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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
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March 31, 1999

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RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

**TO:** Coach Carolyn Peck (Signal will connect you)

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 31, 1999

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Mary Beth Cahill, Director of Public Liaison  
Ilia Velez, Associate Director of Public Liaison

**PURPOSE:** To congratulate Coach Carolyn Peck and the Purdue Boilermakers on their NCAA Women's National Basketball Championship victory.

**BACKGROUND:** The Purdue Boilermakers (35-1) beat the Duke Blue Devils 62-45 to win their first NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship. Purdue is the first Big 10 team to win the national title. Coach Carolyn Peck is the youngest coach in the Big Ten and the first African American woman to coach an NCAA Division I championship team in women's basketball.

Senior Ukari Figgs, scoreless in the first half, roared back in the second half with 18 points to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Figgs and All-American Stephanie White-McCarty, who was injured during the game, will move on to playing careers in the WNBA.

**TALKING POINTS:** You should congratulate Coach Peck on an extraordinary season. You should also extend an invitation to her and the team to come to the White House.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Ilia Velez, 6-5170

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**DATE OF SUBMISSION:**

March 31, 1999

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| <b>To:</b>                                  | Phil Caplan                                                 |
| <b>Organization:</b>                        | Staff Secretary<br>The White House                          |
| <b>Fax:</b>                                 | 202 456-2883                                                |
| <b>From:</b>                                | Toby Glucksman, Special Asstistant to the<br>Ambassador     |
| <b>Subject:</b>                             | Message of Support of FriendshipWorks from<br>the President |
| <b>Date:</b>                                | 1 April, 1999                                               |
| <b>Pages including<br/>this cover page:</b> | 1                                                           |

Mr. Caplin,

On March 2, 1999, Ambassador Green received a note from John Podesta explaining that you would be working on the Ambassador's February 26, 1999, request for the President to send a letter of support for *FriendshipWorks* in time for the project's launch during America's National Volunteer Week, April 18-24. Could you please advise me of the status of this request? I can be reached by fax in Singapore at (65) 476-9337 or email at [GlucksmanTH@state.gov](mailto:GlucksmanTH@state.gov).

Thank you very much for your help with this matter.

cc: John Podesta  
Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff

Don-  
Are you taking care  
of this?  
PML



April 1, 1999

**TRANSMITTED VIA FAX:**  
**(202) 456-2215**

Phil Caplan  
Assistant to the President

Dear Phil:

I wondered if I might prevail upon you to put in a request to White House Correspondence. I have a senior member of my management team who is also a long-time fan of the Presidents. His health is failing and his one request of me was to get a birthday wish from Bill Clinton.

His name is:

Guy W. Askew  
P.O. Box 9  
McCaskill, AR 71847

Date of Birth: August 20, 1922

I'd appreciate it greatly if you might pass this along.

As always, my best to you!

Sincerely,



Billy Webster  
President/CEO

WMW:cb

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*Don - Can we make  
sure this happens  
in late July.  
Very important.  
Phil  
4/1*

bernard lucien nussbaumer

Bill Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC

March 31, 1999

Mr. President:

To Dan B

for reply

What are we doing  
with letters like these?  
Phil

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I am aware you will most probably never read this letter personally, nor even hear about it. But I feel compelled to write it, thinking that maybe it will touch someone's reason or heart, like a sand grain is sometimes able to jam the wheels of some monstrous piece of machinery.

I am from Switzerland, a country not that far from where you're dropping bombs today. Like you I have never fought in a war, never shot at anyone, especially at someone I wouldn't have the slightest chance to ever know. In what name could I justify such an act? Dropping bombs on innocent victims thousands of feet below will NEVER BE THE SOLUTION TO ANY CRISIS ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME.

Do you sincerely believe the people of Kosovo see you as their saviour? Do you think they send blessings to U.S. airplanes while some of them are indiscriminately killed? Today I looked at one of those heart-braking pictures: holding her child, an Albanian woman in tears. The more you look at her, the more you feel her fear, her pain, her despair. Yet she is alive, which is better than what the next picture might illustrate: she and her child lying dead at the bottom of a crater shaped out by an American bomb.

Since the balance of power has irremediably shifted toward us (I say us because my wife and four children are all American), we have been acting like mindless and heartless fools. Apart from a portion of the American people as well as few members of even fewer governments, nobody likes us these days. You're losing touch with reality, Mr. President. Do you ever take the time to ponder the suffering those bombs of ours are causing? I wish that for a second you could feel what the Albanian mother feels, as long as she'll have an opportunity to feel.

We all agree Milosevic is a bad guy. But whatever he does, what gives us the right to interfere with his business? Besides, isn't true that the Albanians started to flood Kosovo only recently? Why are we the only one to run to their rescue? How come many of our supposed allies who are much closer to Kosovo than we are do not agree with what we're doing? Is America from now on supposed to chase all the bad guys?

Any military or intelligence operation has always turned sour. What else have we ever achieved than create more pain, more suffering, more death? After losing in Vietnam, courtesy the CIA we got involved in getting rid of the Shah of Iran. It worked: Khomeiny came to power and killed thousands of people in the name of Allah. Then came Central America, with all its dirty tricks. Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, you name it. Lots of dead folks down there too. Not to mention the casualties caused by the thousands of tons of heroine and cocaine smuggled in this country with the blessing of those in power.

Then came Desert Storm and its sequel. Never mind the dead civilians and the fact that Saddam Hussein came out stronger than ever. We won both by K.O. in the early rounds. Against a guy accused of building the type of mass destruction weapons that any first year student can concoct in his kitchenette. Have you noticed that from your point-of-view war looks like some multi-screened video game? Without the sound effect. Cross. Arrows. Little dots. Target. Hit. Silent little explosion. No blood, no tears, no screaming. Only a few casualties thousands miles away for the sake of world peace. It's hard to really realize what's going on from the coziness of an office. Besides, it's war, some people have to die. The problem is: the bad guy, the Saddams, the Khomenys, the Khadafis, the Milosevics, never die. You make them stronger. You turn them into heroes. They must all secretly pray Allah that you live eternally.

Then last year, supposedly to neutralize Bin Laden, you drop some bombs in Sudan. On the wrong target. Not surprisingly, I found the mention of your deadly mistake on page 14 of my local newspaper. Shouldn't America publicly apologize for its error? Did we ever do anything for those who got injured or lost some of theirs?

And now today. More bombing. More innocent victims. And in the middle of this, Milosevic is going to live. And get stronger. Yugoslavia is not Iraq. The terrain is rough. The people rougher. And on top of killing innocents for some distorted cause, you're going to lose. And with it, every American citizen is going to lose. It is going to be dangerous to travel with an American passport. People don't care of our righteousness. What they care is that we're again mixed up in something which has nothing to do with us. Please Mr. President, begin to see things as they are. Drop the mask of the politician. Get in touch with your heart. I always thought you were one of the good guys. I'm afraid I was wrong.

Before I conclude, a few questions: Do you know World War I started in Sarajevo? Are you sure you know what you're doing? How many homeless American people could we feed with the cost of one night of bombing? Speaking of that, why don't you care more about our poor people instead of those poor Albanians? If one of my children is sick, do you think I'm going to go on some expedition to save other kids?

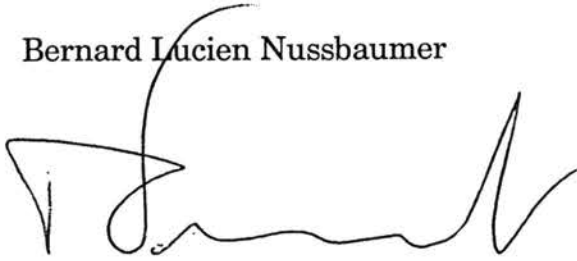
I repeat: KILLING IS AND NEVER WILL BE THE SOLUTION. No great soul has ever been recognized for what you're doing now. You're NOT a saviour like Churchill or De Gaulle. They did what they did because their country was threatened, not because some false, hypocritical, politically correct motive. Ultimately, you are playing with world peace. Please do not jeopardize it.

STOP DROPPING BOMBS. DROP IT.

Thank you to who ever reads this letter and does something about it.

God bless you.

Bernard Lucien Nussbaumer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bernard Lucien Nussbaumer', written in a cursive style.

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This is heating up  
with the Congress and  
you are poised to  
take the blame. The  
solutions look simple.  
Am I missing something?

Madeline met w/ Sen.  
Helms. The Fulbright  
Board (Hoyt, Lee &  
Bill Baden) want to  
meet with you. They  
can't believe that you  
are not helping on this.

Joely

I have made it clear  
from now on now that I do  
not want to be used  
by you people for our country  
the Fulbright program - they  
won't start back. So I really  
have to make a decision at  
this time? - Don't shoot me  
she's just the messenger - how  
are you going to handle this -  
can't we fix this? - Bz -

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February 24, 1999

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

3-31-99

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We write regarding the reorganization plan and report you submitted to Congress pursuant to the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act.

At the outset, we commend you, the Secretary of State, and others in the Executive Branch responsible for preparing the plan and report. We recognize, and greatly appreciate, the considerable effort involved in the preparation of such a comprehensive plan. More important, we agree with much of the plan outlined in the report, and look forward to its implementation. Having said that, we share several serious concerns regarding the plan.

First, as we wrote to the Secretary of State in January 1998, we are deeply concerned that, under your plan, the function of verification and compliance of arms control treaties would not be carried out by a separate bureau, as is now the case in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). Instead, these important duties would be performed by a "Special Adviser" to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs, as well as staff within the proposed Arms Control Bureau. We regard this proposed structure as an unacceptable diminution of the verification and compliance function.

We are committed, as we know you are, to vigorous enforcement of arms control and nonproliferation agreements and statutes. We believe, however, that this objective cannot be adequately achieved under the proposal you submitted, because it submerges these important functions to such an extent that they will undoubtedly be viewed as a second-order priority.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to modify this portion of the plan promptly in accordance with the authority of Section 1601 of the Act in order to create an Assistant Secretary position for Verification and Compliance. As the deadline for the integration of ACDA into the State Department is fast approaching, we urge you to modify the plan to include the Verification and Compliance bureau as soon as possible.

Second, we are concerned, for both legal and policy reasons, by the proposal to combine the exchanges and information functions into one bureau under the new Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy.

Legally, we seriously doubt that the proposal you submitted can be sustained. Section 112(a) of the Fulbright-Hays Act provides that "there is established in the U.S. Information Agency, or in such appropriate agency of the United States as the President shall determine, a Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs." (emphasis added). Thus, even with the abolition of the U.S. Information Agency, there remains a statutory mandate for a bureau to carry out the programs under the Act. Section 112(d) of the Act further provides that "[t]he Bureau shall administer no programs except those operating under the authority of this Act and consistent with its purposes." We recognize that Section 1611(a) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act empowers the Secretary of State to "allocate or reallocate any function transferred to the Department [under the Act]." That same provision makes clear, however, that it "does not authorize the Secretary to modify the terms of any statute that establishes or defines the functions of any bureau, office, or officer of the Department." In our view, the proposal you have submitted improperly modifies the functions of the Exchanges bureau. In sum, we believe the Fulbright-Hays Act is clear: the bureau operating exchanges and cultural affairs cannot carry out any other duties. It should go without saying that legislative history cannot override this statutory command.

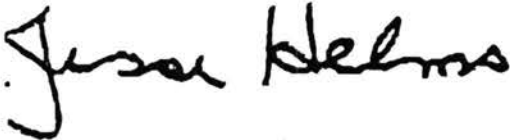
As a matter of policy, we believe the responsibility of managing educational and professional exchanges is too comprehensive to be relegated to a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. The U.S. budget for exchanges conducted by USIA is approximately \$200 million a year; with the commitment of our foreign partners in the Fulbright program, of course, the sum total of these programs is still higher. Just as other major programs are operated by the State Department at the bureau level (such as narcotics and crime, and refugees and migration), we believe these programs should be carried out by an Assistant Secretary. Indeed, we believe it unwise to relegate the management of such substantial programmatic resources to a level below Assistant Secretary. Equally important, we are concerned that your proposal to merge the two functions (exchanges and information) could cause grave damage to the reputation our exchange programs now enjoy. If joined organizationally with our overseas public relations function, the exchanges programs may be perceived by foreign publics and students as little more than a "propaganda exercise" rather than what they are intended to be: an investment in mutual understanding.

Finally, we are unequivocally opposed to the proposal to establish a new Eastern European Bureau in the Department of State based upon the geography of the former Soviet Union. We do not accept the argument that the European Bureau as currently constituted need be unwieldy. In fact, any potential management benefit of dividing this bureau would be far outweighed by the implications of separating our policy toward Russia from our policy toward the rest of Europe. Such an action would be unhealthy for Russia's neighbors, for the further integration of Russia into the democratic West, and ultimately for U.S. foreign policy.

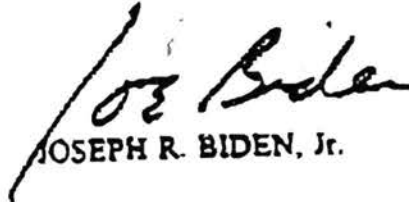
The Administration has repeatedly stated its strategic vision in this region to be the creation of a "Europe, whole and free." The draft proposal for a new Eastern Europe Bureau flies in the face of this stated goal. We gladly will work with you in finding the necessary resources to make the European Bureau function well. We will not, however, support the creation of a new bureau.

We appreciate your addressing these issues prior to integration of ACDA and USIA into the State Department.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS



JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

brings to the Department 26 years of experience with the Secret Service. Chief Financial Officer Bert Edwards brings 34 years experience in the public sector at Arthur Andersen, LLP, the international accounting firm. Chief Information Officer Fernando Burbano joined the Department in May last year after several years of public and private sector experience in the information technology field, including at the National Institutes of Health and the Peace Corps.

I will now turn to Assistant Secretary for Administration Patrick Kennedy who will tell you where we stand on the integration of ACDA and USIA with the State Department.

(Assistant Secretary Kennedy:)

**Testimony by Assistant Secretary Pat Kennedy  
Reorganization Coordinator for the Secretary of State**

Thank you for this opportunity to address the status of reorganization efforts. They are substantial, and reflect the high priority the President and the Congress give to this issue.

*WB -  
testimony for  
tomorrow*

The Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act requires the President to submit a detailed Plan and Report to the Congress, which he did on December 30. The Congress has 90 days to review it. The President will likely submit some revisions to the Plan and Report. We have received a number of comments from the Congress, some in the last few days. We are also in touch with NGOs and others who are expressing interest in reorganization. We are giving all these views expeditious consideration, to enable the President to make appropriate revisions within the 90-day clock.

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