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To: Phillip Caplan/WHO/EOP

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Subject: Gov. Edgar letter

Hi Phil,

I'm drafting the response to this letter re: the Presidential Citizens Medal. Edgar recommends Dr. Paul Arthur Schilpp for this medal. Please let me know if the following draft is okay. Thanks.

DRAFT:

Thank you for writing to me to endorse the nomination of Dr. Paul Arthur Schilpp for the Presidential Citizens Medal. I appreciate knowing of his many contributions to the field of philosophy, and I will certainly keep your recommendation in mind as I review the list of nominees.

He is a distinguished scholar and
I have made this award only periodically during my Presidency
leAnn -
This isn't quite right.
There isn't a "list of nominees" as the award is awarded only periodically at the President's discretion. You and Dan should look at my suggestions and then let me know what you think
Phil.
6/26/98

To: - Phillip Caplan
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Re: Gov. Edgar letter re: Pres. Citizens Medal
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June 9, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear President Clinton:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Paul Arthur Schilpp as a distinguished scholar for the Presidential Citizens Medal.

Dr. Paul Schilpp launched the *Library of Living Philosophers* in 1938 to give his field's luminaries the chance to face the scrutiny of their colleagues. He served as the series' editor for 43 years. This unique book series has been called one of the most outstanding achievements in philosophy in this century. Twenty-five of the century's most eminent thinkers have been featured in the series, which will be honored this summer at the 20th World Congress of Philosophy in Boston.

Dr. Schilpp taught at many institutions across the country including the University of the Pacific, Southern Illinois University, and Northwestern University. He served as the President of the American Philosophical Association and was the author of numerous articles and books. He received various honorary degrees, including degrees from Kent State University, Baldwin Wallace College, and Southern Illinois University. Dr. Schilpp was also awarded the Gold Medal of Phi Beta Kappa and The Medal of the Bertrand Russell Society.

Dr. Schilpp's numerous contributions to the field of philosophy call attention to his merit as a candidate for the Presidential Citizens Medal. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Edgar

Jim Edgar
GOVERNOR

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

House of Representatives (Wednesday, June 24)

- **China MFN:** Today the Ways and Means Committee rejected by voice vote the Disapproval Resolutions which were introduced regarding your decision to grant Jackson-Vanik waivers to Vietnam and China (MFN treatment). This vote was a significant step in providing continued MFN treatment for China. These Disapproval Resolutions will be before the House in mid-July.
- **Agriculture Appropriations:** On Wednesday, June 24, the House approved (373-48) H.R. 4101, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The bill includes both the Administration-supported provision waiving the statute of limitations for individuals who have previously filed a discrimination claim against USDA (the so-called black farmers provision), as well as the measure allowing American farmers to continue to export to India and Pakistan through USDA assistance programs -- notwithstanding the recently implemented automatic sanctions after the nuclear tests.

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However, the Administration has a number of concerns with the legislation, including: funding only about \$15 million of the nearly \$100 million increase you requested for FDA and USDA food safety initiative; freezing the funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) at last year's level; failing to fund your request for FDA's tobacco enforcement activities; rejecting the request for additional funding for research as part of the Administration's Climate Change Technology Initiative; rejecting the Administration's requested funding increase for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement your Clean Water Action Plan; and the elimination of the competitively-awarded research funds and the Fund for Rural America authorized in the Agricultural Research bill signed into law June 23, 1998.

During debate, the House took the following action:

- passed (223-202) a Coburn (R-OK) amendment prohibiting the FDA from using funds for the testing, development, or approval of any drug intended for the chemical inducement of abortion. (RU-486)
- **Department of Defense Appropriations:** On Wednesday, June 25, the House passed (358-61) H.R. 4103, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1999. The \$1.6 billion year 2000 emergency fund, supported by the Administration, was struck when the rule was adopted (221-201). In addition, the Skaggs (D-CO) provision requiring prior congressional authorization of offensive military action remains in the bill; unless removed in conference, senior national security advisers would recommend a veto. The Administration will work to

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/26

To: Nancy

From: The Staff Secretary

We can discuss this when
you return. But as you can see
from Cheryl's note, POTUS doesn't
endorse commercial enterprises.

Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 12, 1998

To: Chuck Ruff
Goody Marshall
Barry Toiv

From: Phil Caplan

Can we have your thoughts on this?

Cheryl

THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT ENDORSE
COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES - i.e., he
does not do the "War Room" or "Primary Colors".
Should not do this at all. C

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do as she
requests?
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To: Nancy Herveich/
President Clinton

From: Ashley Ginzberg

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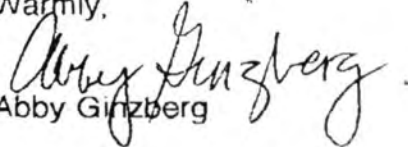
Dear Nancy,

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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June 11, 1998

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.

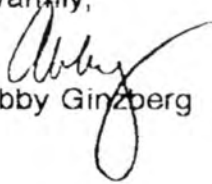
If all goes as planned, the film will be ready for release in early 2000 and can provide the basis for discussions of national and community service across the country. It will also help educate millions about volunteer and service programs currently underway in their own communities. Moreover, it cannot 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