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Dear Mr. President,

I've never taken your time with a letter before, but I wanted to thank you in writing as I leave government service.

On Friday, I will resign as Bill Richardson's spokesman at the United Nations and enter the private sector. I wanted to thank you and your senior advisors for giving me, a little black kid from Dayton, Ohio, such great opportunities to learn and to serve over the past five years. Having begun my government service as a foreign service officer at the State Department 13 years ago, I was most proud of the opportunity to serve you and Tony Lake at the NSC and as an Assistant Press Secretary at the White House. Serving as a spokesman on behalf of you and the White House is a honor I will never forget. After I resigned from the State Department in 1995, Bob Rubin entrusted me with another great job, namely Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. So you see I have been blessed with great jobs and great bosses.

Since September of 1993 when you made the courageous decision to embrace the peacemakers within the PLO and Israel, I have been honored to serve you and proud that you are me President. While I could go on with countless examples of domestic and foreign policy decisions you made of which I was proud to work on, this is not the time. I just wanted to say that I hope I have repaid your trust by good and hard work.

I will stay in close touch with Bob Rubin and Bill Richardson, especially if there is some way I could be helpful to you, the First Lady and your Administration in the future. My mother, Nancye Donaldson, always asks me to tell you that you and your family are in her prayers. Now I can tell her that I have.

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With great respect,

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