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January 31, 2000

The Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy
President
National Black Leadership Roundtable
Suite 415
1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter regarding the
pardon of William A. Borders, Jr. I have
forwarded your correspondence to my Counsel,
Beth Nolan, for her review and advice. As
I'm sure you know, I take all pardon requests
seriously, and I value your recommendations
on this matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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The White House
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Dear Bill:

I was moved and encouraged by your statement, published in the Washington Post today, expressing support for the forgiveness and restoration to organized baseball of the legendary "Pete" Rose. Yours is a sentiment that I believe the vast majority of the American people feel generally and the I feel deeply personally.

As you will recall from the enclosed correspondence, my former colleagues in the Congressional Black and I feel equally as deep about the case of former attorney William Borders, a past president of the National Bar Association and presently the general counsel on the staff of Congressman Earl F. Hilliard. His saga and rehabilitation have become an instructive example of how to rebound from adversity for all Americans who have fallen from the mountain top of success to the valley of the condemned.

I know that you would agree that any person who has reached the pinnacle of his profession as did Bill Borders and who, in spite of falling so low that he was stripped of everything, has come back to be the general counsel for a congressman from the state of Alabama, deserves the highest praise. His is a story worth repeating to our youth and the community at large over and over again.

I write, therefore, to renew my request and that of my former colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus that, in this season of peace and goodwill, you grant Mr. Borders a presidential pardon. We hope you find it in your heart to do that for us.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Fauntroy
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Member of Congress
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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing on behalf of Mr. William A. Borders, Jr. to request your assistance in a matter of great concern.

Mr. Borders is a past president of the National Bar Association. He was tried and convicted of violating several federal laws and sentenced to serve five (5) years in prison and to pay a fine of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000). As a result of his conviction, Mr. Borders was disbarred from the practice of law in the District of Columbia. Mr. Borders has paid his debt to society and since his release has reestablished himself as a model citizen in his community.

We respectfully request that in your annual review of persons who have made mistakes in the past, and who have subsequently lived exemplary lives since paying their debt to society, you pardon William A. Borders, Jr. He understands the seriousness of his criminal conviction, is rehabilitated, and is worthy of your pardon.

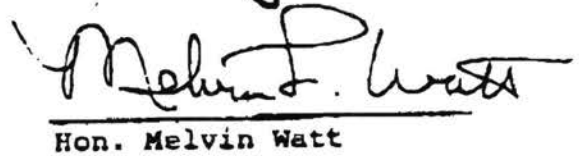
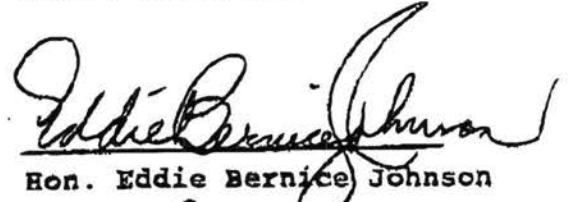
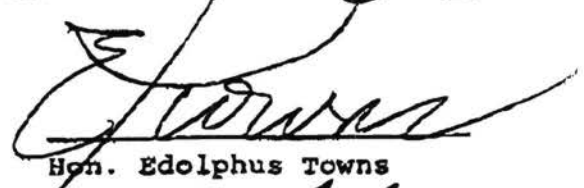
Mr. Borders has our support. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter on behalf of William A. Borders, Jr.

Sincerely,


Hon. Earl F. Hilliard
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Dear Mr. President:

This is to bring to your attention, and to solicit your help in correcting a grave injustice to William A. Borders, Jr., past president of the National Bar Association. As you may or may not know, Bill Borders is the only man in the history of our legal justice system to be convicted of a one man conspiracy and the person who was alleged to be his co-conspirator is now sitting in the House of Representatives. The person I speak of is Congressman Alcee Hastings who at the time was a federal judge in Miami, Florida, and who was later impeached although he was found not guilty of the criminal offense. Although Bill has paid his debt to society and has lived an exemplary life by any standard since returning to the community, he has not been able to return to the practice of law because he has refused to make any statement concerning his conviction as a matter of principle.

I appeal to you in both your wisdom and your well deserved reputation for compassion to grant him a presidential pardon. In my view, this is the only way he will be able to restore his life and resume the use his well honed the legal skills for the benefit of the disadvantaged of our society. This is not a matter for which that I alone am a champion. He has now filed a second petition for reinstatement to the bar, and has the support of more than 700 lawyers from forty states and no less thirty national organizations including the National Bar Association. Among the many distinguished individuals who advocate his reinstatement are Bob Strauss, former ambassador to Russia; Benjamin Hooks, former head of the NAACP; more than twenty-three members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and in excess of ninety nationally known ministers. This, of course, is not the complete list of those supporting his reinstatement; it would be too long a list for me to enumerate in this letter of appeal to you.

Prior to Bill's indictment and conviction, he was one of the top African-American fundraisers for President Jimmy Carter, and also a member of the Finance Committee for the Democratic Party. What makes this such a tragedy is that two federal judges who were convicted of crimes as sitting judges and who were later impeached after they began serving their time are now again practicing law after being disbarred. One former judge was Walter L.

Nixon, Jr. from the state of Mississippi and the other was Harry Claiborne from the state of Nevada.

In summary, I think you will find the following excerpt from a letter sent by Ambassador Bob Strauss to the board of professional responsibility on his behalf indicative of the kind of respect and appreciation that he enjoys today among the citizens of the District of Columbia who know him best:

"If I am any judge of the character of people, Bill is a fellow who would learn from any mistakes he may have made; and who among us have not made some. Bill is a constructive citizen and can be a constructive lawyer again."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Fauntroy", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Walter E. Fauntroy

EARL F. HILLIARD
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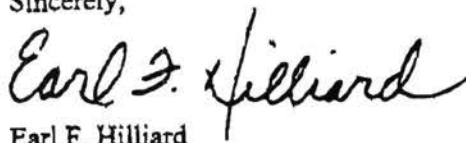
Dear Mr. President:

I, along with several other members of the Congressional Black Caucus, wrote to you on behalf of William A. Borders, Jr. requesting that you pardon Mr. Borders in your annual review of persons who have made mistakes in the past, and who have subsequently lived exemplary lives. (see enclosed letter dated October 5, 1997). We have yet to receive a response to our letter.

William A. Borders, Jr. has paid his debt to society, is rehabilitated, and is worthy of your pardon. I hereby renew my support for Mr. Borders, and again request that you pardon him.

I trust that you will give my request serious consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Earl F. Hilliard
Member of Congress

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Betty:

This correspondence was mailed to the President today.
Would you be kind enough to bring it to his personal attention
for me when he has an opportunity to take a look at it?

Thanks a million.

God bless you,



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immediately.

12/8
January 31, 2000

Mr. J. Wayne Leonard
Chief Executive Officer
Entergy Corporation
639 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Dear Wayne:

Mack McLarty passed along the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article about your November speech, and I was delighted to read of your efforts to help poor families in your area pay their utility bills. I was glad you could join me on my New Markets tour in July, and I am pleased that you are taking steps to move the initiative forward. Your ongoing support for our New Markets programs means a great deal to me, and I look forward to your continued involvement in our efforts to bring opportunity and prosperity to America's economically distressed communities. Best wishes.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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Abundance vs. need is next big moral issue

As a benchmark for the unfolding presidential race, the most interesting speech delivered during this Thanksgiving season was not by any of the candidates but a utility executive, J. Wayne Leonard, CEO of New Orleans-based Entergy Corp.

His company, which provides electricity to parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, has been "insensitive, if not harsh" in its bill collecting and shut-off policies, Leonard said Friday at a "Low Income Summit" organized by the utility.

Those days are now past, he declared. This Christmas, if customers can't buy their children presents and pay their electric bill, they can just call in and the company will work things out after the first of the year.

The poor are more numerous than the government admits, he said, and worse off than they were 20 years ago. And a mean-spirited society is "demonizing the poor in the most shameless way possible."

"We are fighting a war we claim to be on the undeserving, the lazy, the immoral. But, fact is, it's largely a war fought against children and the disabled," said Leonard, who announced a list of company initiatives to help the poor.

Leonard became more interested in the plight of his poorer customers after accompanying President Clinton on his New Market Initiatives tour of the Delta region last July, according to company spokeswoman Carol Clawson.

There's a man-bites-dog quality to a utility executive telling people not to worry overmuch about their bills, but there may also be some business logic at play as well.

Texas and Arkansas have already passed legislation opening electric utilities to competition, and some of the areas served by Entergy are among the poorest in the country. In the company's service area, residential customers who struggle to pay their bills may be a more enduring base than industries that move away.

But it's not Leonard's motives that are important here, but the way his remarks frame the political debate that begins in earnest after the cranberry sauce is put away.

This presidential campaign is about the politics of abundance — both our impatience to share in it and our nervousness about what it masks.

Leonard would have no basis for his comments if the plight of low-income citizens weren't a lot



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TOM BAXTER

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worse than portrayed this year on the presidential campaign trail — and in his service area, it is. But it's also likely he wouldn't be able to cut his customers such slack were it not for the era of falling costs and rising profits American business has been enjoying.

Most of the candidates attempt in one way or another to address how to use the current largess to rectify our shortcomings.

"Now is the time, when the sun is shining, to fix our roof, not to wait until a rainy day," former Sen. Bill Bradley told voters last week at the United Jewish Federation conference in Atlanta.

For all the talk about divvying up the budget surplus, Republican Gary Bauer said Tuesday, "I'm not sure that's getting at what most people are worried about. They want to know why so

many terrible things seem to be happening in a country that has so much wealth."

Sooner or later the poor have to pay their electric bills, but they don't have to vote. None of the candidates would address the country's problems in the stark terms Leonard did. But the conditions that make such a remarkable speech possible set the terms for the race ahead.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sutherland
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Dear Linda and Bill:

Thanks so much for your Christmas card and kind note. You can be proud to know that the trees you brought to the White House helped brighten the holiday season for countless individuals.

Hillary and I hope that your holidays were full of joy, and we send our best wishes to everyone at Interstate Distributors.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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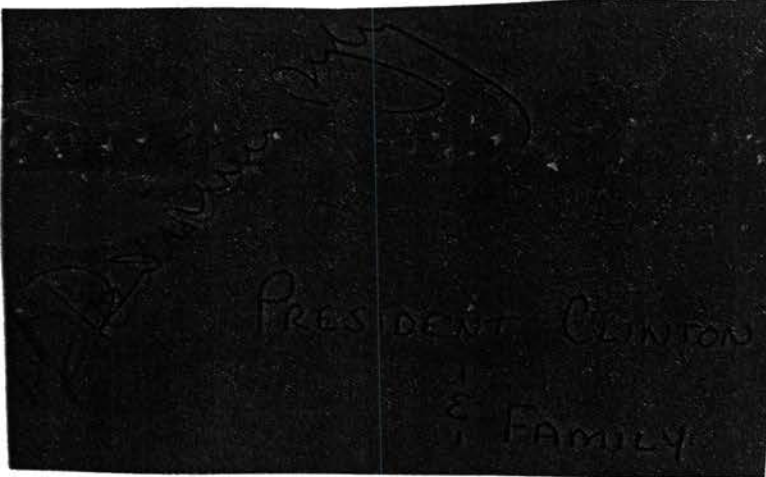


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CAPITAL. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY
YOUR TREES FROM OUR HOME STATE
OF WASHINGTON AND WE WISH
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE MERRIEST
OF ALL CHRISTMASES AND A HAPPY
AND CHEERFUL NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

BILL & LINDA
SUTHERLAND

PRESIDENT CLINTON
& FAMILY,

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May your home be filled
with happiness,
your hearts with love,
your days with joy—
at Christmas and always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM YOUR 1999
CHRISTMAS TREE
HAULERS,
BILL & LINDA
SUTHERLAND

10/14

January 27, 2000

Brigadier General Michael K. Blankenship, USAR
110 Court House Drive
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

Dear Michael:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful note.
Hillary and I are touched by your thinking of
us on our wedding anniversary -- your continuing
kindness and support mean a great deal.

We hope you are well, and we send our best.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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October 11, 1999

The President and Mrs. Clinton
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton,

It is with sincere congratulations that I extend a hearty greeting to the both of you on this your wedding anniversary.

I am very proud that the two of you have continued to love and cherish the wonderful life that you experienced more than 27 years ago when you first met in law school.

The power of prayer and the prayers of the people that love and respect you have been with you during the past difficult months.

I am privileged to be among those who honor this day for you.

Respectfully yours,

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January 24, 2000

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
The Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, California 92640

Dear Dr. Schuller:

Thank you for your letter and the materials regarding the preservation of historic buildings, particularly the Neutra Cyclorama Center at Gettysburg. I appreciate having your recommendation for establishing a Presidential Commission to examine the issue of historic preservation and I have shared your correspondence with members of my staff for further consideration. I value your counsel, and I send my best wishes for 2000.

Sincerely,

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ROBERT SCHULLER

November 19, 1999

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Yes



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Dear Mr. President:

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We had an unusual ceremony on our campus this past Sunday, November 14, 1999. I had as my guest, Dion Neutra, architect -- the son of Richard Neutra, who designed our campus from its inception in early 1960. Our Tower of Hope, which Richard designed and Dion presided over, forms the centerpiece of our older campus.

The purpose of the occasion was the rededication of the reconstruction of Neutra's original building, an L-shaped one-story building which contained classroom and office spaces. We spent over \$2 million refreshing it after nearly 40 years and I wanted Dion to share my excitement on this happy occasion.

During our conversation, he reminded me of his on-going fight to save other examples of his and his father's elegant and significant work on many fronts, including one on which you personally could have an impact.

If the Federal Government cannot lead the way towards the preservation of our built environment, who can?

In the last two years Dion has watched the world famous Neutra Cyclorama Center at Gettysburg be sacrificed despite numerous nominations on National Registers and Lists. This building is considered among the most important buildings of the Mission 66 program in the country. Hundreds of preservation supporters have been writing letters to you and Hillary pleading to intercede with executive authority to change the course the National Park Service and your Interior Secretary have elected to follow. Dion tells me there has been no official response from your office.

~~✓~~ Dion Neutra would be a great asset to a Presidential Commission to examine the state of National Policy on

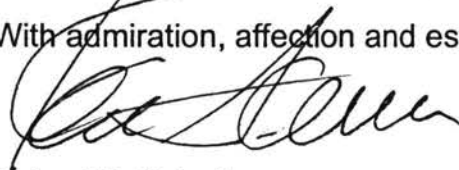
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Preservation, or lack of it, that currently allows any of our historical monuments to be sacrificed over the objections of many constituents. This, no matter what lists they appear on!

Please review the enclosures and let me urge you to take action. In this last year of your presidency, you could leave a legacy on preservation that will be a model for the next century! The commission idea sounds like a winner to me!

We here in California wish you the best for this next year.

With admiration, affection and esteem,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Schuller", written over the closing phrase of the letter.

Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
East Wing, Room #214
Washington, DC 30500-2000

Re: Neutra Gettysburg Cyclorama Center Demolition

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clinton:

SAVE THE NEUTRA CYCLORAMA CENTER IN GETTYSBURG!

As you know, the National Park Service, our Government's agent for preservation, is claiming lack of functionality and funding as its excuse to ABANDON AND DEMOLISH world-famed architect Richard Neutra's Cyclorama Center complex at Gettysburg.

Neutra [1892-1970] was recipient of the AIAs highest honor in 1977, its Gold Medal. He also designed the Visitor Center for Painted Desert /Petrified Forest National Monument in Arizona, and the US Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan, and enjoys a world reputation. See December 1998 Issue of Modernism Magazine [p.26] for a centerfold of a Neutra Project. The Gettysburg Cyclorama Center is also highlighted here and in stories in the February and April 1998 issues of AI Architect. An editorial in the New York Times appeared Sunday, February 21, 1999 -- "Which of all the pasts to preserve?" with large photographs of the building and a description of its place on the battlefield.

Placed into service in the early 60s, the Cyclorama Center is the only example of this modern master's work commissioned by the US Government in the eastern US. Frustrated by the failure of Congress to find funds to up-grade and restore this famed and much discussed building which is sited near the High Water Mark of the Confederacy at Cemetery Ridge, the NPS would rather bulldoze the building and site and opt for a new developer-built and maintained facility to be built nearly a mile from the established businesses that have sprung up around the Park Service facilities. These businesses would be frozen out of the tourist trade on which they depend should these facilities be removed, and the new Mall constructed as planned.

In September, 1998, despite the relatively young age of the building, the Keeper of the National Register, Carol Shull declared this building to be ELIGIBLE for listing on the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. In May, 1999, at the end of a long review process called Section 106, your own Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, in direct disregard for the findings of the National Register, but in support of the Secretary of the Interior's statements, came out in favor of the Park General Management Plan (GMP) which calls for demolishing this building!

It is time that the Executive of our government TAKE THE LEAD in preservation of worthy historic buildings and sites such as this. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE NPS GMP PLAN BECAUSE DEMOLITION WOULD LOSE AN IRREPLACEABLE EXAMPLE OF HISTORIC AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE, not to mention a shameful waste of tax-payer investment, AND THE DISTORTION OF HISTORY AT THIS SITE! This building, after all, has been a part of this scene for longer than many other monuments that now stand on the battlefield.

Suggested courses of action:

1. If the developer scheme IS TO BE FOLLOWED, require him to split the program. Include in his package a PRESERVATION COMPONENT. Devote funds instead of for demolition and repair of the historic site, to REFURBISH the existing CYCLORAMA building, contents and site to accommodate whatever usages the NPS can retain for it. In this way it will be preserved as part of the interpretive experience. In addition, the developer should budget for the continued maintenance of the Neutra building along with the new facilities that might be created.

For more details, contact: Christine Madrid at 804-975-1402, clm2c@virginia.edu, or Dion Neutra, architect at 323-666-1806, DionN@aol.com or www.neutra.org.

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

DOOMED NEUTRA BUILDING NOMINATED FOR LANDMARK STATUS!

The Richard Neutra Cyclorama Center on the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA, is in the final stages of review for elevation to "National Historic Landmark" status as nominated by the Society of Architectural Historians. A review process, supported by letters of interested parties will be considered at a meeting of an advisory committee on December 13 in Washington DC.

Reasons for this release: The current review process is being conducted by agents of the National Park Service. This is the same National Park Service that signed a Gettysburg General Management Plan (GMP) in May of this year that includes demolition of this same Cyclorama Center deemed so worthy of preservation that it was determined last year eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The GMP plan was adopted against the objections of Congresspeople, citizens, merchants, battlefield buffs, and the preservation community nation-wide.

You are invited to speculate how unbiased the review process can be on December 13 ?

The history of this process might well be examined along with a hard look at the proposed \$40 million dollar mall-type visitor center NPS wishes built by a private developer. There are interesting questions to raise about the choice of the mall site on undeveloped open space, as well as the developer's failure to reveal relevant information about financing and details.

For instance, the site chosen is also on "sacred" battleground, the clearing of which is one of the reasons given for destroying the Cyclorama Center. And townspeople have objected that the new site is so far from town, it will encourage the growth of urban sprawl outside this rural community.

Since the new visitor's center is to be built with "private funding", a large part of which has yet to be raised, the details have been hard to come by. Congressman Ron Klink and others feel control of the result is problematic.

Congressman Goodling is reputed to have drafted an appropriations bill which would address the program with fresh federal funding. He is holding this in reserve "as a contingency".

The political processes behind this program are such that many people have termed this "Gettysgate".

INSTITUTE FOR SURVIVAL THROUGH DESIGN -LOS ANGELES

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

11 November 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We know how busy you must be, now with New York, etc. but we're hoping it's not too late for your White House to sponsor the Study Commission we have been recommending for two years before the end of your term in Washington.

You are on record in favor of preservation, as is your husband. What better legacy for the Clinton Administration than to convene a commission which would result in your being able to recommend a NATIONAL POLICY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR HERITAGE! Something we don't have yet.

(Could even have relevance in New York?).

Please take the time to read through the enclosures. We see the current plight of the Gettysburg Cyclorama Center as an example of the inability of preservation forces in the country to affect the outcome of finding a particular monument significant in the face of raw commercialism or other special interests. We see this scenario being played out in countless other cases with resultant loss of our irreplaceable heritage. Despite continuing and increasing interest in the work of our firm, for example, more and more examples are being desecrated, demolished, or lost through remodels.

Is there something that can be done? YES; a NATIONAL RESOLVE!

This could be a legacy your administration could leave to the next, hopefully Al Gore, to implement!

See enclosures for what we have said on websites to persons interested in saving the Cyclorama Center. Included is a copy of the introduction to a letter which has been coming to you on the Internet over the past couple of years without a response.

Is there a chance that the President could still intercede to protect this valuable Monument?

Is there still time to consider the implementation of a fast track Study Commission? I'd be pleased to serve.

Sincerely,



Dion Neutra, Architect, Executive Consultant
Institute for Survival Through Design
2440 Neutra Place
Los Angeles, CA 90039
323 666 1806 www.neutra.org

Encl: 1. Intro to proposed 'Letter to the Clintons' on our website
2. Text of letter which has been E-mailed to you repeatedly over the past years.
3. 'Information Release' The latest which we are sending to TV Magazine shows.
It would be great if you could swing into action before these folks focus on these issues!

12/24
January 20, 2000

The Honorable Richard W. Riley
Secretary of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your kind note, the maps, and your updated requests for next year's budget.

I enjoyed our day together in Arkansas as well, and I'm delighted to see that the America Goes Back to School initiative was so successful. As you know, I agree that strengthening and improving education must remain a top priority in our last year, and I've shared your requests with Jack Lew.

Sincerely, **BILL**

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(l.riley.rw)

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

RICHARD RILEY

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

12/13/99

12/21

Dear Mr. President -

The 2 maps enclosed reflect
The large number of events for our
"America Goes Back to School" initiative.

One map is for your Cabinet & Agency
Heads and the other is for my Ed Dept. folks.

One day in Arkansas was just great.
I was afraid your voice was straining -
Hope you are feeling better - Dick

(2)

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

P.S. - Also, enclosed is an
updated version of my budget
request - I know you realize how
important I think strong education
support is for our final year.

Dick

12-15-99

To Burkhardt for reply?
Yes ☒ No ☐



BETTY -
PER MY MESSAGE,
SECRETARY RILEY →

Sandy Rinck
Special Assistant to the Secretary

SPM

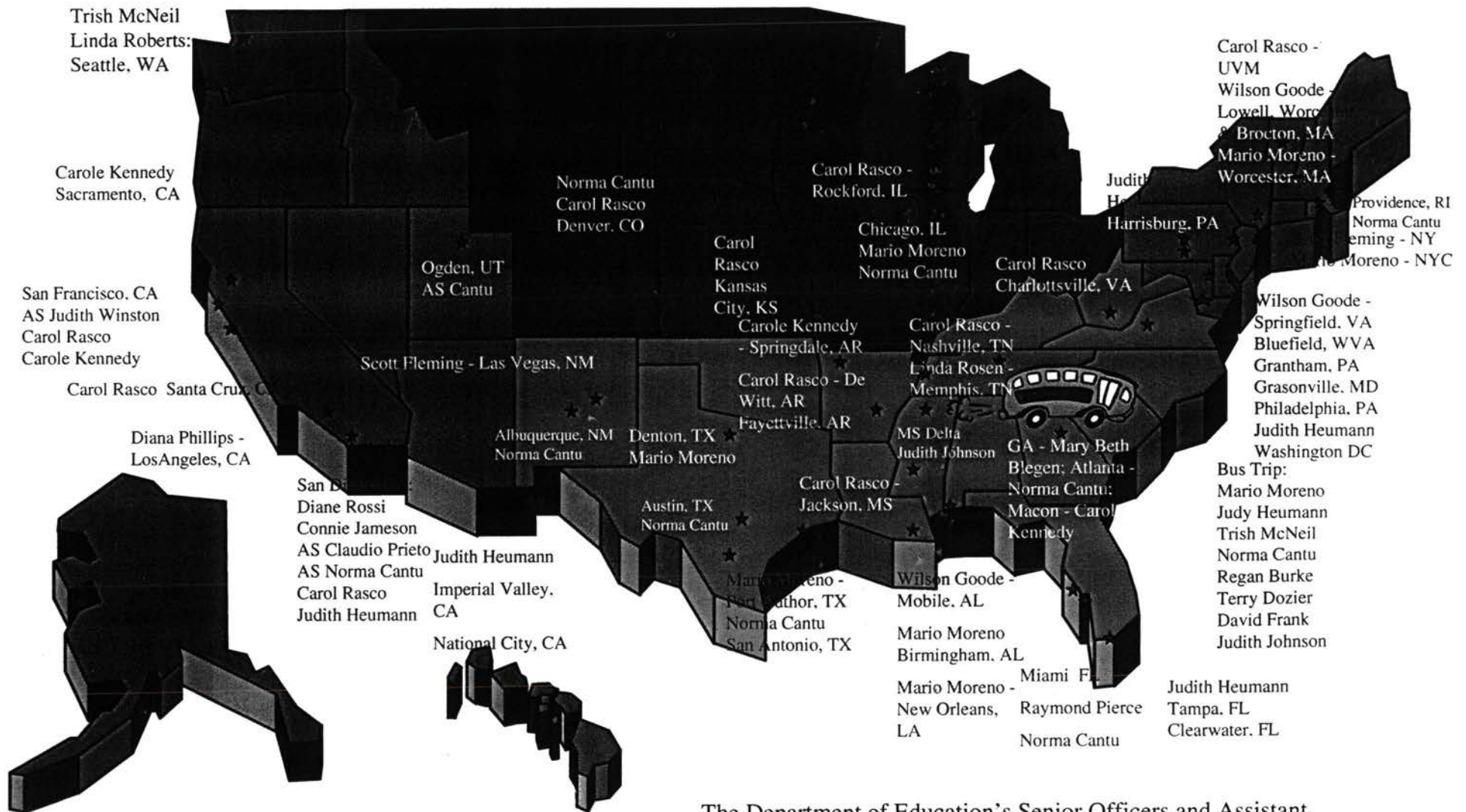
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1999 America Goes Back to School Cabinet and Agency Events

America Goes Back to School

Senior Officer's Travel



The Department of Education's Senior Officers and Assistant Secretaries Participated in Over 100 America Goes Back To School Events Around the Country

ANCHORING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LEGACY IN EDUCATION

Keeping up the Momentum to Lock in the Legacy

- **For the last 7 years you have been America's "Education" President. In this last budget, you have the opportunity to lock in that record. Now is the right time to make a final statement demonstrating your leadership.**
- **This comes at a time when we see a growing concern about high standards as the first results of new high stakes test are reported. This "concern" makes it clear that the standards movement is working. And so this is precisely the right time to make thoughtful new investments that are linked to improved performance to support challenging standards. This is what we promised Democrats we would do as far back as 1993; i.e., use the "results" orientation to bring about needed resources (inputs)**
- **If we fail to continue our momentum in this election cycle, we will hand a powerful weapon to our political opponents. We should not take our lead in defining America's education agenda for granted. Our opponents are getting better and more sophisticated in broadening their message and they were successful, for example, in gaining some political advantage on us in the last Congressional session when it came to special education and increases in Pell Grants.**
- **Now, at this turning point, we should push hard for investments that are linked to performance and complete our unfinished agenda. I believe we must pass "school construction" this year or assume that it will never get done. As you and I discussed we should perhaps think about addressing school "modernization" in a new way. This is why we are developing a \$500 million discretionary proposal for your consideration.**
- **Offsets are available. At least \$2.6 billion in savings from student loans can be used to cover other increased investments in education. The attached chart includes our key priorities.**

12/13/99

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—FY2001 EDUCATION BUDGET PASSBACK AND APPEAL

Selected Education Programs	Current Budget	OMB Passback For FY2001	FY 2001 Appeal Difference From Passback	FY2001 Appeal
(Amounts in Thousands of Dollars)				
IMPROVING TEACHING AND RECRUITING QUALITY TEACHERS				
Teacher Recruitment and Preparation Presidential initiative passed in 1998	\$98,000	\$98,000	+\$102,000	\$200,000
Teaching to High Standards: * Combines Goals 2000, Eisenhower Professional Development, Title VI into President's new ESEA initiative.	\$1,173,000	\$503,000	+\$970,000	\$1,473,000
ACCOUNTABILITY AND HELPING STUDENTS MEET HIGH STANDARDS				
Extra Help in the Basics (Title I LEA Grants) Includes President's accountability initiative passed in 1999 to turn around failing schools.	\$7,941,397	\$8,141,397	+\$366,003	\$8,507,400
Special Education Includes funds for accountability and state improvement efforts.	\$6,036,646	\$6,035,146	+\$603,265	\$6,638,411
21st Century Community Learning Centers Extremely popular after-school and summer program	\$453,710	\$525,000	+\$175,000	\$700,000
COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS				
Pell Grants With this increase, the value of Pell grants will have risen by 50% under the President's watch.	Budget Authority \$7,700,000 [Max Grant: \$3,300]	Budget Authority \$8,180,000 [Max Grant \$3,350]	Budget Authority +\$286,000 [Max Grant +\$150]	Budget Authority \$8,466,000 [Max Grant \$3,500]
SEOG Supplemental grants for low-income students A high priority among college leaders	\$631,000	\$631,000	+\$100,000	\$731,000
TRIO Programs Includes new Presidential initiative for college completion grants.	\$645,000	\$645,000	+\$100,000	\$745,000
GEAR UP Third year of new presidential initiative	\$200,000	\$240,000	+\$60,000	\$300,000
Sub-total:	\$24,878,753	\$24,998,543	+\$2,762,268	\$27,760,811
OTHER CRITICAL INITIATIVES (ie: expanding President's safe schools/healthy students initiative, increasing advanced placement courses, expanding comprehensive school reform models, providing teacher training in bilingual education, expanding President's literacy and civics initiative, providing loan cancellations for teachers.)	\$10,824,482	10,737,692	+\$996,215	\$11,733,907
Total:	\$35,700,000	\$35,700,000	+\$3,800,000	\$39,500,000
School Construction Package: New Discretionary Initiative	--	--	+\$500,000	\$500,000

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IMPROVEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION ARE A TOP PRIORITY FOR CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

1) Education is the top priority for Congress.

If you could tell Congress to focus on just one of the following issues, which would that be?

	All people surveyed
Improving Education	25%
Protecting Social Security	25%
Reforming Health Care	19%
Cutting Taxes	11%
Fighting Crime	8%
Rebuilding national defense	7%
Protecting the environment	5%

Source: Market Strategies and the Feldman Group, reported on October 29, 1999, surveyed 1,000 registered voters.

2) Improving Education: A “high priority” for the President. We find that “improving education and the schools” will be “very important” to 79 percent of Americans when choosing a president next year, more than any other issue. Only 44 percent say “cutting taxes is very important, making it 14th out of 15 issues.

<u>Top 5 issues</u>		<u>Bottom 5 issues</u>	
1. Improving Education	79%	11. Helping Middle Class	61%
2. Handling the Economy	74%	12. Handling Gun Control	56%
3. Managing the Budget	74%	13. Handling Foreign Affairs	54%
4. Handling Crime	71%	14. Cutting Taxes	44%
5. Protecting Social Security	68%	15. Campaign Finance Reform	30%

Source: ABC NEWS poll, released on September 5, 1999



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January 20, 2000

The Honorable Robert Krueger
Post Office Box 311717
New Braunfels, Texas 78131-1717

Dear Bob:

I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet with you recently. It was with deep regret that I accepted your resignation as Ambassador to Botswana, and I want to thank you once again for your many contributions to my Administration and to our nation.

Throughout your distinguished tenure, you provided exemplary representation for the United States both in Botswana and Burundi. You articulated our interests with vision while consistently providing policymakers in Washington with clear direction on how best to accomplish our goals. Whether helping the people of Burundi address the tragic effects of mass violence or assisting the people of Botswana in building the strongest democracy in Africa, your dedicated efforts will have a lasting, positive effect in Central and Southern Africa.

You can also take great pride in your work as an advocate for U.S. economic and commercial interests, particularly your contributions as Special Representative to the Southern African Development Community. By encouraging economic reform in Burundi and Botswana and by promoting trade and investment opportunities for U.S. businesses, you have exemplified the finest standards of overseas diplomacy.

As you begin this new chapter in your life, Hillary and I send our best to you, Kathleen, Mariana, Sarah, and Christian for every happiness.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON 

BC/WMW/SH/DWB/ws-lynn-efr
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11-24-99

ROBERT KRUEGER

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Embassy of the United States of America

Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

November 16, 1999

cc: NSC? Y ☒ N ☐

Scheduling? Y ☒ N ☐

Podesta ☒

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Original
in your
"In Box"

Copy to
Podesta
Street

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to offer my resignation as Ambassador to Botswana, to be effective at your pleasure. But I am also writing, as I complete 5-1/2 years of service and two ambassadorships as your representative, to request a brief meeting with you before taking my leave.

I would hope that our brief meeting might touch on five things:

(1) I want to express in person my thanks for your appointing me as Ambassador to Burundi and Botswana. Serving as my country's representative and your personal emissary has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and has brought life-changing experiences for my family and me, for which we will always be grateful. A letter seems too remote for the gratitude we feel.

(2) Burundi. Five years ago you and I met in the Oval Office and looked at photos I had of a Burundian whose face had been clubbed featureless. You asked "Bob, what can we do?" and then responded affirmatively to my suggestions. But with 280,000 people in the last month placed by the ruling Burundi Army in concentration camps, I believe the world can do more at this time.

(3) Botswana. If Burundi is one of Africa's greatest failures, Botswana is one of its greatest successes. I can suggest some reasons why.

(4) Southern African Development Community (SADC). Another of my good fortunes in your administration was Secretary Albright's naming me as her Special Representative to SADC, a 14-nation community comprising 200 million people. One nation, the Republic of South Africa, accounts for 72% of the region's economic production. But even South Africa's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is equivalent only to that of Minnesota. And the GDP of the remaining 13 nations, with over 150 million people, is equivalent only to the GDP of Arkansas. America's economic and political power can, however, be harnessed to assist in pulling these nations into the economic mainstream.

The President
November 16, 1999
Page Two

(5) I want to tell you a little about the Research Fellowship at Merton College, Oxford, which I will be taking in January, 2000, so that Kathleen and I can write a book on Burundi.

Finally, let me conclude by reporting a comment made by Lt. General Merafhe, the Foreign Minister of Botswana, as I was leaving a meeting with him almost a year ago. He said, "How is my friend Bill Clinton doing? You know, we Africans think he is the best President the United States has ever had." The visit that you and Mrs. Clinton made to Africa continues to have positive reverberations, as does the simple truth that Africans believe deeply that the Clintons care about Africa as has no other President before. I share their belief, and thank you for it.

It would be a great pleasure to conclude my service in your administration with a personal meeting. I shall be in Washington from December 10 - 18, and could, of course, meet at any time convenient for you. I look forward to hearing from your staff if this might be possible.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Krueger", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Krueger
U.S. Ambassador to Botswana

Address until December 6:
American Embassy, Gaborone, Botswana
Telephone: (267) 353-982 or 357-111
Fax: (267) 353-238



Embassy of the United States of America

Gaborone, Botswana
November 16, 1999

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Mr. Kris Engskov
The White House
1st Floor, West Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Engskov:

Before President Clinton visited Botswana during his triumphal African tour last year, I wrote him a letter describing some of the people he would meet. I had sent the letter by way of Kirk Hanlin to be sure that it reached the President -- which it did. Kirk later mentioned to me that you are with the President more regularly than he, and that if I had a message that I wanted to be certain to reach the President, he suggested I ask your help.

That's what I am doing now.

My letter, as you will see, requests a very brief meeting following the conclusion of my service as U.S. Ambassador to Burundi and Botswana. The President and I have known one another for some years, and knew of one another well before I served in the U.S. Senate or as ambassador.

If you might deliver my letter to the President requesting a brief appointment between December 10-18, I would be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Krueger", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert Krueger
U.S. Ambassador to Botswana

12/21
January 20, 2000

Ms. Jane Smith
R. Max Abbott Middle School
590 Winding Creek Road
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305

Dear Jane:

I recently learned about your decision to donate a kidney to your student, Michael Carter, and I want you to know how moved I was by your selflessness.

I am impressed not only by your actions, but also by your faith and generous spirit. You truly reflect America's fundamental values of community, responsibility, and compassion.

Hillary and I are keeping you, Michael, and both of your families in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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A Teacher's Gift? Why, Most Certainly 12/21

By EMILY YELLIN

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Dec. 17 — Jane Smith, a middle school teacher in Fayetteville, N.C., was always telling Michael Carter, a student of hers, to pull up his baggy pants. What Ms. Smith did not know was that Michael suffered from kidney disease and that the illness, and resulting dialysis, left him routinely sore.

So when she complained once too often about those pants, "finally he got exasperated with me," Ms. Smith recalled, "and said: 'I can't. I'm on dialysis. I need a kidney transplant.' And I said: 'Well, I have two. Do you want one?'"

That extraordinary offer led the 14-year-old Michael and the 42-year-old Ms. Smith to the University of North Carolina Hospitals on Thursday to prepare for transplant surgery. Michael is to get his new kidney, and Ms. Smith is to add organ donor to the roles she already has in his life, as his teacher for both home room and general science.

The operation, which had been scheduled for today, was postponed after Michael developed a low-grade fever. The antibiotics that he is being given at the hospital to fight the infection, so far of undetermined cause, meant that he could not be given immune suppressant drugs that transplant patients receive to ensure that their bodies will not reject the new organ.

But the delay is only a minor setback to Michael and his parents, Richard and Deborah Evans, who have learned to endure a lot more.

"This too shall pass," Mrs. Evans said today.

Michael, the second of five children in his family, was found to have kidney disease when he was only 16 months old. At 13 years, one kidney stopped functioning entirely. He has been receiving dialysis ever since.

For more than a year, a donor was sought from among Michael's

friends and relatives. But medical tests failed to find a match.

Then, soon after the beginning of the current school year, Ms. Smith, an eighth-grade teacher at R. Max Abbott Middle School in Fayetteville, learned of Michael's illness.

"I instantly knew that this was something I could do," she said, "that there was no pain I could suffer that would be as great as what Michael was going through."

After a battery of tests and many anxious moments, teacher and student were told that they were a match, and the surgery was scheduled to coincide with the school's Christmas break.

Ms. Smith, the divorced mother of

An ailing boy finds a kidney donor. It's his teacher.

a 12-year-old boy, says she has never had second thoughts about her decision. Michael's illness "is holding him back," she said. "He's got a good mind, and he's got the desire. But he just hasn't had the physical energy to follow through."

Mrs. Evans is still stunned by Ms. Smith's generosity.

"I've never had anyone to reach out like that," she said, "someone outside my family. It says a lot. No matter what you're going through, no matter how difficult the situation may appear, there is an answer out there. You just have to be patient."

That Michael is black and Ms. Smith white has also inspired many, not only people here in North Caroli-

na but also those across the country who have seen reports about the two of them on national television.

Through it all, though, Ms. Smith has played down her role, saying she hopes the story will simply call attention to the need for organ donations.

"In this world you need to realize that there's a bond," she said. "There's a connection between you and everybody else you see."

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Evans are both devout Baptists, and say their religious faith has helped them through the experience.

"God chose us together," Mrs. Evans said, "to accomplish his purpose" — to extend Michael's life and raise consciousness about organ donating.

Ms. Smith — now back in Fayetteville, 60 miles to the south, waiting for the surgery's new date — says that when she found out in October that she was a match for Michael, she spoke to her own son first.

"I told him I was not going to be taken away from him because of it," she said, "and that Michael had a need, and this was something that was a miracle that we could fix."

As for Mrs. Evans, she reacted to news of the match by going to the school, finding Ms. Smith and sharing a hug.

"It was like our whole soul became one," she said.

Then, Mrs. Evans says, she offered up special prayers.

"I said to the Lord, 'Thank you for that lady, thank you for Jane Smith.' I was so grateful, but I was getting bold with the Lord. I was getting tough. I said: 'Don't you ever let her want for anything, Lord. Don't even let her want for a Kleenex. God, don't you let her tire go flat.'"

"I mean, I was going down the list, because I couldn't ever repay her enough for what she had done."

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1999

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1999

MR. PRESIDENT:

We thought you would find this article of interest and will have a letter prepared for your signature.

Lisel Loy *LL*

12-18-99

Dan -

Please have a letter prepared per Sean's request.

Thanks - S.C.

12/22
January 20, 2000

Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum
345 North Rockingham Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90049-2635

Dear Stanley:

Thanks for your letter regarding Elian Gonzalez.
I value your counsel, and I'm always glad to
know your views. You're a good friend.

Your continued thoughtfulness and support mean
a lot to me, and I send my best wishes for the
coming year. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

BILL

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**Stanley K. Sheinbaum**

12/22

20 December, 1999

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
12-21-99

President Bill Clinton
The White House—West Wing
Via Fax

Dear Bill,

I think I could provide both an infinity of reasons as to why the US should return Elian Gonzalez, the six-year old Cuban kid, to his father in Havana and a similar inventory on why we should not. I come down strongly on the side of doing it and doing it soon. My major reason is you. You have developed a reputation that so much of your foreign policy thinking and instinct is based on your own humanitarian tendencies. Not to send the boy back to his father will put a dent in that reputation, and I hate to see that happen especially now.

Furthermore leaving it in the hands of the bureaucratic negotiators and those like the Florida Cubans who would like to politicize the issue would only slow down the process.

I urge that you take quick action and get it done or else the aforesaid groups will mount campaigns that will make a quick decision by you all the more difficult.

I am told, although I have not seen it myself, that an NBC poll has about 65% of Americans favoring sending him home. I know the figure will not be as high for political people partially because there is a lot of Miami Cuban money being tossed around.

12-21-99

Do it. You'll feel better, and I'll feel better.

Warmly,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
SKS/kc

cc: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Samuel Berger
Morton Halperin

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒
No ☐

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January 20, 2000

* 1/10 reply

Mr. John D. Correnti
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Birmingham Steel Corporation
Post Office Box 1208
Birmingham, Alabama 35201-1208

Dear John:

Thanks for writing about the situation at your Memphis plant. Although there are early signs of recovery in some areas of the steel industry, I regret that many workers, communities, and companies are still facing hardship.

I am in the final stages of a decision on the steel wire rod trade case. I am working to make the best decision possible, and I'm glad you're staying in touch.

Sincerely, 

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

January 10, 2000

Mr. John D. Correnti
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
Birmingham Steel Corporation
Post Office Box 1208
Birmingham, Alabama 35201-1208

Dear John:

Congratulations on becoming Chairman and CEO of Birmingham Steel. That's really great news, and I'm proud of you.

I've read your letter about steel wire rod imports, and I share your concerns about the impact of increased imports on U.S. industry. The Section 201 case is very complex, and the ITC sent me an evenly divided recommendation. I have requested additional information, and I want you to know that I am working toward a final decision that is right for our workers, our producers, and our economy.

I expect to have a decision in the near future, and I want you to stay in touch. Thanks for making me aware of your concerns.

Sincerely,

BILL

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JOHN CORRENTI

12/8

12-8-99

Ex-Nucor chief new Birmingham CEO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Birmingham Steel Corp. said former Nucor Corp. head John Correnti replaced Robert Garvey as chief executive, ending a three-month campaign to oust Garvey that was waged by a Correnti-led shareholder group.

Birmingham Steel, a maker of steel bars used in highway and building construction, agreed to let Correnti's United Company Shareholder Group pick nine of the new board's 12 members.

The shareholders have claimed that Garvey managed Birmingham Steel poorly in his four years there. Garvey, who also was chairman, has blamed previous management for the company's performance.

The United group said Tuesday that investors holding a majority of shares had given it consent to take control of the company. Birmingham Steel, based in Birmingham, lost \$224.2 million on sales of \$709.9 million in the fiscal year ended June 30.

Correnti resigned from Nucor, the No. 2 U.S. steel maker, in June after a dispute with the company's board. (Bloomberg News)

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BIRMINGHAM STEEL CORPORATION

December 7, 1999

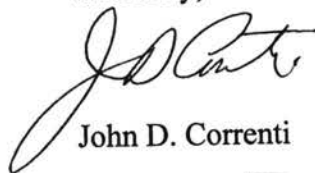
The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As I assume the Chairmanship of Birmingham Steel Corporation, and forge a strategy to turn the company around, we face staggering levels of wire rod imports. These imports are having profoundly negative impact on Birmingham's operations. We have some of the most modern facilities in the world, yet losses in our wire rod operations tripled this year and we are operating at less than half of capacity. This entire industry is deteriorating day-by-day. Your prompt, favorable action in the industry's Section 201 case is urgently needed. The industry and its hard working, loyal, dedicated workers deserve a decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


John D. Correnti

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January 14, 2000

Mr. Red Cavaney
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Petroleum Institute
1220 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4070

Dear Red:

I recently learned about the voluntary actions being taken by the members of the American Petroleum Institute to address global climate change, and I want to commend you for your leadership in this vital endeavor.

You have my heartfelt appreciation for your constructive efforts, and I want to assure you that my Administration remains committed to working with the oil and gas industry to meet the challenge of global climate change. Please share my best wishes with everyone at the American Petroleum Institute.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON A

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 3, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROGER BALLENTINE

RE:

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLY

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Climate Change

Press, Science and Industry.

Your "Greening of the White House" initiative drew wide coverage, highlighted by the 6-minute CBS Early Show segment with Bob Vila, which aired on Thursday. Later that morning, Secretary Richardson and Administrator Browner officially released the report in the Roosevelt Room, with coverage by the *Washington Post*, *AP*, *Reuters*, *C-SPAN* and other outlets. The Cabinet members were joined by executives of Phillips Lighting, Home Depot, Whirlpool, Sears, and Maytag, each of whom pledged new promotions for energy efficient home products while reiterating our central message – that average Americans can save money and help fight global warming by taking the same steps at home that we have taken at the White House.

✓ The *Washington Post* (12/3) ran a front page story on a study reported in the journal *Science*, which found that the Arctic ice cap may be melting as a result of global warming – the latest in a series of studies reaching this conclusion. Since the ice is floating, the melting does not affect sea levels, but the study "strongly suggests that the observed decrease in Northern Hemisphere sea ice extent is related to human-caused global warming."

✓ *Nature* (12/2) reported on a new study showing that the Earth's average temperature can change dramatically over just a few decades. In particular, the study noted that 12,000 years ago, when the Earth was emerging from the last ice age, gradual warming across the globe was interrupted by a sudden return to ice-age conditions. New evidence suggests that changes in ocean circulation were responsible. "The findings hint that environmental changes that alter circulation in the North Atlantic -- a possible corollary of global warming caused by greenhouse gases -- can have a rapid and profound impact on climate."

✓ In a significant shift in policy, the American Petroleum Institute this week hosted a conference on voluntary actions by the oil and gas industry to address climate change. API President Red Cavanaugh stated that "[w]e cannot wait for all the answers to begin taking action . . . inaction is not an option."

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New Initiatives

We will soon have a new Executive Order in OMB clearance aimed at the reducing the petroleum consumption and increasing the efficiency of the federal agency automotive fleet. This order will, of course, provide another key piece in your overall efforts to have the federal government lead the way in reducing emissions and saving money.

We are also working hard to finalize an initiative that responds to your instructions given in reaction to the PCAST "Powerful Partnerships" report. This "Clean Energy for the 21st Century" initiative would focus on policies and programs that will promote U.S. trade and help developing countries choose an energy growth path that is clean, as well as reliable and cost effective. As this is an enormous potential market, it poses tremendous opportunities for U.S. businesses and U.S. workers.

cc: The Vice President
John Podesta
Martin Baily
Maria Echaveste
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Gene Sperling
Larry Stein
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12/21
January 14, 2000

The Honorable Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding priorities for the fiscal 2001 federal budget. The Office of Management and Budget is reviewing funding requests, and I have forwarded your correspondence to my Budget Director Jack Lew for careful consideration.

As we continue to maintain our commitment to fiscal responsibility while making critical investments for the future of our nation, I will keep your recommendations in mind. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2797

December 17, 1999

FRANK O'BANNON
GOVERNOR

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

As you begin to finalize your Fiscal Year 2001 budget proposal, I would like to thank you for your leadership in helping to protect major federal-state programs in the current year's budget. These programs have proven invaluable in providing resources to states to assist low-income families and disabled citizens, protect the general public, and make infrastructure improvements that will keep our economies strong and enhance the quality of our environment. I am also grateful for your administration's leadership and ongoing efforts to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget. At this time, I would like to share with you some general concerns about next year's budget, as well as some specific issues of significance to Indiana.

Major Federal-State Programs

First and foremost, I urge the administration to maintain or increase its commitment to the major federal-state programs described below.

SSBG

As you know, as part of the 1996 welfare reform agreement, Congress made a commitment to Governors that Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) would be level-funded at \$2.38 billion each year. While your FY 2000 budget provided for this amount, Congress reduced SSBG funding to \$1.7 billion, with \$425 million of that amount being held until September 29, 2000. I urge that your budget again protect this vital program and provide full funding.

TANF

Likewise, I urge you to again maintain the federal government's commitment to states and protect Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and provide full funding. The concept of the block grant was to provide a stable source of funding for public assistance and support services required to move adults capable of working into jobs.

Medicaid

I remain greatly concerned about any potential reduction of the federal government's financial commitment to the Medicaid program and urge you to direct administration officials to work in consultation with states to address any concerns about cost allocation issues involving the TANF program. As you know, in recent years, states have been asked to take on more responsibility to ensure that patients in nursing homes covered by Medicaid receive proper care. Many states, including Indiana, have also been working to provide more community-based placements for developmentally disabled persons. In addition, Indiana and other states have greatly increased their children's enrollment in Medicaid/CHIP programs.

CHIP

I know your administration is committed to reducing the number of uninsured children. In Indiana, we have already committed a substantial amount of our tobacco settlement dollars towards Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to ensure that Hoosier children have health insurance and better access to quality health care. I therefore urge the Administration to continue its support of the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Workforce Investment Act State Formula Grants

I also urge that your budget at least maintain existing funding commitments to the Adult Training, Year-Round Youth, and Dislocated Worker programs now included as part of the Workforce Investment Act. As states work towards improving access to job training and support services for all citizens seeking employment opportunities or additional training, the demand for such services is also increasing.

Child Care

I commend you for your laudable accomplishments in expanding child care assistance and promoting child care quality initiatives. I urge your administration to continue your efforts and hope that any new initiatives will build upon current federal programs to minimize the need for duplicative administrative oversight and redundancy.

CDBG

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) represents one of the most successful and popular federal-state-local programs. I urge your administration to continue to support this important program, which has served as a backbone for improving neighborhoods and communities, without reducing the share of funding devoted to non-entitlement communities.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

As you know, this program provides the necessary dollars for states to assist localities in implementing a range of water quality infrastructure projects, including the repair and replacement of outdated wastewater treatment facilities. Increased funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund would also help state and local governments to address problems associated with non-point-source water pollution and combined sewer overflows.

Highway Trust Fund

The significant increase in federal investment in our national transportation infrastructure achieved through the passage of the TEA-21 legislation has helped Indiana to move forward on many critically important projects and also helped to increase funding parity between states. In developing final FY 2001 budget plans, I urge that your administration not divert resources provided under the TEA-21 law to other purposes. Doing so would reduce the effectiveness of this program and could lead to an unraveling of the careful balance of interests negotiated in this landmark legislation. I note that in recent years Indiana has increased its own investments in transportation through the Crossroads 2000 initiative, which I proposed to our state legislature.

Criminal Justice

Two criminal justice programs of great importance to the State of Indiana are the Violent Offender Incarceration and Byrne Formula grant programs. The former provides financial assistance to states to help keep violent offenders safely locked away. The latter provides states with assistance that can be used to develop creative strategies for addressing emerging crime prevention and control issues. I also strongly support your efforts to continue the federal government's commitment to helping put more police on our nation's streets through the COPS program. My administration implemented a similar state-level program that has provided our communities with enormous benefits and I applaud your leadership on this issue. The COPS program is also helping to provide funding for a new local law enforcement communications system in Indiana. I also urge you to provide resources to help upgrade communications technology for law enforcement agencies at all levels of government.

Education

I am grateful for the increased investments in education that your administration has successfully advocated in recent years. In Indiana, we are especially pleased with the funding you have secured for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). This initiative is supporting our efforts to provide mentoring for thousands of low- and moderate-income students so that they can go to college and achieve their educational and career goals. We also appreciate the increased flexibility provided with new funding for the class-size reduction program, which allows states like Indiana, which have had state class-size initiatives in place, some additional flexibility to provide more teacher training and development services. I encourage your administration to continue to work with governors to provide additional resources to improve public schools in a manner that targets federal funds on the schools and students most in need and assures accountability, but is not overly prescriptive or bureaucratic.

Other Budget Issues of Importance to Indiana

I would also like to advocate funding for several programs and projects of significance for Indiana.

White River/Central Waterfront Project

The State of Indiana and the City of Indianapolis have been collaborating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address water resource issues on the White River in

Indiana. A key component of this effort is the Central Waterfront project on the urban reach of the river. This multi-purpose project will enhance flood control features, improve the retaining walls along the river's banks, further the development of an urban state park, including the redevelopment of the former Beveridge Paper plant site, and provide public access to the river and adjoining water resources.

I would hope that your budget could include as least \$10 million for the Corps of Engineers to carry out this critical infrastructure project, which is a high priority for my administration.

Indiana National Guard

As you may know, the 1997 recommendation of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) proposed a reduction of the Army National Guard by 12,500 soldiers in the FY 2001 budget request. It is my understanding that Secretary of Defense William Cohen is considering proposing this reduction in his FY 2001 budget request. I stand opposed to any end strength or force reduction for the Army National Guard and have written separately to Secretary Cohen on this issue.

In addition to protecting overall Guard force numbers, I am hopeful that your budget proposal can also accommodate two specific Indiana National Guard capital improvement projects. The first project request is \$4.7 million for a battle simulation center at Camp Atterbury. The second project would require \$9.25 million for removal and repair of the airfield pavement at the Air National Guard's station at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AML) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

These two funding sources are extremely important to Indiana in terms of restoring and protecting the State's natural resources.

AML fees collected from coal mining companies, which are used to pay for environmental restoration projects associated with abandoned mines throughout the state, are being collected in a federal trust fund. As you may know, a large portion of this funding is currently being held back to offset other federal expenditures. I support increased funding for the AML and restoration of the trust fund balances to their intended purposes.

I also support increased funding for the LWCF. I appreciate your administration's successful effort to win approval of \$40 million of state grants in this year's budget. This is an important step in providing states with the necessary capital to protect and restore public lands. Indiana is unique in the fact that the overwhelming majority of our LWCF dollars are funneled directly to local parks and recreation projects.

Brownfields

As controversies over continued urban sprawl and land use policies continue, redevelopment of brownfield sites represents a promising economic development strategy. The State of Indiana has many industrial sites that could benefit from increased brownfields investment. While Indiana has already established its own state revolving loan fund, additional federal resources for redevelopment would be welcomed.

C-130J

I would also like to express my support for the inclusion of \$150 million in Air Force funding and \$75 million in Navy funding for the C-130J aircraft in the FY 2001 Defense Budget. This aircraft has both national and local importance.

As you may know, the C-130 has been the workhorse of the military's tactical airlift fleet, serving as the only tactical short-range cargo plane of the Army, Air Force and Marines. It was used extensively during the recent NATO campaign in the Balkans. However, more than half of the current fleet of combat delivery C-130's is 30 years old or older. It is my understanding that the new C-130J model has a number of significant improvements in range and operational capabilities than the current model, making the C-130J not only more efficient but also more cost effective, with lower maintenance and operations costs.

The C-130 also plays a significant role in the economy of Indiana. Rolls-Royce Allison in Indianapolis, which manufactures the AE2100 turboprop engines used in the C-130, employs more than 5,000 Hoosiers and is the third largest employer in Indianapolis. The continued production of the C-130J is critical to their livelihood.

Amtrak

I join many of my fellow governors in supporting an increased appropriation for Amtrak, which would help the railroad to make additional capital improvements and allow for investment in high-speed rail. Indiana is home to Amtrak's Beech Grove maintenance facility, which has played a vital role in supporting our nation's passenger rail system. My state also includes one of the nationally designated high-speed rail corridors and we are in the process of considering the development of high-speed service on this route. Amtrak is currently funded \$468 million below its authorized level and I believe a significant increase is justified. I must, however, make clear that I cannot support this increased level of funding at the expense of existing commitments to our national highway program.

NIST

Lastly, the Indiana Bureau of Manufacturing Technology is in line to receive \$2- 3 million under the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). I would hope that your budget includes funding for the MEP so that NIST can maintain its commitment to helping small manufacturers succeed and thus provide Indiana business with a fair share of federal assistance.

I hope that you and your colleagues will give each of these recommendations the serious consideration I believe they merit.

Sincerely,


Frank O'Bannon

11/23
January 10, 2000

Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson
LBJ Ranch
Stonewall, Texas 78671

Dear Lady Bird:

Thank you so much for your letter. I share your deep appreciation and regard for the Secret Service -- its unwavering commitment to my safety and to that of my family has meant more to me than I can say. In the case that you mention, I want you to know that the Justice Department has concluded that the court's interpretation is reasonable, and we have decided not to contest the decision in favor of the retired agents.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope that you are well. Hillary and I send our best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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No ☐

NOVEMBER 3, 1999

216 J Ranch
Stonewall, Texas
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF 500-PLUS RETIRED SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND THOSE ACTIVE DUTY AGENTS WHO BEGAN WORKING FOR THE SECRET SERVICE PRIOR TO 1984. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR MY HELP IN TRYING TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE WITH THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT THAT HAS BEEN ON-GOING SINCE DECEMBER OF 1995.

MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THE AGENTS FILED SUIT IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AFTER TREASURY REFUSED TO MAKE THE REQUIRED ADJUSTMENT IN THE RETIRED AGENTS' ANNUITIES FOLLOWING A PAY INCREASE RECEIVED BY ACTIVE DUTY AGENTS IN 1994. SINCE THAT TIME, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE STANLEY SPORKIN HAS ISSUED TWO SUMMARY JUDGMENT RULINGS IN FAVOR OF THE RETIRED AGENTS. TREASURY HAS APPEALED THESE RULINGS ON ONE OCCASION AND HAS INDICATED THAT THEY INTEND TO AGAIN APPEAL THE RULING.

MR. PRESIDENT, AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF FOR MANY YEARS. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO OCCUPY THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE LOYALTY AND DEDICATION OF THESE AGENTS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED AT AN EARLY TIME IN FAVOR OF

**THE MANY OUTSTANDING AGENTS WHO HAVE SERVED THE
INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY SO ABLY, FAITHFULLY AND
COURAGEOUSLY. I BELIEVE THEM HIGHLY DESERVING OF THE SAME
LOYALTY FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY HAVE EXHIBITED
THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS.**

WITH MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ATTENTION,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lady Bird Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text "WITH MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ATTENTION,".

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20500**

**CC: TREASURY SECRETARY LAWRENCE SUMMERS
ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO
SOLICITOR GENERAL SETH WAXMAN**

January 8, 2000

Ms. Jan L. Paschal
Office of the Secretary's
Regional Representative
Region I
Department of Education
Room 540
J.W. McCormack Post Office
and Courthouse
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Dear Ms. Paschal:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for updating him about "Every Child Is Ours."

The President is deeply touched and gratified by your request for a quote. I regret to inform you, however, that he is unable to comply with your request.

Thank you for understanding, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Burkhardt
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

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cc: Leslie Thornton, Office of the Secretary,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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December 15, 1999

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I would like to ask for your help with a brochure I am writing to community leaders, asking them to join our "Every Child Is Ours" program.

As you know, "Every Child Is Ours" is a program for communities who want to share the resources they have with other American schoolchildren who are not as fortunate. It complements your "America Reads" initiative by asking organizations to collect the basic supplies a child needs to read and write – supplies like pens, paper, and schoolbooks – and to send them to a poorer community.

To date, "Every Child Is Ours" has coordinated the donation of more than 2 million books and countless truckloads of school supplies to communities like Del Rio, Texas; Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Mattapan, Massachusetts; and Arkadelphia and Beebe, Arkansas. Some of these communities need these supplies after a natural disaster; some need them because their families are too poor to afford these most basic tools for their children.

Mr. President, we would like you to continue supporting our program by giving us a quote about the necessity of everyone taking responsibility for American children and a picture we can use for our brochure. Your continued endorsement of "Every Child Is Ours" will allow us to reach even more communities and help even more children learn to read.

Sincerely,

Jan Paschal
 Secretary's Regional Representative

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****REGION I****OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY'S REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE****J.W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse, Room 540****Boston, MA 02109****Tel: (617) 223-9317****Fax: (617) 223-9324****TO:**Ms. Mary Morrison**FAX NUMBER:**202-456-6703**DATE:**15 December 1999**NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER SHEET):**2**FROM:**

Danielle V. Crosby, Public Affairs Officer

Direct Phone: (617) 223-4851

MESSAGE:Good afternoon, Mary!Jan Paschal will be calling
to follow this up. The President supports
her program "Every Child Is Ours" and
we'd like his help...Thank you!Danielle

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January 5, 2000

Mr. Cecil Haynes
Panama City

Dear Cecil:

I recently learned of your extraordinary tenure at the Panama Canal Commission, and I want to congratulate you on your distinguished record of service. The Panama Canal remains one of the great engineering marvels of the world, and as one who has helped to sustain this incredible structure over the years, you have earned the abiding gratitude of the American people.

I want you to know that if you and your wife intend to be in Washington in the near future, you should contact Ms. Nancy Hernreich at (202) 456-6610 to arrange a visit to the White House. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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CECIL HAYNES

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By DAVID GONZALEZ

PANAMA, Dec. 13 — The first ship to pass through the Panama Canal and pretty much every one since have glided through the life of Cecil Haynes. He was born one year before the canal was dedicated on Aug. 15, 1914, and has worked for the Panama Canal Commission for 71 years, starting as an office boy in 1926 ferrying papers and filling inkwells.

Now, on the eve of the symbolic transfer of the canal, Mr. Haynes, 86, will assume a special place among the bosses at the reviewing stand as the oldest and longest-serving worker at the canal, if not the federal government as well.

Honors have been coming his way for years. The small office where he works as an inventory management specialist ordering supplies is lined with photos of him with presidents and generals. Last month, he was the standard-bearer at the parade celebrating Panama's independence from Colombia in 1903. He even has his own Coca-Cola commercial, with a lifetime supply, no less.

The plaudits are puzzling to a man who calls himself "a little two-by-four" among the VIP's. The real honors, he said, should go to the other V.I.P.'s — Very Invisible People like his father and thousands of fellow West Indian laborers, whose sweat and sinew carved out the route through stone and jungle.

"I am representing the forgotten workers," he said. "They say I'm famous. Famous for what? Did I go to the moon? No. This is for the men who built the canal, who did something international, with loss of life. If I am being recognized, it is in their memory. I'm famous for them."

He also recognizes them through his memories of an era when immigrant laborers struggled through bruising days in the field and inspiring nights at home. While he and the other blacks lived crowded together in small rooms they built for themselves inside larger wooden buildings, American bureaucrats and technicians in the Canal Zone endured a more leisurely exile with swimming pools, maids and good schools.

His father, James, arrived in Panama from Barbados in 1904, the same year the Americans took over construction of the canal. Mr. Haynes recalled stories his father told him of days when he would come home famished and fatigued, barely able to stay awake to eat, much less relax, after wielding pickaxes and shovels through 10-hour shifts in

drenching rain or blazing sun.

Mr. Haynes was born in Gatun City, near the man-made lake traversed by ships, where his own childhood was humble and hard. Like many Panamanians who saw the disparities between the Americans and the locals, he was bothered by the imperiousness of the Americans in the "zone," the 10-mile strip of land straddling the canal's 50-mile route. In the zone, American manners, laws and expectations prevailed.

"We had to work for them and keep them in the station they were accustomed to," Mr. Haynes said. "We lived in the zone, too, but we were there to help them on the job and off the job. We were not equals."

He looked for work when he turned 14, intent on making life better for himself and his family. He found it as an office boy, working for \$22.50 a month. In the 1940's, he said, labor organizers from the United States came to Panama and helped bring about better working conditions, with increased pay and vacations. Yet, for all the time he put into the job, he

was still doing low-level clerical work when, in 1978, his boss came by to point out that Mr. Haynes had been on the job for a half-century.

All those years inside an office paid off when a public affairs officer came to him looking for a feel-good feature about his record service. Mr. Haynes went back to his boss.

He was jumped several pay grades, he said, and eventually promoted to his current job. Things are better now, for himself and his countrymen. He and his wife, who are childless, sent several nephews to college. They have a nice home nestled on a cul-de-sac. He spoke of the past with some reluctance, not wanting to give the impression that he was ungrateful, but only wanting to remember men long gone.

"I would think the Americans would realize that mistakes were made," Mr. Haynes said. "Had they only treated us a little better and given us some recognition in our own country."

He has received more than his share of recognition from his countrymen. He is a familiar sight in the predawn hours, as he waits for the bus to go to work each day. Strangers shout greetings to him in the street. But he may have less visibility soon. He is talking about retirement, a puzzlingly foreign idea.

"The papers are in," he said. "My wife wants me to retire. The minute

that comes up, she says that I'm not working anymore. But, you know, after doing something for so long, just to break it off like that is difficult."

Almost as difficult as imagining that the national milestone would ever come. He always thought that the Americans would rather go to war than to give up the canal. Now it is being handed over with a simple ceremony that will not even be attended by President Clinton, whom Mr. Haynes has wanted to meet.

"You can't force people to think different," was all he would say about Mr. Clinton's absence.

Mr. Haynes talked about his years at a desk as just as important a contribution to building the canal as the toil of his father's generation.

"This is something they helped build," he said. "They were happy and proud about it. They taught me that I should always feel how they felt, and take as much care of it in their memory. That remained with me as a boy. That is why I am still here today."

But he has had his doubts. They come to him whenever he sees the thick-armed workers at the canal, or the road crews out in the sun.

"Here I am in an office, shuffling papers," he said. "Over the years, I came to the point where if I had to do it all over again, I would not have worked in an office. I'd be out in the field, where people do things."

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Panama Journal

A Canal Celebrity Honors Unheralded Workers

The New York Times

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999