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October 29, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
Executive Offices of the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The dramatic arrest of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet has sent a dramatic signal around the world that *all* individuals, no matter their station in life, have to be held accountable for crimes against humanity. We are of the strong belief that no individual can be more deserving of accountability than Cuba's ruthless dictator Fidel Castro, whose forty-year reign of terror has caused such a degree of pain, suffering, and destruction that it dwarfs that of any sitting despot.

As you well know, one of Castro's most egregious crimes was the cold-blooded murder of Americans on February 24, 1996, when Cuban MiGs shot out of the sky two defenseless civilian aircraft over international waters. Indeed, a U.S. District Court Judge recently ruled that what happened over the Florida Straits was murder and that the guilty party is the Castro regime.

Mr. President, we urge you to ensure that the U.S. attorney's office for the Southern District of Florida is at liberty to bring down indictments against those responsible for the murders of those four young men two years ago. Justice requires that Fidel Castro and his accomplices be held accountable for this and other crimes against humanity. Earlier this week, the Cuban American National Foundation announced that we have assembled a team of international lawyers in order to initiate legal proceedings against Fidel Castro for his crimes against the Cuban people.

On another issue, Mr. President, it is wholly inconceivable to us that as the world reflects on the issue of accountability for the crimes of a dictator against his people, as Fidel Castro admits that he sends spies to American shores to plot the sabotage of U.S. military installations, as the dictator also admits to his long-time support of terrorist organizations throughout the Americas, some in Washington want you to appoint a "commission" to "review" U.S.-Cuban relations.

We strongly urge you to reject this ploy, which is nothing but a Trojan Horse to try and undermine U.S. trade sanctions against the Castro regime. The motivation of the original sponsors of this effort — all former U.S. officials now in the business of representing corporate clients — is not freedom for the Cuban people, but is a crass attempt to reap economic profit off the backs of the repressed Cuban people.

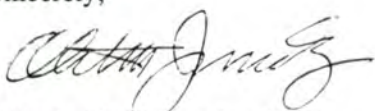
Regrettably, such a petition as this only provides succor to the Castro regime. If enacted, said "review" will only result in Castro further hardening his transience and repression, since he will perceive it as a weakening of U.S. resolve and will seek to hold out as long as he can to avoid any of the concessions that the U.S. has demanded for years, such as respect for the human rights of the Cuban people.

Mr. President, we have a policy towards Cuba that is clear, just, and places the burden for any change in bilateral relations squarely where it belongs: on the Castro regime. And just as important, it is a policy that is supported by large bipartisan majorities in both houses of Congress.

Again, we urge you to dismiss this request and to reaffirm the United States' long-standing policy towards Cuba: before the island is able to enjoy the privilege of normal diplomatic and economic relations with the United States, all Cuban citizens must be afforded all the rights and freedoms that we hold so dear here in the United States.

Thank you for your attention in this matter of utmost importance and concern to the Cuban American community, and we wish to extend to you our appreciation for your support of our quest for freedom and democracy for the people of Cuba.

Sincerely,



Alberto M. Hernandez, M.D.  
Chairman



Jorge Mas  
Vice Chairman

Cc: Congressman Peter Deutsch  
Senator Robert G. Torricelli  
Senator Bob Graham

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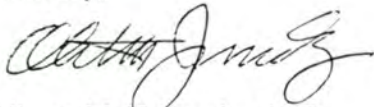
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature is H.R. 2807, an omnibus bill that includes many fish and wildlife protection provisions supported by the Administration. The bill:

- codifies and amends Interior's prohibition on using "baits" (e.g., feed, grain) to lure migratory birds within range to be shot;
- removes areas from the National Wildlife Refuge System that have lost their wildlife value;
- authorizes appropriations for programs under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) (wetland protection matching grants for state and local governments) and for the Partnerships for Wildlife Act (protecting non-game animals);
- specifies that an officer of Ducks Unlimited shall serve on the NAWCA Council (*DOJ raised constitutional concerns about this*);
- prohibits the sale of products labeled as containing rhinoceros or tiger parts; and
- authorizes \$3M/year through FY 2003 for a new "Chesapeake Bay Gateways Grants Assistance Program" (technical/financial assistance for conserving natural, cultural, and other resources).

The bill received all necessary clearances and passed the House and Senate by voice votes. *Your last day for action is tomorrow. We will issue a signing statement on your behalf that praises the bill and addresses DOJ's concerns.*

Phil Caplan  
David Goodfriend

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP CAPLAN *PC*  
DAVID GOODFRIEND *DG*

SUBJECT: H.R. 1274 -- Technology Administration Act of 1998

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Attached for your signature is H.R. 1274, which amends programs administered by Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). We will issue a written signing statement on your behalf praising the bill. Highlights of the bill include:

*Hollings* (C) Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program -- eliminates the 6-year sunset; continues funding for regional manufacturing centers that receive a positive evaluation from an independent entity; caps funding based on a center's size/budget (program assists over 380,000 small manufacturers).

- Teacher Science and Technology Enhancement Program -- establishes a science and technology enhancement summer training program for elementary/secondary math and science teachers (focusing on technology transfer and other NIST specialties).
- Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award -- expands program to include categories for health care and education providers. *The Administration has sought this change for 2 years.*
- Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology -- establishes technological-competitiveness grants for States that have historically received less Federal R&D funding than the majority of States.
- Donation of Federal Computers to Schools -- expresses the sense of Congress that NIST should donate useful equipment, like computers, to K-12 public and private schools; NIST would have to report to you annually on such donations.
- National Technology Medal -- establishes environmental technology as a separate nomination category for the Medal (the first technology-specific category).

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~~MR. PRESIDENT:~~

Attached for your signature is H.R. 3055, which authorizes the Miccosukee Tribe to occupy permanently 667 acres of the Everglades National Park in Florida.

The Tribe, which once occupied 100,000 acres of the Park, has occupied 333.3 acres since 1964. This bill (1) doubles the Tribe's amount of land and establishes a framework for permanent occupancy of it, consistent with Federal Indian self-determination policy; (2) protects ongoing Everglades restoration (e.g., Tribe must protect groundwater quality); (3) establishes restrictions consistent with the Park's mission (e.g., no casinos); and (4) requires mediation in the event the Tribe and Interior cannot reach an implementation agreement.

The bill received all necessary clearances and passed the House and Senate by voice votes. *Your last day for action is tomorrow.*

Phil Caplan *Phil*  
David Goodfriend *DG*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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for response  
cc: Clerk

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President:

As we have discussed, I am resigning my position as Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in order to pursue an opportunity to work as a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Tata Energy Research Institute in New Dehli, India. The purpose of this letter is to confirm with you that the effective date of my resignation is November 6, 1998.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as Chair of CEQ. I am proud of our work to protect and preserve the natural riches of our country and the health and well-being of the people of the United States.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1998

The Honorable Richard M. Daley  
Mayor of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Rich:

Thank you so much for the White Sox jersey.  
I'm glad you followed up on our conversation.

Thanks, too, for your kind words regarding the  
budget package. Passing this legislation was  
hard work, but well worth it.

Hillary and I hope you are doing well. We  
send our best.

Sincerely,

Bill

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY  
MAYOR

October 16, 1998

Dear Mr. President:

During your most recent visit to Chicago, I promised to send you a Chicago White Sox team jersey. I hope that you enjoy it.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor

*Congratulations  
on your  
Victory for  
the Children*

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
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**White House Gift Record**

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Presented: 10/16/98  
Arrival : 10/21/98  
Entered : 10/21/98

Gift ID: 422482/jpa

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**Donor Information**

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The Honorable Richard M. Daley  
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Chicago, IL 60602

Acknowledged By: Pending BC Gift Draft

**Comments:**

BC. Sig. Gift was handed to the POTUS during the Carol Moseley-Braun fundraiser in Chicago on 10/16/98. Gift info. was forwarded to the G.U. by MEP 10/20/98 from the Oval office.

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**Gift Information**

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Intended: President

Disposition: Archives

Description:  
Black and white x-large chicago white  
sox jersey with the President name  
embroidered.

Location of Gift:  
The gift is in Archives.

**Total Gift Value: \$85**