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Miguel Angel Rodriguez Echeverria

PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA

Dear President Clinton: I wish to avail myself of a working visit to Washington to convey to you my deep respect and appreciation for your leadership in the present world juncture. On a personal note, I was very happy to learn of the meaningful meeting my wife Lourdes and Mrs Clinton had this week in Santiago with warm personal regards

Miguel Rodriguez Echeverria

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1998

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Proposed Sale of Consul General's Residence in
Hamilton, Bermuda

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You asked me to look into the issue of the prospective sale of the Hamilton Consul General's Residence property ("Chelston") with a view to exploring how the U.S. Government might retain it.

The property is a beachfront estate of over 14 acres containing a 10,000 square foot house and other buildings. The property was donated to the United States in 1963 by the estate of a wealthy American in exchange for a reduction in tax indebtedness.

The Department of State has received criticism from the GAO, the Congress, and the media for retaining such a large, expensive property. A GAO report issued in April 1996 called for Chelston's sale, and a Congressionally mandated Real Property Advisory Board last year also recommended that State sell the property.

If sold, Chelston would probably fetch between 8 and 12 million dollars. State would like to sell Chelston and replace it with a comparable residence on a smaller plot of land. A suitable replacement property would cost 3 to 4 million dollars. State might also be able to sell a portion of the land and retain the house itself, and is looking carefully at this option.

There are objections to the sale of Chelston from a few Members of Congress and others. Consul General Robert Farmer objects to the proposed sale and Senator Bob Kerrey has voiced his disapproval as well.

Given the strong sustained controversy on this issue and lengthy process already completed to adjudicate the matter, however, I recommend we let State make the call. This will result in the sale of either a portion of the property associated with the Consul General's residence, or more likely the entire estate.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff



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MATTHEW T. GERSON
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Caplan
FROM: Matt Gerson
DATE: 7 October 1998

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Dan -
Can you take care
of this. And let
me dispatch it from
here? Thanks,
Phil

Friends of mine will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 8, 1998. We are holding a big surprise party for them and would love to present them with a congratulatory letter from the President.

The happy couple is:

Nathaniel and Leona McArthur
244 Jones School Road
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

The McArthur's were married on December 8, 1948.

To keep this and the party a surprise, we would appreciate it if you would mail the letter it to me at:

1401 Eye Street, N.W.
Suite 1220
Washington, D.C. 20005

Many thanks for your courtesies. Please give me a call at 898-6406 if there are any questions.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
OCTOBER 7, 1998

Acknowledge: introducer Deb Callahan, LCV President; Mike Hayden, LCV Chairman; EPA Admin. Carol Browner; John Podesta; Reps. Frank Pallone, Connie Morella, Norm Dicks, Rick Lazio, George Miller, Neil Abercrombie. I'd like to say a special thank you to one of your honorees tonight, the chair of CEQ, Katie McGinty. As many of you know, Katie will soon be stepping down after nearly six years as my top environmental advisor. I can't count the number of times when we've faced difficult decisions -- on climate change, on forests, on saving Yellowstone -- when Katie has been right by my side, making sure that we did right by the environment. We wish her well in her new endeavors overseas. She will be sorely missed.

Deb [Callahan], you're absolutely right: Our job is not just to convince people of the importance of environmental stewardship. The fact is, 80 percent of the American people -- Democrats, Independents, and Republicans alike -- believe deeply in protecting our earth, water, and air. The harder part is to convince people how much power they have to stand up for what they believe and change what is wrong.

One of the best illustrations of that power is right under our noses. Just before America celebrated its first Earth Day, a wide-eyed, low-level Congressional staffer recently out of college had a great democratic idea: to create an environmental scorecard for Members of Congress and empower voters to make a more-informed choice. With that great idea, that young woman launched the League of Conservation Voters, which has had an enormous influence ever since. Marion Edey [EE-dee], please stand up. Thank you for what you have done to show that one citizen -- with energy, with devotion, with a great idea -- can make a tremendous difference.

Tonight, in addition to taking stock of how far that power to change has brought our nation in the years since the LCV was born, I want to talk about how we must work together, putting progress ahead of partisanship, to tackle the vital conservation challenges that remain.

Over the past generation, when America has faced common threats, citizens have often joined together with uncommon bipartisan resolve. America came together to heed Rachel Carson's warnings by banning DDT and other poisons. America cleaned up rivers so filthy they were catching on fire. America phased out lead in gasoline and the chemicals that deplete our protective ozone layer. America achieved all these things in no small measure because of the broad, bipartisan citizen power mobilized by groups like the LCV.

Over the past six years, we have worked together to build on these accomplishments. We've worked hard to preserve our natural treasures: Florida's Everglades, California's ancient redwoods, the spectacular red-rock canyons of Utah. Just last month, Katie McGinty was out in Yellowstone commemorating our success in protecting the park from the New World Mine.

We are leading the way to protect our global environment. We made sure the Kyoto

agreement was strong and realistic. We are determined that America do its part to reverse global warming.

We're protecting the health of our families and communities: We've accelerated Superfund cleanups. We issued the toughest air-quality standards ever. We've dramatically reduced toxic pollution -- not through the heavy hand of regulation, but by giving communities access to the information they deserve.

These efforts reflect not only our commitment to protecting the environment -- but also our commitment to doing it smart. That means innovative, common-sense solutions that achieve the greatest protection at the least possible cost. That means rejecting the false choice that pits the economy against the environment. The fact is, today we have the cleanest environment in a generation and we have the strongest economy in a generation: Nearly 17 million new jobs. The lowest unemployment in 28 years. The fastest wage growth in more than 20 years. The highest homeownership rate in history. So yes, we've proved that environmental protection and economic growth go hand in hand.

And yes, we have much more work to do. Some people look at times of plenty as times to rest. But every one of us here tonight knows that we have a deep obligation to use this time of prosperity to do everything in our power to secure nature's legacy for future generations.

Tonight, I'm pleased to announce one good way we will use this time of prosperity: adding vital new protections for America's wetlands. Earlier this year, as part of our Clean Water Action Plan, I set a goal of restoring 100,000 acres of wetlands a year by 2005. Today, the Army Corps of Engineers is proposing changes to ensure that we think twice before building in our most sensitive wetlands. For the first time, we will require a full environmental review, with full public participation, of all projects in critical wetland areas -- particularly floodplains. In a typical year, 140 Americans die in floods, and \$4 billion in property is destroyed. In the past week alone, nine people have died in floods in Missouri and Kansas. By thinking twice, we can prevent tragedy, and save taxpayer dollars, while protecting our environment.

And as we all know, if we are to seize this moment, we must do it together. For years and years, protecting the environment has been a bipartisan concern. But sadly, that no longer seems to be the case. The last Congress launched a direct frontal assault on the environment, trying to roll back 30 years of hard-won gains. As LCV so ably documented, more than one-third of the members of the 104th Congress scored an absolute zero on the environment. But we -- and the American people -- stood firm. And together, we fought them off.

Well, they're back. And they're trying a different tactic: the sneak attack. Not only are they refusing to fully fund our environmental priorities: our Clean Water Action Plan, to help clean up waterways too polluted for fishing and swimming; the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to protect precious lands in danger of development; our Climate Change Technology Initiative, to take common-sense steps to reverse global warming. Not only would they keep us from moving forward -- they're pushing once again in the opposite direction, lacing appropriations bills with a slew of anti-environmental riders.

These special-interest riders would carve roads through Alaskan wilderness, force overcutting on our national forests, cripple wildlife protections, and sell the taxpayers short. They know these proposals can't stand the light of day. So they're resorting to stealth tactics that endanger our environment -- and our democratic process. Tonight, I pledge to you and put Congress on notice: I will veto any bill with riders that do unacceptable harm to our environment. It's time to end the sneak attacks, fund our priorities, and get on with the business of protecting America's environment.

One way or the other, we're going to win this fight. It's just too important to lose. Just think about how different this country would be today if, 30 years ago, ordinary citizens had not said: America the beautiful cannot tolerate burning rivers or lifeless forests. The land of the brave cannot give in to those who want to put the sacred up for sale. If it hadn't been for ordinary citizens exercising their democratic power, our children would know little of the joy of swimming in pristine mountain lakes. They'd experience wildlife almost exclusively in zoos.

The decisions we make today on global warming, water, wetlands, and air will have implications for decades -- if not centuries -- to come. We must work together to empower our people, to let everyone know the score, during these critical debates. We must build on decades of progress -- bipartisan progress -- and leave to future generations a planet that is healthy and whole.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 10/7

To: Mignon Moore

From: The Staff Secretary

As discussed. Do we
have to respond?

Phil



Minister Louis Farrakhan

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
AND
THE NATION OF ISLAM

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

October 6, 1998

**Ms. Nancy Hennrich, Director
President's Oval Office**

**As-Salaam Alaikum
(Peace Be Unto You)**

Dear Ms. Hennrich,

May this letter find you in the best of health and spirit.

**Pursuant to my conversation with your assistant, Mary Morrison, please find attached
a letter from Minister Louis Farrakhan to President Clinton.**

I am requesting that this letter be brought to the President's immediate attention.

A hard copy of this letter will be sent via express mail today to your attention.

I can be reached at (773) 363-6130.

Thank you.

God is Love,

Sister Claudette Marie Muhammad
**Claudette Marie Muhammad
Chief of Protocol to the
Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan**

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Minister Louis Farrakhan

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
AND
THE NATION OF ISLAM

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

October 4, 1998

Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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As-Salaam Alaikum.
(Peace Be Unto You)

Dear President Clinton,

May this letter find you and your family enjoying good health and spirit in spite of the circumstances that you and the country face.

I am writing this letter in hopes that you will take some of your valuable and precious time to read its contents *carefully* and *prayerfully*.

I have written to you on a few previous occasions. Although, I may disagree with you, all of my letters have been with concern for you and the future of the nation. This letter is written in the same spirit.

I have watched with pain what you and your family have been suffering these last 10 months, but particularly over the last six weeks. To the best of my knowledge, you are being treated as no president before you in recent history. No matter what criticisms came against former presidents, no one ever delved into their personal morality in such a public way.

I know you have asked yourself, "Why?" Why did Allah (God) permit the head of the world's greatest and only remaining super power to be brought before the world in such an humiliating and embarrassing way? Why did Allah (God), in spite of this, allow so many of the American people to be balanced enough, though disappointed in aspects of your behavior, to praise you for the good that you have done, and desire to see you fulfill your term of office?

My dear Sir, America is great in prophecy, and unless we know where America is in prophecy, we do not know how to guide ourselves or this great nation in such a time of trouble. The presence of Blacks in this country, due to the slave trade; the horrible injustice done to Black people and the Native Americans, has put America in the same position with Allah (God) as Pharaoh and Egypt were with Jehovah in ancient times.

Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

The calamities that are coming, one right after another, destroying the coast line of America; wreaking havoc on highways, roads, bridges, railroad tracks, cities and towns; the winds, the unusual rain, hail, snow, and soon to come earthquakes, are a sign of Allah's (God's) displeasure with the way America has conducted herself with the poor and the weak of this country and the world, in spite of the many manifold blessings that Allah (God) has poured upon this country. However, in the midst of all of these negatives, Mr. President, there is a great positive. In the midst of this increasing darkness there indeed is light. Have you considered Sir, that when Jesus was asked concerning the end of time and what would be the sign of the end, He replied saying, ***"This wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, but there shall be no sign given to you except the sign of Jonah. As Jonah was in the belly of the whale, three days and three nights, so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth."***

Jonah called a city that Allah (God) had determined to destroy to repentance, however, Jonah called that city to repentance through the King of that city. The King's coming out in sackcloth and ashes, fasting, praying and calling on all the citizens to fast and pray in the spirit of atonement pleased Allah (God). That fast and those sincere prayers and repentance caused Allah (God) to repent of His intention to destroy the city and the people of Ninevah. ***Ninevah was the only city in the Bible that Allah (God) determined to destroy that was saved because of the actions of Jonah, but, more importantly because of the actions of that King.***

Mr. President, I believe that Allah (God) has allowed you to suffer this that you are going through, to humble you; to make your heart contrite. Now, you have the sense of sackcloth and the sense of ashes, and the desire to atone, so that you can reconcile first with Allah (God) and yourself; then, with your family and then, with the nation and the world.

Mr. President, I am imploring you to read the ***Book of Jonah***. It is a very small book in the Bible. If you are enabled to see that Jonah, the King, and Ninevah were a sign for us today, then, Mr. President, you should come before the country and call for a national day of fasting and prayer in the spirit of repentance and atonement. As the leader of the nation, your health permitting, you should fast from three to seven days consecutively, calling the major religious leaders in America to the White House, or the Rose Garden, asking all of them to call every member of their particular persuasion to fast and pray for the forgiveness of our personal sins and the sins of the nation.

Mr. President, with all my heart, I believe that if you did this, surely, as a sign from heaven, Allah (God) would not let any storm of significance pass over this nation. No flood, no tornado, no earthquake, no hail, no calamity, would befall this nation for 90 days, after you make this call for repentance. Mr. President, this will be a sign to you from Allah (God) that you have put the nation on a course that is pleasing to Him.

The Day of Atonement that the Jews observe and the Day of Atonement that I have called in commemoration of the Million Man March, on the 16th Day of October is not binding on you, if you decide to do this. The Day of Atonement is ***not*** a 24 hour period, but, it is a period of time in which Allah's (God's) Mighty Grace and Mercy is available to those of us who have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of Allah (God). Therefore, you should do this at your pleasure, but, in a ***timely fashion***.

Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

Mr. President, if you atone and repent in this manner, history will not only record your short coming that Allah (God) has exposed before the world to put your heart in a contrite condition and position so that you may call a nation and a world to repentance that violence in the world may begin to cease and as a result peace may come.

Mr. President, you will not only save the presidency, and yourself, as the President of this nation, but, most importantly, you will chart a new course for this nation with the people and nations of the earth allowing you to be remembered in history as the president that saved this nation, like the King of Ninevah, from the intentions of the Judgment of Allah (God).

If it is the Will of Allah (God), I will be coming to Washington, DC to celebrate the third anniversary of the Million Man March, the Day of Atonement, on October 16, 1998. I shall deliver a speech at Howard University that may be carried by satellite throughout the world, also by television and the internet.

It may appear, Mr. President that I am defending you, as no lawyer could or has, but, I will be defending The Truth and that Truth will set you free and set this nation hopefully on a better course.

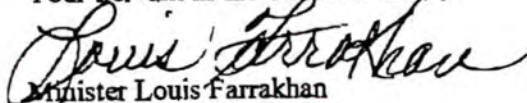
May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God who created us in this hour to make a difference in this world, bless you, Mr. President. May He open your heart to this plea.

In closing, please extend my families' and my warmest greetings to your wife, Hillary. Tell her how much we admire her for standing by and with her husband in this great hour of trial. Please continue to pay *very* close attention to Chelsea during this trying period.

May Allah (God) grant to you His Spirit and help you to do that which will grant to you, the country and the world His Peace.

Sincerely,

Your Servant in the Cause of Truth,


Minister Louis Farrakhan
Servant to the Lost-Found
Nation of Islam in the West

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THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON

10/6/98

Ms. Currie:

Attached is a note from
Director-General Ruggiero
of the WTO to the
President. It was hand-
delivered from Geneva
to our office.

Please feel free to contact
me if there are any
questions.

Imana Jones
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10-7-98

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Yes ☒

No ☐



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RENATO RUGGIERO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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24 September 1998

Dear Mr. President,

I remain extremely grateful for your presence at the 50th anniversary commemoration of the multilateral trading system in May. This was a great moment in the history of the system, and your speech will have a lasting impact on its evolution.

I would like to take this occasion to let you know about the progress that is being made concerning points that you raised in that extremely important address.

Firstly, we have now begun the preparatory process for the 3rd Ministerial Conference which the United States has generously undertaken to host. The atmosphere in this process is better than might perhaps have been expected taking into account the present economic turmoil. Maintaining a strong forward momentum towards a significant outcome from the Ministerial Conference is, I believe, one of the ways in which the trading system can contribute to a long-term solution to the current crisis. I made this point to our General Council last week, as well as urging them to continue to resist any temptation to resolve to protectionist measures. I am pleased to say that the response to this message from WTO Members was overwhelmingly positive. They recognised that trade did not cause this crisis, but it must be part of the solution.

There has also been progress on other points you raised. I announced a package of measures in July aimed at improving the transparency of WTO operations and furthering our dialogue with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the people whom we exist to serve. We are currently working to advance the derestriction of WTO documents, and I also welcome the efforts of the United States to speed up the circulation of WTO dispute settlement annual reports.

Initial progress is also being made on your proposal to hold a high-level meeting on trade and the environment. I am in close consultations with your representatives about this issue, and I am working with them in order to ensure the success of such a meeting. In addition, I have held meetings with environmental and other NGOs towards establishing a more regular informal consultative process.

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H.E. Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

On the trade and labour front, I am continuing to develop cooperation with the ILO as far as the constraints of our membership will allow. The two Staffs have more and more a close informal working relationship; I will, for example, see Mr. Hansenne, the Director-General of the ILO, next week before I come to the United States for the World Bank and IMF meetings. While I am in the US, I will be meeting with the Executive of the Steel Workers Union at their request, and I have been in contact with USTR to prepare for this meeting.

Lastly, I should mention that we have just reached provisional agreement on a Work Programme in Electronic Commerce, which should be approved by the General Council next month. This represents a significant step towards bringing this vital new area within the framework of the multilateral trade rules, and it represents another success for American leadership in the WTO.

I know that you will have been informed about all these matters by Ambassador Barshefsky, who together with your outstanding representative to the WTO, Ambassador Rita Hayes, and their colleagues at USTR do a superb job for the system and for the US interests within it. But I thought it was important to let you know personally of the progress we are making towards realising the objectives you set out, and my personal commitment to them. Let me once again thank you for coming here in May, and for your continuing support for the WTO and the cause of open trade in a rule-based system.

Yours sincerely,

Permit me also to add my personal support for you in this difficult time and my admiration for your courage and determination. We need your leadership, and I am very grateful we have it.

Renato Ruggiero

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