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May 12, 1998

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC
20500
USA

Send to Scheduling?

Yes

No

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Millennium event for the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) to be in Antarctica. It will be both the largest event held by the organization as well as the largest visit ever to the Seventh Continent and I am writing to invite you and your family. It will be the best way in the world to celebrate this extraordinary moment bringing together world leaders, top entertainers and YPOers and their families from over 60 countries around the world.

We have assembled the largest fleet of ice capable ships in history to make the celebration possible. The ships offer very comfortable but not deluxe accommodation and private bathroom facilities would be provided. They are equipped with expedition landing craft and dedicated naturalists from around the world who would accompany us on visits to the wildlife and research stations of Antarctica.

For the Millennium Eve, we will be doing a party at Deception Island, off the Shetland Islands of Antarctica. This is a sunken volcano with a breach in the walls of its caldera which allows for us to sail our flotilla of icebreakers and ships into its magnificent lagoon. There we will start a celebration that will go on all day and night and feature the world's best talent in the fields of pop and classical music, poetry and ideas. Columbia Artists, which has been hired to do the event, expects that it will be broadcast around the world.

The event will highlight the non sovereign nature of Antarctica. The will sign a new Magna Carta which will speak of a new co-operation amongst nations of the world to both conserve our planet and build peace. It will also raise money from YPOers to clean up Antarctica and to ensure that it remains the world's most pristine place.

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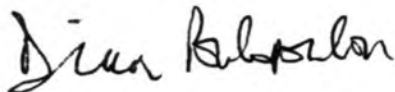
This event is a private party, it is sold out and we would not be doing any promotion of it outside YPO. We would not be inviting media to the event and aside from broadcasting the show, YPO confidentiality codes would apply throughout.

We would provide airfare and pay all the costs related to the shipboard accommodation and provide and pay for accommodation in South America prior to departure.

Dates to consider are December 28th, 1999 to January 8th, 2000, which would provide extra time for an extensive exploration, or December 28th, 1999 to January 3rd, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416)964-2569. It will be an outstanding celebration. I hope you can join us.

Best wishes,



per
Sam Blyth
Chair
YPO Millennium Celebration

5/16/98

Dear President Clinton,
I wrote you
once stating that
my son and I have
started a vegetable
business here in AR.
He attempted to

Copy to you for
your assistance.
I going to write
Mrs Clinton and
supply more details
I know you are
very busy

participate in the
Farm Youth Program
sponsored by the
USD. So far
his application has
met with only
the worst delaying
tactics I have ever
witnessed.

Please have someone
on your staff to
investigate this.
Thanking you in advance
I am Sincerely,
Joseph Taylor

My son is 18 years
old and completing
High School this year
I have assisted
him in drafting this
complaint against
FSA which I
am forwarding a

5-19-98

Send to Burckhardt?

Yes

No

May 15, 1998

Mr. Harry W. Pace
Agriculture Credit Manager
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY
1300 North Center Street
Post Office Box 318
Lonoke, AR 72086-1001

Re: YOUTH LOAN DENIAL,
LETTER DATED APRIL 7, 1998
LONOKE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Dear Mr. Pace:

Your letter dated April 7, 1998, withdrawing my application for Farm Service Agency's loan assistance "due to eligibility status". You determined that I lived in the corporate city limits of North Little Rock, Arkansas. On April 9, 1998, I faxed you my letter dated April 9, 1998, which was subsequently sent to you by certified mail, which you received on April 10, 1998, contesting and disputing that I lived in the corporate limits of North Little Rock, Arkansas. Your letter of April 9, 1998 did not give me appeal right notice nor did it state any time limit for my appeal.

I applied for this loan on March 13, 1998. Your decision to deny the loan because I did not live in a rural area did not come to some twenty-six(26) days later. As you know, in this type of farm operation as any farm operation, time is of the essence. No one called or asked me whether or not I lived in a rural area. No one from Farm Service Agency investigated to see whether or not I lived in a rural area. The delay has been a serious set back to my farming operation. My application was not given proper nor serious consideration, if it had, there would be no question about my residing in a rural area. I am mindful of the current suit that African American Farmers have against the United States Department of Agriculture, in that suit, one of the contention is that the USDA's agencies failed to give Black Farmers loans timely. Your actions. and or inaction reflects a continuation of that policy. On about May 11, 1998, after a letter from Mr. Bryant Stephens Of the Arkansas Land & Farm Development Corporation, you had me to come to your office to sign documents. After I signed the documents, you indicated that my loan was approved, but there was no money available. It has been over seventy(70) days, had my loan application received

proper handling by Farm Service Agency from its inception I would have had the funds in my possession. Your delays in not investigating and properly processing my application is tantamount to a denial of a loan for this year. I have had to borrow money at a higher interest rate in order to farm this crop year.

You made an on site inspection in March, but did not verify my living in a rural area and since made the on site inspection, your are aware that my farm operation is in a rural area and outside the city limits of North Little Rock and Jacksonville. Since I was in your office on May 4, 1998, I learned from your staff that there would be further delays in receiving the funds because Farm Service Agency has not received its money. It is my contention that although Farm Service Agency does not currently have funds, had my application been given proper handling and consideration when it was initially filed I would have been funded.

To emphasize further, a chronological outline of the events are warranted:

1. On March 13, 1998, my complete applicant was filed with Farm Service Agency;
2. An on Site inspection was conducted by Harry w. Pace;
3. On April 9, 1998, applicant received of denial dated April 7, 1998 based on the alleged fact that applicant did not live in a rural area;
4. Applicant filed a timely notice to Farm Service Agency on April 9, 1998, by faxing to Farm Service Agency that its denial was based on an error; *A Certified letter was also forwarded to FSA and signed for on 4/16/98*
5. On April 10, 1998, Farm Service Agency received applicant's faxed letter;
6. From April 10, 1998 to May 1, 1998, no effort was made by Farm Service Agency to properly investigate or reconsider applicant's application;
7. Applicant was contacted on or about May 2, 1998 and was requested to come to the Farm Service Agency's Office to sign some documents; This was accomplished on May 4, 1998;
8. The Farm Service Agency's Office was given a follow-up called on May 13, 1998. I was informed that there would be further delays, because Farm Service had not receive its money.

Again, the delays are tantamount to a denial of a loan for this

crop year. Planting season is about over. In short, my loan application has been improperly handled. I was not given notice of my right to appeal, nor given the proper office in which to file my appeal. My concern is that this entire scenario may be pretextual, so that this agency may discriminate against me because of my race and color (Black). I am requesting that immediate corrective action be taken, that is, that I be funded immediately, that I be given an immediate appeal and a hearing, and that a remedy be so constructed that the matters described above will not be perpetuated on any other citizen. By copies of this letter to the below named persons, each so named are requested to consider this letter an appeal and a complaint against the local Farm Service Agency of Lonoke, Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Taylor

ANTHONY L. TAYLOR
5501 Fairfax Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72117
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AT/fdt

ENCLOSURE: Application and Attachments

CC: Mr. Michael Dunaway
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The Honorable Hilary Clinton
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

YOUTH LOAN AGREEMENT

(Parent and/or Guardian & Advisor)

I hereby agree for Anthony Largent Taylor
(Name of Applicant)

to borrow \$ 2500 from the Farmers Home Administration to
finance the project developed by him and Bryant Stephens
(Name)

his Youth Leader, with the approval of the Farmers Home Administration
County Supervisor.

3-13-48
(DATE)

Joseph Taylor
(Parent or Guardian)

Dorothy Taylor
(Spouse)

I hereby recommend

Taylor's Produce
(Name of Project)

project for Anthony Taylor who is a member of
(Name of Applicant)

ALFDC
(Name of Organization)

I will help plan and supervise the Project.

3-13-48
(DATE)

Bryant Stephens
(Advisor)

Dir. U. F. F. S.
(Title)



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Farm
Service
Agency

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April 7, 1998

Mr. Anthony L. Taylor
5501 Fairfax
North Little Rock, AR 72117

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This office is withdrawing your application for Farm Service Agency's loan assistance due to eligibility status. Farm Service Agency instruction states that a youth loan applicant must reside in a rural area or a town with a population of 10,000 or less, therefore North Little Rock will not qualify. We appreciate your interest in our programs and if we can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to contact our office.

The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap, or age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract), because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program, or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The Federal agency that administers compliance with the law concerning this creditor is the Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, D. C. 20580.

Sincerely,

HARRY W. PACE
Agriculture Credit Manager

cc: Bryant Stephens



REV. W.C. TIMS
President

CALVIN R. KING
Executive Director

May 5, 1998

Mr. Harry Pace
P.O. Box 318
Lonoke, AR 72086

Dear Mr. Pace:

I have investigated Anthony Taylor's application and determined that the applicant does not live in the corporate city limits of North Little Rock, AR. As you know, many rural residents' address take on the name of the largest city that they are close by. Anthony lives on Fairfax Street, which is the boundary line between the Pulaski county and the city of North Little Rock. All residents living on the south side of Fairfax are in the city limits of North Little Rock, and residents living on the north side, where applicant Anthony Taylor lives, are in the county. The following municipal services are not available to residents living on the north side of Fairfax: fire protection, waste disposal service, and city police service.

Also, I am very much impressed with this applicant's track record in the 4-H Club, which was at least 3 years. Furthermore, I was impressed with the personal sacrifices of the applicant and his father to be successful farmers. I believe these applicants are going to be a success for not only themselves, but for your agency, our organization, and other youth who may want to get involved.

In lieu of the above facts, it is my recommendation that Anthony Taylor's youth loan application be reconsidered and approved.

Sincerely

Bryant Stephens
Integrated Food & Farming Systems

cc: Anthony Taylor
Ross V. King

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 5/19

To: Melanie Verveer

From: The Staff Secretary

FYI - I'll be sending this
to PORS tomorrow. Have
I reflected your view
correctly?

Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP CAPLAN *Phil*

SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom for President Ford

The Ford Library, through Skip Rutherford, has asked that you award the Medal of Freedom to President Ford. Since the Medal was created by President Kennedy, three Presidents have received it: Kennedy (posthumously by President Johnson); Johnson (posthumously by President Carter); and President Reagan (by President Bush in January 1993). Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush have not received it. The only First Ladies who have received it are Betty Ford (by Bush) and Lady Bird Johnson (by Ford).

President Ford. The Gerald Ford Foundation has its annual meeting in D.C. on June 1 where it will celebrate President Ford's 85th birthday. President Ford also marks several other milestones in 1998: the 50th anniversary of his election to the House; the 25th anniversary of his appointment as VP; Mrs. Ford turns 80 and it also the Fords' 50th Wedding Anniversary. Through Skip, the Ford Library has asked that you present the Medal to President Ford in conjunction with the Foundation's celebration. Skip has been pushing hard on this. It's my understanding the Ford staff have been very helpful to Skip in library planning. And because Mrs. Ford has received the Medal and not her husband, the Ford staff is particularly interested in trying to get this done. You should also know that Congress is likely to pass a bill sometime this year authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for Ford.

The difficulty here is that if you award a Medal of Freedom to President Ford, it may create an awkward situation for you with President Carter; he will be the only Democratic President without the Medal since it was created.

I've run this by several senior staff. *Rahm, Podesta, Craig* and *Melanne* emphasize that if you do so for Ford, you'll likely have to do the same for Carter at some point. *Doug* doesn't think you should make this award to Ford given some of his past comments, especially at the 1996 GOP Convention in San Diego (remarks attached).

I think there are several options: **Option 1:** award medal to Ford on June 1 here at WH in small ceremony; **Option 2:** award medal to Ford at some other appropriate time individually; **Option 3:** award medal to Ford along with other 1998 "class" sometime in the fall; **Option 4:** do not award medal.

☐ Option 1 ☐ Option 2 ☐ Option 3 ☐ Option 4 ☐ Discuss

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JIMMY CARTER

5/14/98

To President Bill Clinton

Last September, after considerable discussion with the Dalai Lama, I sent the enclosed letters to Chairman Jiang Zemin. Since they indicate quite clearly & succinctly the Tibetan position and our previous involvement, His Holiness & I thought they might be helpful during your visit to China.

Best wishes, Jimmy

5-14-98

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Send to NSC
for reply

Yes ☒
No ☐

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JIMMY CARTER

September 24, 1997

To Chairman Jiang Zemin

First of all, let me extend my congratulations to you on your overwhelming confirmation by the Communist Party Congress as leader of your great nation.

Also, I would like to thank you again for the hospitality extended to my party and me during our recent visit to China. I have shared my favorable observations with President Bill Clinton and other American leaders, and have also expressed these views in the editorial pages of the New York TIMES and other periodicals. My hope is that this will be a small contribution to the success of your October visit to the United States.

Recalling the arrangements I had helped make between Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping and him for direct talks in 1989, the Dalai Lama has contacted me since I returned from China. Based on my recent discussions with you and others, I assured him that the expressed policy of Chinese leaders is the same now as it was in 1989.

The Dalai Lama has given me a clear but generalized summary of his ideas, which seem reasonable and constructive. I find general agreement between the Dalai Lama and the Chinese government on two basic issues: a) unity and harmony within the nation of China, and b) the preservation of the language, religion, and culture of Tibetans. In addition, the Dalai Lama has offered to have a special representative meet with me to provide me with a more clear and definitive understanding of the Tibetan points of view.

My suggestion is that you approve the same procedure of designating some knowledgeable person to meet with me. Let me make clear that my role would not be as a mediator, but just as one who would explore in a confidential manner, perhaps only through unofficial channels, the Dalai Lama's positions and those of the Chinese government on significant issues. This would not be an official exchange, and would be done in a confidential manner. If it then seems that both sides are sincere in wishing to resolve differences, if there are adequate grounds for potential success, and if both sides agree on an agenda, time, and place, then direct talks could be arranged as acceptable to both sides.

I have some general comments:

I am aware of the mistrust and misunderstanding between the two sides, and at this time direct talks would be unlikely to reach their full potential. But I am convinced that the differences are not as great as each side thinks and that mutually beneficial solutions can be found through direct discussions if they are well prepared.

There are some tangible advantages both to the Tibetans and to the government of China in letting the world know of the willingness of both sides to resolve this highly publicized dispute in a sincere, constructive, and mutually respectful manner.

As I tried to emphasize in my private discussion with you, one of the most serious causes of criticism of China in America and in Europe is the unresolved Tibet issue, the level of which will likely increase as the time for your visit approaches. If productive talks can be held, the persistent effort of some Tibetans and their global supporters to brand China as a violator of basic human rights would definitely diminish. There would be little likelihood of the annual confrontation in Geneva, which is of great concern to human rights advocates and to friends of China.

The Dalai Lama has stressed to me that he does not seek Tibetan independence, but only a degree of self-rule that would be defined through discussions between the two sides. He also makes it plain that his desire is to relinquish all political status for himself.

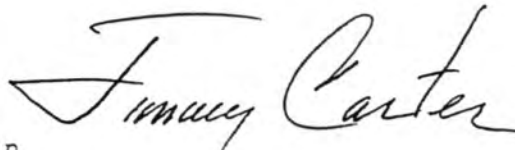
As was made clear in 1989, the venue for discussions between representatives of you and the Dalai Lama is not important. At that time, my role was not a public one. Deng Xiaoping gave me four places to offer to the Tibetans: the United Nations site in New York; the Chinese embassy in either New Delhi or Washington; or in Geneva. Both sides agreed on Geneva.

Following recent discussions, the Dalai Lama has sent me the attached letter, authorizing me to share it with you. He has also indicated that he is prepared to undertake reciprocal measures to help improve the atmosphere. It would be helpful, as I have suggested above, if you would permit your ambassador to the United States or some other person to discuss these matters with me, prior to my making a response to the Dalai Lama. Other than during this exploratory phase, my role is not important except as might be requested by both you and the Tibetans.

As is the custom of The Carter Center before becoming involved in a sensitive matter, I have taken the liberty of informing President Clinton of the Dalai Lama's request that I forward his communication to you. If you have no objection, my preference would be to let the White House be informed about your response.

You have our best wishes as you prepare to visit our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

His Excellency Jiang Zemin
President of the People's
Republic of China
Beijing



THE DALAI LAMA

September 18, 1997

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you for your continued interest in, and support for the Tibetan people. Lodi Gyari has briefed me regarding your discussions with him about your recent trip to China and your conversations with Chinese leaders Jiang Zemin, Li Peng, Qiao Shi and others.

I note that the Chinese leadership still continues to assert that I seek some form of independence for Tibet. That is definitely not the case. My position is straightforward, Mr. President. I am not asking for independence and have not since 1979, when Mr. Deng Xiaoping explicitly conveyed to me the Chinese government's willingness to discuss all issues except independence. Since that time I have adhered to that point of view.

As I have tried to convey in many ways, my hope for the Tibetan people is that they be able to enjoy the opportunity to preserve their civilization and the unique Tibetan culture, religion, language and way of life that are part of it. In exercise of genuine autonomy, which is granted to them in the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, the Tibetan people should also enjoy full opportunities to participate in their own governance. And, in order to promote stability and prosperity, they need to participate fully in their own health, education and economic development.

Relationships reach their full potential only when they are mutually beneficial and are forged through friendship and respect. Clearly, by cooperating we can improve greatly the lives of the Tibetan people and bring stability and unity to China. Tibet is large in area and economically underdeveloped, and I know that other nationalities have skills and resources to offer the Tibetans. At the same time, the Tibetans have something to offer others in China.

I thus wish to reiterate to you my strong desire that the talks which started in the early 1980s and continued until 1984 be resumed, as you and Mr. Deng Xiaoping had already arranged for in 1989.

I want to reassure you that I continue to be flexible regarding the specifics of where and when negotiations should take place. What is

important is that there be the necessary political will and sincerity on both sides and that whatever understanding is reached be applicable to all of the Tibetan people who live in the Tibet Autonomous Region, and the Tibetan autonomous prefectures and counties.

My understanding is that your immediate role will be as one who will help clarify the issues, seek common definition of terms, and explore the possibility of direct talks between my representatives and those of the Chinese leadership. To facilitate this process, Lodi Gyari, my special envoy, will always be available to you and the Carter Center. He is already putting together a small team to work with him on this endeavor. Furthermore, as you are putting such effort into this, if there is constructive progress I am prepared to meet with you personally, at our mutual convenience, to discuss these issues.

I am grateful to you for your desire to participate in this process and ask you to intensify your efforts to help bring about an understanding between the Chinese leadership and the Tibetan people.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jimmy Carter", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

President Jimmy Carter
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Atlanta, GA 30307
U. S. A.