crate. Second, I have enclosed some information written by Dr. Karen Overall, who is Veterinary Behaviorist at the University of Pennsylvania. This material will help smooth the adaption period for Buddy and Socks and help assure neither of the animals will be hurt. Third, Buddy needs help in calming his unwanted excitement, like lunging and pulling. I have enclosed additional material written by Dr. Overall that will help you help pick the best training collar. For the past two years I have been recommending the Gentle Leader-Promise "head collars" for my clients' new puppies and they have worked quite well. Fourth, Buddy needs to socialize with other dogs so he can learn to be a dog. I suggest that the First Dog have a play group. A number of your close friends and cabinet members have dogs that will make excellent playmates and will enjoy romping with Buddy over the enclosed White House lawn. Brooke Shearer and Strobe Talbot have a great Border Collie named Kate, Sandy and Susan Berger have Ollie, Dan Glickman has a Beagle named Ruben, and Charlene Barshefsky owns a wonderful Labrador called Ginger. The dogs would enjoy the play periods, especially when working with a good veterinary behaviorist.

Animals can and should be fun. My desire is for you and the White House staff to enjoy your animals, but also to recognize the potential seriousness of unwanted behavior for the animals and for people who may be injured while interacting with them.

I am enclosing two short books that I feel will give you additional pertinent information on training. I and others in my profession are willing to give you help in making this transition with Buddy and Socks. Please feel free to contact me at 202-337-0120 if I can advise you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours



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B-14 PROTOCOL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW PET TO OTHER HOUSEHOLD PETS

When you first bring home a new pet, expect a period of transition and adjustment for the other pets in the household. You may find that some pets hide from the new addition, whereas others might try to push it around. Sometimes the original pets will start behaviors designed to get your attention including barking, pawing, stealing items, or pushing the new addition out of the way and jumping on you. All of these can be normal and are not worrisome if they change within a week or two. If the animals in the household do not revert to normal behavior within a short time or if they become aggressive, a problem exists that will not go away on its own. The sooner you seek help from a qualified specialist, the better.

Before introducing *any* new pet, make sure it is healthy, has up-to-date vaccinations, and that test results for fecal parasites are negative. It is particularly important that all new cats are checked for their viral titer (feline immunodeficiency virus [FIV], feline leukemia virus [FeLV]) status. Cats with positive results should not be brought into a negative household.

You can make the transition easier for new pets by using gradual introductions. The new pet should be kept separate from the other pets whenever they are not closely supervised. This advice may be extreme, but it is designed to ensure that no injuries occur and that the social system of the original pets is not suddenly fragmented. The original pet(s) should have access to the same areas of the house as previously. If the dog was crated, the crate can still be used. If access was restricted to the first floor, this pattern should continue. The new pet should be placed in a neutral area (den, finished basement, brightly lit bathroom) with toys, a blanket, water, a litter box if the new pet is a cat, and anything else that it might need. It is important that the new pet *not* be placed in an area that is considered highly desirable by the other pets. Areas of high value usually include places where the people spend a lot of time with the pets (bedrooms) or where the pets choose to stay when they are alone (around food dishes or on window sills that are good perch sites). If your dog is always crated, you can accustom the dog quickly to a new dog by crating the new dog across the room where it can be seen by the original one. As the dogs become more accustomed to each other, their crates can be moved gradually closer together until they are side by side.

Be sure that the area in which you are confining the new pet is "pet-proof." This means that toilet seats should be down, electric cords should be tied up and put away, sockets should be protected with child guards, and any valuable or fragile items should be moved. New pets will explore, and that exploration should not endanger them. If the new pet is a very young puppy or kitten, you may wish to crate it for its own protection (see handout on "Protocol for Basic Manners: Training and Housebreaking for New Dogs and Puppies"). Crates do not afford total protection from willful and determined claws and teeth of an uncrated animal, but they do greatly minimize the risk of damage.

Whenever any animal is isolated for any reason it is critical that the animal receive a lot of social attention whenever possible. This is especially true for new pets. When you come home greet the original pets (make all the dogs sit first) and let them out, if this is your normal routine. Do not rush—when people are stressed and rush they may either facilitate undesirable interactions between the pets or not be as attentive to cues about impending problems as they other-

wise would. Introduce the new pet gradually. First, spend some time alone with the new pet. Then bring the new pet outside on a leash or harness and let the other pets explore him or her. If you anticipate problems, the other animals also can be on leashes or harnesses. If you have too many animals to adequately monitor under these circumstances, the new pet can be placed in a crate or cage in the center of a room and the other pets can explore the caged pet.

The best time to perform gradual introductions is when the animals are calm. Start by petting the original pets and telling them that it is "okay" *only* if it is truly okay; do not reward hissing, growling, or biting. When you tell a pet it is "okay" when it is upset, you are not calming the animal—you are rewarding the inappropriate behavior. If the animals in the household are calm and either ignore each other or act friendly despite the new addition, you can feed them within sight of the new pet. This distance should be close enough that they can easily see and watch each other, but not so close that they become upset. Once you find this distance you can move their food dishes closer together by an inch a day until they are side by side. If you ever have an aggressive encounter, back off from that distance and return to the last distance where neither pet reacted. Leave the dishes there for a few days and then gradually start to move them again. Feeding and petting the animals in each other's presence teaches them that good things happen when they are together and calm. For this to be successful, neither side can react violently. If a pet does react this way, banish that animal to a neutral zone *immediately* and try again when it is calm. If it again reacts violently, banish the pet for the rest of the day or evening and try later in the day or during the next morning.

Some aggressive and undesirable interactions are not violent but are still not conducive to the development of a good relationship between the pets. You can learn to watch for subtle behaviors that can signal potential problems, should the recipient of those behaviors not be able to change the course of the interaction. In dogs these behaviors include piloerection (hair lifting on scruff, neck, or back), staring, snarling, stalking, side-by-side posturing with growling or lip lifting, and pinning the other animal by grabbing its neck. Cats are masters of subtle threats, and their biggest nonvocal threats include a direct stare and an elevation of the rump and the base of the tail with or without piloerection. Hissing, snarling, and pouncing are also threats but are less intimidating to many animals than the display just described. If you *believe* that the new pet either is losing the contest or is terrified, or is becoming so aggressive that it might injure the original pet, separate the animals. *Do not put your hands or other body parts between the animals.* This is the single most common way in which people are injured by pets. Use cardboard, brooms, loud noises (whistles, foghorns), or water pistols to separate the animals. If you can identify the aggressor, banish *that* animal to neutral turf. If you cannot identify one aggressor, banish every animal to different pieces of neutral turf.

If the new pet is sitting in close proximity to the other pets and everything seems to be going well, tell all the animals that they are good and give them all small food treats and petting, if they like to be petted. This works best if you have two people so one can hold the new pet while the other deals with the other animals. If you are working with two people, switch roles so that the new pet does not associate its rewards with only one person. This can still be accomplished with one person by using leashes, harnesses, and

crates. Leashes can be tied to furniture or doorknobs that are at a distance that will allow the pets to sniff each other and react, but not so close as to permit them to lunge at and injure one another. Never leave a tied pet unsupervised even for a minute; it could strangle and die.

The entire time that you are doing this exercise—and it could take hours or weeks—make sure that each pet has 5 to 10 minutes alone with you each day when all you do is pay attention to that pet. This attention could be grooming, playing with a toy, or just petting and massage. Make sure that the pet is happy and relaxed at these times. If you know in advance that you are getting a new pet, you may want to establish these periods of individual attention in advance of the new arrival. If these periods follow a regular schedule, the pets will learn to anticipate them. It may decrease their anxiety about the new addition because they can rely on them.

Once you are able to get the pets to react to each other in a positive manner or not to react at all when restrained, remove the restraints. Be vigilant and keep a water pistol, foghorn, air canister, or whistle with you to interrupt any dangerous situations. If the animals are all behaving well, remember to reward them with praise and treats.

Once you have done the above, you are ready to let the animals out of your sight. Put a bell on the new animal by sewing a bell to its collar so that you always know where it is. This will allow you to spy on any potentially problematic interactions and to interrupt them before they create problems. During this period when you are beginning to provide the pets with free access, remember to provide additional water dishes, litter boxes, beds, and toys so that you minimize competition and the potential for aggressive interaction.

The keys to success are patience and observation. It is critical that the animals are not inadvertently encouraged to become hostile or nervous in each other's presence by well-meant but misplaced reassurance for inappropriate behaviors. Expect that the social system may shift. The dog that you always thought of as the "boss dog" may not only be relegated to a lower position, but may also prefer that. Let the animals set their own pace. In many cases the pets never become close companions but are reasonably content leading separate lives under the same roof. This is far more preferable to frank aggression. Do not push the animals too hard or push for relationships they clearly do not want; this could backfire and you could undo most of the good behavior that you had achieved.

If your pets have lived in the same household but have begun to have some problems with interaction, the previously mentioned protocol can also help them (for more detailed information for dogs, see "Protocol for Dogs with Interdog Aggression"). The pet that is the victim of the aggressive behavior should be fed, walked, and given attention before the aggressor. This reinforces its right to some valued status. If confinement of one pet becomes necessary, confine the aggressor in a neutral or lower quality room. Do not confine the aggressor where it would rather spend time; this only convinces the animal that the contest is meritorious. When you reintroduce the pets, do so gradually as described previously. Move from introductions under controlled circumstances to ones in which the animals are being monitored from a distance. Let their behaviors tell you when you are ready to progress. Put a bell on the collar of the aggressor. At the first sign of any aggressive behavior, and defi-

nately within 30 to 60 seconds of the onset of the behavioral progression, startle the aggressor with a foghorn, air canister, or water pistol. This means that you should not wait to startle the cat until it has pounced on the kitten, but that you startle it as soon as it stares at the kitten. Timing is everything. The startle must be sufficient that the behavior is aborted but not so profound that the animal becomes terrified. At that time reassure the victim, and after *all animals have been calmed*, engage them both in behaviors that are incompatible with aggression (i.e., feeding and petting). If the aggression persists, banish the aggressor until it is calm, then try again. If the aggression continues, banish the aggressor until later in the day or the next morning.

If the aggression—either between new pets or pets already in the household—continues, you can try a behavioral modification technique called "flooding." Done incorrectly this can be very traumatic and damaging. Consider consulting a behavioral specialist to see if this is necessary. It can be a wonderful last resort. In flooding, one animal is kept confined or otherwise restrained while it is reacting inappropriately in the presence of the other animal. It is kept in that restrained or confined situation until the level of the inappropriate reaction diminishes by at least 50%. Obviously you could not keep an animal on a leash for days without respite, but an aggressive animal can be crated for an extended period with food, water, toys, and litter box, if necessary, and a blanket while the other animal is either locked in a room with it or placed in a similar cage facing the aggressor. If one animal is loose, you should realize that it could injure the caged animal or be injured by sticking its paws through the crate. If the animals become more aggressive and upset, flooding does not work and is counterproductive and should be stopped. Usually the effect is a positive one, and the crated aggressor realizes that the other animal also has a right to share the house. This technique is a last resort and should not be attempted without qualified advice.

Finally, pharmacological intervention may succeed where other therapies have failed. There are many newer anxiolytics available which, when used correctly and prescribed by qualified individuals, may be useful adjuvants to behavioral and environmental modification. In very extreme cases of interanimal aggression in which all other therapies, including pharmacological, have failed, the best, kindest, and safest solution may be to place one of the animals in a new home.

Checklist for Introducing a New Pet to Other Household Pets

- ☐ 1. Separate the pets when they are unsupervised.
- ☐ 2. Crate one or more of the pets.
- ☐ 3. Pet-proof the home.
- ☐ 4. Gradually introduce the pets using food and rewards.
- ☐ 5. Introduce the pets during quiet times by using leashes and harnesses.
- ☐ 6. Use water pistols, air canisters, foghorns, or whistles to interrupt any aggression.
- ☐ 7. Be familiar with the physical signs of impending aggression and know how to safely interrupt such behavior.
- ☐ 8. Put a bell on the new animal when you are ready to introduce it to the household unsupervised.
- ☐ 9. Flooding?
- ☐ 10. New home?

B-27 PROTOCOL FOR CHOOSING COLLARS, HEAD COLLARS, AND HARNESES

Identification

One of the main objectives that collars accomplish is identification. All cats and dogs should be labeled. There are three main ways to do this, and they are not exclusive: (1) tags on a collar provide information about the client (name, address, and phone number), veterinarian (primarily the phone number), and vaccination status (current rabies vaccine); (2) tattoos in ears or on thighs; or (3) microchipping. Tattoos are usually comprised of the client's Social Security number (in the United States) or some code and require at least sedation to execute. The dog or cat then usually wears another tag on its collar indicating the telephone number to call should the animal be separated from its people and need to find its home. Microchipping is becoming more broadly available, but in Europe and the United Kingdom the systems are less standardized than they are in the United States. Microchips are easy to install but require the widespread availability of microchip readers. Long-term effects of an implanted, digitally coded device have not been fully evaluated, but the risks appear small in preliminary tests. The general principle behind microchips is that a number is displayed when the chip is scanned and ownership data can be obtained by calling a central depot. The animal generally but not always wears a tag that indicates that a chip has been implanted. The chips are radioopaque, meaning that they will be displayed on a radiograph or x-ray film. Whatever method is chosen, two factors should be certain: (1) the tags are current, and (2) they are on a collar that fits comfortably. The latter means that the collar is either a breakaway collar through which one or two fingers can slip comfortably or that the collar is sufficiently snug to stay on the animal if it tilts its head, but should the collar become entangled, the animal can pull its head out of the collar. If clients are not cautious about the fit of collars, animals can strangle or collars can become imbedded in their skin, resulting in morbidity or mortality. Breakaway collars are particularly important for cats, who have elevated squeezing their bodies into small places into an art form.

All animals should be labeled. If they are lost or stolen, it may be their only hope of getting home again. If the township or county in which the pet lives requires a license tag, this could be the only thing that saves the pet from impoundment, quarantine, or destruction.

Control

Collars and harnesses are used primarily for control of dogs, but a few words about harnesses and leashes for cats may be helpful.

Cats should be restrained when they go to the veterinarian and, if they are indoor cats, when they are outside. They should also be restrained in a car so that they do not become projectile. Placing them in a crate can accomplish this, but more freedom and exercise can be an excellent idea. All kittens should be fitted with a harness so that they can be encouraged to explore the world. A harness is preferable to a collar because, fitted correctly, it will not injure the cat and the cat cannot slip out of it. The younger the cat is when the client fits it with a harness, the easier it will be to accustom the cat to it. Once the harness is on the cat, it should be taken for trips in cars, on walks, and for visits to the veterinarian. These activities should occur frequently; they will pay off later when the cat needs care that requires

tractability. If the cat can safely be taken outside, the cat's life and the interaction between the cat and client will be enriched.

Buckle Collars

Buckle collars can be good to accustom young puppies or kittens to leashes but should not be relied on for control of any animal. Any animal that walks calmly and without resistance when on a leash that is attached to a buckle collar is not doing so because of the collar. These animals are exquisitely behaved despite the collar. Any animal that pulls or lunges while on a buckle collar needs another type of restraint or training device. Buckle collars—provided that they break away or can slip off, if caught—should be fitted to all animals so that tags or embroidered identification can always accompany the pet. This means that they are used in addition to, not instead of, other devices.

Choker Collars

Dogs are routinely fitted with devices such as choker collars as part of a training program. Choker collars are usually either made from chain or a rolled, braided nylon. When used correctly, choker collars are actually one of the best examples of true negative reinforcement: when the dog pulls, the collar tightens and either the sound or the pressure indicates that the dog has engaged in an undesirable behavior; when the dog stops, that pressure is released (and in the case of a chain, the sound of slippage occurs) and the dog is unimpeded. It is the release from the negative stimulus (the tightening of the collar) that is the reward. Unfortunately, most people do not use choke collars correctly; to do so requires a lot of work and patience. Instead, many dogs "choke" when chokers are used. When they are allowed to pull on the collar and permitted to sustain the pull, these dogs learn to override the choker. In doing so they are also at risk for laryngeal, esophageal, and ocular damage (damage in the blood vessels in the eye). Despite still being the preferred and, in some cases, the required form of restraint in a show ring, choke collars are an idea whose time may have passed. When clients can overcome their own misconceptions about how the collars look or what they mean, they will, with ever-increasing frequency, choose a head collar or a no-pull harness for their dog. When used correctly the devices are safer, easier to use, and help teach the dog better behaviors. They are a winning solution that could and perhaps should eclipse the choker.

Head Collars

Head collars are very much like horse halters. They act as a basket that holds the dog's cheeks and jaws and stay on the dog by fastening high on the back of the neck. Generally, at least one strap fits over the bridge of the dog's nose and one fits over the back of the neck. The leash is attached in the middle of the halter to the nose strap, but under the chin. This is how a lead is attached to a horse halter but is a major change for many people who are accustomed to attaching a leash directly to something around a dog's neck. The two major versions of the head collar are the Halti (Safari Whitco, Bohemia, NY) and the Gentle Leader/Promise System Canine Head Collar (Premier Pet Products, Richmond, VA). The Halti is intended to be fitted with a second collar because it fits loosely. It also cannot be tightened to prohibit biting by pulling forward, but it fits some very jowly breeds well and snugly. The Gentle Leader/Promise System Canine Head Collar gives most dogs a better fit, requires no second

collar, and can be used with a leash to correct inappropriate behaviors and prohibit biting.

Head collars are wonderful for most dogs. They spare the dog's larynx and esophagus and thus are an ideal choice for dogs with laryngeal damage, tracheal collapse, or cervical (neck) damage involving disks, bones, nerves, or muscles. Head collars also ride high on the back of the dog's neck so that when the leash is pulled forward or the dog pulls in the direction opposite to that of the leash, this part of the collar tightens a bit and applies a small amount of steady pressure on the area of the upper neck near the head. Not only is this generally very safe, but also this pressure uses the same kind of signal that dogs communicate to other dogs when they wish to control them or stop. Thus when the dog is corrected with a leash, the head collar communicates a "doggy" signal to the dog to stop. No translation is necessary, and the response is quick. For clients who are already working with a behavior modification program, this type of helpful, kind device can be a godsend. If the dog has a mouthing or biting problem, the Gentle Leader/Promise System Canine Head Collar can be gently pulled forward to firmly, safely, securely, and humanely close the dog's mouth. When used correctly the collar cannot injure the dog and will allow the client to control most of the dog's behaviors and stop the dog from biting.

The leverage provided by a head collar allows children and people with arthritis to walk even unruly dogs—and to enjoy it. If dogs get more exercise they are calmer; if people enjoy being with their pets more, they will be more motivated to work with them. Head collars provide a win-win situation and are increasingly becoming the collar of first choice for a puppy. They are certainly appropriate for all life stages and have another advantage over chokers: they encourage humane behavior from people. We can use all the kindness and humanity we can learn.

As is true for any device, injury can occur if these collars are used incorrectly. The most common complaint about head collars involves loose-lipped dogs that chew on their lips because the nose piece of the collar fits too tightly. Hair on the nose can also be damaged if this occurs. A good fit is important, and some practice might be needed to determine the best adjustment of the neck strap and the nose strap. Dogs fitted with head collars should be able to comfortably eat, drink, pant, and even bark and bite, if not corrected. These are not muzzles, they are not rubber bands around the dog's nose, and they are not cruel or inhumane. They are great. Now that these head collars are available in designer colors, people should accept them more readily.

No-pull Harnesses

No-pull harnesses fit under the dog's front legs and loop over the dog's shoulders so that when the dog pulls, its front legs are pulled back and it slows its pace. The two main versions of these harnesses are the Lupi (Safari Whitco, Bohemia, NY) and the Sporn or No-Pull Harness (Four Paws Products Ltd., Hauppauge, NY). The No-Pull harness has a special collar that is sewn with two different-sized metal tabs. The loose, leashlike part of the harness fits through one of the loops, under and around the legs, and is attached to the other loops, under the neck, with a clasp. The leash is then attached to the loose part of the harness over the dog's back. The back part of the harness can be tightened for a better, more responsive, fit. The Lupi does not use any clasps or tabs but relies on a system of concentric loops that are fitted around the dog's front legs and over its back. The leash is then af-

fixed to the back portion, which slips to tighten if the dog pulls. The Lupi is easier to fit to very hairy dogs or for people whose hands are very arthritic. Both of these fitting patterns sound complex and like topological puzzles. They are not. Once clients have the devices in their hands, the fit becomes self-explanatory.

Such harnesses are wonderful for dogs that pull or lunge. These are not appropriate devices to fit to dogs whose biggest problem is biting because they do not control the dog's mouth or head. Furthermore, reaching around the dog's head and neck to fit these harnesses could be dangerous if the dog is aggressive to people.

When fitted correctly these harnesses easily allow children or people with arthritis to pleasurably and calmly walk their dogs. These harnesses, like head collars, spare the dog's neck so that dogs, even if they have laryngeal, tracheal, esophageal, or spinal problems, can be safely exercised.

Caution is urged against fitting no-pull harnesses too tightly; too tight a fit could impede circulation in the dog's front legs. Fortunately, this is difficult to accomplish.

Harnesses

Regular harnesses fit around the dog's chest and avoid any pressure on the neck when the leash is pulled. They are devices used solely to attach the dog to the leash and offer no chance for correction of undesirable behaviors. Many dogs do not pull or lunge when walked and just need to be protected from the world and to comply with leash laws. Regular harnesses are fine for such dogs. They also work well for small dogs that perform undesirable leash behaviors but are too small to cause what the client would consider to be a problem. In fact, some of the harnesses for smaller dogs have built-in "handles" so that the dog can be picked up by the client if the dog must be removed from a situation or placed in a car. These harnesses are not good choices for large dogs that are not absolutely perfectly behaved because they provide the client with little control. In fact, big, highly motivated dogs are able to use the harness to push into the situation from which their people are trying to drag them because their shoulders are unrestrained. Clients often choose harnesses because they want to protect the dog's neck. This is a good idea, but head collars and no-pull harnesses are a better solution.

Prong or Pinch Collars

Prong collars are subject to all of the same criticisms as are chokers. Furthermore, they can seriously damage the dog's neck because they can become imbedded in the skin if the dog learns to override them. Most dogs learn to override these collars, and people who use them often voluntarily comment that they need to use some degree of pain to control their animals under some circumstances. These collars are intended to use pain to encourage the dog to attend to the person. For aggressive dogs this response can worsen their aggression, and for dominantly aggressive dogs this response may not only worsen their aggression, but may also endanger the client. If people understood more about how dogs communicate and how these collars work, they would appreciate that responses other than pain are more desirable for changing an animal's behavior. These collars are no substitute for early intervention and the treatment of problem behaviors. Every situation that clients claim is controlled by the use of such a collar can be better, more safely, and more humanely treated with a head collar and some time investment.

Some dogs are fitted with prong collars because they make the dog look "tough." The problem here does not lie with the dog.

Shock Collars

No dog should wear a shock collar to correct an inappropriate behavior except on the qualified recommendation of a specialist in behavioral medicine. This is almost akin to saying no dog should wear a shock collar. Certainly, no client should self-prescribe a shock collar for a dog to control an unruly or aggressive behavior. Given the correct motivational and timing circumstances and the appropriate level of shock, dogs (and humans) can learn from the application of a painful shock. However, the application of shock (and shock collars are intended to be painful) is an absolutely inappro-

priate treatment for aggression and fear. The use of shock collars invariably makes such behaviors worse, renders the dog less predictable, and potentially endangers the client. Most people who use shock collars either want a "quick fix" or need to absolutely control the dog. The former approach does not work for dogs with problem behaviors, and the latter may be problematic in itself. There are some rare exceptions when shock collars can be used rationally to change or shape a dog's behavior. Under these conditions very few (one to three) shocks are usually sufficient to cause the change. If clients who use a shock collar find that they have to, or do, shock the dog more frequently, there is a problem that the collar cannot address. Such clients should seek professional help from a specialist in behavioral medicine immediately.

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COS**AFFIRMATIVE COMMANDS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

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Background. There are thousands of Jewish commandments (positive and negative) and not all apply to all persons. Some apply to only to men (circumcision), others only to women (menstrual and child birth issues), and some only to certain occupations (farmers, priests, etc.). Certain commandments are limited geographically, such as those directed to people living in Israel.

Accordingly, there is a prominent position in Jewish thought--based on a comment in the Talmud--that there are 613 commandments. This number was the sum of 248 positive (Thou Shalt's) and 365 negative commandments (Shalt Not's). Since the Jews once thought there were 248 parts to the human body, and there are 365 days in a year, there is great symbolism in the number of commandments. Symbolically, each part of our body can be used to do good, and every day of the year can be used in the struggle to resist the bad. In other words, we are to use life as a blessing not a curse.

The Rabbis loved this symbolism, though there was a tremendous amount of disagreement as to which commandments were actually to be counted among the 613 and which were derivative, and should be counted as subsets of the "larger" commandments.

Listed below are the "positive" Old Testament commandments in the order they occur. In addition, there is a scripture(s) reference, a summary of what the command entails (when not self-evident), and a representative rabbinic opinion (by *no means* uncontested) stating the purpose of the commandment. Some commandments concerning Temple ritual contain essentially minutiae with very little ethical instruction; they have been excluded from this survey. In a number of instances, nearly identical commandments have been grouped by type. Some commandments with positive intent have been excluded because they were phrased as negatives (e.g., Ex. 29:2-3, *I am the Lord . . . you shall have no other gods before Me*). Thus, there are fewer than 248 entries. The more than 150 scripture references listed below, however, constitute every category of Old Testament commandment stated as an affirmative duty.

The Commandments

-*Be fruitful and multiply* (Gen. 1:28).

Rabbinic opinion: A person with faith will not abandon hope by refusing to bring children into the world (Alshekh).

-*Circumcise every male child among you* (Gen. 17:10).

People of faith are to be spiritually different; thus it is fitting that [we] also be physically different. Rabbinic opinion: The organ of procreation is chosen to bear this difference because the uniqueness of faithful people should be apparent from the start of each generation (Hinnukh).

-[Preparation of Pascal Lamb as an act of community; Participation in the Feast; Prohibition of leftovers] (Ex. 12:6, 8, 9, 11; 23:18).

Rabbinic opinion: Stringent regulations governing the celebration of Passover festivities are intended to unite the people and recall God's miraculous intervention (Hinnukh, Hizzekuni).

-Sanctify unto Me all the first-born (Ex. 13:2; Num. 18:15, 17; Deut. 12:17; 15:19).

First-born children and animals must be presented to the Priest; animals are then sacrificed. Children are consecrated. Rabbinic opinion: These laws remind us that people can be led astray by the misconception of unchallenged rights over our possessions. Laws pertaining to the first-born are to teach that, in reality, everything we possess belongs to God (Hinnukh).

-And you shall tell your son on that day (Ex. 13:8).

The story of the Exodus should be related to one's child. Rabbinic opinion: Knowledge of God's deliverance in the past, builds confidence when facing future perils (Recanati). Indeed, parents are directed to teach the Torah diligently to their children (Deut. 6:7, 8, 9).

-[Redemption of first-born asses with a lamb] (Ex. 13:13).

The first-born ass is to be killed in a cruel manner (breaking its neck with a hatchet) if a lamb is not offered in its place. Rabbinic opinion: Rather than go through with a brutal act that would kill an "unclean" animal, people are to prefer the lesser task of offering a lamb that would, at least, produce food to eat. Thus, the suffering is not needless but results in some benefit for humanity (Maimonides, Abrabanel).

-Remember the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8, 23:12; Deut. 5:12).

One is called to imitate God, who worked for six days and rested on the seventh. Rabbinic opinion: By remembering the Sabbath we start a chain reaction: for remembering the Sabbath leads to the recognition of the sovereignty of God, which in turn makes us realize we are of no significance on earth unless we acknowledge the sovereignty of God and submit to His will all the days of our lives (Recanati).

-Honor your father and mother (Ex. 20:12; Lev. 19:30).

These commandments entail 'honoring' (which means to obey and materially provide for parents) and 'fearing' (i.e., standing in awe of parents). The only exception to the requirement for obedience is when a parent directs a child to disobey a precept of the Torah; in such cases the child is obliged to disobey. Rabbinic opinion: We are to honor our parents because they created and cared for us. In honoring them we see even more clearly the debt we owe God (Hinnukh).

-[*Capital Punishment directed*] (Ex. 20:14; 21:12, 20; 21:15, 17; 22:23-24; Lev. 20:9)
Capital punishment was directed for over thirty specific offenses. There were four types of capital punishment—by strangulation, sword, fire, and stoning. The exegetes are silent on the reasoning behind the four methods of execution. Under Jewish law, capital punishment was imposed only when the Temple was still in existence, when offerings were still made on the altar, and when the Sanhedrin still presided.

-[*Compensation directed for damage inflicted upon people, animals, and to property*] (Ex. 21:18, 28, 29, 33; 22:4, 5, 15).
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-[*Laws regulating loans, hiring, and safekeeping property*] (Ex. 22:6, 8, 9, 13).

-*You shall surely release it with him* (Ex. 23:5). *You shall not see your brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way and withdraw yourself from them. You shall surely help him to lift them up again* (Deut. 22:4).

Rabbinic opinion: The purpose of these laws is to instill within us a spirit of compassion and mercy to the extent that we will be gravely concerned and rush to the assistance of our fellow man [and woman] . . . this [commandment] includes helping people who are in financial as well as physical difficulties (Hinnukh).

-[*Leaving the fields fallow in the Sabbatical (i.e., seventh) year*] (Ex. 23:11; Lev. 25:2, 4, 50).

Land is to be left uncultivated every seventh year. The farmer is thus able to emulate God in the cycle of creation and rest. Fruits or vegetations growing by themselves during the Sabbatical year are to be left to the public—humans and beasts alike.

-*You shall bring the choicest first fruits of your land into the House of the Lord, your God* (Ex. 23:19).

Farmers were to bring an amount equal to 1/60 of the first fruits to the Temple. This declaration of thanksgiving was meant to be an expression of gratitude for God's faithfulness, and for the bounty of the land.

-*Then you shall make a Sanctuary for Me* (Ex. 25:8).

In the wilderness, the Israelites constructed a mobile sanctuary that could be set up and dismantled as they traveled. Upon arrival in the Promised Land, they built the Tabernacle in Gilgal which was in existence for fourteen years. The next Sanctuary, at Shiloh, was a permanent structure that lasted 369 years. From Shiloh, the Ark was moved to Nob and Gibeon. This was a temporary arrangement that lasted 57 years, after which the Israelites built a permanent Temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. Rabbinic opinion: The Sanctuary was not intended as a dwelling place for God but as a setting where [humankind] might receive the spiritual inspiration conducive to the proper worship of God (Hinnukh).

Extreme reverence for the sanctuary was commanded (Lev. 19:30). Temple guards were to be posted (Num. 18:4, 5).

-[Temple Protocols]

Twelve loaves of shewbread, corresponding to the Twelve Tribes, shall always be on the Table (Ex. 25:30). The Lamps shall constantly be tended--symbolizing the radiance that enters the life of one committed to God (Ex. 27:21). Priestly vestments shall be worn (rabbinic justifications range from utility to analogs with royalty) in accordance with specifications given (Ex. 28:2, 28, 32). Priests shall eat food offered in worship (Ex. 29:33). Incense shall be burned in the Temple (Ex. 30:7, 9). Priests shall wash hands and feet in rites of ritual purification (Ex. 30:19).

-[Requirement for all citizens to give half a shekel . . .] (Ex. 30:13).

Certain sacrifices were made at the Temple, not on behalf of individuals, but for the entire nation. National interests were the responsibility of every citizen and, therefore, everyone was required to contribute one half a shekel. Interestingly, no matter how rich one was, a half shekel contribution could not be exceeded. This way, in matters of sacred causes, no one could claim more credit than another (less financially fortunate) brother or sister (Bahya ben Asher).

-[Offerings at the Temple directed: burnt-offerings, sin-offerings, guilt-offerings, thanksgiving offerings, and peace-offerings] (Lev. 1:3; 6:6, 10, 14, 18, 23; 7:11; Num. 28:4, 9, 11, 25, 27, 36).

-[Alternative sin-offerings] (Lev. 2:1; 5:7).

Those without the fiscal means to buy a lamb for sacrifice, were given the option of substituting more economical alternatives. Transgressions atoned for in this manner were restricted to sins from which the transgressor received no personal gain. Ignorance of wrongdoing at the time of the sin provided no excuse—atonement was still required.

-And if the whole Congregation of Israel shall err (Lev. 4:13).

The Sanhedrin was a High Court composed of 71 of Israel's greatest scholars of the Law. It served as the definitive guide for the people of Israel in all matters of religious law and practice. When the Sanhedrin erred unintentionally, the entire group brought offerings. The person who had followed their direction was held to be guiltless. Rabbinic opinion: The Sanhedrin is subject to such a severe public censure because when a body of sages mislead the populace, even the sincere repentance of the members will not undo the damage by their mistaken decision (Keli Yakar). This parallels the requirement for common people to bring offerings even in the case of unintentional sins (Lev. 4:27).

-[Israelites are bound to give sound testimony] (Lev. 5:1; Deut. 13:15).

-[Priest required to vest when removing the ashes of sacrifices] (Lev. 6:3).

Rabbinic opinion: Even for the performance of this seemingly unimportant ritual, the Priest was required to wear special garments. This was intended to teach us that no duty

toward God or toward one's neighbor may ever be regarded as inconsequential (Bahya ben Asher).

-*[High priest required to make a daily offering]* (Lev. 6:13).

The High Priest was to make an additional daily offering at the Temple. Rabbinic opinion: The High Priest was to make such an offering because, before one can criticize others, he must be sure his own affairs are in order. The High Priest's daily offering was modest so the poor among the people would not be ashamed of their own modest offerings (Abrabanel).

-*[Permitted foods delineated]* (Lev. 11:2, 9, 22).

-*[Directions given with regard to bodily discharges]* (Lev. 12:2; 15:2, 14, 16, 19, 25, 29).

-*And when the days after her purification are fulfilled, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year as a burnt-offering* (Lev. 12:6).

When the proscribed time for ritual purification had elapsed, the new mother was to bring two offerings to the temple--a lamb as an offering of thanksgiving and a turtledove as a sin-offering. Contrary to the usual sequence, the new mother presented first the thanksgiving offering and then the sin-offering. Rabbinic opinion: According to Ibn Ezra, the sin offering was meant to atone for any vow she might have made to herself during labor not to allow her husband to come near her again. (His is not the majority opinion).

-*[Affirmative commands concerning the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of lepers]* (Lev. 13:2, 33, 45, 47; 14:2, 9, 10, 34; 19:16; Deut. 24:8).

-*[Temple rituals directed for the Day of Atonement]* (Lev. 16:3).

The High Priest made three sets of confessions: For himself, for his household, and for the entire people of Israel. A sin-offering was made for the Priest's personal petitions and then a "scapegoat was sent out into the wilderness" as atonement for all the people. Rabbinic opinion: The use of identical goats was to remind Jews of Jacob and Esau, who were identical twins. The goat that was dedicated to God was meant to recall Jacob who lived a life of godliness. The other goat, which was sent out into the wilderness, represented Esau, who lived away from his people. The casting of lots to decide which of the two goats was to be offered up to God and which was allowed to go off into the desert was to remind Jews of their opportunity to make a choice between the two opposing ways represented by the two animals.

-*[The duty of respect for animal life]* (Lev. 17:13).

Animals may be killed as religious sacrifices or for food, but respect must be paid to the animal as a creature of God. Blood was understood to represent the very life of any creature, so respect was to be shown by draining and then burying the blood of the animal.

-You shall rebuke your neighbor (Lev. 19:17).

No person lives alone on an island. According to Judaism, every Jew is responsible for the welfare of all fellow Jews. Concern should include an interest in the moral and spiritual life of neighbors. The person witnessing wrong doing is to remonstrate until the wrongdoing ceases or until it becomes clear that such efforts are merely creating resentment. It is a sin to shame a sinner in public without first having addressed the issue in private. Rabbinic opinion: By rebuking him in a friendly manner when he has done wrong, we are giving our neighbor a chance to explain his conduct and, if innocent, to show no wrong has been done (Hizekuni, Ibn Ezra).

-You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:18).

Jewish sages are in complete agreement that this biblical commandment is the basic pillar upon which the entire Torah is built. Historically, observance of this law has included good deeds such as visiting the sick, arranging for the burial of the dead, comforting the bereaved, providing dowries for brides, and protecting the possessions of others as if they were our own.

-[Respect for elders directed] (Lev. 19:32).

-[Direction given sanctify Priests] (Lev. 21:8).

A priest is to be elevated to a higher status than that of a Jewish layperson because he is a duly appointed representative of God and God's liaison officer with the people. Priests are directed to bless the people (Num. 6:23).

-[Sacrificial animals must be at least eight days old] (Lev. 22:27).

Sacrifices offered to God must be complete. A wide array of rabbinic opinions are given to support this position, e.g., An animal that is newly-born is not certain to survive because it requires mothering. After eight days it has achieved independent existence (Abrabanel).

-[Religious holidays set and observance directed] (Ex. 12:2; Lev. 23:15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 27, 35, 36, 40, 42; Num. 9:10; 10:10; 28:26; 29:1; Deut. 16:14, 16; 31:12).

-[The Jubilee Year established] (Lev. 25:8, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 29).

The function of the Jubilee was to redistribute the land to its original owners. This observation, held every fifty years, was to be a time when land reverted back to original owners, all debts were written off, and indentured servants were released. Supposedly, business transactions were formulated in light of time remaining before the next Jubilee. Most historians believe the Jubilee never actually took place and served instead as an eschatological vision for the people. Also implicit was the understanding that we best pay homage to God through compassion to our neighbors.

-The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord (Lev. 27:32).

Tithing established. Deuteronomy 14:22 directs that tithes must be brought to Jerusalem. Rabbinic opinion: There is a marked difference between gratitude at home and a public display of gratitude for all God's gifts (Chill).

-Then they shall confess their sin which they have committed (Num. 5:7).

Rabbinic opinion: Through confession, a person recognizes and pinpoints his transgression and resolves to avoid repeating the mistake. He is then assured forgiveness and salvation. Without this opportunity to confess, there would be less hope for atonement. A man might feel that he might as well abandon himself to sinning for the rest of his life. Hence the commandment to confess is really a gift from God and was given for man's benefit (Maimonides).

-[The ritual of the red heifer and purification of the unclean directed] (Num. 19:2, 19).

The burning of a red heifer and use of the ashes with water in a rite of purification for those contaminated by contact with the dead is an ancient ritual of unclear origin.

-[Laws of inheritance decreed] (Num. 27:8).

-Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One (Deut. 6:4). *And you shall love your God, with all your heart* (Deut. 6:5). *You shall fear the Lord, your God and serve Him. To Him shall you cleave* (Deut. 10:20).

This belief in the oneness of God is the absolute bedrock of the 613 religious commandments of Judaism.

-And you shall eat and be satisfied and bless the Lord your God (Deut. 8:10).

Grace is to be said after meals. Various rabbis interpreted this to mean after the first bite, grace is to be offered.

-Love you, therefore, the stranger (Deut. 10:19).

This commandment aims to ensure proselytes are warmly received. Rabbinic opinion: Anyone who leaves his people, family, and friends in order to enter the Jewish faith deserves our wholehearted love and esteem (Hinnukh).

-You shall completely destroy all places wherein the nations whom you are to dispossess served their gods (Deut. 12:2; 13:17-18).

The Torah directed Jews to destroy every vestige of idol worship in the Israel. Rabbinic opinion: The precept of destroying idols is valid everywhere. The only difference between the Land of Israel and elsewhere is that in the former place one is commanded to ferret out traces of idol worship and destroy them, while elsewhere the obligation to demolish idols applies only when one confronts them (Chill).

-Then shall you slaughter of your herd and of your flock (Deut. 12:21).

The rules of Kosher slaughtering are not found in the Torah. Jewish tradition holds that the correct method of slaughtering was handed down by God to Moses, who transmitted it orally to the people.

-Every creditor shall remit that which he has lent unto his neighbor. He shall not extract payment of his neighbor . . . (Deut. 15:2).

The move to a monetized economy created gross disparities between creditors and poor peasant farmers. Deuteronomy restructured the traditional agrarian practice of letting the land rest every seventh year, into a solution for righting Israel's social inequalities. The "law of release" forgave debts every seven years. This utopian ideal did more to form Jewish concepts of charity than it did to impact the economy.

-Over from your brethren shall you set him over you (Deut 17:15).

Israel receives direction to appoint a king. Upon arriving in the Promised Land, the Israelites received three instructions: choose a king, destroy the Amalekites, and build a Temple.

-Unto him shall you hearken (Deut. 18:15).

Listen to the prophet. The prophetic office became extremely important following the move from government by religious Judges to that of a traditional monarchy.

-[The Priest shall speak to the army before combat, speak to them of religious confidence, and provide guidance on soldiers to be exempted from wartime service] (Deut. 20: 2, 3ff; 24:5).

-You shall offer peace (Deut. 20:10).

Jews are instructed to issue a call for peace prior to armed conflict. There is near unanimous agreement that this applies before all optional wars. Rabbis differ, however, on whether this commandment pertains in defensive wars against unprovoked aggressors.

-You shall restore them to you brother (Deut. 22:1). Lost possessions are to be returned to their rightful owners. People of faith have a positive duty to their neighbors.

-You shall make a parapet for your roof. . . that you bring not blood upon your house (Deut. 22:8). This command directs, essentially, that homeowners install fixtures to keep people from falling off the roofs of their houses. When one builds, one is also obligated to take reasonable measures to ensure others are not harmed.

-[Sanitary conditions in camps directed] (Deut. 23:13, 14).

-What your lips have uttered, that must you keep (Deut. 23:24).

Persons must be faithful to their solemn vows. The Torah allowed procedures for vows to be annulled in light of new circumstances. Breaking a vow without first receiving formal release, however, was subject to a penalty of lashes.

-You shall give him his hire on the same day (Deut. 24:15).

Payment for an honest day's work must be made as soon as possible. Rabbinic opinion: Most people working as day laborers are in dire financial straits. An employer who hires

such an individual must keep in mind that by withholding the worker's wages, he, the employer, may actually cause him to starve (Nahmanides).

-And walk in His ways (Deut. 28:9).

Imitatio Dei.

-Now therefore, write you this song for me (Deut. 31:19).

This is the last law of the Torah. Specifically it is the duty of every Jew to write, or have written for him/herself, a scroll of the law (a.k.a., *Sefer Torah*). This is to enable the Jewish person to become personally involved with the law. The *Sefer Torah* is the holiest object in Jewish ritual. One must never be sold except to raise money to get married, or as a ransom for captives. Rabbinic opinion: When a Jew is bitterly complaining about his[or her] ill fortune and vexing problems, there should be a Torah available immediately for guidance. In the Torah, [he/she] will find solutions to [all] problems (Ibn Ezra).

CAMP DAVID

4-28-98

March 18, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

Based on our conversation last Sunday after Chapel, I have done a little research and pulled together an overview of affirmative duties in the Old Testament. I'm always delighted when people want to dig deeper following one of my sermons. Thank you for asking!

If you desire additional extrapolation on any of the cited texts -- and some of them can be quite cryptic -- I would be glad to provide additional information on context and content.

Have a great trip to Africa. At Camp David, we always keep the light on for you and the First Lady. Please give my regards to Mrs. Clinton.

Your Chaplain,

Brad

4.28.98

Marsha -

I don't think I
know this lady. Can
you handle? B

4.28.98

Carol.

I was going to
send this to
Marsha Scott?

B

PATRICIA A. SONATY

April 24, 1998

William J. Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the kind thank you note for Buddy's Christmas leash.

By the way, how is your golf game? Might we play a round to talk about the following?
Although, I know schedules will not permit. I shoot 90-115, depending on the course.

I moved here from Chicago. I would like to make Washington, D.C. my home Will you help me find a position? I know you have hundreds of supporters looking to become part of your Administration and not enough jobs to go around.

I love working with people. My background is in national fundraising, marketing, public affairs, board development and recruitment, organizational development, lobbying, and special events for the last fifteen years. All these skills are transferable to politics and the corporate sector markets. I am currently on the Washington Symphony Orchestra, Russian Embassy Cultural Centre, and National Sports Center for the Disabled's Board of Directors I work with numerous embassies, Capitol Hill, Corporate America, and the affluent across the country.

Might there be a position in any of the following areas in your Administration?

The White House	Trade Missions/Department of Commerce
The State Department	The Gore Campaign
Department of Defense	Positions on Capitol Hill

On another note after reading the Washington Post daily, I sit on the National Sports Center for the Disabled's Board Task Force with Dean Singleton. He owns the Denver Post and 140 other papers. He said the Rohmer affair is over in Denver as far as Denver folks are concerned. Not an issue any longer...More important issues at hand there. Also, I applaud the National Organization for Women, current NOW President, Pat Ireland, and Betty Friedan for their outright opposition to backing the Jones appeal and what they called "the highly charged, political" lawsuit..... harassment flap. Enough, end of case. Let's get on with the more important national and world issues at hand. I certainly am one that supports that.

PATRICIA A. SONATY

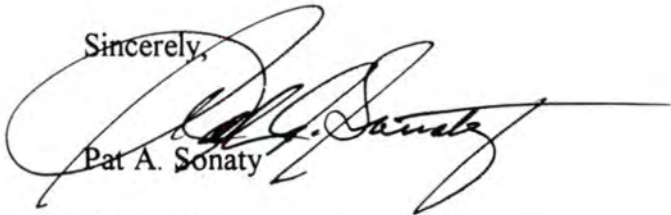
Also, I enjoyed following your African and Chile trips. We are working with the South African, Singapore, and Brazilian Embassies currently. The international scene is fascinating to me. It is quite an experience to share in the culture of each of these and so many other countries.

I have enclosed my vitae. I must find consulting work or a position within the next 3-4 weeks. Will you help me? Please, Mr. President.

Thank you for your time. My best to you and to Buddy.

With this, I remain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pat A. Sonaty', written over a horizontal line.

Enclosure

P.S. I can be reached at 202.857.0970 at the Washington Symphony Orchestra during the day and 202.737.4849 as an alternate number.

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OBJECTIVE: **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, AND MARKETING.** A challenging position utilizing supervisory skills, communicative abilities and comprehensive organizational management experience. Expertise in the direction of corporate and NFP resource development, marketing, and board development and recruitment efforts to advance the growth and stability, both fiscally and administratively, of any business or organization.

SUMMARY Twenty years of consulting, healthcare and not-for-profit leadership experience supporting the growth, development and on-going success of the below listed institutions.

CORPORATE & ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT. Managed ancillary departments, and capital and daily expenditures. Solicited bids, evaluated proposals and awarded contracts. Supervised accounts payable, receivables, ledger, payroll, and many successful joint ventures. Developed focus for programs and projects.

CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY, NFP FUNDRAISING, MARKETING, AND PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. Skilled in information dissemination and image enhancement. Managed relations with media, elected/appointed officials, government, & social service agencies. Developed and managed the marketing strategies and special events locally and nationally. Organized programs to generate and/or give board, individual, foundation and corporate gifts. Lobbyist for businesses and organizations with local, state and federal government.

TRAINING & PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT: Directed supervision and training for up to 35 employees, 2000 plus volunteers, and numerous contractual employees. Scheduled employees within payroll budget and managed employee relations. Demonstrated successful experience in motivating and involving top level people.

BOARD RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: Identified and supported the recruitment, orientation and participation of prospects for boards. Successful direct consultation with top level management and executives on board committee structure, fund development, and program and organizational needs.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM: Knowledgeable of and managed the selection, installation, and implementation of automated systems. Worked with consultants, programmers and managed in-house training.

CONSULTING WORK:

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, Washington, DC/Chicago, **1995-Present.** Organizational Development, International Resource Development, Government Affairs, and Board Recruitment and Development.

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED, Denver, **1996-Present.** National Board Development and Recruitment, National Resource Development and Marketing Plan.

ADLER SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, Chicago, **1996.** Fundraising, Marketing, Special Events, and Board Development.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS ORDER OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, Chicago, **1995-1996.** Fundraising, Board Development, and Marketing.

CAREER SUMMARY:

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. ATLANTA. \$18,000,000. Budget.
The premier national youth development organization in the country serving over 1800 Clubs/2,400,000 members.

National Director, Resource Development/Midwest Based. 01/93-10/96

Reported to the Sr. V. P. and Chairman of the Board of Governors & Trustees.

Accomplishments and Responsibilities:

Primary responsibility for planning and implementing resource development, marketing and public relations initiatives supporting Boys & Girls Clubs programs and services nationally. Developed and managed the annual regional/national resource development campaign and board activities (\$11,000,000) inclusive of board, corporate, & foundation campaigns; the National Associates Program; Major Gift Program; National Special Events, Planned Giving Program; Endowment; Capital Campaign; and board development and recruitment.. Provided consultation on resource development, capital campaigns, board development, volunteer programs, government affairs, and special events for Clubs nationally that served more than 2,400,000 disadvantaged youth 6-18 y/o. Worked with top executives on government affairs. Lobbyist with local, state and federal government.

TRADEWINDS REHABILITATION CTRS.,INC./EASTER SEALS, NORTHWEST, IN. \$8,000,000 Budget.
Lead regional rehabilitation center serving more than 5000 handicap newborns to senior citizens annually.

Director, Marketing, Resource Development & Public Affairs. 12/90 -12/92.

Reported to the Executive Director and Board of Directors.

Accomplishments and Responsibilities:

Developed and managed marketing strategies and corporate publications to promote positive public image. Identified target markets. Supervised advertising and press relations with media to reach target markets. Skilled in information dissemination and image enhancement. Managed volunteer support in excess of 2000/year. Developed and implemented effective resource development strategies to include expanded membership campaign; board, employee, corporate and foundation annual giving programs; special events; and grant writing. Developed and managed the speaker's bureau. Prepared and managed the annual budget. Provided consultation and assistance in board development and recruitment activities, inclusive of committee structuring and management.. Lobbyist for the organization with local, state and federal government.

TRI CITY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CTRS., INC., NORTHWEST, IN., \$6,800,000. BUDGET.
Comprehensive psychiatric healthcare --7 hospitals and 10 out patient mental health facilities.

Vice President Marketing & Resource Development, 08/88-12/90

Reported to the President.

Accomplishments and Responsibilities:

Planned and implemented all resource development activities related to corporate, foundation, board and individual major gift solicitation; grant writing; and board development and recruitment. Planned and managed special events. Administered the social business calendar and the speaker's bureau. Developed and managed marketing strategies.

Business Manager/Program Supervisor Administrative Services, 12/81-07/88

Reported to the Chief Financial Officer of the corporation with responsibility for ten (10) centers.

Accomplishments and Responsibilities:

Managed 35 staff in purchasing, food service, housekeeping, transportation, building and grounds maintenance, and security. Managed capital expenditures up to \$2,000,000 annually. Supervised daily maintenance and managed construction and interior design projects. Maintained standards necessary for state and federal certification. Responsible for the negotiation and management of all-agency insurance. Prepared proposals and contracts. Participated in the purchasing, licensing and construction of multi-in patient and out patient facilities. Implemented computer system resulting in \$30,000.annual savings, and participated in hospital/mental health center Quality Assurance, Safety/Risk Management, Human Resource & Staff Development Committees.

ST. CATHERINE HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE CENTERS, NORTHWEST, IN., \$300,000,000. BUDGET.
Regional hospitals with specialized out-patient health care centers.

Executive Assistant, Psychiatric Services, 01/79-12/81

Reported to the Chief of Psychiatric Services.

Accomplishments and Responsibilities:

Managed relations between the hospital, community, medical staff, and other social service and governmental agencies. Managed two 25 bed In-Patient Psych. Svs. Units under the direction of the Chief of Psych. Svs.

EDUCATION: INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Major, Business Administration, 1978

AFFILIATIONS

**Board of Directors, Washington Symphony Orchestra
Washington, DC**

**Board of Governors, Russian Embassy Cultural Centre
Washington, DC**

**Board of Directors, National Sports Center for the Disabled
Denver, Colorado**

**Board of Directors, St Margaret Hospitals and
Medical Centers (4)**

**Member, Corcoran Gallery
Washington, DC**

**Member, National Press Club
Washington, DC**

**Member, Navy Memorial Foundation
Washington, DC**

**Member, National Society of Fundraising Executives
Chicago, Indianapolis, Washington, DC**

Hobbies:

Golf, Skiing, Traveling

Other Interests:

Politics, music, the arts, boating