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From: Dr. Michael Isaacson at the suggestion of Mr. Russell Syeda and Josh King.

Re: Music Recording Proposal.

Date: 3/3/95

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A PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Copland : *Lincoln Portrait*

Narrated by President Bill Clinton

Isaacson : *Remembering F.D.R.*

Narrated by First Lady Hilary Clinton

Performed By

The National Symphony

Conducted by

Leonard Slatkin

This would be the first digital recording of Copland's *Lincoln Portrait* narrated by an Incumbent U.S. President, in itself an historic recording.

It would be accompanied by a new work specifically composed for this recording by composer, conductor Michael Isaacson (Dr. Isaacson's resume is enclosed with this proposal) entitled : *Remembering F.D.R.* . A one movement symphonic work with a narration constructed from the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, it would be comprised of her quotes about F.D.R. and their lives together. It would create a musical remembrance of a Democratic President and his wife and partner who rose to the occasion of the times and saved our nation; giving it hope during its darkest hours.

This proposed recording of two presidential musical portraits (the latter giving insight to the value of an intelligent, dedicated First Lady as well) would not only be an outstanding addition to the recorded musical literature, but would give emphasis to the image of President and Mrs. Clinton as a contemporary analogy to Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. It would enable them to shine in the most positive of light and facilitate a renewed interest in the accomplishments of this administration.

SONY and EMI have expressed an interest in funding and distributing this major recording if the Clintons express an interest in participating in this project. This CD, CD Rom and cassette, once created, could be initially distributed by the Democratic Party as a fund raiser before regular commercial distribution is put into effect. Recording royalties for President and Mrs. Clinton would be assigned as directed.

Please contact me at the above address or number for any additional information. Thank you for your kind, consideration.



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