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THOMAS R. CARPER
GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE

April 29, 1999

President,

There are few things in the world that would cause me to miss the opportunity to be present when you signed the "Ed-Flex" legislation into law. At 9:30 am this morning, the CEO of the third largest pharmaceutical company, Zener, phoned me here to join him in Delaware. AstraZeneca will relocate their North American research facilities in Delaware, and I know how hard we've worked.

After you have seen, we will send to Burkhardt for reply -

OK -

Carl

includes reference to signing pay in letter this

Please know that I deeply appreciate your leadership in proposing Ed-Flex expansion, in pushing for it and signing it into law. Many thanks!

Take care. See you soon, Steve. Personal regards, Jon

Active reply
Send him a
letter as a memento
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May 1, 1999

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

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to congratulate you on taking the initiative to bring together the many diverse institutions and sectors of American society to turn the tide against school violence. I am also writing to say that I would very much like to be a part of this White House conference. I think you struck exactly the right tone in saying "Let's bury the hatchet and build a future for our children together." I believe that every major segment of our society needs to stop pointing the finger of blame and examine itself in order to discover what needs to be done in order to make schools safe.

You will recall that you wrote to me earlier, asking me to keep you informed about my research on violence in inner-city schools. At that time, I sent you a copy of my book on the subject. I am enclosing another copy with this letter. As a social anthropologist, I believe I have an important perspective to contribute, one which attempts to link the prevention of school violence with other educational reforms. I will not detail them for you here except to say that the creation of smaller, more manageable high schools is one important step that has proven to be of great help in diminishing student alienation and in promoting stronger student-teacher bonds.

It would give me great pleasure to see you again and to participate in this effort at this difficult time in our nation's history.

Sincerely,

John Devine
John Devine, Ph.D.

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To Eugenie?
YES
cc: letter +
(es) me to
Bruce [initials]

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Carolyn -
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earlier letter. Potus may
know him from Georgetown?

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EDUCATION

- 1945-49 Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues, Wernersville, PA.
Area of Study: Greek and Latin Classics, Humanities
- 1949-52 Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama
Area of Study: Philosophy, Mathematics, Chemistry
Degree: B.S. in Chemistry and Mathematics
- 1954 Westinghouse Award for Science Teachers
Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1955 University of Paris (Sorbonne). Intensive French: Summer
Program in French Language and Civilization
- 1955-59 University of Louvain (Belgium).
Area of Study: Theology and Scripture Studies.
Degree: S.T.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Theology)
- 1966-67 Harvard University (sabbatical from Georgetown University)
Area of Study: Special Student, Department of Anthropology
- 1972-74 University of Illinois
Area of Study: Social Anthropology, Archeology,
Physical Anthropology
Degree: M.A. in Anthropology
- 1984-90 New York University
Area of Study: International Education
Degree: Ph.D. in International Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1952-55	Gonzaga High School, Washington, DC Courses taught: Chemistry, Mathematics, Religion
1960-66	Georgetown University, Washington, DC Faculty member, Department of Theology Courses taught: Theology (Honors Program)
1984-present	New York University Adjunct Professor, School of Education Courses taught: Graduate Seminars in Urban Education

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1962-66	Dean of Students	Georgetown University Washington, D.C.
1962-66	Member, Board of Directors	Georgetown University Washington, D.C.
1967-75	Head Start Coordinator	U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Chicago, IL
1975-83	Regional Administrator	Department of Health and Human Services, New York
1985-present	Director, School Partnership Program	New York University New York, NY
1996-present	Director, Safe Schools Project (Research Study On Violence Prevention in Schools funded by U.S. Department of Education)	New York University New York, NY

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Cease Fire in the War on Poverty, America, Vol. 128 (21) June 1973

The Versatility of Human Locomotion, American Anthropologist, Vol. 87 (3) September 1985.

Blackboard Jungle Revisited: The Semiotics of Violence in an Urban High School, Ph.D. Dissertation, New York University, New York. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms, 1990.

Competing Discourses on Violence, Paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, December 1, 1990, New Orleans, LA.

Deschooling the Body: A Critique of Critical Pedagogy, Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 28, 1992.

Constructing Adolescent (and Adult) Identities in a Culture of Violence, Paper presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 21, 1993.

School Violence and The Counselor, paper presented at the New York City Association for Counseling and Development, April 16, 1994.

The Evolution of a School-University Partnership, chapter contributed to *Staying in School: Partnerships for Educational Change* (1995) Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company.

Les detecteurs de metaux vont-ils remplacer le Panopticon? La violence dans les ecoles des quartiers defavorises de New York. Lien Social et Politiques - RIAC (Montreal, Canada) (1996)

Can Metal Detectors Replace the Panopticon? Cultural Anthropology 10(2):171-195.

Maximum Security: The Culture of Violence in Inner-City Schools (1996) Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Foucault and Social Work (1998), {book chapter} New York: Columbia University Press. (Projected publication date: December, 1998).

Youth in Crisis: Successful Mediators of Normative Development, participant, Johann Jacobs Foundation Conference scheduled for October 22-25, 1998, Lake Constance (Germany). Organized by Harvard and Princeton Universities. Publication to follow.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Council on Anthropology and Education

American Educational Research Association

AWARDS, GRANTS

Citation awarded by the President and Board of Directors, Georgetown University	1961
Medal Award for Superior Service U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	1981
Stay in School Partnership New York State Education Department	1987-92
Member, Governor's Advisory Committee, Liberty Partnership Program	1990-97
Liberty Partnership Program New York State Education Department	1989-97
School, College & University Partnership U.S. Department of Education	1991-95
Project Achieve New York City Board of Education/United Way	1988-97
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Award	1993-94
CBS Foundation	1992-94
Westinghouse Foundation	1996-97
Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) U.S. Department of Education	1996-99

PERSONAL

- 1945 Entered Society of Jesus (Jesuit Order).
- 1958 Ordained Roman Catholic priest in Jesuit Order.
- 1968 Left Jesuits in order to marry my wife, Frances Elizabeth.
Five children.



United States Department of State

Office of the Under Secretary
for Management

White House Liaison

'99 MAY 3 PM5:37

Betty -

Long after the Africa
Trip has been over,
The accolades continue!

Enjoy!

- Charles DeLoach

5-3-99

To NSC for reply?

Yes ☒ No ☐

B.

from the Ambassador

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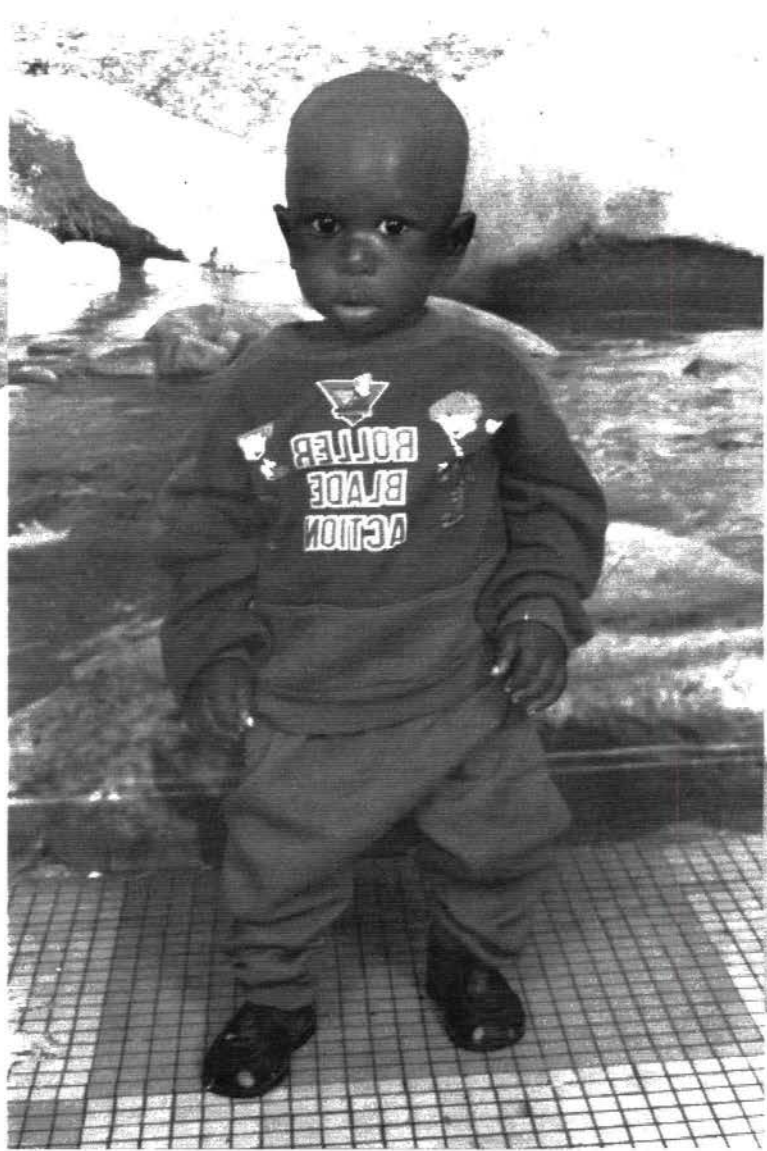
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IBRAHIMA KAGNY

NICK NAMED

BILL CLINTON COULAR

Born on MARCH 31ST 1998

at a quarter TO eleven P.m

in DAKAR - SENEGAL.

Abdoul Bécaye KAGNY,
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Dakar, 30 JAN. 1998

His excellency, Mr. the President,

It's with a great pleasure that I'm writing this letter to you, to express my sincerest feelings. Your journey to the African continent, and particularly to Senegal is more than an event. It's rather an advent.

Indeed, your excellency, your arrival coincided with the birth of my child. Your plane landed at the International Air-port Leopold Sedar SENGHOR on Tuesday. March 31st 1998 at a quarter to eleven p.m, and the child was born on Tuesday March 31st 1998 at a quarter to eleven p.m

What a coincidence!

Hasn't god sent this child to welcome you in the senegalese land, which is a welcoming land. If that's the case, senegal is a blessed country for the President Bill CLINTON.

Also, didn't god want once again to magnify for us its power by making these two events fall in with each other, or to enhance the child's future or that of the president Bill CLINTON.

Isn't god the one who urged the angel Gabriel next to the Prophet Ibrahima to bring him a ram, and that in a trice. He's the only master of time and space.

Also the president Bill CLINTON isn't any one person I am personally convinced about it.

I'm very delighted about this coincidence, and I'm sure that this child, if god gives him a long life will be somebody. This child was named on Tuesday April 7th 1998 after the Prophet Ibrahima, and I asked people there to pray so that he'll be a president

Your excellency, before the birth of this child, I had decided to take a reference from the koran, and to name him after the Prophet whose period will coincide with his birth. This month perfectly corresponds with the period of the Prophet Ibrahima who wanted to sacrifice his son Ismael (It's the ritual sacrifice of Tabaski). But at the time we're living, there is only one reference, the landing hour of the President Bill CLINTON at the International Airport Leopold Sedar SENGHOR

And what will be his horoscope.

I wanted to give him the name of Ibrahima Bill CLINTON KAGNY, but people advice me against adding another name to that of the Prophet Ibrahima.

I assure you that the naming ceremony has occasioned a real religious debate. We finally agreed to name him Ibrahima KAGNY and to nickname him Bill CLINTON. To that nickname, I ask that the name of my native village "Coular" be added. So his nick name is Bill CLINTON Coular.

The Prophet Ibrahima is god's personal friend. Didn't god want to show your new friendship with Africa?

The president Abdou DIOUF is right when he says that "you've got the heart, and your country has got the means as for a Marshall plan for Africa"

I ask the great American people to please turn the page as far as the case Monica LEWINSKY is concerned, and to continue to always trust their president. Bill CLINTON is a good President.

At this finishing century, the dismissal of the president Bill CLINTON can't be profitable to America, and it could even involve an international disorder.

I solemnly want to give these revelations. Please pray for the young Ibrahima.

N.B. You'll find in this letter

- a photo of young Ibrahima
- his birth certificate



His excellency Mr. Bill CLINTON
President of the U.S.A.

P.S.: It's a great honour for me to translate this letter which is destined to the great president of the U.S.A

The Translator
ND. C.

Mine N'Dioubate CISSE

Abdoul Bécaye KAGNY

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Dakar, le 30 janvier 1999

Excellence Monsieur le Président

C'est avec un grand plaisir que je vous écris cette lettre pour vous exprimer mes sentiments les plus sincères. Votre périple sur le continent Africain et singulièrement au Sénégal est pour moi plus qu'un événement, plutôt un avènement.

En effet, Excellence, votre arrivée a coïncidé avec la naissance de mon enfant. Votre avion a atterri à l'Aéroport International Léopold Sédar SENGHOR le **mardi 31 mars 1998 à 22h 45mn**. L'enfant a vu le jour le **mardi 31 mars 1998 à 22h 45 mn**

Quelle coïncidence ?

Cet enfant le bon Dieu ne l'a-t-il pas envoyé pour vous accueillir en terre sénégalaise, cette terre de **Teranga** ? Si tel est le cas, le Sénégal est une terre bénie pour le Président Bill CLINTON ?

Aussi, le bon Dieu ne voulait-il pas une fois de plus nous magnifier sa Puissance, en faisant coïncider ces deux événements, voire rehausser le devenir de cet enfant ou du Président Bill CLINTON.

N'est ce pas lui qui a précipité l'Ange **Gabriel** auprès du Prophète **Ibrahima** pour lui faire parvenir un bélier, et ceci en un clin d'œil ? Il est seul Maître du temps et de l'espace. Aussi, à savoir le Président Bill-CLINTON n'est pas un n'importe qui, j'en suis personnellement convaincu.

Cette coïncidence, je m'en réjouis fort et j'en suis persuadé cet enfant si Dieu lui donne longue vie, sera une future personnalité. Cet enfant est baptisé le mardi 07 avril 1998 du prénom du Prophète **Ibrahima**, et j'ai demandé à l'assistance de prier pour qu'il soit un futur Président de la République.

Excellence, avant la naissance de cet enfant, j'avais décidé de me référer au **Saint Coran** pour lui donner le prénom du Prophète dont l'époque coïncidera avec sa naissance. Et ce mois correspond parfaitement à l'époque du Prophète **Ibrahima** qui voulait sacrifier son fils **Ismaël** (le sacrifice rituel de la **Tabaski**). Mais à l'heure où nous vivons, il n'y a qu'un seul référentiel, l'heure d'atterrissage du Président Bill CLINTON sur l'Aéroport International Léopold Sédar SENGHOR.

Et quel sera son horoscope ?

J'avais émis le vœux de le baptiser **Ibrahima Bill CLINTON KAGNY**, mais il m'a été déconseillé d'ajouter un autre prénom à celui du **Prophète Ibrahima**.

Je vous assure, excellence, que ce baptême a fait l'objet d'un vrai débat religieux. Nous sommes finalement convenus de le baptiser **Ibrahima KAGNY** et le surnommer Bill CLINTON, à ce surnom, j'ai convié qu'on y ajoute **Coular** le nom de mon village natal.

Donc **Bill CLINTON Coular**.

Le Prophète **Ibrahima** est l'ami personnel de Dieu.
Dieu ne voulait-il pas mettre en exergue votre nouvelle amitié avec l'Afrique ?

Le Président **Abdou DIOUF** a bien raison de vous dire je cite : Vous en avez le cœur et votre pays en a les moyens, quant à un plan **MARSHALL** pour l'Afrique

Bill CLINTON est un bon Président.

En ce siècle finissant la destitution du Président **Bill CLINTON** ne peut rien profiter à l'Amérique et pourrait même entraîner un bouleversement sur le plan international.

Je tiens solennellement à faire ces révélations.

Vos prières pour le petit **Ibrahima**.

N.B. Vous trouverez dans cette lettre,
Une photo du petit **Ibrahima**
Son certificat de naissance
Son extrait de naissance

Ampliation de la lettre à Monsieur le Président **Abdou DIOUF**

//(-)

Son Excellence Monsieur **Bill CLINTON**
Président des Etats Unis d'Amérique

A handwritten signature, likely of Bill Clinton, is written in dark ink. It consists of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a smaller, more fluid signature.

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Bill (William) Jefferson Clinton (b. E
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Our Ref: 1489000

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Dear Mr Clinton (b. Blythe IV)

I am writing to invite you to update your entry in the 2000 edition of *The International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who*.

The International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who is a highly respected and long-established source of biographical information. It contains approximately 8,000 biographies of politicians, diplomats, statesmen, religious leaders, businessmen and other key persons from countries across the globe. It is used as a primary reference and networking tool by embassies, chambers of commerce, libraries and all manner of businesses world-wide. Entry is by invitation only and incurs no expense or obligation to purchase.

For your ease, this year we have changed the format of the proof forms. Page one of your proof shows the details we currently hold on you. The second sheet shows all possible fields you may complete. To ensure that your entry appears correctly, please update this existing information and complete any blank fields, including your e-mail address if you have one.

Alternatively, I should be happy to receive a copy of your Curriculum Vitae.

Please return your proof to me in the envelope provided, or send it by fax to +44 (0)1342 336195. In order to ensure inclusion, all entries must be received by 07 May 1999.

I look forward to receiving your updated proof. Please return the proof even if the information is correct. Thank you in advance for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Eric Dolling
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Phil -
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I have no objection
if you guys want

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Can you reply?
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From: Ben Johnson, Assistant to The President and Date:
Director of The White House Office On
The President's Initiative For One America

TO: *Phil Caplan*

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| ☐ For your signature | ☐ For your comments | ☐ Draft scheduling request |
| ☐ Reply directly-copy to me | ☒ For Your Information | ☐ Process special letter |
| | ☐ For your support | ☐ Set up tour |

Remarks:



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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CARL LEVIN
MICHIGAN

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to support the recommendation that Judge Damon J. Keith receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Judge Keith has left his mark on our nation and its law. Judge Keith has served as a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Sixth Circuit since 1977. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Keith served as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Throughout his service, Judge Keith has been a stalwart defender of constitutional and civil rights. He has ruled on some of the most important issues that have faced our nation over the last fifty years. These issues include: school desegregation in *Davis v. School District of City of Pontiac*; municipal affirmative action in *Baker v. City of Detroit*; and sex discrimination in *Rabidue v. Osceola Refining Co.*

In *United States v. Sinclair*, commonly known as *The Keith Decision*, Judge Keith ruled that President Richard Nixon and Attorney General John Mitchell could not engage in the warrant-less wiretap surveillance of three individuals suspected of conspiring to destroy government property because the surveillance was in violation of the Fourth Amendment.

Judge Keith's reverence for the Constitution was in full display during his appointment by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to serve as the National Chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Judge Keith was also appointed by President George Bush to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. During the course of his career, Judge Keith has also received innumerable honorary degrees and awards for his exemplary service to our nation.

I speak from personal experience with Judge Keith. I've known him well since he was Chair of the newly formed Michigan Civil Rights Commission in 1963, when I served the Commission as their counsel. Because of his many important contributions to our nation, I wholeheartedly recommend Judge Damon J. Keith to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin

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August 26, 1998

SUMMARY BIOGRAPHY THE HONORABLE DAMON J. KEITH

Damon J. Keith has served as a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Sixth Circuit since 1977. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Keith served as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.* Judge Keith is a graduate of West Virginia State College (B.A. 1943), Howard Law School (J.D. 1949) where he was elected Chief Justice of the Court of Peers, and Wayne State University (L.L.M. 1956).

As a member of the federal judiciary, Judge Keith has consistently been a courageous defender of the constitutional and civil rights of all people. Some of his most notable cases include: *Davis v. School District of City of Pontiac*, (school desegregation); *Baker v. City of Detroit* (municipal affirmative action plan); *United States v. Blanton*, (jury selection and pretrial publicity in a criminal case); *Rabidue v. Osceola Refining Co.*, (sex discrimination); and *United States v. Sinclair* (evidence obtained through warrantless electronic surveillance).

Although Judge Keith is well-known for his many landmark decisions, he is most cited for his opinion in *United States v. Sinclair*, commonly referred to as *The Keith Decision*. In *Sinclair*, Judge Keith, sitting on the district court, found that then-President Richard Nixon and then-Attorney General John Mitchell could not engage in warrantless wiretap surveillance of three individuals suspected of conspiring to destroy government property because the surveillance was in violation of the Fourth Amendment. This decision was affirmed by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and unanimously upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

In 1985, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger appointed Judge Keith as Chairman of the Bicentennial of the Constitution Committee for the Sixth Circuit. Then, in 1987, Judge Keith was appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to serve as the National Chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. In 1990, President George Bush appointed him to the Commission on the Bicentennial

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of the Constitution. In recognition of Judge Keith's service to the Bicentennial Committee, over 300 Bill of Rights plaques commemorating this important constitutional anniversary bear Judge Keith's name and adorn the walls of courthouses and law schools throughout the United States and Guam, as well as the FBI Headquarters and the Thurgood Marshall Judiciary Center in Washington, D.C.

Judge Keith has received over 30 honorary degrees, including doctorates from Yale University, University of Michigan, Colgate University, Howard University, The College of William & Mary, Morehouse College, Georgetown University, and Oberlin College. In 1974, the Detroit Board of Education dedicated one of its primary schools The Damon J. Keith Elementary School. Judge Keith is also a recipient of numerous awards, notably: the NAACP's highest award, the Spingarn Medal (past recipients include the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, and Colin Powell); and the Distinguished Public Service Award from the National Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He has also been recognized by the *Detroit Legal News* as one of only 16 Legal Legends of the Century in Michigan. In addition, Wayne State University has recently created the Damon J. Keith Law Collection, the first national archive devoted entirely to the accomplishments of our nation's African American lawyers and judges. Most recently, he received the lifetime achievement award from the National Black College Alumni and was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Judge Keith was named the 1997 recipient of the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award. In naming Judge Keith as the recipient of this highest of honors, the ABA said: "*Judge Keith represents the best in the legal profession. His work reflects incisive analysis of issues, principled application of laws and the Constitution, passionate belief in the courts' role in protecting civil rights, a commitment to community service, and, most significantly, an independence of mind to do what's right that is at the core of his view of professional responsibility. There is no better role model today for lawyers and law students seeking to work for equal justice.*"

In 1998, Judge Keith was selected recipient of the Detroit Urban League's 1998 Distinguished Warrior Award, as well as recipient of the prestigious Edward J. Devitt Award for Distinguished Service to Justice. The Devitt Award annually honors a

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federal judge who has achieved an exemplary career and has made significant contributions to the administration of justice, the advancement of the rule of law, and the improvement of society as a whole. Judge Keith was nominated for the Devitt Award by lawyers and judges throughout the country. United States Court of Appeals Judge Peter Fay remarked: *"One cannot be around Damon for very long without sensing his commitment to all that is good about our country. But, unlike many, he does not limit his commitment to words — his actions speak volumes. He gets involved. He spends the time. He does the work. Yes, he gets his hands 'dirty' because there is nothing he will not do if he is convinced it will help others and strengthen our way of life."*

Judge Keith is married to Rachel Boone Keith, M.D. They have three daughters, Cecile, Debbie, and Gilda; and two grandchildren, Nia and Camara.