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J. Burkhardt for reply?
Yes — No —

Dear President Clinton.

Because of Your Connection
ager with Pres. Kennedy &
would have double significance.

We Plan to make a Small Book out of
this Collection. I don't think it has been
done before, but if not done soon will
be too late. am sending this to Hillary, also

My wife and I don't like to think
that You and Hillary have less than
2 years in the White House.

Stay well.

Sincerely,
Graham R. Hodges

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Spring 1999

WANTED: Memories of what people recall of the afternoon they heard
of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

If you are one of those with memories of that terrible moment you are invited to share them. Not just for those living, but more important, for people of the future.

As vivid as those memories are for us now, they will die when we do, unless written down. Hence, I am asking a few select persons to write them down for publication, knowing that those feelings we had that grim November 22, 1963 will be hard to imagine by future generations of Americans.

Because the originals of such a collection should not be the property of any one person I will donate them to the Library of Congress, making them belong to the public, as they should.

Just several paragraphs may be enough, not more than one page. Please include details, names, place, exact location, words spoken and feelings. Your age, station or occupation, if student, then town, school, class, teacher, and anything the teacher or principal did or said at the time should be included. Also where were you when you first saw Jack Ruby shoot Lee Harvey Oswald on TV? Include outstanding memories of those days of mourning, centralized in Washington, which followed the assassination. Details, details, details.

We believe your words will be read, now and in the future. They are important as documentary. What better way for future generations to know our common shock, sense of loss and grief?

About myself: not a professional historian. Graduate of University of Mississippi, Yale Divinity School, pastor since 1949 of many Congregational churches in upstate New York, author of 12 books and numerous articles. Four children, six grandchildren, married 57 years.

Thank you for taking the time. Naturally, memories will be somewhat repetitious, but that only confirms and reinforces them. No critique of Kennedy and his presidency, just your memories in plain English. Type single space, please.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Is it asking too much for your reply to be mailed by June 15, or as soon after as you can?

Hoping that this finds you well, I am

Sincerely,

Graham R. Hodges

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BILL WILSON
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April 23, 1999

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To Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Re: Federal Employee Government Li

My Dear Mr. President:

I have been advised that Mr. Charles Ruff has advised members of the Federal Judges Association that OPM has agreed to delay any premium increases for two years.

This is a great relief, albeit temporary.

What we need is permanent relief, and this will require a change in the basic position of the OPM.

I think you know that I would not write you about this if I did not deem it to be a matter of extreme importance to the federal judiciary.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Bill Wilson

Wm. R. Wilson, Jr.



Office of the Ambassador

Embassy of the United States of America

Lisbon, Portugal
April 27, 1999

Handwritten notes:
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Dear Mr. President:

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I talked to Prime Minister Guterres immediately after your call with him and again after the NATO Summit, and he expressed his appreciation at being able to share with you his concern about East Timor. As he explained, the Portuguese public is more focused on the atrocities in East Timor than those in Kosovo. While Guterres is certainly aware of the differences between the two issues, your discussions help him manage the domestic political aspects of the situation in this Portuguese election year.

I completely agree with your statement about preferring to answer hard questions about the details of the present military action rather than to have to answer harder questions that would inevitably and rightly be asked if we cleansing continued. History will harshly judge those who non-action or continued negotiation after hard evidence of forces have done to the people of Kosovo. I also agree with NATO's action will serve as a warning to future rulers at cost for this kind of evil conduct.

5-5-99

Handwritten: To NSC for reply?

Handwritten: Yes ☒ No ☐

As you may know, Portugal assumes the Presidency in 2000. I hope you and Mrs. Clinton will visit Lisbon at this especially beautiful place but also it is a showcase of what countries can become if they develop in a democratic and the late 1970's, as it emerged from 50 years of dictatorship undeveloped as any country in Eastern Europe.

Handwritten: if necessary

Portugal is also using its ties to its former colonies investing in North Africa as well as Sub-Saharan Africa. One of the things that most amazes me about Portugal is the high percentage of its population that loves Africa, almost like America's affection for the old West or the deep South. One of my goals is to leverage the Portuguese desire to live or work in Africa with American investment dollars and know-how.

Respectfully,

Signature of Gerald S. McGowan

Gerald S. McGowan
Ambassador

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Lisbon, Portugal
April 27, 1999

Ms. Nancy Hernreich
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of the Oval Office Operations
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Nancy:

Please give the enclosed letter to the President.

Susan and I are still hoping that you will find the opportunity to get over to Portugal. After having been here a year, Susan and I can attest there is no bad time to visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. McGowan", written over the printed name and title.

Gerald S. McGowan
Ambassador

Enclosure