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May 26, 2000

Mr. John Wang
President
Asian American Business
Development Center
12th Floor
30 Wall Street
New York, New York 10005

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Small Business Administration. I'm glad to know your views, and I've forwarded your correspondence to SBA Administrator Alvarez.

As you may know, on May 2, 2000, the SBA announced a partnership agreement with the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD) as part of its national outreach effort to increase Asian American participation in its programs and services. By partnering with CAPACD and other Asian organizations in the areas of finance, business development, and contracting outreach, SBA is working with the Asian American community to help more small firms realize their potential and contribute to our dynamic economy.

In addition, in June of last year I signed an executive order establishing the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which is dedicated to addressing the needs of these groups through increased participation in federal programs. The Initiative established an Interagency Working Group, of which the SBA is a member, and as part of this Initiative, the SBA will develop a plan to better serve the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

As we work to ensure that all Americans benefit from our current progress and prosperity, I hope you will remain involved.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

JOHN WANG

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April 24, 2000

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The President

The White House

BUSINESS

Washington, D.C. 20500

DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. President:

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I wish to call your attention to an important issue which has had a serious negative impact on the Asian American community. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in providing minimal outreach and technical assistance has neglected an important segment of the American small business community.

30 Wall Street, 12th Fl.

New York, NY 10005

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The attached letter and news clip reflect how the SBA's lack of policy direction and programmatic focus with regard to the Asian American community have had a direct negative impact on small businesses.

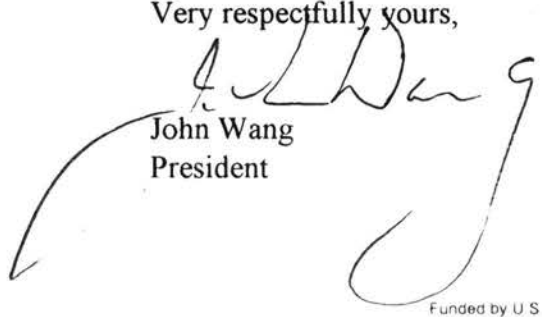
As you know, Asian American small businesses constitute one of the most vibrant and fastest growing segments of the U.S. small business community. Unfortunately, because of cultural, social and economic barriers they have not been able to compete effectively in the mainstream marketplace.

The Asian American Business Development Center, initially funded with a SBA grant in 1994, is one of the strongest advocates of SBA programs and services and has been urging the agency to develop a comprehensive program of outreach and technical assistance to Asian Americans, which the agency itself has concede it is necessary.

I hope you will encourage the SBA to review its existing policies and programs with regard to the needs of the Asian American community and to develop a more balanced and appropriate approach to address these needs.

Please do not hesitate to call on me to discuss how we may address this urgent problem.

Very respectfully yours,


John Wang
President



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February 28, 2000

AMERICAN

Mr. Aubrey A. Rogers

BUSINESS

District Director

DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Small Business Administration

26 Federal Plaza, Room 3100

New York, NY 10278

CENTER

Dear Mr. Rogers:

30 Wall Street, 12th Fl.

I am in receipt of your letter of February 22, 2000 explaining why the Asian American Business Development Center's ("AABDC") "unsolicited" proposal to the SBA for funding to provide technical assistance to Asian American small businesses was rejected.

New York, NY 10005

As you may recall, shortly after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBA/NYDO and AABDC in February 1999, we discussed the need for outreach and technical assistance for Asian American small businesses. We also agreed on how the existing Small Business Development Center network did not adequately address those needs.

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In an effort to fill that gap, you encouraged AABDC to submit a proposal to the SBA, promising that you would seek to obtain SBDC program funding to support such a project. Prior to our submission of the proposal in July of 1999, you reviewed the proposal and upon approval of same, we submitted several sets to you for distribution.

Apparently, your initial attempt to obtain SBDC funding was unsuccessful due to a lack of funding. However, even after the Congress approved the FY 2000 budget there has been no explanation why funding has not been available to support the work of AABDC. Through your introduction and endorsement, I met with SBA's Deputy Administrator Fred Hochberg in Washington, D. C. in October 1999, who promised to give the proposal his support and full consideration. To my dismay, just last month, I received a letter from Associate Administrator Delorice Price-Ford informing me that the proposal had been sent back to the New York District Office for "review and technical evaluation." When I asked you why our proposal, which had been previously reviewed and endorsed by the New York District Office, needed to be again "reviewed and evaluated," you expressed the same perplexity as I did.

In my follow-up discussion with Associate Deputy Administrator James Ballentine regarding the status of the proposal, I was told that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued and that I could resubmit the proposal following the guidelines of the RFP. I was assured that I would receive a copy of the RFP when it becomes available. Although

you recently have indicated to me that the RFP has been issued, we still have not received a copy.

On February 4, NYDO's Assistant District Director Georgia Ellis informed me by letter that AABDC's proposal "did not include sufficient details to show that your proposed work would benefit the New York District Office's overall goals and objectives," and therefore, was not recommended for further consideration. Based on the fact that your office had previously reviewed and endorsed the proposal back in June of 1999, receiving such a letter was rather disheartening.

In rejecting our proposal, references were made that the proposed work would not benefit the "New York District Office's overall goals and objectives" and that we proposed doing work "which the SBDC's and other SBA related entities are charged with doing."

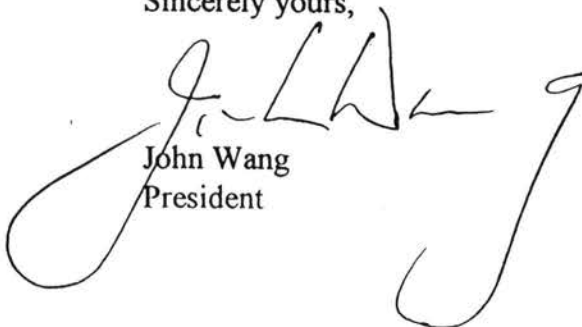
If you recall the AABDC proposal was submitted because we both agreed that the existing programs did not sufficiently serve the Asian American businesses' needs and you agreed that AABDC could better serve that segment of the population. The conclusion of SBA's review clearly contradicted that understanding.

I would like to request that your office provide me with a copy of the 7(j) Management and Technical Assistance Program review guidelines and goals and objectives of the New York District Office so that I have a better understanding of how existing SBA programs are serving Asian American small businesses.

Finally, I should point out that I do not feel "betrayed" by SBA as you have sensed, but I do regret that our many years of cooperation and close working relationship did not translate into an open and straight forward dialogue when come to dealing with the needs of Asian American small businesses. While I appreciate your assurance that SBA has the "utmost respect" for AABDC and the work we have done, I am disappointed that SBA has failed to support an important segment of the small business community.

I look forward to receive information I have requested.

Sincerely yours,



John Wang
President

disparagingly. Someone else called out, "We love you."

Ms. Smith's voice rose with the escalating inspiration of a preacher.

women who were disadvantaged, including those with backgrounds of abuse or poverty.

Every year, she said, some 25 teen-

This was for the adults.

Or, as Molly Hamill, a Teen Voices advertising executive, explained, "It was a school night."

subscriptions to," she said. "I remember closing them and feeling really horrible about myself."

TARA BAHRAPOUR

NEW YORK UP CLOSE

More Asian-American Businesses, Yet Few Seek Loans

For all of New York's famous assertiveness, its Asian-Americans are bringing up the rear when it comes to seeking loans from the federal Small Business Administration.

"The San Francisco and Los Angeles Asian communities are more aggressive than we are in New York," said Justin Yu, secretary of the Better Chinatown Association. "They participate in the political process, apply for government loans and are more involved in the mainstream than we are."

In fact, said Aubrey A. Rogers, the director of the Small Business Administration for 14 downstate coun-

ties, "In New York City S.B.A. loans to Asian-Americans have been going down," even while there has been an increase in new small businesses started by this group.

The agency hopes a new program will reverse the trend. "We are reaching out by going to business organizations that would more readily get to the community," Mr. Rogers said. "They make a translation of our programs in their language, in their newspapers, and get out the word on a more credible basis."

In the past, the agency has conducted such initiatives among African-Americans, women in business

and other groups.

Mr. Rogers said the S.B.A. approved 98 or 99 percent of its applications, which are submitted after a bank has agreed to make the loan. For the 12 months ended September 1998, the S.B.A. approved 359 loans to the New York Asian-American community. But in the following 12 months, the number dropped to 272, despite general agreement that the number of small businesses in that community had increased during that time.

No one knows exactly why these applications for low-interest, federal-guaranteed loans have eroded. Mr.

Rogers said that, given language differences, "We've heard that they are not comfortable talking to the government."

Paul J. Q. Lee, a local businessman, pointed to a practice common among Chinese business people of lending money to each other through loose business confederations. He also mentioned the perceived complexity of Small Business Administration applications.

"I'm a college graduate and a second-generation American, and I have trouble understanding some of those rules," he said.

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locked March 6. There would be more Wednesday night salami cials where the men would n courtesy of a member who wa wholesale butcher. No more bag and cream cheese shared on Saturday mornings while trading st tips and cholesterol levels.

The club, which began for businessmen, evolved into a haven for a generation of men, most of the Jewish, who had fought in Euro and the Pacific and worked near and liked to play handball and take nip of whiskey.

But after losing several court battles in the 1980's that challenged the Y.M.C.A.'s tax-exempt status because of its two-tier membership system, which distinguished between regular members and those who paid extra to belong to the Men's Health and Fitness Clubs, the organization began closing its men's clubs. The club at the McBurney Y, one of the oldest branches in the country, was the city's last.

It wasn't the dilapidated shower that attracted members, or the outdated exercise equipment and the

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May 26, 2000

Mr. Jeffrey G. Saunders
President and Chief Executive Officer
Saunders Hotel Group
18 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3201

Dear Jeff:

I want to commend you for Saunders Hotel Group's recent pledge to become "climate neutral" as a part of the Climate Neutral Network's program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

By joining the growing ranks of corporations that have announced specific greenhouse gas reduction goals, Saunders Hotel Group is helping to meet what I believe is the greatest environmental challenge of this century. Your use of more energy-efficient equipment, combined heat and power technologies, and renewable energy sources will serve as an example to other companies -- and to nations around the world -- that we can take steps to address this challenge in a way that is good for our environment and our economies.

You have my heartfelt appreciation for your participation in this program, and I want to assure you that my Administration remains committed to working with the business community to meet the challenge of global climate change. I look forward to your continued involvement, and I send my best wishes.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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May 26, 2000

Mr. Ray C. Anderson
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Interface, Inc.
Suite 2000
2859 Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Dear Ray:

I want to commend you for Interface's recent pledge to become "climate neutral" as a part of the Climate Neutral Network's program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

By joining the growing ranks of corporations that have announced specific greenhouse gas reduction goals, Interface is helping to meet what I believe is the greatest environmental challenge of this century. Your use of more energy-efficient equipment, combined heat and power technologies, and renewable energy sources will serve as an example to other companies -- and to nations around the world -- that we can take steps to address this challenge in a way that is good for our environment and our economies.

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Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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May 26, 2000

Mr. Robert Schults
President and Chief Executive Officer
Shaklee Companies
4747 Willow Road
Pleasanton, California 94588-2763

Dear Robert:

I want to commend you for Shaklee's recent pledge to become "climate neutral" as a part of the Climate Neutral Network's program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

By joining the growing ranks of corporations that have announced specific greenhouse gas reduction goals, Shaklee is helping to meet what I believe is the greatest environmental challenge of this century. Your use of more energy-efficient equipment, combined heat and power technologies, and renewable energy sources will serve as an example to other companies -- and to nations around the world -- that we can take steps to address this challenge in a way that is good for our environment and our economies.

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Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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April 14, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER BALLENTINE 
RE: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLY

Climate Change

Press, Science and Industry

 Three large U.S. corporations announced that they have become "Climate Neutral", as part of a program organized by the non-profit group the "Climate Neutral Network" (4/12). Shaklee, Interface and Saunders Hotels pledged to become climate "neutral" by reducing their emissions and investing in "offsets" to their emissions. Examples of their certified offsets include energy efficiency investments in schools in Portland, OR and solar rural electrification investments in Sri Lanka. "Clearly, we believe the dialogue on global climate change must move from conversation to demonstration . . . [o]ur actions must speak as loudly as our words," affirmed Robert Schults, President and CEO of Shaklee.

Summed
up his letters
to CEOs of these 3

Outbreaks of dengue fever will continue to increase across the Americas in the 21st century -- and spread in range because of global warming--unless governments take action, according to a report issued by the Ninth International Congress on Infectious Diseases (4/12). Warmer temperatures will increase the range of the dengue-carrying *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito and thus the disease, the panel said. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported the number of cases of dengue fever worldwide doubled from about 364,000 in 1998 to more than 741,000 in 1999.

Legislative

Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) is holding an April 20 press conference in Kansas to announce his introduction of two carbon sequestration bills. The first bill would establish a pilot domestic incentives program for carbon sequestration on agricultural lands (similar to the Conservation Reserve Program), as well as an international carbon sequestration crediting program. The second bill would go beyond awarding credits, and would give real financial benefits (e.g. tax credits) for international sequestration activities. Minority Leader Daschle (D-SD) is expected to be the lead cosponsor on one or both bills.

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Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) spoke at the USDA Earth Day event on the Mall on Thursday, and led the crowd in a chant: "Carbon in the air -- bad! Carbon in the soil -- good!" (!!)

Senate Energy Committee Chairman Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member Bingaman (D-NM) reportedly will introduce separate energy security/energy policy legislative packages after the Easter recess. The Chairman's package is expected to include ANWR drilling, domestic production incentives, and tax incentives for additional storage in the Northeast. The Democratic package will be based on S.1833, the Energy Security Tax Act introduced by Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) last year, but will also include marginal well production incentives. We are seeking to include all of your climate change tax incentives provisions in the Democratic bill.

International

Climate change was the top item on the agenda at the G-8 Environment Ministers meeting last weekend. European and Japanese ministers pushed hard for a communique pledging ratification of the Kyoto Protocol by 2002. (France recently took the political steps necessary to ratify the Protocol, and will likely become the first industrialized country to do so soon.) European ministers also pushed hard for "concrete ceilings" limiting the right to use emissions trading, while voicing considerable skepticism about the seriousness of U.S. efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions to date. Other G-8 countries made clear that they do not believe "developing country participation" is a priority for this round of negotiations. In general, the meeting suggested that COP-6 (November 13-24, 2000) will be very challenging.

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TOM UDALL
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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TRADE on PAGE A2



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SIT DOWN: A pair of global trade protesters sit in front of a police line as demonstrations continue in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

Rural Net Pla

■ Clinton expected to unveil
technology initiative during
Navajo Nation visit today

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
Journal Politics Writer

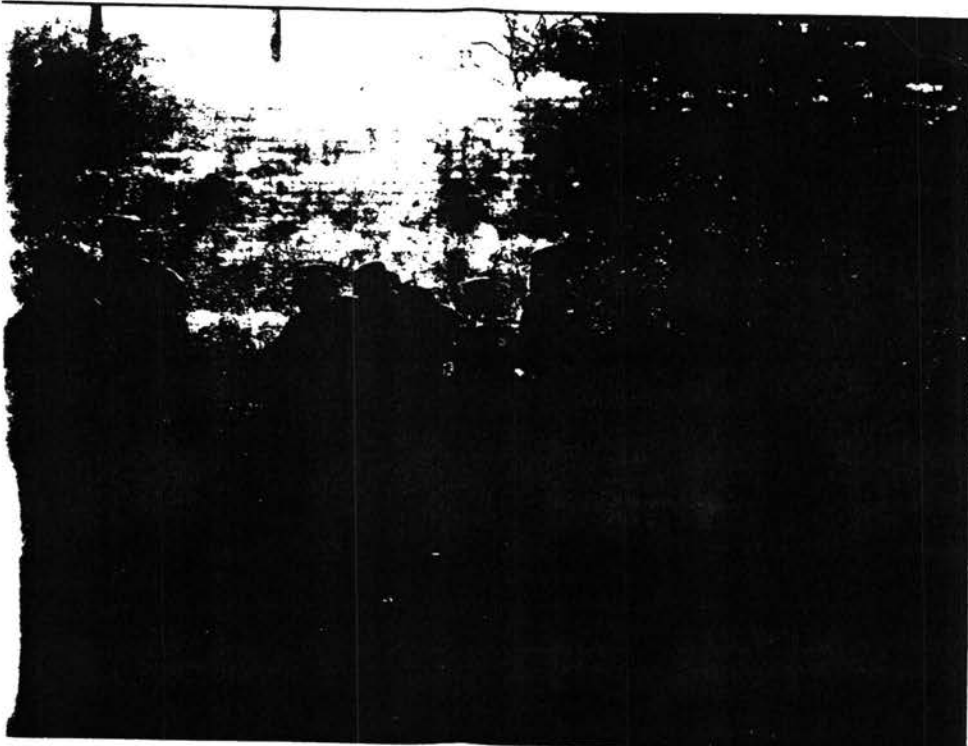
Michael Bonner, a fifth-grade teacher at Mesa Elementary School in Shiprock, has a problem he hopes Bill Clinton will help solve when the president visits the Navajo Nation today.

Bonner said his school has 23 classrooms and five Internet connections. He said

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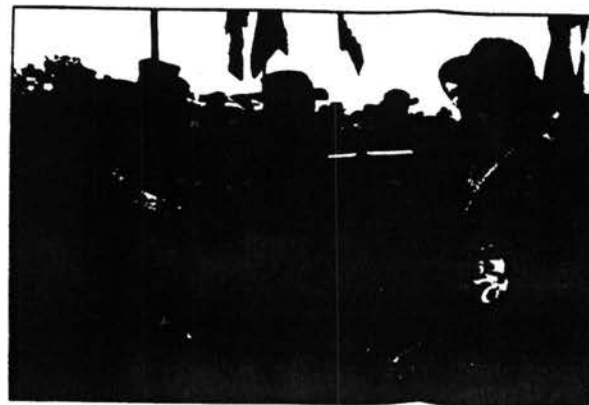
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REMEMBERING BATAAN



MATT BERNHARDT/FOR THE JOURNAL

the early-morning sunlight as participants start walking in the 26-mile Bataan Memorial Death March on Sunday.



Nearly 3,000 marchers from 34 states and three foreign countries converged on White Sands Missile Range at sunrise Sunday morning to participate in the 26-mile Bataan Memorial Death March.

The annual event commemorates the heroism of the World War II soldiers who were part of the 1942 Bataan Death March in the Philippines. About 10,000 soldiers died during the 10-day, 55-mile march.

Candidates Give Fund Info to Feds

Wilson Ahead in Raising
Money for Congress Race

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
Journal Staff Writer

Republican Rep. Heather Wilson has raised almost \$1 million for her re-election effort, according to campaign finance filings with the Federal Election Commission released Sunday.

Meanwhile, John Wertheim continues to lead the field of Democrats vying to unseat her, largely by virtue of his fund-raising last year.

His primary opponents, Sam Bregman and John Kelly, who entered the race well after Wertheim, made significant gains after just a few months of campaigning.

The FEC filings cover the candidates' fund-raising efforts from Jan. 1 to March 31.

Wilson, who is finishing her first full term representing New Mexico's Albuquerque-area 1st Congressional District, reported having \$673,702 on hand on March 31. She has no campaign debt.

She also reported raising \$210,458 during that period, including \$139,933 from individuals and \$61,500 from political action committees. The rest came from other campaigns and other sources.

She spent \$88,299 during the reporting period. She has no opponent in the June 6 Republican primary.

The \$210,458 is more than the total Wertheim, Bregman, Kelly and Bob Perls — the Democrat who dropped out of the primary two weeks ago — raised during the same period.

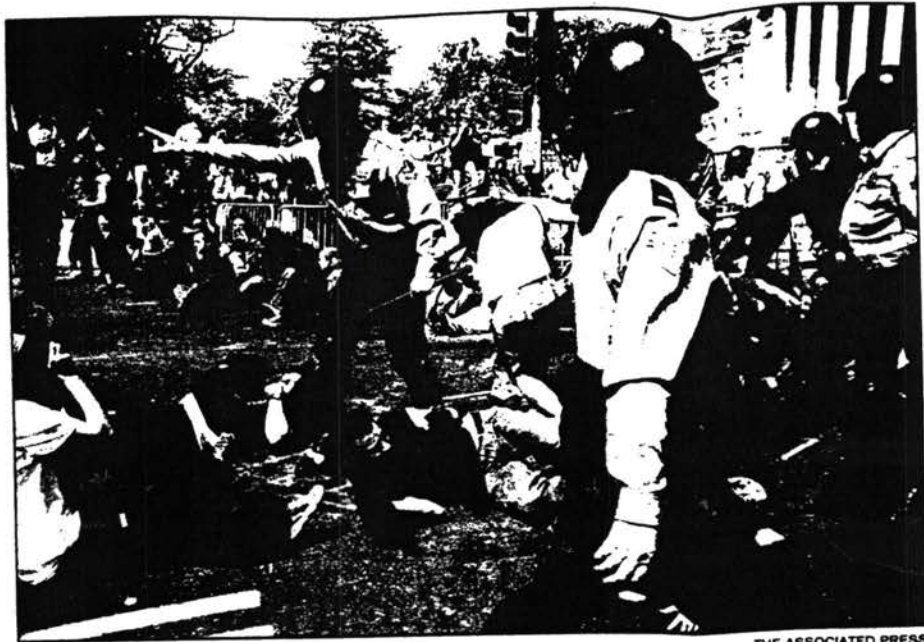
Since Jan. 1, 1999, Wilson has raised \$942,810 in contributions, \$20,000 from a multicandidate fund-raiser, and received another \$13,074 in interest and similar sources. She has spent a net \$307,890.

"I continue to feel humbled by the overwhelming support thousands of New Mexicans have shown for me and the work I'm doing as their representative," she said in a news release Sunday.

Late fine

Wilson's congressional campaign is fined for not reporting contributions on time A2

Group Meets Despite Protest



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CROSSING THE LINE: Police round up protesters near the World Bank in Washington, D.C., on Sunday after the demonstrators crossed over a dividing fence.

they would be on a "liberal leave" policy, meaning they could stay home if they were willing to burn a vacation day.

Officials in Arlington County, Va., across the Potomac from Washington, declared a similar "liberal leave" policy for county employees.

Police in America's security-savvy capital sent buses under the cover of early-morning darkness Sunday to pick up world finance ministers at their hotels, and used circuitous routes and U-turns to get them to work.

But some VIPs were stranded: The finance ministers of France, Brazil, Portugal and Thailand were thwarted by the crowds and sat at the Watergate Hotel six hours after the meetings started, wondering what to do. They eventually made it to the spring meet-

ing of the International Monetary Fund.

Police, who estimated as many as 10,000 protesters were on the streets, let demonstrators largely have their way outside the security zone.

Protest leaders estimated their crowds at more than 30,000.

Shan credited police with being relatively restrained, if suffocating in the size of their force. "Overall, they maintained their composure quite a bit," he said. "They have brutalized a few people without provocation."

While the numbers Sunday were far smaller, the security measures were not unlike those of the giant anti-war demonstrations of the 1960s and early 1970s.

President Nixon's White House was once ringed by city buses parked as a barricade against pro-

testers; during the 1968 riots that followed the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., troops set up machine-gun encampments on the steps of the Capitol.

The atmosphere was less tense than on Saturday, when police raided and closed the protest headquarters during the day and arrested more than 600 people in the evening.

About 20 people were arrested Sunday, police said. One police officer was hospitalized for back pain and another for heat exhaustion.

The protesters chanted, beat on plastic buckets and wore papier-mache puppet heads cast in the likeness of the leaders they hold in contempt.

It was all meant to disrupt the World Bank and IMF meetings being held Sunday and today.

Congress Candidate Disclose Funding

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Wertheim, an Albuquerque lawyer and the 1996 Democratic nominee in the 1st District, reported having \$108,338 on hand on March 31 and \$77,000 in debt.

He received only \$6,680 in contributions between Jan. 1 and March 31, all of it from individuals. That augmented the \$97,000 he raised from individuals last year.

He spent a net \$33,392 and repaid \$10,000 in loans during the reporting period.

Bregman, a lawyer and former Albuquerque city councilor, has \$14,515 on hand and is owed \$1,000 by a campaign employee. The campaign has no debt.

He started with \$11,115 cash, left over from his exploratory committee in 1999. That committee raised \$27,275 and spent \$16,186, primarily on polling and consulting.

In 2000, he raised \$48,549 from individuals and \$500 from a electrical workers union. He spent \$44,686.

Kelly has \$118,068 on hand and \$117,963 in debt, according to his

report.

He received \$52,243 in contributions from individuals and \$100,000, and spent \$39,215 from PACs. He loaned his campaign \$17,963 in debt, all unclear.

Peris, who is no longer campaigning, repaid some \$200,000 in personal loans he had made to his campaign, according to his report. He also reported having \$14,600 on hand with \$58,273 in debt, all self.

Wilson's potential Democratic opponents have estimated the primary will net much as \$1.5 million to defeat him.

Recent attempts to gain the primary have not exceeded \$1 million in spending until 1998, when Phil Maloof spent \$645,000, most of it his own money, and son spent \$2.5 million. Most spending went for television.

The totals were higher, however, because Wilson and Maloof ran off in two elections, a special election to replace the late Rep. Steve R-N.M., followed by the election. Wilson won both.

Wilson Campaign Fined \$15,000 For Late Contribution Reports

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
Journal Staff Writer

The Federal Election Commission has fined Rep. Heather Wilson's congressional campaign \$15,000 for not reporting some contributions on time when she was running in a special election in 1998.

Wilson, a Republican, announced Sunday that her campaign paid the fine in January and that she did not contest it.

"There is no excuse for my campaign failing to properly file some contribution reports in the final weeks before the 1998 special election," she said in a statement. "We thought we were doing it right, but we weren't."

In the 10 days before and after the June 23, 1998, special election to replace the late Rep. Steve Schiff, candidates were required to file campaign finance reports with the FEC up to every 48 hours. Each report had to contain all the contributions to the campaign of \$1,000 or more within the last two days.

Wilson spokesman Enrique Car-

los Knell said Sunday that those contributions weren't reported on time but instead were reported in a final report prepared after the campaign later.

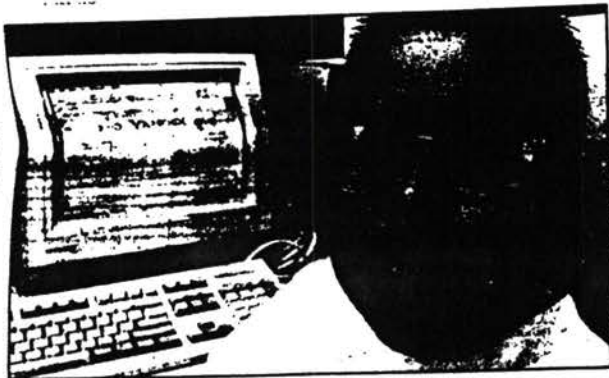
FEC auditors noticed the delay and fined the campaign \$15,000.

The campaign has since hired an accounting firm and a accountant and finance director. "It's a special school about compliance with FEC rules," Wilson's spokesman said.

Wilson won the special election defeating Democrat Phil Maloof and the Green Party's Bolson. Wilson won a full term in the regular election that fall.

In another action in June, the FEC notified Republican Party and Wilson's campaign that the two erred in reporting an ongoing telemarketing bank as a campaign activity until a filing deadline passed. No fines were issued in that case, which was in response to a complaint by Democrats.

Universal Internet-Access Plan Raises Hopes



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sioner Gloria Tristano and others.

At a White House news conference on April 4, Clinton said the Internet offers an unprecedented opportunity to break the cycle of poverty that has plagued Native Americans.

"I believe that the computer and the Internet give us a chance to move more people out of poverty more quickly than at any time in all of human history," Clinton said. "But it won't happen by accident. We'll have to work to make it happen."

Clinton's visit to the Navajo Nation today will mark the second time a sitting president has visited Indian country since Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, according to the White House. Clinton made the first visit since Roosevelt when he visited

LIMITED ACCESS: Ahtie Yazzie, 12, a student at Mesa Elementary in Shiprock, has one computer with Internet access in his classroom, and he and his classmates must share it. Yazzie's school is the only

Instrument Could Aid Crime Fight

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technique, but the conventional technology doesn't have the ability to filter out ordinary room light.

Detectives have to erect blackout curtains to darken a room — a time-consuming process that isn't always practical, Smithpeter said.

While his device has now been used once successfully, Smithpeter





Saunders Hotel Group

The Saunders Family of Hotels' Environmental Policy

**We have not inherited the earth from our
ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children.**
Native American Saying

All of us at Saunders Hotel Group are taking action to make the world a cleaner, safer place for ourselves, our children, and our children's children.

The creation of a comprehensive, industry-leading environmental campaign at our properties--The Lenox and Copley Square Hotel--demonstrates our ongoing commitment to future generations.

During the implementation of our environmental program, we will continue to:

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May 26, 2000

Ms. Rita R. Semel
Number 907
2190 Washington Street
San Francisco, California 94109

Dear Rita:

Thank you for your memorandum detailing your ideas for a White House Conference on Homelessness. I'm glad you followed up on our discussion. I value your counsel, and my staff and I are reviewing your proposal.

As you are probably aware, my fiscal 2001 budget calls for \$1.2 billion for HUD homeless assistance programs, including \$105 million for 18,000 homeless vouchers to help homeless individuals and families move to permanent housing linked with services. It also proposes over 100,000 more housing vouchers to help other hard-pressed working families. In addition, my Administration is concerned that homeless persons do not participate fully in important programs for which they are eligible, and we have proposed new authority that would improve homeless individuals' access to mainstream programs -- such as Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Workforce Investment Act, Food Stamps, and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants -- that will help them move toward self-sufficiency.

I firmly believe that it is our duty to ensure that all Americans have access to safe and affordable housing, and I'm grateful for your commitment to achieving this vital goal.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

through 5:00 PM

Assistant to the President and
Director of Political Affairs

Nancy: '00 APR 21 PM8:25

This is a memo that
the President requested
after his meeting
w/ some clergy
leaders in
San Francisco.

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4-21-00

To Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒ No ☐

coord w/ DPC

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April 17, 2000

TO: Ms Minyon Moore
Deputy Assistant to the President for Political Affairs

FROM: Rita R. Semel, Co-Chair, San Francisco Homeless Coordinating Board

At President Clinton's request, George Smith, Mayor's Homeless Coordinator and I met with City officials to solicit ideas for a possible White House Conference on Homelessness. Following are some of the ideas, which we propose for consideration.

On the shape and format of a suggested White House Conference on Homelessness: we agreed that the focus needed to be on:

1. Seeing homelessness as one part of poverty
2. Integration of services
3. Rethinking the concept of categorical grants vs. block grants
4. Addressing the balance between people taking responsibility for themselves and those who can't.
5. Rethinking the concept of the safety net
6. Owning up to the limits of our partnership thus far

A possible title for such a conference might be:

Rethinking the Federal/Urban Partnership to Address Homelessness

The opening session might be an address by an academic giving the urban perspective.

Then a panel: The problem as viewed from five cities. Possible participants from Phoenix, LA, NY, SF, Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Denver, Detroit
Luncheon speaker - one suggestion - Tipper Gore on the personal responsibility vs. public responsibility to those who can't take care of themselves.

Goals for the day - How to change conditions in the cities of America; defining the minimum standard for the quality of life. Designing a public education program on the homeless problem in America, its complexities and possible solutions; Redesign the relationship between federal, state, regional and local authorities.

Who needs to be there: large cities, business, labor, private non-profits, community folks, representatives of the Federal depts. i.e. HHS, HUD, Labor, Justice, relevant Congressional committees.

Target date for conference - September. Invitations out by August. We would be pleased to continue in anyway you suggest that might make this proposed conference a reality. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Rita R. Semel

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May 26, 2000

Mr. Wilbur T. Peer
Associate Administrator
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Wilbur:

Thanks for passing along the copy of Rural Cooperatives. I'm deeply grateful for all that you do, and as we continue our efforts to expand economic opportunity to those who have not yet benefited from our nation's prosperity, I'm glad to know I can count on your help. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Washington, DC 20250

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April 13, 2000

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
4-20-00

Ms. Nancy Herneich
Director of Oval Office Operations
The White House
2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Ms. Herneich:

Please see that the President gets the enclosed magazine. I thought he might like to keep this as a memento to his new Market Initiative and the Public/Private Partnership Between Burger King Corporation and Restaurant Services, Inc.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

WILBUR T. PEER

Associate Administrator
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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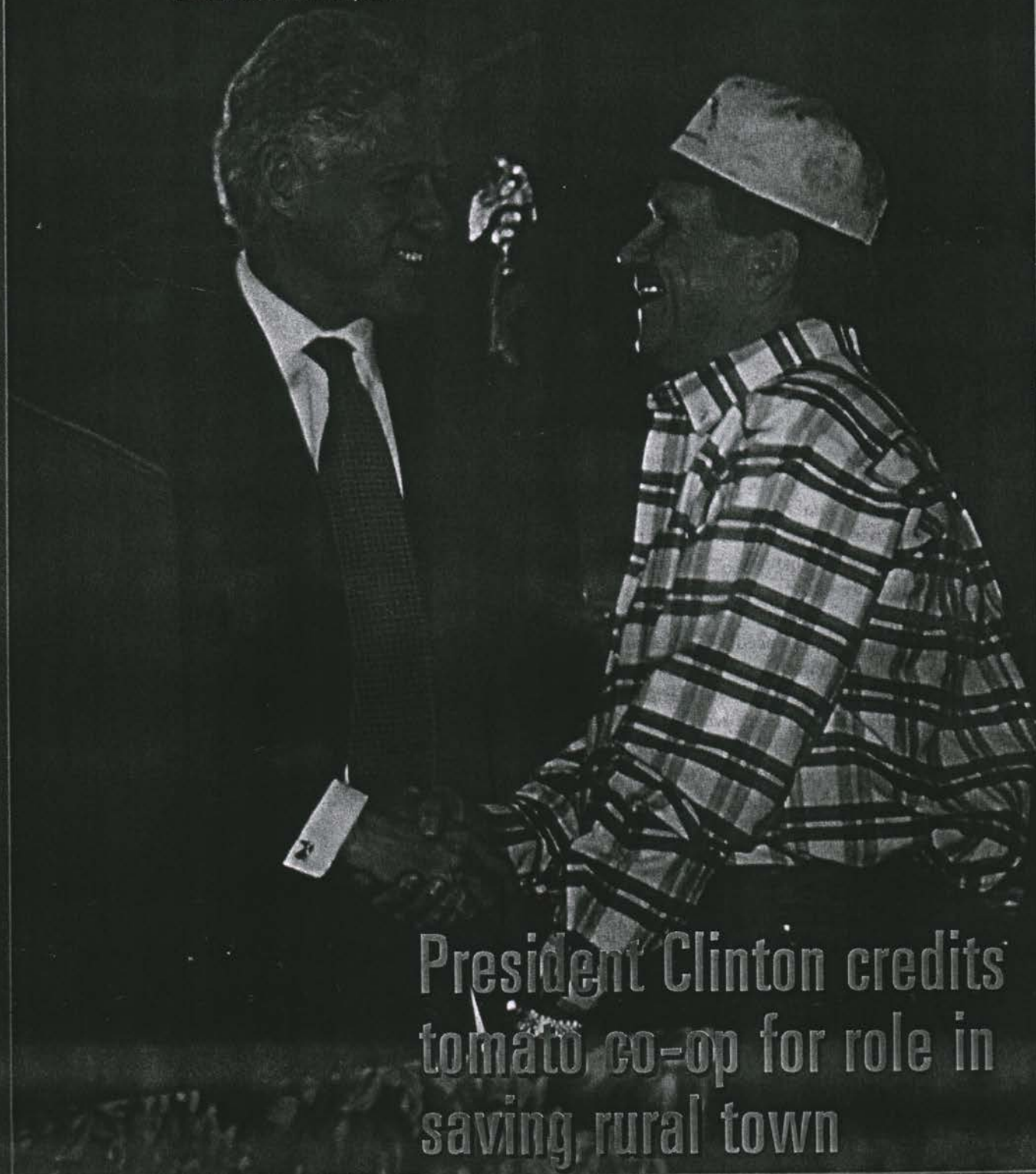
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May 26, 2000

Dr. Duane Litfin
President
Wheaton College
501 College Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-5593

Dear Duane:

I recently learned of your decision to change the Wheaton College mascot, and I want to thank you for setting such an inspiring example of tolerance and inclusion.

By agreeing to no longer associate the Crusader symbol with your school, you have encouraged your students to critically examine our history and to consider and appreciate our diversity. It takes leaders with extraordinary vision and courage like yours to deal with sensitive and divisive issues, and I commend you for rising to this important challenge. You can take great pride in knowing that you are helping to foster unity and healing throughout our nation.

BILL CLINTON

Sincerely,

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Crusader's End

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These are the days of miracles and wonders.

When the president of Wheaton College in Illinois, Duane Litfin, announced last month he was dumping the college's 70-year-old mascot, the Crusader, he did not act under pressure. And he emphatically denies that his decision was "driven by fears of what is or is not PC." He said the college, where political correctness is not a big issue, had to get rid of the Crusader as "a simple matter of faithfulness to Christ."

You read that right, and to understand what's going on here, you have to understand that Wheaton is perhaps the nation's leading evangelical Christian college. It counts among its alums the Rev. Billy Graham, and its mission is explicitly Christian. It boasts of high academic and admissions standards, and a commitment to serious scholarship. If traditional values are alive on any campus in the United States, Wheaton's the place.

The Crusader mascot would seem a natural for such an institution, and for many years it was. But students at the college began to ponder what the Crusades meant, and thus what message they were sending with that Crusad-

er marching across their Wheaton T-shirts.

In January of last year, the student newspaper ran an editorial under the headline: "Crusader mascot should make us shudder." The students argued that the Crusades "were marked with unspeakable acts of violence and treachery" and that "hordes of innocent people were robbed, raped or murdered in the name of Christ." The italics were in the paper.

"The fighting between the Europeans and the Muslims inflicted horrible losses and suffering on both sides," the students wrote. "What does proudly dubbing a Wheaton student as a Crusader communicate to Jews (the land the Europeans invaded and looted belonged to the Jews as well) and Arabs? It certainly does not communicate love, gentleness and sensitivity."

The paper concluded that "the Crusades were dramatically inconsistent with every tenet that Christianity is built upon."

Litfin, who has been president of Wheaton for seven years, said in an interview he had "put off" thinking about the mascot issue until the students wrote what they did. He was impressed. "This is exactly the kind of Christian

thinking—thinking about things from a Christian point of view—that we're trying to build into our students," he said.

In his remarkable statement explaining his decision to abandon the Crusader (available at www.wheaton.edu), Litfin said his view of the Crusades had once been "fairly idealized."

"It was not until I became aware of how offensive the image of the Crusades is to large segments of the world that I was forced to take another look at these historical events, and what I discovered was anything but ideal," he said. "Christians massacring Muslims; Muslims massacring Christians; Western Christians killing Eastern Christians and vice versa. We are hard-pressed to find anything in these disastrous waves of fighting that Our Lord might have approved, despite the fact that the fighting was carried out in His Name."

"We cannot legislate what symbols mean," Litfin wrote. "It is in the nature of symbols that they are defined by usage, and there can be little doubt that for large numbers of people, particularly overseas, the symbol of a Crusader is an unrelievedly negative one, one that clouds in their minds what Wheaton College

stands for." Reinterpreting the past and apologizing for past errors is on the verge of becoming a trend among Christians. Litfin said there was no direct link between his actions at an evangelical Protestant college and Pope John Paul II's recent expressions of sorrow for the Catholic Church's past failures. But there is, Litfin insists, an "underlying connection."

In a "globalized environment" it is impossible to remain "oblivious" to the views and feelings of others. "We live in a world vastly more aware of itself than ever before," he said. "No longer do the world's peoples live in isolated enclaves."

But prejudices work in many directions, and Wheaton's move may help explode some prejudices that work against evangelicals. Litfin doesn't think his mascot decision should be seen as a "big ticket item" and says he'd prefer that it had gotten little publicity outside Wheaton's circles. The humility is becoming, yet what Litfin did deserves notice. It shows that those who are truly serious about tradition, far from being narrow and closed in, are often forced by faithfulness to think and act anew.

Duane LITFIN

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May 26, 2000

Ms. Pleasure Heard
Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy
6201 South Stewart Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60621

Dear Pleasure:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Chicago. I recently learned about your terrible ordeal and amazing recovery, and I want you to know how moved I was by your story.

I am impressed not only by your actions, but also by your positive outlook and strength of character. You are a powerful example of courage and determination for all Americans, and I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you the next time I am in the Chicago area.

Keep working hard to achieve your dreams. If you believe in yourself, you can do anything that your ambition, effort, and talent will let you achieve.

Mrs. Clinton and I send you our best wishes for continued success and every happiness.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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TO: The President

FROM: Nancy Hernreich
Wendi Boxx

DATE: April 26, 2000

MEMO: **Pleasure Heard** survived a malicious attack and is now triumphing.

Pleasure Heard, valedictorian of the Class of 2000 at Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy, has been admitted to the University of Chicago. She plans to study political science and law.

Pleasure Heard thrives despite the scars she received from a 1997 attack in which Kevin Phelps doused her with alcohol, set her on fire, and forced her to rub iodine into her burn wounds. Phelps was sentenced to 45 years in prison last October. At the sentencing, Judge Mary Maxwell told Phelps, "her life and her body is ruined," but her life isn't ruined.

After the accident Heard could have curled up in a corner and no one would blame her, but instead Heard has managed to keep her No. 1 class ranking, despite the months in the hospital. She also mentors grade school children, was elected vice president of the senior class, and lives independently. In a neighborhood where gunfire and violence are numbingly routine her accomplishments are extraordinary. Furthermore, her teachers at Englewood marvel at her positive outlook.

Pleasure Heard provides an inspiring profile on courage and determination.

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thrives despite scars

By FRANK MAIN
CHICAGO REPORTER

When Pleasure Heard walks into a room, the first thing you notice is her toothy smile and a backpack bursting with books. What you don't see are the scars that cover 40 percent of her body.

In 1997, a gang member held a gun on the teenager and doused her with alcohol. Then he set her on fire, asking her what it felt like to burn.

"Her life is ruined and her body is ruined," Cook County Judge Mary Maxwell Thomas lamented before sentencing her attacker to 45 years in prison last October.

Her body remains scarred, but her life isn't ruined.

Last month the 18-year-old Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy senior opened an envelope from the University of Chicago. Toys in her class, she was now being admitted to one of the nation's most prestigious schools.

"My heart was in my stomach," Heard said. "I had so many butterflies in my stomach. I couldn't wait to come to school and let them know."

After what happened to her, Heard could have curled up in a corner and no one would have blamed her. She didn't.

When she left the hospital in 1997, prosecutors and school officials offered to move her to a safer neighborhood in Indiana and enroll her in Homewood-Blossmoor High School, one of the region's better schools. Instead she decided to stay and return to Englewood Academy.

"That wasn't sounding good to me because nobody can cheat death," she said. "If it was going to happen, it was going to happen. I didn't want to live in fear and feel like I was hiding out from someone."

She's managed to keep her No. 1 class ranking, even though she spent months away from school last year while she helped prosecutors build their case against her attacker.

She tutored grade school children after becoming certified in a special Downstate

program. She was even elected vice president of the senior class.

In a neighborhood where gunfire and violence are numbingly routine, Heard's accomplishments are extraordinary, said Principal Samuel Williams Jr.

"She wants to lift the kids' spirits up," Williams said. "She is a little philosopher."

Heard summed up her philosophy in one word: independence.

A ward of the state since age 8, she lived first in foster care and then with an older sister before moving into her own apartment about a year ago.

"I know how to be on my own," Heard said. "I know how to survive."

The harrowing attack occurred Sept. 4, 1997, when her onetime friend, Kevin Phelps, sent two fellow gang members to pick her up at school.

Phelps used a wheelchair because of a 1996 bullet wound. Heard knew

Phelps because she was a friend of his brother. She and Phelps didn't date, but she did the laundry for him, picking up groceries for him and tidying his room.

Then Heard landed a job and stopped visiting Phelps, which made him angry. When his friends showed up at Englewood Academy, Heard refused to go with them and took a city bus home.

But Phelps' two friends were waiting for her when she got off the bus. They kidnapped her and took her to Phelps' home.

After his friends left, Phelps pulled a pistol on Heard, telling her to take off her clothes.

Dousing her with alcohol, he set her on fire and then asked "how it felt to be burned," according to court testimony. He even forced her to rub iodine into her burn wounds.

Phelps was convicted of heinous battery and aggravated kidnapping. His accomplices never were identified.

After the attack, Heard was taken to the University of Chicago Hospital, where she received skin grafts. Two weeks later, she was transferred to La Rabida Children's Hospital, where she stayed about six weeks,

A vicious assault left Pleasure Heard with burns covering 40 percent of her body, but the high school senior refuses to be deterred from her goals. She's ranked No. 1 in her class and wants to become a lawyer.



BOB BLACK/SUN-TIMES

As soon as Pleasure Heard could sit up in the hospital, she asked for her schoolbooks. Last month, she was admitted to the University of Chicago.

undergoing rehabilitation.

When she was able to sit up, she asked for her schoolbooks.

"All my classes were honors," Heard said. "I didn't want to get behind."

For the last year, she has lived alone in a South Side apartment. A Chicago Public Schools security worker drives her to school every morning and picks her up in the afternoon, a service arranged by schools chief Paul Vallas.

Heard said she does not easily trust anyone now, but her relationship with her sisters, Princess and Precious, is stronger now, and she regularly visits her mother, who lost custody of Heard when she was 7.

When Heard turned 18 Tuesday, her sisters and her mother celebrated with cake and ice cream.

"My sisters are like counselors or advocates," she said. "I can tell my sisters anything, to get it off my chest, so it won't be inside."

Teachers at Englewood Academy marvel at Heard's positive outlook.

"She does not walk around bitter, angry with anybody," said Academy teacher Valora Wade. "She came and continued with her classes."

Heard said she plans to pursue her interest in history and political science in college, and she'd like to become a lawyer. Those who know her say they wouldn't be surprised if she winds up as a politician.

That would be fine with one lawyer and politician, Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, who spoke of Heard's courage in a recent speech to the City Club of Chicago.

Devine, who was describing his own accomplishments in 1999, closed his remarks with the story of Heard's court case and her lack of fear in testifying against Phelps.

"That's why we care," Devine said, his voice cracking. "Pleasure Heard. That's why we do what we do."

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An inspiring profile on courage and determination

To paraphrase our late 35th President John F. Kennedy, some men (and women) are born great, some earn greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them.

Pleasure Heard, who turned 18 yesterday, seems to be one of those who was born great, with a determination not to bend or break down, despite the assumed odds against her.

You may remember that the youthful Miss Heard was an Englewood Academy sophomore who was the victim of a venally,

vicious 1997 attack by a jealous and apparently deranged gang member who held a gun on the teenager.

In a fit of anger and jealousy, he made her disrobe and then doused her with alcohol. She was later made to rub iodine in her burn wounds, before being spirited to the University of Chicago Hospitals with burns over 40 percent of her body.

A judge who sentenced her assailant to 45 years in prison last October, Cook County Judge

Mary Maxwell Thomas, said at the time, "her life is ruined and her body is ruined."

Not quite. The enterprising and determined Miss Heard not only did the unexpected and stood up to her attacker in court, sending him to prison, but she refused to be deterred from her life goals and went back to Englewood after a lengthy rehabilitative period, during which the first thing she asked for after being able to sit up were her schoolbooks.

She is now ranked #1 in her

senior class at Englewood and is set to return to the University of Chicago — the school, not the hospital — where she said she'd like to pursue her studies in political science and history and maybe become a lawyer one day.

Miss Heard — who has also been a ward of the state since age 8 — is commended not only for her fierce determination to succeed, but also for her admirable attitude not only toward her tragic ordeal but on life in general.

"She does not walk around bitter or angry with anybody," one of her teachers at Englewood said. That includes her mother, with whom she has long since reconciled since she lost custody of the girl when she was 7 years old.

"I know how to be on my own," Heard said last week. "I know how to survive."

The phrase "role model" may well be an overused one, but in this case, it applies perfectly to Pleasure Heard. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

ENGLEWOOD TECHNICAL PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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SAMUEL WILLIAMS, JR.
PRINCIPALASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
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Paulette Kidd, Ed.D.**PRESS RELEASE**

APR

Pleasure Heard and Sharon Evans, valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the Class of 2000 at Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy, have been admitted to the University of Chicago, Class of 2004. Principal Samuel Williams, Jr., his administrative team, staff, and student body are ecstatic over the historical accomplishments of these two young ladies.

Englewood Academy, located at 6201 S. Stewart, has vigorously battled the "63rd Street" and "Englewood community" stereotypes during the past three year leadership of the current administration. In addition to the two U of C admittances, many other positive things have begun to occur at Englewood. Steadily rising scores in reading and math, an increase in annual attendance rate, President Clinton, Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, and Congressman Bobby Rush's visit to the school in November, Rev. Jesse Jackson's anti-violence rally in December, and the "Unveiling of Alumnac Patricia Roberts Harris Stamp" in January are some of the reinvigorating highlights of the school year thus far which have all helped to heal the wounded egos of students and staff who know the discomforts that accompany 'reconstituted' schools. The administration, faculty, staff and students are intensely engrossed in activities to help them get off probation this year.

The Englewood Academy family is extremely proud of Pleasure and Sharon's accomplishments and will continue to be supportive of them throughout their career at the U. of C. Pleasure plans to study political science and law; Sharon wants to pursue a career in economics and finance.

The Englewood Academy administration and Pleasure Heard again express their sincere gratitude to CEO Paul Vallas for his gestures of kindness and sensitivity granted to her during the summer of 1999 and throughout the 1999 - 2000 school year. Both Pleasure and Sharon are extremely appreciative of all the many well wishes and other acts of support that have come their way since they received their acceptance letters. They know they will need the support and prayers of all their well wishers as they begin their studies on the campus of the world renowned University of Chicago.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2000, 10:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, 95th and Ashland. CPS administrators, alumni and members of the media are invited to attend.

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May 26, 2000

Rabbi Martin Levin
Congregation Beth El
8660 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, California 92037-2202

Dear Rabbi Levin:

It was good to see you here at the White House, and I hope you enjoyed the radio address.

I'm glad you took the time to write and tell me where you stand on a variety of issues. Knowing the thoughts and ideas of my fellow Americans is very important to me as we face the challenges ahead. I believe that our nation has made a great deal of progress since I took office, and I'm proud of what we've done to improve the lives of our citizens and help make our world a better place. As my Administration continues working to address the priorities of the American people, I'm grateful for your insights.

Best wishes.

BILL CLINTON

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

I am here attending your weekly radio broadcast with my wife and three children thanks to the efforts of my mother-in-law, Ann Lewis. My wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Ann's husband, Mike Sponder, and we consider this opportunity a true privilege. We are staying at Mike and Ann's home in Chevy Chase for the Passover holiday because it was preceded by the celebration of Mike's 70th birthday, surrounding him with 11 grandchildren.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my views on a variety of subjects in the hope that these comments would be of some value to you, and perhaps to the Vice President, and to the Democratic Party.

I am a rabbi, serving the Jewish community in La Jolla, California. I was ordained in the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary almost thirty-one years ago. I served as an Air Force chaplain in Southeast Asia for two years during the war in Vietnam, and began my pulpit career in Potomac before moving to Southern California in 1976. I am extremely fortunate to have many of San Diego's most dynamic Jewish leaders in my congregation, including both Irwin Jacobs and Andrew Viterbi, the co-founders of Qualcomm, and their children and grandchildren, Rod Stone, one of the state's most successful real estate developers and a staunch Democrat, Robert Price, the son of the founder of the Price Club, Prof. Murray Goodman, and a host of other world-renown academicians at UCSD, the Salk Institute, and at the major biotech companies in our area. I mention these names solely for the purpose of trying to make sure that the aide who is handed this letter reads it in its entirety.

I am a middle-of-the-road American

In San Diego, I write and speak regularly on the topics I wish to address in this letter. I share my views with you, not with any assumption that I will influence any policy – that would be not only foolish but presumptuous to assume that your staff needs my help – but only so that they know more clearly how Americans like me think, and what we think about some of the issues facing our nation.

THE ELIAN GONZALES CASE. While, like so many other Americans, my heart goes out to this boy, I believe that it is wrong from a variety of standpoints to allow him to stay in the U.S. But let me share with you a Jewish perspective. First, the ancient rabbinical commentaries interpret the repetition in the Biblical verse, "Justice, Justice shalt thou pursue," as demanding that Justice itself must be just. The reason that Cuban Americans

want him to stay here is that they value a country where law is fair, where the government is not an enemy, where one need not be afraid of the police. How then can they, in good conscience, defy the law, oppose the government, and resist those, like the Attorney General, who are acting on behalf of our judicial system. Their behavior is more characteristic of the Cuban regime which they so vehemently oppose. Furthermore, the Jewish Sages say, the repetition of the word, Justice, demands that it be meted out fairly. Yet there are thousands of cases, perhaps all of which are more heart-rending than Elian's case, that are not receiving the same consideration. These are immigration/deportation cases made horrible by the 1996 new and retroactive Immigration Act that is literally tearing families apart, separating parents from children and husbands from wives.

Finally, and perhaps most important, is the Talmudic law called, *Pidyon Shvuyim*, or, Redemption of Captives. In ancient times through the Middle Ages, people were kidnapped and held for ransom. Jewish law recognized that too often this practice was standard in certain societies, but prohibited anyone from paying more than "the going rate" for fear of encouraging more kidnappings. And the great sage, Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg, was so opposed that when he was kidnapped he refused to allow his community to ransom him at all and died in prison.

Granting Elian Gonzales asylum in the U.S. encourages others in Cuba and elsewhere to risk their lives and the lives of their children to reach these shores. And what's more, it deprives the embassies of the United States all across the globe to argue in favor of the return of children illegally kidnapped by one parent and brought to the country of their origin against the will of the other parent and the decision of our courts. We have all heard the anguish of mothers whose child is held in Iran and elsewhere under just those circumstances.

How can the Elian Gonzales' of Cuba be helped? By limiting the influence of Cuban Americans whose purpose in life is to punish Castro for taking away their fortunes, and instead end the embargo against Cuba so the standard of living of those masses living in poverty on that little island will be raised. How 700,000 Cuban Americans determine U.S. foreign policy is beyond many of us, and the continued economic suppression of Cuba as if it were any real threat to us is pathetic.

THE DRUG WAR. I believe that I am one of many millions of Americans that increasingly fail to understand how we can continue pursuing an inefficient, unsuccessful policy that has proven so ineffective. The billions spent on trying to interdict drugs from South America and Asia has resulted

only in creating wealthy barons, corrupt officials, and corporate profits for an industry that must thrive on this insane policy. I believe that we need to slowly talk about the legalization of drugs so that there is substance control, and an end to the system that makes it so profitable to increase market of these life-destroying agents. And then, some of the funds expended on the Drug War can be used to reduce if not end their destructive and life-shattering use. Let's put our efforts in battling the demand more than in trying in vain to limit the supply. Basic economics.

LIVABLE WAGES. I am currently involved in the Justice for Janitors campaign in Southern California. Through it I learned of the disparities between minimum wage, the Federal poverty wage level, and livable wage. Although I was an economics major in college, I fail to understand the wisdom in our current system that ultimately results in the taxpayer supplementing the difference between what an employer pays and what is necessary for working people to live on. In other words, as the working poor remain eligible for government assistance, employers continue to pay less than a livable wage. I am sensitive to the need to remain industrially competitive in the global economy. But how do the Europeans do it? And how is the global economy affected if people like janitors and fast-food workers, etc, are paid livable wages with decent benefits? We need to reverse the trend of the economic divide that has resulted in the United States (and Israel) having the greatest and growing disparity between rich and poor. That is not a position that represents the best of what America is.

THE PRISON POPULATION. While here in Washington, I heard a report on CNN that 1 out of 147 Americans are in prison! Over 1 million, 800 thousand people currently in prison! And I come from a state where politicians try to get elected by building more prisons, demanding more stringent mandatory sentences, and reducing the age whereby children can be tried as adults. All this continues to diminish the discretion of the courts, challenging one of the basic foundations both of our country and civilization in general. And this alarm does nothing to deal with the issues of the quality of prison life, its purpose, and lack of focus on rehabilitation.

CANCER RESEARCH. I am a cancer patient, diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, which is still a terminal disease with no known cure. A year and a half ago I joined General Schwartzkoff in the March on Washington to encourage Congress to increase the budget for cancer research. Until then I had no idea how many Americans die a year from this

disease, nor how minimally disproportionate is the financial support cancer research gets from the government. Most importantly, NIH is able to fund only about 20% of the studies it believes are worthwhile.

CHURCH & STATE. It was gratifying to hear that you went to a Passover seder, and that Hillary accompanied Chelsea to the seder she was invited to. This is another example of the appreciation the Jewish community has for this great country, a country whose pluralism and respect for all religious traditions is unique in all the world's history, even today. I view that participation as admirable, and know that you would and should do the same for any significant ethnic or religious group. At the same time, I am among those who realize that the position of minorities like ours are safeguarded precisely because of the diligent commitment to the separation of Church and State. Issues like the quality of the education of our nation's children need to be dealt with in ways other than school vouchers and the like. The great value of the Bible as a religious document must be taught in religious institutions, not as an alternative to genuine science in our public schools.

ABORTION. I am amongst those who believe that abortion for convenience is a wrong moral choice. But that opinion, which is mine and that of certain authorities in my religion, has no place in the legislative system of our country, especially as there are substantial differences in the opinions of various religious traditions. But even if every person of voting age in the U.S. agreed, I would never want our country to return to the prohibitions of abortions because even I remember how numerous were the stories of illness, infertility and often death as a result of pregnant women and girls finding illegal means or even of attempting the procedure themselves. We must focus on education and birth control to reduce abortions here and worldwide.

GAY RIGHTS. Here is another position people might think that traditionalists like a rabbi would oppose, but I'm sure that you and your staff know how false that assumption is. I have never been approached to perform a wedding for two people of the same sex. And while I think that the traditional wedding ceremony is rooted in the heterosexual relationship, I believe that gay and lesbian people deserve both the opportunity to confirm their commitments to each other, and to enjoy the financial and court-regulated benefits accrued to married homosexual couples. I would like to develop a homosexual commitment ceremony that is as meaningful and unique to such a relationship as the current wedding ceremony is to

heterosexual relationships. I strongly support the recent Vermont decision, and would have liked to see California also make it possible for gay and lesbian people to benefit from a status equivalent to marriage. And I believe that gay people should have every right to join and be fully active in our military (s they are in Israel's army).

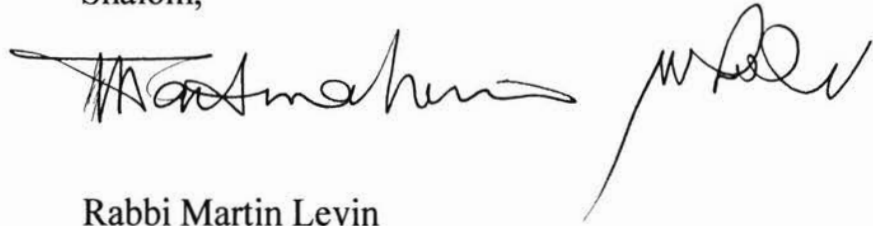
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. I lived in Jerusalem for two years as a student at the Hebrew University many years ago. One brother lives near Tel Aviv and I have many relatives and friends there as well. This past January I spent two weeks in Israel, probably my 15th trip there. But it was unique because a portion of it was spent examining the situation of Palestinians, particularly in the vicinity now known as Greater Jerusalem. I am an ardent Zionist, in every way. But that does not preclude me from noticing how the rights of Palestinians in the land annexed to Jerusalem are being disregarded. I would call the attention of your staff that deals with these issues to a fellow named Amir Cheshin, the former assistant to Teddy Kalleck, for Arab Affairs. He coauthored a book, *Separate But Not Equal*, which I believe is most valuable.

FINALLY, POLLARD. I beg of you to figure out a way to free Jonathan Pollard. Yes, there are a few diehards left in the State Department and other quarters who still can't forgive him. But the time has long passed to be reasonable and fair. Why do we as Americans have to continue to live with this injustice? The question comes up every time we hear a speaker at our synagogue or in San Diego who represents in whatever way either the U.S. Government or the State of Israel. So I ask, where is mercy, where is compassion? In this season dedicated where both our traditions focus of imprisonment and needless suffering, please find it in your heart to put an end to this matter.

In this letter, I speak for no one but myself – and certainly not for Ann or her husband, Mike. In fact, they'd shoot me if they knew that I used the opportunity they gave me for this visit in the White House to proclaim my views. But I feel a deep responsibility to express these concerns, at least some of them, when standing face to face with the man, I believe, ranks among the greatest presidents and the greatest leaders our country has ever had. I pray to God that history will recognize and appreciate the great achievements made during your presidency, and lament those that could have been accomplished had politics not stifled our country's real and true agenda.

May God be with you. And may I be blessed with the opportunity to meet you again.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Levin", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rabbi Martin Levin

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7/24
May 26, 2000

Mr. Ralph S. Larsen
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
Johnson & Johnson
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New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933

Dear Ralph:

I want to commend you for Johnson & Johnson's agreement to cut emissions by 7 percent between now and 2010 as part of the World Wildlife Fund's Climate Savers Program.

By joining the growing ranks of corporations that have announced specific greenhouse gas reduction goals, Johnson & Johnson is helping to meet what I believe is the greatest environmental challenge of this century. Your use of more energy-efficient equipment, combined heat and power technologies, and renewable energy sources, will serve as an example to other companies -- and to nations around the world -- that we can address this challenge in a way that is good for our environment and our economies.

You have my heartfelt appreciation for your participation in this program, and I want to assure you that my Administration remains committed to working with the business community to meet the challenge of global climate change. I look forward to your continued involvement, and I send my best wishes.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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May 26, 2000

Mr. Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
International Business Machines Corporation
New Orchard Road
Armonk, New York 10504

Dear Lou:

I want to commend you for IBM's agreement to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 4 percent per year as part of the World Wildlife Fund's Climate Savers program.

By joining the growing ranks of corporations that have announced specific greenhouse gas reduction goals, IBM is helping to meet what I believe is the greatest environmental challenge of this century. Your use of more energy-efficient equipment, combined heat and power technologies, and renewable energy sources, will serve as an example to other companies -- and to nations around the world -- that we can take steps to address this challenge in a way that is good for our environment and our economies.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Press, Science and Industry

The Wall Street Journal reported that IBM Corp. and Johnson and Johnson have joined a growing number of major companies agreeing to specific greenhouse gas reduction targets. Johnson and Johnson proposes to cut emissions by 7% between now and 2010, and IBM proposes to cut its emissions by 4% per year as part of the World Wildlife Fund's ClimateSavers program. The companies' progress – which will come from using more energy-efficient equipment, cogeneration, and renewables – will be measured by an outside auditor.

As reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, and *Reuters/Houston Chronicle*, Texaco announced Wednesday its resignation from the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), one of Washington's most powerful industrial lobbies against the implementation of the Kyoto treaty. Texaco joins Ford and Daimler/Chrysler as the third Fortune 500 company to leave the GCC in recent months and the first American oil company to do so. Texaco's CEO, Peter Bijur, is currently serving as chair of the American Petroleum Institute.

General Motors unveiled its PNGV prototype this week, the Opel Zafira, powered by a liquid hydrogen fuel cell. *Reuters* reported that the major advancement in the new concept car is in the fuel cell stack, which GM claims is cheaper, more efficient, and 15% smaller than those of the closest competitors.

Tampa Electric became the first company to settle the major Clean Air Act enforcement suit brought by EPA and DoJ in November against eight utilities for failing to install the latest pollution control technology over the years as they upgraded their facilities. As part of the settlement, Tampa Electric will pay a \$3.5 million civil penalty and spend approximately \$1 billion over the next 10 years to switch one of the plants from coal to natural gas and upgrade pollution controls at the other. Importantly, this upgrade/replacement of the coal facilities will also reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 25 percent, setting an example for how settlement of these suits can address a wide range of pollutants (including greenhouse gases) in a cost-effective manner. To date, however, EPA/DoJ has not been able to advance negotiations with the other remaining companies (American Electric Power, Cinergy, FirstEnergy, Illinova, Southern, So. Indiana Elec. & Gas, and TVA).

The New York Times reported this past Tuesday that there is "wide agreement" among experts that the Earth's surface is warming, with questions now focussing on the cause of the warming, and how the Earth's climate might change in the future. The focal point of the article was the recent National Research Council report stating that global warming is real despite discrepancies in surface measurements and atmospheric measurements. While noting that skeptics of the NRC report claim the discrepancies casts doubt on the reliability of climate models, the article concludes that most scientists agree that global warming will occur at a rate within the range predicted by the UN scientific panel – between two and six degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

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May 24, 2000

The Honorable Bob Miller
Jones Vargas
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89109-0949

Dear Bob:

Thanks for following up on our conversation. On April 18th, Secretary Albright met with President Karimov and strongly urged him to approve Newmont's bid to invest in Uzbekistan's gold mining industry, emphasizing the enormous benefits of such an investment to the economy of Uzbekistan. With regard to your concerns about S. 2267, I have shared your letter with the Attorney General, who is currently reviewing this important issue.

You know how much I value your counsel and leadership, particularly your efforts to encourage former governors to bring their unique perspectives to bear on the challenges of our time. Hillary and I send our best.

Sincerely,

John A. Wertman

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Jan:

The Miller letter was finally combined with another letter from him on college gambling, and the double response was a sig that went on 5/25. So, in other words, it's been taken care of and can come off the green dot log...
Janice H. Vranich

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December 2, 1999



12-6-99

President William J. Clinton
c/o Betty Curry
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Dear Mr. President:

As I mentioned on the phone, there are several areas of concern that I desire to bring to your attention. The first is the situation in which the NCAA, in response to a finding of the National Gaming Impact Study Commission, decided to pursue legislation eliminating legal sports betting from the State of Nevada, the only state which has such betting now. The irony of this proposed legislation is that it is in response to a finding that there is a problem with illegal gambling on college campuses. The NCAA in a knee-jerk reaction, instead of formulating plans to curtail illegal betting on sports campuses, decided to seek the elimination of legal sports betting in Nevada as a purported solution to the problem. I can assure you it will not solve the problem. There is no direct correlation. In fact, Nevada has been very helpful with the NCAA when ascertaining where illegal sports betting has occurred. I think in this instance, the NCAA is reacting irrationally to the findings in an inappropriate fashion. Recent reports indicate that they are having some difficulty in obtaining sufficient support to pursue such legislation. I hope that is the case. If this effort persists, I wanted you to be aware of the negative impact this could have on Nevada and beyond and would welcome and desire the opportunity to discuss it with you further before any decisions are made.

The other measure I discussed relates to the mining industry. As you know, in each of the years of your Presidency, the Department of Interior has sought legislation to eliminate the Mining Law of 1872. Certainly this law is in many respects archaic, but the proposals by the Department of Interior would literally make it impossible for mining companies to do business in precious minerals in the United States.

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President William J. Clinton

December 2, 1999

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They are a major industry in several states, particularly my own State of Nevada. If there is some interest in reform of the law, then if someone close to you or at your direction, were willing to sit down with some of the more reasonable mining CEO's or representatives and/or myself, I think we could facilitate some dialogue that could lead to reform of the mining law in a fashion that would be acceptable to the industry. This would hopefully be supported by the western senators who have heretofore insured the failure of past efforts. If you believe that's the case, please have someone contact me to pursue this in more detail.

The particular Board of Directors that I'm on, Newmont Mining Corporation, has mines in Indonesia and Uzbekistan and, as I said, generally we're hoping that the administration could continue to express to foreign governments, obviously particularly these two governments, the desirability of American businesses operating within their borders. The visit of the President of Indonesia was seen as very positive by the industry, and Newmont is expecting to visit with President Karimov in early January in Tashkent. The purpose of the visit is to celebrate the production of the 50th ton of gold since the venture began in 1995. (Newmont is the largest American investor in Uzbekistan.) It would be helpful to the industry and to Newmont if someone from Commerce or someone from Administration could be present at the celebration.

The last issue I discussed with you dealt with Dawn Mining Company, a subsidiary of Newmont, which formerly operated on Native American land in Washington State. Last year, EPA was part of a multi-agency team that negotiated an agreement with Dawn and Newmont, under which the companies funded and performed a variety of initial studies to determine the appropriate way to reclaim this mine. Earlier this year, as those studies were drawing to a close, the companies offered to fund and perform the next tier of required studies. However, because the companies would not agree to an unconditional, open-minded commitment to complete the investigation and reclamation of the site according to EPA's dictates, the agency terminated negotiations, declined Newmont's offer of additional funding, and commenced its own remedial investigation at government expense. Contrary to its own policy of resorting to litigation only as a last resort, EPA has made clear that it intends to sue Newmont to recover the costs of its investigation. I met with Administrator Browner's chief of staff on this issue, and thought the agency had agreed to return to the bargaining table. I now understand from Newmont's Senior Vice President, Larry Kurlander, who is a former aide to Mario Cuomo, that the agency remains implacable. Mr. Kurlander believes that this impasse can only be resolved at the highest levels of the agency. Thus, it would be helpful if other Newmont representatives and I were able to meet with Administrator Browner. In that regard, if it would be possible for you to mention that such a meeting was desirable, I would be greatly appreciative.

It was great talking to you. I very much enjoyed the trip to Bulgaria. It's a wonderful part of the world, and as I indicated, my friends there say that the entire country is still on a high after your visit. He said that you have given them a great feeling of self worth and confidence. As we both observed, it is a beautiful place to visit. I've certainly enjoyed my visits there.

President William J. Clinton
December 2, 1999
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Hopefully, we can hook up on the links again. I'm trying to improve my game to mediocrity, so if you are willing to give me ten a side, I'm ready to play.

Thanks again.

Your friend,



Bob

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May 22, 2000

Mr. Phil Rosenthal
159 South Hudson Place
Los Angeles, California 90004

Dear Phil:

Thanks so much for your letter. I appreciate your kind words -- especially about my staff. I have a wonderful team here at the White House.

I had a great time working on the video, and I'm glad that you enjoyed it, too. Hillary and I send our best.

Sincerely,

BILL

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President Clinton
The White House
Washington DC

Dear President Clinton,

This is just a note to express my sincere gratitude to you, and to Mrs. Clinton, and to your entire staff at the White House, for being so gracious and welcoming to me this past week while we made our little comedy video.

It is no surprise to me that the video has become something of a sensation, and I attribute that to you. I don't know if you have ever considered comedy as a line of work, but, speaking as a professional, you have what it takes: comic timing, a straight face, and wonderful delivery. Above all, you have a joyful spirit and enthusiasm which comes through to the audience, and these are qualities you can't buy.

I so enjoyed our short time together, sir, and I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am to have been chosen to direct the video. You have a terrific staff, especially Joe Lockhart, Jen Palmieri, and Josh Gottheimer; and they deserve full credit for not only facilitating this project, but for coming up with some inspired ideas. They helped Mark Katz, Jeff Shesol and me tremendously.

Thank you again, for your performance, your graciousness, and your kindness to me. Getting to work and talk with you and the people around you at the White House has been one of the highlights of my life.

Sincerely,

Phil Rosenthal
Phil Rosenthal

MAY 8, 2000
THE WHITE HOUSE

MR. PRESIDENT -

PHIL ROSENTHAL, THE CO-PRODUCER OF YOUR VIDEO AT THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS POWER, AND THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF "EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND," ASKED ME TO PASS ALONG THE NOTE TO YOU.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Thank you,

Josh Gottheimer

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TO DAN B
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[Signature]

159 SOUTH HUDSON PLACE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90004

4/12
May 18, 2000

Dr. Howard A. Rubin
Post Office Box 387
Pound Ridge, New York 10576

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your letter and for your materials about the Global New e-Economy Index. I'm glad you followed up on our conversation, and I have forwarded your correspondence to members of my staff on the National Economic Council.

Thanks, too, for your invitation for our family to visit you in New York. I appreciate your thinking of us, and I have shared your kind offer with my schedulers for consideration.

Hillary and I hope you are well, and we send our best.

BILL CLINTON

Sincerely,

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Yes ☒

No ☐



Date : April 6, 2000

For : President Clinton

Subject : Requested follow-up to conversation
related to the New Economy and the "digital divide"

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As you requested when we last had a chance to meet, enclosed you will find summary information on my new work on a "Global New e-Economy Index". The GNEI, as I call it, is a new measure that can be used as a basis for assessing the global competitiveness of nation in the New Economy. It focuses on a nation's technology infrastructure, its innovation potential, workforce, and education issues.

The GNEI research now covers about 50 countries and I am expanding its coverage by tapping the network of national Y2K technology coordinators that I worked with as part of my Y2K "Peace Corps" efforts that I coordinated with John Koskinen.

I have shared this work with David Beier as part of my involvement in the OVP's e-commerce working group project and his team is considering its use in the upcoming G-8 meeting.

I am also working with Rob Atkinson and Al From through the PPI to integrate this work as a natural follow-on to their efforts in the area of the State New Economy Index.

If you'd like additional details or wish me to provide a briefing to your staff, please let me know.

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In addition, I would like to extend and open invitation to you and your family to visit next time you are free (if that ever happens) in Westchester... I live quite close to our mutual friend Jill Iscol.

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3/16
May 18, 2000

The Honorable Bobby Lee Trammell
5213 Richardson Drive
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401-9686

Dear Bobby Lee:

Thank you for your letter and the copy of your proposed legislation, the Long-Term Methamphetamine-Crack Cocaine Treatment Act.

I understand your concerns, and you can be assured that my Administration is taking steps to help communities in the fight against methamphetamine abuse. General McCaffrey, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Attorney General Reno convened a Methamphetamine Task Force to address many aspects of the methamphetamine problem and made recommendations for solutions that focus on areas such as prevention, treatment, law enforcement, and education. They are continuing to work together to implement these solutions as effectively as possible.

I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to Joseph Peters, Acting Director of the Bureau of State and Local Affairs at ONDCP. Mr. Peters oversees the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program and can assist you in your efforts to end the methamphetamine epidemic in parts of Arkansas where the problem is particularly severe. I have also forwarded your request for a meeting to my staff in the Scheduling Office.

I commend you for your commitment to taking a comprehensive view of this crucial problem. As my Administration continues our efforts to keep communities safe from drugs and crime, I'm grateful for your leadership. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

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House of Representatives 411 to Burkhardt for response?

March 16, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

✓ yes
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Dear President Clinton:

Please accept this letter of request for your support and assistance in the creation and funding of a long-term **methamphetamine-crack cocaine** treatment program in the State of Arkansas.

Perhaps the most insidious threat facing American society today is the proliferation of methamphetamine production and use. Arkansas in particular ranks number one in per capita addiction and the manufacture of this devastating drug. The simplicity of the manufacturing process, the low street price, the widespread availability, and the extremely addictive qualities of this substance combine to create the exponential growth of this menace.

Current methods of dealing with this problem are simply not working. Arkansas' prison population is experiencing a growth rate never before seen in this state, forcing either the early-release or the transfer of inmates to out-of-state prisons. First-time incarcerations for this offense are definitely on the increase, but due to the highly addictive nature of "meth", many parolees return to this destructive lifestyle and recidivate into our penal system.

Enclosed is a draft of legislation I intend to submit to the Arkansas House of Representatives during the 2001 Legislative Session. This bill proposes to establish a long-term treatment program based on rehabilitation, education, counseling and fiscal responsibility. Only by utilizing the holistic treatment approach offered in this legislation can this problem be thoroughly addressed.

REPRESENTATIVE
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March 16, 2000
President Clinton
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My commitment to the eradication of this scourge and rehabilitation of its victims can not be overemphasized. Your assistance as the President of the United States and as a concerned citizen of this great state is urgently requested. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to meet with you personally and discuss how we might bring an end to this destructive force.

Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at your soonest convenience.

Most respectfully,


Bobby Lee Trammell
State Representative, District 88

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LONG-TERM METHAMPHETAMINE-CRACK
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12 ADDICTED TO METHAMPHETAMINE OR CRACK COCAINE; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES."
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20 ADDICTED TO METHAMPHETAMINE OR CRACK
21 COCAINE."
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Long-Term
27 Methamphetamine-Crack Cocaine Treatment Act."
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29 SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act:

30 (1) "Administrator" means the administrator of a methamphetamine-crack
31 cocaine treatment program;

32 (2) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention of
33 the Department of Health;

34 (3) "Methamphetamine-crack cocaine treatment program" means a drug
35 treatment and rehabilitation services program that has received a grant or
36 contract from the bureau to provide services to offenders in criminal

1 prosecutions who are addicted or in danger of being addicted to
2 methamphetamine or crack cocaine, and who are placed on probation and ordered
3 to submit to treatment pursuant to this act; and

4 (4) "Offender" means a person who is a defendant in a criminal
5 prosecution.

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7 SECTION 3. (a)(1) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of
8 State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a fund
9 to be known as the "Methamphetamine-Crack Cocaine Treatment Program Fund."

10 (2) The fund shall consist of any federal funds which may become
11 available, gifts, and any other funds made available by the General Assembly.

12 (3) The fund shall be used by the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug
13 Abuse Prevention of the Department of Health to reimburse methamphetamine-
14 crack cocaine treatment programs for the cost or a portion of the cost of the
15 treatment of offenders ordered to participate in the treatment program as a
16 condition of probation.

17 (b) The bureau's duty to provide reimbursement for the treatment of
18 offenders under this act shall be limited to the funds available in the
19 Methamphetamine-Crack Cocaine Treatment Program Fund.

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21 SECTION 4. (a) The bureau shall issue grants or contracts to provide
22 drug treatment and rehabilitation services to offenders who are addicted or in
23 danger of being addicted to methamphetamine or crack cocaine, and who are
24 placed on probation and ordered to submit to treatment pursuant to this act.

25 (b) The applicant for a grant or contract to provide services as a
26 methamphetamine-crack cocaine treatment program must:

27 (1) Be a community-based drug treatment program that has provided
28 services in the State of Arkansas for at least three (3) years; and

29 (2) Hold an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program license under
30 Arkansas Code 20-64-901 through 20-64-909 or hold a temporary operating permit
31 as an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program.

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33 SECTION 5. (a) The drug treatment and rehabilitation services provided
34 by a methamphetamine-crack cocaine treatment program shall be for a twenty-
35 four (24) month period as follows:

36 (1) At least the first twelve (12) months shall be residential

1 treatment and during at least the first six (6) months the offender shall be
2 confined to the treatment facility;

3 (2) During the second twelve (12) month period the treatment may
4 be either residential treatment or outpatient treatment, as determined to be
5 appropriate by the administrator of the methamphetamine-crack cocaine
6 treatment program; and

7 (3) An offender who has been released to a less restrictive level
8 of care may be returned to a more restrictive level, if determined to be
9 appropriate by the administrator of the methamphetamine-crack cocaine
10 treatment program.

11 (b) An offender ordered to participate in a methamphetamine-crack
12 cocaine treatment program pursuant to this act shall:

13 (1) Pay for a portion of the cost of treatment based on the
14 offender's financial ability to pay;

15 (2) Seek employment unless he or she is confined to the treatment
16 facility; and

17 (3) Submit to random drug testing.

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19 SECTION 6. A court may order an offender to participate in a
20 methamphetamine-crack cocaine treatment program as a condition of probation
21 if:

22 (1) The offender requests to participate in the methamphetamine-
23 crack cocaine treatment program as a condition of probation;

24 (2) The offender agrees to the release of confidential information
25 regarding treatment in order to permit the court, the probation officer, the
26 prosecutor, and the defense attorney to have access to information relating to
27 the offender's attendance, attitude, participation, and results of drug
28 screens;

29 (3) The court determines that the offender's use or dependence on
30 the drug methamphetamine or crack cocaine was a factor leading to the criminal
31 activity with which the offender is charged, and rehabilitation through
32 treatment would substantially reduce the likelihood of additional criminal
33 activity; and

34 (4) The administrator of the methamphetamine-crack cocaine
35 treatment program determines that:

36 (A) The treatment offered by the methamphetamine-crack

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May 18, 2000

Dr. James N. Weinstein
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Dear James:

Thank you for your letter and for the copy of "The Missing Piece." I appreciate having your suggestions regarding health care reform, and I've shared your correspondence with my health advisor, Chris Jennings.

My Administration has taken a number of steps to increase access to health insurance for more Americans, and my fiscal 2001 budget includes a 10-year, \$110 billion initiative, which would dramatically improve the affordability of and access to health insurance. I am grateful for your offer to help my Administration as we continue to address these important issues, and I've shared your letter with Bob Nash, Director of Presidential Personnel.

It's always good to hear from you, and I'm glad you took the time to write. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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March 28, 2000

I Burkhardt for reply?
Yes ☒ *No* ☐

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500



Dear Mr. President,

cc: Nash.

Just a short note to thank you for spending time with our family and our daughters over the years. Through Wendy Highstead, we came to be able to have Brianna, our daughter who passed away from leukemia, spend time with you both in Iowa and in Washington, and were able to meet with you in the Oval Office after Brianna passed away.

I'm sure you don't know this because it's never come up, but I work on trying to reform healthcare in my little world at Dartmouth, with Jack Wennberg and the former Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop. I am very interested in changing healthcare and to that end I offer my services to help in any way the Administration thinks someone like myself could be helpful. I have no conflicts, and have no agenda other than trying to make things better for all. I've enclosed an article called "The Missing Piece," about something we've been working on here at Dartmouth. It's important to allow all Americans to have appropriate decision-making options and choices in meeting their healthcare needs.

Secondly, I would like to offer a suggestion that may or may not be possible, depending on one's perspective. I wonder if there couldn't be collected from the Internet a "health tax"; not an income, government, or state tax, but what I would call a health tax. Potentially, that tax could pay for uninsured Americans' healthcare and the healthcare of all those unable to meet their healthcare needs in any other fashion. If you had a 2-3% tax on the



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Internet, this would more than take care of the healthcare needs of America.

Anyhow, just a short thank-you. Good luck to the first lady, Mrs. Clinton in her race in New York, and good luck to you in achieving the much-needed peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Dr. James N. Weinstein, DO, MS
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Director, The Center for Shared Decision-Making at DHMC
Editor-in-Chief, *Spine* Journal

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May 18, 2000

The Honorable Philip N. Diehl
President
Zale.com
901 West Walnut Hill Lane
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Dear Philip:

I have received your kind letter, and I want to thank you for your outstanding service to my Administration and our nation.

From your work as Counselor to Secretary Bentsen and Chief of Staff at the Treasury Department to your tenure with the United States Mint, you have carried out your demanding responsibilities with distinction and professionalism. As Director of the Mint, you played an important role in improving labor-management relations and in developing the Mint's successful internet retailing efforts. I am especially grateful for your leadership in effectively communicating the benefits of the 50 State Quarters Program and the new Golden Dollar to the American people. You have consistently gone above and beyond whatever was asked of you, and on behalf of all those who have had the privilege of working with you, I thank you for a job well done.

Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for every happiness and continued success.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Philip M. Diehl
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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March 21, 2000

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Yes ☒

No ☐

cc: Exec Clerk

Yes ☒

No ☐

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to serve the nation as director of the United States Mint the past six years and to inform you of my intention to resign effective March 26, 2000, or upon the Senate's confirmation of my successor, whichever occurs first.

Serving in your Administration and leading the transformation of the U.S. Mint has been the high point of my career in public life. Since 1994, the U.S. Mint has been the proving ground for virtually every major reinvention initiative you have supported since 1994.

We took one of the rockiest labor-management relations in the federal government and created one of the strongest partnerships in the country, winning three National Partnership Awards from Vice President Gore along the way. We converted a financial management basket case into a financial management poster child and earned six clean independent audits in the process. Using state-of-the-art information technology, we launched an e-commerce venture that, in less than one year, has made the U.S. Mint one of the nation's top ten "e-tailers."

The Mint also vastly improved business results for the benefit of our customers and our stockholders, the American taxpayer, winning 10 Hammer Awards from the Vice President. And last year, the University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index found that the Mint matched the customer satisfaction ratings of the best in business, including Daimler-Chrysler, BMW, and Colgate-Palmolive.

With your support, these initiatives have allowed the Mint to post business results that are extraordinary by any measure. In only three years, the Mint has increased the profits we return to the U.S. Treasury to more than \$2.7 billion – six times what they were in 1997. Last year we launched the most successful numismatic program in history, the 50 State Quarters, which are being collected from pocket change by half of all Americans. Six weeks ago, the Mint introduced the Golden Dollar, the nation's first successful dollar coin in the 208-year history of U.S. coinage.

The U.S. Mint is the progeny of Thomas Jefferson. The first federal building constructed under the U.S. Constitution housed the Mint in Philadelphia, and the new nation's coins were among the first products of the industrial revolution in North America. I leave the U.S. Mint an organization that has reclaimed the dedication to excellence originally received from Secretary of State Jefferson. We have proven what is possible in the real world when the vision and values of public service are combined with the focus, discipline, and entrepreneurial spirit that drives high performance in America's most successful businesses.

Thank you again for the extraordinary opportunity to serve you and the American people. It will be my privilege and pleasure to do so again in the future.

With best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip N. Diehl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "P" and "D".

Philip N. Diehl
Director
United States Mint

May 16, 2000

PERSONAL

Mr. Michael C. Turpen
Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis
Suite 101
The Paragon Building
5801 Broadway Extension
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118-7489

Dear Mike:

It was good to see you in Oklahoma City, and I was honored to participate in the day's events. Thanks so much for the inscribed copy of *The Pre-Paid Legal Story* and the great CD. You are always so thoughtful.

I strongly support a victims' rights amendment, and my Administration worked with the amendment's sponsors, Senators Feinstein and Kyl, to address our concerns. As you know, our main concerns were that the last version of the VRA did not contain language that expressly preserves the rights of the accused. It also contained problematic provisions on pardons, and another on restitution that could disrupt finality of sentences. In addition, the VRA would set a very high standard for exceptions to the amendment, which could create practical law enforcement problems.

Unfortunately, despite a good-faith effort on all sides, we were unable to reach agreement before consideration of the amendment was halted. Nevertheless, I continue to strongly support a victims' rights amendment to the Constitution and would support the Feinstein-Kyl amendment if our concerns were addressed. I remain hopeful that we can keep working to pass a balanced victims' rights amendment that guarantees victims' rights in every court in the land.

I'm glad that members of the National Organization for Victim Assistance have been in contact with members of my staff who are working on this important issue, and I look forward to your continued involvement. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Mr. President -

I enjoyed visiting with you at Air Force One last Wednesday. Please help us with the Victim Rights Amendment that is now pending in the Senate. I am told that your staff is meeting this morning with members of NOVA, the National Organization for Victim Assistance (of which I'm Vice President). Thank you Mr. President for coming to Oklahoma City & thank you for your help on this issue.
 Your Friend, *[Signature]*

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Thank you Nancy



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May 15, 2000

Mr. Joe Berlinger
Creative Thinking International, Ltd.
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Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter and for the copies of *Paradise Lost* and *Revelations*. The films are remarkable, and it is certainly an interesting -- and troubling -- case.

As you may be aware, however, my authority to grant executive clemency is limited to federal offenses. Because these cases were prosecuted in state court, clemency would only be available through Arkansas state officials.

Best wishes.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

April 2, 2000

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Ms. Minyon Moore
Special Liaison to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington. D.C.

Dear Ms. Moore,

I am writing you at the suggestion of Lou Weisbach, who I had dinner with in Las Vegas on Friday. He told me he planned to mention the subject below to the President when he sees him on Sunday.

Two documentaries, "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills" (1996) and "Paradise Lost 2: Revelations" (2000) have concerned me that three innocent young men have been jailed for a crime while the real killer dares us to apprehend him.

One of the convicted young men, Damien Eccols, faces the death penalty. Almost everyone who has seen the two films, which have been aired on HBO, has been filled with the eerie conviction (backed by circumstantial evidence) that the stepfather of one of the murdered boys is the real killer, and that the three youths were arrested and convicted in a wave of hysteria which painted them as Satanists. This is literally a witch hunt.

In the first film, the stepfather actually gives the documentarians a knife that appears to resemble the murder weapon. In the second, after the mysterious death of his wife, the mother of one of the victims, he refers to her death as a "murder" even though he was the only person present when he died. There is also the peculiarity of a belated discovery of bite marks on the corpses, matched with the stepfather's three conflicting stories about why, and when, he had all his teeth extracted. In both films, the stepfather voluntarily appears on camera for extended

periods, behaving in a bizarre way that actually seems designed to call attention to his possible guilt.

I am asking Joe Berlinger, co-director of the two films, to send tapes of them to you, with the thought that they might be of interest to the President. I am enclosing my reviews of the two films.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Ebert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger Ebert

"Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills"

Four stars

Creative Thinking International Ltd. and Hand-To-Mouth Productions presents a documentary about a murder trial directed, produced and edited by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky. Photographed by Robert Richman. Edited by M. Watanabe Milmore. Music by Metallica. Running time: 150 minutes. No MPAA rating (mature audiences; graphic scenes of murder victims).

Movies / Roger Ebert

(ital) Even Johnny Cash wears black. (unital)
--Parents of defendant Damien Echols

On May 5, 1993, the mutilated bodies of three 2nd graders were found in a wooded area near West Memphis, Ark. A month later, murder charges were filed against three local teenagers, who were accused of killing the children in a Satanic ritual. A police officer, asked how good the state's case was, he said, "On a scale of 1 to 10, it's an 11." But a hypnotic new documentary suggests that the community and the courtroom, inflamed by emotion and sensationalism, rushed to judgment.

"Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills" is unique among courtroom documentaries in that the filmmakers, Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, seem to have had complete access to both sides of the trial process, including private family meetings, conferences with lawyers, and even sessions in the judge's chambers. The film opens with sad police video footage from the crime scene, showing the bodies as they were first discovered, and then reports how wild rumors swept the area about Satanic rituals, animal sacrifice and blood drinking.

A month after the murders, an undersized 17-year-old named Jesse Misskelly, with an I.Q. of 72, testified that he had been present when Damien Wayne Echols, 18, and Jason Baldwin, 16, killed and mutilated the boys. Local prosecutors brought murder charges against the boys. In the courtroom, they make a poignant trio: Jesse, small and blinking; Jason, who does not testify and indeed hardly speaks except in soft, shy generalities, and Damien,

intelligent and articulate, known locally for dressing in black, listening to heavy metal music, and reading books on Wicca, or "white magic."

There is no significant physical evidence linking them to the crime, and the crime scene itself is without clues. Although one of the victims lost five pints of blood and the others bled freely, there is no blood at the murder site. The state's case is based on Jesse's testimony and hearsay; the defense argues that the statements made by Jesse contained only facts first supplied to him by the police, and there is a fascinating cross-examination in which a police transcript shows Jesse shifting the time of the crimes from morning to noon to after school to evening (when they actually occurred) under leading suggestions by police.

Jesse, whose trial was split off from the others, was found guilty and sentenced to life plus 40 years. He was offered a reduced sentence if he would testify at the trial of the other two teenagers, but refused. His mother says told him she would be sitting right there in the courtroom, and didn't want to hear him lie.

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development, Byers gives the film makers a knife. They turn it over to the state. Crime lab reports show traces of blood that apparently comes from himself and his stepson. In the witness stand, he testifies that he beat his stepson with a belt at 5:30 p.m. on the day of his death. The welts from the belt buckle had previously been linked to the ritual killing.

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"Paradise Lost 2: Revelations"

Television / Roger Ebert

Three second-graders were brutally murdered on May 5, 1993, in West Memphis, Ark., and three young men are still in prison for the crimes, convicted in a climate which stereotyped them as members of a Satanic cult.

The possibility that they are innocent gnaws at anyone who has seen "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills." That 1996 documentary argued they were innocent, and implied that the father of one of the victims might have been involved. He even supplied a knife to the filmmakers that seemed to match the profile of the murder weapon, but DNA tests on bloodstains were botched.

When "Paradise Lost" played on HBO, it inspired a national movement to free the three prisoners--Damien Echols, now 24, under sentence of death, and Jessie Misskelley, 23, and Jason Baldwin, 21, with life sentences. Now comes "Paradise Lost 2: Revelations," a sequel that involves their appeals, and also features extraordinarily creepy footage of Mark Byers, the father under suspicion, whose wife has died in mysterious circumstances in the meantime.

The new documentary, directed like the first by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, plays at 9 p.m. Monday on HBO, and at 10 p.m. Wednesday. There is unlikely to be anything else on TV this week, or this month, more disturbing than this film. Watching it, you feel like an eyewitness to injustice.

Among new evidence introduced on appeal is the finding that human bite marks, found on one of the child's bodies, do not match the bites of the three defendants. The film points out that Mark Byers had his teeth extracted in 1997, four years after the murders, although on camera he places the extraction much earlier, and gives several contradictory reasons for it.

What does this prove? Not much to prosecution forensic experts, who testify the bite marks were caused by a belt.

Byers spends a lot of time on camera (he accepted an honorarium for appearing in this film). He is described by Echols as "the fakest creature to ever walk on two legs," and that seems the simple truth: He has an odd way of speaking in rehearsed sound bites, avoiding eye contact while using lurid prose that sounds strikingly insincere. Visiting the murder scene, he stages a mock burial and

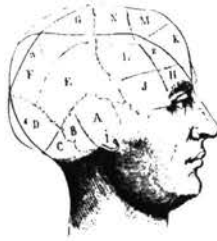
cremation of the three defendants, saying "there's your head-marker, you animal," and then pouring on charcoal lighter, chortling "now we're gonna have some fun," and lighting his cigar before dropping the match.

Did he do it? We hear a litany of his problems: A brain tumor, manic-depression, bad checks, drug abuse, DUIs, hallucinations, blackouts, neighbors who got a restraining order after he spanked their child, and the death of his wife. Byers rants about those who accused him of her death, and says she died in her sleep of natural causes. Later, possibly in a Freudian slip, he says, "after my wife was murdered."

The legal establishment in West Memphis seems wedded to their shaky case--dug in too deep to reconsider. Echols' new attorney claims the original defense was underfunded and incompetent, and indeed we find that one attorney was paid only \$19 an hour, and the defense was limited to \$1,000 for tests and research in a case dripping with forensic evidence.

Questions remain. If the victims were killed in the wooded area where they were found, why was there no blood at the scene? Can a confession by Misskelley be trusted? He has an IQ of 72, was questioned by police for 12 hours without a parent or attorney present, and then was tape-recorded only long enough to recite a statement which he later retracted.

On June 17, the appeal was turned down, by the same judge who officiated at the original trial. Near the end of the film, Byers takes a lie detector test and passes. The film notes that at the time he was on five mood-altering medications. The last shots show him singing "Amazing Grace," very badly.



April 4, 2000

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

**RE: FILMS REGARDING DAMIEN ECHOLS'
WRONGFUL CONVICTION IN ARKANSAS**

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed please find VHS copies of two documentary films made by my partner and me, entitled *Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills* and *Revelations: Paradise Lost 2*.

As you may have heard from Lou Weisbach and Roger Ebert, the films tell the story of the tragic and brutal 1993 murders of three eight-year-old boys in West Memphis, Arkansas, and the subsequent trials and convictions of Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley, Jr.

Damien, Jason and Jessie were convicted in an atmosphere of hysteria, in a community desperate for answers in the wake of an unthinkable tragedy. The emotions of the case permeated the media and the public at large, who convicted these young men before their trials ever began. However, there has only been extremely limited circumstantial evidence linking any of these young men to the crime. In fact, even one of the original prosecutors (who has yet to come forward publicly) has admitted to us privately that he does not feel the evidence he presented at trial was sufficient to warrant a conviction.

Damien Echols is sentenced to die by lethal injection, which could happen as early as this year. His case is now under review by the Arkansas Supreme Court, which, I fear, will likely echo the prejudiced statements of the lower courts. Those tainted opinions will be all that a Federal Circuit Judge will read before deciding whether or not to grant Damien a federal habeas corpus hearing, unless someone urges the courts to look closer at this case, and take an interest in the execution of this innocent young man.

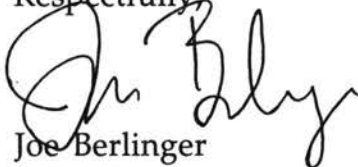
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As an Arkansas native, I sincerely hope that you do not perceive these films to be disparaging toward your home state. Although some Arkansans have been displeased with the portrayal of the State, our intention was never to criticize Arkansas, but to shed light on this particular case.

I am currently on location directing a movie (the sequel to *The Blair Witch Project*), but if you have any questions about the case or the films, I can be reached at all times on my cel phone, at (914)325-2409. Additionally, I live only minutes away from your Chappaqua home, in case you or Mrs. Clinton have any interest in meeting with me about the case.

Mr. President, it is imperative that the three young men receive new trials in a neutral environment. I implore you to view these two films and take an interest in this potential gross miscarriage of justice, currently happening in your home state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Berlinger". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "Berlinger".

Joe Berlinger

Enclosures

cc: Roger Ebert (w/o enclosures)

A Crime, and Its Questions, Revisited

By ANITA GATES

If John Mark Byers were a rich man, you might think he had bought his way out of trouble. But Mr. Byers, as he would be the first to tell you, is just plain folks. An apparently uneducated, overalls-wearing Arkansan who once owned a small jewelry store, he is the reason HBO's documentary "Paradise Lost 2: Revelations" is so horrifying and fascinating. It is also as disturbing as a film can be.

At the end of the original HBO film "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills" three teenagers were in prison, convicted of the 1993 murders of three 8-year-old boys. One of the teenagers, a 19-year-old, was on death row. But everything in the film had begun to point toward Mr. Byers, the stepfather of one of the murder victims.

That was 1994. Many viewers, learning that a sequel has been made, may expect it to be the story of how the young men were exonerated and the real murderer or murderers arrested. It is not.

In the beginning "Revelations" looks as if it will follow the pattern of another real-life case, that of Hurricane Carter as seen in the film "The Hurricane." A group of young people became convinced of Mr. Carter's innocence and devoted themselves to winning him a new trial and getting him out of prison. Happily, it worked.

In the case of the three young men convicted in Arkansas — Damien Echols (then 19, now 24), Jason Baldwin (now 21) and Jessie Misskelley Jr. (23) — a similar support group springs up. But when these advocates come to Jonesboro, Ark., bearing "Free the West Memphis Three" T-shirts, they appear to be greeted with the same warmth that met early civil rights workers arriving in the South.

The fact that some are from far-away states like Ohio, New Jersey and California is not in their favor. There may be a knee-jerk reaction to the term "West Memphis Three," reminiscent of the 1960's radical left.



Damien Echols, now 24, is awaiting execution for killing three 8-year-olds in 1993.

Or perhaps local residents suspect the group of being a cult. As a teenager Mr. Echols believed in Wicca, a religion that worships nature and advocates a kind of benevolent witchcraft. The prosecutors decided that the murders (in which one of the victims was sexually mutilated) had been ritualistic, committed by devil worshipers; they equated Wicca, and the fact that Mr. Echols was a fan of the rock group Metallica, with Satanism.

Interviewed for the sequel, the chief investigator for the original trial says he is sure the young men in prison are the murderers. For one thing, Mr. Misskelley confessed.

Even local television personalities seem convinced of the young men's guilt. When Burk Sauls, a leader of the support group, says on the air that Mr. Misskelley's confession was coerced, a man at the KAIT anchor desk says skeptically, "What was coercive about it?" It doesn't help that Mr. Sauls, who often seems to be smirking, answers with a reference to "a time line problem" instead of reiterating that Mr. Misskelley was questioned for hours. And when Mr. Misskelley did finally agree with the police officers who were saying he did it, he told them that the murders were committed at noon (when the victims were still at school). Mr. Misskelley has an I.Q. of 72.

The most amazing part of the sequel concerns bite mark evidence. When the defense, with the support

group's help, brings in a criminal profiler, he looks at photographs of the crime and sees bite marks that were either overlooked or ignored during the first trial. The three men in prison give bite impressions for analysis; none match. The prosecution and the defense bring in dueling odontologists. One says yes, these are bite marks; the other says they are not. The judge decides the prosecution odontologist is telling the truth.

As for Mr. Byers, he now has false teeth. But, he says, he has had them since before the murders. Then he says his teeth were knocked out in a fight. Then he says he lost his teeth because of periodontal disease. According to the film, dental records show that an oral surgeon removed Mr. Byers's teeth in April 1997, almost four years after the murders.

In the course of the film Mr. Byers takes a polygraph test with questions about the murders. The man who conducts the test tells him that he appears to be telling the truth about these matters "as far as you see them." (Mr. Byers turns to the cam-

In Arkansas a triple murder, a disputed verdict, but no 'Hurricane.'

era and declares himself vindicated, those last six words apparently not having registered with him.) It is established that Mr. Byers has a brain tumor and is taking several medications.

More than once Mr. Byers kneels beside a grave and speaks to the deceased. In the first film it was his son's grave. In "Revelations" it is that of his wife, Melissa, who died in 1996 of an undetermined cause. "I know your heart was broken," he says as the camera rolls. "I know you couldn't stand the death of your child. But oh God, I wish you hadn't left me." The impression is of a very bad actor imitating grief. If Mr. Byers is indeed innocent, he is doing himself no favors with these performances.

Mr. Byers was arrested last June for selling prescription drugs to an undercover narcotics agent. Sentenced to eight years, he could be paroled in October. Meanwhile Damien Echols is still on death row. He could be executed by lethal injection as early as May. Hearings for his last possible appeal on the state level end

Movie re-casts doubt on child murders

By STEPHEN SCHAEFER

The deaths of three boys, all second-graders who were found mutilated and murdered in a West Memphis, Ark., ravine were dubbed the "Robin Hood Hills murders," after the neighborhood where the killings took place. As it turns out, that wasn't the only fantastical element applied to the case.



ON DEATH ROW: Damien Echols, one of three boys convicted in the Robin Hood Hills murders.

TELEVISION Three youths who wore black T-shirts and listened to heavy metal music were arrested, tried and convicted in what the prosecution called "ritualistic, Satanic cult" killings. One of them, Damien Echols, now 24, is on death row, the other two imprisoned for life.

That trial was filmed by the award-winning documentary team of Bruce Sinofsky, a Newton native, and Joe Berlinger, who began directing "The Blair Witch Project" sequel last week amid intense secrecy ("I can't tell you where we're filming, who's in it or what is going to happen").

They transformed the tragic and lurid tale into an Emmy-winning 1996 HBO documentary called "Paradise Lost." Not only did it expose (yet again) why poor people without adequate legal representation often end up on death row, it seriously cast doubt on the trio's guilt. "Paradise Lost" suggested that John Mark Byers, the

Bible-spouting stepfather of one of the victims, might be in some way responsible for the murders.

Berlinger, who calls this "My year for sequels," and Sinofsky return to HBO Monday at 10 p.m. with "Paradise Lost 2: Revelations," in which they revisit a case now mired in legal appeals for the imprisoned youths. Their original documentary inspired a nationwide support group called "Free the West Memphis Three," and the sequel pinpoints more bad news for Byers, the stepfather.

His wife died under mysterious circumstances two years ago. He's without a job, takes tons of prescription medication and feels like a pariah thanks to lingering suspicions about his involvement.

Says Sinofsky, "Joe and I weren't thinking, 'Let's go make Part 2.' HBO wanted something shorter, a 45-minute addition to the first film. As we got down there, we saw the West Memphis Three, the bite mark evidence and hearings were pending. We were re-energized.

"One thing that always troubled Joe and I was the first one won an Emmy and Peabody and made many top 10 lists when it was released theatrically, but it never jumped off the entertainment pages to become a news story.

While we tried to be ambiguous in the first film, we never felt they got a fair trial. It wasn't where we were on an advocacy route to prove them innocent like 'The Thin Blue Line,' the documentary by Cambridge's Erroll Morris that prompted a review of a Texas death row case that reversed a murder conviction.

"In the second film we're not doing that either, but we are leaning away from the prosecution and for the defendants."

Sinofsky may be diplomatic, but Berlinger has no qualms about stating the obvious: "Is this an attempt to save somebody's life on death row? Yes!

"I'm not supposed to say that because we attempt to tell both sides of one story. But the truth is the film points so overwhelmingly in one direction: How on earth could the jury arrive at this verdict? There are so many open questions."

If "Paradise Lost 2" strives to tell both sides of the story, "My personal opinion is that Echols is innocent," Berlinger says. "But the film doesn't go that far. The mission is to demonstrate that these guys didn't receive a fair trial. If you're going to put somebody to death, you should be damned sure that person is the guilty party. There are a lot of mind-boggling questions still open."

Even if the case hasn't yet become a news story, it has changed many people's lives, most dramatically the principal defendant's. "Damien did say he'd be dead by now without the first film, the West Memphis Three support group and his appeals," Berlinger says.

The filmmaker revealed one development not included in "Paradise Lost 2": "Damien got married on death row last November. They didn't want to put this in the film and we respected it. He's married a woman significantly older; she's like 34 or 35.

"What happened was when the film was shown in '96 at the Museum of Modern Art's New Directors/New Films series in New York, this woman from Brooklyn came to the screening and asked questions after. She was the last to leave and later she called me with more questions.

"Then I heard she made contact with Damien and visited him and moved to Little Rock after quitting her New York architectural firm.

"She's not a death row wacko at all; she's a very intelligent, nice woman who has an architecture career. She visited him daily even though they have no contact visits, and last November Damien's Buddhist spiritual adviser performed the ceremony."

As "Paradise Lost 2" notes at the end, if Echols' appeals are denied, he could be executed before the end of the year.

Says Sinofsky, "Everybody asks if we'll make 'Paradise Lost 3.' If Damien does get a federal appeal, it would be a story worth telling. If he's put to death, there's not enough, sadly, to tell — other than the loss and grief."

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Transcript of *Paradise Lost* Mention

As It Appears in Show #1118: "THE BEST FILMS OF 1996"

Tape date: 12-20-96

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GENE SISKEL: "Fargo." "Everyone Says I Love You." "The English Patient." What do these three films have in common? They've both made either Roger's or mine or both of our Ten Best Films of the Year lists. And we'll be revealing those lists on this special edition of "Siskel & Ebert," a show with a fistful of thumbs up!

ROGER EBERT: And I'm Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times.

ROGER: Now Gene and I are both going to give our full lists of the year's best films.

Number 10 on my list: "Big Night", directed by Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci.

Number 9: "Heidi Fleiss," the year's best documentary, with its stranger-than-fiction story of the Hollywood madam and the sinister figures behind her scandal.

Number 8: Woody Allen's "Everyone Says I Love You."

Number 7: Kenneth Branagh's "Hamlet."

Number 6: "Bound," by Larry and Andy Wachowski.

Number 5 on my list: "Welcome to the Dollhouse," directed and written by Todd Solondz.

Fourth on the list: John Sayles' "Lone Star".

Number 3: Mike Leigh's daring family drama, "Secrets and Lies".

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And Number One, the best film of the year on my list: "FARGO", by the Coen Brothers.

GENE SISKEL: And now for my list of the top films of 1996:

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Number 7: The documentary "PARADISE LOST," by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, about a murder trial that could have possibly gone terribly wrong.

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ROGER: Well, all I have to say, Gene, is when we disagree one of us is wrong, but when we agree, both of us are right!

GENE: Excellent logic!

ROGER: Thank you! If you would like another look at our Ten Best lists, they're on the World Wide Web at www.siskel-ebert.com.

GENE: Hey, dot and dash yourself to see "FARGO" on videotape!

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Transcript of *Paradise Lost* Segment

As It Appears in Show #1120: "Memo to the Academy"

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GENE SISKEL: "Jerry Maguire." "Surviving Picasso." "Bound." What do these three films have in common? Each contains an element we think is worthy of an Oscar nomination, but may not get it. And reminding Oscar voters of worthy nominations is the subject of this special edition of "Siskel & Ebert" we call our annual "Memo to the Academy." I'm Gene Siskel of the Chicago Tribune.

ROGER EBERT: And I'm Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times. In presenting our annual memo to the Academy's voters, we hope it functions as a reminder of deserving work that is in danger of being forgotten or overlooked. Now, do we want to influence the Oscar ballots, which are just now coming into the voters' hands? You bet we do!

ROGER: My next suggestion to the Academy voters: in the Best Documentary category please nominate *PARADISE LOST: THE CHILD MURDERS AT ROBIN HOOD HILLS*. This is the unforgettable new film by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, whose great *Brother's Keeper* was overlooked a few years ago by the Academy.

CLIP

ROGER: A lot of documentaries traditionally nominated for Oscars are really just TV shows pasted together out of file footage and talking heads. A movie like this--like *Paradise Lost*--represents a year's hard reporting, telling the tragic story of three eight-year-olds who were murdered, and raising the real possibility that three local teenagers were wrongly convicted of the crime.

Satanism the phantom of 'Paradise'

Even Johnny Cash wears black.

Parents of defendant Damien Echols

MOVIES

By Roger Ebert

On May 5, 1993, the mutilated bodies of three second-graders were found in a wooded area near West Memphis, Ark. A month later, murder charges were filed against three local teenagers, who were accused of killing the children in a satanic ritual. A police officer, asked how good the state's case was, said, "On a scale of 1 to 10, it's an 11." But a hypnotic new documentary suggests that the community and the courtroom, inflamed by emotion and sensationalism, rushed to judgment.

"Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills" is unique among courtroom documentaries in that the filmmakers, Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, seem to have had complete access to both sides of the trial process, including private family meetings, conferences with lawyers, even sessions in the judge's chambers. The film opens with sad police video footage from the crime scene, showing the bodies as they were first discovered, and then reports how wild rumors swept the area about satanic rituals, animal sacrifice and blood drinking.

A month after the murders, an undersized 17-year-old named Jesse Misskelley, with an IQ of 70, testified that he had been present when Damien Wayne Echols, 18, and Jason Baldwin, 16, killed and mutilated the boys. Local prosecutors brought murder charges against the boys. In the courtroom, they make a poignant trio: Jesse, small and blinking; Jason, who does not testify and indeed hardly speaks except in soft, shy generalities, and Damien, intelligent and articulate, known locally for dressing in black, listening to heavy metal music and reading books on Wicca, or "white magic."

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Damien Echols

PARADISE LOST: THE CHILD MURDERS AT ROBIN HOOD HILLS

★★★★

A documentary about a murder trial directed, produced and edited by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky. Running time: 150 minutes. No MPAA rating (mature audiences; graphic scenes of murder victims). Opens today at the Music Box.



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Friday, September 27, 1996

Siskel's Flicks Picks

By Gene Siskel



■ **PARADISE LOST.** A brilliant documentary about a sensational murder trial in Arkansas that, according to the filmmakers, may be nothing more than a desperate witch hunt. Three 8-year-old boys are brutally slain, and arrested for the crime are three teen-age boys, including one who has dabbled in the occult. Directors Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky manage to capture trial coverage that goes beyond anything you saw in the O.J. Simpson case. The result is an aching portrait of a small town with small minds and broken hearts. Not rated. ★★★★★

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Is this justice?

HBO takes another look at controversial Arkansas triple murder case.

By KINNEY LITTLEFIELD
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Oh boy, we're tough.
We will kill crime.
Our penchant for punishment over rehabilitation, for longer prison terms or even the death penalty, seems increasingly pronounced.

But what if a terrible mistake is made, as we saw in the movie *The Hurricane* when boxer Ruben "Hurricane" Carter was wrongly incarcerated for murder?

What if less-than-affluent murder defendants can't afford the pricey lawyering you'd better well have if you're on trial for your life?

Those crucial questions are pressing in *Paradise Lost 2: Revelations*, an eerie documentary about triple murder and a possible miscarriage of justice in West Memphis, Ark., premiering tonight on HBO.

The unsettling feature-length film continues where its Emmy and Peabody award-winning predecessor *Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills* (1996) left off. It revisits the 1994 arrest and conviction — with much community

Steven Branch
Age 8



Chris Byers
Age 8



Michael Moore
Age 8



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Lloyd Jesse Misskelley Jr.



Wayne Eugene Echols



Jason Charles Baldwin



THE CHILD MURDERS AT ROBIN HOOD HILLS

WANTED: The publicity poster for the documentary shows the victims, Steven Branch, Chris Byers and Michael Moore, as well as the three men convicted of their murders, Jessie Misskelley, Damien Echols and Jason Charles Baldwin. HBO photo

outrage and scant evidence — of Jason Baldwin, now 22, Jessie Misskelley, now 23, and Damien Echols, now 24, for the brutal murder of three 8-year-old boys.

The case gained national notoriety and the trappings of a witch hunt because Echols wore long hair and a trench coat, listened to heavy metal music and was rumored to have made a pact with the devil.

"Every day the press was saying devil worship, Metallica music — guilty, guilty, guilty," filmmaker Bruce Sinofsky said of the 1996 trial. Sinofsky and Joe Berlinger produced and directed *Paradise Lost 2* and the original *Paradise Lost*.

"The jury pool was so polluted there was no way people hadn't made up their minds about guilt or innocence."

Baldwin and Misskelley are now serving life sentences and Echols awaits execution on death row, pending possible review of his case by a federal judge. He has exhausted his state appeals.

Meanwhile, provocative *Paradise Lost 2* aims to stir public support to give Echols a new trial.

Distressing as it is, it is investigative — and advocacy — journalism at its best.

"The defendants' families live on \$8,000 or \$10,000 a year," Sinofsky said. "The way it works in Arkansas with indigent cases, if you're an attorney your name comes up in a lottery and you have to defend that person. Only one of the original attorneys had any murder trial experience."

"To see these people settle for inexperienced attorneys with no war chest — you really see how poor people don't get a fair shake unlike O.J. or the Ramseys [in the unsolved JonBenet Ramsey murder case] or the Menendez brothers — whatever the outcome of the trial."

Paradise Lost 2 also probes the possibility that police may have coerced a confession from Misskelley, who has an IQ of 72.

His interview with the police lasted 12 hours without a lawyer or family member present. It was a linchpin of the prosecution's case.

Watch *Paradise Lost 2* and you can't help but worry deeply how well our get-tough criminal justice system works.

Indeed, the film is styled to achieve a mood of gut-roiling menace.

It meshes fast edits, graphic crime photos, Metallica music and flashbacks to the earlier film with emotionally strident interviews.

Included are straight-up chats with police investigators, a criminal profiler, the victims' parents, the convicted men and their support group "Free the West Memphis Three."

"That group has really jumped in to try and get a new trial," Sinofsky said. "The Internet is crucial at this point — Damien even did an Internet chat from death row."

The documentary includes scenes of Echols' mom tearfully chatting over the Net with her son.

In truly strange segments it showcases the bizarre mindset of John Mark Byers — father of one of the slain boys — who some believe guilty of the triple murder.

Sinofsky: "In our system — in this case — there was just this leap to convict so life can go back to the way it was in the community because fear is running rampant and kids can't go back to the playground."

"Before this case I was a supporter of the death penalty. But after seeing how mistakes can be made I'm now firmly against it."

"Really, this case is a study in poor man's justice. It's just not something you can easily rinse off."

Roger Ebert & the movies

"ROGER EBERT & THE MOVIES" SHOW #1429
TRANSCRIPT OF "PARADISE LOST 2: REVELATIONS" REVIEW
GUEST CRITIC: JOYCE KULHAWIK, WBZ-TV, BOSTON
TAPE DATE: 3/15/00
AIR DATE: 3/18/00

ROGER EBERT: A few years ago we reviewed an extraordinary documentary named "Paradise Lost," that was about the murder of three little boys in West Memphis, Arkansas. Three local teenager were charged with the crimes and found guilty. One received a death sentence, the other two were imprisoned for life, in a mood of hysteria in which they were stereotyped as members of a satanic cult. And they were heavy-metal listeners. The documentary cast serious doubts on that verdict. And now there is a sequel, called "PARADISE LOST 2: REVELATIONS," which plays this month on HBO. Time has changed Damien Echols, who received the death penalty. We see him defiant after his arrest...

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ROGER: ...but now subdued and more thoughtful after hard prison time.

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ROGER: We also see another familiar face: John Mark Byers, stepfather of one of the murdered boys. The first film suggested that he might have been involved in the murders himself, and he is the focus of groups who believe the three young prisoners are innocent.

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ROGER: Byers' wife died a few years ago, and the death is still under investigation. Here he pays a visit to her grave and rants against any suspicion that he was involved in her death.

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ROGER: But later in the film he makes what sounds to me like a big Freudian slip.

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ROGER: The film's position is very clear: the three prisoners were victims of hysteria in a climate that claimed they were members of a satanic cult. A lot of evidence points to their innocence, and some evidence, including a bloody knife and some missing teeth, create doubts about Byers. Decide for yourself. "PARADISE LOST 2: REVELATIONS" has played twice on HBO, and plays three more times this month. Check your listings.

JOYCE KULHAWIK: I have to say this was one of the most difficult movies I have ever had to watch. And I watched part two first and then went back and had to make myself watch part one. The filmmakers are absolutely to be commended for throwing a very harsh light on some real dark corners here. And at the very least, this film demands, demands, that the facts be reexamined in a neutral legal setting again. What about those bite marks? What about this stepfather, who has to be one of the most frightening people I've ever seen on screen? And at the very most this film might help prevent a gross miscarriage of justice.

ROGER: You know, when you say a neutral setting I think that's crucial, because it's clear in the first film and clear in the second film that the local people involved have a vested interest in being right about this no matter whether they're right or wrong.

JOYCE: There was a foregone conclusion. And I think that has clearly affected the way the jury behaved here, the way the townspeople behaved, the way the reporters covering this case have behaved in not reporting some of the facts that were very important, not highlighting them, not seeing it, because they just didn't get it.

ROGER: Although, actually, the "Arkansas Gazette" has done a pretty good job of calling a lot of this into question. That woman in the film comes across pretty well. But boy, to see this film really gets you worked up, doesn't it?

JOYCE: Yes, it does.

ROGER: It's disturbing.

THE CRITICS' JOINT COMMENT FROM THE PROGRAM SUMMARY

ROGER: And finally two thumbs up for the very important "PARADISE LOST 2: REVELATIONS," one of the most disturbing films we've seen. Check your local listings for its HBO playdates.

SISKEL & EBERT

"SISKEL & EBERT" Transcript

"PARADISE LOST: THE CHILD MURDERS AT ROBIN HOOD HILLS"

As it appears in show #1103

Tape Date: 9-18-96

Air Date: 9-21-96

GENE SISKEL: Our next film is truly special. It's called "PARADISE LOST: THE CHILD MURDERS AT ROBIN HOOD HILLS," and it is extraordinary, a riveting documentary about a small town and its attempt to deal with the grisly 1993 murders in West Memphis, Arkansas, of three eight-year-old boys, carved up and dumped in a ditch. Now, you might think this subject is too repellant to watch, and I'll admit I did at first. But the movie is as much about the townspeople, the surviving families and the accused killers, as the killings themselves, as "PARADISE LOST" develops all of the energy and drama of a great court case and a social document.

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GENE: One of those accused is a tiny 17-year-old with an IQ of 72 who, his defense lawyers argue, was coerced into a confession and into implicating two other boys.

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GENE: The alleged ringleader is a boy who is into heavy metal music and has dabbled with the occult; he acknowledges that. He wears black clothing, and all of that, the prosecutors argue, is what makes this--in their opinion--a Satanic cult killing.

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GENE: "PARADISE LOST" was created by filmmakers Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, who four years ago created the similar crime investigation film, "Brother's Keeper." Again they use a murder trial to really give us a memorable portrait of an insular town while we try to sort out a real life and death drama. "PARADISE LOST" runs two-and-a-half hours; I easily could have watched another hour--another two hours--of this material. It's that strong and sad and outrageous.

ROGER EBERT: Oh, it is a great film, Gene, and one of the things it points out is the need, the real need to create the idea of Satanic rituals in order to explain crimes, because it's not enough that there could be a sick deviate out there who would kill these boys. And then the evidence that builds up: there was no blood at the murder site--eight pints of blood disappeared. The kids are too small to have carried the bodies there. The mutilations couldn't have taken place, apparently--at least, a doctor says--at night underwater in the dark. The murders apparently took place someplace else, and there is compelling evidence that these three kids didn't do it. But everybody in the town and in the courtroom and on the jury are all blinded by their fantasies about Satanic cults, and they can't listen to reason.

GENE: The other thing I want to point out is, in addition to that, the portrait of a town...

ROGER: Yes.

GENE: ...and how they band together, how they fight each other, the tragedy unfolding in so many multiple ways, killing so many people's spirits. It's an incredible document about the devastation of a crime, whoever did it.

ROGER: Yes. Yes. And it's a great film.

THE CRITICS' JOINT COMMENT FROM THE SUMMARY PORTION OF THE SHOW

ROGER: Finally, two very enthusiastic thumbs up for "PARADISE LOST." This one also looks headed for our top ten lists.

ADDITIONAL, INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

GENE: Oh, it'll be there for me, that's for sure.

May 10, 2000

Ms. Jane C. Schultz
Horseshoe Farm
142 Wilton Road West
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Dear Jane:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I appreciate your getting in touch with me about Ohio Wesleyan's commencement ceremony, and I'm sorry that my schedule will not permit me to attend.

I am heartened by all that Ohio Wesleyan is doing to honor Thomas, and I hope that you are finding comfort in the knowledge that his memory is living on in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him. God bless you.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Dear President Clinton,
I received a note from the
President's office at Ohio Wesleyan
University saying that your
attendance at commencement on
May 14th is under consideration.

To Burkhardt -
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Thomas was a junior at
Ohio Wesleyan when he died over
lockerbie. When his class graduated
in 1990, the then President, David Wason
invited me to speak at
commencement and we were given
Thomas' degree posthumously. David
was a colleague of yours when you
both studied in England. You
will remember meeting up with
him at the dedication of the Cairn
in 1995 and again at the 10th
anniversary memorial service in
1999. I tell you this because of
our history together. I continue
to be impressed by Ohio Wesleyan's
strong sense of community, a
student is never forgotten.

Since 1989 the Thomas Schults scholarship in government and politics and history has been awarded to a member of the junior class.

I know you would be received with great warmth just as Tony Lake was when he spoke to the university in 1998.

I wish you a very Happy and most blessed Easter.

Sincerely and
with best regards,

April 12, 2000 Jane

Joe Schultz
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To: Janice H. Vranich/WHO/EOP@EOP, John A. Wertman/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: Jeff Hirschberg sig

please take the Jeff Hirschberg sig (about US-Russia business relations) off the log and out of the tickler. i had sent it to NSC for a draft, and they decided it is something they should handle. I mentioned this to Dan earlier when he called to ask about it. please let me know if you have further questions.

thanks,
jeffrey

March 29, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my great pleasure to write to you on behalf of Israel Policy Forum, on whose Executive Board I serve, and ask that you permit us to honor you at our 3rd Tribute Dinner. The Dinner will take place in New York City this Fall, at a mutually agreeable time after the election. It is our most sincere hope that you will agree to our request, so that we can thank you and recognize your achievements on behalf of Middle East peace and the security of the State of

Israel. The Israel Policy Forum was created in 1993, with the encouragement of Minister Rabin, to build support for the Mideast peace process. During your Presidency, we have made clear our belief that a consistent, personal involvement – at the Wye River Plantation, in Geneva and at other critical points – the peace process could well have collapsed. But time and again, you used the prestige of your office and your personal wisdom to keep the process going.

and others, we would like the opportunity to say "thank you." There is a perfect way of doing so. Vice President Gore was the guest of honor at the 2nd dinner and Prime Minister Barak chose the IPF dinner last year as the venue for his first public appearance in the United States as President. Paying tribute to you for your historic work in advancing the peace process – and for a lifetime of support and love for Israel – would make an unforgettable 2000 IPF Tribute Dinner.

We thank you for any consideration you give this request.

Sincerely,

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

Send to Burkhardt for rep

Yes ☒
No ☐

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March 29, 2000

VIA FAX AND HAND DELIVERY

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The U. S.-Russia Investment Fund (TUSRIF)

I write as a Director of the Fund regarding an issue that if not immediately addressed by the Administration will result in the Fund being effectively out of money by the middle of the summer; and therefore, unable to carry on its mission in any meaningful way.

As you know, the U.S. Russia Investment Fund, was created by you in the mid-90s (managed by a Board of Directors chosen by your consent serve pro bono) and has made substantial progress in the last two years with its on-the-ground team in Moscow and several other Russian cities.

The Fund makes direct equity investments in and loans to nascent Russian companies, and provides financial services including small loans and mortgage products. Like a similar Fund in Poland which is now actually returning grant monies to the U.S. Treasury (for the first time in the postwar history of the United States as far as we can determine), the Fund in Russia does not give away its grant money; it does deals.

Our mission, especially in this hopeful time and with the leadership in Russia making all the right noises, is to build on our success and put the Fund in a position similar to the Polish Fund. The worldwide investment community took notice of the Fund when its CEO, David Jones, and other members of his Moscow-based team successfully prevailed in Russian courts against an effort "re-nationalize" an investment by the Fund and KRR in what one day can emerge as a world-class manufacturer of fine china and porcelain (Lomonosov Porcelain Factory). Indeed, not only the courts, but also President Putin and to

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Mr. President
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his Administration have demonstrated their commitment to shareholder rights in the case of our investment.

Considering the successful track the Fund is on, it is unfortunate that of the \$835 million appropriated by Congress for fiscal 2000 in foreign assistance legislation signed by you, only \$5 million of this amount has been scheduled by the State Department and USAID to be made available to the Fund this year. The Fund has been promised \$440 million over its 10-15 year life, and thus far has drawn down roughly \$180 million. Obviously, allocating only \$5 million to the Fund in fiscal 2000 is insufficient. We are ramping up, not ramping down.

Mr. President, my colleagues and I believe that for a variety of reasons, neither in the Administration or the Board can afford to suspend the Fund's momentum. The Board urges that the Administration provide at least \$26 million to the Fund in this fiscal year. The last thing we need to do this year is to effectively close up shop.

Finally, while some in Congress and elsewhere oppose aid to the Russian government, none of the Fund's capital goes directly to any Russian government project.

From our previous discussions, you know the value of what the Fund is doing and recognize the return on our small investment in Russia's emerging market economy—an investment that should be continued especially in view of the new Russian government's attitude—not cut to the bone.

As always, I look forward to speaking with you or your designee on this important and timely issue.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. W. Bush", written over a rectangular box.

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As you know, Israel Policy Forum was created in 1993, with the encouragement of the late Prime Minister Rabin, to build support for the Mideast peace process. Throughout your Presidency, we have made clear our belief that a consistent active U.S. role is essential if peace is to be achieved. We strongly feel that without your personal involvement – at the Wye River Plantation, in Geneva and at countless other critical points – the peace process could well have collapsed. But time and again, you used the prestige of your office and your personal credibility and wisdom to keep the process going.

For these reasons, and others, we would like the opportunity to say "thank you." Our Tribute Dinner is a perfect way of doing so. Vice President Gore was the honoree at our first dinner and Prime Minister Barak chose the IPF dinner last November as the venue for his first public appearance in the United States as prime minister. Paying tribute to you for your historic work in advancing the peace process – and for a lifetime of support and love for Israel – would make an unforgettable 2000 IPF Tribute Dinner.

We thank you for any consideration you give this request.

Sincerely,

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

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