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PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

June 30, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Attn: Betty Currie, 1st floor, West Wing

Dear President Clinton:

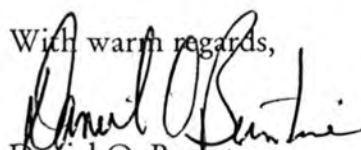
On behalf of the Portland State University students, making our 1998 commencement the most memorable honor to have you participate and we are grateful that you deliver your speech on immigration. You addressed and challenged all of us to think about our personal communities. I've heard many positive comments from the day and your important message. You touched a chord on the lives of many in attendance.

I also want to thank your highly skilled staff for the willingness to go the extra mile to make our event a success. The staff at the White House and the Advance Team were all very helpful. We are especially grateful to Laura Capps, Laura Graham, Michelle Bonner, Mort Englebert, Caleb Shreve, and Greg Marrachio for their patience and support.

We appreciate the fact that you've been to Portland State University during both terms in office and that Vice President Gore has been here as well. Your visits have validated the work that we do to link service learning with a high quality educational curriculum. We welcome your support and invite you and members of your cabinet back to our campus.

As you and I discussed, I will contact Secretary Shalala about arranging a time when the three of us can get in a round of golf.

Thank you again for selecting Portland State University.

With warm regards,

Daniel O. Bernstine
President

cc: The Honorable Donna Shalala

7-10-98

To Burkhardt for reply?
Yes ☒ No ☐

Copies of letter to individuals named? Yes ☒ No ☐

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On behalf of the Portland State University students, faculty, staff, and friends, thank you for making our 1998 commencement the most memorable in our fifty-one year history. It was an honor to have you participate and we are grateful that you selected an urban university to deliver your speech on immigration. You addressed a crucial public policy issue and challenged all of us to think about our personal commitment to diversity and inclusive communities. I've heard many positive comments from graduates and their families about the day and your important message. You touched a chord in all of us and had a profound impact on the lives of many in attendance.

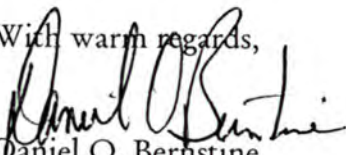
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July 7, 1998 – VIA MESSENGER

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

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I am writing on behalf of the 53,000 members of the American Academy of Pediatrics to express concern about the impact of the product liability bill (S. 648) on lawsuits against firearms manufacturers and dealers. We urge you to support an amendment, to be offered by Senators Robert Torricelli and Dianne Feinstein, that will exempt firearms from the protections of the bill, and insist that any product liability law exempt firearms from its protections.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. The Academy supports measures to remove handguns and assault weapons from the environments in which children live and play, and to reduce the availability of firearms to young people. We also support measures to make firearms as "safe" as possible through design changes and appropriate storage methods.

We often are reminded that teddy bears are subject to government safety standards, but firearms are not. As pediatricians, we like to focus on prevention of injury, not after-the-fact remedies. But, without preventive regulation, litigation is the only means of influencing the design, manufacture and distribution of firearms. We are very concerned about the impact of the product liability bill as currently drafted, since it would make it more difficult for those injured by firearms to seek redress and, thereby, compel manufacturers and dealers to act more responsibly. The Feinstein-Torricelli amendment would help to ensure that firearms manufacturers and dealers continue to be held accountable for damages caused by their negligence.

Thank you for your continued work to protect children and their families from the dangers of firearms.

Sincerely,

7-10-98

Joseph R. Zanga, MD

Joseph R. Zanga, MD, FAAP
President

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To Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

THE PORTMAN RITZ-CARLTON
7-7-98



THE PORTMAN RITZ-CARLTON
SHANGHAI

June 29, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

We have personalized several gifts for you and the First Family for this special occasion. We would be honored if you would accept these gifts and bring them back to your home in the United States.

Sincerely,

Mark DeCocinis
GENERAL MANAGER

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7-7-98

After you have seen, we
will send to Burkhardt for
reply

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Letter: Betty -
please make sure the President sees this - Thank you

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582 Nichols Ave.
Stratford, Conn.

July 1, 1998

President Billy Clinton
White House
1600 Penn'a Ave.
Washington, D.C.

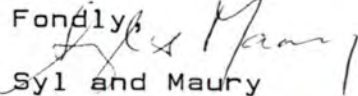
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Dear Billy:

Hope you had a very fulfilling trip to China and I am sure you made a big hit as always. I am sorry I was unable to see you when you were in Westport in June, but my life is so hectic. Don't laugh I am planning a wedding for one of my nieces at the Baptist Church in Stratford for Sept. 12th.

Billy, can I ask you to please fulfill the following request for me? I would like you to send a signed picture to the following: Councilwoman Patricia Kronenberg, 40 Noble Street, Stratford, Ct. 06497. I have immense respect for her. She is a tremendous asset to our town government. Thanks for all your efforts in my behalf. Best regards to Hillary.

Fondly,


Syl and Maury

4/0 Noble Street, Stratford, Ct. 06497

7-10-98

TO BURKHARDT
FOR REPLY

Yes and

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Re: 80

July 10, 1998

Gail and Eddie Genz
2523 Mahogany Terrace
Wall, New Jersey 08736

Dear Gail and Eddie:

Hillary and I missed you at the Georgetown
reunion. ~~We heard, Gail, about your stroke,~~
~~and we're thinking about you and keeping you in~~
~~our prayers.~~

We send you both our best wishes for the
summer.

Sincerely,

*It was a great evening for all of us to meet
the couple & friends of the last 30 years
& hope you'll make the next one, that
it won't be at the W.H.*

Bill Clinton

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Melinda

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MARK A. SULLIVAN, JR.
3231 RAMBLING HILL COURT
ALLENWOOD, N.J. 08720-0027

June 01, 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Bill,

Marlene and I really want to thank you and Hillary for the wonderful dinner Saturday. I frankly do not know how you were able to do it with the pressure of the international situation in South Asia. You must have been exhausted but still managed to inspire everyone with your words. One of the things about which I will always be the most proud is that I was one of your classmates.

I do have to ask one small favor, however, (Don't worry: I don't need a job; I have life tenure on the Superior Court of New Jersey.) Eddie Genz's wife, Gail, had a stroke a couple of years ago. I don't think you knew Eddie; he was a transfer student from Seton Hall but he did graduate with us. They were at the dinner five years ago and were really thrilled to be at the White House. Eddie had told me that they still planned to go this year. Just before the dinner, however, he told me that they were not going. He had asked Gail why they had not gotten a notice and she admitted that they did but that she had thrown it out without showing it to him because she was too embarrassed to have people see her in her present condition. If you or Hillary could just write them a short note saying that you missed them at the dinner, it might boost some very low spirits. Their address is 2523 Mahogany Terrace, Wall, NJ 08736. Thanks and I look forward to seeing you at the next reunion when you can relax and have a good time.

Hoya Saxa,

Mark

Melinda -

N.H.

Would like
your opinion
on this request
Helen
Kobayashi

Nancy - I don't know
them. I think it would
be a very gracious
thing to do if you deem
it appropriate. I believe
they would be happy
with just a few sentences.

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CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
CONNECTICUT



To Burkhardt

for reply

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Dear Bette:

I am
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Paul

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Dr. I
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luncheon host
Connecticut.

President apparently asked her how the recent budget cuts were affecting Bellevue Hospital in New York, where she is a physician in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She has written explaining this impact, and has asked us to pass this letter along.

I hope all is well with you, and, as always, that you for your help.

Sincerely,

Pat Walsh

Ms. Bette Currie
Personal Secretary to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
CONNECTICUT



July 8, 1998

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Dear Bette:

I am enclosing a letter for the President from Dr. Holly M. Bannister.

Dr. Bannister met the President several weeks ago at a fund raising luncheon hosted by Martha Stewart in Connecticut. During the luncheon the President apparently asked her how the recent budget cuts were affecting Bellevue Hospital in New York, where she is a physician in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She has written explaining this impact, and has asked us to pass this letter along.

I hope all is well with you, and, as always, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Pat Walsh

Ms. Bette Currie
Personal Secretary to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Holly M. Bannister, M.D.
7 Old Redding Road
Weston, Connecticut 06883

(203) 226-4454

24 June, 1998

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. President,

It was truly a pleasure to meet you with my daughter, Olivia, at Martha Stewart's luncheon on June 8th. It was obvious to me that you have a sincere interest in children's issues when I mentioned my position as a physician in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Bellevue Hospital/NYU in New York City.

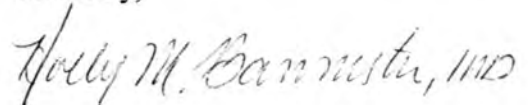
When we spoke briefly, you asked me if the budget cuts had much effect on us, and I thought I would write to answer your question. As you know, Bellevue Hospital is one of the municipal hospitals in New York City. These are the hospitals that take care of the poor people in New York. Unfortunately, they are the hospitals with the least amount of funding, and present changes in health care economics are threatening their funding even more.

We reach out to and affect the people in many ways. For example, I know Mrs. Clinton is very interested in the Reach Out and Read Literacy Program for children. Our hospital is the head of the New York City Coalition, and furthermore, we have a Reach Out and Read Program in our Emergency Room.

I invite you and the First Lady to inquire or better yet to come anytime to visit our model pediatric emergency service program and to discuss any health issues. We are full of information and ideas.

Again, many thanks for your concern and the special moment you gave to my daughter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly M. Bannister, MD". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Holly M. Bannister, MD

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 7/10
To: ~~John Kostinen~~
Michael Waldman
From: ~~Ann Lewis~~
The Staff Secretary

FYI for Tuesday event

CC: ~~Peter Greenbarger~~, 69 Affairs
for thank you note

Phil



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

STEPHEN HORN
THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

July 9, 1998
Re: Y2K

Dear Mr. President -

Attached are some comments
that I promised you before you
left for China. I look forward
to your remarks by writers who
are more polished than a
member of the House.

Best always,

The Honorable
William Jefferson Clinton
The White House

THEMES FOR Y2K ADDRESS

As we stand at the threshold of the third millennium, we are enjoying a new level of peace and prosperity. The twentieth century witnessed remarkable technological innovation and much of our current prosperity is due to these advancements. And yet, technological advancement has brought technological dependency.

A seemingly trivial decision made by computer programmers over 30 years ago now stands to demonstrate the power of technology in the very worst sense. What the American people need to know now is that this problem is being taken seriously by their Government; that the consequences can be dramatically minimized by concerted efforts over the next 18 months; and that if we muster those efforts, there will be no reason to panic.

DATE GLITCH: ORIGINS OF THE PROBLEM

The Year 2000 computer problem (Y2K) refers to the use of two digits rather than four to represent the year in computer date functions. Back in the 1960s, computers were big, memory space was scarce, and the millennium seemed a long way off. Computer programmers of the era were being clever when they saved memory by using two digits to represent a calendar year—for example, 1965 became “65.” But no one saw a reason to think all the way to “00” and what year those two figures would signify. People assumed that on the eve of the new millennium, computers would be so advanced that saving memory by shortening the date would seem a quaint practice of the distant past.

We have gone from creaky, vacuum-tubed computers that filled entire rooms to sleek laptops of almost inconceivable power, but much of our technology still uses two digits to record the year. After midnight on the last day of 1999, computer systems in the United States and abroad using two digits to signify the year will automatically flash from “99” to “zero-zero.” The result could be malfunction, corruption of data, or shutdown.

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

Right now the Federal Government is in the throes of rewriting millions of lines of computer code in order to avert a date conversion crisis that could touch everything from social security checks to missile maintenance systems.

The Federal Government owns more than 40,000 computer *systems*. Of these, at least 7,000 are critical to the Government’s ability to continue its most essential functions in the days following January 1, 2000. In addition, the Government relies on countless embedded microprocessors in everything from fax machines to elevators to automobiles. Many of these embedded chips perform date calculations – such as determining when an

elevator is due for servicing. If the chip is unable to recognize the year 2000, the elevator may shut down, believing it has not been serviced in 100 years.

It is increasingly clear that a large number of Federal computer systems simply will not be prepared for the date change from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000. Now is not the time to place blame. What must ensure that the most important systems at the most important agencies can handle the new century.

The private sector faces similar challenges. Our Nation's energy utilities, the financial service industry, the telecommunications industry, vital modes of transportation, and other indispensable industrial sectors are all at risk. The financial industry is especially dependent on technology and has been working on Y2K conversion for several years now. If this work continues, the transition to the year 2000 should be a smooth one for the financial sector.

There are many organizations in the private sector, however, that have not yet stepped up to this problem. There is no time to waste. Every organization, private, public, and not-for-profit, must make the Year 2000 conversion a top priority for the next 18 months.

TECHNOLOGY IS INTERCONNECTED

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is a model for all organizations. SSA began work on its Year 2000 problem in 1989. The agency has now achieved 92 percent compliance. The Social Security Administration also deserves credit for actively assisting other Federal agencies in their Year 2000 efforts. We are counting on more of this coordination and teamwork over the next 18 months.

In a dramatic and disturbing illustration of how technology is interconnected, however, Social Security's outstanding performance does not by itself ensure timely benefits payments after the date change. Social Security's 43 million monthly payments are actually issued by the Treasury Department's Financial Management Service. The Social Security Administration by its own efforts is therefore helpless to guarantee uninterrupted service. The Treasury Department is working hard right now to ensure that the Financial Management Service is prepared on time.

The lesson here is that the technology is interconnected. An organization that successfully addresses its own Y2K problem has only begun the process of preparing for the date change. This holds true for the many partners with which organizations share data on a routine basis. It holds just as true for rare and even unexpected data exchanges.

Y2K IS A MANAGEMENT PROBLEM

Fixing the date calculations in a program is not technically difficult. The problem is that there are so many systems. There are millions and millions of lines of computer code that have to be scanned for date calculations. It is a gargantuan task that requires organization, clear priorities, scheduling, and progress tracking. In short, the task requires good management. This is an important point: We now face a management problem, not simply a technical problem.

There are countless computer programmers throughout the Federal Government and the private sector who are more than capable of fixing these problems. What they need is senior management direction to free up the resources so that the job will be done and done on time.

Unlike many computer projects, Year 2000 repairs cannot be over budget and behind schedule. Both the private and public sectors have no time to waste.

FEDERAL EFFORTS TO DATE

Congress and the White House have worked intensively on this problem. Congress—and especially the House Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology—has vigorously investigated the problem and conducted oversight of Y2K efforts. The House and Senate appropriations committees also have paid close attention to this issue.

On February 4, 1998, I signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Council on the Year 2000 Conversion. The Council is headed by the retired Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, John Koskinen, who is now an assistant to the President.

OUTLOOK

There has been some talk now about flights being grounded, banks failing, the economy spiraling into recession. That is not going to happen. We can and will rise to this challenge. Such dire predictions remind us, however, of what is at stake. They should spur us on to action. It is in our power to make this the last successful challenge of the twentieth century, rather than the first of the new millennium.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 6, 1998

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION MEMORANDUM

FROM: Melanne Verveer

Melanne
I have a strong
interest in 3 on both lists
Can I do next year?
Call me
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Please choose a total of twelve recipients for the 1997 National Medal of the Arts from the following first and second priority lists of nominees generated by the National Council on the Arts. Biographies of each nominee follows under specified tabs.

First Priority Nominees

<u>Tab #</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Approve</u>
1	Jacques D'Amboise	Dance	62	NY	MA	☒
2	"Fats" Domino	Music	70	LA	LA	☒
3	Ramblin' Jack Elliott	Folk	67	CA	NY	☐
4	Frank O. Gehry	Design	69	CA	Canada	☒
5	Bobbie Handman	Arts Advocate	70	NY	PA	☒
6	Agnes Martin	Visual Arts	85	NM	Canada	☐
7	Margaret McDermott	Patron	86	TX	TX	☐
8	Gregory Peck	Media/Film	82	CA	CA	☒
9	Roberta Peters	Opera	68	NY	NY	☒
10	Philip Roth	Literature	64	NY	NJ	☒
11	Steppenwolf Theatre Company	Theater	N/A	IL	N/A	☐
12	Gwen Verdon	Musical Theater	73	NY	CA	☒

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Second Priority Nominees

<u>Tab#</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Approve</u>
13	Mikhail Baryshnikov	Dance	50	NY	Latvia	_____
14	Jean Picker Firstenberg	Arts Professional	62	CA	NY	_____
15	Harlem School of the Arts	Arts High School	n/a	NY	n/a	_____
16	Haystack Mountain School of Crafts	Research and Studio Program	n/a	ME	n/a	_____
17	Norman Lear	Media	75	CA	CT	_____
18	Ming Cho Lee	Theater	66	NY	China	_____
19	William Maxwell	Literature	90	NY	NE	_____
20	Lydia Mendoza	Folk	82	TX	TX	_____
21	Andre Previn	Music	69	NY/MA	Germany	_____
22	Sara Lee Foundation	Patron	n/a	IL	n/a	_____
23	George Segal	Visual Arts	73	NJ	NY	_____
24	Jennifer Tipton	Design	60	NY	OH	_____

NAM National Association
of Manufacturers

Jerry J. Jasinowski

President

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to POTUS's correspon
dence for message

July 6, 1998

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Mr. Erskine Bowles
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Erskine:

Earnie Deavenport, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eastman Chemical Company has served as NAM Chairman for the past year. He will step down from this leadership role at our October Board Meeting.

Earnie has been supportive of President Clinton and we feel it would be quite an honor for him to have a letter from the President recognizing the occasion. A proposed draft is attached for your reference. If you could arrange it, we would be delighted to read the letter to our attendees at our Thursday night dinner on October 15, 1998.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,

Jerry J.

Phil -
With your
approval, this
letter should
be prepared.
(see attached
draft.)

(Pls. let me know
when completed) C

7.10.98
TO BURKHART
FOR REPLY?
YES ☒
NO ☐
let me see Phil

Manufacturing Makes America Strong

Suggested letter from President Clinton:

Draft

Mr. Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr.
Chairman
National Association of Manufacturers

Dear Earnie,

Congratulations on your outstanding leadership during your term as Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers. You have provided a great service not only to the manufacturing industries in our country, but to the country as a whole. The issues you have championed such as economic growth, free trade, and excellence in education will all help make us a stronger global competitor. But it's your strong stand on improving the relationship between employees and employers that will be your greatest legacy and will serve as a lasting example of responsible corporate leadership.

From my first association with Eastman Chemical Company while I was Governor of Arkansas to the day I handed you the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in December 1993, I have appreciated your willingness to serve others. That service has continued through your leadership of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Foundation, the Chemical Manufacturers Association, and the National Association of Manufacturers. I don't doubt that the end of your NAM chairmanship is just the beginning of another area of service for you.

Thank you for your leadership.

With best wishes,

Jon -

(Bill Clinton)

Suggested letter from
Mr. Clinton to Earnie
in October



JAMES HAROLD FRENCH, JR. 7-10-98

Mr. President

The attached note is from Bishop Mathews, who is the elder gentleman that went with us to Hawaii several years ago. He is the senior most Bishop in the Methodist church. He has an incredible experience in India and that part of the world. He and his wife are very good friends of the present President of India. Dr. Mathews asked if I could get this letter to you and I hope you don't mind. He's one of your strong supporters and obviously concerned about that region. Thank you Jim

TO Saucy

French is a close friend
Bishop's letter was very
useful in consultation ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~
if we go —
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Bishop James K. Mathews

4120 - 48th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
July 4, 1998

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

Dear Mr. President:

My wife and I count ourselves among your strong supporters. We particularly want to express our appreciation for all you have accomplished on your trip to China. You have given a fine demonstration of affirming traditional American values and speaking in candor to your Chinese hosts without alienating them.

Let me recount just one incident. Last Sunday I preached at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church here in Washington. Among those present was a member and regular attendant, Mrs. Nien Cheng, the author of the best seller, Life and Death in Shanghai. She is a lovely and highly sophisticated woman who was imprisoned for years under the Chinese Communists, six years in solitary confinement. They killed her daughter.

I asked Mrs. Cheng what she thought of your China tour. She answered that you had said "all the right things." Then she spoke of your debate with President Jiang Zemin. Of this she remarked: "In that interchange President Clinton changed China!"

Mrs. Cheng is entitled to make such a judgment more than any other person on earth, I believe. We trust that these words may sustain you as you face the unwarranted barrage of your critics here at home.

Now let me turn to another part of Asia; namely, India and Pakistan. My wife was born in north India, the daughter of outstanding American missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. E. Stanley Jones, great personal friends of Mahatma Gandhi. I myself went to India as a missionary sixty years ago. There too I served for four years in the U.S. Army, during which time we lived in Karachi for three years. For years after the war I administered work in India, Pakistan and Burma for our church. We visit southern Asia nearly every year.

Since you have triumphed as peace-maker and constructive statesman in the world's most populous nation, let us earnestly implore you to turn your talents for peace-making to the next most populous region, India, which is now the world's largest democracy. The importance of your making an early visit to India can scarcely be overstated.

The demonstrated nuclear capacity of India and Pakistan, combined with the current political instability in both countries, confronts the region and indeed the whole world with the most acute danger. At the same time I firmly believe that a visit by you to India, followed by

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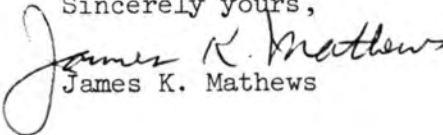
a briefer one to Pakistan, would result in the same kind of triumphant reception which President Eisenhower enjoyed there forty years ago. A door of opportunity may well be opened for you to initiate a program for peaceful resolution of the conflict between these nations which has continued for more than fifty years. This may include a solution for Kashmir, an area we know well. Either the United Nations or other powers might join you in negotiating this.

Moreover, a chance may be afforded you for resolving the situation in Burma, bringing an end to the harsh military dictatorship there and placing in power its rightfully elected president, Aung San Suu Kyi. Thus, added to your initiative in Bosnia and Ireland, the lasting mark of your presidency may be as maker of peace, a role upon which God's blessing rests.

If perchance I can help, I would gladly be available to you. I would welcome the privilege of a brief conversation with you on these issues.

God bless the President of the United States.

Sincerely yours,


James K. Mathews

tel.: 202-686-0089
FAX : 202-686-6071