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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: June 11, 1998

NOTE FOR: The Honorable Donna E. Shalala

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

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The President asked that you review this personally.

Thank you.

Staff Secretary
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1998

John C. Bowen, M.D.
Chairman
Ochsner Clinic
Department of Surgery
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed regulation covering organ allocation that the Department of Health and Human Services recently issued. I am well aware of the importance of this matter and am grateful to have your experienced views. As you know, HHS is now in the process of receiving comments on the proposed changes, and I have asked the Department to review your letter and carefully consider your (and all other) comments.

We all share a commitment to developing the best policy to care for Americans who undergo organ transplants. They deserve to benefit from the experience of other patients, families, and their advocates, as well as from the wisdom of experienced providers and ethicists.

Thank you again for your constructive comments.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

I read your letter
very carefully -
Thank

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April 20, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

As the Chief of Surgery at the Ochsner Medical Institutions, I have worked over twelve years with hundreds of people to develop a regional center for liver transplantation in the Gulf South. Our program, begun in 1985, represents the tireless efforts of surgeons, physicians, nurses, administrators, clinical coordinators, patients, patients' families, philanthropists, and other supportive citizens. Literally millions of dollars have been invested in the future of the program which is designed solely to benefit the people we serve, patients with end-stage liver disease, most of whom live in the Gulf South, and for whom their only hope of survival is a liver transplant.

This program, with all the time, effort and money it represents, is now threatened with extinction by the proposed changes in organ allocation promulgated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. I can't help but believe that if you knew the facts, as I do, that you would lend your support to the continued development of our program and those like ours, and prevent the proposed changes in organ allocation.

Mr. President, it is simply a reality of today that all patients in our country with a life-threatening illness as common as liver failure cannot be treated with compassion and precision in only a half dozen medical centers. The regulations about to be promulgated by the Secretary will, in effect, change the present system of organ allocation (UNOS) in such a way that most of the smaller regional centers will have to

close and our patients will be forced to travel to a distant transplant center to be placed on a waiting list. There are several major fallacies and deficiencies in this plan:

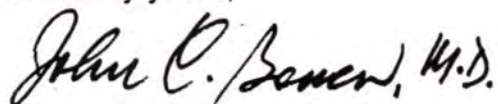
1. Organs become available throughout the country and must be transported to the transplant center. This process requires time (the shorter the better) and trained transplant personnel to evaluate and harvest the organs. As organ donor criteria are extended to take advantage of as many organs as possible, it is imperative that the available organ be inspected and harvested by a surgeon who is readily available, properly trained and experienced, and involved with the success of the transplant. This cannot be done efficiently over large distances. Under the reallocation plan promoted by Mrs. Shalala, regional centers will no longer be able to retain transplant specialists because of declining organ availability. Critical technical skills and special training will be lost for both transplanting and harvesting of organs at the regional level creating a disconnection between available organs and waiting recipients.
2. Organ donations are dependent on the communities we serve. The families who make these decisions are influenced by the belief that a neighbor may benefit from the donation. Removing the potential for an organ to be used near home will negatively impact organ donations and greatly depersonalize the decision. The result will be fewer available organs.
3. Regional centers will lose their ability, under the Secretary's proposal, to provide a seamless array of services for all patients. The decision to refer for liver transplantation will be much more difficult and complex for doctors, patients, and insurers, leading to a delay in referrals and higher cost of care for sicker patients. This will force a return to an outdated pattern of practice that will set back medical progress.
4. The issue raised by the larger centers regarding their patients' waiting period for livers is a bogus one. The fact is that several of the most vocal centers are seeing their transplant volumes decline as more regional centers gradually increase their volumes. The elitist attitude promoted by these centers is not supported by the facts, and is self-serving. They have trained hundreds of transplant professionals who are now spread across the nation in regional centers to perform these services with the same efficiency and outcomes. Market forces and regional needs have led to decentralization of transplant services, and, in my opinion, this trend should continue. It is important to remember that to move an organ across country is more expensive, time consuming, and there is no net gain in lives saved. If there is any effect, it will be to reduce lives saved by producing poorer outcomes. Therefore, the solution for long waits in a few transplant centers is to allow natural forces to more evenly distribute waiting patients among regional centers producing a closer proximity of donor organ to recipient.

5. Having to move potential recipients from regional centers to a few national centers will cause a redistribution of organs benefiting the more affluent and well-educated, and disenfranchising low income and poorer educated people. Why? It takes considerable resources and support to relocate in another city and state, await transplantation for weeks or months, and then return home for on-going treatment. Anyone who has had to travel and remain away from home while sick can understand the difficulty. Furthermore, a person with liver failure requires the support of family and friends that may not be available, and even if available would cause unnecessary hardship on the patient's family. After regional centers have lost their transplant capability and expertise as a result of this new policy, patients with major complications will need to be transported back to the distant center at more expense, with further disruption of family, and with possible compromise of livelihood. The more likely scenario is that patients will have to be treated locally and necessary specialized care will not be readily available, thereby endangering the transplant and marginalizing its benefit.

In summary, Mr. President, the solution to the organ allocation debate is to continue to permit distribution of organs first to patients in the same region. This results in better overall utilization of available organs and more personalized and humane care for our patients. The transplantation process is not just a single event. The evaluation for transplant, the wait for a donor organ, and on-going post-operative care, including management of organ rejection and immunosuppression, is critical to long-term success. These functions, as well as the procedure itself, can best be carried out on a regional basis in relatively close proximity to the population served. To me this approach makes good, common sense that is borne out in practice.

Therefore, I implore you to instruct Secretary Shalala to reopen the debate on the subject of organ allocation in liver transplant. A fresh look, with consideration for the concerns I have enumerated, is needed before irreversible damage is done to many fine transplant programs. To transfer the responsibility for determining organ allocation policy from the private sector (UNOS) to HHS will politicize the organ allocation process that should remain consensus-based among healthcare professionals. I stand ready to assist you in any way possible to clarify these issues and to bring balance to the debate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bowen, M.D." in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

John C. Bowen, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Surgery

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6/11/95

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U.S. Official Edward Preston Dies at 79; Served at White House, OMB and IRS

Edward F. Preston, 79, a former executive of the Office of Management and Budget who helped design and develop the federal government's Senior Executive Service, died of heart disease June 8 at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Mr. Preston had also been assistant commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and in that capacity developed and administered the economic stabilization program in which wages, rents, salaries and certain prices were frozen in 1971. He received an IRS Commissioner's Award for this work.

He retired from federal service in 1985 after three years in the office of cabinet affairs at the White House, where he created the White House program for orienting new presidential appointees.

A resident of Alexandria, Mr. Preston was born in Boston, and he served in the Army during World War II. He graduated from Northeastern University and re-

ceived a master's degree in public administration at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

He began his federal career at the Treasury Department as a junior professional assistant in 1948. Two years later, he was assigned to the IRS, where in 1960 he became assistant commissioner for administration. He played a major role in the development of the IRS program for selecting and training career executives. In 1964, he received a Presidential Citation for his work in connection with a major realignment of the IRS field organization. In 1971, Mr. Preston received an Exceptional Service Award for his role in selecting executives and developing career programs.

From 1974 until 1982, Mr. Preston served in the Office of Management and Budget as assistant director for federal personnel policy and assistant director for executive development and labor relations.

In this capacity he advised OMB directors and the president on federal personnel policy, and he was instrumental in fighting off harsh federal pay and retirement proposals.

He received several awards for his work in training and developing federal executives, including the 1983 "Executive of the Year" award from the Federal Executive Institute Alumni Association.

In retirement, Mr. Preston was a member of the standing panel on public service and several ad hoc study groups of the National Academy of Public Administration, and he had been a consultant and adviser to several federal agencies. He was an adviser to the White House and the Office of Personnel Management on seminars for presidential appointees.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Marie Preston, and two children, Phyllis Preston and Richard E. Preston, all of Alexandria.



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

June 10, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with the greatest respect for your leadership in generating the national debate on tobacco control, that we write to express our deep concern with the direction the McCain legislation is moving, seemingly with the approval of the Administration. Throughout this debate, Mr. President, you have indicated that the public health imperatives for enacting comprehensive tobacco control legislation would be of foremost concern to you. While the public health provisions in the McCain bill had been strengthened, current action threatens the funding - at approximately 22% of the total funding - necessary to implementing these programs. We implore you now to use your leadership to get the legislation and the debate back on the right track - saving lives and protecting our children from tobacco use.

Today, the Senate is expected to pass an amendment that strips much of the dollars for public health out of the McCain tobacco legislation for tax relief. Coupled with the amendment passed last night which diverts funds from tobacco control for drug interdiction, actual funding for tobacco control and public health have virtually disappeared from the McCain legislation.

These amendments may be worthy, even needed legislation for the American public, but they will not prevent children from starting to smoke or save lives by helping people quit. The American Cancer Society believes the debate we have entered and waged with your leadership was aimed at reducing youth consumption of tobacco. Without appropriate and reasonable funding, this goal cannot be achieved.

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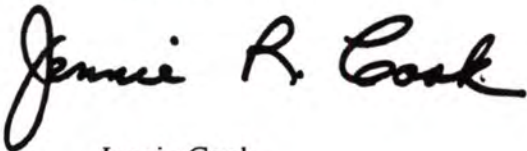
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The President
June 10, 1998
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The American Cancer Society wants to play our part in reaching a compromise on this legislation. We recognize the politics that are in play. However, we can not support legislation that compromises that goal at the expense of our children. The current bill threatens our children by eliminating the programs and funds for tobacco control, research and public health that will allow us to make a difference in the future.

Our children are not expendable, Mr. President. We ask your continued support in the coming weeks as the legislative moves forward. We stand ready to discuss our concerns with you as we move forward. Additionally, we ask that your staff continue to work directly with Linda Hay Crawford, National Vice President for Federal and State Government Relations.

Sincerely,



Jennie Cook
Chairman
National Board of Directors



David Rosenthal, MD
President
National Board of Directors



John Seffrin, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Mr. President, *JB*

I told my friend Suzy
Chaffer I would pass
this information on to
you. This is very important
to her and she is very
sincere.

Thank you for looking
this over. Also I'm so
proud of all you are
doing for our country!

Much love,
Becky Hammer

6/11/98

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Dear President and First Lady:

April 24, 1997

Congratulations on your historical healing of our African Americans! It's amazing how a simple gesture of an apology can do such wonders for the spirit and health of people. According to a U of Washington study, there's a direct link between esteem and health. I understand you are very sincere about your initiative on racial reconciliation. Sounds like a "quickenin'g"!

The Canadian Government just apologized to their Native Peoples, the Sidney Olympics will be honoring their Aborigines, and now scientists say, "that the values of the Indigenous are key to our survival into 21st." Yet in America, Newt Gingrich just made a commitment to the Navajo Nation, but "it was publicity stunt by the old Newt."

Two years ago after sharing the joy of skiing with a Lakota-Sioux in Telluride, he then saved us from a snowlessness Christmas. Seeing how Mother Earth listens, inspired me over a year ago to start a healing exchange of Skiing for Native Dancing with the evicted Utes. The "Welcoming Home celebration" included a judge's apology. After "declaring love on Telluride" for our good deeds, Ute Medicine man-historian, Alden Naranjo, co-founded the Native Voices Foundation. Not only did we start a love affair between our cultures, but amazing transformations happened. This Earth Day, Telluride leaders and our Natives for the first time banded together to take better care of our ailing beaver pond, wetlands and rivers on a hike and ceremony there. Our vital eco balance is now "under the guardianship of our united 'Nations'". Navajo Schools are seeing remarkable behavior in their kids so they can get to go skiing again. They say, "We learned to fly like eagles on skis. It's just the coolest thing!"

A real partnership is developing with our Ute and Navajo leaders, who are beautiful, brilliant and witty. They make your heart feel warm in their presence. At the Navajo Democratic Party meeting I attended, the word was, "Stop picking on our President!" I was just honored by the highest ranked Utah Navajo, Mark Maryboy. Also now a skier, Roland McCook, descendent of the great Ute Peacemaker Chief Ouray and Chipeta, Vice Chair of the Northern Utes, told me, "I believe in you".

Time to seize the moment? In the eyes of many Americans, Europeans and Asians, you will be remembered as the great "First Partnership" in history by healing the wounds we inflicted on our First Americans (& Mother Earth), with a touching apology for our ancestors... Perhaps you'd like to share that thought at our "First Americans Day Parade" around July 26-29 in Telluride, that is attracting many tribes, because they see us "hope" for America. We will be honoring their gifts, like Democracy, Ecology & the model of Jung's Modern Psychology. They've given more of their children proportionately, to protecting our lands, since saving Washington's troops from freezing to death at Valley Forge....plus the Navajo Code Talkers.

One sentence by you could mean so much. The Utes hope you could get Governor Romer to join you in officially welcoming them back to Colorado and Telluride. 130 yrs ago, they were herded 300 miles by Buffalo Soldiers to the Utah desert, taunted by a Denver paper, "The Utes must Go." Senator Nighthorse Campbell and Dartmouth's Native leader, Michael Hanitchek, support us. Harvard's Manley Begay of the Kennedy School, a skier, thinks what we're doing is "excellent!"

That said, you could set up a study, like the Canadians, on how to make this healing a reality. Some examples I've collected could be implemented in a heartbeat!

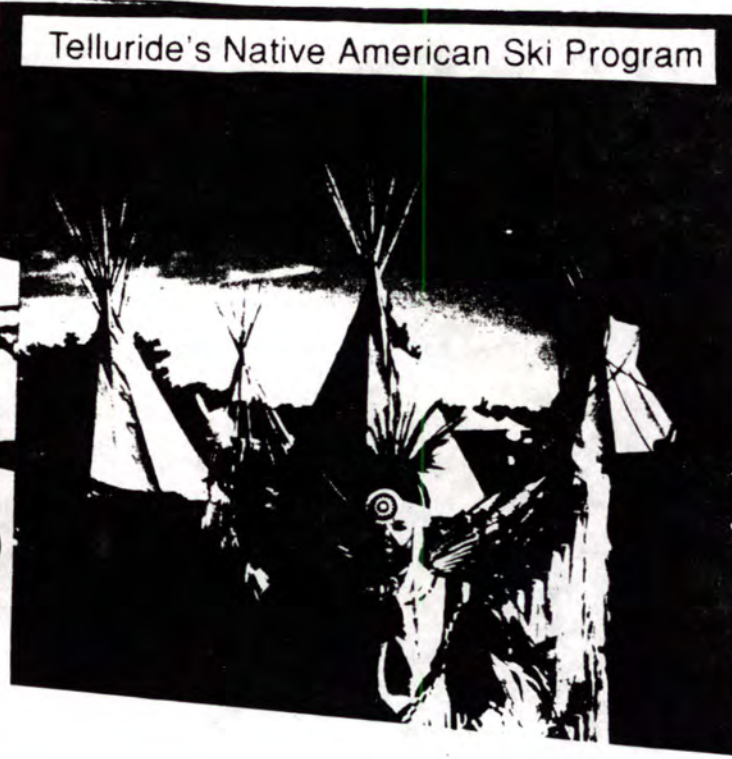


Roland McCook, descendent of Chief Ouray & Chipeta on his victory run!--in 1/2 hr.
To his left, our Magic Carpet.

Trini-- Day 3!
Starting to fly like an eagle!



Telluride's Native American Ski Program



Valeri & Martina--Dineh (Navajo)



--Your support in Opening the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics with the First Americans. Pow wow dancers just opened our National Snowboard Championships, (that Becky's kids competed in), as the first step... that got CBS Network & Sports Illustrated. Ute leader Larry Blackhair says Mr. Fowler at Governor Levitt's office is the last block.

--Giving 25% of the jobs in the Parks and Forest to the "Great Guardians of our lands for 30,000 yrs", (given our last 100). Wouldn't Al agree we need their integrity and skills to protect our resources that are being sold down the river for the benefit of a few. In Yellowstone, 1,000 buffalo were slaughtered, a solution thought out later.

--Requiring Native American Studies (+local heritage) in schools. Our web: www.interaccessgroup.com/nativevoices/ is a Bridge of Understanding between our cultures, that turns prejudice into awe & appreciation. The Indigenous are the "Phd's of Life"!

--Granting Native Americans the same federal privileges as the handicapped who get free skiing at ski areas. Because we used alcohol to handicap their spirit, culture & health to grab their lands, this gives them back some freedom in the mountains. Jung said, "We all have an urge to merge with Creator. If we don't give kids opportunities to get 'high' naturally, they will resort to second class highs in bottles and gangs." Natives missing an enzyme, this is also a solution for the high rate of alcohol-related auto accidents. If children get addicted or abused, they spend their lives turning that abuse inward or outward on society. Given the joy of skiing as a child, I can't help giving it back! We spend one million per "lifer" in jail, 17 billion on our losing war on drugs, and our President's Council says the lowest economic rung (Natives) have the worst fitness and therefore health because they're barely surviving. It's time to try love and joyful fitness. It's worked so well that a Navajo principal gave us some of their drug and alcohol prevention money to keep our program alive. Although this was to be a gift to our Natives, we've been funded by the Ute and Navajo Nations since December.

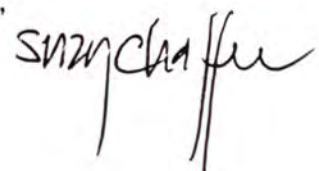
A County Commissioner suggested that part of the funding for free Native Skiing Nationally could come from the fees that ski areas give to the Forest Dept for the use of lands. Our program is already a "Role Model for American Ski Areas", according to President Michael Berry. Jackie Byers of your NACO wants to use us as a model. This could also help reverse the inadvertent bungle in Denver, that barred Native Americans from attending the interracial harmony meeting. (20,000 live there.)

Because our Government Camps also destroyed their culture, we are hosting that week a "Ute Intercultural Camp" in a teepee village in a pristine spot under Mt. Wilson. There the Utes, Navajo and Lakota teachers will tune up their kids' survival skills, primitive arts & ceremonies, while also exposing our kids to their reverence for Nature on horses and hikes. We would like to invite Chelsea and a friend, perhaps Ashley Hernreich, to join us in this amazing opportunity to understand the higher consciousness of our Native Peoples. Attending a Ute Camp last summer was a dream come true, that helped me see life with more wonder and concern for its future. Titanic could have been an awesome ride if not for our arrogance and ignorance of Nature's Laws. So too our Mother Earth Ship!

Please let Alden and me know if we might have the honor of your presence in our magnificent valley. Because a Native healing would be so important to all Americans, we still have some flexibility on dates. And considering how inspired you must feel after Africa, and your concern for health, we hope you will make this healing move with or without us. God bless you!

From the heart,

970-7281123
Box 3965, Telluride, Co. 81435



To Supporters of Telluride's Native Ski Program

Telluride, Colorado 81435

Yaa' te'h. (Greetings).

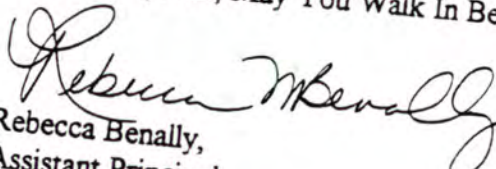
I'd like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for your kind heart and foresight of vision in helping our youth and schools to experience the wonderful sport of skiing. Without your contribution to the Native Voices Foundation, it would have been almost impossible to give the students the opportunity to ski.

The opportunity to ski has been an incentive for my students here at Whitehorse High School in Montezuma Creek, Utah. The first ski trip was for students that were struggling behaviorally, academically and at-risk for dropping out of school. Most of the time students that are doing well are usually the only ones that are recognized and rewarded. I figured if I could just let these at-risk students know that I acknowledged them and let them know that its their behavior and choices, that got them into trouble was the problem. I wanted them to know that I still think that somewhere in there a good person existed. The second ski trip was for students that are succeeding and being good role-models for their peers. The students have been very grateful and appreciative for the opportunity to learn how to ski. The word is now out in the school, that if you are **trying** and making an effort to change your behavior, take school seriously and stay away from drugs, you will be rewarded with the elite ski-trip to Telluride, Colorado. The students have commented on how great and nice the people are at the ski shops, the instructors and of course, Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee.

In my opinion this is the first step to making connections with the Navajo concept of the Beauty Way of Life-"Ho'zhoogo 'iina". What a beautiful and magnificent place like Telluride and in the mountains for these kids to find themselves, mentally, physically and above all **SPIRITUALLY**. I feel that exposing them to another culture and sport gives these kids a chance of success and a sense of "hope". It really does take the effort of a village to help our children.

Again, Ahe'hee'- thank you for your kindness and contribution to the Native Voices Foundation and making a difference in the lives our future- "Our Children".

Hozhoogo yi'nal, May You Walk In Beauty,



Rebecca Benally,
Assistant Principal
Whitehorse High School



Exchanging Skiing for Native Dancing

TELLURIDE 's UNITY

with our

UTES, NAVAJO & LAKOTAS!

by *Suzy Chaffee*

"A Role Model for American Ski Areas"

--Michael Berry, President of "National Ski Area Operators of America"

At high noon of February 22, 1997, under the gaze of a wounded **eagle**, a prophetic healing started happening in Colorado between the Ute Nation and the People of **Telluride**. Over a century ago, the miners claimed this valley, the Utes' summer hunting and ceremonial home, for themselves. It was also a sacred valley to the Navajo--a dozen "walk and ski in beauty" here today. Said Telluride's Chief Marshal, Jim Kolar, "The way we treated American Indians was the lowest point in the history of US Justice." For the first time since then, our two cultures came together to find a common ground, for the benefit of our children. In the arms of our exquisite mountains, both sides finally spoke from the heart, then joyfully danced and skied together, which transformed our town that didn't even have a Ute plaque! Working in partnership, our Program is creating a bridge of understanding and unity, that is helping us come together again as One Tribe. As the Navajo say, "We must work together to heal our Mother Earth".

The "seed" was planted in 1994 by Daniel "**Rollingbears**" Quintana, a local Lakota-Sioux, whose singing and sweat lodge "highs" opened my heart and mind. I had asked him to exchange my joy of skiing for his wisdom of the mountains, to include in my book about the Ancients, "**The Snow Goddess**." Thanks to the Telluride Ski & Golf Company for donating a lift ticket, I taught "Bears" the Eagle Dance on skis, which inspired him to save Telluride from a snow barren Christmas. Singing the sacred "4 Directions Song" on the radio and the Peter Yarrow Concert, it snowed a foot each time, convincing me that **Mother Earth really listens!** I saw that while we Anglos dropped the ball, our First Americans continued the Wisdom of the Ancients.

NATIVE VOICES FOUNDATION

Thanks to a series of other good deeds, Alden Naranjo, Spiritual Awareness leader and tribal member of the Southern Utes, "declared love on Telluride", inspiring him to co-chair the "Native Voices Foundation," that honors the Wise Voices of Native Peoples. Alden's background, huge heart, bold vision, humility and wild Indian humor, made him a natural. I shared our experience with Michael Berry, visionary President of Ski Areas Operators. Seeing us as insurance for the healthy future of Skiing, he and Olympic Senator **Ben Nighthorse Campbell** agreed, "It's time for a bold move to heal Mother Earth. Yours is a good one!" Washington Athletes, like the Kennedys and Bill Bradley, who like Einstein, have been passionate about Nature, have been leaders in nurturing Earth, Natives, Women and Blacks, plus sports for health.

Now in NVF's second year, Telski expanded our program to two exchanges a month of 30 minutes of Native singing, dancing and drumming for free tickets, lessons and equipment for 25 Native kids and leaders each weekend. We now have more demand than we can supply because of the kids' reactions after learning how to "fly

like eagles" on skis, and regaining some of their old freedom in the mountains.

I overheard Rebecca Benally, assistant principal of the White Horse School, "If you kids do your homework and don't talk back, you'll get to ski here again". A month later she said, "The kids are behaving, because they say, 'skiing is the coolest thing to do!'" "We never want this to end!", said a 10 yr old Navajo who challenged me to a race his first day. Said Elder Roland McCook with a big smile after he learned how to turn in an hour without falling, "Now I understand how you skiers like to get close to Creator up here." (According to Jung, dancing and skiing gives one a natural "high", that connects us to our lover, God/Goddess. When that high is unavailable, people resort to 2nd class highs out of bottles, or gangs.) Explained Martina Maryboy, "There's never been such an exhilarating program that brings the Telluride part of our family together with us from Montezuma Creek." Say Telski's fun instructors, "The kids (& their performances) are awesome--attentive and fearless, a joy!" Corporations spend 2 billion a year on "high" risk sports, that get executives in touch with their wise Voices.

Our '98 Plan is to identify and support "Peacemakers" at ski areas and reservations to create "Unity Exchanges" across America. Vail, whose schools, like Telluride's, have "Native Studies", said, "We'll join in a heartbeat!" They already have staff people to run charitable programs. Those of the 500 Nations--many already skiers and boarders, like the descendent of Lakota Prophet Black Elk--we have talked to are excited about connecting with their ski areas. What worked smoothly is first sending scouts here to meet the people, get the lay of the land, and experience the joy of learning to ski to develop confidence to then bring a number of kids. Ideally, just as the handicapped receive free skiing across America, we'd like to see the same federal support made available to Native Americans. Because we used alcohol to handicap their spirits and culture, especially because they are missing an enzyme, this gives them back some joyful freedom in the mountains while getting them naturally high. Our commissioner suggested that monies that ski areas give the Forest Dept for use of their lands assist in funding. This would help offset our Presidents Council's report that our lower economic classes, (Natives are on the bottom rung), are the least fit and therefore least healthy, because they are busy just trying to survive.

In addition to ski exchanges, Alden stressed the importance of Cultural Camps to preserve their traditions, damaged by our abusive government assimilation schools. It also exposes Anglo kids to our Earth Roots in a fascinating way. On July 26-29, our town is hosting the **1st Ute Intercultural Camp** in a teepee village with horses in a pristine spot where Ouray & Chipeta spread harmony. Joining Ute, Lakota and Navajo teachers and kids, and Telluride's, we hope to help preserve their rich primitive Arts, Earth ceremonies and stories. That week, Telluride will launch a glorious "**First Americans Day**" Parade to celebrate their awesome gifts to the U.S. & World-- with a Earth honoring pow wow! We're raising consciousness to give back 25% of the Parks and Forest jobs to our great "Guardians of these Lands". For example, Native wisdom could have prevented the needless slaughter of 1,000 Buffalo in Yellowstone recently. Plus opening the **2002 Salt Lake City Olympics** with our 1st Peoples. NSAA's Michael Berry offered his support! (Utah is Spanish for Ute.) When Telluride's National Snowboard Championships in April asked us to open with a Native Ceremony, as the first step, CBS Network, Channel 9 Colorado and Sports Illustrated showed up!

HEALING AMERICA

Telluride's was just one of the "Gatherings" around the country to heal America. Most have been led by White Ministers asking forgiveness of our "First Americans" for their genocide (over 10- million), stealing most their lands and misinterpreting their religion. Instead of a crying session, the founder, Eugene Naranjo, wanted to do it the Indian Way-- "A joyful celebration of unity for the benefit of all our children". Next came our Navajo.

We're definitely in a "quickenings"! In January '98, the Canadian Government apologized to their Native Peoples for their abuses and awarded them \$250 million towards a healing! Newt Gingrich then made a personal commitment to the Navajo President to reform BIA and Health Services, as a start toward America's. In turn, the formerly oppressed--Indians, Women and Black Athletes and mixed bloods, like Tiger Wood, are giving our Economy new vitality. May '97 "Time Magazine" called the "Enchantment of Pow wow dancing, one of America's biggest draws!"

EDUCATION

To provide a solid foundation for these unifying events, Alden and I collaborated on this 65 page "Bridge of Understanding", to make up for the truth we missed in schools. Many Nations now educate on the Internet. Added to "Native American Studies" in Universities, we Anglos are getting exposed to the Wisdom we lost, to use knowledge, especially technology, more responsibly. It's also turning prejudice into "awe" and appreciation. "Kids are key to our survival" and need to hear Native Voices. Hire them to take youngsters on hikes to "feel" their reverence for Mother Earth, like 6 yr olds in Sweden and Telluride's schools. Our Brownies are selling cookies to pay a Navajo Sheepherder to give them a **Native American Experience**. The Good Shepherd, Ron Garnanez, donated his time to share his "Walks in Beauty" Culture to help our program survive and thrive!

Drawn to Telluride in '95, here's the story that moved me to tears & made me understand the far-reaching effects of our ancestors, to do something!

UTE HISTORY

"For a Millennium, the Ute Nation, especially the Uncompahgre Band, ("People of the Red Springs"), enjoyed living at One with Nature in the Telluride Valley, hunting abundant game, fishing in pristine waters. We traded with the Spanish, who gave us the 'Sacred Dog' (horse). Kids gathered herbs and berries, learned survival skills and went on vision quests to find courage and their purpose here. At the base of Mt Wilson, our ancestors performed ceremonies, honoring the Spirits, Earth, Her plants and animals who nurtured us. When the snows came, they moved to warmer climates, giving Nature a chance to renew Herself," Described historian Alden, "In a spiritual way, women set up camp, tanned hides and created clothing, teepees and jewelry, transforming everyday life into timeless treasure", C.J. Brafford director Montrose Ute Museum. Rancher Marvin Schmidt recalled how his great great grandfather had delightful talks with their great Peacemakers, Chief Ouray and his beloved wife Chipeta.

Over a century ago that harmony ended, when the discovery of gold brought ignorance-driven prejudice, greed and abuse of Nature and our beautiful Utes, whom we didn't understand because they were at a higher level of consciousness. Their eviction was a conspiracy between government, miners, settlers, and a Denver

newspaper that taunted their hearts with headlines, "Utes Must Go!" (award-winning Discovery Channel film). Triggered by Indian Agent Nathan Meeker who threatened to kill all their horses to make them farmers, (like threatening Telluriders to ban skiing), The Uncompahgres, along with the White River Utes, were herded by Buffalo Soldiers 300 miles on foot to the Utah desert near Fort Duchesne. "Out of the 10 treaties we made with the US Government, the only part they honored was taking the land and removing our people", said Alden. "We belong to that land. It is where our history and our hearts are," said Chipeta's descendent, **Roland McCook**, now Vice Chairman of Utah's Northern Utes. Similar stories happened to communities across America. The Utes, like the rest of our First Peoples, were friends to our explorers and settlers until we exploited them. Had we been honorable, we wouldn't be in this eco crisis!

GIFTS OF OUR FIRST AMERICANS!

The Utes we removed from our "Shining Mountains" were the same First Americans, who out of friendship, taught us survival skills starting with **Columbus**. "Over the past 30,000 years this 'Old World' has been our home", said Alden. "Columbus thought it was a 'New World' because of their brilliant management skills", said former Forest Dept employee, Alex Brunette, (a new generation of Anglos who is "very concerned that self serving Paper Companies assisted by politicians and Forest Departments, are dangerously selling off our trees.") Our First Peoples developed much of the medicines, cotton and dyes the world enjoys, in addition to vegetables, like corn from prairie grass. They were the model of Modern **Democracy, Ecology** and "psychologically healthy people," according to **Carl Jung**. They saved George Washington's troops from freezing at Valley Forge, and since the Revolutionary War, have given more children proportionately to the military to protect our Land, than any other race. The **Navajo Code Talkers** changed the tide of victory in the Pacific in WWII. Every Pow wow honors our Vets and flag. So considering how much our Natives gave, they wondered why we turned and stole their land and commit genocide...

SHARING

Like my ancestors, I was a typical American ignorant of their great contributions and values before meeting Rollingbears. Our souls were stirred by Indians, but our schools never explained why. Like most Anglo parents, mine were starved of heart-nurturing skills, never teaching me the harmonious possibilities of sharing and cooperation over competition. Winning, technology and money were supposed to make us happy. Not! Luckily, after skiing in the '68 Olympics, I was asked to join Vice President Humphrey's Sports Team to give clinics in the ghettos to prevent the riots that burned 150 cities, for lack of nurturing, compassion and shared abundance. I experienced the **real "Olympic high"**— giving back, which gave my life richer meaning! Turns out that the wealthiest 3% of the world are only slightly happier than the poorest ("Bottom Line"). "The happiest have a higher purpose and get spiritual 'highs' on dance, sports Arts & Nature, like Tribal Peoples." (Jung). Scientists say, "these Native values ('taking only what we need') are the model for survival into the 21st Century." One American child creates as much garbage and uses the energy of 30 Third World kids. Many have felt a "quickenings" to help set things right. **Princess Diana** and **Mother Theresa's** deaths were a wake up call to be more "womb-like", as Christ said. Natives, Women and more Anglo men (like Turner & Gates) are making "compassion in fashion" today!

OUR EXCHANGE

In Sept '95, at "Telluride's Wild West Classic," I asked Alden's brother, Eugene, founder of the world renowned "Ute Heritage Dancers," of Ignacio, Colorado, how we could create this kind of healing between our peoples. Listening to their sensitivities, resulted in our **Welcome Home 'Nuche' (Utes) Celebration**. Said my 12-yr-old "brave" house guest Boo, of the "7th Generation that decides the future", "Whites have given us things, but never said why." Each side finally spoke from the heart as 25 exquisitely plumed dancers, singers, drummers, bathed us in a circle of earth-loving "Chi" energy. We shared gestures of gratitude, gifts and prayers for the success of Our Exchange. Holding her young son's hand, Judge Sharon Shuteran said, "I apologize for the injustices of my predecessors and hope for a better future." Because dancing is a healer and ecstatic unifier that cuts across all differences, (how I later connected with Roland McCook and his Uncompahgres at the Delta Pow wow), the Utes then invited us to join them in a Friendship Circle. Many had tears of hope as our long lost sisters and brothers reconnected hands and hearts with 200 of our village people. Among them were Telski owners, Ron and Joyce Allred and Jim Wells, Marketing Director, Mike Hess, and Ski School Director Annie Savath — the folks with the foresight to make all this possible! One of the Ute gifts was bringing a shining role model for the kids, Ross Anderson, a 24-yr old Cheyenne, who skis 137 mph. He was dubbed by our paper, "A Human Boeing!", and later became the Ambassador of our program.

In April of '97, it seemed natural to end Telluride's glorious ski season with a "Mountain Honoring Ceremony," thanking a living, loving Mother Earth for smiling on us! Terry Knight, also our "Spiritual Advisor" and **Sundance** Leader of the sister "Ute Mountain Utes," led the prayers. Skiers all over the mountain told us, "Our hearts felt lifted by the chanting and drumming that once again rang through the mountains". Drumming, (also representing "hearts beating as One" to Japanese), called in their Ancestral Spirits to pray with us, that gave us glorious snow and transformations in town, that's in a vortex! (This Christmas he did a blessing for the safety of all skiers!)

UTE CULTURAL CAMP

In September, '97, at Alden's Ute Cultural Camp in Chimney Rock, I got to experience a dream come true- living in their old ways. We learned we were part of a Hopi Prophecy: "Babyboomers with the sacred wound of Viet Nam, are now Elders making others aware of our Earth Roots".

OUR EARTH ROOTS

The Druids, Celts and tribes across Europe had ceremonial sweat lodges, kivas and mounds like our Native Americans. Starting around 4,000 B.C., waves of barbarians from the North and Desert, then the Roman Conquest and Inquisition, abused and enslaved our harmonious Tribal Ancestors of "Old Europe". While the passionate pastoral Celts of Scotland, Ireland and Wales, etc., could not be conquered, 9 million nature-loving women (healers, 15% men) were genocided & lands stolen during the Inquisition--their families left with mental, physical and spiritual scars. Fear of the money & control-obsessed Church, forced their Earth celebrating ceremonies of our Franks, Etruscan (Italy), Norse, Angles (English)... Ancestors underground. Expanding the abuse generationally, Columbus, then the British Empire, brought these diseases of the mind and spirit, in the form of arrogance & ignorance masked pain, to America's lands and Children. With them also came diseases of the body, like small pox, that also killed millions. Our Government under the guise of treaties, continued the

genocide of our Earth Guardians, forcing their Nature ceremonies underground under pain of death. Born Catholic, I was therefore surprised to learn at our Awareness Festival that the Essene Prophets, Jesus, Moses, Buddha and Olympian Pythagoras, (who worked the earth and were called "Athletes of Virtue" then), opened their Ancient Ceremonies honoring the "4 Directions" and Mother Earth, like the World's Indigenous! --see **EVENTS.**)

To heal our European wounds, Ross Anderson's vision is to start an "Earth Bridge" Pow wow Ski Team." At the World Speed Championships in Les Arc, France, the Euros were deeply appreciative of our culture and wanted us to return to do healing celebrations like Telluride's." The Germans have teepee villages! "When 5 Oklahoma Indians danced at Berlin's Ski Show, everything stopped in awe," said Colorado Snow Country's Mary Motsenbocker, who is connecting us to the European and Pacific Rim Ski Shows and Areas. Plus Extreme Ski Star, **Troy Jungen**, a Beaver Indian who also soars like an eagle, is creating a Bridge to Canada.

CASINOS & SPORTS TEAMS

By getting involved in unity celebrations, amazing things will happen! Plus you will be more aware that some of the abuses of the "past continue", including involuntary sterilization at Native health service hospitals in the Pueblo and California. In spite of Casinos, Indian Nations are on the bottom economic rung, because we didn't honor our payments for their lands. Yet they are having to spend millions on legal bills to defend against our never ending greed attacks-- money needed for health. Knowing the historical background on sensitive issues of Casinos, and naming Sports Teams after Indians, like we include, there can be a silver lining! "Telluride's Steps to Awareness Festival" believes, "The more we are aware, the less we hurt each other."

WHO WE ARE--FORGIVENESS

Alden summed it up, "It feels like we are on the 'high road' of forgiveness and honoring our responsibility to all our children and living things. Historically, most peoples at one time have been oppressed—all kindred victims of thousands of years of generationally expanding abuse. We have a choice to stop the cycle of violence. We each need to find out **who we are**, get in touch with our Earth Roots, forgive each other and mourn our wounds. We also need to balance our Gifts-- the Heart and Earth nurturing of the Red and Black Peoples, the Technology of the Whites, and the Serenity of the Yellow. I congratulate and thank you for making a positive choice to 'log on' to this nurturing energy on the World University of the Internet. We need to ask the Voice of Great Spirit to guide us. You'll be aware you are on the '**Red Road**,' because your heart will sing! Trust your intuition. In the 60's, we started speaking up about our oppression as Anglos started coming to our ceremonies and following their intuitive Voices, causing a positive ripple that reversed some cataclysms—Earth's way of purifying Herself. I applaud Telluride's programs, like 'Greenbucks', which cleans up your parks and rivers and gives eco awareness classes, in exchange for tickets to Blue Grass Concerts!"

"Another sign of progress, is 80-year-old John Inman's coming forward with a peace pipe entrusted him by Chief Ouray. John shared how the Great Chief had visited him in a hospital as a sick child. He was told to only give it back to the leaders of the 3 Ute Nations when the Utes and Whites were beginning to live in harmony. The prophesy is unveiling. Inman brought the sacred pipe, our bible, to our Tribal leaders

at the reopening ceremony of the Montrose Museum in September, 97!"

Alden and I were surprised how New Age thinking is so close to that of Native Peoples. In unifying our Red and White Cultures, we also realized how close we are to World Unity! I remembered in 1971, going with a group of White and Black models to do USO Shows in the remote bases of Vietnam. Despite criticism and chaos back home, we were there to honor our men and women warriors as "Humans." This painful sacred wound of the 60's, was necessary to giving birth to a peaceful alternative to the wars of mass destruction-- same conclusion as Einstein and Gandhi. We're evolving to a maturer Civilization, beginning "to see each other as Humans above all differences in color, sex, religion, money, power and beliefs," in the words of theologian J. Krishnamurti. "In Nam we called each other 'Brothers. Then we came home...'", said Navajo Vet, Jimmy Maryboy. Touched by our unity of heart and mind, this grandfather to our local skiers, whom I honored in Nam, honored me with an eagle feather! In Nagano, we were again One as Flowers.

Education and honoring each other also build "esteem". Research at the U of Washington (Seattle), my alma mater, proves that **Esteem = Health**. Thanks to Sweden, we know that respecting each other as Humans above all, elevates the health, physical strength, productive energy and standard of living of a country, not to mention their Olympic Hockey Team! If Princess Diana, the Swedes and other "blonds" can figure out how to create harmony in the world, then anyone can!

Alden and I are grateful for the wisdom of many Nations and the generosity of Telluriders, especially humanists, **Michael Saftler** and journalists, **Bob Beer** and Doug McDaniel, Board members David Glynn, who is leading the movement in the next town of Ophir to give a piece of land back to the Utes to have a real home here, and Jim Brave Hawk, our Cherokee-Lakota Sundancer accountant-treasurer. The gifts of Telluride's free ski tickets, lessons, equipment, some lodging, office expenses, and a huge skiwear donation from Taos (call Stan Metcalf 505-7585553), share over \$300,000. worth of our "coolest" culture with our Indian neighbors. Beckoned by Great Spirit to be a "humbled" servant of this project, I have received so much more. Given how Native Culture reconnects us to Mother Earth, their gifts are priceless!

Please contact Alden or me if you, your Nation, Ski Area, Town, Foundation or Corporation, would like to join our team to build this Bridge of Understanding, Ski Exchange or Intercultural Camps across America or overseas. Awareness plus giving back of our talent or abundance is the healing! We received our first grant from N.Y.'s "Funding Exchange" for "fostering leadership among women and youths, unity among peoples, and economic justice, with potential for national impact." Given that we spend one million per "lifer" in jail, that we're spending 17 billion on a losing war on drugs and alcohol, that if children are abused or get addicted they spend their lives turning their abuse inward or outward on society, it's time to look at love and joyful sports as an alternative. Having been given the joy of skiing as a child, I can't help giving that back. That's why a Navajo principal gave us some of their drug and alcohol prevention money to help our program survive. In fact, while this program was intended as a gift to our Natives, it's the Ute and Navajo Nations that have funded this program since December.

With your support, backed by other enlightened press like the Today Show, VH1, and Mountain Living Magazines..., we can make it so! Trends Institute says, "By

the year 2000, the definition of 'Patriotism' will include the philosophy of Native Americans, and soon thereafter we will have an overarching love for these lands." Let's go with the flow!

ONE TRIBE!

Why is this working? Guided by Spirit and Native Voices, we're inviting the Noblest Voices of our Cultures to work and play in reverent partnership--sharing wisdom, purpose, hope, prayers and joy, as we return to our heart-centered, Earth-honoring roots. We're "extracting the joy out of life," in the way of the Prophets and Indigenous. We're aware that it's the differences in our Cultures and Colors, like flowers, that make life rich! Let's celebrate the unique gifts that each of us has contributed throughout history and herstory to our One Magnificent Race, the Human Race! We've traced ourselves back to One Tribe! We need to get in touch with the Wisdom of our Ancients and Natives and play, heal and empower each other out in inspiring Nature. It's working in Telluride! Now more than ever, it takes a healthy Global Village and Mother Earth to raise a wise sharing child, who joyously "walks, runs and slides in beauty" into the 21st! As the Modern Goddess **Nike** says, "Just do it!"

From the Heart,

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RESEARCH ON ESTEEM & HEALTH

Researchers at The Family Formation Project at the University of Washington in Seattle, just completed a 4 year study that proves when our "esteem system" is attacked and depressed, our immune system is weakened, reducing our resistance to diseases. Self esteem killers include criticism that evokes shame or blame, as well as prejudice and job discrimination. Women being relationship oriented, the reaction is even stronger. If a mate is critical and non-supportive emotionally, researchers can predict the number of infectious diseases women will have over a 4 year period.

After Princess Diana and Mother Theresa raised global consciousness about compassion, I was shocked when I was told that I did not have the same privileges of being able to make a reasonable living in Telluride sharing my ski wisdom and fame with corporate executives, like my fellow Olympic males stars, even though they were lower than me in the magazine popularity polls for 28 years. I needed the money so I could afford to donate my time to run Telluride's Native Ski Program-- their pow wow dancing being one of the most "enchanted" draws in America, according to Time Magazine. I had also been auctioned off to raise money for the junior racers and freestylers here since '93, yet I was not allowed to do that for my Native Program. Living in hardship without medical insurance, dental care, in stress wondering how I could survive because I had to do something with a higher purpose that made my heart feel good, doing what I did best, and finding that there was no one to stand up for me after I had stood up for the joy and health of billions of women and families through my 20 years work on Title IX, gave me a glimpse of what Native Americans have been feeling for hundreds of years. This gave me bouts of depression and I started getting an ulcer. This experience was invaluable in experiencing what half of America was feeling who go to bed depressed and hungry because they are not part of the privileged, when there is enough abundance for all if we honor each other and share.

Experiencing discrimination after being an Olympic Competitor on level playing fields, is like having your leg shot off in the middle of a race, so you can never win! "Babyboomer women are dropping out of the skiing like stones" said the President of Ski Area Operators of America, Michael Berry, because it still a man's world compared to mainstream America. The ball is in the court of industry leaders to elevate good sportsmanship in the marketplace, to create an economic prosperity by treating Women with due respect, as the formerly oppressed Tiger Wood and women are doing for golf. When Stanford and the U.W. equalized their athletic and academic budgets across the board, the athletic and academic records of both sexes rose!

When all peoples are given praise, appreciation, simple acknowledgement and fairness in our jobs, not only is the economy bolstered, but the U.W. Study proves that "our bodies release good endorphins in the blood that give our spirits a lift and optimal health." Women being the great nurturers especially, will go to the end of the earth for you when treated with reverence. Plus the difference in our strength is day and night, as proven in muscle resistance tests. ("Heart Centered Marriage" tape in libraries). Their tests also proved that those who empower others gain strength, compared to those who put others down-- the law of karma proved in a muscle test!

The White House Sex Scandal is probably more about taking your focus away from nurturing the bottom half of America!

SPIRITUALITY & WISDOM OF MOVEMENT

The fact that Ben and other Natives have body, heart and spirit balance, make them extra valuable in Washington. Thanks to Bears giving me Maud Williams' "Growing Straight", we know their science of fitness, predates Atlantis. The Ancients' passion for dance, sports, Arts and Nature was key to their sensitivity that honored Nature and our feminine nurturing side. (I saw hieroglyphs of Pharaohs & Queens doing yoga so that with the help of herbs, they could astral travel forward and back in time to make wise decisions, like some tribal folks. Plus the Pharaoh had to do a running race to keep his job. I gave all this research to Bill and Hillary to push for Physical Education back in the schools.) As in many of the great religions of the world, some American Indian tribes have 4 day runs without food or water to purify and put themselves in an etheric zone to commune with Creator. Jesus walked in the desert for 40 days without food and water in order to purify to have a great talk with his Father.

ANCIENT GREEK COMPARISONS

→ There seems to be a definite connection between the Olympics, athletes, Indigenous Peoples, ethics, nurturing societies and Nature. Athletes spend more time connecting with their divine Voices of creativity in Nature and develop a kinship with wisdom, Mother Earth and the Great Spirit. Sweating out the toxins and society's influences, their purer spirits and death defying courage is an inspiration to the masses. Like Ali, they can be Shamans of unity and meaning in society. The Greeks knew this, and made a concerted effort to nurture athletes as role models of ethics in society. To compete in the Ancient Olympics an athlete had to appear before a board of Elders to prove that he had body, mind and spirit balance. Winners of the Olympic Laurels received funding equivalent to a high ranking official, but it was all taken away if they misused their position. (There were also Women's Games & the equal Spartan Games.) Presently we vassilate from the purer Greek philosophy to the Roman, where athletes were often corrupted. And so has gone society, because people need wholesome role models. Having a gift for finding "Brains" with "Hearts", AAU President Jack Kelly and I started the World Sports Foundation, finding allies who helped bring back the ethics of the Ancient Games to the Modern that was in jeopardy from the scandals of under the table corruption. Chief advisors were Bill Bradley, the Olympic Basketball/ Senator, who did a paper on the Ancient Games as a Rhodes Scholar, Muhammad Ali, (who told Rollingbears and me he only trusts Natives), his lawyer, Bob Arum, IOC Vice President Willy Daume, GAIF President, Tom Keller and "New York Times" writer Bill Wallace. Realizing our Natives carried on the ethics of the Ancient Greeks into Modern Times, Bradley became a champion of Native Americans. He sponsored a bill to rightfully return the treated South Dakota lands to the Lakotas, and joined Clinton in protecting Utah lands from strip mining for our children. Like the Canadian Government, Bradley believes we should make amends for breaking almost every Native treaty, as well as Laws of Nature.

SKIERS & Other ATHLETES IN WASHINGTON

→ Because of their deeper bonding with Mother Nature, skiers and other athletes in Washington over the last 30 years, have been the nurturing visionaries, as well as champions of women and minorities. We thank you Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy,

Ford, Bush, and Clinton, Vice Presidents Humphrey, Mondale and Gore plus Senators Kennedy, Bayh, Chafee, Bradley & Campbell! Growing up with strong athletic women, Ted Kennedy even wrote an article in the '70's calling for "Full Equality for Women". He supported the Equal Rights Amendment, and reintroduced Title IX Equal Opportunity for Women in School Sports, when it was killed by the Supreme Court twice. This is Native American Philosophy! In this new era, copying the Indian way of speaking from the heart, we too can be more connected to our truth and our joyful compassionate energy--why Egyptians discarded the brain during mummification, preserving the soulful heart. Ethics are the basis of humane, nurturing, cooperative Civilizations. Our violence and suicide rates say we need to look at incorporating these vital elements of the past.

WHO WE ARE--A Global Healing *Russian Roots*

To find out who I am, I also listened and sometimes taped stories of my father Keen, and my elder relatives. My father and godfather, Lenny Korzun, held family reunions, that were full of illuminating insights about the why's of family dysfunctions. I made fascinating pilgrimages to family roots in the Old Country, including France, England (including Stonehenge), Norway, Russia and Poland. Since mom's Polish-Russian ancestors fled the Iron Curtain, I had snake nightmares as a child from some of the abuse brought here by our Russian People. While the peasants were earth-loving people, the struggling country trusted the Voice of Lenin and Stalin over their own Voice. Like Americans, the Russians, (as well as Chinese, Japanese & Germans, the Super Powers), were starved for nurturing both at home and by their leader. Therefore, as an alternative to the hierarchal Czar System, Russians were vulnerable to the seduction of Stalin's charisma and "Father Figure" marketing campaign. (The Ancient Chinese used it more benevolently.) According to the "History Channel", Stalin started off quite normal, then absolute power turned him into a tyrant that abused and genocided his people at whim. Russians were so busy trying to survive that they didn't notice they simply traded their ownership from the hierarchal Czar system to a Communist hierarchal club system, using cooperation and sharing as a false come on. Hitler used a similar formula on the Germans.

Part of my healing, in addition to finding out the truth about the abuse in my family from my violent alcoholic grandfather and country, was helping on detente as a commentator at the '79 Pre-Olympics in Moscow. I wanted to bridge an understanding between Soviet Olympic leaders and my mother's old boyfriend, incoming Russian Ambassador, Tom Watson and our Secretary of State Brezinsky. After the Russians asked me to write a report, I also wrote one for the Americans, that got me invited to a meeting at the White House. The coincidental result was Reagan's speech on "People to People Diplomacy"--my conclusion. My vehicle was having a Russian-Polish-American heart, and giving Brezhnev and Brezinsky rollerskates--using joyful technique! Watching the "History Channel", in '97, also realized that Rasputin, the powerful Siberian holy man-healer for the Czarina, had much in common with the miraculous healing ways of our 1st Peoples. Today, the Harvard Medical School is recommending people go to a modern Siberian healer in Boston. Alternative Healing, including doctors cooperating with Medicine men & women, has gone Mainstream, led

Restoring 1ST AMERICANS as "GUARDIANS of our LAND"

To speed up heeding Mother Earth's strong, clear warnings, this win-win solution came to mind as part of the healing process. It is mainly for the benefit of our beloved ones in denial or sleeping, since those who are doing their part for Mother Earth and each other will be fine: *The American People and enlightened leaders are going to make a bold mandate to restore Native Americans in positions as Guardians of our Lands.* While the Canadian Government apologized to their Native Peoples, along with a \$250 million healing fund for their abuses, Newt Gingrich said he is personally committing himself to reforming BIA and Health Services, this kind of job "esteem" will go a long way in healing our country, (in addition to a healing fund).

This could include Natives at all levels of our National and Local Park Lands and Forest Departments, to bring more wisdom to the protection of our forests, plains, rivers and oceans, that are dangerously sick. This would finally give recognition and appreciation to the brilliant 30,000 year track of our First Americans. Said a 24 year old Tellurider, Alex Brunette, who worked for the Oregon Dept of Forestry, "Indians actively managed the land as opposed to the common belief that this was just a wilderness. I am very concerned that our Forest Department is selling off our resources like a liquidation sale. There's a relationship between politicians, Timber Industry and the Forest Service, who are irresponsibly benefiting from the destruction of our Forests." These are the words of what Natives call our "7th Generation that decides the future of the planet."--kids born now to 25. Who better than these servants of the Great Spirit who have lived in accordance with Mother Earth's Laws? (Why Columbus thought he landed in an abundant "New Country".) Indigenous People also understand that no one owns the land, we are temporary custodians passing through.

PAID FOR JOBS THEY'VE BEEN DOING

Local Tribal Councils, who are the wisdom keepers, would identify their most qualified, cooperative representatives for these jobs. The Navajo who live in our valley say that these jobs would be a blessing in helping economically elevate their reservation towns. Many turned down having Casinos to keep their purity, in spite of being the second poorest reservation in America. In this way, our First Americans can get paid for the critical jobs they have already been doing all these years! Nationally, this can help heal hearts and be a powerful "esteem"="health" builder, according to U of Washington Research. Having also suffered from discrimination, I have a glimpse of how immensely they have suffered from our ignorant exploitation and separation from their Land and purpose here. As the Utes have exemplified in Utah with their down to earth moderate approach, Native Americans can also serve as a bridge between eco fanatics and the establishment,

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Since New Age has gone mainstream and most Americans believe in angels, we now understand that our First Americans are also best at nurturing the spiritual side of the land. After leading the hike with New Age leaders at Telluride's '97 Awareness Festival, Alden said, "I can see that we are now not the only ones taking responsibility for nurturing the spiritual side of Mother Earth." Yet all these years without *dropping the ball*, the Indigenous have been supporting and honoring the spirit guardians, including "angel elves", (known to watch over every blade of grass), and protect every

aspect of our lands, water, sky and planets. This is a skill Anglos like me are just beginning to get in touch with after being lost when the Inquisition genocided 9 million of our most enlightened (women, 15% men) for doing that work. In view of the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional hurt we caused and are still causing our First Americans, separating them from their higher purpose of Earth guardianship here, on top of shouldering our part of the responsibility, this is right thing to do. In adopting this winning synergistic approach, we can heal Mother Earth in a timely fashion for our children. The US prioritizing Earth, since many countries look up to us, will do wonders in a ripple effect around the world!

HOW TO BE A WISDOM KEEPER

The more we purify, the more the Wisdom of Creator as well as Native Voices and will be clear. My being a joyful servant of this unifying energy would not have been possible without joyful physical activity in Nature, eating living organic foods, being alcohol and drug free, doing my Native education, and thanks to the invitation of Lakotas and Utes to purify and pray with them in their transformational sweat lodges. Jesus showed us the importance of purifying, by fasting in the desert in order to hear his Father/Creator. The goal of the Lakotas, reinforced by their Sundances that is spreading, is becoming alcohol free by 2,000. ("Book of Elders"). Simultaneously there is also a trend in Anglo Society to purify: A million folks in Boston this year attended the oldest and largest of the USA's alcohol-free alternative New Year's Eve celebrations. 1/3 Americans have switched to eating organic and replacing poisonous drugs with natural alternative medicine. (National Public Radio", Time and Life Magazines, 97)

HOW HAPPY ARE YOU?

The bottom line of happiness is not what we always thought. Thanks to my friend Walter Dunn, the wonderfully wise 75 yr. old head of Coca Cola Advertising shared a study done by "Bottom Line". On a scale of 1-10 of "Happiness", 10 being the highest, the top 3% of the wealthiest people in the world are about 5.84. The lowest economic group in the world is at about 5.35. What does that tell you? By sharing our abundance with eachother, we elevate our own happiness, recreating the paradisial flow of abundance around planet Earth.

CRAWLING FOR MOTHER EARTH

A slow crawl that is turning into a leap for agriculture, Mother Earth and North American health, is "Vermin" Composting (Latin for "worms"). City and town councils from Vancouver to San Diego and Colorado, are rediscovering that "red worms" particularly, can revive the nitrogen, phosphorus and other minerals and nutrients in fields like corn. They recycle sludge from waste treatment sites, recycle manure, (greatest cause of pollution to lakes), and even decontaminate heavy metals!!! Restaurants can even recycle compost on site with a "Can of Worms, built to facilitate worms eating in an upward direction. Telluride Valley leader Carolyn Mountel, who is consulting to the State of Colorado and many towns, says that in India, families have been using worms for composting and raising veggies for years. Anyone can get a "Pound of Worms" for about \$20., or a "Can of Worms" for \$149., that will survive 2nd Day Air. Note that pestaciding and flooding fields kills worms.

First step toward honoring Native Americans at 2002 Olympics today

APRIL 7, 1998 TELLURIDE DAILY PLANET

A "pioneering step" toward honoring Native Americans at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City will be taken today at 3 p.m. on the Telluride Ski Area.

Native American dancers will perform in the Mountain Village Plaza, as they have done several times this ski season. The ceremony will be part of the opening of the USASA National Snowboarding Championships.

"For over a year, Telluride has been the leader in exchanging Native dancing, singing and drumming for free lift tickets, lessons and equipment as a way of bringing Telluriders and the evicted Utes, and Navajo together again to start healing historical wounds," said former Olympic skier Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee.

Spearheading the unity will be Alden Naranjo, a spiritual leader of the Southern Utes and Chaffee, who co-founded the Native Voices Foundation.

"With public support, we will be honoring out First Peoples, who have been the brilliant 'Guardians of these Lands,' for the last 30,000 years, as well as our model for Democracy," Chaffee said of today's ceremony.

After watching the fancy dancers, singers and drummers this season, John Jett, race director of the Telluride Ski & Golf Co., was inspired to ask Chaffee to open his Parade of Champions at this week's Snowboarding Games in Telluride.

Alden and Sundance leader, Terry Knight, will lead a prayer for the safety of the snowboarding competitors.

"Telski was one of the first ski areas to recognize that the recent growth of the industry is thanks to snowboarding," Chaffee said. "While snowboarding is banned at some ski areas, Telski owner Jim Wells made another bold move this season, opening Colorado's premier 'Air Garden,' which is a series of jumps and pipelines that give rad 'boarders a 'rush' while keeping them out of harm's way."

Chaffee said by combining snowboarding and Native American powwow dancers, which Time Magazine called "one of America's most enchanting draws," skiers and visitors can celebrate the area's diversity.

Featured at today's ceremony will be Pow wow champion dancers Tony Tailbirds of the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajo dancers Omaha Even and Bryon Grant and Lakota dancer Bruce LeClaire and their families.

"Telluride's a place that makes us Natives feel loved and appreciated," said Tailbirds, a three-time World Champion Pow wow Dancer.

"The guest of honor is Roland McCook, descendant of the great Peacemaker Chief Ouray and his wife, Chipeta, leaders of the Uncompahgre

Utes who lived in the Telluride Valley 130 years ago. McCook's fellow council member, Larry Blackhair, is running for a seat on the Organizing Committee of the 2002 Olympics. Recently, Blackhair helped inspire the residents of Steamboat Springs to erect a monument honoring their ancestral heritage.

"Larry is an excellent choice because of his track record," Chaffee said. "He's a can-do upbeat leader, and avid skier. He'll put together an unforgettable opening in Salt Lake City that will melt the hearts of the world together again as One Tribe."

Telluride's Native American ski program has been called a role model for American ski areas by Michael Berry, president of the Ski Area Operators of America.

"Indian leaders, including Colorado's Senator Ben Night Campbell and Berry agree that Telluride's program should be copied nationally because it's one of the best shots for us all to walk, run and slide in beauty into the 21st century," Chaffee said.

"Therefore, let the 'Steps' begin."

Native voices foundation hopes to draw tourists with summer events

On Monday, April 6, Maggie Eagleton, President of the Rotary Club, hosted a meeting between Telluride residents and Roland McCook, a leader of the Uncompahgre Utes who were herded by Buffalo Soldiers from this valley 130 years ago.

Suzy Chaffee, co-founder of Native Voices, said this was their first meeting ever. A descendant of Chief Ouray and Chipeta, McCook is now Vice Chairman of the Northern Utes in Fort Duchene, Utah. McCook spoke to the gathering of about 20 people, including Town Councilmember Kirk Brady, and answered their questions for about an hour. Chaffee reported that the audience was "mesmerized." Brady felt that reintroducing more Native Americans into our community would be a positive influence.

McCook said he was excited about this step toward getting to know the new people of Telluride, bringing his people back to visit their ancestral land, and exploring how we all could walk down a path together.

After learning how to "fly like an eagle" on skis here in January, thanks to the generosity of Telluride Ski & Golf Co. and Telluride Sports, and the hard work of Chaffee, the former golden gloves boxer said, "Now I understand how skiers like to get closer to Creator in these Shining Mountains." McCook (a name which was assigned to his ancestors) is also a civil engineer and studied architecture at Berkeley.

McCook, who consulted on the film "The Utes Must Go" (available at the Wilkinson Public Library), related some of the history of how the Utes were driven from this area. "The final straw was when Nathan Meeker threatened to kill over 30 of our horses to force us to become farmers," said McCook. Chaffee added,

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Byron Grant, a Navaho-Omaha from Montezuma Creek, Utah, is one of the 300 kids who "learned to fly like an eagle" on skis this year.

Courtesy photo.

Native Voice

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"It was part of a conspiracy between the government, press, miners and settlers. We now know that Colorado wanted to apply to the Union as an 'Indian free state.'"

McCook said he is encouraged by the rapport which has developed between the people of Steamboat and the Northern Utes, especially the White River Band, who live in that area. "We started three years ago with a small pow wow, that inspired the Town Council this March to allocate \$25,000 for a piece of land with a monument."

many events for the future, but they and McCook emphasize that much volunteer help will be needed. They would like to see, a Native Heritage Day for children, including teaching of dances, Native American-led hikes ("There's something that 30,000 years of guardianship rubs off on you," said Chaffee), sweat lodges in Ophir, an Intercultural Camp to reinforce the traditions nearly destroyed by Europeans, and a "First Americans Day Parade".

Chaffee said her friend, Frank Snyder, former owner of Stratton Mountain, came to Telluride last year.



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Ambassador! --
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Native Americans!



Photo courtesy Ross Anderson

By NEAL ROBERTS
Times-Journal Sports Editor

You want to feel the raw power of Mother Earth's core pulling your butt down to your doom? Gravity gone berserk. You want to feel the fear of the wind not rushing through your hair but actually trying to tear the skin from your face? Figured not.

But for one Native American, those feelings are a connection with the earth and all its wonders that is too compelling to ignore.

Ross Anderson is a Native American, yes. But Ross Anderson, who lives in Durango, is rapidly (pun fully intended) becoming one of the fastest PERSONS on earth. He loves the speed zone.

In a relatively short career as a speed skier, Anderson, who is half Cheyenne-Arapahoe and half Mescalero-Apache, has opened a lot of eyes with his ability, and a lot of consciousness with his attitudes and beliefs. Last year, Anderson set a personal-best run at 128.34 miles per hour. And he's gunning for the world record this year. He says that he's got the fire to reach the 150 mph record held by American Jeff Hamilton.

Right now, Anderson is in Europe, competing and getting faster every day.

But it's more than just his personal goal of 150 that makes Anderson's story worth telling. Having dealt with racial attitudes and social thoughtlessness all of his life, Anderson is skiing not just for personal satisfaction but to show the white and non-white worlds that a person is a person, capable of greatness and contribution regardless of skin color.

"I've fought all my life and eventually I got tired of it," said Anderson. "I realized that I could keep fighting and try to make changes. That's why I enjoy working with kids. When I get back from Europe, I'm going on a tour of reservations with a group of athletes. We're speaking to kids and trying to do the role model thing."

In a day of Dennis Rodman's, Albert Belles and quotes such as "I'm not a role model," Anderson fully embraces his image and its potential effect on the youths of America, especially the Native American children. In a strong, confident voice, one that hints of the uninhibited/teasing nature of a 24-year-old speed skier, Anderson said, "I'm there for me, but I'm also there for the people who can't be there — the blacks, the Mexicans, and the others, like the Native Americans. I hope to be a role model. Especially for the Native American kids on the reservations. I'm trying to expand their minds a little. I want to expand their dreams. I want them to see me and think, 'If he can do it, I can do it.'"

"With the alcoholism and poverty that's facing Native Americans, I want to do what I can to help. As far as being an athlete, that's what gives me strength; people support me and I support them. That's what gives an athlete his power."

In a sport dominantly colored lily-white like golf courses in Connecticut, Anderson, a self-described man of color, has thrown a curve ball at the home team — the U.S. Ski Team, that is — and they're more than psyched. At least now they are.

From Red Sleds to red hot

Here's the Reader's Digest version of the Anderson rise to the brink of fame.

The young Native American was born on an Air Force base near Alamogordo, N.M. At six weeks old, Anderson was adopted by white parents and raised in Durango, Colo. Like most young boys, Anderson was into things that created speed, chaos and contained an intimate possibility for injury.

"Here's a story," he said. "When I first learned to ride a bike, there was this big ravine with trees lining one side. People tried to teach me how to use the brakes on the bike, but I wouldn't let them. I want to learn it on my own. So I took the bike and started down. I kept going faster and faster, not knowing at all how to use the brakes. I fell all the way down into the ravine, but I wanted to learn it on my own. It's funny, but I've always been into speed."

The path was born.

Living in Durango put Anderson close to the smallish Rocky resort of Purgatory, where Anderson learned to ski and took to the race team. Anderson, oddly enough, raced the technical events — giant slalom and slalom — for the Purgatory Ski Team during his youth and teen years, graduating from Durango Senior High School. But the fringe kept calling through events like the Durango Snowdown Gelande Jumping, in which competitors don alpine gear (read: heels locked down) and launch huge, galactic air off ramps.

"I've raced all my life," said Anderson. "I started when I was about 3, then I got into gates. But eventually, I got bored."

He continued, "A lot of people look at the guys who are into speed skiing and think that they're all nuts. I thought it looked like fun. A lot of the sport has to do with fear, but I've done things that are scary since I was little. I've always liked

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Small steps are taken toward healing history

Beneath the shadow of the gondola, the so-called "healing of the earth" had begun. The pounding of drums and the twirling of bright, feathered costumes were appropriate for the setting of forested hills and snow-capped peaks. On hand were the dancers, singers and drummers of T'is Nazbas, the White Horse School and members of the Lakota Sioux heritage. But in the courtyard near the ski lifts at the Mountain Village, the scene had the strange, ironic aura of the spirit world merging with, as one of the performers put it, "the technology world."

The Mountain Village is a dream setting of multi-million dollar second homes, a fantasyland of castle condos. It is a place to ski and indulge yourself in a whirlpool with a glass of fine wine and forget about the worries of those who live in squalor at the lower elevations of the world. It's as slick and new as Telluride is rustic and old.

It's also the place where the healing of the earth has begun.

The dancers and singers on Sunday afternoon represented traditions going back to before the first pick ax struck the wilderness, but their inclusion within the confines of the majesty of the new lifestyle somehow made the whole package complete. Skiers resting at the base of the slope, after all, need some entertainment as they cool their heels. A team of Native American dancers certainly is more appropriate than a reggae band or a folksy mountain crooner. Unless, of course, the rastas or crooners can play songs that are native to the area going back 2,000 years.

Initially, the concept seems slightly bizarre. Bringing Native Americans from all over the southwest to ski for free is hardly sufficient recom-

mentations, even a hard-boiled realist can see the benefit.

The program is good public relations for the Telluride Ski & Golf Company, which provides the lift

tickets to the program, approximately 300 over the two-season history of the Native American Ski Program. It's certainly a good public service for Paragon Sports, which has been handing out 25 pairs of skis and boots each weekend. And it's certainly good public relations for both Telluride and the Mountain Village, which is sending out a message to nearby reservations that the



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— John Grassby, Steamboat Springs attorney

area includes Native Americans in its joyful reveries of the ski season.

Re-inviting Native Americans back to their exiled homelands is an idea that's taking hold elsewhere in Colorado.

In Steamboat Springs, they are taking a different approach. Recently the elders of the Ute Indian Tribe of Fort Duchesne met with the Steamboat Springs Town Council to discuss raising a monument to the Ute history. In 1881 the Utes were driven from Yampa Valley to a reservation north of Roosevelt, Utah, after living in the area for at least two millennia before the white man's arrival. Now they are being invited back.

According to a resolution by the City of Steamboat Springs, the monument is a "modest first step" by a group of residents and Utes seeking an "eloquent memorial, symbolically noting their long-standing presence in the valley, their forced exodus, and now, their welcomed homecoming."

"The objective is to reconnect the Utes to the area and to the people of the area," said John Grassby, Steamboat Springs attorney.

The locals are barely surviving

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OFF TRACK

But most business people do not know how to track trends to their benefit, nor are they aware of what a trend really is, according to an Institute study (see stories, page 4).

Indeed, they use the word as a catchall for anything which they can't quantify or qualify, but which seems to have staying power.

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New Age Going Pop

Summer Issue = 1994

It's here and it's hot.

The New Age trend, once scorned as flaky, is now mainstream, attracting adherents and amassing power. It's also alluring businesses that sense a growth market and substantial profits.

But most businesses — as well as flocks of new "converts" — misinterpret its purpose and are turning many aspects of the trend into a pop culture fad, according to an Institute study, "New Age, New Directions: Trends, Fads and Facts."

WHAT IT IS

New Age is a social movement — a collective process whose value system is based on an axiom that human beings have a purpose and responsibility in life to experience personal growth and respect for the universe. It's grounded in principles of diversity, and has a spiritual focus that transcends the tenets of organized religion.

American Patriotism 2000

Powerful trend forces are producing a multiyear shift that will expand the concept of duty, honor and country to redefine patriotism.

The shift will become more apparent by the turn of the century as the meaning of American patriotism is broadened to incorporate beliefs and values of Native Americans, according to an Institute forecast.

These values will first mingle with existing flag wavings, and later coalesce into a new national ethic. By 2005 the ethic will comprehend a more fundamental sense of patriotism than just love and support of America in matters involving other countries.

The new sense will involve an

arising from new and sometimes unexpected appreciations in their lives.

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Overeager marketers also display a shallow understanding of who New Agers are. New Agers are savvy, seasoned, well read and generally anti-Establishment — and they don't readily buy into Madison Avenue campaigns.

Such "New Age" products as Fruitopia, Crystal Pepsi, power yoga and bacteria-resistant performance wear may at best find a market among ankle-deep New Agers, but won't make a mark among New Agers steeped in the movement.

Contrary to marketing myth, wholehearted New Agers don't consider soft drinks containing some fruit concentrate to be "New Age beverages." Their alternative beverages of choice are contaminant-free water and freshly squeezed juice.

overarching love of homeland that includes a patriotic respect for the balance of nature and people's individual and national responsibilities to remember its benefits.

The trend — vivified in large part by the ancient wisdom trend brought on by status-quo dissatisfaction (see "Ancient Wisdom," Winter Issue, page 1 ff.) — is based on a growing societal understanding that American systems and institutions are failing to meet national needs.

While the trend toward new patriotic values won't lead to Revolutionary War, it will lead to revolutionary debate about the principles



Let's go with the flow & make it so! Continued on page 7



Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee!

"The world knows Suzy by many names: Miss Olympics, 1st Lady of Skiing, the Snow Goddess, and by one of the greatest ad gimmicks, Suzy Chapstick! But it was not enough for this woman, to be beset by beauty, talent and wisdom, she is also a 'Maverick'. When it comes to the 'right to sport' & Earth's ecology, she is the essence of commitment, fearless and true to her spirit." -- cover story "Santa Barbara Magazine."

Suzy first got world headlines wearing the silver suit as America's top downhill at the '68 Grenoble Olympics. She went on to become a 3 X World Freestyle Champion & Triple Hall of Famer. Said Coke's Walter Dunn, "Her name is legion. Few athletes have developed such commercial legs"--leading popularity polls for 3 decades. In '96, proving that it is a new era for Women & Wisdom, this Babyboomer, was named Skiing Magazine's "Skier with the Most Sex Appeal" in history! --over Ivana, Redford and Killy. On "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, she was just featured as the guru of lip balm for generations. That commercial pioneered the popularity of "fun & fitness" (an idea given her *by* Euros) and women athletes, in America, and her "Fire & Ice" was the biggest world box office ski film.

The blond thoroughbred was born to an Olympic family in Rutland, Vermont. Studying ballet as a child, her fantasy was to dance down mountains. After Grenoble, she worked in the ghettos and found the "real Olympic high" was giving back. She then led the reform to make the Olympics "fair". At the same time, her experiments in ski films created the graceful ski ballet. Introducing "Freestyle" on the Carson Show, and raising \$1 million to start a Women's Division, mothered 3 Golds in Nagano! While skiing with President Ford, working on a Bill to give athletes representation, his ad man, who was impressed by Chaffee's bold idealism, had a dream-- "Suzy Chapstick!"

Being hailed in the "Top 10 influential women in America", (Quest Mag.) was a result of tasting the bitterness of discrimination at Denver University in '64. Realizing the far-reaching effects of sports on her joy, health, esteem and full potential, she started making waves. In '76, she led the Washington March for Title IX-- Equal Opportunity for Women in School Sports, set up the first meeting at the White House to get it enforced, and raised the consciousness of Senate Health Leader Ted Kennedy to put it under his wing for 20 yrs. The result: Atlanta was called, "The Women's Olympics!" It saved taxpayers a trillion dollars in Welfare, since the Surgeon General found a link between fitness and lowered teen pregnancy, as well as health care.

Also a writer, TV host, lecturer and designer, in '95, Chaffee felt beckoned to a simpler life in exquisite Telluride, to share the joy of skiing as a teacher (with students like Van Damme & Jordan), and finish her book about the Ancients, "The Snow Goddess". While exchanging the "joy of skiing" for the "wisdom of the mountains" with a Sioux named Rollingbears, she fell in love with him and his culture. This inspired him singing the "4 Directions" song on the radio that snowless Christmas, saving Telluride! Realizing that Mother Earth listens, she co-founded Native Voices Foundation with Ute Medicine man, Alden Naranjo, and started joyful exchanges of *Skiing* for *Native Dancing*, "that is healing our valley and Mother Earth for our children!" His kids loved the program so much that a Navajo Elder gave her an eagle feather. "Telluride is a Role Model for American Ski Areas", says its President. Next: finding sponsors to bring it national! After Picabo's triumph, since even the Indians still kid Suzy, she introduced herself, "I'm a member of the 'Chapstick Tribe' that kicked butt for America in Nagano!"

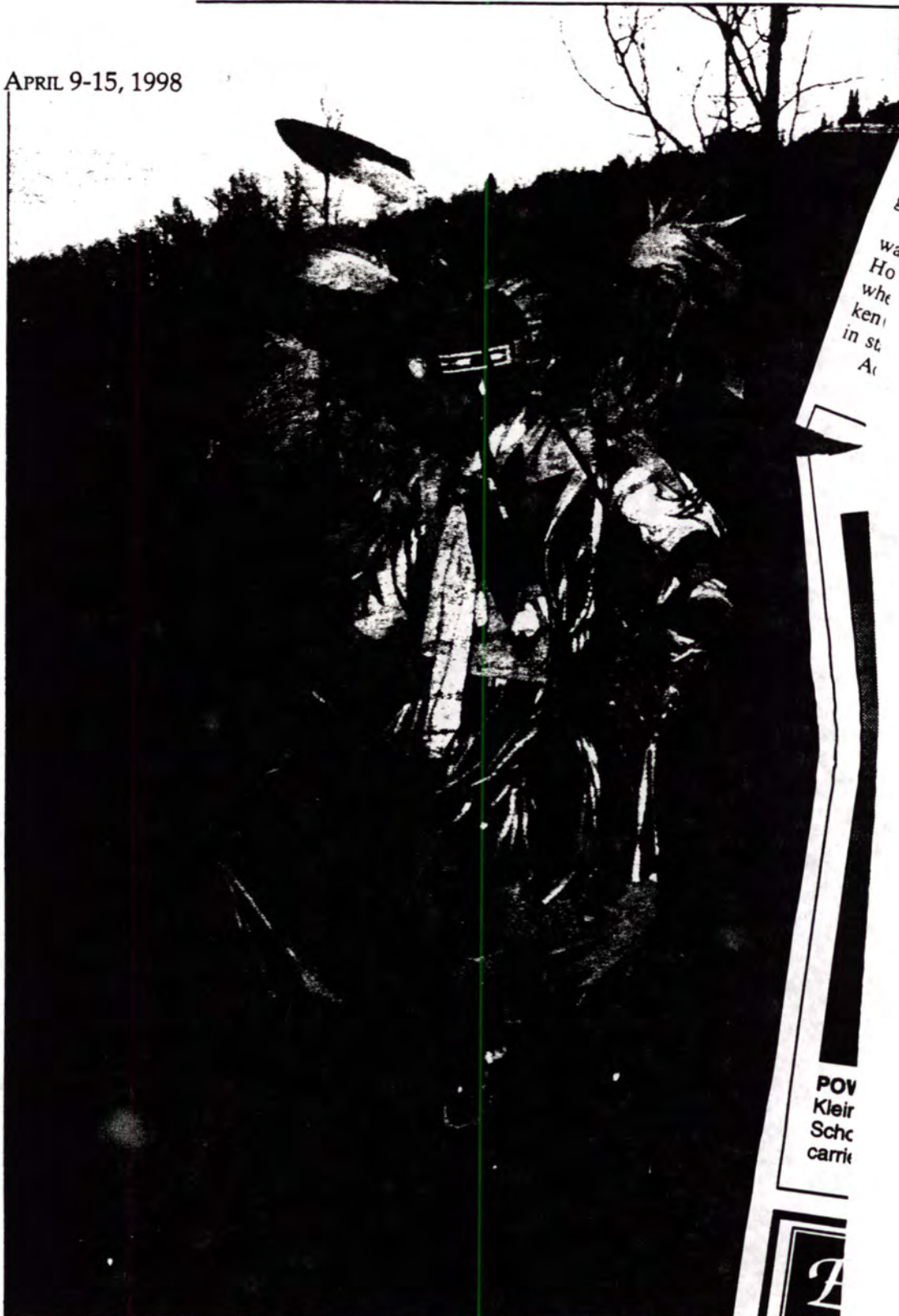
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OPENING CEREMONIES — Byron Grant, a Navajo Omaha from Montezuma formed a Native American dance to kick off the National Snowboard Champions Mountain Village, Tuesday. See the Sports Section for first day coverage of th

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Att: *Balboa Hernandez*


Suzy Chaffee

Governor Mike Levitt
101 State Capital Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Governor Levitt:

April 2, 1998

As Captain of the '68 Olympic Ski Team, first woman on the Board of the Olympic Committee, World Freestyle Champion, and Suzy "Chapstick", I am writing in support of Larry Blackhair being named to the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee. I've also attended 6 Olympics, mainly because the Opening Ceremonies first made me feel the euphoric sense of Oneness in the World. 2002 is America's big chance to redeem ourselves, since our Natives are loved by Europeans and Asians, by finally opening our Games with our First Americans! I see a standing ovation that goes on and on...

Having worked with Larry on a "Ute Welcoming Home" event in Telluride, he has proved himself to be an upbeat "can do" leader. Plus he's an avid skier. His friends Tom Bachtell, Oscar Wyatt, Ken Smith, Fred Palne, and John Lehmer impressed me as some of the most enlightened businessmen I have ever worked with. They have been partners along with the Utes and Navajo in starting our Native Ski exchanges that are described in the enclosed press release. (I just got the blessing of the American Ski Company that bought the Canyons to have Ute Exchanges there next season.) You'll also get a sense of the far-reaching effects of putting Larry on the Organizing Committee as well as the support he is receiving by Michael Berry, President of Ski Area Operators of America, a colleague of Earl Holding.

Bottom line, I think your inclusion of Larry and the First Americans in your Opening Ceremonies, will make your Olympics one of the most exquisite, heart-warming memorable Games in History! It's also because your mountains and people are magnificent. I've had some of my most joyful times in Snowbird and Alta, while competing on the Freestyle Tour! With New Agers who love Natives, going mainstream, and Native Dancing being America's most "enchanted" draw (Time Mag May '97.), it's a win-win for everyone! Speaking for Mayor Elaine Fischer, our Chief Judge Sharon Shuteran and the new people of Telluride, who love and respect the Utes whom our ignorant predecessors evicted, we support your making the timely move of naming Larry Blackhair to the SLC Organizing Committee! We'd love to have you as an honored guest at our April 7th kick off!

From the heart,


Suzy Chaffee

cc: Michael Berry
Tom Bachtell
Ken Smith
Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell
Senator John McCain
Billy Kidd

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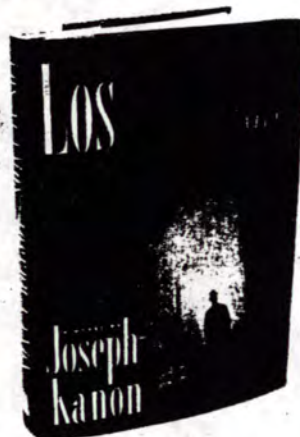
POWWOW: INVITATION TO AN AGE- OLD DANCE

The Taos Pueblo Powwow features traditional dancing, drumming and costumes, as Native American tribes from all across the U.S. and Canada gather north of Santa Fe for three days of exhibitions and contests. Visitors can avail themselves of pottery, beadwork, jewelry, weaving and foods like chili and oven bread.

film *Chinatown*, with its small-scale moral muddles foregrounding grand-scale moral muddles.

Of course, not everything pertaining to New Mexican cool shivers with the frisson of government conspiracy. On July 17, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum will open in Santa Fe—the first museum dedicated to the artist, whose paintings of flowers and bleached skulls have become as emblematic of New Mexico as Edward Hopper's urban loners are of New York City. Also in Santa Fe, from June 3 through Aug. 16, is Santa Fe Stages: the International Theater Festival, for which the city will be host to everything from Canadian avant-gardists (a brochure warns of "brief nudity") to a women-in-drag version of Sherlock Holmes from Britain. Devotees of more traditional performing arts may want to venture north to the Taos Pueblo Powwow, running from July 11 through July 13. Some 45 to 50 Native American tribes will gather to take part in exhibitions and competitions with categories like "men's fancy dance" and "men's straight dance."

SO WHY IS NEW MEXICO COOLER THAN DELAWARE?



BIG BOMB, BIG BOOK?

Joseph Kanon's *Los Alamos* has fictional characters mix it up with historical figures like physicists J. Robert Oppenheimer and Niels Bohr in a murder mystery some critics will have a hard time not calling "explosive."



COURTESY OF THE GEORGIA O'KEEFE MUSEUM, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

GEORGIA ON OUR MIND

Opening this summer in Santa Fe: the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, the first devoted to the artist, with more than 80 paintings and sculptures. Pictured here: *Jimson Weed* (1932)



BRINGING IN A FEW RINGERS

The Canadian troupe Les Deux Mondes will perform at Santa Fe Stages: the International Theater Festival. Also on the bill—flamenco and a British comedy duo


Suzy Chaffee

Dear First Lady Hillary,

May 6, 1998

Becky Hernreich thought you might be in China in July, and wanting your historical healing words to be witnessed by over 3,000 Native Americans representing hundreds of tribes, we have a better date for you: September 23, 24, or 25 at the nationally acclaimed "Ute Council Tree Pow Wow" in Delta, Colorado.

The inspiring organizer, Wilma Ervin, having cancer, puts her heart into this event as part of her healing. Having started it three years ago with the co-chair of our Native Voices Foundation, Ute medicine man Alden Naranjo, Wilma says the pow wow has not only been a financial boon for the town, but it has created a love affair between their cultures. A similar phenomena happened in Telluride as a result of our exchanges of Native dancing for skiing. Contrast that with the rest of Colorado in the enclosed Denver Post article. Joyful pow wow dancing and skiing, which put Native Americans in their brilliant higher consciousness light, melts all differences...!

You'll notice in the article that without those bridges of opportunity to play and communicate in a positive atmosphere, Anglo policy makers tend to superimpose their thinking on Natives', rather than taking the time to understand their way. Theirs is a Wisdom of the Ancients, that as you know, we forgot--like honoring Mother Earth and other Principles. Therefore, not understanding that Natives believe in sharing and respecting all peoples, Anglos get fearful and envious of the clout and success of a handful of Nations. **They absolutely need that hard earned clout to work out a way to bring their people from the bottom rung of our country economically to improve their horrendous health.**

Every Anglo oil and casino partner & employee of Native Americans that I have talked to, has been impressed with the integrity, generosity (nurturing Anglos too) and humanity of the those tribes that are finally enjoying some abundance after 400 years of oppression and abuse. Said a casino partner, "Most Americans don't know that there is a fascinating world of people living near us, whom we have so much to learn from." Some oilmen from Utah who have opened their minds and hearts to their Utes are now close friends, and see life through their eyes, as I do. That's why it would be unconscionable to bar the California Tribes or any others from their rightful income from casinos or mineral rights, that they have way more than paid for to insure their sovereignty. There's less than 20 with casinos that can even afford to help others.

You, the President and Chelsea coming to the Pow wow, would also open many minds in America to check out our beautiful brothers and sisters who have been the great guardians of these lands for 30,000 years. They deserve and need this big pat on the back for their gifts to us. The pow wow M.C., who is like a stand up comic, makes it fun and understandable, and you get to dance in a dazzling friendship circle. While you are checking out the great cultures of the world again this summer, you might find that the aboriginals in your backyard, are the most awesome of all!

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cc: Alden Naranjo

Wilma Ervin

Box 3965, Telluride, Co. 81435 970-7286776

From the heart,

Suzy Chaffee
Suzy Chaffee



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Dear President Clinton:

May 6, 1998

Becky thought you might be in China in July, and wanting your historical healing words to be witnessed by over 3,000 Native Americans representing hundreds of tribes, we have a better date for you: September 23, 24, or 25 at the nationally acclaimed "Ute Council Tree Pow Wow" in Delta, Colorado.

The inspiring organizer, Wilma Ervin, having cancer, puts her heart into this event as part of her healing. Having started it three years ago with the co-chair of our Native Voices Foundation, Ute medicine man Alden Naranjo, Wilma says the pow wow has not only been a financial boon for the town, but it has created a love affair between their cultures. A similar phenomena happened in Telluride as a result of our exchanges of Native dancing for skiing. Contrast that with the rest of Colorado in the enclosed Denver Post article. Joyful pow wow dancing and skiing, which put Native Americans in their brilliant higher consciousness light, melts all differences...!

You'll notice in the article that without those bridges of opportunity to play and communicate in a positive atmosphere, Anglo policy makers tend to superimpose their thinking on Natives', rather than taking the time to understand their way. There is a Wisdom of the Ancients, that as you know, we forgot--like honoring Mother Earth and other Principles. Therefore, not understanding that Natives believe in sharing and respecting all peoples, Anglos get fearful and envious of the clout and success of a handful of Nations. **They absolutely need that hard earned clout to work out a way to bring their people from the bottom rung of our country economically to improve their horrendous health.**

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Dear Becky, the girlfriend

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.
Tell me if you come up with a different
conclusion after reading the poor article.

Enclosed are also 2 brochures in
case Wilma doesn't send hers right away,
perhaps along with a note inviting the
1st Partnership. Roland McCord, the
descendant of Chief Auray & Chupeta may
be calling to thank you.

(I left
a
message)

Let's pray!

See Suzy

P.S. the California Federal Judge, ^{supposedly} controlled
by the President, is threatening to
close the Indian Casinos in California.
Decision on May 12th; no hurry!
Isn't that pathetic?

cc: [signature]
cc Don Carnille
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June 11, 1998

Diane Gunn Anderson
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El Dorado, Arkansas 71730

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

My dear Mr. President,

It was a joy to see you at the Radio Address last Friday. You are like our family member in need of a big hug! Please remember that you have caring, loving and loyal extended family here in South Arkansas that are distraught over the unfair personal attacks that you and Hillary are having to endure. The stupid persecution of your friends must be a terrible hurt and I am greatly sympathetic. We take great pride in your ability to respond with wisdom and dignity.

When Edwin and I were in Washington at the December dinner honoring the Senior White House Staff, you told them to consider the constant borage of attacks to be like mosquito attacks in South Arkansas and you encouraged your staff to keep on swatin' em and stay focused. I took that advice, taped that news article to a fly-swatter and took it to a board meeting of Union County Community Foundation, of which I am president. I swatted the table when a certain arrogant jerk took to the inappropriate offensive, for which he is known. I did get a good laugh and it worked for a while!

Trey and Carla were thrilled to get to visit with you after the radio address. They are so frustrated at the inability of the Air Force to meet the needs of the personnel. There are so many overqualified men and women, like Trey, flying these awesome aircraft just for the joy of being a part of this effort, but the Air Force is forcing them out because of its unwillingness to address the needs of these young families. If the Air Force would put some of these pilots in a think tank to resolve the problem of attrition, it would save everyone, including the tax-payers money. Besides they would probably create a reasonable long range purpose. They have spent millions to train Trey, but can't make him a challenging offer to stay in the program. For example, he was a candidate for the Exchange Pilot Program with the French Air Force, but a new rule says a F-15 pilot may not leave, because they are under-manned. If the F-15 is the new defense front, it is hard to imagine they are lacking in back-up trained pilots.

Edwin is truly the Renaissance Man! He is acting like a cowboy and riding his horse, Margarita, Team Penning (a cowboy game) on weekends. We have bought a ranch in Santa Fe and he is becoming an opera buff. What fun we are having. He and Bill are still working together building a radio empire - a tiny one - just toys for the boys as I put it! We want you and Hillary to come to Santa Fe for a visit. We have a great front porch with rocking chairs and a wonderful view of the Sangre de Cristo and Jemez Mountains.

Please know that we love you and pray for you, Hillary and Chelsea daily.

Sincerely,

Diane

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

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To:

Don Burkhardt

From:

The Staff Secretary

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The Washington Post

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1998 H

7-Year-Old Heroine Basks in Media Glow

D.C. Girl Drove Father to Hospital

By MARIA ELENA FERNANDEZ
Washington Post Staff Writer

Latia Robinson, age 7, is walking through the metal detectors at One Judiciary Square, flanked by her attorney and her mother, when a security guard recognizes her.

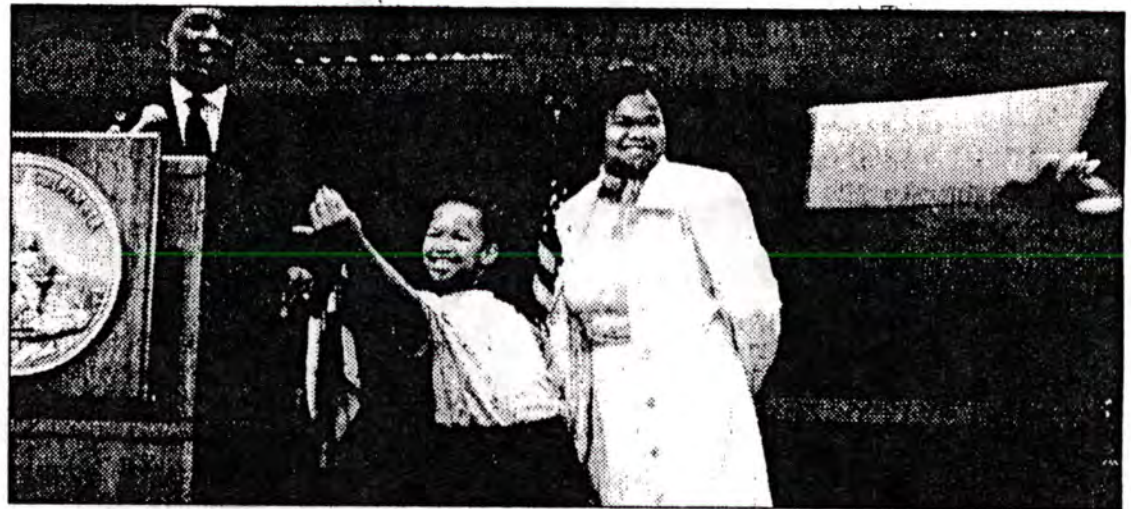
"You're the little girl who saved her father's life," says the guard. "You're the driver."

Latia smiles widely, nods her head and keeps walking toward the elevator. The last 20 days have been a media whirlwind, and Latia is minutes from receiving a commendation from D.C.

Mayor Marion Barry for the heroic deed she performed May 15.

"She's unflappable," says her attorney, Roberta Wright, whom Latia's family hired after they were flooded with interview requests and endorsement proposals. "That's what I like about her."

Twenty days after The Washington Post reported how Latia took control of a Honda Accord after her father passed out while driving on Georgia Avenue NW, she is on the fast track to stardom. The Raymond Elementary School second-grader, who lives in Northeast Washington, has



Latia Robinson signals relatives to join her, mom Ethel and Mayor Marion Barry as her commendation is delivered.
BY DAYNA SMITH—THE WASHINGTON POST

appeared on all of the local television news programs, has been interviewed by three national magazines and was featured on the syndicated television talk show "Vibe" on Friday night.

But that's not all. President

Clinton called to congratulate her; Congress did the same by letter. Michael Jordan and Honda are discussing endorsement contracts with her. Tonight, she will be interviewed on "Prime Time Country," a Dick Clark

Productions cable variety show. And Oprah Winfrey is waiting her turn.

Is Latia becoming weary of the attention? "No ... I feel good!"

See LATIA, A20, Col. 1

7-Year-Old Who Drove Dad to Hospital Is Now on Road to Stardom

LATIA, From A1

she says forcefully.

How has her life changed? "Movie stars keep calling my house, and basketball stars. . . I can't believe I'm a star," she says and rolls her eyes.

Suddenly, the magnitude of her statement is too much. She throws herself on her mother, Ethel Robinson, who is sitting next to her, and closes her eyes. She is, after all, only 7—even if she is 4 feet 4, 93 pounds and poised beyond her years.

"I would not ever have imagined that anything like this could have occurred," says Ethel Robinson. "That I would be standing and talking to these people and shaking their hands, it just didn't seem possible. I believe God made all of this possible."

Latia's father, Sean McClam, 31, was treated for dehydration and a 105-degree temperature at Howard University Hospital and released. For driving him safely to the hospital at the beginning of rush hour, Latia received from Barry yesterday a certificate of recognition and a \$250 savings bond on behalf of the District.

Although the practice is illegal and unsafe, McClam has said he often lets Latia steer his car while sitting on his lap.

When Latia is not busy hugging Barry or making fun of Sinbad, the comedian who hosts "Vibe," she is a studious child who likes to horse around with her 11-year-old brother, jump rope and play basketball. Before her infectious personality and sassy ways earned her national celebrity, Latia was debating whether to become a doctor or a firefighter. Now, she has added "movie star" to the list. And she wants Sinbad—who reminded Latia during the show that it is illegal for a 7-year-old to drive—and Eddie Murphy to have roles in her movies.

"She's an old lady," says her mother. "She just is. I'm convinced there's another person in her body. She's been here before."

Pretty and spontaneous, Latia is the perfect candidate and topic for a television interview, says Stacey Scheirer, an associate producer for Dick Clark Productions. Even Sinbad, who makes a living with his quick humor, seemed taken aback by her directness.

"She grew up fast," says Ebony magazine photographer Fred Watkins, who shot pictures of Latia for a forthcoming issue. "You can just tell by her expressions. She was telling me which angle to take the pictures from. She has a strong opinion on what she wants and how she wants it. When she didn't like something her mother wanted, she put her hands on her hips and did the homegirl twirl of the neck."

Looking down at Latia yesterday, the mayor said, "Heroes come in all sizes." When he offered her the microphone, she showed Barry a shy side not many people get to see.

"I just want to thank God," she said, almost in a whisper.

Assistant Police Chief Rodney Monroe gave her the department's meritorious service award, telling her that her actions "sent a signal to other citizens that all C.ings are good in Washington."

The only thing she was trying to do, Latia reminds anyone who remarks on her good instincts, was help her father, whom she is crazy about.

"I'm glad for what I did for my father, and I'm glad for what the people are doing for me," she says while writing down a reporter's questions on a piece of paper. "I'm just doing the best I can do for my father right now and for me."



Latia Robinson displays uncharacteristic shyness after receiving an award from Mayor Marion Barry. At right is her mother, Ethel Robinson.

BY DAYNA SMITH—THE WASHINGTON POST

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/12

To: Gene Sperling
Karen Trumont: no
From: The Staff Secretary

I received this via
inter-office mail only yesterday.
Correspondence will draft a reply
and run it by you both.

Phil

cc: Don Burkhardt

May 27, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our opposition to recently released Department of Transportation regulations that attempt to reinsert the government into the airline business. We believe these regulations threaten the economic vitality of the airline industry and industry employees.

The air transportation industry accounts for 7% of exports from the United States, just behind the aerospace industry which accounts for 10%. Since 1995 domestic carriers' purchases of airplanes have amounted to \$23 billion. In 1997, 600 million passengers flew on domestic carriers, more than double the number flying twenty years ago. The industry actually turned a profit in the last three years (after absorbing more than \$12.8 billion in losses between 1990 and 1994, more money than the entire industry had made since the first flight of the Wright brothers). The prosperity of the last few years has allowed us to grow and create jobs. Today more than 586,000 Americans are directly employed by U.S. airlines. As these statistics demonstrate, commercial aviation is an integral part of the American economy, providing an essential service to people from all walks of life nationwide.

Our industry is cyclical, ebbing and flowing with the general state of the economy. As you know, the airlines and their employees, particularly those represented by unions, absorbed the pain of the industry's volatility following deregulation in the 1980s and early 1990s. Throughout this rough transition period, many of us made sacrifices with the hope that the airline industry would become the strong and prosperous industry that it is today. As an immediate result of deregulation, air service to smaller cities and less populated regions fell. As the economy has grown, we have expanded services to major cities and to less populated regions with our airlines and partnerships that we have formed with smaller carriers.

Now, just as the economic experiment of deregulation is proving to be successful -- thousands of jobs are being created, consumers are benefiting from increased service and overall lower fares -- new DOT regulations promise a renewed federal interest in micro-managing our industry. Our ability to grow, compete and respond to consumer demands will be diminished by this new regulatory activity.

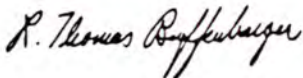
In addition, we fear that the new DOT regulations may have a chilling impact on how we plan for the future. If regulations have the unintended consequences, as we believe they

do, such as raising prices, curtailing the demand for travel, or determining what markets we can and cannot enter, we will be forced to be more cautious in planning for the future acquisition of equipment and other goods and services. Further, we object to the DOT giving preference to so called "low cost" carriers whose only cost advantage is the payment of lower wages, health insurance, pensions, etc. to their employees.

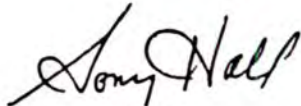
Airline deregulation and the ensuing competition between carriers has brought about the best innovations in the history of commercial aviation. We are strong advocates for competition in our industry. We do not condone unlawful activities that undermine competition, and we do not seek protection from federal scrutiny in this area. We do believe that existing law adequately addresses these issues and can be enforced to ensure legal behavior and consumer protection.

We urge you to reconsider the proposed regulations in light of the effect they will have on the airline industry, its employees and its customers. We would like to have the opportunity to share our concerns with you in person.

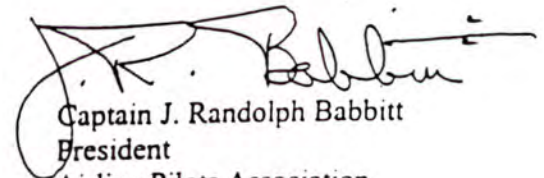
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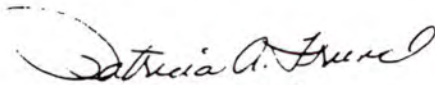
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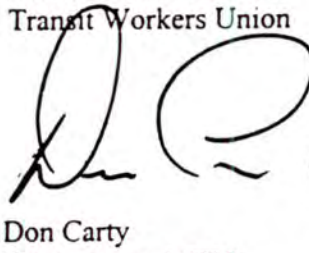
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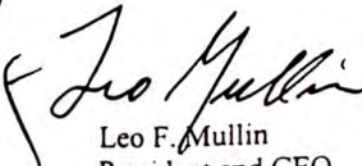
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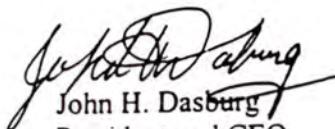
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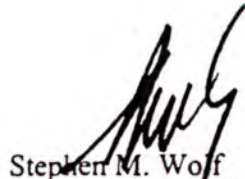
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American Airlines



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Delta Air Lines



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US Airways



Gerald Greenwald
Chairman and CEO
United Airlines

cc: The Honorable Rodney E. Slater



Cambria Watson, left, jokes with middle sister Tenea, who has just finished college at age 17.

BY TIM SLOAN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Taking a Leap Into College

14-Year-Old to Follow Sisters, Skip High School

By ELLEN NAKASHIMA
Washington Post Staff Writer

Cambria Watson is 14, a slip of an eighth-grader moving from one group of pals to another, their cafeteria tables at Takoma Park Middle School cluttered with book bags, juice boxes and Winnie the Pooh note pads. This fall, she'll be a college freshman, taking English 101 and living in a dorm 160 miles from her Silver Spring home.

It shocks her buddies to hear that she's skipping high school—"Cambria's going to college!" they exclaim. But Cambria is following in the footsteps of her older sisters, both of whom graduated from middle school to enter a special program for young achievers at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va.

Tenea, 17, just got her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mary Baldwin and is headed for the University of Rochester to pursue a

doctorate. And Noshua, 20, will receive her master's degree in economics from Stanford University on Sunday.

Despite the sisters' academic success, everyone—from the grandparents to the girls—plays down the notion that intellectual supergenes vaulted them past their peers. In fact, although Cambria is in a magnet program with bright students, there are others in her class who have higher grades but who would never consider skipping high school.

The Watson girls got where they are because their parents pushed them to maximize their abilities. As African American females, the parents felt, their daughters faced a host of challenges—discrimination, pressures to conform and lowered expectations. Because their parents believe education is the key to success, they leapt at the Mary

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The Washington Post

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Third Sister to Follow the Shortcut to College

SISTERS, From A1

Baldwin program as a way to give their girls a head start.

"You're talking to someone who believes that giftedness isn't rare," Arenita Watson says. "What's missing is the environment and the motivation to bring out these gifts in children. That's what I work real hard to give my girls."

Cambria resisted the idea at first. She knew she would miss her dance lessons, where she's learning jazz, tap and ballet. She did not want to be a carbon copy of her sisters. She discussed her concerns with her parents.

"I'd give them my reasons for not wanting to go, and they'd talk about all the benefits I'd get at Mary Baldwin and how it kind of overruled high school," she says.

Her sisters tried to persuade her, too, talking about how great it was and how she'd do things she couldn't do in high school.

Finally, she came around.

And so, for Cambria there will be no senior prom, no football pep rallies, no homecoming dance. Instead, there will be tea with the college president, late-night pizza at the dorm, campus mixers with guys from neighboring schools.

The Watsons know that some experts would say they have pushed their daughters too far, too fast. But they believe that not helping their children reach their fullest potential is a greater disservice.

"If you can play minor league baseball or you can play major league baseball, why do you want to play in the minor league?" asks Rudy Watson, 44, a project manager for IBM in Bethesda.

"You have to teach them to be self-motivated," says Arenita Watson, 44, a former statistician and entrepreneur who now volunteers with the Maryland Information Technology Center. "... They're doing this for themselves, not for you."

Thirteen years ago, Mary Baldwin

became the nation's first all-female residential college to offer a program specifically targeting young, bright students after it admitted an eighth-grader who commuted to campus and wound up graduating at the top of her class.

The idea was there may be a new population out here that the college could tap into," said Celeste Rhodes, executive director of the college's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted.

Cambria will be one of about 65 girls in the program, which houses girls on campus for their first two years along with staff. Of those who enroll in the program, about one-third graduate from Mary Baldwin; the rest transfer to other universities, often seeking a coed campus or a different college environment.

Administrators screen carefully not only for intellectual ability, but emotional maturity. "We look for the student who loves to learn, is open to criticism and grows from it... who has a sense of herself," Rhodes said. "A common theme we hear is the need for challenge, a frustration with where she is at the moment."

Some experts frown on sending 13- and 14-year-olds to college, saying their social and emotional development will be hindered. "It can be done by a few people, but it's not for most people," said Julian Stanley, of Johns Hopkins University, a pioneer in researching gifted children. He said students that young and bright would do better to take advanced placement or honors courses for a couple of years before deciding to go to college.

Noshua was the first Watson girl to go to Mary Baldwin, seven years ago. Tenea followed after graduating from Earle B. Wood Middle School in Rockville four years ago. Both have full scholarships at their respective universities; while Cambria's \$20,000 annual college tuition will be covered by a loan.

The three sisters attended public schools in Montgomery County:

Rockville, Gaithersburg, Silver Spring. Their family life reflected suburban normalcy. They ate dinner together, their parents read to them, they went to church, they had sleepovers. Dad listened to Prince while Mom put on blues and gospel.

Their recollections of growing up reveal a driven but supportive family, one that isn't too achievement-oriented to watch cheesy movies and kid each other about how Tenea is "boy crazy" or Rudy likes to point himself out in photos. They celebrated their accomplishments, lamented what they might have missed out on and fretted at times at how hard they had to work.

Rudy and Arenita were always looking for ways to break learning down into small, simple steps. When Noshua was a toddler, Rudy would cut out logos from store bags and tape them to the wall. Show me the Giant sign, he'd say. Which one is Kmart? That helped lay the foundation for the girls' reading by the age of 3 or 4, he says.

Comics, the backs of cereal boxes, novels—it didn't matter what they read, says Arenita, who, Cambria blurts out, has 16 books checked out from the library. "I told them I learned to read reading True Confessions!" Arenita says, laughing.

Their motivation to push their daughters is rooted in their family histories. They saw parents and grandparents with college degrees struggle to advance. Still, they realized that education is the door to opportunity.

Raised in Canton, Ohio, Rudy was the only one of seven siblings to go to college, receiving a bachelor's in information processing and a master's in information systems technology from George Washington University. What struck him was how powerless his father, who never finished high school and rode a garbage truck, felt about affecting his own life.

Arenita received a bachelor's degree in epidemiology and environmental health from GWU, later get-

ting a master's degree in occupational health and systems safety engineering from West Virginia University. Growing up in West Virginia, she learned that the antidote to discrimination is schooling.

"If you had an education, that's something they'd never take away from you," says Arenita, who got her master's degree after her first two daughters were born.

Still, she resented that both of her grandparents had college degrees but ended up scrubbing floors and working in coal mines.

"Coming from families of highly intelligent beings and seeing them struggle, it's so disheartening," she says. "I knew I was discriminated against because I was black and female. And then because I was married. And then because I had kids. It was always just one thing after another."

She says she wants her daughters to benefit from her experience, "so that they're not like me at 27, trying to get a master's degree, with two small kids, running back and forth and working full time."

Now Arenita's youngest daughter is going to take that long leap toward her mother's dream.

Cambria scored 1020 on her SATs at age 12—higher than the average for college-bound seniors. She says her magnet program for math, science and computer studies is "not that difficult at all." But the desire to leave home isn't as urgent as it was for her sisters.

She doesn't talk about her decision with classmates. Though they're awed by her feat, they say they wouldn't want it for themselves. "She'll miss out on some of the social aspects," says a friend and classmate in the magnet program, Julia Kay, 13. "I'm looking forward to the high school experience."

Cambria now says she is happy with her decision, as surreal as it seems. "I am glad I'm going, but I can't picture myself there at all." In fact, when she looks back on the



Arenita Watson talks to daughters Cambria, left, and Tenea. She maintains that children need "the environment and the motivation" to bring out their giftedness.

arguments her sisters gave, it was "kind of hard to believe," she says. "I mean, I still remember them calling home and crying."

Noshua acknowledges that Mary Baldwin was not easy. She does recall phoning home once at 3 in the morning in tears. "I was studying calculus, taking 23 credits that semester. I was a wreck."

The root of her trauma, though, was the "incredible social pressure" of being judged by a conventional standard, she says, by friends, neighbors and strangers at home and sometimes even by other Mary Baldwin students who weren't in her program.

People constantly told her, "What you're doing is not normal. It's going to damage you. It's going to make you dysfunctional. Your parents are abusing you," says Noshua, who is now a Stanford teaching assistant and PhD student.

Tenea, who left Saturday for Connecticut, where she's interning at the drug firm Pfizer for the summer, got a lot of that, too. And it irked her. "I turned out okay," she says. "If I had gone to high school, I would not be in a PhD program now, where they're paying my way for five years. I probably wouldn't have some of the

confidence I have in my science skills."

Cambria knows that she'll have to work hard. But she also knows Mary Baldwin is a friendly place. She knows the campus from having visited her sisters. Even so, Cambria says, it was her parents' wishes that influenced her decision.

"I know I have a choice," she says. "But I know it would be really hard to back up my choice with reasons; and I don't feel like doing that. And so, after a while, I didn't care."

Cambria says she's ready to chuck some of her stuffed animals in her bedroom—anaquamarine and lavender sponge-painted gallery of mementos. She's hung on the walls pom-poms, a masca, a plastic guitar, a ballet tutu, Pizza Hut box and a yarmulke.

She figures she'll see her friends enough "during the weekends and stuff," she said. "When we get together, we'll have fun."

Arenita knows her daughter is setting off on a difficult path, but one she feels worthwhile. "We strongly believe that trying new things, and not being afraid to fail, is very important in the learning process. How do you know if you can do it, unless you try?"

Draft 6/11/98 2:00pm
June Shih and Jordan Tamagni

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
"THE NEW IMMIGRATION:
BUILDING ONE AMERICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY"
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY
JUNE 13, 1998

Acknowledgments: TK

~~I am honored to address the Portland State University graduating class of 1998. Let me~~
begin by congratulating each of you on your tremendous achievement. I know that the roads
some of you have traveled to reach this day were not easy. Some of you have worked full-
time and cared for your families, even as you carried a full course load here at Portland State.
But you kept the faith.

Let me tell you, it was worth it. The education you will take away today from this
campus will open many doors of opportunity ~~here in Portland and~~ wherever you ~~choose to~~
build your lives, ~~wherever destiny takes you.~~

Today, I want to talk to you about the America ~~where you will build your new lives --~~
~~the America where you will find those opportunities -- and hopefully -- create new ones.~~

One thing is certain: ~~America is changing -- and changing at breathtaking speed. This~~
Spring, ~~as I address graduates across America, I have been talking about the challenges these~~
changes pose to our most cherished values and to America's ~~most fundamental~~ ^{fundamental, guiding} mission --
widening the circle of opportunity ~~for all our people~~, deepening the meaning of our freedom,

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and forming a more perfect union. At the U.S. Naval Academy, I spoke about defending our nation against the new ^{security} ^{challenges} threats of terrorism; at MIT, I talked about ~~how we could bring~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} opportunities of the Information Age to all Americans.

~~Today I want to speak about strengthening the bonds of our national~~
~~The challenge I am here to talk to you about today is one of the most complex we face~~
~~community as we grow more racially ethnically diverse. It is~~
~~our nation's growing racial and ethnic diversity.~~ One year ago tomorrow, I launched a national initiative on race, and called on all Americans to address the lingering problems and limitless possibilities of our ~~diversity~~ diversity.

The driving force behind ^{increasing} ~~this~~ diversity is the new ^{wave of} immigration -- millions of new immigrants ~~are~~ are changing the face of America. While these changes are good for America, they demand more of all Americans. ~~It is~~ ^{When} ~~We~~ ^{we} a ~~shared~~ responsibility to welcome the new immigrants -- and to ensure that ^{they} ~~this new immigration~~ strengthens our ^{It is our duty to make the most of our new global information economy,} nation. ~~We~~ We must redouble our commitment to those ~~shared~~ ideals and values that have held our union together, that have made us American, for two centuries and more.

More than any nation on earth, America has drawn our strength and spirit from ~~our~~ ^{these generations, they have proved to be} immigrants ~~the~~ the most restless, the most adventurous, the most innovative, ^{the most} ~~and~~ ^{They have made} ~~industrious~~ of people, ~~together~~. Together, bearing different memories, honoring many heritages, ~~they~~ ^{we} forged a ~~new~~ ^{new} ~~unique and dynamic~~ ^{unique and dynamic} culture. Together, we built a new nation on a simple, yet powerful idea: ^{WE ARE ALL} ~~that all men are~~ created equal.

~~Of course, the path of immigrants has not always been smooth.~~

~~Over the centuries,~~ Americans have met each group of newcomers with suspicion, with

violence and discriminatory laws, and doubts that they could ever become truly American. So great was our hatred of Irish immigrants 150 years ago that we greeted them with signs that read no "No Dogs or Irish;" so profound was our fear of the Chinese in 1880 that we barred them from entering the country; so deep was our distrust of immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe that we [example TK].

~~But~~ ^{simultaneously guaranteed your contribution} ~~always~~ ^{and the better angels of} the American ideal proved stronger. ~~our nature provided our~~ ^{ignorance, insecurity, prejudiced fear,}

Now, the strength of ~~that~~ ^{our} ideal is being tested again -- by a new wave of immigration, larger than any in a century, far more diverse than any in our history. Each year, nearly one million people come legally to build new lives in America. Today, nearly one in ten people in America was born in another country; one in five schoolchildren are from immigrant families. Today, largely because of immigration, there is no majority race in Hawaii or Houston or New York. Within 5 years, there will be no majority race in California. And ~~in as few as~~ ^{a little more than} fifty years, there will be no majority race in America. [Note: By 2050, white Americans will make up between 51% and 53% of the population.]

No other nation in the history of the world has gone through demographic change of this magnitude, over so short a time. It can either strengthen and unite America, or weaken and divide us. ~~We must decide.~~

Let me state unequivocally: I believe new immigrants are good for America. They are revitalizing our cities. They are building our new economy, and strengthening our

ties to the global one. They are energizing our culture and broadening our view of the world. They are renewing our values. And they are reminding all of us what it truly means to be an American.

It means working hard, like the teenager from Vietnam who does his homework as he watches the cash register at his family's grocery store. It means making a better life for your children, like the father from Russia who works two jobs and still finds the time to take his daughter to the public library to practice reading. And it means dreaming big dreams -- and passing them on to your children, like Mago Gilson, an immigrant from Mexico who came here without a high school education, but who twelve years later is receiving her Masters Degree in education, and becoming a teacher. She is joined here today by her son Eddi, who, after working full time for nine years to put himself through school, is receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

We see these new immigrants, and we see the spirit that built America -- the drive to succeed, the commitment to family, the hope for a better life. We see our ~~grandparents~~ ^{parents or grandparents} ... ~~live~~ ^{live} ~~strong~~ ... ~~the living legend that America is not so much a place as a promise;~~ ^{not a guarantee but a challenge;} ~~see ourselves ... we see Americans~~ ^{with a face but an embrace of all common humanity.} ^{perhaps}

~~is that.~~

But some Americans do not. They hear the new accents, they see the new faces, and they feel unsettled. They worry that the new immigrants come to our shores not to promote our prosperity but to live off our largesse. They are afraid the America they know and love is becoming a foreign land.

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This reaction may be understandable. But it is wrong, ~~profoundly wrong~~. ~~But~~ When anxiety and fear give rise to policies and ballot propositions that exclude immigrants from our civic life, it is wrong; wrong to deny them benefits that are available to every one else; wrong to ignore them as people ^{NOT} worthy of being counted in a Census. My fellow Americans, it is more than wrong, it is un-American.

Let me be clear: No American should ~~tolerate~~ ^{condone} illegal immigration that flouts our laws ~~and our resources~~ strains our tradition of tolerance. We must strictly enforce the immigration laws, and we must continue to bring the rule of law to our borders.

But we must remember: the vast majority of immigrants are here legally. In every measurable way, the new immigrants give more to our society than they take. Consider: On average, immigrants pay \$1,800 more in taxes every year [ck] than they cost the system in benefits. ~~And~~ Immigrants are paying into Social Security at record rates, helping to balance the books as millions of Americans retire in the next 20 years.

And the new immigrants benefit our nation in ways that are not as easily measured.

We should be honored that America -- whether it is called the 'city on a hill,' the 'old gold mountain,' El Norte -- is seen around the world as a land of ~~opportunity~~ and new beginnings. We should all be proud that people living in isolated villages in far corners of the world recognize the Statue of Liberty. We should ~~be proud~~ ^{revere} that children all around the world study our Declaration of Independence, ~~that, to this day, it is inspiring men and women to join~~ ^{and embrace its creed.}

My fellow Americans, the descendants of those who passed through the portals of Ellis Island must never lock the door behind ~~them~~. Americans ~~who were~~ ^{when our ancestors fought here on these ships, whose} were denied the rights of citizenship simply because of the color of their skin, must never deny those rights to others because of the country of their birth ^{or the ~~country~~ of their faith.} We should treat these new immigrants as we would have wanted our own grandparents to have been treated.

I believe that every American is honor-bound to share our country with immigrants, not to shun them or shut them out. But I believe this as well: We cannot be blind to the fact that immigration of this sweep and scope can threaten our unity. Around the world, we have seen what can happen when people who live on the same land put ^{race} ethnicity before country ^{humanity}.

If America is to remain the world's most diverse democracy, if immigration is to strengthen America as it has throughout our history, then we must say: whether your ancestors came here in slave ships or on the Mayflower; whether they landed on Ellis Island or LAX or have been here for thousands of years, if you believe in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, ^{if you accept the responsibilities as well as the rights ~~promised~~ in them} you are an American. ^{embedded}

Only that belief, strengthened and renewed in a time of great change, will keep us one America in the 21st Century. And all of us, whether native-born, naturalized, or newly arrived -- must ^{carry that conviction in our hearts and into our daily lives.} ~~bring that belief to life in our communities and in our hearts.~~ Immigrants must open themselves up to American life, and rise to the responsibilities they owe to their new

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land. ~~We, too, have a responsibility.~~ Americans must not close ~~themselves~~ *on* off from new immigrants, but help them to become *meaningful productive* citizens.

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So I say, first, to all immigrants -- you are welcome here. And you must take responsibility, too. Honor our laws. Embrace our culture. Learn our language. Know our history. Become citizens. Become American.

And all Americans must recommit ourselves to the true duties and spirit of citizenship.

Not just immigrants, but every American should study our Constitution and understand our shared history.

Not just immigrants, but every American should take part in our democracy -- by voting, by ~~going to city council meetings~~, volunteering ~~perhaps even~~ perhaps even running for office.

Not just immigrants, but every American -- on our campuses and in our communities -- should reject identity politics that seeks to separate us, not bring us together. Ethnic pride is a good thing. The days when immigrants felt compelled to Anglicize their last names or shed their heritage are, thankfully, gone. But justifiable pride in one's ethnic or racial heritage must never become an excuse to withdraw from the larger American community. That does not honor diversity -- it breeds divisiveness. And it will weaken America.

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And not just immigrants, but every American should recognize that our public schools are not just places where our children learn to read, but where they learn to be American, where they make American heroes -- from Washington to Lincoln to Rosa Parks -- their own. Today, too many Americans, and far too many immigrants, attend crowded inner city schools. Too many young people, and far too many Hispanic young people, drop out of school altogether. With more children from immigrant families entering school than at any time since the turn of the century, we must redouble our efforts to renew our public schools, and give all of America's children the best education in the world.

And we must ensure that all of America's children can speak English. There are schools within miles of the White House where children speak more than 100 languages, languages they should be encouraged to remember. But the sooner they learn English in school, the sooner they will be able to reach their full potential.

I applaud the students here at Portland State who are tutoring immigrant children to speak and read English -- and I call on more Americans to do the same. We will only become one America if we come together in the sincere belief that we have much to learn from one another -- and far to travel together toward our common future as Americans.

~~Today, I offer you, the Portland State University graduating class of 1998, my~~
~~congratulations. And I also offer a challenge: Go out and build the America we all want for~~
~~our children and their children. Take the knowledge and skills you have earned, and share~~
them, not only with your family and your community but with your nation. *Build the*
21st C. America that you want for your children's grandchildren

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Remember, while

The challenges we face are new, ~~and real~~. But the way we will meet them is as old as ~~America~~. ^{we must meet them as true Americans at their best}
~~Always have — together.~~

140 years ago, in the City of Chicago, immigrants outnumbered native born Americans. Addressing a crowd there in 1858, Abraham Lincoln asked what connection those immigrants could possibly feel to those who founded our nation. Here was his answer: "If they look back through this history to trace their connection with those days by blood, they find they have none." But our founders proclaimed that we are all created equal. And that, he said, "is the electric cord in that Declaration that links the hearts of patriotic and liberty-loving [people] together."

That electric still

~~It is the~~ cord ~~that~~ links every graduate here ~~today~~ with every new immigrant and every

American who came before us -- and if we ~~act~~ ^{couple} with conscience and courage ~~in our own time~~ ^{into the new century}, it

~~it will light the way for the generations of the 21st Century.~~
^{to America's greatest time — your time.}

Good luck and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1998

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

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SUBJECT: Glenn Sanctions and Agriculture Export Credits

During your trip to Oregon, you will likely be asked about the impact of the Glenn sanctions on the export of Oregon agricultural products, namely wheat, to India and Pakistan. This issue has generated intense Congressional interest from all wheat producing states, and particularly from the Northwest. This memorandum provides background information and talking points that will be helpful in discussing this issue on the trip.

As required by law, you announced last month the imposition of a broad array of sanctions (the Glenn sanctions) against India and Pakistan based on their detonation of nuclear weapons. Some of these sanctions were implemented immediately, but others required Administration review because they were being imposed for the first time.

In the course of that review, the question arose whether one element of the Glenn sanctions concerning U.S. government credit and credit guarantees applied to the Department of Agriculture's export credit program -- also known as CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation) credits. CCC reportedly does not have a large credit program for exports to India, but does have a significant program for exports to Pakistan, a large part of which consists of wheat exports.

Deputies from all agencies concurred that, from a policy perspective, we had no desire to include USDA's food export credit programs in the sanctions regime. However, the Justice Department, after careful study, concluded that these programs were captured by the Glenn sanctions and that the available exceptions did not apply.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NSC w/Desk

Senator Murray and others have now proposed an amendment to the Glenn sanctions that would create a specific exception for "credit, credit guarantees, or other financial assistance provided by the Department of Agriculture for the purchase or other provision of food or other agricultural commodities." This amendment would exempt CCC credit programs.

After obtaining the concurrence of NEC, State, Defense, ACDA, Commerce, Treasury and Agriculture, Sandy sent a letter to Senator Murray supporting this legislation. This approach is consistent with our over-arching goal in implementing the Glenn sanctions to minimize, whenever possible, the humanitarian impact on the people of India and Pakistan.

Congress apparently will have some time to address this matter before agricultural exports to Pakistan or India would be affected. According to the Agriculture Department, there have been no requests this year for credit or credit guarantees for exports to India, and because of the strong projected wheat harvest in Pakistan, no requests for that country are expected until Fall at the earliest.

Attachment

Tab A Talking Points

POINTS TO BE MADE IN OREGON ON
SANCTIONS AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

- As required by law, I announced last month the imposition of a broad array of sanctions against India and Pakistan based on their detonation of nuclear weapons.
- Some of these sanctions have been implemented already.
- However, because these sanctions have never before been imposed, we have been engaged in a rigorous evaluation process to determine the precise scope of the remaining sanctions.
- In the course of this evaluation process, the Justice Department concluded that one element of the Glenn sanctions captures the Department of Agriculture's export credit program - also known as CCC credits (Commodity Credit Corporation credits).
- In other words, the sanctions would cut off credit programs that support food exports by U.S. farmers to Pakistan and India.
- Let me be clear. We are not trying to use food exports as a tool in our sanctions policy. On the contrary, one of our goals in implementing these sanctions is to minimize the humanitarian impact on the people of India and Pakistan.
- We have been working with the Oregon and Washington State congressional delegations on this issue, and we share their concern that a cut-off of export credits would adversely affect U.S. farmers.
- However, the law that's on the books does not have an exception that would cover these credit programs.
- That's why I am supporting legislation offered by Senator Murray to correct this oversight and provide an explicit exception for Department of Agriculture credit programs that support food exports. There is virtually identical legislation in the House.
- I understand from the Agriculture Department that we do not anticipate a demand for such export credits for Pakistan or India in the immediate future. This includes the significant

wheat exports that the U.S. typically makes to Pakistan - exports in which Oregon farmers play a big part.

- I urge the Congress to take advantage of this window and act expeditiously on the proposed legislation.
- At the same time, I want to emphasize that this approach does not mean we are treating any less seriously the nuclear testing conducted by Pakistan and India. We simply do not believe cutting food exports is an effective way to demonstrate our opposition to nuclear testing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/12/48

To: PODESTA, IBARRA

From: The Staff Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear FIELD (Salutation Name):

Thank you for your leadership on the bill to establish a process for determining Puerto Rico's ultimate political status. I appreciate your work on this important issue.

As you know, after nearly a century under our flag, the 3.9 million people of Puerto Rico are citizens who exercise powers of self-government similar to a State's, but have no vote in their national government. In addition, there is a need to clarify what the full self-government options are.

I firmly believe we should enable Puerto Ricans to choose between nationhood -- either fully independent or in an association with the United States, statehood, or to continue the Commonwealth's present status. I look forward to continuing to work with you to facilitate their choice.

Sincerely,

FIELD (Address)

JIMMY CARTER

6/5/98

To President Bill Clinton

Enclosed is a letter
from Wayne Smith, along
with a report of his
recent visit to Iran.

There are some good
possibilities mentioned -
We are eager to help
if needed -

Sincerely,

Jimmy C.

4/12/98

Send to NSC?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Rosalynn Carter, Honorary Chairperson

D. Wayne Smith, Founder and President

June 5, 1998

The Friendship Force



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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton:

Two days ago I returned from a Friendship Force visit to Iran. With me were eight other civilian Americans. In my opinion, the time may be propitious for you to answer President Khatami's call for a dialog between "the two great civilizations of Iran and the United States of America." In so doing, you would strengthen his standing in Iran with the people who support his policy of greater openness with other nations. He is immensely popular but is receiving strong opposition from the mullahs about this policy.

Since President Khatami has said that he is not yet ready for diplomatic discussions to start between our two nations, a good alternative may be for you to tell him that there is a private, non-governmental organization (The Friendship Force) which, while active in more than 60 nations, is headquartered in the United States and is prepared to organize such dialogs between Iranian and American civilians.

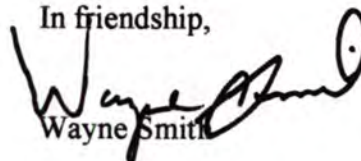
Either a number of small exchanges can be organized, or if preferred, a dramatic exchange of several hundred Iranians and Americans can be carried out in one bold sweep during the course of ten days utilizing large commercial aircraft. The Friendship Force has done many exchanges of this type and they are accompanied by extremely favorable publicity in both of the nations involved.

Another possibility is that you and President Khatami announce together, just before the soccer teams of the USA and Iran meet in the World Cup in a few days, that major citizens' exchanges will occur before the end of 1998.

Conditions are ripe in Iran for this kind of activity. Attached is a report which I filed with President and Mrs. Carter upon my return from Iran which will give you some of my observations about life there today.

With every best wish, I am,

In friendship,


Wayne Smith

Enclosure: Report to President and Mrs. Carter on Visit to Iran



MEMORANDUM

June 4, 1998

TO: PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER
FROM: WAYNE SMITH

This memorandum will register some of my impressions about the first visit of a group from The Friendship Force to Iran.

Nine of us arrived in Tehran on May 27 at about 1:30 in the morning. We traveled on Lufthansa Airlines from the USA, via Frankfurt.

This visit has been excellent from the perspective of preparing the way for hundreds and even thousands of Americans and Iranians to exchange home visits over the next few years.

All in our group have found that, indeed, the Iranians are "fanatics." They are fanatically friendly, open, cultured, polite and desirous to have contact with Americans. They approached us on the streets when they perceive that we were Americans and engaged us in conversation. Many Iranians of all ages speak English. We never heard any slogans such as "Down with America," or "America is the Great Satan." We brought with us some cards which we handed out to people when it appears appropriate. The cards were written in both English and Farsi and stated that we were ordinary American citizens who were visiting in Iran because we wanted to make friends with the Iranian people.

While visiting an Islamic seminary in Shiraz I gave one of these cards to a mullah. He and his friends read it carefully. I asked him what he thought of it and he said something like this: "We follow our leader (Khatami) and he says that all people have been created by Allah and therefore we should attempt to be friends with everyone. The governments of America and Iran are having some difficulties. But this should not keep the people of the two nations apart."

Our group was kept small on purpose. We did not want to be too prominent. Still yet, we were told by the Iranians who made our travel arrangements that President Khatami was aware of our presence and our purpose for being in Iran. While in Shiraz a young Iranian approached one of our Friendship Force Ambassadors and said that he was now living in California. He stated that his wife was afraid to return to Iran and therefore he was doing some video filming for her. He asked permission for an interview. He just happened have with him another thirty-something Iranian with a professional video camera who filmed the brief interview. The questions were along the nature of: "Why are you here and what are your impressions of Iran?"

Our group visited several Iranian homes in Tehran, Shiraz and Esfahan for dinners and receptions. These gatherings brought us into contact with dozens of middle class Iranians aged from 5 years of age up to 80. Merchants, medical doctors, dentists, students and other occupations were represented. Some of these Iranians were conservative Muslim women who wore the chador even in the home. They explained that they did so out of religious conviction. Other women wore Western style clothing in the homes. It is compulsory for all women---Iranian and non-Iranian---to wear a head covering and a loose fitting garment in public. The Iranians we met in the homes made no secret, by the dress of the women inside the homes and by the conversation of both men and women, that they want nothing to do with Muslim fundamentalism. They speak fearfully of what is happening in Afghanistan along these lines and are determined that their nation has gone as far in that direction as it should. Women were not at all reticent about speaking up as equals with men in making known their viewpoints about life in Iran. We meet no one, either in homes or on the streets, who is not enthusiastically supportive of President Khatami and his policy of moderation. President Khatami often is quoted as telling students recently that they should stop speaking of "death to America" and start talking of "life."

There still is a struggle going on in Iran to see which direction the nation will take: moderation or "stick-to-it" conservatism. I am convinced that moderation will win out. The people want it. They have had enough of the mullahs' intolerance. However, I am not sure that this moderate path will be taken until either President Khatami or another moderate in the near future will be willing to confront the conservatives and allow the people to take sides openly. This will take much courage for both the moderate leader as well as for those who follow him. This is true because the real power (the military) still is controlled by the mullahs. A public survey was taken by a new and very popular newspaper called "Jameh" ("Society") immediately following President Khatami's address to the American people which was carried on CNN last December. One of the questions asked was: "Who is most responsible for the conflict between Iran and the USA?" It surprised me that while 55% of those polled said it was mainly the fault of America, 45% declared that Iran was most to blame.

Having traveled in Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Algeria, Iraq, Morocco and perhaps another Middle Eastern nation or two, I found the culture and heritage of Iran to be the richest I yet have seen in that part of the world. There are distinctive differences between Arabs and Persians. I found the Persian society to be more orderly, energetic, and realistic about life. I did not find the Iranians to be as angry as Arabs about the abuses they perceive they have received from US policies.

It appears to me that the time has come when Americans and Iranians can begin to meet as ordinary citizens to have a dialog about life. President Khatami

in his Christmas speech to the American people called for such dialog. I see a window of opportunity in this month of June for the USA to answer President Khatami's request. It appears that Iran and the USA will play each other in the World Cup (soccer) in France in a few days. That event can be turned into a "plus" rather than allow it to become an event between two enemies. If President Clinton were to send a greeting to President Khatami telling him that the American people accept his invitation for dialog between the people of our two great civilizations (President Khatami's phrase), and that a massive exchange of our ordinary citizens is proposed for next October, ---and will be organized by The Friendship Force which is a private non-government organization---this could be announced before the World Cup game.

In such an exchange, let a 747 aircraft of Iranian Air bring 400 or so Iranians to Atlanta. Let them be received at a hangar at Hartsfield International Airport with American host families present to greet them with open arms of friendship. Allow the Iranian Flag to be raised and the National Anthem of that nation to be played, along with the Flag and National Anthem of the United States of America. Let the Governor and Mayor deliver greetings and have a message from President Clinton read to greet the people of Iran and its "great civilization." Make it clear that this is not a program of government but one of the people who desire to know each other better. Then load 400 Americans on the same aircraft and send them to Iran where they would be hosted in the homes of friends of those Iranians making the journey to the USA. After five nights of home-hosting in Atlanta, the Iranians would be taken to several other cities in Georgia in smaller group for another five nights of home-hosting. Then a Delta Air Lines aircraft would take the Iranians home and bring back the Americans. Such a bold initiative by President Clinton would put the ball in President Khatami's court. It would give force to his moderation policy and give him something concrete to present to his opposition about the effectiveness of his position. This in turn could help prepare an environment for the two Governments to begin a dialog on the more weighty matters which separate them.

I was dismayed upon my arrival at the Atlanta airport yesterday afternoon when I passed through our immigration checkpoint. The officer asked me where I had been. When I told him, "Iran," he was amazed and asked me: "Did they treat you differently since you are an American?" "Yes," I replied. He smiled as if he knew that I had been treated badly. But I said to him: "They treated me differently from other nationalities. They treated me BETTER!" Then the immigration officer told me that when Iranians arrive in the USA they are routinely finger printed and all documents which they are carrying are photocopied. He said that the reason for this is that all Iranian visitors automatically are considered to be potential terrorists. ----What an ignorant policy! No visa should be granted to an Iranian if this person is thought to be a terrorist. Imagine how an American would feel if he or she were granted a visa to visit another nation and was forced to submit to such

humiliation upon arrival at the airport. I was told several times in Iran about the way that 4 American wrestlers were receive so enthusiastically in Iran a few months ago. And then when Iranian wrestlers visited Texas a few weeks after that, they were detained at the airport for eight hours and had to run the above mentioned gauntlet.

The Friendship Force is uniquely positioned to arrange for a massive citizens' exchange between the USA and Iran. We have had 21 years experience in bringing cultures together. These exchanges either can take place with a few Americans visiting Iran on a low-key basis or through a bold initiative of the type I have described above. We last did this in 1990 when nearly 400 Soviet Georgians were brought to the USA and a like number of Americans visited Tbilisi. A video which documents this, along with full page newspaper coverage for a week from the Atlanta Journal and Constitution are available to show how much goodwill can be generated from this kind of enterprise. I have drafted a letter to President Khatami proposing the bold road. (Copy attached.) I have not yet sent this letter and before I do I would like your advice. I am confident that I can get my letter to President Khatami. But if President Clinton would write him and offer this proposal the impact would be enormous and, I believe it would be accepted.

One day relationships between Iran and the USA will be normalized. If it going to happen ONE day, then why not TToday?

Wayne Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1998

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From: Phil Caplan

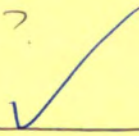
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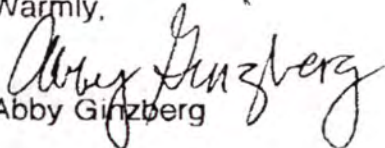
Dear Nancy,

I apologize for the delay in writing you this thank you note, but I thought I had sent it and I just realized I never did. Thanks for your efforts on our behalf that enabled us to see the President when we were in Washington at the end of May. We have been in touch with Eli Segal and he has gone out of his way to be helpful to us.

As you can see from the enclosed letter to the President, it would be very helpful if we could mention that he supports this project, which I believe he does. However, I don't know the protocol of being able to refer to that support.

Thanks again for your help. I was impressed, as always, by your staff. Y'all know how to make an out of townner feel comfortable in the White House. It was good to see you again. Please give my regards to Betty Currie.

Warmly,


Abby Ginzberg

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President Bill Clinton
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By Fax Transmission

Dear Bill,

I'm sorry this note is so belated. It was great as always to see you at the White House. Thanks for inviting us to your radio address. I am so glad that the statement praising the people of Northern Ireland for choosing peace could be played the next day. That is a piece of history you can feel proud of having influenced.

We are pursuing any and all leads for possible support of our documentary film about AmeriCorps. Eli Segal and Harris Wofford have been very helpful to us and supportive of the film, which they agree will do much to raise the visibility of national service across the country. We certainly hope and expect that this film will make a major contribution toward the long-term viability of AmeriCorps.

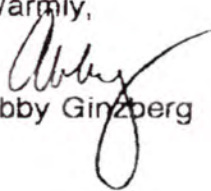
If all goes as planned, the film will be ready for release in early 2000 and can provide the basis for discussions of national and community service across the country. It will also help educate millions about volunteer and service programs currently underway in their own communities. Moreover, it cannot be overemphasized that motion pictures and television are the medium that speak most effectively and influentially to young people today. This film can have an impact on an entire generation--pre-teens through college age youth--and their attitudes towards service.

Having your personal support for this film would be extremely helpful to us. For example, we are now seeking a letter of support from General Colin Powell and if we were able to say that you think that our film is an important and worthwhile effort, it would undoubtedly help us reach him. Please let me know whether we can mention that we have spoken to you about this project and that you support it.



I heard from many people who attended the City Year conference in Cleveland that you gave a great speech, both heart-felt and energizing. I hope I get to see you at the Barbara Boxer event in SF.

Warmly,


Abby Ginzberg