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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. ATLANTIC COMMAND

Dear Mr. President,

Welcome to NATO's 50th Anniversary Washington Summit!

As part of the Summit, the United States Atlantic Command in conjunction with the Swedish Defense Wargaming Center, is executing a demonstration as one part of a vision to increase the level of interoperability of Partners and Allies. The demonstration will take place at the Old Customs Building in Washington, commencing 21 April through 25 April 1999.

The PFP Simulation Network Demonstration will be one of the highlights of the Summit. In addition to the display of computer and other technology from European countries, visitors will see how PFP is moving to a more operational level for the 21st Century. Visitors will observe Allied and Partner senior officers in an exercise simulation involving a NATO-led peace support operation, with staff participation from 29 nations. By conducting multinational headquarters training on a distributed basis, it will improve interoperability by involving a wider training audience at less cost than large-scale field exercises.

Other features include a scenario video; an operating brigade command post staffed by Finland and a functioning Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) headquarters whose commander is British and deputy commander is Ukrainian. There will also be an ongoing live five-way video conference between exercise participants in Washington, and multinationally staffed subordinate commands located in Hungary, Sweden, the Netherlands and the NATO Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A).

For more information or to arrange to attend, please contact Mrs. Deborah Strickland, PFP Simulation Network Demonstration Protocol Officer. She may be reached at (202) 354-1495 or by email at strickla@acom.mil.

Sincerely,

H.W. Gehman, Jr.

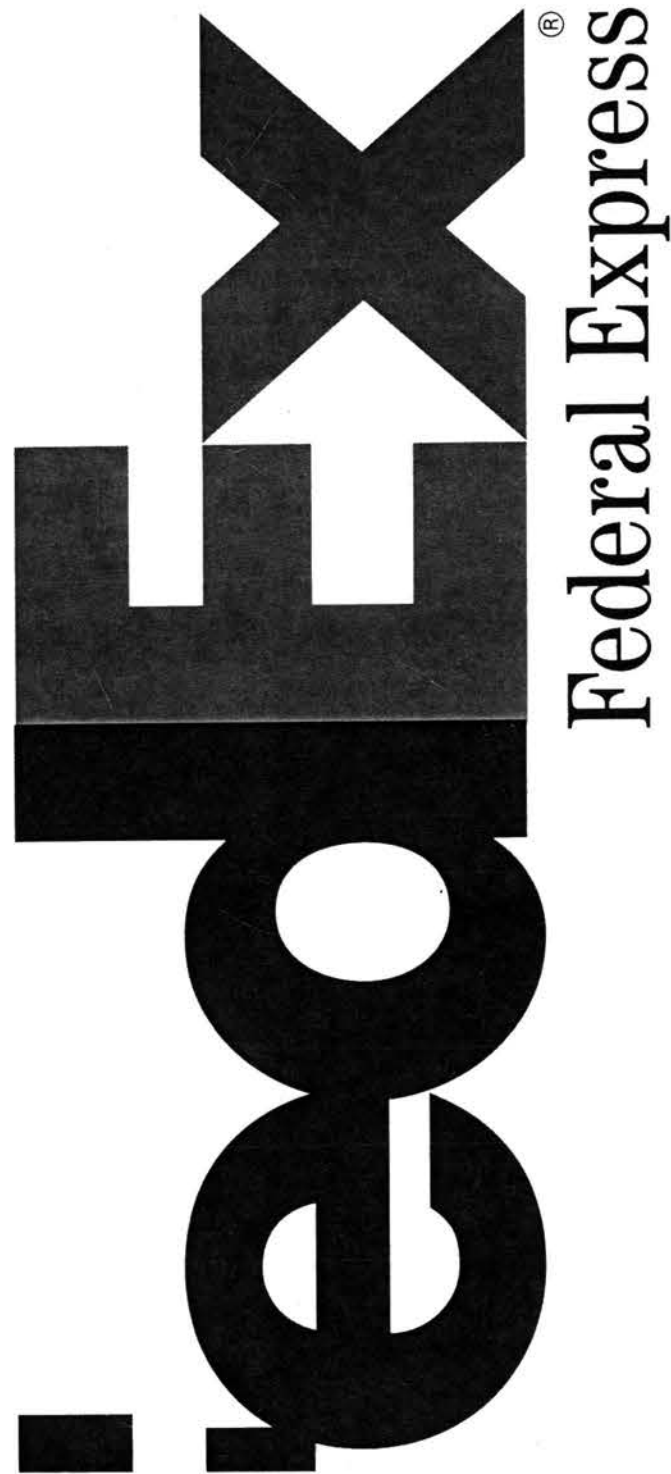
H.W. GEHMAN, JR.
Admiral, U.S. Navy

President William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America

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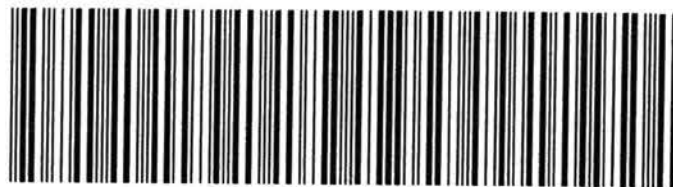
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FARHAD AZIMA

8th April 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington DC

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2. President
Send to reply of read
to Azima
and to Dreyfus

Dear Mr President,

Today I had the pleasure of welcoming President Dreyfus of Switzerland on board one of our cargo aircraft in Basle to personally deliver 40 tons of food, supplies and medicine to the refugees of Kosovo disaster in Macedonia. I personally received the President and accompanied her on board. President Dreyfus chose to ride in the cockpit of the aircraft as she insisted on travelling with the relief goods. It was a most rewarding experience to see a neutral country such as Switzerland is recognising the magnitude of the disaster and stepping forward to assist not only by providing relief goods but on the return refugees will be brought back to Switzerland.

President Dreyfus spoke very emotionally and passionately about the plight of the refugees and I believe her support will send the message of the Swiss people in support of your policy and all that NATO is trying to achieve. She extended her personal best wishes to you, Mr President, and we were delighted to be able to continue the relief program through two of our European airlines.

I believe President Dreyfus was the first Head of State to travel to Macedonia on such a mission.

Kind personal regards,

Farhad Azima

55 Park
Phone 0171-

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Send to NSC for replies?
Yes ☒
No ☐

Phillip Caplan

04/10/99 09:25:21 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Minyon Moore/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Advise 

probably not at this point...if i would have known about it sooner, maybe.

did the president know him? the policy is generally that we don't send letters to be read at funerals unless the president knew the person personally.

we can send a condolence letter next week

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Send to Burkhardt? ☒
Yes _____
No _____
see my e-mail

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1999

TO: PHIL CAPLAN

FROM: MARIA SOTO, IGA

Minyon Moore asked me to forward
Mayor Humes information.

Please call me if you have any questions
at 67060.

Thank you!

Record type:

To: Maria

cc:

Subject: Eek

I just got a call. Mayor Moore
just passed away. He lived at
Chestnut Street, Hayti, MO.

The services are taking place at
Street in Hayti.

They are looking for a letter from
me about this. Her office number is
231-231-231.

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Maria E. Soto 04/09/99 05:34:17 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Minyon Moore/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Advise

Minyon-

Hi! I put in a request for Presidential Correspondence for a condolence letter. They can't have the letter ready by Sunday and don't think it would be appropriate to send it to the Funeral.

What do you think? Was he close to the President or VP? Mona Mohib is not sure.

Thank you!!!

----- Forwarded by Maria E. Soto/WHO/EOP on 04/09/99 05:23 PM -----



Mona G. Mohib
04/09/99 03:18:16 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Maria E. Soto/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Eek

I just got a call. Mayor David Hume, a founding member of the National Congress of Black Mayors just passed away. His body is currently at the Carter Funeral Home which is located at 1111 N. Chestnut Street, Hayti, MO, 573/359-0051.

The services are taking place this sunday at the Hayti Jr. High Multipurpose Center at 515 N. 4th Street in Hayti.

They are looking for a letter from the President for Sunday. Is this even possible? Arlee Gist called me about this. Her office number is 708-0030 and her home number is 301/879-4733.



PRESIDENTIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

STAFF REQUEST FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION - thank you

TODAY'S DATE: 4/9 DATE OF EVENT: Funeral is on Sunday
Request to: Presidential Support From: (Name) Maria Soto
Room 62 (Department) ISA
Ext. 62304 (Room) 2PL WW
(Ext.) 67060

A minimum of two weeks notice is required for processing.
All requests are subject to final approval by
the Director of Correspondence and Presidential Messages.

Mark ☒ in appropriate box and include any additional comments pertinent to the request in the "information" space below.

TYPE OF EVENT

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| ☐ RETIREMENT
(number of years; name of company
or government agency) | ☐ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(number of years) | ☐ ILLNESS
(type: surgery, accident, cancer, etc.) |
| ☐ BIRTHDAY
(number of years) | ☒ CONDOLENCE
(sent to next of kin only) | ☐ WEDDING
(provide first names) |
| ☐ BIRTH OF BABY (card to child)
(child's full name) | ☐ GRADUATION
(list name of school
and degree awarded) | ☐ BAR OR BAT MITZVAH |
| ☐ BIRTH OF BABY (card to parents)
(parents' full name
& child's full name) | ☐ ADOPTION
(list parents' & child's names) | ☐ OTHER (please specify below) |

Information: Mayor Humes is a founding member of the National Congress of Black mayors.

Inside address for letter (complete address to appear on letter) Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Ms.

Name: The Family of David Hume

Address: PO BOX 426

City/State/Zip Code: Hayti, MO 63851

Mailing address for label (include complete address and zip code) Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Ms.
(if different from "inside address")

Name: Dorothy Hume

Address: same as above

City/State/Zip Code: 573 3332680

Carter Funeral Home

TO: Marie Soto

From: Arlee W. Gist

Date: April 9, 1999

Subj: Mayor David R. Humes

Mrs. Doretha Humes can be reached at (573) 359-1087

Address:

Post Office Box 426

Hayti, MO 63851

Funeral Service:

Sunday, April 11th at 1:00pm(Central Time)

Hayti Junior High Multi-Purpose Building

515 North 4th Street

Hayti, MO

Carter Funeral Home

111 North Chestnut

Hayti, MO 63851

(573) 359-0051

Bobbi Carter

Local Florist:

Sandy's

(573) 359-1818

Note:

Mayor Humes was known by wearing his cowboy hats!!

Last contact with VP was last year during NCBM meeting in New Orleans, LA

I suspect the last time with POTUS was during 1997 Inauguration Events

Mayor David Humes passed away April 8, 1999 at Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis, TN at age 65years. He was born June 8, 1933 in either Casilla, MS or Glendoria, MS.

Served as Mayor for Hayti Heights, MO for 27 years. One of the founding members of National Conference of Black Mayors and was also a member of the World Conference of Black Mayors

He is survived by his wife, Doretha Humes; four children; two daughters- Vernice Jones, Anita Orr and two sons-David Humes Jr. and Karl Humes

Page 2 Humes

Twelve grandchildren

Two Sisters:
Sammie Hudson
Mickie Johnson

One Brother:
Henry Humes

Two Aunts:
Joe Willie Harston
Clemmie Cleveland

Attached is additional information which may be of interest.

Thanks for your assistance.

My home number is (301) 879-4733.

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Fax: 404-876-4597

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DAVID R. HUMES

David Ree Humes was born June 3, 1933, in Glendoria, Mississippi. He was the third of five children born to Sammie and Henry Humes. He attended elementary school in Glendoria.

In 1946 at the age of 13, David and his family moved to Hayti, Missouri to become share croppers on the farm of J.I. Burlinson, father of Bill D. Burlinson, U.S. Representative for the 10th District. The family remained share croppers until 1948.

David completed his high school education at Central High in Hayti, Missouri. He was then drafted into the armed forces. While serving in the Army in 1952, he was united with Doretha Kuykendoll of Hayti in marriage on July 5, 1952. From this union have come four beautiful offsprings: Vernice, David Jr., Anita and Karl.

After leaving the service in 1954, he acquired a job in Jacob Barkovitz's Service Station. He helped to manage the service station until it was sold about a year later.

He was then employed by the Hayti Garment Factory where he helped coordinate the activities of the seamstresses by seeing that they had the necessary materials and equipment at the appropriate time.

In between jobs, David did seasonal farm labor from picking and chopping cotton in the Bootheel to going to Michigan to pick cherries, strawberries, and beans.

Coming from Michigan, he was hired by the Hayti School District as a bus driver and janitor.

In 1964, the Community Action Agency arrived in the Bootheel. David Humes was one of the first to be placed on the Board of the Community Action Agency.

From the Community Action Agency, DAEOC (Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation) was formed and employed David as the coordinator of the Pemiscot County area helping to sign people up for Medicaid and Medicare. He performed his duties well for DAEOC until 1965 when he ran for the Hayti School Board. He was relieved of his duties at DAEOC because of the Hatch Act which prohibits any

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federal employee from becoming involved in political activities. After the election was over and things returned to normal, he was rehired by DAEOC as supervisor of Family Services Center. He worked there until the program was terminated.

David then became interested in the MAMOS (Missouri Associated Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.) program in 1966 and did volunteer work for the them until 1968 when MAMOS program was funded. He then was offered a job as a Field Representative. After serving in that position of a year he was promoted to the position of Job Counselor.

During this time, he enrolled with the Missouri Extension and took courses like Sociology, Job Analysis, and Testing and Measurement.

The longer David worked with MAMOS the greater they realized what a great asset he was to the organization. Hard work and dedication paid off once again when he was promoted to Assistant Personnel Director.

MAMOS was not the only one that realized David's potential. In 1971, the Ford Foundation awarded him with a Leadership Development Grant to study Municipal Government for a year and a half. During this time he was able to visit various city governments and learn about different city operations. He visited places like Tuskegee, Alabama, Epes, Alabama, Jefferson City, Missouri, Chicago, Illinois, Atlanta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, Greenville, Mississippi, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Kokomo, Indiana, and Washington, D.C.

Upon completion of his leadership training with the Ford Foundation, he was promoted to the position of the Personnel Director of MAMOS.

In 1966, the Hayti Heights Betterment Council was formed to give the citizens of that area needed services like fire protection. This council developed into what is now the Hayti Heights Community Development Corporation (HHCDC). He became the first director of HHCDC. Their first project was to incorporate Hayti Heights as a fourth class city in order that they would qualify for federal and state funds. They were successful in their efforts. On December 28, 1972, Hayti Heights became a fourth class city in the

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State of Missouri. David Humes was appointed by the court as the first Mayor. Since that time, he has been re-elected four times to that office.

Some of the improvements made since the time of the incorporation of Hayti Heights under the leadership of Mayor Humes include police protection, street lights, street signs, a 100% grant for \$375,000.00 from EDA for a water system, which is now completed, two grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing rehabilitation, a HUD grant to improve the City's drainage system, a Community Center, courtesy of DAEOC, and most recently a \$2 million dollar Sewer Project has begun. Funding for the project was a joint effort of EPA, FmHA, EDA, DNA, and HUD.

Along with these and other duties David has been involved in as Mayor, he took the time and interest to help organize the H.E.L.P. (Help Every Little Person) Club, the oldest recognized youth organization in the City.

David has not limited his activities and involvement only to Hayti Heights. He was instrumental in setting up the Bootheel Association of Communities in 1975. The Association consists of seven Black communities coming together in order to work as one in helping each other. David is now the President of the Association.

Some of the other boards served on and offices held by Mayor Humes are: Executive Board of Southern Conference of Black Mayors, Treasurer of Federation of Southern Cooperatives, President of the Bootheel Mayors Association, a member of the National Housing Alliance Board, former member of HACE Board, former president of BASIC Coop Board, Advisory Board of Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, formerly a member of the Special School District Board, RSVP Board, member of Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, member of Local Civil Defense Organization, former president of Missouri Black Leadership Association, Member of Governing Body of Missouri V.H.S.A., Chairman of Bootheel RMAC, President of Caruthersville-Hayti Client Council.

David has been active at the United Methodist Church where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is also former Director of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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He is former District Deputy and present Grand Master of Southeast Missouri St. Matthews Grand Lodge. He is a member of Local Lodge # 6. He has a 33rd degree. He also serves on Board of Directors of the National Conference of Black Mayors. He serves on the National Board of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, and Board member of the Pemiscot Progressive Industries (PPI).

In his spare time, if there is such a thing, he has helped to operate Carter Funeral Home. David is a licensed funeral director in the State of Missouri. For leisure he works in his garden, growing such things as peas, okra, greens, tomatoes, etc. He also enjoys a lively evening at home with his family.

Like Martin Luther King and others who aspire to help men fulfill their dreams; David Humes, too has his dream for the people of Hayti Heights. But, not only is he dreaming - he is working towards the day when the Heights become a model city for other small undeveloped communities with all the needed social services and facilities that would make life and living pleasant and comfortable for its citizenry.

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12 April 1999

MEMORANDUM TO

PHIL CAPLAN

FROM

JANICE ENRIGHT (3)

RE

ALLARD K. LOWENSTEIN

Phil, this is a follow up to our brief discussion the other evening.

The enclosed flyer helps to explain the event which Harold is participating in this coming weekend in Long Beach, N.Y honoring Allard K. Lowenstein.

Mr. Lowenstein, who is now deceased, was a former member of Congress, and dedicated his public life over the course of several decades to issues that effected many people. He was also a leading civil rights activist in the early 1960's and, as such, gets most of the credit for attracting Harold Ickes into politics and public service.

The seminar, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, is requesting a Presidential message. Harold will be participating on the panel on Sunday. If this is something you think appropriate, Harold could certainly deliver it by hand on Sunday.

Please call me at 202-887-6726 if you want to discuss or need additional information.

FAX DATE: 4-12-99

TO: Phil Caplan

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FROM: ICKES OR ENRIGHT
202-887-6726
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Don-
Do you think we
can do this for
Harold and Janice?
Phil
4/13

A WEEKEND DEDICATED
TO
**ALLARD K.
LOWENSTEIN**
HIS LIFE AND TIMES

The Library is proud to sponsor a weekend dedicated to the life and times of Allard K. Lowenstein (1929-1980). Lowenstein represented Long Beach in the United States Congress and spoke for environmental issues, ending the war in Vietnam, civil rights in America, eliminating apartheid in South Africa, and political reform. He demonstrated that "one man who cared could indeed make a difference."

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2 P.M.
FILM AND FILM DISCUSSION: *Citizen*

Join us for a showing of *Citizen: the political life of Allard K. Lowenstein*. A discussion of the film will follow, led by **Professor Michael D'Innocenzo**, of Hofstra University and **Lawrence Levy**, of *Newsday*.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 AT 2 P.M.
PANEL DISCUSSION: The Life and Times of Allard K. Lowenstein

A distinguished panel will share their thoughts and memories: **Prof. Michael D'Innocenzo**, facilitator; **Lawrence Elovich**, former Long Beach Democratic Leader; **Dean Howard Glickstein**, Touro Law School; **Harold Ickes**, President Clinton's former Deputy Chief of Staff; **Joe Kane**, Associate Publisher of the *Independent Voice*; **Kate Lowenstein**, daughter; **Bruce Nyman**, Long Beach City Manager, and **Bruce Snyder**, Library Trustee.



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President Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton:

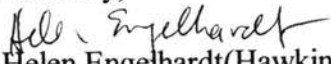
Jane Schultz was so pleased by this issue of Truth Quest that she asked me to bring her 25 extra copies to distribute around Washington and the United Nations! I am of course, very gratified by her enthusiasm. Since you are not on our mailing list, you have not received copies of our newsletter as a matter of course. I'm not sure if Jane made sure that the White House got a copy of the June issue, with your letter on its cover.

When I took over as editor five years ago, the first issue I produced, was one whose cover story- Cairn Is Dedicated At Arlington Cemetery - displayed a photograph of you walking with four children, your left hand on Melanie Daniels shoulder, your right hand on Alan Hawkins, my son. You met him (and me) briefly and warmly in 1993, when you joined us to break ground for the Cairn, again in 1995 and for the third time this past December 21st. Your presence and personal warmth have meant a great deal to my son, especially when he was younger. I know it demonstrated to him, that his father's death was never going to be forgotten. Each occasion you have been with us, your words and presence have elevated our private grief into national and international concern- where it belongs.

You were the first President to declare that the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 was an act of war against the United States and the first to promise that should Qadhafi not release the two indicted men for trial at the Hague by the next sanctions review, that you would seek stronger measures. And without your active commitment to us, the Cairn would never have come into existence.

Listening to your speech from the recording that I made, and rereading it as I worked on the issue, was a pleasure. It was heartfelt, poetic and gave me the solace I needed on that day.

I hope you enjoy reading about the services and tributes that took place simultaneously in Lockerbie and Syracuse, and reading in depth about some of the extraordinary lives which were snatched away from us.

Sincerely,

Helen Engelhardt(Hawkins)

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Send to Berkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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H. Engelhardt

President Clinton addresses the families at the memorial service in Washington D.C.

Remarks by the President at 10th Anniversary of Pan Am 103 Disaster

Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia

THE PRESIDENT: Lord Munro, Sir Christopher, Chaplain, members of the Cabinet, Senator Kennedy, and most of all, the members of the families of Pan Am 103: I would like to begin by thanking all of you for giving Hillary and me the chance to be here today, and with a special word of appreciation to Jane Schultz for her efforts to bring us all together and to keep us all remembering and acting.

Even though it is painful today to remember what happened 10 years ago, it is necessary. Necessary to remember that the people on that plane were students coming home for the holidays, tourists going on vacation in America, families looking forward to a long-awaited reunion, business

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Highlights

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Arlington 3-7

Lockerbie 8-16

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people on a routine flight. Their average age was just 27. Last week, in the annual report on the condition of the health of the American people, the average life expectancy of Americans has now exceeded 76. Their average age was 27.

Beneath them, the people of Lockerbie were sitting down to supper on a quiet winter evening. And, of course, we have already heard the names – those of you who loved them have relived their lives in that awful moment.

Now, for 10 years, you have cherished your memories and you have lived with the thought, I'm sure, of what might have been. You have also, for 10 years, been steadfast in your determination to stand against terrorism and to demand justice. And people all around the world have stood with you, shared your outrage, admired your fellowship with one another and watched with awed respect your determined campaign for justice.

Although 10 years, or 20 or 30 or 50, may never be long enough for the sorrow to fade, we pray it will not be too long now before the wait for justice and resolution is over.

We dedicate this day of the Winter Solstice to the memory of all who were lost, to the families who understand its meaning as no others can. We dedicate each day that follows – as the sun rises higher and brighter in the morning sky and the daylight hours lengthen – to our common pursuit of truth and justice, and to our common efforts to ensure that what happened 10 years ago to those of you here will not occur again.

I know I speak for every American citizen when I say a simple, humble, heartfelt thank you for all you have done to keep the memory and spirit of your loved ones alive, by the memorials you have built, the scholarships you have funded, the charities you have supported. We thank you for reaching out to one another, to the people of Lockerbie, to all others who have been victims of terrorism. We thank you for helping to strengthen the resolve of nations to defeat terror, to deny safe haven to terrorists, to isolate those who sponsor them.

We thank you for working to improve security for air travelers, and for all the lives your work has saved. We thank you for your determination to see that things that are good and meaningful and lasting come out of your overpowering tragedy. And we thank you for not letting the world forget that it is necessary and right to pursue the perpetrators of this crime, no matter how long it takes.

I thank you for what you have done to drive me to work harder on your behalf, not just the imperative of fighting terrorism, but the passion and commitment and conviction of the families who have spoken to me and to the members of my administration, who all remind us this cannot be considered a mere misfortune, this was deliberate murder. And while all of us have to strive for reconciliation in our hearts, we must also pursue justice and accountability.

You know better than anyone else it is beyond your power to alter the past. There is no such thing as perfect justice. No trial or penalty can compensate you for the profound loss you have suffered. But as long as we can bring those responsible before the bar of justice and have a real trial, you have a right – and society has a need – to see that done.

We owe this not only to you, but to all Americans who seek justice; for this was a tragedy felt by every American and, indeed, every man and woman of goodwill around the world. And none of us want to live in a world where such violence goes

unpunished and people can kill with impunity. And none of us will be safe as long as there is a single place on our planet where terrorists can find sanctuary.

That is why our nation has never given up the search for justice. For 10 years we have ensured that Libya cannot be a member of the international community until it turns over suspects in this case. That is why, in late August, after speaking with many of you, we put forward the initiative which has already been referred to: try the two suspects before a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands.

Since then, the Libyan leader, Mr. Qadhafi, has given us mixed signals. We believe there is still some possibility he will accept our offer. That would be the best outcome, for it would mean that finally there would be a trial. But let me be absolutely clear to all of you: Our policy is not to trust Mr. Qadhafi's claims, it is to test them. This is a take-it or leave-it offer. We will not negotiate its terms. If the suspects are convicted, they will serve their time in Scotland. And if the suspects are not turned over by the time of the next sanctions review, we will work with the United Nations, with our allies and friends, to seek yet stronger measures against Libya.

In doing so, we will count on the support of all nations that counseled us to make this proposal in the first place. If the proposal fails, all should make clear that the responsibility falls on Mr. Qadhafi alone.

I make that commitment here, amidst the silent white rows and the heroes that rest beneath, at this place of remembrance where we come to pay tribute to those who lived bravely and often died too young for our nation. This is a place where Americans come to gather the strength of memory to carry on into tomorrow.

It is altogether fitting that this Cairn was placed here in memory of your loved ones, for we have a duty to them no less

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Ms Judith Anne Scaufield

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I was told by one of my U.S. Senators, Ms Blanche Lincoln, that you might be able to help me. I have enclosed two Sports Illustrated's with President Clinton on the cover. I would like to request that the President put "To Lance" on one & "To Isaiah" on the other along with his autograph & the date in which he signed it.

I am a huge Razorback fan & to have President Clinton autograph these Sports Illustrated would be a tremendous asset to my collection. I have a "Razorback Room" in my house with all my Hog memorabilia & this would be a huge addition. Isaiah is my 23 month old son & I am trying to start him a collection of Hog things. I know you probably get millions of request like this every day, but any help you could give concerning this request would be greatly appreciated. I can promise you this is not something I would sell for personal financial gain. It would going to a true Razorback fans collection.

Thank you for your time. Tell President Clinton I would like to meet him sometime when he comes to Arkansas.

Sincerely,
Lance Ritter
606 Linda Lane
Paragould, AR 72450
870-236-3021

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Send to Baykhardt?

Yes _____

No _____

Don't
what do
you think
Paul

Helen -

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Please let me know what happens w/ this one.

Judithanne feels responsible since it was mailed to her directly.

Eugene

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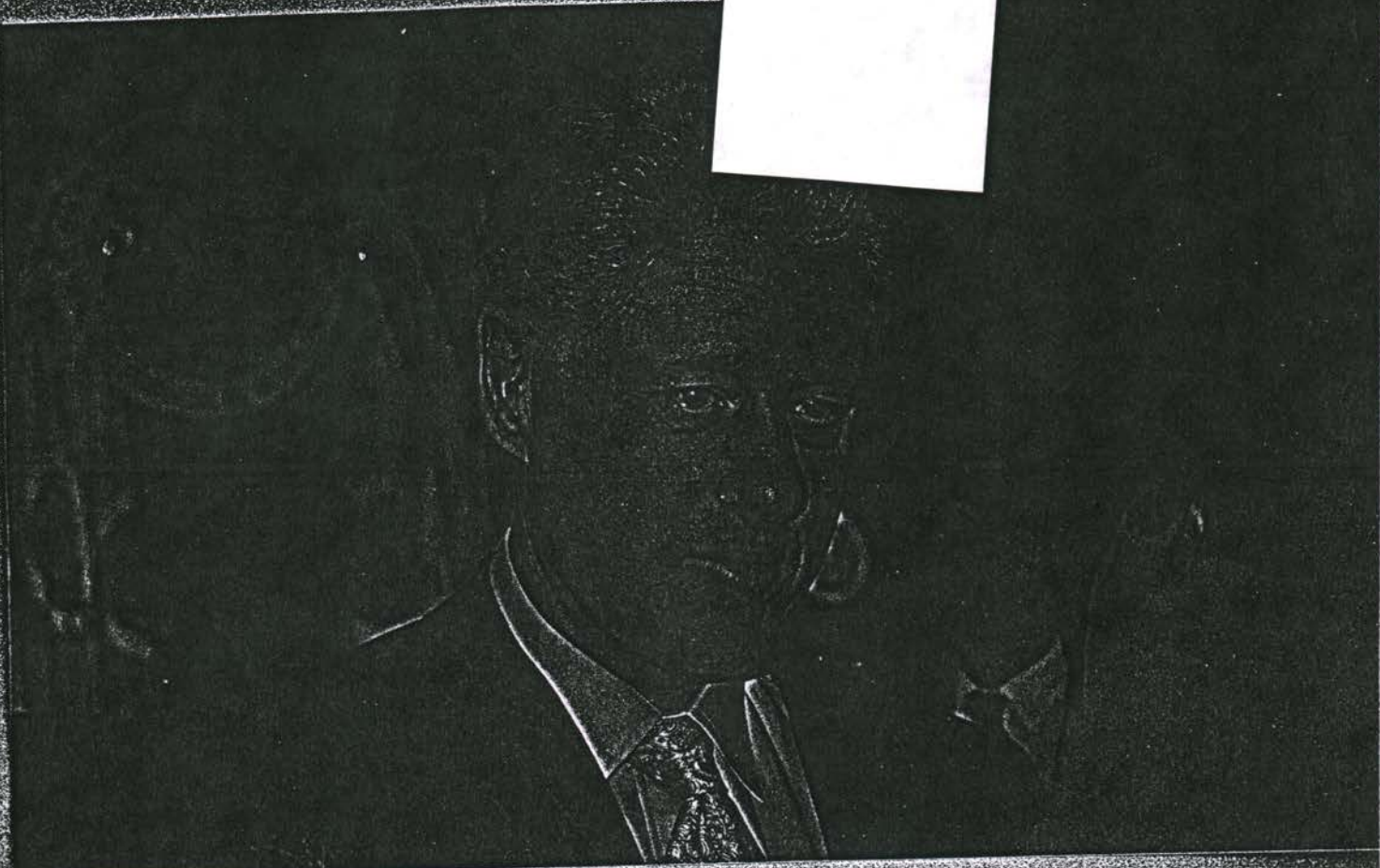
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On March 4, 1999 President Clinton helped Interior celebrate its 150th birthday. I had the honor of meeting Mr. Clinton that day but unfortunately, no one was able to capture it on film. The enclosed picture I was able to take just prior to meeting him. I would be extremely grateful if President Clinton could autograph my photo to me.

Thank you so much,

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February 21, 1999

President and Mrs. William J. Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mr. President and Hillary,

I have been thinking about and researching your request about areas where the Department of Veterans Affairs could help with health care in the U.S. Here is a list of suggestions:

1. The VA's Electronic Patient Record is a great start and an important tool for management of patient care, for expense tracking/billing, and for research activities.
 - a. Patient care applications range from basic patient history storage/ retrieval to safety issues such as drug interactions/allergies.
 - b. Expense recording allows for more accurate financial data, accurate billing, and other financial management benefits such as improved inventory management and cost allocation models.
 - c. Research benefits arise from the ability to survey various medical protocols effectiveness to the identification of public health issues such as Hepatitis C through screening of patient records for risk factors.
2. Expansion of the health care network to include, on a fee basis, medical coverage to veteran and veteran-related parties.
 - a. The most obvious would be the higher Priority Veterans without medical insurance. A series of options, not unlike private sector HMO plans, offered at some discount over private sectors plans would help provide coverage to currently non-insured veterans. These plans could offer portability and remove the problem of prior condition exclusion of coverage.
 - b. The extension of medical insurance, similar to above, to spouses and immediate families of veterans.

President and Mrs. William J. Clinton

3. As the Principi/Dole Transition Report has suggested, combining the DOD health system into the VA (at a minimum for health care delivery in the continental U.S.), could greatly enhance the medical care benefit to our nation's service men and women.
 - a. This will, perhaps, prove the most difficult to implement due to historic biases and the reductions in staffing which should result from such a combination.
 - b. Careful alignment of the point of health care delivery and "right sizing" of the hospital facilities is a key success point.
4. The medical education and research activities are a significant contributor to the overall quality of medical care in the U.S. Expansion of research activities and partnerships with teaching hospitals could help provide badly needed support (financially and strategically) for the indigent care activities of most teaching medical centers.
5. The VA has demonstrated the benefits of standardization and blanket purchase orders through its pharmaceutical formulary. We have significantly reduced the cost of prescriptions through these activities and are beginning to go after the other components of the medical/surgical supply schedule. There are significant savings to be realized in this area, especially if DOD is integrated into VA.
6. The VA has closed approximately 52 percent of our acute care beds in the last four years. This does not mean hospitals have necessarily been closed, just rooms closed or floors closed. Some, of course, needed expensive renovation and are not really suitable to be rehabilitated. Certainly, there are opportunities to better utilize the VA's vast physical plant.

There is a terrific story to be told about the VA and its success. In many ways it is not very glamorous, more like fixing the plumbing in your home versus the more visible things like new paint and draperies, yet it is critical to the success of the enterprise. I have found the people at the VA to be terrific, dedicated, and willing to engage a challenge. As the largest health care provider in the country, the VA is a terrific resource and our staff would be thrilled to share their expertise with you.

All the best,



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Mr. President:

We are so proud of your leadership. In every way, your administration is one of the most productive ever, benefiting all Americans.

Our prayers and thoughts are always with you, especially during this crisis in Kosovo. Keep up the GREAT work!

Always, Ivan and Mary Baker

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1999

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MR. PRESIDENT:

This is a long memo from Gene/Larry/Melanne on bankruptcy reform issues and strategy. In short, it says that absent a strong push by the Administration, you may well receive veto-proof legislation in the next few weeks that you won't want to sign. They recommend the following strategy:

- (1) **Publicly Criticize the Bad Parts of the Legislation** -- present sympathetic debtors who'd be denied a fresh start; highlight permitted abusive and coercive debt collection practices; point out the lack of greater credit card disclosure requirements; reveal the lingering threat to child support/alimony collection (this years' bills are improved somewhat in this regard); and expose the loopholes for lavish homestead exemptions (see pp. 3-7 for details on these issues);
- (2) **Advance Alternative Provisions** -- work with the bills' proponents (Sens. Torricelli, Grassley) to find acceptable improvements (*e.g.*, by addressing creditors' concerns with the discretion we want courts to have);
- (3) **Work with Sens. Durbin, Kennedy, Leahy** -- Durbin and Kennedy may be willing to lead the caucus (if Torricelli does not) and help develop a Senate floor strategy that would include amendments to increase our leverage; and
- (4) **Work with Key House Members** -- engage Rep. Gephardt and work with Reps. Nadler/Conyers, possibly Frank, to improve the House bill or try to produce the 20-25 votes necessary to sustain a possible veto.

Approve Approach ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING
LARRY STEIN
MELANNE VERVEER

RE: BANKRUPTCY REFORM STRATEGY

ACTION FORCING EVENT: Bankruptcy legislation is moving rapidly through the House and the Senate. Both chambers plan to complete committee action after recess and take floor action in May. Last year, we worked closely with Senator Durbin, resulting in a 97-1 Senate vote for a moderate and balanced bill. The moderating provisions were largely abandoned in Conference. Your advisors informed Congress that they would recommend a veto of the Conference Report. The Senate never voted on the Conference Report, because Senator Durbin threatened delay and because pro-reform lobbyists --predicting Republican gains in the 1998 elections --decided to wait to reintroduce the legislation in this Congress. If the Senate had voted on the Conference Report, we do not know what the outcome would have been. The House approved the Conference Report by a veto-proof vote of 300-125. Minority Leader Gephardt was among the 80 or so Democrats supporting the Conference Report.

This year, while Congressman Nadler is leading efforts against the Conference Report and working to enlist greater support for a more moderate approach. Nonetheless, we expect the House to approve a bill like the Conference Report by a similar margin. In the Senate, there seems to be less support than previously among Democrats for fighting unbalanced legislation. Absent a strong effort by the Administration to influence the legislation, it is likely that you will be presented legislation that you will not want to sign, but which may have sufficient support to override a veto.

RECOMMENDATION: We seek your approval of a strategy designed to increase our leverage and reduce the likelihood of a veto override. Specifically, we seek authority to: (1) exploit publicly the vulnerabilities of the legislation (by presenting sympathetic scenarios of debtors denied access to a fresh start under the bill, attacking provisions in the bill that roll back existing protections against abusive and coercive collection practices, highlighting the bill's failure to improve disclosure and stem credit card abuses, and critiquing lingering danger it presents to child support and alimony collection); (2) work with bill proponents and opponents (including Senators Torricelli and Grassley and Representative Nadler) to advance alternative provisions that would substantively improve the current bills; (3) work with Senators Durbin, Kennedy, Leahy and others to develop a Senate floor strategy and identify message amendments which could motivate Republicans to compromise; and (4) work with Representatives Nadler, Conyers, Frank, Gephardt, and Bonior to produce a more palatable House bill, or, if that is not possible, to garner the 20-25 additional House votes necessary to sustain your veto.

THE STATUS OF BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS: In the House, Representative Gekas, introduced H.R. 833, which is virtually identical to last year's Conference Report. It now has 93 cosponsors, including nearly 40 Democrats (*e.g.*, Representatives Boucher, Frost, Kennedy, Holden, Menendez, Roemer, Maloney, and Velazquez). Minority Leader Gephardt supported the Conference Report last year, and would likely do so again (albeit with a low profile). However, if a strong balanced alternative can be constructed that has the strong public backing of the White House, Gephardt might be willing to rally his caucus vigorously around such a vehicle.

Representatives Conyers and Nadler recently wrote to you praising you and the First lady for your leadership last year and asking you to reiterate your opposition to last year's Conference Report. On March 23, 1999, Jack Lew sent a reply noting that your senior advisors had recommended a veto of the Conference Report last year and that "our position . . . has not changed." Armed with that letter and an alternative bill being developed by a group of bankruptcy experts at the National Bankruptcy Conference, Representative Nadler is confident (perhaps more than we are) that he can prevent some Democrats, who last year supported the Conference Report, from doing so this year. Achieving this goal is critical to a credible veto threat.

In the Senate, we originally hoped that Senator Torricelli would not co-sponsor Senator Grassley's bill (which is modeled after the Conference Report) demonstrating to other Democrats that the bill was not ready for the caucus' support. Unfortunately, Senator Torricelli did agree to cosponsor S. 625, although extracted some moderating changes as a precondition of his sponsorship. He also wrote a letter to Senator Grassley outlining six areas where the bill needs to be improved before it leaves the Senate. Although we would like to see some other changes as well, we largely agree with the six areas that Torricelli outlined. (The First Lady urged Senator Torricelli to hold firm on these issues.) We are skeptical, however, that the Republicans will accept many of these amendments either in committee or on the floor. Even if they did, as last year, we can expect any progress made to be undone in conference with the House.

Senator Grassley is more reasonable on bankruptcy than many Republicans, but we do not believe that he will be able to hold off his colleagues who believe they can get Democratic support without further compromise. Senator Biden is already a co-sponsor and five or six other Democrats have expressed interest in signing on the bill. Senator Leahy also may support the bill in Committee as a demonstration of support for Senator Torricelli, who replaced Senator Durbin as ranking member on the relevant subcommittee. Many signs suggest that Senator Torricelli will not oppose the bill even if the additional changes he seeks are not made. Senator Daschle, who wants a bankruptcy reform bill, will likely support S. 625 in the end if enough Democrats move in that direction. Well positioned Democratic staff believe there may be enough votes in the Senate to override a Presidential veto. Finally, last year, Banking Committee Chairman D'Amato raised no objection to provisions inserted on the Senate floor that required credit card companies to provide greater disclosure to consumers.

These provisions were important to our support of the Senate bill. However, the new Banking Committee Chairman, Senator Gramm, recently noted his opposition to any bankruptcy bill which contains the credit card protections that we view as important. Senator Gramm has reportedly said that a bill with these consumer protections “will pass over [his] dead body.”

At this time, neither the Administration nor effective advocates like Senator Kennedy have mounted any offensive. Thus, our assessment is preliminary and we hope to affect it. Some House and Senate Democrats are looking to the White House for political guidance and leadership on this issue. While they want to support bankruptcy legislation, we should be able to keep them from supporting the bills moving in each chamber if we give them a viable alternative and a strong rationale not to do so.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGY: While we believe that the current bills before Congress are sufficiently flawed as to merit continued opposition, we also believe that bankruptcy reform is not only desirable but necessary. Our goal is to gain sufficient leverage in the debate on Capitol Hill to make modest but important changes to the bills, so that we could recommend that you sign the resultant legislation. We recommend the four-prong strategy described below.

1. **Exploit Vulnerabilities**

It is difficult to rally Members or the public around complicated technical issues like nondischargeable debt and means test formulas. However, there are messages we can use to address each of our major areas of concern.

A. ***The Formulaic Means Test Will Block Efforts of Responsible Debtors to Get Back on Their Feet***

One of our most significant concerns with the current bill is that the procedures established do not afford debtors a meaningful opportunity to have their specific circumstances evaluated and do not give the court the necessary discretion to take those circumstances into consideration. While it is difficult to defend judicial discretion, we can tell stories about sympathetic debtors who would be caught by the bill’s rigid approach.

Under the bill, the bankruptcy trustee would determine whether a debtor can afford to repay some of their debts by considering the debtor’s income, less certain standard allowances for food, clothing, transportation, and housing expenses rather than what the debtor actually spends for those items. There may be cases where the actual expenses are above the allowance amount for good reason, but the court can only provide an exception if the debtor meets the burden of proving that their circumstances “exceptional” and the additional expenses “necessary.”

So, for example:

- No exception likely would be made for a debtor who helped his non-dependent mother meet her expenses so that she could live on her own and stay out of a nursing home. That debtor could be denied access to Chapter 7's "fresh start" and the funds used to pay for his mother's housing expenses would instead go to pay off his credit cards.
- Similar problems arise especially in ethnic and lower-income communities where neighbors, friends, and relatives often bear significant costs to help children, elderly, the disabled, the unemployed, and others who are not legally their dependants.
- No allowance likely would be made if a debtor's transportation expenses to get to work on the other side of town are above the area allowance. The choice posed could be stark: (1) find a job closer to home (even if less likely to provide career advancement) to lower transportation costs and free up money to repay your creditors; or (2) fail to feed or cloth your children.
- No allowance likely would be made if the debtor's rental costs are higher than the area allowance, even though her apartment allows her to live near to a relative who can safely watch the children after school. The current test could force that single mother to move her family from her home without an opportunity for individualized assessment of the tradeoffs.

In addition to these scenarios, we can make much of the false representation made by bill proponents that the bill no longer would impact below-median income debtors (who make up 80% of those in bankruptcy). All debtors would be subject to the new mean test; while creditors could only bring "abuse" motions against above-median income debtors, the bankruptcy courts and trustees would be required to apply the means test to all debtors.

B. The Bills Roll Back Existing Protections Against Abusive Collection Practices and Coercion.

In a famous, recent case, Sears was found to have harassed creditors into agreeing to repay debts that they no longer had -- having been discharged in bankruptcy. The court found that Sears had violated the "discharge injunction" and was liable for millions of dollars in damages to hundreds of thousands of debtors. Under the House bill, creditors could harass debtors to repay discharged debt with little fear of consequences, as class actions and punitive damages -- the tools that brought the Sears' practices to an end -- would be barred.

Another concern is the bill's failure to deal with coerced reaffirmations of debt. Thousands of bankruptcy debtors each year agree to "reaffirm" one or more debts -- agreeing to pay it back even though they have the right to have the debt discharged in bankruptcy. We have no objection to letting debtors make an informed choice about whether to repay debts. There is widespread evidence, however, that debtors' decisions are not informed and that creditors coerce debtors into reaffirming debts by threatening to challenge the bankruptcy proceedings if they do not reaffirm, promising new credit lines in exchange for reaffirmation, and harassing collection efforts aimed at debtors ignorant of their rights. Provisions of these bills will create new opportunities for creditors to threaten and harass debtors.

In numerous cases, debtors "agree" to reaffirm debts even though they do not have sufficient income to pay their current expenses. While some may be optimistic, many more feel they have no choice when approached by a creditor threatening to challenge their bankruptcy. It would not be unusual to see a reaffirmation agreement, for example, where the debtor agrees to repay \$1000 in order to get a \$500 line of credit -- an effective interest rate of 200% on the new debt, even though far less expensive credit lines are now available even for those currently in bankruptcy. Even where a debtor makes an informed choice, *reaffirming the debt may harm ex-spouses and children whose child support and alimony may not get paid because the reaffirmed debt is paid instead.*

The Bankruptcy Review Commission concluded that reaffirmations of unsecured debt should be banned outright. We proposed instead a "coercion" check -- a review by the bankruptcy court of any reaffirmation of unsecured debt to ensure that it was an informed choice in the best interest of the debtor and others. We will press this issue more visibly this year, while developing compromise alternatives that we could offer in final negotiations.

C. Consumer's Right-to-Know and Protection from Credit Card Abuse

Consumers are well aware of intense and misleading credit card marketing efforts. Last year's Senate bill contained a number of important credit card provisions including: (1) a requirement that credit card companies disclose on monthly statements how long it would take (and how much it would cost) to pay back the debt, if consumers only made the minimum payment; (2) a requirement that consumers be notified when credit card companies or retailers take a security interest in the goods purchased; and (3) a requirement that credit card companies inform debtors that they have not assessed the debtors' capacity to repay additional debt and provide a worksheet so that the debtor can easily make that calculation for themselves. These provisions were stripped in conference, leaving only a requirement for the Federal Reserve to study what further disclosures would be helpful.

Senator Sarbanes and other Democrats have introduced legislation separate from the bankruptcy bill that incorporates many of these consumer education provisions. In addition, Representative LaFalce and Senator Schumer have introduced bills that contain a host of additional credit card protections, many of which the Administration supports. One, for example, would eliminate the misleading advertising of credit card "teaser" rates -- which leave consumers shocked by dramatic interest rate

increases when rates expire or they incur a penalty for a minor late payment. You are scheduled to unveil a consumer financial protection package the week that Congress returns, which includes many of these credit card provisions, as well as privacy protections. At that time, you can praise the efforts of Democrats in both chambers to protect consumers against abusive credit card practices. While we will not make passage of any *specific* credit card provisions a precondition for bankruptcy support, some balance in this regard is essential. By raising the profile of credit card issues, you will increase the leverage of Democrats seeking to incorporate some of these provisions in the bankruptcy bill and give Democrats an issue around which they can rally.

D. Child Support and Alimony Collection

The bankruptcy bills create or expand categories of nondischargeable debts -- i.e., debts that can be collected after bankruptcy. Last year we argued that these new nondischargeable debts would impair the collection of child support and alimony. In response, the bills' proponents both narrowed the categories of new nondischargeable debts and added a host of provisions that genuinely make it easier for former spouses and custodial parents to collect child support and alimony from debtors in bankruptcy. As a result, the bills probably improve the collection of family support obligations more than it is harmed. However, the bills have not been entirely corrected in this regard. We can continue, therefore, to argue credibly that child support and alimony collection is harmed *in some cases*. In particular, two concerns remain:

- (1) the bills now provide that, in the supervised context of a bankruptcy plan, child support and alimony payments must be given the highest priority. However, under these bills, some debtors will have obligations to repay reaffirmed or newly nondischargeable debt. After the bankruptcy discharge, there is no court supervision or other mechanism to ensure that child support and alimony are paid first. The custodial parent or former spouse is unlikely to be as effective as the card company in collecting payment. Once these lower-priority payments are made, it is not practical to require the custodial parent or former spouse to go after the creditor to assert a claim on those payments.
- (2) the bills also raise another concern for the payment of child support and alimony. If debtors are forced into Chapter 13 who do not genuinely have the capacity to repay -- as we fear will occur under the current versions of the means test -- they will eventually return to Chapter 7 with a diminished ability to repay their nondischargeable debts -- in particular their child support and alimony -- because while under the plan, they devoted some of their assets to paying their other creditors.

E. The Bills Leave in Place Huge Loopholes for Wealthy Homeowners While Squeezing Low and Moderate Income Debtors in over Their Heads.

Some of the most famous cases of abuse involve celebrities who file for bankruptcy and walk away from most of their debts but continue to live in multimillion dollar mansions protected by "homestead exemptions." (State exemptions also protect such luxuries as race horses and silver spoons in Virginia.)

Yet, at the same time we are creating a system that will ask low and moderate income debtors to behave responsibly -- to pay back some of their debts if they can -- these bills leave in place the biggest loopholes used by the wealthy. (The House bill currently has a homestead exemption cap of \$250,000, but we expect even that to be removed on the floor.)

2. Try to Improve the Legislation

While the Republicans are not presently receptive to significant changes, we must continue to work in good faith with Senators Torricelli and Grassley (and key House members) to make improvements to the bills where possible. On a few important issues, we may be able to offer compromises that will be more attractive to the credit industry than provisions that were in the Senate bill last year. For example, we think we can propose ways to make the means test more "self-executing" by requiring judges to explain when they vary from formulaic standards and by lowering the costs to creditors for bringing abuse motions. This proposal should address at least one of the creditors' concerns with the discretion that we insist be granted to the courts. While these proposals may not be embraced by the Republicans initially, we hope they will be considered in the "end game." More importantly, these compromise provisions will allow us to present a new "Administration proposal" around which Democrats can rally.

3. Senate Strategy

Senior staff will consult directly with key Democratic Senators -- especially Senators Durbin, Kennedy, and Leahy -- in developing a Senate floor strategy. If Senator Torricelli is unable to lead the caucus in demanding balance for these bills, Senators Durbin and Kennedy may be willing to do so. With them, we will identify the best amendments (both germane and non-germane) to offer on the floor to provide negotiating leverage.

4. House Strategy

Senior staff will work with Representatives Nadler, Conyers, and possibly Frank to try to develop an alternative for full committee and floor consideration that will represent a balanced approach to bankruptcy reform. We will also seek to engage Minority Leader Gephardt and other House Democratic leaders who may view this year's debate as an opportunity to promote a strong, pro-consumer perspective. The ultimate goal will be either to greatly improve the House bill or, more likely, produce the necessary votes to sustain a possible veto in the House.

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This past Friday I had a meeting with a colleague here that I found very interesting. I will write you in some detail in the next couple of days, but there were two points I wanted to pass on immediately.

Within Russia, attacks on the United States are used as the surrogate for attacks on the reform process. The Communists and other political parties that are against reform use attacks on the United States as code words for attacks on reform. Our actions in Yugoslavia have given these groups a great deal more ammunition to attack the reform process. He believes this will have significant negative effect on the parliamentary elections next year. He also pointed out that those within Russia who opposed NATO expansion are saying "I told you so."

The second point he made which I found fascinating is that the Russian people do not believe that the refugees have been caused by the Serbian ethnic cleansing policies, they believe that the refugees have been caused by the NATO bombing. Almost every Russian has or has a close relative who has experienced war as a civilian. (Before, my colleague had made the point that the Second World Wars had considerably more effect on the Russian psyche than had the Cold War). From their experience during the Second World War, they know that war, and bombing, cause people to get up and leave. They do not attribute the flow of refugees as proof of ethnic cleansing, but as the result of the air war.

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