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Dear *Mr. President*

This letter is being submitted to you in an effort to make you aware of the extreme urgency and tremendous need for you to exert the greatest depth of your influence in helping to assure that the Head Start contract for Pulaski County stay in central Arkansas (preferably the greater Little Rock area.)

Despite the fact that many black and white constituents of the aforementioned area have given of their time and tireless energy to make this Head Start program an outstanding one - there's a possibility that Pulaski County Head Start may be operated by an agency outside of Central Arkansas. Such a turn of events would be a slap in the face to these loyal and dedicated supporters of the Pulaski County Head Start program.

In addition, it has been my experience in working with Chancellor Ward and other University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) staff that they possess both the sensitivity and cultural awareness to successfully interact with persons of low socio-economic status living in an urban environment. Needless to say, it is critical to these poverty-stricken families of Pulaski County that the caring, empathetic and relational history of positive service delivery by UAMS staff be continued with residents of their community.

Also, as you know, Watershed is a community based organization that has for many years worked with UAMS Department of Pediatrics in serving Head Start children. Consequently, it is very important (urgently so) that the current staff of this program be seriously considered for retention of their jobs.

Certainly, once again, your efforts are needed if continuation of high quality Head Start services are to remain a reality for the residents of the urban Pulaski County Head Start Program.

Sincerely,

Rev. H. D. Stewart, Executive Director

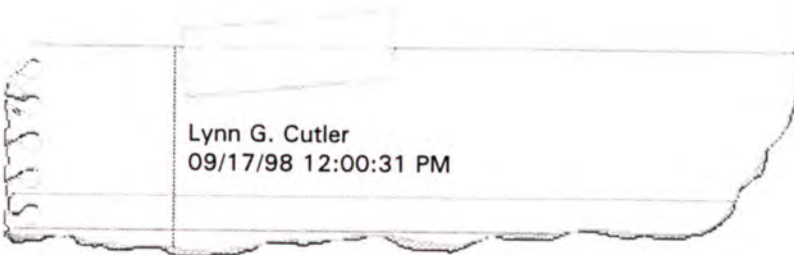
Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒No ☐

Send to Gen. Affairs,
Anne McGuire for
review to
HHS

9-23-98

Mr. Pres -
7/11



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To: Nancy V. Hernreich/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: helpers

In case you need a quick pick-me -up--in addition to names I sent before, the following former members of Congress are on board:

Gerry Sikorski

Jim Slattery

Norm Mineta

Mike Barnes

Dennis Eckart

I'm still making calls--there will be more. Richetti, et al, has them.

See reply
to letter to you

9-23-98

After you have seen,
we will send to Eugene
for reply -

Ok - but
we'll need to work
with Council/Podest
or replies

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Phil -

They have gotten your name!

Send to RM?

Yes ☒
 No ☐

To Phil
for support
Hester
copy

Carol

We Cannot Let Starr and President Clinton Specify the Issue.

Starr's "Referral" to the House of Representatives purports to address his investigation of the roles of President Bill Clinton and his wife. His original charge, at the time of his initial appointment as an "independent counsel," was to examine the so-called "Whitewater" financial debacle. As we understand it, his recent report fails to explain how this investigation spilled over to (or 'Tripped' into) President Clinton's escapade with Monica Levinsky.

The character of his formal "Referral" suggests that he may well be just another sex-obsessed Anthony Comstock. Nevertheless, he may do much more damage than intended to our nation and the world.

In truth President Clinton's entrapment through the Grand Jury proceedings also seems to reveal Starr's own narrow and private concerns. This "Referral," therefore, must not be allowed to specify the terms of our continuing national debate or imply that the fundamental public and political issue is "Resignation" or "Impeachment." **Nor can this "Referral" be allowed to distract our nation and the world from the underlying key issue.**

This "Referral" may be just a warped Starr's prurient way of obfuscation – his perverted action to realize and express his own legal and psychological fixation, so to speak, on so-called "bad, sex-tainted, social manifestations." And it seems to be just his way – really his distorted, narrow, political objective – namely, to punish if not "destroy" the Clinton family and to help weaken seriously the structure and operation of the American two-party system.

President Clinton's actions also contribute to his past obfuscation of the legal, political, and semantic matters that Starr wrongly believed his own staff of lawyers correctly compiled and wrote. President Clinton's natural struggle to defend his "persona" and his "historical status" should not surprise us. His attempts to minimize his "besmirching by Starr" also define the issue far too narrowly. That he should try to do this is certainly understandable.

President Clinton's "rebuttal" is his way of basing the emotional reintegration of his family, in part, on the strength of his political and policy accomplishments. President Clinton's legal and political **"rebuttal"** of Starr's formulations, **also, cannot be allowed to define our fundamental national and international issue.**

As a consequence of the distraction of Starr's report the **national public's perception** of the entire question of what the Senate and the House of Representatives should do **also fails to comprehend the major issue.**

Those of us who seek the truth must transform this perception. And we must thwart the attempts of those current leaders of Congress who are now in power to bait and totally confuse the American public as well as our international public.

"Survival:" Our National and All Humanity's Need.

The issue that should be our concern is nothing less than **the survival of our nation and of all humanity over the next five to ten centuries** in view of both the immediate and the

ultimate threats that are emerging. **Yes, we do face the increasing probability of extinction.**

Humanity arose, struggled, and developed over some three to four million years. The most modern forms -- Homo Neanderthal, Homo Erectus, and Homo Sapiens Sapiens -- over the last few hundred thousand years or so. A period of but five to ten centuries is barely a "moment or two" in the larger perspectives.

Thus, with our "prehistorians" having looked back from ten to twenty-five thousand years or so with growing precision, we certainly can and must focus on the survival of all humanity through the next millennium.

That is the complex, long-term, fundamental issue before us.

More immediately, looking at Russia's weakening control over its vast store of nuclear weapons systems and inventory of "nuclear fuels," we must first undertake direct, realistic, bold and positive multilateral international action and unilateral domestic action. This through our own economic strengths and our own Administration, Congress, and Judiciary — addressing **such elements of the key issue of survival as the following:**

1. **the immediate, flexible, complex, and sophisticated reduction of today's stresses on the world's diverse economies and politics and the resolution of the current financial crises** both here in the United States and abroad: If but a very small fraction of the financial holdings of America and Japan primarily, as well as the other industrialized nations were devoted to the temporary support of the peoples of the tottering economies today, the necessary stabilization of production, commerce, and finance would shortly become manifest.
2. **the destruction of the grossly excessive weaponry:** first, the atomic weapons of the world and other instruments of mass killing, second, the non-atomic weapons of the world, third, the massive standing armed forces of the world, and fourth, the world's vast productive resources devoted to the related production and servicing of both the weapons and the armed forces;
3. **the physical, political, sociological, psychological, and vocational liberation of girls and women throughout the cultures and regions of the world.** This throttling of the emotional, intellectual, and cultural potential of the feminine half of the world's population results in the greatest annual "opportunity losses" imaginable to the world's output of goods and services and to the development of its fine and performing arts and to its sciences and technologies. Parenthetically, true liberation would also improve the "motherhood and fatherhood arts" of the world, as well.
4. **the reorganization of our understanding and the collaborative modulation of the worldwide demographic explosion itself and the chaotic conflicts that continue to arise** within the world's populations; {The two billion people of 1920, when the writer was three years old, have grown to six billion today, and may rise to 12 to 15 billion by 2050 A.D. all need space.)

- 5 **the conservation and development of the ecological networks and intrinsic processes that support and constitute the stable, evolving biosphere, of which all humanity is an integral part;** Our largely uncontrolled, complex, worldwide exploitation of the lands and waters of the earth -- and of the atmosphere, too -- leads inevitably to the impoverishment and societal collapse of all the peoples of the world, unless we change ourselves by addressing our complex, long-term fundamental issue.
6. **the controlled, multilateral, systemic development,** inter alia, of the urbanization, agrarian, fishery, energy, transportation, communication and financial networks and processes of the peoples of the world;
7. **the realization of much more of the creative potential of our populations** through the provision of the great variety and competencies of available human services – housing, feeding, clothing, nurturing, educating, employing and protecting the vast masses of our populations at large.

Several years ago one of the greatest geniuses of modern mathematics (scion of an extremely poor family in India) died in Cambridge, England, we believe, while in he was still in his thirties or early forties. A terrible loss to the world.

Much of the press, the broadcasting media, the “internet gateways,” the book publishers, the writers and professional educators, the religious leaders, the teachers, the sectarian interests in the United States, and many other industrial, sociological, and political leaderships feel or act as though Starr’s “Referral” and the President’s efforts at rebuttal are the most important issue today. **They are themselves most seriously distracted and are helping Starr, many but by no means all Republican and Democratic politicians, and President Clinton himself to distract the public here and around the world.**

They really should correct themselves.

Conclusion

The thought: **“Let us put this behind us and get on with the job.”** barely hints at the **real issue.** The 81 year old writer of this paper leaves it to the peoples of the world and their polities as well as to their leadership **to recognize and work out in thorough detail from this point on, right through the Twenty-First Century, the true issue before us, namely, the survival of the peoples of the world over the next five to ten centuries. Yes, we must start to study immediately, explicate, and resolve this fundamental issue.**

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TRUTH, PERCEPTION, MEMORY, EVIDENCE, AND REPORT

The Truth, as a theoretical concept of the explication of a portion or all of reality – complete, comprehensive, perfect, and fixed – is an ideal process, entity, or object rarely if ever realized.

Perceptions themselves necessarily differ from person to person. They are affected by each person's emotional, cultural, intellectual background, and maturity, and each person's particular state when he or she first perceives a given part of reality. **An appreciation of perspective is vital.**

Memory, too, is a very complex process within the person or other biological entity. Perception itself, differing as it does from person to person, limits memory. Time also affects its detail, usually adversely. The very circumstances at the moment a memory or string of memories is evoked deeply affect its expression of how and what part of the perceived truth can be or is reported.

Evidence, whether oral, written, behavioral, or circumstantial, depending as it does on people to find the truth and express it, is necessarily incomplete as well as relatively ephemeral and transitory.

Evidence, obviously, depends on the person or persons who perceive it, remember what he, she, or they perceive, and who express themselves with greater or lesser competence, facility, and skill.

The “Report of the Truth,” based as it is on necessarily limited perceptions, memory, and evidence as well as on the solicitors or purveyors of a report and their purposes (stated and hidden), and based on the structure, character, intent, and competence of the readers and assayers of such report, **may or may not serve the interests and general welfare of the users who receive it. A perspective is vital.**

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What must we think of Starr’s “Referral?”

It purports to be a “Report of the Truth” but is predicated on the obsolete legal fiction expressed as “The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth.” It is politically partial and is a gross distortion of Starr’s responsibilities and his continuing accountability to the American People. **It may prove to be very damaging to our deepest and most enduring “National Interest,” namely, Survival!**

How can you examine and analyze the secret agendas with which the American hide is now being flayed
How can you examine and analyze the baggage that is presented ostensibly to support Starr?

When will the World’s rising scorn subside and when will America’s own credibility be restored?

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

Ok call RX SIGS
I need to see
drafts

Carl

Summary of Letters

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TRIBAL LEADERS

Hudson County Executive Robert Janiszewski

Brennan Court House, 583 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

DOXY
The County Executive sent a letter to the President dated September 8, 1998. In his letter, he took great care to detail the President's record, highlighting in particular the his commitment to education. He criticized Ken Starr's report which he feels serves as a distraction to the problems facing our nation. He stressed that the citizens of Hudson county know how much the President has done and that he will always be welcome there.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Joyce C. Dugan

Qualla Boundary, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719

DOXY
Chief Dugan submitted a statement of support on behalf of the President on September 11, 1998. She acknowledged the increased level of attention directed toward Indian Country from the Administration and the President specifically. She stressed that there are multiple issues facing Indian Country, which are being ignored due to the controversy. She states, "We know that President Clinton supports Indian Country and it is difficult to turn out [sic] back on him at a time like this."

First Vice-President of the National Congress of American Indians Ernie Stevens Jr.

1301 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

DOXY
Vice-President Stevens issued a response to the President's Address to the Nation. In his statement, he detailed the President's commitment to the Indian people. While highlighting President Clinton's problems and how it affects his family, he felt it was time to move on and focus on the issues impacting the country.

Los Angeles Councilman Nate Holden

200 North Spring Street, City Hall, Room 230, Los Angeles, CA 90012

DOXY
Nate Holden sent a letter of support to the President on September 10, 1998. In his letter, he criticized Ken Starr for being politically motivated. He asked that the President continue to travel the country asking for forgiveness and talking to the American people, and they will support him.

Mayor William Johnson, Jr.

City Hall, Room 307-A, 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY 14614-1284

Mayor Johnson submitted a copy of a speech he delivered on September 11, 1998 to the Fall

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Convocation of the Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester. He acknowledges that the speech contains some tough language about the President's admission of wrongdoing, it makes two points clearly: 1) That the President is entitled to due process and 2) that since he has asked for forgiveness, that it should be extended to him in a spirit of Christianity.

NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Professor Arne Brekke

802 North 43rd Street, Suite D, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203

This letter is from someone who typically votes Republican, but is voting the Democratic tickets in protest to the Starr Report. He feels the President has done an excellent job and states, "I am very proud of the judgement and sophistication of the American people who give you such a high approval rating -- in spite of the barrage from the right!" He also stated that Mario Cuomo is a "persuasive defender of your presidency."

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Hollywood Stakeholders Alliance President Chris Shabel

P.O. Box 93-1851, Hollywood, CA 90093

Chris Shabel, President of the Hollywood Stakeholders Alliance, sent a letter of support for the President. He felt that most people at the grassroots level feel that the current situation is a personal issue for the President and his family and that it is time to move forward with the business of the country. He looks forward to seeing the President on the campaign trail in California.

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Author Anne Rice

1239 First Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

The author Anne Rice submitted a short, but pointed letter on September 11, 1998. She states that the President is an outstanding President and that the Independent Counsel has humiliated the United States. A similar letter was sent a few days later to Larry King and copied to the White House.