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PLANET WATCH

Recent Highs

122°F ▶
(50°C)

BAHRAIN

In a place used to a merciless sun, 56 workers suffer heat exhaustion

113°F ▶
(45°C)

CALIFORNIA

Early August heat wave brings blackouts and "spare the air" days to the San Francisco Bay Area

106°F ▶
(41°C)

GERMANY

Record hot streak produces severe smog. In some areas, vehicles without antipollution devices are banned

95°F ▶
(35°C)

SWITZERLAND

Scorching heat sends kids home from school

124°F
(51°C)

INDIA

Worst hot spell in 50 years kills about 3,000 people

117°F
(47°C)

TEXAS

A month of 100°-plus temperatures kills more than 120 people and destroys about a third of the cotton crop

110°F
(43°C)

CYPRUS

Worst heat wave in 40 years kills at least 55 people and sends 3,200 to hospitals

100°F
(38°C)

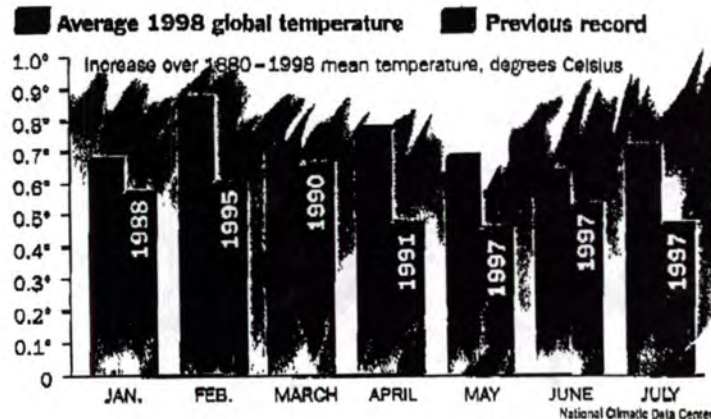
FRANCE

Sun withers 20% of the grapevines in some areas of Bordeaux

TIME Graphics by Ed Gabel

Global Warming: It's Here...

Scientists are increasingly convinced that the earth is getting hotter because of the buildup in the atmosphere of carbon dioxide and other gases produced largely by the burning of fossil fuels. For each month this year, average global temperatures have been the highest on record.



... And almost certain to get worse

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an international group of scientists, projects that the surface temperature of the earth could rise by about 1.8° to 6.3°F (1° to 3.5°C) by 2100. That could have serious consequences:

- In the next 100 years sea levels could rise 1.6 ft. (0.5 m), threatening heavily populated coastal areas from Mississippi to Bangladesh
- Extreme weather events, from hurricanes to droughts, could become more frequent and more severe
- Warmer temperatures could foster crop production in Northern Europe and Canada but dry out important growing regions in the U.S., eastern South America and Southeast Asia
- Tropical diseases like malaria may move northward and southward

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Every year about 5.1 billion lbs. (2.3 billion kg) of carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. Here are examples of ways you can help reduce the amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

- 1 Insulate your home 2,000 lbs. (900 kg)
- 2 Install energy-efficient windows 10,000 lbs. (4,500 kg)
- 3 Use compact fluorescent lights 500 lbs. (227 kg) for each bulb
- 4 Run dishwashers full, and clothes washers with warm or cold water 700 lbs. (320 kg)
- 5 Forget the sport utility vehicle 2,500 lbs. per extra 10 m.p.g. and buy a fuel-efficient car (1,134 kg per extra 4 km/l)

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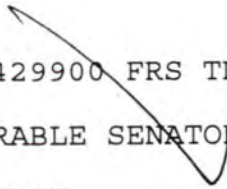
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PLEASE DELIVERY THIS TEXT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN OUR
PRAYERS.

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to Sen. Breaux for delivery
to the President. Aaron
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Thinking about you
- Susan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 29, 1998

Recent
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FROM: PHIL CAPLAN [PWC]
DAVID GOODFRIEND

8-31-98

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DAVID GOODFRIEND

8-31-98

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

8-31-98

FROM: TRACEY E. THORNTON 

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached is a letter from Representative Michael P. Forbes (R-NY) that I thought you would like to see.



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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

MICHAEL P. FORBES
NEW YORK

August 24

Dear Mr. President,

You have brought an optimism about America and our future that is unprecedented.

All Americans embrace the leadership and good work you continue to exhibit and I know this Nation is the better for you being there.

God bless and I stand with you.

Sincerely -
Mike Forbes

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

8-31-98

FROM: TRACEY THORNTON *TH*
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached for your review is a letter from Rep. Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR) that I thought you would like to see.

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August 19, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Your message to our Nation Monday night was a moving reminder of everything we give up as we enter the challenging and at times consuming arena of politics. I congratulate you on your courageous statement at this difficult moment.

I have enclosed a newspaper clipping of today's The San Juan Star where islanders once again show their unconditional support to your exceptional Presidency.

Please remember that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Puerto Rico is on your side.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero-Barceló

LOCAL NEWS

Most islanders interviewed say Clinton shouldn't be impeached

Clinton said to be doing a 'good' to 'magnificent' job

By MANNY SUAREZ
and RAFAEL F. FRANCO
Of the STAR Staff

Most of the people and lawmakers interviewed by the STAR on Tuesday said President Clinton should not be impeached and Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr should have minded his own business.

All those asked agreed that Clinton should stay on as president, believing that in foreign and domestic affairs he has done a "good" to "magnificent" job as president.

Most said the only thing he should be judged on is his performance as leader of the nation, not what he has done in his personal life.

Late Monday night, after testifying before a grand jury, Clinton went on camera and acknowledged having an "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky. He also said he misled many people, including first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, about that relationship.

Carla Cruz Arroyo, 21, of Caguas, a psychology student at the University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras, blamed Lewinsky for speaking out on the matter.

"Clinton is no saint, but he has been very good for the nation and that is what matters, not his private life," said Cruz Arroyo. "Practically all the presidents before him have had affairs. I don't believe he should have to resign or be impeached."

Fellow UPR psychology student, Azelid Sánchez, 20, of Bayamón agreed. "What happened in his private life should have nothing to do with whether he remains in office or not. He did not lead us into war or anything like that. His only failing was having lied about something that was no one else's business," said Sánchez.

Manuel Alvarez, 20, a Puerto Rico Telephone Company operator, saw no justifiable reason to remove Clinton. "What he did had nothing to do with what kind of president he is."

Gladys Sánchez, who owns a cafeteria in Old San Juan and lives in Cupey, said the president should remain in the White House.

"The whole thing was very personal. I don't believe what he has done will affect how he does his job. This whole thing should be dropped so he can go about doing his job," Sánchez said.

Tomasita de Córdova, a retired work-

er with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, thought the president has been doing a "magnificent job despite all the people against him. He is entitled to his personal life just like everyone else."

Reinaldo Santiago, who works for Armani Exchange in Plaza las Américas, said he did not think Clinton has done anything others have not done and he should not have been subjected to an investigation of his private life.

Senate President Charlie Rodríguez said the evidence gathered by Starr is not enough to initiate impeachment proceedings.

House Speaker Edison Mislá Aldarondo, on the other hand, said the possibility of impeachment lies in the as-of-yet unreleased Starr report.

House Majority Leader Pedro Figueroa, who also believes Clinton's affair with Lewinsky won't lead to an impeachment, said Republicans couldn't risk allowing Vice President Al Gore into the White House.

All three agreed the president's problem was in how he had led his private life, which he would pay for somehow through his marriage and his relationship with his family. Figueroa and Mislá Aldarondo were both surprised that the federal government would fund a \$40 million investigation that could only



STAR photo by David Villalón

"Clinton is no saint, but he has been very good for the nation and that's what matters, not his private life," UPR student Carla Cruz Arroyo said Tuesday in reaction to President Clinton's admission to having had a relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

reveal mistakes made in the private sphere of the president's actions.

Benítez challenges UIET to hire auditor to probe funds use

Ex-president denies



Carlos Ramos, Guillermo de la Paz and Alfonso Benítez Rosa, from left to right, confer prior to a news

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Thank You Letter From Florida State Sen. Daryl Jones -- Although his nomination to be Secretary of the Air Force "was not what we planned," Jones thanks you and adds that "[i]t won't happen that way again should another opportunity arise." He offers his support as you remain "focused on getting your job done."

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We have also received the following item:

New York Times, USA Today Global Warming Articles -- Rosina Bierbaum (OSTP) forwards a recent *NYT* article describing the effects of rising temperatures in Alaska, many of which were identified in a 1997 OSTP workshop (e.g., decreased sea ice, increased forest pests and precipitation, and melting permafrost). She also forwards a *USA Today* article describing the significant retreat of the Columbia Glacier in Alaska. The melting of glaciers worldwide is "among the most compelling indicators of global warming." Alaska and Montana are the two states most affected. *Todd has seen the articles.*

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SENATOR DARYL L. JONES

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you again for making me your nominee for Secretary of the Air Force. Sincerely, it was a great honor for me. I appreciate your support and that of your staff.

Although the result was not what we planned, it was a tremendous educational experience for me. It won't happen that way again should another opportunity arise.

You are facing significant challenges. Don't let the media center on the negative. You have remained focused on getting your job done. The American people appreciate that and, I believe, in the end will support you because of it.

Warmest regards,
Kerry

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1998

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly reports:

- (A) Interest Rates/Update on Global Markets
- (B) NEC Report
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- (E) Legislative Report
- (F) Public Liaison Report
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- (H) Race Initiative Report
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lawrence H. Summers *LH*

SUBJECT: Update on Global Markets
The Week Ending August 28, 1998

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Markets around the globe suffered significant declines as investors "flew to quality" due to such factors as Russia's financial meltdown, signs of further economic deterioration in Asia, Japan's continued economic and financial sector weakness, declines in commodity prices, and a perception of increased credit risk in the system.

US: The Dow fell 5.6% for the week while the 30-year bond yields declined to 5.37% from 5.46%. Spreads widened in the corporate bond market (up 21 bps since mid-June to 76 bps over Treasuries), in the interest rate swap market (up 17 bps over the last 2 weeks to 85 bps over Treasuries), and in the junk bond market (up 70 bps over the last 2 weeks to 470 bps over Treasuries), reflecting the perception of increased credit risk and on deleveraging.

Japan: Stocks fell 9% this week to 13,916 – a 12-year low and bank stocks plunged 13.7%. Traders are concerned over a standoff between the government and opposition parties concerning the handling of the banking crisis. The yen appreciated about 2% for the week to close at 141.75/\$. The yield on the benchmark government bond shed 11 bps and now stands at 1.06%. The Japan premium (difference between Japanese banks 3-month Eurodollar rate and comparable LIBOR) for both first and second tier banks rose slightly to 34 and 53 basis points, respectively.

Commodity Producers: Countries that are large commodity producers also were hit during the market turmoil this week. Canada raised interest rates a full percentage point to 6% – its first increase in 8 months – as FX market intervention failed to deter the decline in the Canadian dollar (down 9% vs. the \$ this year). In the last two weeks, Norway raised its interest rates 300 bps to 8% as its currency fell due to Russian contagion and the continued decline of oil prices. Australia's currency depreciated to a record low against the dollar due to downward pressures from the Asian financial crisis and Australia's role as a commodity producer.

Russia: Russian markets continued their sharp decline this week in the face of continued political turmoil and the absence of a coherent government response. Stocks fell 18.3% on very low volumes, while rates on Russian 10-year Eurobonds rose to 48.6% (a spread of over 4300bps over Treasuries) from about 32%. Investors reacted negatively to the government's proposed domestic debt restructuring. The plan allows bondholders to convert 20% of the market value of their existing securities into dollar-denominated bonds paying 5% annual interest, with the rest rolling over into new ruble-denominated assets paying 20-30% interest. Starting on Tuesday, the CBR halted dollar trading each day shortly after markets opened in the face of overwhelming demand. The ruble is reportedly trading on the black market at 20 to 45% below its official rate of 7.88/\$.

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Ukraine: The currency fell to the low end of the band, and it is reported that officials are contemplating a devaluation. This week, the government announced a "voluntary" restructuring of their domestic debt, it is expected that foreign investors, who hold a small percentage of the debt, will not participate. Reserves are less than \$1 B, which is less than 1 month of import coverage.

Eastern Europe: Due primarily to the Russian crisis, stocks fell sharply across the region this week, with the largest drops in Hungary (28%), Poland (17.5%) and the Czech Republic (about 12%). Currencies registered narrow declines this week: the Polish zloty remained comfortably within its trading band, while Hungary intervened to support the forint.

Turkey: Spurred by the Russian crisis, stocks fell nearly 21% this week. Over a 3-week period, domestic T-bill yields have jumped to 125% from 90%. Debt and equity markets rebounded slightly today upon news that the government will abolish limits on banks' forward FX transactions and scrap a withholding tax on interbank deals. The Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves fell \$3.7B over the last three weeks, but are at a relatively comfortable \$23B (4-5 months import cover).

Brazil: Events in Russia helped drive stocks down 17.2% for the week and widen spreads on Brazil's 30-year Eurobonds by 220 bps to 1255 over Treasuries. Brazil is seen as vulnerable due to its fixed exchange rate, as well as its large current account and fiscal deficits. The government reacted to this week's turmoil by relaxing restrictions on short-term capital inflows. With only five weeks before its presidential elections, and with \$69 B in reserves and strong FDI, most market analysts expect Brazil to maintain its pegged exchange rate in the near term.

Latin America: Stocks continued to fall in Argentina (-11.3%), Mexico (-10.5%), and Venezuela (-5.4%) this week. Borrowing costs rose sharply as spreads on 30-year bonds widened by 230 to 361 bps. The IMF invited major Latin-American Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to Washington next week (Secretary Rubin was invited) to discuss policy responses to recent events.

Korea: Stocks fell 2.3% this week as economic indicators showed the country is sliding deeper into recession. Real GDP fell 6.6% in Q2 (y/y), following a 3.8% contraction in the first quarter. The won depreciated 2.7% for the week, though the drastic reduction in Korea's trade surplus for the first 25 days of August has caused officials to express concern that the won has appreciated too much.

Malaysia: Stocks fell 6.5% and the ringgit depreciated 1.5% for the week. Malaysian markets were hit by the fall out from Russia as well as negative news in Malaysia: real GDP fell 6.8% in Q2 (y/y), the country's largest bank, Maybank, reported worse-than-expected earnings, and the respected head of the central bank announced his resignation.

Hong Kong: Due to massive buying by the Hong Kong Government, stocks rose 4% this week and are up 17.5% since intervention began on August 14. The intervention was focused on 4 p.m. today, when August futures contracts expired, and was designed to force losses on speculators who sold the market short. The effort undoubtedly imposed heavy losses on some speculators, but it could also be leading to a lack of confidence in Hong Kong. Financial Secretary Tsang also indicated that the government will consider curbs on stock and futures trading and on large capital flows into and out of Hong Kong. No details were provided, but the announcement itself is sure to raise market anxiety even further.

Thailand: The baht depreciated 0.2% this week, while stocks fell 8.4% in tandem with global equity markets. The public release of Thailand's fifth letter of intent to the IMF had limited impact on the markets as most of it had already been factored by investors.

Indonesia: The rupiah appreciated 4.9% this week, buoyed by last week's announcement of measures to restructure the banking system. Stocks fell 12.7% due to concerns about financial turmoil in Russia and worse-than-expected first half earnings for several key Indonesian companies.

South Africa: Contagion effects from Russia and deteriorating fundamentals in the South African economy continue to put pressure on bonds and equities this week. Stocks were down 17.5% for the week, while the yield on the government's benchmark domestic bond jumped to 20.50% - a 10-year high - and spreads on South African Eurobonds widened 200 bps to 608 bps over Treasuries.

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August 28, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: GENE SPERLING
RE: NEC WEEKLY REPORT
cc: ERSKINE BOWLES

Budget and Taxes: Your economic team has been meeting throughout the week discussing the appropriations bill outlining our priority investments and the long list of objectionable riders, ranging from family planning to the environment, that have been attached to the bills. This week Rep. Nancy Johnson and Rep. Sam Johnson floated a tax cut proposal that costs roughly \$78 billion over five years and includes modest marriage penalty relief, accelerating the 100 percent deduction of self-employed health insurance, accelerating an increase in the Social Security earnings test, permanent extension of the tax credit for research and development, and an exclusion of the education and child tax credits from the alternative minimum tax. Noticeably absent from the Johnson/Johnson proposal are capital gains and estate tax relief. While politically deft, it is hard to see conservatives agreeing to omit these two provisions. To the extent that Republicans shrink their tax cut plans and focus on middle-class families, Democrats will likely seek an alternative they could offer. We will continue to help House and Senate Democrats on any such alternatives. As you know, though, we must continue to elevate our "Saving Social Security First" message to keep Democratic resolve as strong as it has been, especially following your very successful speech to the House Democratic caucus.

Information Technology Research: The NEC and OSTP have been meeting with agencies to plan the follow-up to your MIT Commencement Address, in which you called for a "significant increase" in information and communications research. As you know, your Information Technology Advisory Committee recently released a report calling for a doubling of the information technology research budget over the next five years. The Committee believes that these funds could lead to significant technological breakthroughs, such as the ability to better predict climate change and hurricanes, increased independence for people with disabilities, and faster development of life-saving drugs.

Bankruptcy: Senator Lott has indicated that the Senate will take up bankruptcy legislation late next week and vote soon after Labor Day. Republicans plan to offer a manager's amendment addressing one key aspect of the Administration's proposal, but not addressing our other major concerns. Democrats are expected to offer many other amendments (some of which we would not support). You should know that Senator Kennedy has pledged to offer a minimum wage amendment. Campaign finance reform and the Patient's Bill of Rights could be offered as well. It is unclear whether a cloture motion would succeed if these amendments are offered, even though some Democrats would probably support the bankruptcy bill with a few additional

changes. NEC, White House Leg. Affairs, and DoJ will meet with Senate Democratic staff on Monday (8/31) to get a better sense of their strategy. Larry Stein and I have concluded that the best strategy for us, for now, is to lay low. We do not want to infuriate Democrats by negotiating with the Republicans and appearing to undercut their strategy. Moreover, we view the prospects of legislation to our liking emerging from conference to be very slim, even if an acceptable bill were obtained in the Senate.

Y2K Liability Reform: Just before the recess, Representatives Dreier and Eshoo introduced an alternative to our "Good Samaritan" bill. While pleased that industry did not seek a bill that went beyond protection of information exchange to provide protection from liability for product failures, we concluded that the Dreier/Eshoo bill could hurt consumers and would indirectly affect underlying contract and liability claims that we had sought to leave untouched. Industry continues to be divided making prospects for passage of any bill increasingly slim. John Koskinen, with NEC, WH Counsel, OVP, and DoJ assistance, will be meeting with the Senate staff and industry representatives next week to try to hammer out an acceptably narrow bill that can be enacted in the time remaining.

Stock Market: As you know, on October 27, 1997, the drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average caused the "circuit breakers" to trigger; when it was down 350 points trading was halted for 30 minutes and when it fell 550 points, trading was halted for the rest of the day. Following these events, the President's Working Group on Financial Markets urged the exchanges to increase the trigger levels to enable markets to remain open as long as they are functioning efficiently. Under the new rules, trigger levels are established quarterly as a fraction (10%, 20%, and 30%) of the average Dow for the previous month; given increased system capacity and higher market levels it will now take a 900-point drop in the Dow to halt trading for 1 hour. Therefore, Thursday's stock market drop of over 350 points did not cause trading to be halted.

Northwest: On Wednesday (8/26), I convened your senior advisers (including Bruce Lindsey, via phone) to discuss the possible pilots' strike against Northwest Airlines, which could begin at midnight tonight. Prior to that meeting, my staff met with DOT and CEA to review DOT's economic impact analysis. As you know, your advisors were unanimous in recommending that you should not appoint a Presidential Emergency Board (PEB), at least for now. Our major concern is that the appointment of a PEB would undermine the bargaining process and create the expectation of intervention in every conflict. The Department of Transportation has set up a "war room" to monitor the situation if a strike occurs, and Dorothy Robyn, on my staff, will stay in close touch with them over the weekend. I have scheduled a meeting on Monday (8/31) with the same group of advisers to reevaluate the situation.

Russia. As you know, the economic situation in Russia deteriorated significantly this week. The firing of reformers Kiriyenko and Chubia, coupled with the draconian debt restructuring plan and the decision to devalue, has evaporated investor confidence in Russia. Rumors about President Yeltsin's imminent resignation, though vehemently denied by the Kremlin and Yeltsin himself, have created a degree of political unrest that has generated even more economic uncertainty. Until Chernomyrdin puts in place a new economic team that develops some concrete plans to tackle the economic crisis, the situation will only continue to worsen. Your economic team is preparing for the summit, doing our best to lower expectations while making clear to Russian leaders that they must move quickly to restore a modicum of confidence and

stability there. Given the massive hit investors have taken on their GKO debt, it will take a long time before international capital begins to flow back into the Russian economy.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 28, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MINYON MOORE

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON WEEKLY REPORT (August 24-August 28)

ACTIONS SUPPORTING PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

- **Safe Schools Event:** OPL received very positive feedback from the African American constituency attending your safe schools event in Worchester on Thursday. We spoke to several African American educators and law enforcement officials in attendance who expressed strong support for you and your school safety and law enforcement initiatives. They also indicated they heard positive comments from others in the crowd. OPL sent your statement and talking points to all of our constituencies.
- **White House Conference on School Safety:** OPL has received very positive feedback from education advocates on the School Safety Conference. They strongly support the Administration's increased focus on school violence, but also expressed concern that schools are portrayed as the epicenter of violence. Advocates assert that prevention efforts must involve entire communities, not just schools.
- **Census:** OPL sent Secretary Daley's statement on this week's census ruling to each of our constituency groups. The groups have indicated that they will continue to educate community leaders about the importance of sampling. *La Opinion*, one of the largest Spanish-language newspapers in the country, ran a column on August 16th on the importance of the census. The article mentions that the House vote against appropriations for sampling undermines an accurate and fair count. The article further praises the House Minority for their work to ensure that all get counted in this next census.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES

- **Reactions to the President's Speech:** Several nationally known clergy leaders issued a "Pastoral Letter to the Nation" on Thursday urging that this matter be put to rest so we can move forward addressing the needs of the American people. The clergy included Reverend Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, Reverend Gardner Taylor, Reverend Otis Moss, Reverend Amos Brown, Reverend Dr. Tony Campolo, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and Reverend Dr. Andrew Young among others. The letter has been shared with religious leaders across America and

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others are expected to sign on to it. African American religious leaders continue to pray for you and your family. Several clergy leaders have sent you taped copies of their sermons. Others continue to send you letters of support. Several Historical Black College Presidents and heads of African American national associations have expressed support for you and your family. They are proud of your accomplishments and want you to continue as president. There is overwhelming agreement in the national black community that the events of the past few months should be put behind us so the country can move forward.

- **Reactions to the Military Actions in Afghanistan and Sudan:** OPL received statements from both the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church and Church Women United opposing our action in Afghanistan and Sudan. Muslim Americans also have expressed increasing concern over the missile strikes. Your remarks about Islam in your speech were well received, and we are working with the NSC and others for ways to reassure this important group. The American Jewish Committee will run an ad in this Sunday's *New York Times* that will read: "President Clinton, we support you in your fight against terrorism." Other Jewish groups have made similar statements, but this marks the first ad in a mainstream publication.

AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH

- **Blacks in Government Conference:** Ben Johnson addressed the Blacks In Government (BIG) organization on Thursday. BIG expressed its strong support for your domestic agenda. They are especially pleased with your African American appointments to non-traditional jobs and your record of standing for fairness and opportunity for all Americans. The BIG leadership conveyed their support and prayers for you and your family.

BUSINESS OUTREACH

- **Russia Trip:** On Thursday, OPL hosted a briefing at the White House for 22 business representatives with Gene Sperling, Maria Echaveste, Lael Brainard and Carlos Pascual to preview the President's trip to Russia and Ireland. The briefing gave the Administration the opportunity to outline the political and economic objectives of the trip and to discuss the Administration's position on the current political and economic turmoil in Russia. The representatives were particularly interested in the effect of the Russian economy on world markets and the Administration's impression of Russia's changing political environment. Representatives from Eli Lilly specifically raised new concerns about a health crisis emerging in Russia as a direct result of the economic crisis. Like many companies, Eli Lilly has not been compensated for their health care products by banks holding debt, and they have made the humanitarian decision to open lines of credit to hospitals and donate supplies of necessary medicines (i.e. insulin) to those in need.
- **Small Business:** OPL met with John Satagaj of the Small Business Legislative Council, a leading trade organization for American small businesses. OPL reviewed the legislative

priorities of the small business community. Additionally, John stressed his belief that the Vice President should become more involved in outreach to the small business community. He believes there are opportunities available for the Vice President to engage small businesses and that he should take advantage of those opportunities.

ETHNIC OUTREACH

- **Ireland Trip:** Irish American leaders are pleased that you have added a stop in Omagh on your upcoming trip to Northern Ireland. They urge you to remember all the victims of this conflict while you are there. During a conference call outlining the trip, Irish community leaders offered their assistance and support in any way that would be helpful to you during this trip.

GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH

- ✓ **Anti-Gay Harassment:** Nearly one-quarter of community college students who took part in a survey admitted to harassing people they thought were gay, a new study says. The study found that 24 percent of those surveyed admitted to anti-gay name calling. Some respondents defended assaults on gays as socially acceptable. Among men 18 percent said they had physically assaulted or threatened someone they thought was gay or lesbian. Thirty-two percent admitted they were guilty of verbal harassment. The figures were lower for women. The study reported that almost half the students said they would assault again and either lacked remorse or saw nothing wrong with their behavior. Many explained their actions as self-defense, which may reflect the stereotype of gays as sexual predators.

HISPANIC OUTREACH

- **Families of the Cuban-American Pilots:** FBI Director Louis Freeh met with the families of the Cuban-American Pilots, who were very pleased to have been granted the meeting. The Director informed the families that the investigation is still ongoing and committed to taking all necessary steps to ensuring the most thorough investigation possible.

WOMEN'S OFFICE OUTREACH

- **Women's Equality Day:** Secretary Donna Shalala, Erskine Bowles, Ann Lewis, and Minyon Moore addressed the crowd of women appointees gathered to celebrate the 78th anniversary of suffrage on Women's Equality Day. The event highlighted both the outstanding women appointees in the Administration as well as your achievements for women. Six women were honored for their contributions. Secretary Shalala and Erskine presented the awards to Bonnie Campbell, Ida Castro, Barbara Chow, Sarah Kovner, Jolene Molitoris, and Judith Winston. Each of the recipients expressed her gratitude for the honor of serving in your administration.

August 17, 1998

Ms. Betty Currie
Executive Secretary to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania NW
Washington, DC 20502

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Dear Ms. Currie,

Considering that the President already supports Handicap Awareness, we believe that the enclosed support advanced from Hillary's hometown may be of interest to him.

Warmest Wishes,

Christa *Jack*

Christa Donovan and Jack Holiday

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No ☐

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HANDICAP PLACE

August 16, 1998

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President,

Your letter of acknowledgement can make a difference. With the blessing of The Apostolate of the Handicapped of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, we are planning a proposal to rename a downtown Chicago Street to "Handicap Place." The selected street, a $\frac{1}{2}$ block orphan section of Quincy, is adjacent to South State Street and the Everett McKinley Dirksen Federal Court Building.

Handicap Place will serve as a point of light, a constant reminder that a given handicap can be overcome--to encourage citizens, various programs and actions, which in turn can heighten capabilities.

Society embodies many individuals who have sustained serious injury, as well as senior citizens, homeless, hispanics, native americans, african-americans, forgotten women and, committed employees and volunteers working in fields of health who may feel emotional discomfort.

The new Chicago street "Handicap Place" will dead end at The Stars and Stripes. This permanent landmark will bestow honor to every courageous individual, while at large representing a melting pot of survivors past and present. Perhaps he is a Vietnam War Veteran trying to deal with life to overcome a psychological aftermath perpetrated by exposure to battles of graphic violence. Citizens at home and abroad lost friends for unexplainable reasons of war. And at the end of wars fought, Americans trusted in God, and Old Glory waved above all handicaps.

Handicap or Flag, citizens must not ignore or reduce this true meaning yet negative connotation which positively reflects both concepts; it takes undying courage to guarantee independence.

WITH YOUR LETTER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

God Bless You,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature, on the left, is 'Christa' written in a cursive script. The second signature, on the right, is 'Jack' written in a more stylized, flowing cursive script.

Christa Donovan and Jack Holiday
Handicap Place Project
300 North State Street #3025
Chicago, Illinois 60610
312.321.1107



Apostolate of the Handicapped

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 655-7188

August 11, 1998

Ms Christa Donovan
Mr. Jack Holiday
"Handicap Place" Project
300 North State Street, Suite 3025
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Christa and Jack,

The Apostolate of the Handicapped of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago supports your proposal to rename the half-block section of Quincy Street adjacent to State Street and the Dirksen Federal Building as "Handicap Place."

We applaud your efforts and welcome the opportunity to continue to advance this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Roeder", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Roeder
President

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 July 1998

Dear Ms. Donovan and Mr. Holiday,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I should like to thank you for your letter of 10 July in which you informed him of your project to have the name of a downtown Chicago Street changed to "Handicap Place".

You are certainly aware of the importance which the Secretary-General attaches to policies and programmes for the prevention of disabilities as well for the rehabilitation and full social integration of persons with disabilities. The United Nations, which has played a leading role in this field at the international and regional levels, supports all efforts by governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals towards these goals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gillian Martin Sorensen".

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant Secretary-General
for External Relations

Ms. Christa Donovan and Mr. Jack Holiday
C/O Handicap Place Project
Chicago

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Leslie H. Gelb

President

August 4, 1998

Ms Christa Donovan
Mr Jack Holiday
Handicap Place Project
300 North State Street, #3025
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Ms Donovan and Mr Holiday:

Thank you for your letter of August 1, inviting me to support Handicap Awareness. The project sounds like a worthwhile and challenging one.

I wish you much success in your efforts to establish "Handicap Place."

All best,

Leslie H. Gelb

good luck.



22 July 1998

Dear Ms. Donovan and Mr. Holiday,

Thank you for your letter of 11 July detailing your group's initiative rename a block of a Chicago street to "Handicap Place." Naming a street to acknowledge our handicapped citizens is an excellent way to commend their perseverance and fortitude.

Your many efforts toward making this endeavor a reality are admirable. I wish you the best in accomplishing this mission!

Sincerely,

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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FRED SMOLCHUCK, JR.
Pastor

August 18, 1998

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

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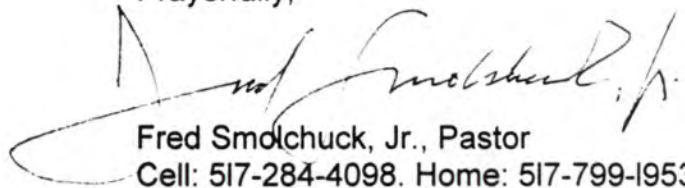
In our Prayer and Communion Service this morning we pray for you and our nation. The scripture in Psalm 121 says "They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He still has answers for us in dark hours."

I have served as a Pastor for over 35 years and as a pastor of First Assembly of God in Saginaw, Michigan, I have seen people who have taken the class. Life controlling habits have been broken and destructive behavior patterns and cycles changed. Over 3500 people have taken this class at our church with the most encouraging changes taking place that I have ever seen in my 35 years as a Pastor.

I am enclosing a tape from the Cleansing Stream class materials by Pastor Jack Hayford. This tape paints a picture of a man named Frank and how he was able to overcome a difficult, life-controlling habit pattern. I would be happy to supply the whole set of Cleansing Stream materials to you, should you desire them.

It is always darkest before the dawn. I believe that God has your best days ahead of you. It was prophesied this year that you would have a "Damascus Road Experience" similar to the Apostle Paul. He impacted the world for the Lord. You have that potential. You are continually in our prayers. God bless you!

Prayerfully,


Fred Smolchuck, Jr., Pastor
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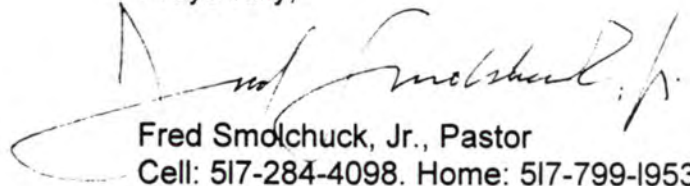
In our Prayer and Communion Service this morning, we felt a great burden of prayer for you and our nation. The scripture in Psalm 107:13 came to me to send to you: "They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distress." God still has answers for us in dark hours.

I have served as a Pastor for over 35 years and for the last 22 years I have been pastor of First Assembly of God in Saginaw, Michigan. Three years ago we started a class called The Cleansing Stream and we have seen amazing changes in the lives of people who have taken the class. Life controlling habits have been broken and destructive behavior patterns and cycles changed. Over 3500 people have taken this class at our church with the most encouraging changes taking place that I have ever seen in my 35 years as a Pastor.

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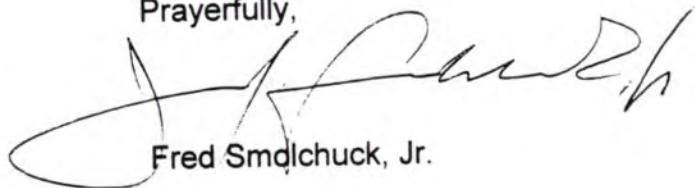
Mrs. Betty Currie
Presidential Secretary
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Currie,

I realize that the last few months have been extremely strenuous and tiring. Your responsibility of serving the needs of the President must be overwhelming at this time. We have been praying for you and the President. This letter is being sent as an encouragement to you.

Enclosed please find a letter to President Clinton which I hope will be of great help to him and his family. You have our continued prayers and encouragement as you serve the President and our Country.

Prayerfully,



Fred Smolchuck, Jr.

The New York Times Magazine

AUGUST 30, 1998

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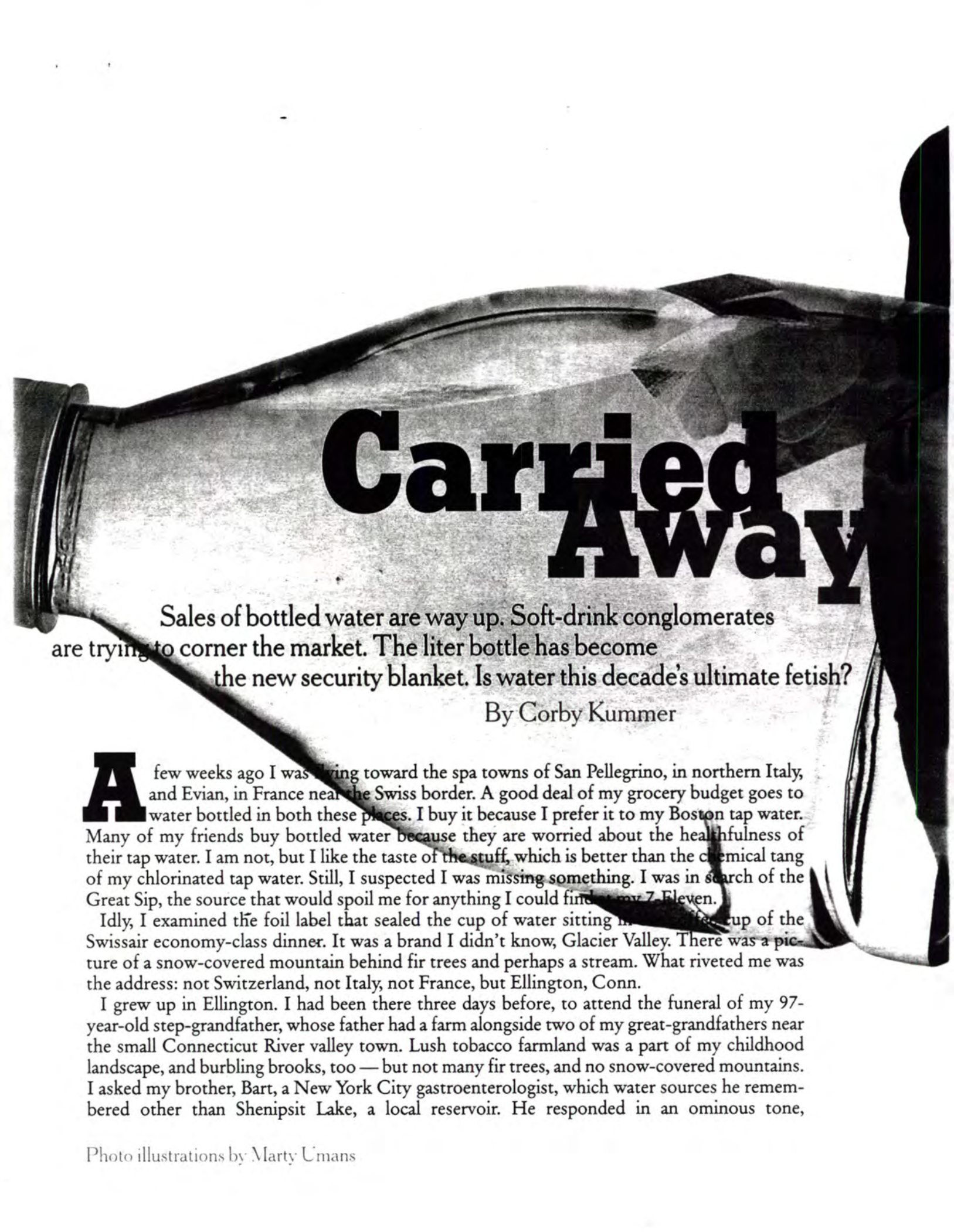
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What's in the
Water?

ed by fear and fashion, Americans have taken to the bottle in astonishing numbers. A search for the
e of this obsession, and the discovery of the world's most delectable spring. By Corby Kummer



Carried Away

Sales of bottled water are way up. Soft-drink conglomerates are trying to corner the market. The liter bottle has become the new security blanket. Is water this decade's ultimate fetish?

By Corby Kummer

A few weeks ago I was driving toward the spa towns of San Pellegrino, in northern Italy, and Evian, in France near the Swiss border. A good deal of my grocery budget goes to water bottled in both these places. I buy it because I prefer it to my Boston tap water. Many of my friends buy bottled water because they are worried about the healthfulness of their tap water. I am not, but I like the taste of the stuff, which is better than the chemical tang of my chlorinated tap water. Still, I suspected I was missing something. I was in search of the Great Sip, the source that would spoil me for anything I could find at my 7-Eleven.

Idly, I examined the foil label that sealed the cup of water sitting in the paper cup of the Swissair economy-class dinner. It was a brand I didn't know, Glacier Valley. There was a picture of a snow-covered mountain behind fir trees and perhaps a stream. What riveted me was the address: not Switzerland, not Italy, not France, but Ellington, Conn.

I grew up in Ellington. I had been there three days before, to attend the funeral of my 97-year-old step-grandfather, whose father had a farm alongside two of my great-grandfathers near the small Connecticut River valley town. Lush tobacco farmland was a part of my childhood landscape, and burbling brooks, too — but not many fir trees, and no snow-covered mountains. I asked my brother, Bart, a New York City gastroenterologist, which water sources he remembered other than Shenipsit Lake, a local reservoir. He responded in an ominous tone,

thinking of the maladies his patients frequently reported, "The cow pond at Moser Farms."

Moser Farms sounded right — a dairy made so successful by the enterprise of the families (Swiss, as it happened) of some of our Ellington schoolmates that it got out of milk and into juice products, and was bought by a company now owned by the Ohio-based Country Pure Foods. Upon my return from Europe, a woman in customer service told me that the company indeed supplies little cups of water to many of the airlines that fly out of the country. "A lot of people from Ellington call us," she said. "They don't realize what we're doing here until they travel." When I asked where the water came from, the woman did not mention a cow pond. "You mean the spring out back?" she asked. The bore hole to pump water out of the spring, I learned, is near the yellow-brick barn we used to pass on our way to school, which instead of cows now houses spare parts for bottling equipment.

Everyone seems to be discovering a backyard spring and piping it into a bottle these days. In the past 10 years, sales of bottled water in the United States have increased by 144 percent — more than any other sector of the beverage market — and annual per-capita consumption has more than doubled, from 5 to 11 gallons. Water has acquired a high-tech glamour for investors, who are amassing land holdings for the value of their aquifers; processing, filtering and water-transport businesses are growing fast. The United States is the world's largest market for imported water. Water bars in Boston and New York and Los Angeles, often situated in health clubs or trendy home-furnishing stores, display bottles from places like Italy, France, Sweden, Wales and Fiji as if they were single-malt Scotch and charge laughable prices for something that comes out of a faucet.

How do they get away with it? Why do we feel the sudden need to pay money for what has always been free? How is it that the plastic bottle with its pacifierlike nipple has become our latest security blanket? Have we been taken in by media-induced paranoia or merely seduced by fashion? Will we really drink any water that comes in a bottle — even if it might be nothing more than municipal tap water, fancily filtered and comfortingly labeled as "purified drinking water"? Is water connoisseurship just wine snobbery without the color and the calories? Or does the source really affect how water tastes and even how it makes us feel?

I wanted to find out, and to answer a number of other watery puzzles, which is why I was on the plane. The water in the little cup tasted familiar — all too familiar. I was in search of something better.

Who Started This Water Mania?

Not our parents. Tap water was free, or next to free, it was fluoridated to build strong teeth

Corby Kummer is a senior editor at The Atlantic Monthly and the author of "The Joy of Coffee."



Barely waiting for their assent, I cupped
my hands under one of the streams and
started drinking. Once I began, I had no desire to stop.
The water was of an almost
mythical sweet softness.

and its safety was simply not in question. New Yorkers, of course, had it best of all, with a pure-tasting, refreshing tap water that was the envy of the country. When Manhattan waiters began to ask which brand of bottled water to bring, the only logical reply was an indignant "New York tap, please!" In only a few years, though, tap water has gone from an automatic given to a suspect second choice.

Brand-name water first became a sign of cosmopolitan, teetotaling chic in the mid-70's, when Perrier advertised heavily and made fizzy designer water a socially acceptable alternative order at bars and restaurants — not to mention one with a high profit margin. All-night disco-goers detoxed with daylight water cures. As drugs of choice moved to targeted, in-and-out highs, water seemed a cleaner, more appropriate accompaniment than alcohol to, say, Ecstasy.

Then the gym replaced the disco, and water became the only cool drink to carry at the gym (sports drinks are a bit too phys. ed.). The culture of the body has long been replacing the culture of the soul, as the historian Barbara Ketcham Whea-

ton has pointed out in discussing our obsession with food; people insist on allowing only the best substances to enter their bodies, and lately "best" means "purest." Alpine landscapes on water bottles look very pure. Drinking large quantities of water is seen not just as a way to maintain health — at least eight glasses a day, we are constantly told — but as a way to curb appetite. Models began toting plastic water bottles to photo shoots, and it was a short step from the studio to the street.

The advent of polyethylene terephthalate — lightweight, crystal-clear, flexible — cannot be underestimated in explaining the huge rise in sales. PET has turned bottled water into a plausible tap-water replacement: no need for a cumbersome home cooler, and empties can easily be compacted by hand — a neat trick, known by seemingly every European, that can come as a surprise to the uninitiated. I already knew the two-handed Evian crush, illustrated on the la-

What's in the Water?

bel, which requires some force and a stable surface. But on my European rounds, I learned a more elegant technique from two elegant men who showed me around the Sangemini plant, in Umbria, which bottles a water that Italians revere for its healthful properties. As the two men were smoking after lunch in the company cafeteria (this was Europe, after all, where even runners smoke), one of them lifted an empty bottle off the table, folded the bottom into the center and rolled up the flattened bottle like a toothpaste tube, capping it so that air would not get back in and unfold the bottle. "I don't know why people make such a big deal out of it," he said with a modest shrug. I now immodestly demonstrate his method at any opportunity.

The greatest current growth is in "convenience sizes," those trim bottles, ridged or otherwise decoratively molded, that seem de rigueur for every gymgoer, conference attendee and subway rider. The first ripples of this tidal wave may have been fashion and health consciousness, and the sheer ease of carrying a little bottle rather than wondering where the next drinking fountain would turn up. Now the question is whether the water in the fountain traveled through lead pipes from a giardia-infested stream. What began in fashion has crested on fear.

What's Wrong With Tap Water, Anyway?

Very little, except taste. Yet water quality has become to the late 1990's what air quality was to the 1960's — where environment meets personal health in a way that provokes alarm. The difference is that now people think they can buy safety in a tightly capped bottle.

There hasn't been a big tap-water scare in five years, but the bleak news of 1993 seems to have permanently clouded the country's trust in its 170,000 public water supplies. In the space of five months, both New York City and Washington issued temporary warnings to boil tap water in order to kill *E. coli* and cryptosporidium, respectively; in Milwaukee, at least 69 people died and more than 400,000 were sickened when cryptosporidium was found in the water.

Environmentalists had long been concerned about pollution from pesticides, industrial chemicals and agricultural runoff, along with lead and copper from old pipes. Now the danger was potentially days, not decades, away. Millions of Americans began to question something they never wanted to see in doubt.

Bottled-water companies may be careful not to inflame these worries, but they aren't shy about exploiting them. Models in ads are sleek and fit, clearly untroubled by lead or arsenic. Forests and snow-capped mountains are at a safe remove from oil-leaking factories and carbon-spouting cars. Commercials for Poland Spring, the delicately flavored and best-selling water in America, humorously emphasize how carefully protected the source is, to convey the idea that protection means safety. Water is presumably transported in shiny new pipes instead of rusty old ones, although just how it gets from the idyllic landscape into the bottle is rarely hinted at. The foil cover of my airplane cup of Glacier Valley did not show the tractor trailers parked in the big lot behind the bore hole at the corner of Route 83 and Lower Butcher Road.

It is easy to forget that the building of America's municipal water system was one of history's public-health triumphs. Barely more than a century ago, impure drinking water caused massive outbreaks of cholera (1 of 20 Chicago residents died in the 1854 cholera epidemic); huge sections of cities around the world were razed and rebuilt to replace contaminated water-transport systems. The search for fresh water literally drew the map of the civilized world. At the turn of the century, the creation of New York City's reservoir system determined the development of much of the state. Safe, plentiful water on demand is a very recent assumption. Should people be questioning it again so soon?

The Environmental Protection Agency staunchly maintains that they should not. Two years ago, the E.P.A. strengthened the Safe Drinking Water Act, which insures the safety of the country's water, and in November enforceable limits will be placed on seven new potential contaminants, mostly to address public concern over the byproducts of chlorine and other disinfectants. "Every American should be confident that the water coming from their tap is safe and clean to drink and is regularly tested to insure that it meets tough health standards," Carol Browner, the E.P.A. Administrator, said in a statement prepared for this article. "We want the public to understand that standards set for municipal drinking water supplies are mandatory, and are monitored and tested more often than for bottled water."

Browner's careful wording hints at the open antagonism people who work with municipal water feel toward bottlers. They are frustrated that every flaw in tap water shows, from a water-main break that makes water look muddy

for a few hours to the rust that stains people's sinks — even though the iron could well be from a basement hot-water tank or home water pipes. A bottler, meanwhile, can simply shut down a line at the first sign of trouble. The bottled-water industry, though it is overseen by the Food and Drug Administration, has been largely self-regulated for years, setting its own safety controls and requiring members to submit to unannounced annual checks. The F.D.A.'s zeal in monitoring the industry has come in for criticism — F.D.A. officials publicly state that they consider bottled water a "low-risk" industry, especially compared with foods like meat and poultry — and people in the tap-water camp do not miss a chance to talk about possible risks. "There's nothing magic about putting water in a bottle," says Richard Karlin, deputy executive director of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation. "The source may be great, but you don't know that they kept everything clean."

The many public-water people I spoke with reminded me that American tap water overall is remarkably safe. Still, a 1997 survey by the General Accounting Office found monitoring and enforcement of water safety to be lax and negligent. Big cities, including New York, have found ways to get around E.P.A. rules — particularly with regard to the filtration of water, which is extremely expensive but the most practical way to eliminate cryptosporidium, giardia and other viral and bacterial pathogens not susceptible to chlorine. Another advantage of filtration is that less chlorine can be used, meaning less swimming-pool flavor in tap water. The E.P.A. is well aware that people are turning to bottled water not only because they're scared of tap water but because they dislike its taste.

As for home-filtration systems, municipal-water officials stress that no one should buy one before sending a sample of tap water to a laboratory. (A nonprofit company called NSF International, at 1-800-NSF-MARK, runs two testing labs, and its Web site gives addresses.) Test results show the presence of any potentially hazardous chemicals or excess minerals and suggest whether you should buy a special filter; most filters screen out chlorine, lead and other minerals. Micron-sized and other expensive filters eliminate pathogens, but they require careful and frequent maintenance. The only good effect that carbon filters have on taste is to eliminate chlorine, which doesn't require a filter, anyway. Most of the chlorine will evaporate if you leave a pitcher of water exposed to air for a few hours; the effect will be the same even for a water bottle left in the refrigerator (open or capped, with some headroom). Reverse-osmosis filters, pushed by fear-mongering door-to-door salesmen, remove most of the minerals in water, rendering it perfectly tasteless.

Tasteless water might reassure worried Amer-



ican consumers, who don't want any flavor in water. Europeans are different. They want to know just where their water comes from, not only to be sure it is safe but so they'll know how it will taste and what it will do for their health.

What's in the Water in Europe?

Just water. In Italy and France, the world's leading exporters of bottled water, water is bottled in an untreated state shocking to Americans — who assume that no water is safe without some form of disinfection. The assumption is logical, given that three-quarters of all American tap water has historically been "surface water" from lakes, rivers and streams, which is subject to bacterial, viral and parasitic contamination. "Ground water" from protected underground sources does not come into contact with animals or people and remains free of pathogens as long as it travels through clean conduits. All Italian and French bottled water, and most municipal water too, comes from underground sources; "cryptosporidium" has not entered the public vocabulary.

"Luckily, we have quite an efficient natural filter," Dr. Donatella Cursi, a chemist in charge of quality control for Panna, an Italian bottled wa-

ter, told me. She meant the layers of rock, gravel and geological sand through which rainwater and melted snow pass, shedding chemical and microbial impurities and acquiring the traces of minerals that give water its flavor and character — its "fingerprint." Panna, Evian and other bottlers brag about the number of years it takes for their source to "recharge," as if the longer the water spent traveling through rock and sand, the cleaner it would be. In fact, one or two years of underground travel cleanses water unless man-made pollutants have seeped into the aquifer.

The European Community requires mineral water to be free of specified chemical and microbiological impurities; it must be bottled at the source and it cannot be filtered or treated in any way. The F.D.A. also has a standard for mineral water, but it hardly matters — I could find no American bottler that markets mineral water, even if its product fits the F.D.A. definition.

What appeals to Americans is "spring" water, a word that sounds fresh and pure. Spring water, according to the F.D.A., must originate underground and flow naturally to the surface. This reveals nothing about its fingerprint and little about its purity — a striking deficiency of most of the F.D.A.'s categories of bottled water, which refer chiefly to how the water is tak-

en out of the ground. Spring water is in any case almost always pumped out from a bore hole, a practice the F.D.A. allows; this insures a steady flow of water not subject to microbial contamination, as a spring-fed stream or lake is. "Spring" water is largely interchangeable with "artesian" and "well" water, two other terms defined by the F.D.A. that sometimes appear on labels as if they mean something special — something besides the mundane fact that the water came from the ground.

Most European mineral waters also qualify as spring water, because the water really does come out of a rock. Trying to catch it in the act, though, could get you arrested. Water-collection areas are usually located behind locked metal doors, off limits to all but a few workers. During my visits to six European bottlers, I kept asking if I could get behind those doors. My guide would hustle me away to the nearly sterile room where the water is squirted into bottles on a big carousel or bring me up to the microbiology lab to tell me how many times an hour the water is checked.

The constant lab checks are not for show. European mineral-water bottlers work without safety nets — without any of the filters and disinfectants used by the American water industry. European bottlers check their water dozens or hundreds of times a day for the presence of harmful bacteria or other pathogens and must send daily samples to outside laboratories to confirm the results. A technician at the bottling plant for Uliveto, an Italian mineral water, claimed that a full 15 percent of Uliveto's comparatively high price is for these lab tests.

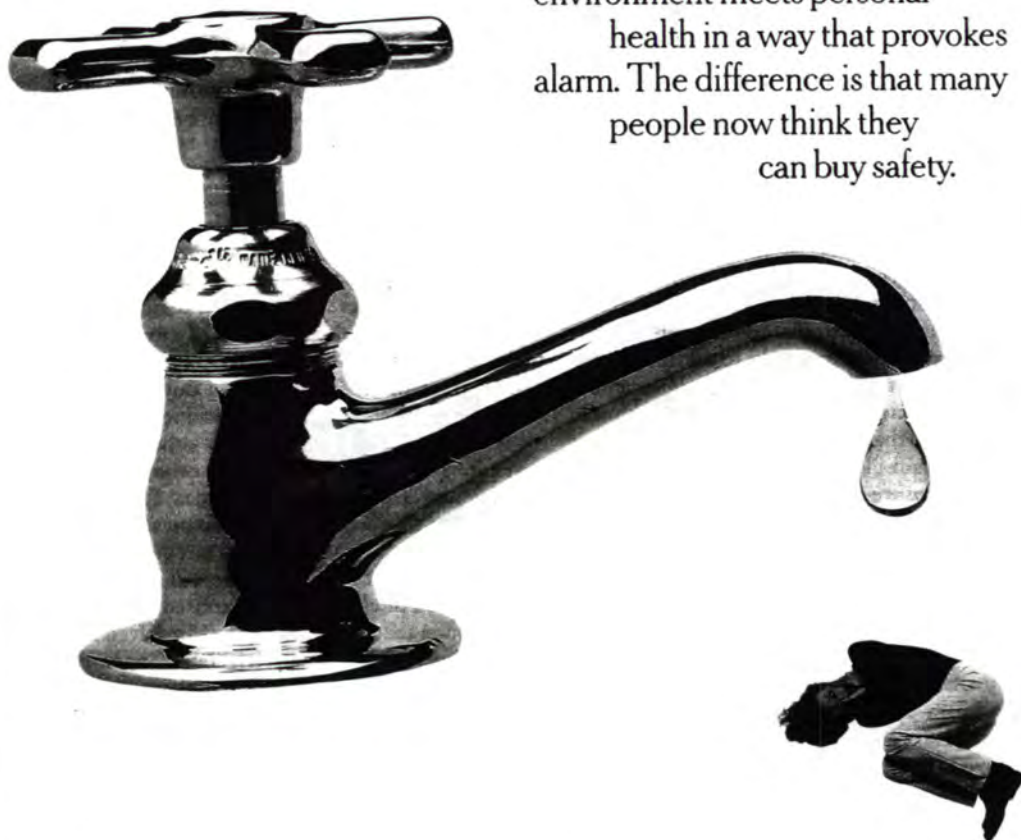
At each European factory, I was told that production lines were halted at the hint of a problem, and entire lots of water might be discarded. "Does that mean you find contaminated samples?" I asked. My question usually met awkward silence. Clearly, accidents happen: workers using cleaning products sometimes come into contact with the water; simply touching a piece of bottling equipment over which water flows could create a large problem. I elicited no tales, though. No one wants another public-relations crisis like the one Perrier went through in 1990, when traces of benzene were found in the water because of a filter failure, forcing the company to recall 160 million bottles.

American bottlers perform their own safety checks, but the need is less urgent. Their trade organization's code requires them to filter and then disinfect water by ozonation, which kills microbes including cryptosporidium, and ultraviolet light, which is effective against molds and certain viruses. These treatments retain most minerals and do not add flavor, as chlorine does. But they are unnecessary for scrupulously handled ground water — and they render water inert.

In Europe, mineral water is a living thing.

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Water quality is to the late 1990's
what air quality was to the 1960's — where
environment meets personal
health in a way that provokes
alarm. The difference is that many
people now think they
can buy safety.



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SHIRLEY W. NELSON
Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer

August 21, 1998

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

Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to express my best wishes to you during this time and to assure you that you have, and a/ways will have, my steadfast support.

I hope I will have the opportunity to see you again when you are next in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Shirley Nelson

Shirley Nelson
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Phil -
Should we send to Eugene
for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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MARSHA SCOTT

39 West 10th Street
New York, NY 10011

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President see this.

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5 August 1998

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Warmest regards,

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President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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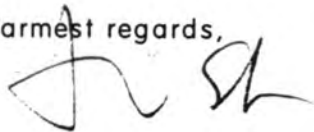
Dear Mr. President & Mrs. Clinton:

Now that the dust has settled, it is with pleasure and pride that we look back to the party of last week. It was an honor to have you with us in our home, among friends and family, and we hope you felt the enormous support and admiration coming your way. Your presence and your words moved and inspired us all. As a result, we felt that the guests really received something for their contribution to the Party, and we thank you for that.

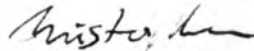
The issues of fairness for the gay community are those of the entire nation as well, as evidenced in yesterday's vote in Congress banning bias against Federal employees. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do.

We will look back on the experience with real satisfaction. For as you said, we are on the right side of history.

Warmest regards,



Jonathan Sheffer



Christopher Barley, M.D.

MARSHA SCOTT

Betty -
Pls. See that
the President
sees Vins letter.
Thanks,
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Very truly yours,



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August 6, 1998

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Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was greatly honored to be considered for appointment to be the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and, therefore, it is with deep regret that I write to ask that my name be withdrawn from consideration.

This was a difficult decision in light of my strong desire to serve this country, which has been so generous to me, and to be a part of your Administration. I have concluded, though, that my increased management demands and obligations to shareholders simply rule out public service at this time and for the foreseeable future.

You have my continuing support and admiration.

Very truly yours,

Vinod Gupta

VG:mld

cc: Marsha Scott



The letter is law, the Spirit is Life. He came to bring us life more abundantly.

"I will instruct thee
and teach thee in the way
which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with Mine eye."

PSALM 32:8

On our shared birthday, Aug. 19th
I desire to share with you and your
family, the love of the Lord.

God bless you

Fidelity

Bravery

and
Integrity

Psalm 32:5 - "I will confess my transgressions
to the Lord - and you forgive the guilt
of my sin

To President Clinton

Aug 19, 19

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Send to Millie -

Yes ☒

No ☐

MAY GOD BLESS YOU
TODAY AND ALWAYS

God Bless you and your family.
Love covers a multitude of sins -

Remember Romans 8:1-2 - There is therefore
no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has
made me free from the st law of sin and death.

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Letters to Mrs. Clinton
+ Chelsea given to
Mrs. Clinton's Ofc.

Carol Church

Dear Miss Currier

I understand that the President
and his wife are on vacation, but I would
appreciate if my cards could be passed
on to him at your convenience.

I share a birthday with him and
just wanted to wish him a Happy
Birthday and let him and his family
know of my love and support
for all of them.

USTRAVEL

Thank you kindly for
your assistance.

Most Sincerely,

Diane Walker



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT
LAURA GRAHAM

RE: Russia - Ireland Trip

CC: MARIA ECHAVESTE
NANCY HERNREICH

Below are some questions that we would like to raise with you regarding the Russia - Ireland trip. A draft schedule is attached for your review.

Dublin

You conclude your official duties on Friday, September 4th at approximately 6:30 pm. U2 has expressed interest in seeing you while you are in Dublin. You could invite them over to the Ambassador's residence for an aperitif before you depart Dublin for the Southwest that evening.

Would you like to invite U2 to join you at the Ambassador's residence at the conclusion of your day in Dublin?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Discuss ☐

Ballybunion

You are scheduled to address the people of Southwest Ireland on Saturday, September 5th at 11:00 am in Limerick. Following your speech you will depart for Ballybunion Golf Course. The scenic drive would take you through the beautiful landscape of the Southwest but will take approximately 1 hour, 40 minutes. Though helicopters are an option, we recommend that you drive to the golf course. Should you choose to drive your tee time would be approximately 2:30 pm. You will have until approximately 8:30 pm before you must depart Ballybunion via helicopter for Shannon Airport for your return flight to Washington. Since the drive from Ballybunion to Shannon Airport is approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours, we recommend that you helicopter from the golf course to the airport. You must depart Ballybunion via helicopter no later than 9:00 pm due to night time helicopter restrictions

Are you okay with driving to Ballybunion?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Should you choose to drive you have the option to stop for lunch in a town en route to Ballybunion. If you choose this your tee time would be pushed back to approximately 3:30 pm.

Would you like to stop for lunch on the way to Ballybunion?

Yes _____ No _____

Following our discussion with you we have confirmed the following people to play golf with you at Ballybunion. At your request we checked with the Irish government and the only request that Prime Minister Ahern made was adding Finance Minister Charles McCreavy to your foursome. The professional names (Watson, O'Meara, Montgomery) that you mentioned were unavailable. You have two remaining slots, one in each foursome. We have provided some options below for your consideration.

Your Foursome

Dick Spring, Foreign Minister Charles McCreavy

Second Foursome

Secretary Bill Daley, Kevin O'Keefe, Jim Houlihan

Options

Christy O'Connor, Sr.

Dick Spring's recommendation. He is Ireland's golfer emeritus and former touring pro. Recently turning 70 years old, he is known throughout Ireland for his wit and good company. He would be a sentimental favorite and is politically neutral.

Darren Clarke

He is from Northern Ireland and Ireland's top touring pro. He is a member of the Dunhill Cup team which has won a number of tourneys this year. He is well liked in both the North and Republic and his Northern Ireland roots would make him an interesting choice. The government of Ireland has not raised any opposition to his consideration.

Padraig Harrington

He is from the Republic and ranks behind Darren Clarke throughout Ireland golf.

Brian McCarthy

He is the captain of Ballybunion Golf Course who is a personal friend of Dick Spring. Though not a touring pro, he is a good golf player and could serve as a good guide on the course. He has been a tremendous help in arranging the details of your visit to the club. We recommend that he play in the second foursome.

Jim Lyons

Lisa Caputo

Your foursome choice:

Second foursome choice:

VIP Regret

Paul Newman has invited you to visit Barretstown Castle, home of the Barretstown Gang Youth Camp. This camp is located in County Kildare which is a substantial drive from Dublin. Since your schedule is tight and would be difficult to accommodate we would like to regret this request.

Are you okay with regretting this request?

Yes _____

No _____

**Draft Schedule for the President
Russia - Northern Ireland - Ireland**

Monday, August 31st

2:00 pm Depart White House

2:25 pm Depart AAFB en route Moscow

RON AIR FORCE ONE

Tuesday, September 1st

7:40 am Arrive Moscow

8:25 am-
9:25 am **Down Time**

9:30 am-
10:15 am Briefing

10:35 am-
10:55 am Wreath Laying Ceremony

11:00 am-
12:00 pm **One on One Meeting w/Yeltsin**

12:05 pm-
12:50 pm **Expanded Meeting w/Yeltsin**

1:00 pm-
2:20 pm **Working Lunch w/Yeltsin**

2:35 pm-
3:20 pm **First Day of School Festivities**

3:50 pm-
4:05 pm Greet American Jewish Leaders

4:10 pm-
4:25 pm Greet American Business Leaders

4:30 pm-
5:20 pm **Address to Next Generation of Russian Leaders**

6:00 pm-
7:15 pm **Down Time**

7:35 pm- **Official Dinner w/Yeltsin**
10:00 pm

RON MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Wednesday, September 2nd

9:30 am- Briefing
10:15 am

10:35 am- **Meeting w/Yeltsin**
11:35 am

11:50 am- Briefing/Lunch
12:50 pm

1:00 pm- **Joint Press Conference**
2:00 pm

2:25 pm- **Meeting w/Duma and Regional Leaders**
3:25 pm

3:50 pm- Remarks to Embassy Staff
4:35 pm

5:00 pm **Down for the Evening**

RON MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Thursday, September 3rd

7:00 am Depart Hotel en route Airport

7:40 am Depart Moscow en route Belfast, Northern Ireland

8:25 am Arrive Belfast, Northern Ireland

9:15 am- **Meeting w/Trimble and Mallon**
9:35 am

9:40 am- Greet Congressional Delegation
9:45 am

9:50 am- **Greet Northern Ireland Assembly Members**
10:50 am

11:20 am- 11:35 am	Meet and Greet with John Hume
12:00 pm- 1:00 pm	Address to the People and Assembly of Northern Ireland
1:30 pm- 2:20 pm	Springvale Educational Facility Ground Breaking
2:55 pm	Depart Belfast via Marine One en route Omagh
3:30 pm	Arrive Omagh
3:55 pm- 4:55 pm	Brief Remarks to Victims and Families Note: Brief remarks and ropeline.
5:10 pm- 5:25 pm	Wreath Laying at Bomb Site
5:40 pm- 6:25 pm	Greet Rescue Workers Note: No remarks. Ropeline Only.
6:55 pm	Depart Omagh via Marine One en route Armagh
7:20 pm	Arrive Armagh
7:40 pm- 8:45 pm	Remarks to "A Gathering of Peace"
8:55 pm- 9:05 pm	Greet Religious Leaders
9:35 pm	Depart Armagh via Marine One en route Dublin
10:30 pm	Arrive Dublin
RON	DUBLIN, IRELAND

Friday, September 4th

9:30 am- 10:15 am	Briefings
10:45 am- 10:55 am	Greet w/Ahern
11:00 am- 11:30 am	Meeting w/Ahern

12:00 pm- 12:30 pm	Brief Remarks to Government Reception
12:45 pm- 2:15 pm	Lunch Hosted by Prime Minsiter
2:50 pm- 3:15 pm	Tour of Gateway Computer Facility
3:30 pm- 4:30 pm	Remarks on Economic Prosperity
5:10 pm- 5:55 pm	Remarks to Embassy Staff
6:00 pm- 6:30 pm	Tape Radio Address w/CODEL
6:45 pm	Down for the Evening
TBD	Depart Dublin via Air Force One en route Southwest Ireland
TBD	Arrive Southwest Ireland
RON	ADARE, IRELAND

Saturday, September 5th

10:15 am- 10:30 am	Briefing
11:05 am- 12:05 pm	Remarks to the People of Western Ireland
TBD	Golf at Ballybunion
TBD	Depart Shannon Airport en route Washington
TBD	Arrive Washington
RON	THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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August 19, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

Dwight and I want to thank you and the First Lady, for the beautiful farewell party you gave our Diki, also for the appointment you gave her.

We both love and respect you and your family.

We are proud you are our President.

"God Bless You", and "may God's Light Always Shine Upon you".

Sincerely
Dwight & Nell Payne
Diki's Parents

c/ Eugenie

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Send to Eugenie?

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No ☐

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for You
On
Your Birthday*

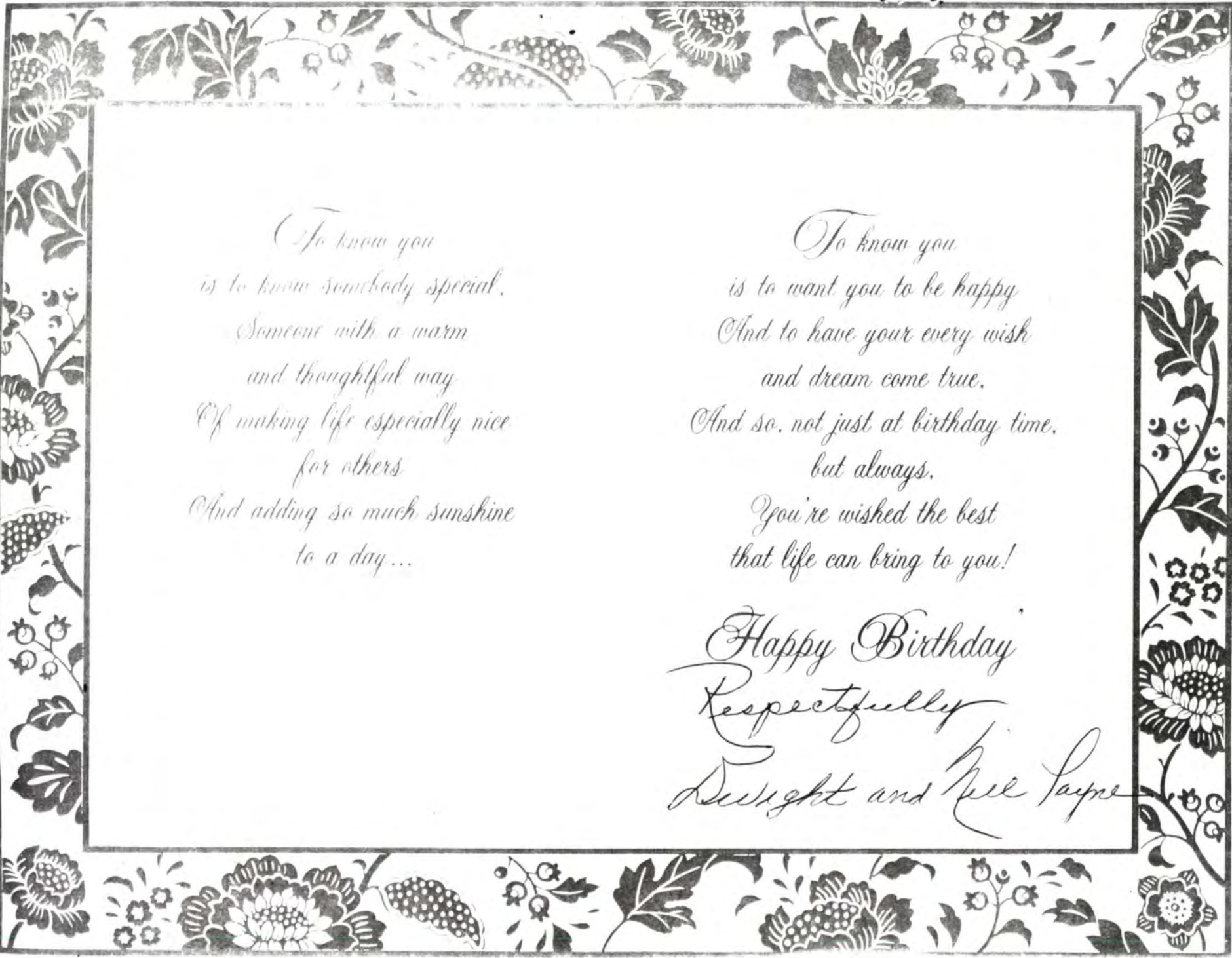
"The special ones
we care about
are always
very close
in thought."

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*To know you
is to know somebody special.
Someone with a warm
and thoughtful way
Of making life especially nice
for others
And adding so much sunshine
to a day...*

*To know you
is to want you to be happy
And to have your every wish
and dream come true.
And so, not just at birthday time,
but always.
You're wished the best
that life can bring to you!*

*Happy Birthday
Respectfully
Dwight and Lee Payne*

cc: Carville
Mann
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What do
you think?

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

August 31, 1998

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am sending under separate cover copies of the manuscripts for the next two Irish stories, *Irish Mist* and *Irish Eyes*. In the former our young friends acquire a snow white Irish wolf hound, named Fiona. In the latter, they find themselves with a red-haired going-on-seven-months child, named Nellie (who is as fey as her mother). It may seem kind of tacky to send rough manuscripts to the President of the United States, however, I have a committee of people who read my manuscripts and, if they want, make suggestions. Since you like Nuala Anne and Dermot so much, I thought I'd add you to the list of those who receive the manuscripts.

I do want to say something important to you that is not part of my role as a storyteller or as a priest. Rather I will don the hat of a sociologist who has analyzed large data sets for forty years here at the National Opinion Research Center.

The rock solid support of the American people for you during the last seven months despite the fire storm of media criticism is absolutely unique. The explanation is simple enough: the media can change people's minds when they pontificate on a subject matter about which the people know little and have no strong feelings. If the fire storm has absolutely no impact on the public's attitude towards you, it follows that the public knows a lot and has strong feeling, very strong feelings.

This is more than a vote of confidence (though it surely is that). It is an opportunity. Your presidency is neither savaged nor beleaguered as the Beltway "experts" have been telling themselves recently. It is remarkably, astonishingly resilient.

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I strongly urge you to campaign vigorously and powerfully all over the country in the six weeks before the November election. The Democratic Party has all the issues -- social security, health care, tobacco, campaign finance reform. Moreover, the Republican majority has not only done nothing in this session, it has proved that it is a captive of all the bad people. It ought to be great fun to run against the Speaker. A reprise of Harry Truman's "do-nothing" Congress theme (with modifications appropriate for the present situation) combined with your persistent and pervasive (all over the country) detailing of the issues as you did in your last State of the Union speech, can turn what most "experts" are calling sure defeat into a remarkable victory. Moreover, it would restore vigor and excitement to your Presidency.

Perhaps it would begin with a national address, like the State of the Union, in which you explain precisely what you're up to and why.

Those Democratic congressmen who don't believe that victory is still possible have lived in the Beltway and read the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* too long. After a couple of weeks of your campaign, they will all plead with you to come to their districts.

To put the matter differently, turn this dull election into a fight, a good, old-fashioned, knock-down, drag-out Democratic campaign brawl! Demand from the people a verdict on your Presidency and on the scurvy crew of Republicans in Congress who are messing up our country.

I intrude with this advice only because I find myself wondering whether your own polling people may have been traumatized (as anyone would be in the Beltway) by the media onslaught.

Good luck and God bless you.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Greeley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Andrew M. Greeley
Professor of Social Science
The University of Chicago

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To Eugenie for
Reply?

Wednesday, August 26, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

You and your family are deeply in
our thoughts and continue prayers.

Anthony called today and I so
appreciated his good words and
counsel. Mr. President, let me add
my own affirmation to his:

You are forgiven.

You are forgiven. 70x7 - 100% -

You must forgive yourself,
and let go of past mistakes.

I am so thankful God has forgiven
you, and me, and all who
have asked God's forgiveness.

God has also forgotten -

"as far as the East is from the West"

Funny, I never thought to say this to you.
I, of course, assumed you'd know. But it's good
to hear - and it's good to say.

Always your friend,

Love, Caroline

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AMBASSADOR DEREK N. SHEARER

Hand to Boris
CC: Manda
CC: D. Levy

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Nancy Hennrich FROM: Ambassador Shearer
COMPANY: The White House DATE: Aug 26
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Nancy,

Please pass to the President, ASAP.

Thanks,

Derek

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GEORGE SOROS

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August 25, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President,

98 SEP 3 AM 11:37

Thank you for your letter of August 5 responding to my letter about the International Criminal Court. I am grateful for your comments but I hope you will not object if I point out a contradiction in your letter.

On the one hand, you state that the treaty establishing the ICC] that non-parties with the consent of the Security Council are empowered by the Security Council whether or not their government in that circumstance nationals of non-parties are only willing to go along with the initiation of such prosecution.

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear Mr. President,

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Thank you for your letter of August 5 responding to my letter about the International Criminal Court. I am grateful for your comments but I hope you will not object if I point out a contradiction in your letter.

On the one hand, you state that "Of particular concern to us is a provision [in the treaty establishing the ICC] that purports to extend Court jurisdiction over citizens of non-parties with the consent of the state where an alleged offense occurs." On the other hand, you point out that "we [the United States] sought a Court that could be empowered by the Security Council to prosecute perpetrators of heinous crimes whether or not their governments had joined The Treaty." That is, in either circumstance nationals of non-parties could be prosecuted, but the United States was only willing to go along with a Treaty that vested power in the Security Council over the initiation of such prosecutions.

What is not stated in your letter is the reason the approach of the United States was rejected. Most governments in the world were unwilling to give the five permanent members of the Security Council a veto power over prosecutions. It appeared to them that the U.S. favored this approach because it would give our government the ability to assure that no American could ever be prosecuted before the ICC. Of course, however, Americans may be prosecuted before the national courts of states on whose territory they are alleged to commit crimes, including the national courts of rogue states. If anything, creation of the ICC will mitigate this danger.

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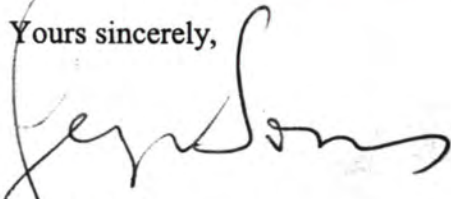
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The treaty that has been adopted requires a panel of judges to authorize prosecutions to proceed, not the Security Council. No government will have a veto power. Despite the many serious flaws in the Treaty, this seems far preferable.

It would be most unfortunate if the United States were to try to sabotage ratification of the Treaty or the operation of the Court, as some press accounts have suggested. The strong support that the United States has given to the Tribunals for ex-Yugoslavia and Rwanda earned the United States respect worldwide as a champion of international justice. Unfortunately, the role the United States played in Rome had an opposite effect. In the aftermath of the terrible terrorist attacks on the U.S. Embassies in Africa, and at a time of fears that similar attacks will take place elsewhere, it seems especially important that the United States should reclaim its leadership in promoting the prosecution and punishment of great international crimes. A campaign against ratification of the Treaty or, for example, funding of the Court would be contrary to U.S. interests.

Finally, I note the recent press accounts that the U.S. has abandoned the effort to arrest Radovan Karadzic in Bosnia. I hope those accounts are without substance. Aside from the intrinsic importance of bringing him to trial in The Hague, I believe that his arrest at this time by the U.S., or with the participation of the U.S., would also help to undo the damage our government did to itself in Rome by making clear our ongoing commitment to the punishment of war crimes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Soros', written in a cursive style.

George Soros

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