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WASHINGTON
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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

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Newt Gingrich, Richard Gephardt

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Steven Simon, NSC, 69351

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Attachments
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POINTS TO MADE
FOR LEADERSHIP CALLS ON
EMBASSY SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL

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- On the investigation, FBI and CIA are working hard on forensic and intelligence issues.
- Cost of bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam in human life has been enormous. Safety of men and women abroad is paramount concern -- and we need to move quickly to improve security where we can.
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The Honorable Charlotte Schexnayder
Post Office Box 220
Dumas, Arkansas 71639-0220

Dear Charlotte:

Thank you for your kind letter. Your friendship has meant a great deal to Hillary and me over the years, and we will never forget that.

I appreciate your words of affirmation and your acknowledgment of our efforts in Arkansas and at the national level as well. The support and work of people like you have helped make it possible for us to attain many of our goals.

All the best to you and Melvin. We're always happy to hear from you and to see you.

Sincerely,

Bill

The Hon. Charlotte Schexnayder
Post Office Box 220
Dumas, Arkansas 71639-0220

 Charlotte Schexnayder thanks you for your long friendship, your great service to the nation in a most difficult time, and for the great difference that you and the First Lady made in Arkansas education and the economy. She and Melvin are grateful for all you've done and are among your numerous friends keeping you in their thoughts and prayers.



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August 1, 1998

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

This is a letter of thanks – on several counts.

First, thank you for your long friendship. Many who rise to high places forget their old friends, but you never have. And so many of these friends have stopped me to say they not only appreciate your friendship but they support you.

Also, thanks for your great service to our nation in a most difficult time. You have cared about the people, tackled the tough problems and set the economy on the right track. Every day, I see evidence of your good work. A daughter being able to stay with an ill mother because of the medical leave act. New day care centers being available in rural areas. A drop in crime because there are more police and more funds for them. A business economy rising from the doldrums of the very early nineties. I appreciate all of your efforts.

Thanks, too, for the great difference that you and the first lady made in Arkansas education and the economy, and vision that the state could excel with the right kind of leadership and commitment.

Melvin and I are grateful for all you have done, and we are among your numerous friends keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

With warmest regards,

Charlotte

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July 29, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

Joan and I are disappointed that we cannot be with you in Raleigh. We are hosting a reception at our home at the time of your visit. Thank you for your interest in John and North Carolina.

You need a break! Can you join me for a couple of days at my home in Grandfather Mountain, N.C.

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Yes ☒

No ☐

EUGENIE

I believe you have played that wonderful golf course. My game has greatly improved since we last played and I believe I can give you a run for your money (or cigar). The house is large enough to accommodate your people. The course is open until Oct. 15 when it closes for the winter so anytime between now and then would be fine. Best Personal Regards,
Joan

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Sean -
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Eugene Yes ☒
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with the Lewinsky story — two days before it actually broke in *The Washington Post*.

Before long, it seemed I was the only Democratic "get" for producers trying to fill airtime and increase ratings by talking about Monica Lewinsky. *The New York Times* noted that I was the lone voice on CNN supporting Clinton.

Official White House spokespeople remained silent. Democratic activists called me complaining of "analysis paralysis" at the White House and urged me to be more aggressive with the media. Clinton, preferring to focus on his "State of the Union Address," would not speak on the topic for what seemed like an eternity.

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Isikoff had a tendency to use those drives to speak to people on his cell phone. He spent time bragging that he had "spent 5 hours with Ken Starr" and that "Starr's office was his source." I guess if you make your mark as a journalist off of one friend taping another - you deserve to have your driver "spill the beans" so to speak. Live by the sword, die by the sword.

I dug in my heels, determined not to let Ken Starr use the news media to intimidate witnesses and undermine the Presidency with his politically motivated charges.

Time after time I reminded whoever was watching cable television that "people care about the Dow Jones, not Paula Jones - or anyone else's vicious allegations."

As the pundits predicted the President's demise - Clinton's approval ratings skyrocketed! Meanwhile, my fax machine hummed joyfully

with real information about Ken Starr and Linda Tripp.

I was happy to remind the American public how well the economy was doing, that 10 million new jobs had been created during Clinton's first term in office, and that the President was fighting to improve education and reduce teen smoking.

Now, almost seven months later, Clinton continues to do an excellent job as President. The Republicans continue their partisan battles against healthcare, campaign finance, education funding - and hold out morbid hope that Ken Starr will find "the silver bullet."

Don't hold your breath. Soon we will have congressional elections, and if the Democrats regain Congress - we'll have Ken Starr, Linda Tripp, and Michael Isikoff to thank.

MONTEL: Yes, ma'am.

AUDIENCE: I just have two quick comments. One, if we are going to use this as an example to eradicate infidelity, fine, go ahead. If he did it. Two, if it was any other place, people would have been charged with treason or something. It's time we shut up. Do something about it or shut up and forget about it.

LASZLO: I am just so offended by the way the media has been covering this. To me, the worst offense is *TIME* Magazine. Their most recent cover has this up-close photo of Monica and Bill as if they've got the silver bullet. Well, I have a very small, and I don't know if you can see it, picture of me and Bill, and we look just as close, and I can tell you that I look at him with the same admiration. I'm in love with him - you know why? Because he has created jobs for people who need jobs. He has created better schools for people who needed schools. And because at the age of thirty-three years old, I just bought my first house at a mortgage rate of seven and a quarter or

61%

The Pundits

"...most people say he's (Clinton's) like a guy who's a real soldier; he'll never surrender."

George Stephanopoulos,
January 25, 1998

"...right now, Clinton, today is as dead, politically, as Woodrow Wilson's after he was elected."

George Will,
January 25, 1998

"...telling the truth, I think his presidency is remembered in days. This isn't going to last. We're not going to be here that long after we're now talking about this."

Sam Donaldson,
January 25, 1998

"...that's the problem, because he's not telling the truth. If he is, everyone in Washington knows. Everyone in the country knows, that the president of the United States is lying. Everyone knows he's lying. He's not interested in who work with him and for him. He's just a peet lies. Washington is not a place where you're in decent, and it's not a place where you're in."

Bill Bristol,
January 25, 1998

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President William Jefferson Clinton

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Defending President Clinton: Montel Williams Show



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THANKS,
Paul

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JOHN LEWIS

August 12, 1998

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President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I know that you and your family will be vacationing at Martha's Vineyard this month. I will be speaking at a program at the Historic Union Chapel in Oak Bluffs on Friday, August 28th from 2-4pm. As you know, August 28th is the 35th anniversary of the March on Washington. I will reflect on that occasion during the program. The Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce and Harvard University will host a reception and book signing following the program.

I would be honored to have you and your family attend this program. Your participation would mean a great deal to me. If you have any questions, your staff may contact me at my home at 404-753-7343 or Linda Chastang at 973-761-6997.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lewis", with a large, stylized loop at the bottom left.

John Lewis

LEWIS RUDIN
345 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10154
407-2417

August 3, 1998

The President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Attn: Betty Currie

Dear Hillary and Bill:

Please join us in breaking the Yom Kippur fast on Wednesday,
September 30, at 6:00 P.M. in the Ballroom of the Regency Hotel,
Park Avenue and 61st Street.

Hope you can make it.

Sincerely,

Naehel + Lew

R.S.V.P. By September 16
Card enclosed

Scheduling Office, COS

*Mr. Rudin is a
friend.*

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than the standard "Betty" mail -
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Betty Courie
President's Appointment Secretary
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Courie:

I realize that securing even a brief appointment with the President is a very long shot, especially when it is requested by someone, such as myself, who has no significant political connections. Nevertheless, I feel compelled to make such a request in this letter, since it probably represents my client's last opportunity to obtain his freedom.

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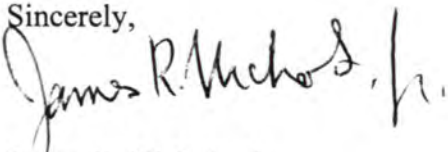
war behind us by commuting his sentence pursuant to his pending petition for commutation of sentence. A serious question raised by this case is how can our government justify spending tens of thousands every year to keep this harmless and largely forgotten relic of the cold war alive in U.S. prisons for the rest of his life, when he was at most a low level foreign intelligence agent (a classic "mole" or "plant" and courier) of a now thoroughly defeated former enemy, and who was doing the same job our intelligence agencies train and pay foreigners to do (before, during and after the cold war)?

In any event, in this age where we rightly lecture other nations and peoples to forgive and reconcile with their former enemies, is it not time we practice what we preach? Indeed, I would respectfully suggest that there are larger, symbolic issues raised by Yildirim's case which go to the heart of the American character. Are we a tough and completely unforgiving nation, or are we strong and tough enough to be able to be merciful with this one pathetic old man? If a better case existed in which the Christian concept of forgiveness was called for and the President's pardon power ought to be exercised, I cannot think of one.

I apologize if I appear to be somewhat emotional about my client's cause, but after four years of laboring tirelessly on his behalf, I suppose I cannot help myself. At any rate, I will be in Washington D.C. during the week of September 7, 1998, to meet my daughter Cassie, who just began her freshman year at Princeton. Needless to say, nothing would make me prouder as a father and an American, and demonstrate to my daughter that even powerless, average citizens such as us are worthy of the President's attention and time, than for him to grant me a brief audience during which I can have the opportunity to plead my client's cause. I truly believe that if President Clinton could hear my plea, he would agree that this country has little or nothing to gain and possibly much to lose by keeping Yildirim in our prisons for the remainder of his life.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby respectfully request a brief appointment with the President during the week of September 7th. If that week is an inconvenient one within which to schedule such a brief appointment, I would be happy to make myself available the preceding or following weeks. Meanwhile, if you or your staff have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Nichols, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Nichols, Jr.

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