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What about that?

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Dear Mr. President:

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Your AIDS vaccine goal declaration was an inspiration around the world. But your courage and vision are now frustrated by halfhearted implementation, while essential needs remain untasked. Just sending additional funds designated for AIDS vaccines to the NIH will not solve these problems.

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For example, your promise to create a dedicated AIDS vaccine research center towards achieving the goal has become a public relations embarrassment. The center's mission has blurred to cover all vaccines, and no one knows which scientists and labs will be folded into it. Its director will oversee but a small fraction of NIH's AIDS vaccine budget and have little external contracting authority. No wonder no accomplished vaccine scientist is willing to take the job, which remains unfilled 19 months after your Morgan State University speech.

What is needed are multiple, competing applied research teams with long-term institutional commitments behind them. These must be driven by performance goals and timelines, with strong, accountable leaders willing to risk failure to achieve success. Contracts must be let to engage the expertise of industry in producing various vaccine designs for which risk/return ratios discourage private investment. These are not the traditional strengths, mechanisms, nor philosophy of the NIH. When President Kennedy declared the goal of reaching the moon, he did not give the job to the grant-making National Science Foundation.

It is unwise to put all the AIDS vaccine eggs into one basket. New AIDS monies ought to go to streamlined entities which can act flexibly and quickly through international collaborations, such as the non-profit, private-sector International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. Underfunded vaccine programs at other capable agencies such as DoD and CDC should be ramped up to foster a healthy interagency competition in the race to the prize.

I would urge you to seek advice outside your science mandarins from experienced vaccine developers like General Philip K. Russell (US Army, ret.), Dr. Jerald Sadoff (Merck), and Dr. Myron Levine (University of Maryland), and to obtain independent counsel from public health statesmen like Dr. William Foege, Dr. D.A. Henderson, and Dr. Donald Kennedy.

What your AIDS vaccine goal lacks is a Basil O'Connor or a Vannevar Bush -- strong executives of great drive and visionary leadership appointed by President Roosevelt. With White House access and/or authority, they achieved such national priorities as developing the polio vaccine, mass-producing penicillin, perfecting radar, and building the bomb. They created the critical mechanisms for allocating tasks and resources among academia, industry, and government, so as to supersede parochialism and turf protection.

The pandemic is out of control and a growing threat to international security. A vaccine is the world's only hope. If your goal is pursued with substantial and comprehensive efforts, its first successful product will be called the Clinton vaccine, just as we honor Dr. Salk with his.

Respectfully yours,

Bruce G. Weniger

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Send to Burkhardt?

Yes

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Houston, Texas
December 10, 1998

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To: Speaker-Elect, Bob Livingston
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker

Where is your leadership at the impeachment hearings. Henry Hyde has done worse than the President regarding his family. And, have you really turned over your authority to Tom DeLay, a man with limited intelligence. Can't you see what this fiasco is doing to our Country and our Democracy?

We are in great peril and our national security threatened each day and all you people can concentrate ^{on} is the President private sex life.

Don't you get it that Saddam Husien is watching all of this on CNN AND PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE BECAUSE YOU ARE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH BRINGING THE PRESIDENT DOWN?

Why did you want the Speaker's position if you didn't intend to lead?

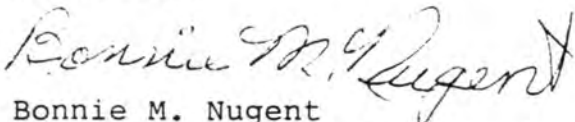
May I say that if a vote of Censure against the President is not allowed a vote by the full House, then I feel we are no longer living in a democracy.

As we have hear thousands of times, the President did wrong in his personal life but it is something that should have never been aired to the American people on the inter-net and you people are responsible for what our children have been exposed to.

President Clinton has been a good president and I can't imagine how he has withstood all of this and still he stands tall and continues to do his job.

PLEASE WAKE UP AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. BRING THIS TO A CLOSE AND ALLOW EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LORD.

Sincerely,



Bonnie M. Nugent
72 year old Patriotic American

CCs to the Judiciary Committee

JULES WACHTER

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December 14, 1998

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President

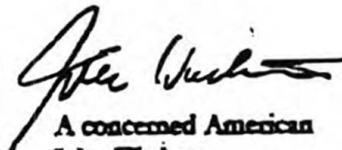
I have followed the impeachment hearings closely and was appalled at how partisan the hearings were. I also listened to your statement of apology on December 11th just before the first vote on the articles of impeachment. While I understand and can accept your apology as a compassionate and understanding American, I feel that your apologies are falling on mostly deaf ears, especially among the republican congressman, most of whom, I have become convinced would like to see you thrown out of office. Regardless of the fact that your deeds do not fall under the terms of high crimes and misdemeanors.

I voted for you twice because I was impressed by your intelligence, your charisma, your plans for the future of the country, and your down to earth convincing speeches. I believe that you have done a good job as president. When I listened to your last apology. I did not see the man I voted for. I saw a man who looked tired and beaten. I listened to words that were weak, formal, and uninspiring. You have already apologized publicly several times. More of the same will serve no purpose. I believe that you must go on national television and tell the American people, in plain talk, which is one of the things I admired most in you, what you did, what you feel, and what you think your fate should be in a manner which would lead me to believe that my president is fighting back.

I have tried putting myself in your shoes and have taken the liberty of writing a speech that I think I would make to the American people if I were in your situation. I hope that you can take the time to read it and that perhaps in some small way it can help to restore your presidency and your legacy to the level it deserves.

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Sincerely Yours,


A concerned American
Jules Wachter

Send to Berkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

My Fellow Americans;

For the past six years I have been president of the United States. You have elected me for two terms, both times by one of the widest margins in our elective history. I think I have done a pretty good job. I am proud of what I have accomplished for myself, my family, and my country. I am not going to give you a state of the union address. We all know that this country is in pretty good shape.

For the past four years my personal life has been investigated, scrutinized, turned upside down, and put under a microscope in every way possible. Four years and I do not know how many millions of your taxpayer dollars. The special prosecutor finally announced only a few weeks ago that nothing was found to show any wrongdoing on the part of my wife and I in the matter he was hired to investigate. It took him four years to tell us this, although, I believe that he knew it long before. They then discovered that I was having an affair with another woman and turned their entire investigation to my sex life. Well, there they got me. I did have a sexual encounter with Monica Lewinsky. I did not rape her, I did not harass her. Our affair was totally consensual. But when someone is out to get you and they have unlimited powers, it is amazing at what can be done to damage and destroy everything you have worked so hard for. I do not believe there has ever been an incident in modern history that has received more publicity than my affair with Ms. Lewinsky. Who would ever believe that the president of the United States would have to take the oath to answer explicit, embarrassing, and humiliating questions about his sex life while the whole world was listening in. I made the mistake of not telling the whole truth before the grand jury. Instead, I LIED, I misled, I was uncooperative and evasive in my answers. My reasons were obvious. I felt that I had to protect my wife, my daughter, my family, myself, and the presidency.

Our learned forefathers wrote in our constitution that the president of the United States can be impeached if he commits high crimes and misdemeanors. High crimes and misdemeanors. Does anyone really believe that when I was forced to talk explicitly before the whole world about my personal sex life and tried to protect my loved ones that I was committing high crimes and misdemeanors? I am human and I have my frailties like most people. I hope that none of you would ever have to be put to that terrible test.

I will accept whatever punishment congress might decide is appropriate. You, the American people elected me to be your president for two full terms. It is still within your power to see to it that your vote will not be thrown aside by partisan politics. I ask you to make yourself heard. Let me finish my term and continue that job you elected me to do.

God bless you all and God bless America.

To: Betty Currie for President Clinton
From: Judith Ripka Berk (Tel. 212-517-324)
for.
Jules Wachter.

3 pages.

202-456-6703.

To: Betty Currie, / Clinton Political Team

From: Marc Perkel, Former Democratic Candidate, Missouri - 417-866-1222

Subject: Impeachment may not be a bad thing

Dear Clinton Political Team,

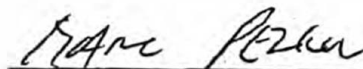
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As you know I'm a Clinton loyalist and I want to see the President stay in office and the country move forward. However, if the House votes for impeachment, it may be to our advantage in the long run. Here's why:

The public is very opposed to this and wants it over. If this becomes a long process, the public will be even more offended by the Republicans than they are now. The way I see it, the impeachment process will trap the Republicans into a process that they won't be able to get out of, splitting their party, and putting them at odds with the people. They will be torn between those who want it over and those who want to get the president no matter what. I think they'll be so busy tearing each other up that the President will actually get some relief.

I hope they don't vote for impeachment, however, sometimes in order to kill a snake you have to let it crawl out from under a rock first. Considering the scandal has already cost Newt his job, I can't believe they're dumb enough to pursue this.

My 2 cents



Marc Perkel


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Fax #: 202 - 456 - 2215 Pages: 2
From: Heidi Havrilla including this cover sheet.
Subject: Medal of Freedom

COMMENTS:

TO Burkhardt
for reply
Paul 12/17

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Ralph Sheese

November 18, 1998

The Honorable Paul D. Coverdell
United States Senator
200 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1004

Dear Senator Coverdell:

I would like to submit the name of J. Stephen Fossett for consideration as a recipient of the Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Fossett is an example of the type person that can inspire our young people to be the best they can be. He is most noted for his Around the World Balloon attempts. His next flight will be in December of this year.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ralph Sheese

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Background Information

Information current as of July 1, 1998

Follow Fossett's flight at <http://solospirit.wustl.edu>.

For the current audio update and actuality, call (877) 765-6778.

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J. Stephen Fossett

In his business life and personal life, Steve Fossett is constantly setting records and challenging himself and others.

An explorer and successful businessman, the 54-year-old has set world records in ballooning and sailing, his latest interests. He has made the longest balloon flight in the world in each of the past five years. In 1994 he crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon he piloted from Canada to Germany, and in 1995 he made the first solo flight across the Pacific Ocean. In January 1997, he flew from St. Louis to Sultanpur, India, setting the world distance record of 10,361 miles. Taking off New Year's Eve 1997 from St. Louis, he flew 5,802 miles from St. Louis to Krasnodar, in southern Russia, achieving the second longest balloon flight in aviation history, exceeded only by his previous 1997 journey. He flies Solo Spirit, using a modest budget and a relatively small balloon with an unpressurized capsule. His ultimate challenge is to complete the first Round-the-World balloon flight.

Fossett also has made his mark in sailing, and he holds seven world records, including the fastest crossing of the Pacific Ocean, both with a crew and solo. His other sports accomplishments include swimming the English Channel, placing 47th in the Iditarod Dogsled Race, driving the 24 Hours of Le Mans sports car race, and competing in the Ironman Triathlon.

Fossett's spirit of adventure also has shown in his business enterprises. He is chairman of Lakota Trading, Inc., a Chicago-based options market making company with 55 members on trading floors of stock exchanges. Fossett also is president of Marathon Securities, Inc., a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange.

Fossett received a master of business administration degree from the John M. Olin School of Business at Washington University in 1968. The Olin School is recognized among the world's leading business schools. Its undergraduate program is ranked No. 17 in the United States, according to *U.S. News & World Report*; its MBA program is ranked No. 16 by *Business Week*; and its Executive MBA program is ranked No. 14 by *U.S. News & World Report* and is in *Business Week's* Top 20. Fossett is a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington University and was a recipient of the school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995. He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University.

Fossett is on the National Advisory Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is married to the former Peggy Viehland of Richmond Heights, Mo.

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Hi Mr. Clinton & President Clinton
Not this one you call
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Sincerely
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To Burkhardt for
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First Lady in Town

Hillary Clinton will help raise money to rebuild damaged conservatory.

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By Marshall W.
Chronicle Staff W.

The San Mateo County yesterday urged East Palo Alto police pay but also raised questions about whether the city's long effort to raise its tax base will pay off.

In East Palo Alto, the 19

Davis Will Be Lobbied Over HIV Reporting

CDC tracking should only be by code, activist

By Sablin Russell
Chronicle Staff Writer

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"I didn't want to be the next in line for a minimum-wage job."

VIRGINIA PEARCY



BY CARLOS AVILA GONZALEZ/THE CHRONICLE

21, Virginia Percy of Palo Alto's Gray Cary Ware and Friedenrich law firm may be the youngest practicing lawyer in California.

Law of Determination

BILL WORKMAN

Editor's note. Bill Workman's column appears in the Peninsula edition of The Chronicle

Palo Alto attorney
was poor and a runaway
only seven years ago

\$87,000 as a corporate securities lawyer.

What took place during the intervening seven years is the story of a young woman's fierce determination to break out of her family's cycle of poverty and get a good education — and of the rather unorthodox, accelerated path she took to achieve that.

An eighth-grade student in Sacramento when she bolted from home, Percy skipped high school altogether. She went

directly to Sacramento City College, with a lot of help from her tutor and mentor, a 31-year-old man she went to live with. Four years later, he became her husband.

It seems the tutor, Stephen Percy, whom Virginia met at a local library while he was working with middle school students in mathematics, fudged her date of birth on the college application. Why? To make it appear she was the legal age of 18 for entering as a full-time student, without benefit of a high school diploma or general education diploma.

Percy said that when Stephen came

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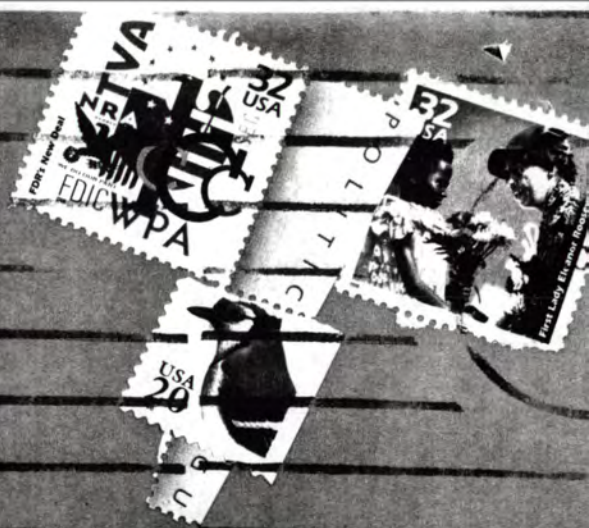
At 14, Virginia Percy was a rebellious teenager who left home after a bitter argument with her single-parent mother, leaving behind a poverty-stricken family barely getting by on welfare checks.

Now, at 21, the Palo Alto woman is believed to be the youngest practicing attorney in California, perhaps in the nation, earning

Lorna Johnston
San Francisco Calif

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To Mrs. Hillary Clinton
President Clinton
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Attn: Mrs. Carrie Secretary



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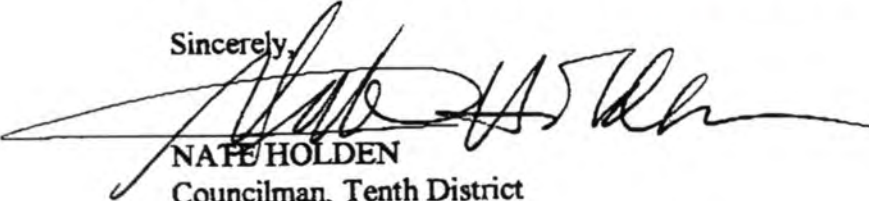
Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We urge you to stay the course! Do not yield to Republicans who are motivated through bigotry. The so-called Republicans who are undecided on how they will vote are no lesser of the villain than Hyde himself. They are all the same - wolves in sheep clothing.

We love you, we trust you and we enthusiastically encourage you to stay and finish your term in office. You are already a great President and the best that we have ever had!

Sincerely,


NATE HOLDEN
Councilman, Tenth District

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December 16, 1998

Honorable Henry J. Hyde, Congressman
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6216

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Dear Congressman Hyde:

An impeachment vote against President Clinton is tantamount to tearing up the Constitution and re-writing it to suit your political and biased opinion. The so-called Articles of Impeachment approved by the Republican Judiciary Committee was contrived by Linda Tripp, Paula Jones' attorney and Kenneth Starr. Congressman Hyde, you know it, and yet you are buying into this trash.

If you lower the threshold for impeachment (sex), you lower the threshold not only for the President but for each and every member of the Congress. I predict that those of you who are voting for impeachment can count on the fact that the press will soon be paying a visit to each of you in your bedroom and providing the public with details of your past and present conduct. You will have no one to blame but yourself! As the saying goes, if you live by the sword, you will surely die by the sword.

God bless America and also save us from you!

Sincerely,

NATE HOLDEN
Councilman, Tenth District

NH:dtb

cc: All members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees



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15 December 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Letters of
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Dear Mr. President:

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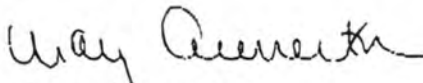
Dear Mr. President:

Hang in there! We are behind you all the way! Your fortitude and strength against the backdrop of the pressures you are under is admirable beyond words.

We are proud of you. You are a good president and we are going to keep you in Washington. America and the world needs you.

My thoughts and hopes are with you and your family.

With greatest admiration,


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December 15, 1998

Mr. Ben Johnson
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ben:

It was good talking with you.

I am enclosing the letter I sent to the editorial page editors of The New York Times and The Washington Post and to the African American members of the House Judiciary Committee.

As I mentioned to you, I will be doing a commentary today on WTVD-TV in Durham (the ABC-TV station) at 6:00 p.m. I'm their political analyst. I expect to be asked whether there is any possibility the president will resign.

Tomorrow, the Alpha Phi Alpha's 7-member World Policy Council of which I am a member will hold its monthly meeting at Howard University from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Charlie Rangel and former Fisk University president Henry Ponder also are members. Sen. Edward Brooke is an ex officio member. Ambassador Horace Dawson is the Council's chairman. You should contact Horace.

Stay well and as my beloved former boss Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. always exhorted us, keep the faith.

Cordially,

Chuck Stone
Walter Spearman Professor

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The following letter was sent to:

Howell Raines, Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times
and
Meg Greenfield, Editorial Page Editor, The Washington Post

Your editorials have been beacons of constitutional reason in the nation's dark anguish over whether President Clinton should be impeached or censured.

Unfortunately, Republicans have a history of unfair and unconstitutional behavior when it comes to impeachment, censure or expulsion.

Contrary to Republican assertions about the rule of the law prevailing, their congressional actions repeatedly have proven otherwise.

In 1970, Gerald R. Ford, then a member of Congress, tried to initiate impeachment proceedings against Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, declaring: "An impeachment offense is basically whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history."

Members of the House and Senate succumbed to Ford's capricious obiter dictum when they imposed punishment in 1967 on two members of Congress for similar offenses, but reserved expulsion for one member because of his race.

Following a 1966 national drumbeat of newspaper editorials and widespread public demands for the congressional expulsion of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., the House responded to public opinion by excluding the flamboyant black congressman on March 1, 1967.

Three months later, on June 23, the Senate merely censured Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D.-Conn.) for arguably more serious offenses.

Constitutional experts agreed that the Senate's accusations against Dodd for misusing political funds required a more serious punishment than the House's accusations against Powell's misfeasances which a General Accounting Office letter opined were not governed by any regulations requiring punishment.

A. Philip Randolph, the Civil Rights movement's elder statesman, reflected a national black community sentiment when he declared that Powell's race and his flamboyant style appeared to be the primary catalysts for Powell's exclusion. Considerable evidence documented the racial factor.

Although Republicans relied on national opinion as a factor justifying Powell's 1967 exclusion, they have dismissed national opinion that opposes the 1998 impeachment of President Clinton.

Rep. Charles M. Teague (R.-Calif.), a member of the Select Committee that had investigated Powell, cited mail "100-1" in favor of "throwing the rascal out."

The Congressional Quarterly reported members also receiving a niagara of anti-Powell mail demanding the expulsion of the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee. The members, however, were personally "irritated by [Powell's] delays on the antipoverty bill, his pocket-vetoing of the on-site picketing bill and his erratic handling of Committee staff members."

When the 90th Congress convened in 1967, Democratic House members attempted to submit a resolution that limited Powell's punishment to a censure, a revocation of his seniority and a fine of \$40,000.

But Republicans, emboldened by a national anti-Powell feeling, played on a latent racial hysteria in mobilizing House members to exclude Powell, 248-176, on March 1, 1967.

Three months later, on June 23, the Senate censured Sen. Thomas Dodd (D.-Conn.) for misusing political funds, double-billing for expenses and using funds for personal purposes, which cause public distrust of a Senator, "and tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

Dodd's 1967 censure was also more severe than the Senate's 1954 condemnation of Wisconsin Republican Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. Yet, only five senators opposed Dodd's censure, but 22 senators, all Republicans, opposed McCarthy's condemnation.

Although neither Powell nor Dodd corrupted the national dialogue with as much political venom as McCarthy did, the congressional "separate but equal" punishments of the three members of Congress tragically exemplify the extent to which Republican partisan and racial politics can wrongfully convict a member.

Two years after the House had excluded Powell, the House's second black committee chairman, the Supreme Court ruled 7-1 on June 16, 1969 that his exclusion was unconstitutional.

In 1998, many Americans of good will and opposing ideologies remain polarized over the investigative merits of the Starr report's litany of President Clinton's questionable impeachable offenses. They do agree, as does President Clinton, that some form of punishment is necessary.

Black Americans, however, have been among the most vigorously opposed to Clinton's impeachment. Of the 63 members of the House of Representatives (a 14 percent minority) who voted against releasing the Starr report to the public before The White House could review it, 35 (or a 55 per cent majority) were members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Alluding to historical mistreatment of black people [such as the House's exclusion of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.], Rep. John Lewis (D.-Ga.) declared, "The CBC understands more than others how this system can discriminate. As minorities, we are very sympathetic to someone who has not been treated fairly by the system."

In an orchestrated trial-by-media, fairness of treatment has been the least of the Republican-controlled House Judiciary Committee's concerns.

Still, a solution must be pursued with Mikado-like fidelity to "let the punishment fit the crime."

Given the American public's repeated opposition to impeachment, the juridical fragility of the indictment and the lack of a Senate two-thirds' vote for a conviction, censure remains as the only logical option for imposing punishment and moving the nation toward a healing.

Even censure, however, is fraught with politics. The House forced Democratic Speaker Jim Wright to resign, but merely censured Republican Speaker Newt Gingrich, despite their almost identical offenses, replicating the Congress's differential treatment of Powell and Dodd.

Finally, in considering the merits of Starr's effectiveness and fairness as a special counsel, the public must keep three perceptions in mind: the impression that vengeful partisan politics, as much, if not more than the law, animated Starr's investigation; his report's polarization of the American electorate; and the original purpose for which Starr's appointment was created -- the investigation of the Whitewater scandal -- failed and resulted in nothing more than, in the words of the brilliant Republican Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, "a massive exercise in futility."

Respectfully,



Chuck Stone
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Former Special Assistant to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.,
Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, 1964-1967.

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TO: The Honorable William J. Clinton

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MESSAGE:

Dear Mr. President:

PLEASE DO NOT RESIGN AS PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY!!!

I think that these impeachment proceedings are an outrage. If our "Representatives" were doing their job as Representatives, this nonsense would have ended long ago. The American people are speaking, and our Representatives are not listening!!! These proceedings, which were basically begun over your private matters, are a waste of our taxpayers' money. People are starving and homeless, and this is the way our tax money is spent. It's an absolute disgrace.

I voted for you as President in both elections and I am, to this day, very happy with my choice. The country is in better financial shape than it has been in years.

The Republicans apparently have nothing better to do with their time, or this would have ended long ago. Which makes me think, what exactly were they doing with their work hours before these proceedings???

If Linda Tripp had been any kind of a woman, she would have kept Monica Lewinsky's secret just that, a secret. And if Ken Starr had any kind of a life, or nothing evil against you in mind, this would have ended in the very beginning.

Keep up the good work, stay in office, and run again for President!!! I am waiting as a voter!

Respectfully,

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MESSAGE

Dear Mr. President:

I voted for you twice, each time for a four-year term as President. You owe it to the people who voted for you to stay our President and fight this jackassery to the end. You are our President. You have done one really great job with our country and we are proud of you. However, I have to say that I for one am not proud to be an American insomuch as we have elected people to Congress who are capable of partaking in their despicable behavior. I adamantly oppose their conduct. Their votes against you just show that what they are voting for is not whether you were right, wrong, or what have you, but whether they are a Democrat or a Republican. A bunch of yes men so to speak. This is our Congress? Shameful! If you were a Republican, you would be off the hook by now. For that matter, if you were a Republican, there wouldn't have been a hook in the first place! Please take a stand and do not resign. Give the Republicans all the trouble you can muster up. They asked for it. No matter what it costs -- the Republicans seem to think we can afford this. The Republicans might as well come right out and say exactly what they feel, which is -- Heck we have nothing better to do with our time in Congress, what better way to spend the taxpayers money -- let's try to bring down the President. To hell with the needy in our country. Jackassery? Well, here is our President in Israel trying to help in the peace process so the world will be a better place to live, and here on the very same day, is his Congress back in Washington trying to impeach him from office. For perjury? I don't think so. This is not about perjury anymore and, for that matter, never was anything more than a witch hunt. What's wrong with this picture? Makes me wonder what Congress did before they had this impeachment proceeding to deal with?

You can hold your head high because you are an excellent President, and will be so until January 20, 2001, and hopefully will be again in 2005. You are someone our country is and always will be proud of. Hold your head high, look them in the eye and give them the fight of their holier than thou lives.

Respectfully,
Michele Kenney

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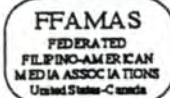
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December 12, 1998

Hon. Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
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Dear President Clinton:

In time of crisis like this, one needs true friends and supporters. It is solely in this reason why I am writing to you, Mr. President. To give you my unconditional support in time of crisis like this.

Tomorrow, Sunday, December 12, 1998, I will be the Eucharistic Minister at the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church on MacArthur Blvd., as well as on the December 25th Christmas Mass. I will make sure that both masses are offered to you and your family.

Mr. President, hang in there! No matter what the outcome of the future, please remember this: the Filipino-Americans will always in your side and will always be your friends. FIL-AM IMAGE Magazine and I are personally at your disposal.

My wife, Aida and my two daughters, Rochelle and Rhonda, join me in our unconditional pledge of loyalty to you and your family. We are forever your friends, Mr. President.

Sincerely yours,

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NBCSL President James Thomas Urges House of Representatives to Vote Against Impeachment

(Tuscaloosa, AL) – Newly elected NBCSL President James Thomas (AL) called on the U.S. House of Representatives to listen to the “will of the American people” and to “vote against impeachment” of President Clinton in its upcoming Thursday vote.

“The public has spoken,” Thomas said. “The American people want the President to be able to tend to the business for which he was elected. My concern, as is theirs, is that impeachment would paralyze America.”

Rep. Thomas was elected NBCSL president earlier this month at the organization’s 22nd Annual Legislative Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. He issued his statement from Tuscaloosa, Alabama where he is attending a conference.

“I’ve received calls from leaders within our organization,” Thomas said, “State Caucus Chairs and members of NBCSL’s Executive Committee. I concur with them that a vote for impeachment would set a dangerous course for our country. We think Congress should have the courage to vote against impeachment and urge the House members to do so.”

NBCSL is comprised of approximately 600 African American state legislators from 45 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Rep. Thomas is the sixth NBCSL president, succeeding Rep. Lois DeBerry (TN).



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The Executive Chairman

12-16-98

TO NSC

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15 December 1998

Dear Secretary-General,

I refer to the Press Statement by the President of the Security Council (SC/6596) of 15 November 1998, in which the Council noted, on the basis of communications of 14 November 1998 received from the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq and the Ambassador of Iraq, "that Iraq has decided, clearly and unconditionally, to cooperate fully with the Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), that this decision constitutes a rescinding of the decisions of 5 August and 31 October and that Iraq's cooperation with the Special Commission and the IAEA will allow the return of inspectors to resume all their activities on an immediate, unconditional and unrestricted basis, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and with the Memorandum of Understanding of 23 February 1998."

In the same Statement, "Council members reaffirmed their readiness to proceed with a comprehensive review, once the Secretary-General has confirmed, on the basis of reports from the Special Commission and the IAEA, that Iraq has returned to full cooperation, on the basis of resolution 1194 (1998) and the Council President's letter of 30 October to the Secretary-General."

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His Excellency
Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
United Nations



The present letter provides the report called for from the Special Commission. It is guided, in particular, by the provision in the Press Statement to the effect that: "Council members underlined that their confidence in Iraq's intentions needs to be established by unconditional and sustained cooperation with the Special Commission and the IAEA in exercising the full range of the activities provided for in their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions and the Memorandum of Understanding of 23 February 1998."

Before providing an account of the Commission's experience during the past month, I believe it is essential to provide, briefly, some background contextual material which, in addition, provides explanation for the range of activities which the Commission chose to follow since 17 November 1998.

From the inception of the Commission's work in Iraq, in 1991, Iraq's cooperation has been limited. Iraq acknowledges that, in that year, it decided to limit disclosure for the purpose of retaining certain prohibited weapons capabilities. Three main Iraqi policies ensued:

- (a) its disclosure statements have never been complete;
- (b) contrary to the requirement that destruction of prohibited capabilities be conducted under international supervision, Iraq undertook extensive, unilateral, secret destruction; and
- (c) it also pursued a practice of concealment of proscribed items, including weapons.

This situation, created by Iraq, in particular through the inadequacy of its disclosures, has meant that the Commission has been obliged to undertake a kind and degree of forensic work which was never intended to be the case. The work of the verification of Iraq's disclosures should have been far easier and been able to be undertaken far more quickly than has proven to be the case.

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In addition, these circumstances have meant that, in spite of the years that have passed and the extensive work that has been undertaken, it has not been possible to verify Iraq's claims with respect to the nature and magnitude of its proscribed weapons programmes and their current disposition.

With respect to this latter point, two comments are apposite.

First, Iraq's current claims that it has fulfilled all of its disarmament obligations in each weapons area; ceased concealment policies and actions; and that it has neither proscribed weapons nor the ability to make them, cannot be accepted without further verification.

Secondly, documents or records available in Iraq in which relevant details of its proscribed programmes and actions are reported: production records; records of disposition of weapons; and, records of claimed destruction, relevant policy decisions and decisions on termination of concealment, would be invaluable in helping to close remaining gaps and achieve acceptable confidence in Iraqi declarations. The Security Council recognised these two aspects in resolution 707 (1991) when it demanded Iraq provide immediate and unconditional access to, inter alia, records, and, demanded that Iraq cease attempts to conceal prohibited materials.

In response to the Commission's requests for relevant documents, Iraq has repeatedly claimed that they no longer exist or cannot be located, a claim which very often has been shown to be false, either because inspection activities have in fact located precisely such documents or because Iraq has reversed its stated position and then produced relevant documents. The Commission briefed the Council on its assessment of the existence and importance of documents in June 1998. The Commission has assessed since the "chicken farm" event of 1995 that only selected categories of documents were provided and that other categories were retained by Iraq. It remains the Commission's strong view that, under the present circumstances, relevant documentation must exist in Iraq and that provision of such documentation is the best hope for revealing the full picture, as required by the relevant resolutions.

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On 17 November 1998, the Commission began to resume its work in Iraq across the full range of its activities. Accordingly, that work was focussed on four main areas, pursuant to the Commission's mandate: requests for information through access to documents and interviews of Iraqi personnel; monitoring inspections; inspection of capable sites; and, disarmament inspections relating to proscribed weapons and activities.

The following is a summary of the Commission's experience in each category, from 17 November 1998 to date:

Requests for access to information through documentation and interviews of Iraqi personnel

On a number of occasions, the Security Council has demanded that Iraq allow immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access to documents and records relevant to the Commission's activities. On 17 November 1998, the Commission requested Iraq to provide certain documentation related to the chemical weapons and missile areas. The purpose of this request was to increase the Commission's level of verification in these areas. It comprised a selection of 12 particular sets of documents and a request for access to the relevant archives of Iraq's Ministry of Defense and Military Industrialization Corporation and other Government departments.

Iraq provided documents in response to one of the Commission's requests. It gave some 64 pages related to Missile Unit 223. These pages are currently under translation and examination. A preliminary assessment indicates that they do not contain the information sought by the Commission.

The Commission reiterated its request for the document found by an inspection team at the Headquarters of the Iraqi Air Force in July 1998. The Security Council has asked Iraq to return the document to the Commission. This document details Iraq's consumption of special munitions in the 1980s, and therefore, is directly related to verification of the material balance of Iraq's chemical munitions. Iraq refused to return the sealed envelope with the document

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to the Commission and stated that it is ready only to "consider" with the Commission's experts the relevant portions of this document in the presence of the Special Representative of the Secretary General.

Iraq stated that the remainder of the requested documents either do not exist, could not be found or are not relevant to Commission's activities.

With respect to archives, Iraq did not respond to the suggestion made by the Commission. It did not deny the existence of the archives, but stated that the Ministry of Defence and Military Industrialization Corporation had been inspected by the Commission. The teams did not find any relevant archives at the above mentioned sites during the inspections.

During the reporting period a biological inspection team requested Iraq's authorities to provide access to a number of specific documents. One document had already been seen by the Commission in 1995. These documents were not given to the inspection team.

On 19 November 1998, Iraq was requested to provide explanations and clarifications on outstanding disarmament issues in the chemical weapons and missile areas. Furthermore, Iraq was requested to allow the removal for analysis of a number of missile engine components produced by Iraq.

In the chemical weapons area, Iraq provided, as requested, a report on its analysis of the samples from the special missile warhead fragments. On the issue of VX, Iraq for the first time claimed that the contamination of the warhead fragments had been the result of a deliberate act of tampering with the samples taken to the United States. Iraq made this statement despite the conclusions drawn by three international expert teams, which confirmed that all analytical results were valid and conclusive.

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In the missile area, Iraq provided some clarifications sought by the Commission. On other requests, Iraq, in essence, reiterated its known positions, which did not advance the verification process.

With respect to the Commission's request to allow the removal of missile engine components, Iraq has refused to do so stating that this request is not justified on "technical or scientific grounds".

On 18 November 1998, the Commission requested Iraq to provide new substantial information on its biological weapons activities that would enable the Commission to achieve an enhanced level of verification and to rectify inconsistencies in Iraq's current declarations. No new information or documents have been presented by Iraq in response to this request.

Inspection teams - resident and non-resident - encountered several problems with the questioning of personnel on site. The National Monitoring Directorate (NMD) representatives repeatedly intervened when a biological team attempted to question PhD and MSc students stating that UNSCOM was not allowed to interview students at university sites even though declarable research has taken place at such sites. NMD routinely interrupted and prompted site personnel when answering questions.

Monitoring inspections

In statistical terms, the majority of the inspections of facilities and sites under the ongoing monitoring system were carried out with Iraq's cooperation. Problems arose which indicated that the limitations Iraq had imposed on the monitoring system, on 5 August 1998, have not been fully rescinded. Specific instances are given below.

During the reporting period, the Commission requested, on several occasions, access to specific data collected by Iraq during its tests of indigenously produced missiles and rocket engines. Prior to 5 August 1998, Iraq had provided

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such data. In response to the Commission's recent requests, Iraq stated that it is meeting its obligations with respect to the provision of data on its testing activity and denied access to the particular information requested by the Commission. In relation to the Commission's most recent requests, on 6 December, Iraq stated it would reconsider its decision. It has not yet provided the data requested.

During a chemical monitoring inspection on 5 December, the National Monitoring Directorate (NMD) representatives placed unacceptable conditions on the photography of bombs, citing national security concerns. No photographs were taken.

During the reporting period, undeclared dual-capable items and materials subject to chemical and biological monitoring, were also discovered.

On 11 December the chemical monitoring group was told by the NMD representative that they would not be able to conduct an inspection at a specific monitoring site on that day because it was a Friday. The inspection group was not able to inspect the inside of the site. This incident underlined the position stated earlier that Iraq would facilitate entry to buildings "during the working days of the work, except Fridays".

Inspections of capable sites

Identification of the nature of activities at locations where undeclared dual-use capabilities may exist is an important aspect of monitoring activity. During the reporting period, teams conducted no-notice inspections at a number of sites that had not been declared by Iraq. Access to these sites was provided and inspections took place with one exception which was at a facility occupied by the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI). The site of this facility was declared as being not under the authority of Iraq. Discussions over access were left to the Commission and that organization. A dialogue has begun on this matter and the PMOI has accepted, in principle, that its sites are subject to access by the Commission.

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Disarmament inspections

During the recent period, a series of inspections were conducted which served both the purpose of searching for material related to prohibited programmes and investigation of possible ongoing prohibited activities. The team conducting these missions went to six locations. At the first two sites, (Taji military facility and a special security organization cable office), Iraq declared the sites to be sensitive, but offered no objections nor claimed any conditions on access.

The next site, designated for inspection on the basis of solid evidence presented to UNSCOM of the presence of proscribed materials, was declared by Iraq to be a Ba'ath Party Headquarters. Iraq initially declared it to be sensitive and therefore subject to special procedures issued by the former Executive Chairman, Ambassador Ekeus, to his inspectors in 1996. The Chief Inspector was instructed to conduct his inspections according to the requirements he assessed he needed for a credible and timely inspection. Experience since 1996 had proven that the limited access procedures of 1996 did not allow effective inspections. Subsequent discussions between the Executive Chairman and the Deputy Prime Minister had addressed this point (as reported to the Security Council in a letter dated 17 December 1997 (S/1997/987)) and new modalities had been agreed. Protracted discussions between the Chief Inspector and his Iraqi counterpart failed to yield satisfactory access. During the discussions, Iraq had introduced various new requirements, including a formal letter of request, indicating what was being sought at the site.

At a fourth site, while Iraq declared it to be sensitive, arrangements were ultimately agreed for the inspection. Iraq stated that this had been the former Headquarters of the Special Security Organization, claiming that it had now been moved to a new location. The building had been emptied of any relevant materials. Iraq would not disclose where those materials were now held.

A fifth site appeared to be a private residence and, with the permission of the residents, two female inspectors made a brief walk through to confirm the nature of the site.

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The final site, the management offices of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC), was also declared sensitive by Iraq. However, agreement on access by a small team was achieved. This site, too, had been prepared to avoid any disclosure of relevant materials and the team assessed Iraq had expected their arrival.

In light of the clear evidence that Iraq had taken advance actions at certain of the locations planned for inspection in order to defeat the purposes of inspection, the Executive Chairman decided not to conduct the full range of inspections the team had planned. No inspection of presidential sites took place.

National Implementation Measures

Both the Special Commission's and the IAEA's Plans for ongoing monitoring and verification, which were approved by Security Council resolution 715 (1991), provide that Iraq shall adopt the measures necessary to implement its obligations under section C of resolution 687 (1991), resolution 707 (1991) and the Plans. In particular, Iraq is required to adopt legislation prohibiting all natural and legal persons under its jurisdiction from undertaking anywhere any activity prohibited by the relevant resolutions and the Plans, and to enact penal legislation to enforce the aforesaid prohibitions. Such legislation was required by the Plans to have been enacted within 30 days of their adoption by the Security Council on 11 October 1991. To date, the legislation has not been enacted.

This is an issue on which Iraq's cooperation has been sought since 1991. It would have been an indication of full cooperation had Iraq taken action on this issue in the period under review.

Conclusion

As is evident from this report, Iraq did not provide the full cooperation it promised on 14 November 1998.

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In addition, during the period under review, Iraq initiated new forms of restrictions upon the Commission's work. Amongst the Commission's many concerns about this retrograde step is what such further restrictions might mean for the effectiveness of long-term monitoring activities.

In spite of the opportunity presented by the circumstances of the last month, including the prospect of a comprehensive review, Iraq's conduct ensured that no progress was able to be made in either the fields of disarmament or accounting for its prohibited weapons programmes.

Finally, in the light of this experience, that is, the absence of full cooperation by Iraq, it must regrettably be recorded again that the Commission is not able to conduct the substantive disarmament work mandated to it by the Security Council and, thus, to give the Council the assurances it requires with respect to Iraq's prohibited weapons programmes.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Richard Butler

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Visit to Venezuela, 12/4-7/98

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The Carter Center and our Council of Freely Elected Heads of State were invited by the major candidates and the National Electoral Council to serve as observers for the elections on December 6, when a new president was to be chosen. This would be our 18th election in this hemisphere.

Although Venezuela has had a stable democracy for four decades, this was a different and challenging time. The two major parties, COPEI and AD (equivalent to the Republican and Democratic parties in the U.S.) have fallen into disrepute, so that their nominees had little chance of receiving any appreciable public support. This meant that independent candidates were the only ones with a real chance of being elected. The leading candidate, according to latest polls, was Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chavez, a 44-year-old charismatic populist who was the most fervent in his commitment to make drastic changes in the political system. His major challenger was Henrique Salas Romer, a Yale graduate who also promised to change the existing political structure.

Chavez had led an unsuccessful coup attempt against the incumbent government in 1992, was incarcerated, never put on trial, and later released by President Caldera. He seemed to appeal to a poorer constituency than Salas, and was feared by the elite establishment, while still enjoying some support from the business community. The other candidates seemed to rank quite low in the polls, including Irene Saez (former Miss Universe endorsed by COPEI party) and Luis Alfaro (77-year-old leader of the Accion Democratica party). Four days before the election, both of the old political parties renounced their endorsed candidates and shifted support to Salas, in an attempt to prevent a Chavez victory. This was the situation when we arrived.

The other confusing factor was a new electronic system for counting votes at the polling places, where each marked ballot was fed through a scanner that tabulated the returns. At the end of the voting day, the machines would indicate the results and automatically transmit them by telephone and satellite to central election headquarters in Caracas. About 8 percent of the voters were in small voting constituencies or remote areas not served by this telephonic system, where manual counting would take place.

When we arrived on Ron Burkle's plane on Friday, it was generally believed that Hugo Chavez was still ahead in the polls, and that the concerted effort to defeat him was not likely to succeed. Irene Saez had agreed to COPEI's decision, but Alfaro continued claiming to be the AD party's nominee. The National Electoral Council ruled in favor of the parties' decisions, which caused some confusion among the voters and also within the electronic machines, which could not be reprogrammed at this late date. Again, as in the past, the endorsement of the discredited parties had a negative effect on public opinion, but Salas supporters hoped that the electoral capabilities of the parties (get-out-the-vote) might more than compensate for the negative effect.

We had a strong monitoring team of 40 members from nine nations, managed by Dr. Jennifer McCoy and headed by former Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, former presidents Patricio Aylwin (Chile) and Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada (Bolivia), and me. In addition, there were other foreign observers, including teams from the Organization of American States and the European Community. After briefings about the process, our two-person teams were dispatched throughout the country on Saturday.

Our private meetings with candidates and political parties revealed the usual pre-election degree of paranoia and suspicion. It seemed clear to pollsters that the endorsement of the major parties had hurt Salas and been of some small help to Irene. In our meeting with Chavez, we urged him to be gracious in his potential victory statement and careful not to violate constitutional principles as he moved to implement his promises to change the political system. He listened carefully, and responded that he would like for The Carter Center to assist him in dealing with the major legal issues and in bringing other leaders into the process. Like other heads of state, he wants to be accepted as a legitimate leader.

Another fact that everyone accepts is that Venezuela has been terribly mismanaged and shot through with corruption, and is now something of an economic basket case, with a deficit of 8 percent of the budget, crude oil prices less than \$8 a barrel, and unemployment and inflation very high. Despite these intransigent problems, campaign rhetoric has raised excessive expectations among the poor and working class citizens. Under the best of circumstances, the next president will be facing formidable challenges.

On election day, our teams were out at 6:15 a.m. observing the opening of the polling places. Voting officials were recruited by lottery (like the U.S. military draft for Viet Nam), with the top officials being well educated. In the poorest sites, some of them didn't show up, and other party observers were recruited to assist. This is the first place we have monitored where voting could commence whenever the officials were ready. Among the 40 or so mesas (voting stations) we visited during the morning hours, the first votes were cast from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. The general practice was to have one vote counting machine for each three mesas (about 2,250 registered voters). Almost all the machines were working perfectly, but one was rejecting all the paper ballots from one of the three mesas at that site (they may have been damp or miscoded), and hundreds of people were waiting (fairly patiently) in line. We started manual voting for that group of voters and moved on to other sites. Our observers around the nation had not reported any serious problems by noon.

When the last voters cast their ballots, the mesa presidents instructed the machine operators to turn a key, which transmitted the results electronically to CNE headquarters. Then the printer was actuated, which printed out the results for officials at each separate mesa to examine. Our teams visited 252 sites, and found that there were minor problems with the machines in only 6 percent of the locations. Early returns or exit poll results are prohibited by law prior to the first announcement of results by the electoral commission. The first polls closed at 4:00 p.m., and the last votes were cast by 5:00 p.m. We arrived at the electoral headquarters at this time, and found that 56 percent of the returns had already been received. It was obvious from the beginning that Hugo Chavez was winning a huge victory, with about 57 percent of the total votes. His major opponent, Salas Romer, received about 39 percent, meaning that the two independent candidates who advocated dramatic change got 95 percent of the total. Irene Saez was third with only 3 percent, but is likely to play an important political role in the future.

We had a series of discussions the day after the election, with the regional director of UNDP, business leaders, former president Carlos Andres Perez, Salas Romer, and Hugo Chavez. One suggestion was that The Carter Center arrange a quiet and private discussion among about 20 Venezuelan leaders and 10 or so foreign experts, the purpose of which would be reconciliation among leaders and advice on how President-elect Chavez can carry out his primary campaign commitments. The decision about this proposal will be made by Chavez and other Venezuelan leaders, and we will assist if requested.

The monitoring team leaders believe strongly that U.S. travel restraints against the president-elect should be lifted immediately (His visa requests in the past have been denied because of the unsuccessful coup attempt.). We agree that this would be a graceful act, which all Venezuelans would appreciate.

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December 9, 1998

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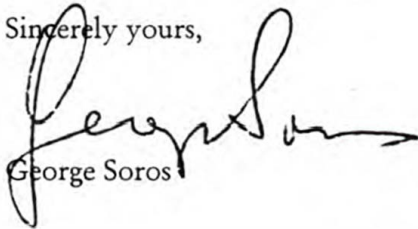
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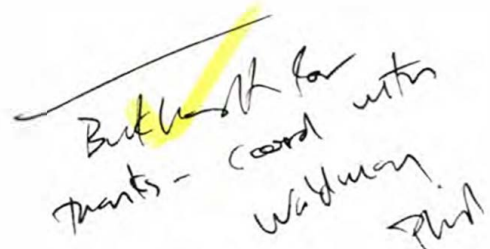
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December 15, 1998

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you to voice my support of your presidency. I began writing this letter to you in October and set it aside. I decided to finish and send it just this past Saturday afternoon. After watching the Judiciary Committee proceedings to consider your impeachment, I'm scared. I don't want to wake up and find that a Republican majority in the House, or that even the Senate, can decide to remove my President ... a great scholar, a great statesman both domestically and internationally, and the only President in my lifetime that has made me believe that change is possible.

The only President of my lifetime to make me feel that he was speaking directly to me, a 40 year-old, middle-class, semi-educated woman. The only President of my lifetime who makes me glad and optimistic about being an American, and about being a person who believes strongly in the rights of individuals (men and woman of all races), an American who believes in a more democratic form of government that encompasses and embraces all Americans (rich and poor, educated and uneducated, those in positions of influence and the rest of us who remain just another member of the group). In my opinion, the only President of my lifetime to live the true spirit of America and accept the responsibility that, to some degree, we are our brothers' keepers.

Though I believe strongly in your presidency, I am ashamed to admit to you that I have never voted. After witnessing the partisan process of the impeachment hearings among the Judiciary Committee, I will never, never not vote again.

From this moment forward, I will always remember how sacred that privilege is. I hope that other Americans can remember to value their freedoms and privilege as well.

Throughout the ages, all great and strong people of passion and resolve have been the targets of persecution and even hatred. Perhaps, because you make those of less passion and resolve uncomfortable. Those politicians who have become complacent or just simply "sold themselves out" to a variety of pressure and circumstance. The fear is that you may radically change things -- "rock the boat" -- disrupt the normal process of things and disturb the "powers that be." You just might make things better!

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I have particular admiration for the First Lady. Mrs. Clinton is the first, First Lady of my lifetime who is not only an incredible force in the lives of her husband and child, but an incredible scholar of valuable change for our nation. Many Americans love and revere the memory of another First Lady, Jacqueline Kennedy. I do as well. But, Mrs. Kennedy was a woman for her time. Mrs. Clinton is a woman for all times.

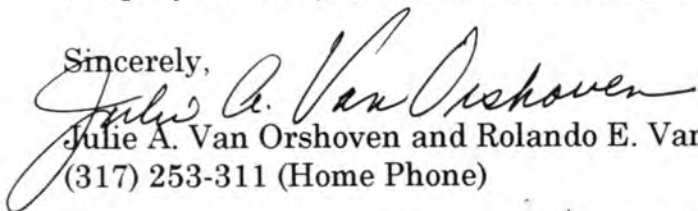
Mrs. Clinton is, again, a person of passion and of strong views and valuable ideas. Another person who just might make a change. So, unfortunately, she too has endured the venomous persecution of "less objective and open minds" among the far right. It is sad, because I regard her as an incredible role model to all women, particularly the young, in this nation. I commend her for her efforts ... she's fabulous. I commend you, Mr. President, that among your many talents, you have chosen an exceptional life partner and fathered an incredibly strong young woman in Chelsea.

Sadly, it would seem that for all your intellect, scholar and training, you and Mrs. Clinton have received the worst of the deal to lead this nation. It breaks my heart for you, but I do thank God for you both. That you both have had the desire to take this nation and the world on. The passion to fight for your convictions ... the empathy to understand and relate to the average American .. and the perseverance to put our judicial system to the test, by invoking your rights under the Constitution. Your right to not be bullied and forced from office by what I too believe is an incredible right-wing network, fostering an abusive investigation and a partisan process.

Thank you, Mr. President, and Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea for your humor and your service to our nation. **It is a great deal to ask of you, but please do not be forced from office. "Hang in there!" The majority of public sentiment is with you. Your apologies have been more than sufficient to us ... apologies that only ever belonged among the privacy of your family.** I do pray for the strengthening of your family and the healing of the personal hell you must all be experiencing. Don't let each other down! You three, are one of the most inspiring families I've ever seen. I do believe that love and understanding do conquer and heal all.

I know that I did not vote in the last election. But today, I have sent the enclosed letter to my senators and congresswoman. God bless and, you have our prayers that you and our freedoms prevail.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Van Orshoven and Rolando E. Van Orshoven
(317) 253-311 (Home Phone)



PS I commend your following your conscience in the face of ridicule by Congress -- to follow thru w/ Reg!

**From: Rolando and Julie Van Orshoven
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To: Senator Dan Coates

Dear Senator Coates:

Please help stop this "legalese" coup of our President. As generally moderate to liberal democrats, we cry out in indignation to stop this misguided, unfounded, unprecedented and partisan process to remove a twice-elected American President. Censure if you must, but do not impeach.

In my 40 years (my husband is 58), this is the first letter I have ever written to a political figure. It is the first time I have ever had the slightest fear that my country was in danger, and that I was in danger of losing the personal freedoms afforded me by an ingeniously-written constitution, which outlines an incredible democracy. It is a democracy founded by those in search of personal freedoms, which endows all individuals with personal civil liberties.

After watching nearly the entire length of the Judiciary Committee proceedings to decide on Articles of Impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton (on C-SPAN, free of commentary "spin"), I am moved with awesome indignation at the partisan nature of the process and at the abuses it exposed under which the investigation of our President took place.

These abuses have been perpetrated by a ruthless "Independent Counsel," who behaved as anything other than an "independent" chief investigator, Kenneth Starr.

I am too young to have witnessed the McCarthy hearings first-hand, but all historical accounts which I have studied chronicle those investigative tactics (which the majority of scholars and statesmen now condemn) to parallel those of Mr. Starr.

I am too young to have witnessed many blatant civil rights violations of the past that have been accredited to men of government-sanctioned establishments: 1) the McCarthy hearings, where just labeling someone

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a Communist made it so, destroying lives and ending careers;
2) beatings, lynchings and murders of African-Americans throughout the history of some of our Southern United States; and of course, 3) the unbelievable injustices perpetrated against Native Americans in this country.

So I have always felt blessed to be living my adult life in a time when these tragic sins against personal liberties seemed a sad and dark memory. I've felt blessed to be living in a country where at least the majority of Americans seemed to be pulling together to overcome and rectify those sins of the past.

I am also encouraged with this age of information, which I hoped educated Americans to lean toward positions that encouraged a more tolerant view of one another and our differences, thus further insuring and supporting those individual liberties we hold so dear, yet often take for granted.

But now, I fear the "flood" of information may have caused the average American to turn "a deaf ear" to this monumental moment in our nation's history...to this dangerous precedent in assault of our personal freedoms.

I hope that you, Senator Lugar, and other senators, along with the people of this nation, can act to prevent this partisan movement, among the republican majority, that will complete a political coup and oust a twice-elected Chief Executive of our nation.

Make no mistake about it! Whether or not they are attentive at this moment, the vast majority of Americans will not tolerate an impeachment process drawn on strictly partisan lines. It will polarize our nation and anger the American people, much as did the war in Indonesia. Not to mention the overall disruption of government, the further polarization of Congress, and the detrimental effects on our economy. Nothing good can come of a process this traumatic, and nothing President Clinton has done is grave enough to justify this trauma.

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I personally will not accept a judgment on the basis of "moral authority" which is reached by a Congress in which the members have a crime rate four times the rate of the general public. It is the epitome of hypocrisy.

I am a member of the United Methodist Church and simply a Christian who tries to follow my own interpretations of the teachings of Christ rather than that of an individual congregation or clergyman. My view is that Christ linked the morality of a person to more than just sexual conduct. The greater components of one's character being virtues like charity, forgiveness and non-condemnation of our fellow human beings.

So the "moral authority" argument advanced by many Republican politicians and the Christian Coalition carries little credibility with me, and hopefully, it carries little with the majority of Christians in this country.

All of this is aside from the fact that ours is a secular government founded by statesmen seeking freedom from religious persecution. This secular government is the very vehicle that ensures all peoples of all religions the same freedoms in this country.

So, I suggest to you that this is not a "moral judgment" brought about by men of conscience. This is a thinly-disguised hate campaign against a democratic President of the United States, and against the man, Bill Clinton, orchestrated by a an affluent "mob" that, by no coincidence, financially supports the right-wing Republicans with tax-free lobby money.

Add to this the Independent Woman's Forum and the Brookings Institute approaching, advising, coaching, funding, and offering pro-bono legal expertise in the litigation of Paula Jones' civil lawsuit against the President. Then, further compound that hypocrisy with the actions of a self-serving and ruthless prosecutor who had worked for the very law firm litigating the case. Then, add in the fact that this same prosecutor set in motion a "sting operation" to entrap the President regarding a private and consensual sexual affair. It simply reeks! It reeks of unfairness, collusion, conspiracy and an absolutely flagrant disregard for our judicial process and an individual's personal freedoms. And the

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President, not above but along with all Americans, enjoys those freedoms as well.

I wish I were saying this to you directly. I want you to know the fervor with which my husband and I believe this. We feel outrage at the process to a point that has catapulted us from two fairly informed, yet fairly complacent citizens, to this point of incredible outrage. While my husband voted in the last election, **I did not**. After witnessing this injustice and fundamental unfairness, **I will never, never not vote again**.

On television Sunday, I heard Judiciary Committee Chairman, Henry Hyde, suggest that the President should be "heroic" and offer his resignation. I hope that you and your colleagues in Washington can inspire some real heroism among House Representatives, and stop the process before a trial in the Senate. If you cannot, at least have the objectivity to strongly suggest and consider Censure as a resolution.

Thank you for your attention and your service to State and our nation.

Sincerely,

Rolando and Julie Van Orshoven

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

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December 10, 1998

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

RE: DECLARATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARKANSAS AS
DISASTER AREA

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to ask that you please have Franklin County declared as a disaster area. As you know, the drought and Army worms have caused tremendous hardships for farmers in Western Arkansas, especially in Franklin County.

The citizens of Franklin County are so disappointed that they were not approved while most of the surrounding counties were approved. Their request has recently been resubmitted to include more detailed information, and I am confident that they meet the criteria.

Thank you for your hard work on this endeavor.

Yours very truly,

Ed Wilkinson
State Representative

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CATHERINE STEPHENS KANGAS

92 Lost District Drive
New Canaan, CT 06840

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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My husband, Ed, has sent the attached letter to 80 members of the House of Representatives today. He wanted you to see a copy immediately. If I can do anything else, please let me know.

Warmest regards,



Cathy Kangas

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Dear Congressman:

I am the worldwide Chairman of Deloitte & Touche, a worldwide professional service Firm with revenues of \$10 billion dollars, 85,000 employees and 20% of the Fortune 500 companies as clients. In recent days I have been stunned by the reaction of the leaders of the business community to the insensitive behavior of the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives. As a result, I am writing you, to strongly encourage you to vote against impeachment of the President.

I do so for the following reasons:

- A trial in the Senate for a good part of calendar year 1999 could literally throw the United States and worldwide economies into recession. This would be driven by lack of consumer confidence on the tail of a precipitous fall in the equities markets around the world.
- The vast majority of people in the United States do not favor impeachment, and this includes Republicans.
- If Republicans in the House ignore the wishes of the people and proceed to impeach the President, I am deeply concerned the Republican Party may be destroyed in the next election.
- While the actions of the President cannot be condoned, the proposed impeachment unleashes a set of problems far greater than those created by the President's action.

I truly believe the future success and survival of the Republican Party may be determined by the outcome of the vote in the House this week. I strongly encourage you to vote against impeachment and to encourage your Republican colleagues to do the same.

Best regards,

DATE: 17 December 1998
TO: Ms. Betty Currie
FROM: Martha Cornwell Haguewood

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Betty: I am faxing a copy of a letter that we sent to all of the Arkansas' Congressional Delegation as well as the U. S. House of Representative Leadership and U. S. Senate Leadership. We are trying to enlist additional support from friends and neighbors who support the President and have them call and/or fax letters in support. I would appreciate it if you would show this to Bill so that he will know that we are trying to lend our support.

We are sorry that we are unable to attend the White House party this year but plan on doing so next year. And, I do mean next year!!!

Thank you for your assistance in getting this to the President.

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TO: AR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION; U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
U.S. SENATE LEADERSHIP- FYI
FROM: J. Mark Haguewood, Fayetteville, AR
RE: Impeachment Proceedings

We the People in order to form a more perfect union... provide for the common defense, promote for the general welfare ...

You are our elected officials and you have forgotten who you represent and why you are in Washington. You have elected yourself judge, jury and executioner. You are trying to undo two elections of the American people and I ask why?

It appears to me that you are attempting to overturn the popular election because you are trying to get back at the Democrats for having twice elected a President who is doing a truly commendable job running our country. Are you still angry over Richard Nixon in the 1970's; are you angry over the two last Presidential elections; and, are you even angrier now because the American people spoke once again this past November and said "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"?

You tell me what is more serious and should be considered a "high crime or misdemeanor" -- selling arms to the Iran Contra or having an extramarital affair? How many people were murdered with those illegal weapons and how many people were murdered by President Clinton's affair? What is more serious, lying about selling illegal weapons or lying to protect your wife and daughter? In my book it doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure that out.

You are not defending the wishes of the American public. You are not promoting the general welfare of our country. You are simply voting along Republican party lines in order to try and win back control of our country. You have lost sight of what your job is and what our country, not your country, wants. You are willing to throw our economy down the tubes because of your sanctimonious desires for revenge. You don't intend to serve your constituents, you intend to serve your party and don't care about our country.

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Remember that we are *one nation* -- not Democrats and Republicans; *under God* -- and you are not He; *indivisible* -- not tearing our country apart like you are so aptly doing; *with liberty and justice for all* -- justice for all and not justice for the Republicans. Remember that Republican Newt Gingrich was censured by his peers and what he did is no less serious than what Bill Clinton did. If you say you are going to vote your conscience, then I want every elected official who will be voting on this to recuse himself or herself if they have ever lied, no matter how large or small, ever had a premarital or extramarital

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affair, ever consumed alcohol when underage or ever used an illegal drug. I don't care how long ago it was, SIN IS SIN, and if you are the "pot calling the kettle black", then judge yourself first. If you are without sin and you are voting in accordance with the wishes of the American public, then you may cast a ballot. If you are not without sin and not voting in accordance with the directive of the people you were elected to serve, then you have no right to vote against our President. I dare say that if that standard were upheld, there would be few, if any, who were left to vote. You are not serving me as an elected official and I can guarantee that there will never be a vote cast by any member of my family for any Republican candidate as long as we vote in this country. My wife and I vote in every election and our son, who will be turning 18 in January and registering to vote, are so sickened by your attitudes and actions that we will vote for any candidate as long as they aren't a Republican. Henry Hyde should have recused himself as he is not fit to chair the impeachment committee. He had an extramarital affair and broke up a marriage. It doesn't make any difference how long ago his affair was, it was wrong! Now he is "holier than thou" and sits on the judgment seat?

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WE IMPORE YOU -- DO NOT IMPEACH BILL CLINTON. HE IS OUR PRESIDENT AND IS SERVING OUR COUNTRY WELL. YOU HAVE SPENT ENOUGH OF OUR TAX DOLLARS ON THIS WITCH HUNT. YOU KEEP SPENDING MILLIONS OF OUR DOLLARS ON ALL OF THESE CHARGES, SUCH AS WHITEWATER, AND TURN UP NOTHING. THIS WHOLE ORDEAL LOOKS LIKE A SETUP. YOU HAVE STEPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF A SMELLY MESS AND IT IS FOLLOWING YOU AROUND. STOP THE STUPIDITY!!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!

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U. S. Senate Leadership

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RE: Impeachment Proceedings

I am continuing to try and fax my letter to each of you. I am faxing it to the House and Senate Leadership so that they too will know my views. I have a few additional comments to make.

First, define partisan politics. That is what this whole proceeding is about. Second, define entrapment. That is what this whole nasty plan set up by Kenneth Starr is about. It is Illegal to record private conversations without the knowledge of the taping on part of one individual. Plotting entrapment schemes smells rotten to me.

I applaud President Clinton for taking action against Iraq. Unfortunately, the President is in a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation. You are accusing him of taking the military initiative to delay the impeachment. However, you would have accused him of not taking care of business if he hadn't taken action. He has continued to show that he is staying focused on the good of our nation and the world and not letting all of this impeachment garbage distract him from the job that the American people twice elected him to do. It is unfortunate that so much time, money and effort have been diverted from the matters at hand of running our country to investigating TravelGate, FileGate, Whitewater, Campaign Finance, and Monica Lewinsky.

I implore you to stop all of this foolishness. A reprimand is in order but an impeachment is not. We need to come together as a nation and again become focused on taking care of business. You were all elected to serve our country. No elected official was elected to go to Washington to play party politics. You need to stop all of this foolish fighting. You need to work as a unified team to continue to better our country. We are a country divided by party affiliation. We have always tried to teach our children that party affiliation does not inherently make one right or wrong but we may have to change our stance on that.

You must stop wasting our taxpayer's money in all of this lunacy. Vote to censure if you must but let OUR President continue to do the work of the people and lead our country. Our country is in the best economic shape that it has been in decades. Are you willing to take the responsibility for ruining our economy and devastating our country just to play your party politics? I would hope not.

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Broadcast Services Division

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William Jefferson Clinton

President

The White House

Office of the President

Washington, D.C., 20501

December 13, 1998

Re: Letter of Support of the President & Concern for our Democracy

We must stop this Madness !!! We must stop what I see as an attempt by Right Wing Christian Collation and other entities of this group to circumvent the democratic process. I have found that they are very well organized in this attempt. With the end goal that this country will become a Right Wing Christian Government. They have bought their way into the political process through lobbyists supporting regional political elections and this, allowing their fold to infiltrate into our Government. These people are not concerned with "Our Democracy" because, their Religion is not a democracy. Personally I have no problem in what people want to believe in unless they try to force those beliefs onto those of us who are not of the same faith and /or choose not to indulge in their one sided doctrine. But even Worse... Now their trying to reverse an election and... take over our Government!

Our Country was wisely designed with the separation of church & state for a reason. Therefore, it wouldn't turn into a country like Iran. A country with no privacy no freedom, and no liberty. This "is" what's happening here, These people are wrong! But worst of all... these people are dangerous! The resent call-in polls on radio & TV show some very interesting differences from the official random nation wide poles and what data that is received from official government call-in lines to our representatives. Why.... is there a difference of almost 2:1 here? The reason is that the above mentioned organizations are attempting to deliberately mislead our political leaders into believing what public opinion is... Their tactics involves the calling & writing to your politicians directly by organized mass call-ins and letter righting by to the opposite parties this is a deliberate intent of The Christian Collation and other entities to deceive the public opinion. These are anti Democratic Tactics which intentionally give the wrong messages to the that politician with the intention that to make them think that their constituents are of a different option, but in fact.... are intentionally being misrepresented. These aforementioned organizations & the RNC that are using this treasonous tactic are doing this blatantly, and doing this out in the open. Even asking for volunteers to do

this from their "Internet Web sites". This is wrong... this is willful circumvention of the democratic process. They have no right to steal democracy away from the majority of citizens that voted to elect their representatives into that office. "For Any Reason" Rather than wait until the next election for, another chance. Their plan was to harass and disrupt, distort and destroy the ability for the other party to function. Which as we all can see now ... as a result of their treachery, we all lose. The group behind this **"premeditated praetorian legal coup"** Are the same groups that support the "Anti Abortion Lobby" and feel that they will stop at nothing to reach their goals even by: Bombings, Murder, and now a even a organized Government Coup. This is with the intent of pushing the country to become a Right Wing Puritan Christian Society. These people's monotheistic, view of the world excludes everyone but themselves. And these beliefs should scare us because these entities are threatening our Democracy. They must be addressed and fought with every ounce of energy. These are the people that have been dogging the President financing these nonstop lawsuits & investigations all with one main purpose, to cripple the Presidency. This whole relentless dogged pursuit of legal harassment started the day Bill Clinton was elected into office.

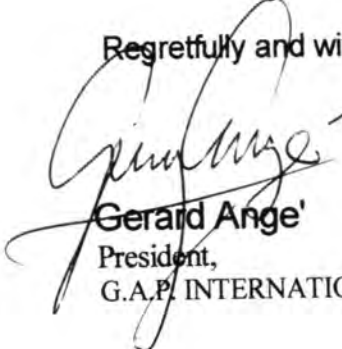
So far the years of this relentless willful pursuit has by these entities have crippled our country over and over again. Even now when our presence as a world power is of the up most importance. These entities continue to push our Country into the abyss with reckless disregard. And if they succeed with this attempt, To remove & impeachwe all lose again... The whole structure of the democratic process will be permanently circumvented and, permanently damaged.

The world opinion about this has shocked outraged and worried the free world... Recently (in the last month) returned from France. {The people who gave America the Statue of Liberty} There... the Headlines Read **"A THREAT TO THE LOSS OF DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES"** They compare this coup to Germany just prior to the Natzi overthrow of the German government. Which by the way, was done through Character assassination digging up dirt on peoples private lives all from their Aryan moral high ground, where they were all preaching their version of Truth & Justice & Morality as they destroyed their political enemies with the existing German laws. As we can see from history it's not always wise to just look at the accusations themselves..... but much wiser to carefully study the Accusers motives thus... we all won't spend our time chasing our tails. Like anticipated by plotting entities. We should all open our eyes to see the full perspective of what's going on here, and learn from history or, we'll be doomed to repeat it.

I feel that what is happening to the President, is a blatant violation of his Constitutional Rights as a citizen of the United States. This is not a sex crime, this is entrapment and, this "is" a coup attempt! Those questions shouldn't of ever been asked or, answered. Even Presidents are entitled to the same fruits of what we all are entitled to i.e. "Freedom & the Right to Privacy". This is more than just harassment, it's the endgame of their strategy to destroy The Presidency of the United States. **This is a coup attempt !**

We must all stand tough for the good of all of the American people and thwart this is direct assault on the Democratic Process. There is so much at stake here. We can't let the truly guilty parties who are behind this apparent coup steal democracy away from the people that voted the President into that office. We must fight to get these destroyers of democracy out of office or, we will lose all! These people are traitors of Democracy! They must be stopped!

Regretfully and with great concern,



Gerald Ange'
President,
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cc: US Congress, House, Gen government, National Media, International Media



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December 9, 1998

The President
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Dear Mr. President:

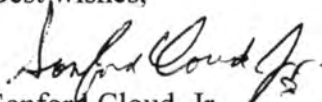
Enclosed you will find the report of the Faith Communities' Leadership Summit which was convened at your request to provide ideas and initiatives that the faith communities can take in the next decade. These ideas and recommended actions are for your report to the American people on your Race Initiative.

As noted in my letter of October 29 which provided an interim report, this was an extraordinary gathering of faith leaders, each committed to racial justice and reconciliation. We hope you find our recommendations helpful in preparing your final report, and I am delighted to report that the leaders want to continue to work together to address racial justice in the next decade. NCCJ would be honored to continue to provide leadership to your overall efforts with the faith communities and other sectors of our society committed to our shared vision.

We are confident that we can begin to transform the institutions where we have influence, thereby creating inclusive and welcoming communities and an American society that opens more fully opportunities for all people. There was a clear consensus that leadership of all sectors, including the faith communities, must also deeply engage in their own struggle to understand and grapple with their own issues and understandings related to race and racism in order to be able to transform their institutions to be more inclusive.

Significant progress has been made in racial justice over the past three decades, but much remains to be done. We look forward to a partnership with you that puts forward new strategies and learnings that will boldly address racial justice in the next decade in our shared journey toward wholeness in our country.

Best wishes,


Sanford Cloud, Jr.
President & CEO

12-17-98

From Maria-

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Yes ☒

No ☐

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12-17-98

Dear Mr. Currie,

I thought you might be able
to pass this on. Thank you

Ed King

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Send to Burkhardt? ☒
Yes _____
No _____

Edward S. Katz

12/16/98

William Jefferson Clinton
President of The United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I believe that I am one of your fiercest supporters. I think you have done a fine job as President which is clearly evidenced by the state of the nation. Though I hate to borrow anothers' phrase, it would seem to me that most Americans are better off than they were four or six years ago. It seems to me that even in the areas where you and Mrs. Clinton did not prevail, such as health care reform, the crusade you embarked upon and the ensuing publicity and consciousness that was raised have forced the health care industry to curtail rate increases and cover more conditions and treatments out of fear of losing the really big bucks.

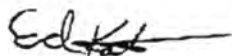
Besides being a great President, you appear to be a very likable person, extraordinary in many ways, yet strikingly ordinary in others. Whether accurate or not, I believe that impression allows people to identify with you as a peer while looking up to you as a leader. This, combined with the fact that you are an exceptional and charismatic leader who can inspire, motivate, and touch people, easily explains your enduring popularity. People want to follow leaders, not managers, leaders who can make them feel good about themselves and optimistic about the future, but you already know all this.

The reason I am writing to you is because it appears to me that you have lost sight of what you need to do, and exactly how you need to accomplish it. I realize it is unlikely that you will see this, but you do need outside, objective, input. If James Carville really wrote on a board "it's the economy, stupid", someone needs to write on a board "it's the Presidency, stupid - what will it take to win the battle here and end the war right now?" For the most preemptive and aggressive campaigner in history to end up doing too little too late is totally ludicrous and unacceptable.

It seems clear that no court of law would accept illegal recordings or any tainted evidence that they subsequently produced, nor is there evidence that you perjured yourself or obstructed justice. Your mastery of the subtle nuances of the English language even support the assertions that you did not lie under oath - but you did lie on camera, to all the American people (about something which was admittedly no one else's business). Your concerns however, are only half legal, the other half is perception. You are trying to preserve your dignity as much as you can, and cover your butt legally as much as you can, by doing and saying as little as you can - at this point, this is a fatal strategic error! You would certainly be a fool to incriminate yourself legally, but you must do and say as much as possible, and get as close to that line as you possibly can, without crossing it. This is not the time to play rope-a-dope. You need to come out swinging.

Please forgive my forward nature, but I believe I have drafted a speech which would please your supporters, satisfy the truly fair minded critics, cut your enemies off at the knees, and avoid exposing you to future legal problems. The bad news is that it involves some condescension, much humility, lots of embarrassment, a tremendous amount of explanation, and a true plea for forgiveness. The good news is that while it may at first appear undignified and UN-Presidential, it is ultimately the most dignified and Presidential act that you will ever perform - exposing your humanity - it got you elected and can keep you in office, and nobody does it better than you. Had it been done before now, things would look much brighter. Do not miss this window.

Respectfully,



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(This speech should not be short, in fact, the longer the better. The longer you speak, the more time people will have to warm up to you, empathize with you, and feel your pain. They must feel your pain, shame, and embarrassment - even your indignation at the politicization of your personal tragedy. Add more if you can, explain more if you can, like why you did anything, or how you felt at any time - lonely, isolated, hurt, sad, even angry - all vulnerable human emotions that people can relate to. The contractions are not an oversight, they are intentional to sound like spontaneous speech. If this speech sounds repetitive, or rambling it is O.K., as long as it sounds like it comes from the heart. Best of Luck.)

My Dear Fellow Americans - Friends And Critics Alike,

As always, some will say this is too little too late. Be that as it may, it is all that I have to say.

I don't need to tell you that I had an improper relationship outside of my marriage - you already know. I don't need to tell you that I stood here and lied to you when I insisted that it wasn't true - you already know. I don't need to tell you how much I have wanted to be The President of The United States of America, how hard I have worked to get here, or how much harder I have worked since I got here. I don't need to tell you this, because I believe you already know.

I don't need to tell you that I brought shame to the oval office and to the Presidency of The United States and therefore every American, and that I brought pain and embarrassment to my family, friends, and supporters, and I certainly don't need to tell you that by my indiscretions, I have brought indignity upon myself by allowing human character flaws and weaknesses to cloud some of my personal decisions, resulting in inexcusable actions on my part, but I don't need to tell you all of this, because as I've said before, you already know.

You know what I did, where I did it, when I did it, and with whom. You know what I've said and when I've said it. I believe, in fact, that you already know much more than you want to know, and much more than anybody should ever need to know about the intimate details of another's life, but you already know that, too. More importantly perhaps, you know what I haven't said and what I should have said. It was morally wrong to split hairs and hide behind the subtle nuances of language, but even now, it seems hard to imagine confessing to the sordid details of illicit activities in the context of a contrived lawsuit. Even now, it seems harder yet to imagine publicly confessing to all the indiscretions that I have committed, especially standing before you, the people that put me here, and lying to you about my personal life. I don't need to tell you what you already know, but there are still things I do need to tell you and explanations that I need to give. Not as a defense, but because you my friends, family members, supporters, and fellow Americans deserve an explanation. It neither undoes nor excuses anything I have done, but hopefully it will help to heal some of the wounds I have inflicted and allow me to regain some of your trust and respect.

First, it was both inappropriate and immoral of me to be involved in any type of physical or emotional intimacy with Miss. Lewinsky. My behavior was totally inexcusable. The best I can do is apologize to my family and you, make amends to them as much as is possible, and seek spiritual guidance and healing to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

Second, it was immoral of me to attempt to conceal my wrongdoing and specifically to lie about it. A person should never have to be both President and defendant simultaneously - with all my heart, I believe the courts made a poor decision opening every future President to harassment. I only wish my reputation was so much beyond reproach, that no attorney would have ever considered this case. Unfortunately, as I believe most defendants would, I used every legal, linguistic, and tactical strategy possible to mount a vigorous defense to a false and malicious accusation. Even as a defendant in such a malicious, contrived, unfounded, lawsuit, as President, I should have taken the high road. I should also have had no public comment to rumors until I was prepared to apologize and ask for forgiveness.

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Third, I should never have let this situation and the denials continue and compound. I owe public apologies to many dear people like my faithful secretary, Betty Currie, and my close friend, Vernon Jordan, to The Vice President, to my staff and the members of The Cabinet who have stood by me, to members of The House of Representatives and The Senate. The deepest apologies that I owe however, are to my wife Hillary and my daughter Chelsea, and to you - for breaking sacred trusts. I have done wrong, I am sorry, I stand before you very contrite, I am making amends, and I beg you for your forgiveness with all my heart, with all my soul, and with every ounce of my being. Please accept my humblest apology with the knowledge that the humiliation that I feel, far exceeds any criticism from even my harshest enemy, and that I know I only have myself to blame.

Please understand that I have never considered resignation, nor will I, because one must that I will never break is to fulfill my duties as President - to serve you the people of The United States of America to the best of my ability. Though I may be flawed as a human being, I have never permitted my personal life to prevent me from performing the daily and long range tasks that my duties require. Nor will I.

From your cards and letters and your votes on election day, it is clear that you support the achievements of this administration and that you want us to continue to work for you and to achieve your goals. I have already indicated that I would stand in the well and accept the demeaning punishment of a censure for my outrageous personal behavior.

At this point, I will take this opportunity before you to clarify my heartfelt belief that while my testimony was evasive and misleading, it did not exceed the bounds of the law, and that while I am deeply sorry about the incorrect impressions that I allowed reasonable people to draw, I did not commit perjury or any crimes or misdemeanors. While I totally admit full responsibility for my actions, I must maintain that none of them were criminal. Politics aside, I know this, you know this, every lawyer and judge in America knows this, and so does every member of Congress.

I can not control what Congress does, but perhaps you can. This is not Watergate, the only evidence of criminal activity is illegal tape recordings and the subsequent use of those tapes and the information on them. It is my understanding that a Maryland grand jury is investigating the matter. I will not allow the Presidency and the constitutional balance of power to succumb to embarrassment or partisan politics. Neither should you. Please signal your representatives that public servants can make private mistakes, but neither these nor partisan politics should be used as a smoke screen to undermine the Constitution, our system of checks and balances, the Presidency, or the results of your elections.

I plan to make no more public comments on the matter, nor will I be answering any questions or providing any more details. I have tried to limit my comments up till now not only out of embarrassment, but to try to maintain as much personal and Presidential dignity as is possible under the circumstances. It is time for all of us to move on to the real business of the people. There is much we still have to do. I was wrong. I'm extremely sorry. Please forgive me. God bless America and all my fellow Americans. Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and forgiveness.