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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN PODESTA

SUBJECT: Daily Report

9-18-99

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White House offices are tracking the following issues today:

NEC

Radiation Exposure in Paducah. Contractor workers at the Department of Energy's Paducah, Kentucky, plant were exposed to plutonium and other highly radioactive materials as a result of the Atomic Energy Commission's policy of reusing uranium. Between the 1950s and 1990 these exposures occurred without the knowledge of the workers, who were not trained in work practices that would have limited such exposures. However, plant managers were aware of the presence of these materials and their potential for hazard. Following an NEC interagency process, Secretary Richardson plans to announce this Thursday and Friday in Paducah that the Administration will propose legislation to provide workers' compensation benefits to contractor workers who were employed for at least one year at the Paducah facility during the relevant time period, worked in an area where they were exposed to plutonium or other highly radioactive materials, and developed a cancer included in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act's list of radiogenic cancers. In order to receive benefits, an expert panel would have to validate a worker's claim, accounting for potential exposure and other risk factors (e.g., smoking) and accept the benefit as their exclusive remedy against the United States and the contractor.

Bankruptcy Reform. We had expected Bankruptcy to come to the Senate floor this week, but it continues to be pushed back. Bankruptcy is likely to be the last authorizing vehicle to come up in the Senate this session. "Freedom to farm" and campaign finance reform amendments, along with Senator Kennedy's minimum wage proposal, are rumored to be waiting. Senator Lott has threatened to file a cloture petition later this week to address the "dilatatory tactics" of some Senators. Although the bill ultimately will have the support of well over 70 Senators, Democrats should stick together initially opposing Lott's effort to cut off debate on other Democratic priorities. However, Lott may well be using the cloture tactic to force the Democrats to limit the number of controversial amendments and the floor time that the bill will consume.

OMB

Kosovo Funding. On Friday and Monday, we held consultation meetings with Appropriations and Leadership staff (bipartisan) on our \$2.8 billion Kosovo package. The supplemental that you signed in May provided both defense and international affairs funding for FY 1999 activities.

The package that we are now consulting with Congress on would provide funding for FY 2000. It includes \$1.8 billion of new spending authority for DoD (\$2 billion in requirements, minus \$.2 billion of carry over balances from the supplemental) and \$1 billion for State/AID/UNMIK (\$453 million for Kosovo peacekeeping, democratization, reconstruction, war crimes and other activities, \$241 million for the Southeastern Europe Initiative and \$323 million for U.S. Presence in the Region, such as construction for security at U.S. Missions and AID operations). Funding would be designated as an emergency.

* While the consultations were constructive, it is clear that the House and Senate majority will have reservations approving this proposal this fall. Staff indicated that Chairman Stevens believes that consideration of both the DoD and State/AID/UNMIK funding can wait until the spring. Staff for the Speaker indicated that he believes that we do not yet have enough evidence that Europe is contributing its fair share towards the international affairs effort. He believes that the U.S. bore the cost of the military mission and the Europeans should bear the cost of the humanitarian and reconstruction effort. Staff indicated that in the spring we might have more information on European contributions.

Additional briefings, including with the Speaker, are being scheduled.

LEGAFFS

House Floor Action. Today, the House took the following action: passed (292-126) the Conference Report to H.R. 2490, FY00 Treasury Postal Appropriations; and passed (375-45) the Conference Report to S. 1059, FY00 Department of Defense Authorization. The House failed to pass (139-281) Rep. Dingell's (D-MI) motion to recommit the Department of Defense Conference Report, which would have preserved the authority of the Secretary of Energy with respect to the National Nuclear Security Administration. The House also passed (voice) H.R. 1551, Civil Aviation Research and Development Authorization and passed (voice) H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act.

House Outlook. Due to Hurricane Floyd, the House has cancelled its Thursday session. The House will reconvene for legislative business on Tuesday, September 20, after 6 PM.

Senate Floor Action. Today, the Senate resumed consideration of S.1143, the Transportation Appropriations bill. This evening, the Senate is expected to conduct three roll call votes. The first vote is on a Gorton/Feinstein Amendment, which would express the sense of the Senate concerning CAFE standards for sports utility vehicles and other light trucks. The second vote concerns a Helms (R-NC) Amendment regarding the inclusion of marital status on the short-form of the 2000 census; and the third vote is on final passage of the Transportation Appropriations bill.

Senate Outlook. Due to Hurricane Floyd, the Senate proceedings for this evening and the remainder of the week are highly unpredictable, but the Senate is expected to complete action on the Transportation Appropriations bill tonight, as well as possibly vote on the Treasury/Postal Appropriations Conference Report. At this point, the Senate is scheduled to be in session for the remainder of the week. The legislative agenda is uncertain.

DPC

Food Safety – New Food-borne Illness Numbers. On Thursday, the Centers for Disease Control will publish the most accurate estimate yet of food-borne disease in the United States. This new data suggests that food-borne diseases result in approximately 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths in the United States each year. In large part, these new numbers are the result of improved surveillance and collection methods implemented during your Administration. They do not therefore show a trend and cannot be used to demonstrate advancements – or setbacks – in this area. (The previous numbers the Administration has used to define the scope of the problem indicated food-borne disease led to 33 million illnesses and 9,000 deaths per year.) We have worked closely with HHS (as well as USDA) to ensure that when this information is released the Administration emphasizes that: 1) the data reaffirms our position that we must be aggressive in combating food-borne illnesses and must fully fund your \$72 million FY2000 budget request for the food safety initiative; 2) this new data is the result of this Administration's improved data collections and surveillance methods; and 3) the U.S. food supply remains the safest in the world.

IGA

Floyd. At the request of James Lee Witt, Mickey Ibarra spoke to Mayor Joe Riley of Charleston, SC, this afternoon after you approved the disaster declaration. The Mayor was very grateful for your concern, the quick WH response, and assistance being provided by FEMA and others.

CEA

Please see attached memo.

MARION BERRY
1ST DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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Thom Staff Secretary

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Dear President Clinton:

First, I would like to thank you for taking the time to listen to Arkansas farmers last month in Little Rock. It was good to see you.

I was very encouraged to hear you say publicly at the Little Rock farm market that you were committed to getting more funding than the \$7.5 billion that you were willing to keep Congress "until Christ" were reassured they would receive some immediate funding. I came up to me personally and said they felt better. They needed a safety net in times of low prices like this.

As you well know, agriculture is in my blood. During the August recess, I traveled around the First District. I talked to the Po Boy Supper in Coy (Lonoke County) to the farmers who told me they were facing the worst times farming who have been close to both of us all of our lives.

I have been asking myself what I can do to help the farmers who are committed to getting a better emergency aid package to accomplish this. I think the Cochran plan is a good one. I have an aid plan:

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\$248 million for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
\$300 million for Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Operations
\$90 million for NRCS Technical Assistance
\$35 million for NRCS Resource Conservation and Development
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A portion of the direct payments to farmers through the Supplemental Income Payment
\$500 million for oilseed producers

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As you well know, agriculture is in my blood and farming issues are close to my heart. During the August recess, I traveled around the First District to places and events you know very well. From the Po Boy Supper in Coy (Lonoke County) to the Judd Hill Day (Poinsett County), every farmer I talked to told me they were facing the worst times they had ever seen. I believe them. Many people in farming who have been close to both of us all of our lives are in dire straits.

I have been asking myself what I can do to help them. I have told them that you were committed to getting a better emergency aid package to them and we would work together to accomplish this. I think the Cochran plan is a good start but I think we must include the following in any aid plan:

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\$500 million for pork producers of all sizes
\$500 million for livestock and dairy producers
\$300 million for Step 2 Cotton

I would be glad to discuss these specifics, the emergency package as a whole, and long-term farm policy with you further. As you know this is a crucial time for agriculture, which means this is a crucial time for Arkansas. I know that I can count on your support for farmers. Please know that you can count on my support for good farm initiatives, too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marion Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

MARION BERRY
Member of Congress

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August 18, 1999

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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your decision to go to Bulgaria in mid-November will greatly assist the Bulgarian's efforts to establish themselves as a strong and vibrant democracy. I have been very impressed with President Stoyanov and Bulgaria in general. They are truly committed to becoming part of NATO and supporting democratic principles. They view your presence as an affirmation of the support of NATO in the recent conflict which resulted in strained relations between Bulgaria and Russia. And since Russia has historically been a strong trading partner with them, this cooling has adversely affected their earnings, particularly, as I mentioned to you, in tourism.

I have spoken to President Stoyanov's chief of protocol who stated they would love to have me present during your visit. At your suggestion, I have mentioned this to Mickey Ibarra and await follow-up as to how to arrange my participation.

Again, thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon. Please tell Hillary we're excited about doing a fund raiser for her in Las Vegas next spring. She'll make a great Senator.

Sincerely yours,

JONES VARGAS


Bob Miller

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/15/99 ACTION / CONCURRENCE/ COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

Subject: STATEMENT ON HURRICANE FLOYD

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REMARKS:

Comments to Terry Edmonds

RESPONSE:

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Terry Edmonds

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
ARRIVAL REMARKS ON HURRICANE FLOYD
HAWAII
September 15, 1999**

Good afternoon. Let me first say, that I am glad to be back on American soil after a very successful week-long trip to the Asian Pacific Economic Conference in Auckland, New Zealand. I am especially anxious to get back to Washington to help direct the federal response to Hurricane Floyd.

I just got off the phone with FEMA Director James Lee Witt who has been giving me regular updates. This is a very serious hurricane which is currently battering the states of Georgia and South Carolina and is targeting the entire northeast. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people whose lives are being affected by this storm.

South Carolina and Georgia are now engaged in the largest peacetime evacuation in history. Yesterday I announced emergency declarations for the States of Florida and Georgia to provide assistance to reduce the threat to lives and property. Earlier today, I issued similar emergency declarations for the States of South Carolina and North Carolina. I commend the efforts of state and local officials and citizens who are working around the clock to protect our communities. I want every American to know that we will take whatever steps necessary to meet the awesome challenges of Hurricane Floyd.

We are and will continue to take extraordinary measures to protect lives and property, but there is something else that is imperiled by this hurricane – our sense of safety and security, especially the unspoken fears of our children. Yesterday we received an e-mail on the FEMA website from a frightened little girl in Florida. She felt she had no one to talk to about her fears of the impending storm. So, tonight, as we prepare to face this storm together, let me urge all parents to talk to your kids about this challenge and assure them that all measures are being taken to keep them safe. As always in these times of crisis, I am inspired by the way Americans come together to help one another. This proves that there is something stronger than the force of any storm --- and that is the force of the American spirit. Thank you.



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September 10, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Clinton:

We are writing to express our grave concern with legislation pending before the United States Senate that deals with Internet gambling. We are concerned that, if enacted, the implementation of Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999 (S. 692) could throw the status of Indian tribal governmental gaming into chaos. S.692, sponsored by Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ), could deal a crushing blow to the economic development efforts of scores of Indian Tribes across the country.

If enacted, S. 692 would reverse the public policy established under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and upset the delicate balance between state and tribal governments established in the Act. Specifically, the Kyl bill would:

- Outlaw all current Class II and Class III games that utilize telecommunications technology to link multiple reservations to single games;
- Mandate that any new multi-tribe bingo games be subject to the compacting process, and thus, state regulation; and
- Force some tribes that are utilizing the latest telecommunications technology in their gaming operations to re-open whatever tribal-state compacts that are now in place.

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Ironically, the use of telecommunications technology was anticipated by the Congress

when it enacted IGRA eleven years ago. The law contemplated that tribes might wish to link certain gaming operations using computers, telephone lines, and satellites to increase prizes awards. The success of this approach cannot be understated. Technology-assisted Class II games such as MegaBingo and Class III games like Quartermania generate hundreds of millions of dollars in critical revenues for Indian Nations. (This not in-home gaming; telecommunications are merely used to link facilities that are open to the public.)

Mr. President, during your visit to the Pine Ridge Reservation, you saw the lack of economic development and infrastructure that many tribes still face today. Gaming revenues, which could not be generated but for the use of telecommunications technology, are used for education, healthcare, law enforcement and other governmental services for our people. To enact legislation that - however well-intentioned - deprives us of one of the few remaining engines for development would devastate our members.

We urge you to weigh in on this matter. In addition, we understand that a proposal drafted by the Department of Justice will address the underlying issues without impacting IGRA or tribal economic development. This proposal is proof that the issue of Internet gambling can be addressed without harming tribes. We hope that the Justice Department proposal will be sent to the House and Senate now, so that members of Congress have a choice between legislation that harms tribes and legislation that does not.

In summary, we respectfully request the opportunity to work with the Department of Justice and other Executive Branch agencies to develop legislation that preserves the rights of Indian Nations to conduct the kinds of gaming operations that are currently permissible under IGRA. We are not asking for any special privileges-just the right to continue to do what we are already doing under current law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Hill", is written over the printed name.

Richard G. Hill

Chairman

National Indian Gaming Association

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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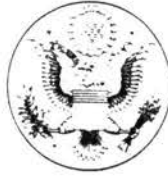
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO THE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang
U.S. Executive Director

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

August 26, 1999

Ms. Maria Luisa M. Haley
Deputy Assistant to the President
Office of Presidential Personnel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Maria:

Congratulations on your new appointment. I understand that you are now on a very well-deserved vacation and wish you all the best in your new endeavor.

On July 10, 1999, I sent the attached letter to the President through Bob Nash. I have not received an acknowledgement. I'd be grateful if you would follow up.

Please stay in touch.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Tsao Yang".

Linda Tsao Yang
U.S. Executive Director

Attachments

P.S. For your information, I also attach a copy of the letter from Larry Summers in response to mine of July 2, 1999 about my retirement. Also attached is a card with my post-retirement address.



OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO THE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

9 July 1999

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

It was exactly six years ago this week that you nominated me as the U.S. Ambassador and Executive Director to the Asian Development Bank in Manila. I came to the bank immediately after attending the first APEC leaders meeting in Seattle which you initiated. It has been an exciting and enriching six years for me. Now, the time has come for me to retire to my home in Davis, California and I plan to leave in mid-September.

Mr. President, I want to thank you for your leadership in being the first President to appoint a woman and an Asian American to represent the United States at an international financial organization. Since my appointment, you have nominated a number of women to serve as U.S. executive directors.

I want also to let you know what a privilege it has been for me to represent my adopted country at the Asian Development Bank, the premier multilateral development institution in Asia. As my mother, then 88-years old said when I told her about my appointment in 1993, "what country but the United States would bestow such an honor to an immigrant."

The bank represents a critical arena for the United States to exercise intellectual leadership on social and economic development and to advance our national economic and foreign policy agenda in Asia Pacific. Our success in orienting the bank's policies and projects toward the building of democratic practices and active participation by the people on the ground has impact far beyond the bank's assistance. It permeates throughout the Asian and Pacific region by helping to address gender inequality, promoting participation of civil society in decisionmaking, advancing the principles of good governance and protecting the environment. An irrigation project in Pakistan that sought the input of village women, for example, not only improved the project's design and suitability, it also raised the status of those women and allowed them to have a say into a public project that would affect their daily lives.

Mr. President, it has been a source of pleasure for me to serve as the U.S. Executive Director at the Asian Development Bank. I will always be proud that I have been a member of the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Tsao Yang".

Linda Tsao Yang
U.S. Ambassador and Executive Director



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 21, 1999

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang
U.S. Executive Director
Asian Development Bank
Manila, Philippines

Dear Linda,

Thanks very much for your kind note of congratulations. I am grateful for your best wishes and deeply honored by the President's choice. I regret that, with your upcoming retirement, we are about to lose one of our most skilled and capable senior officials.

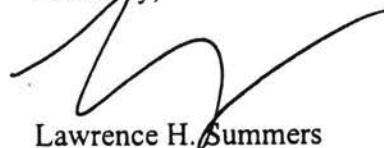
The list of significant achievements at the Bank during your tenure is a long and impressive one, and it owes a great deal to your unflagging energy, your deep experience, and your extraordinary commitment. Recently approved ADB policies highlight the evolution of the Bank toward a stronger emphasis on quality and the sustainability of its development assistance: good governance; an inspection function; an information disclosure policy; improved rules on participation and consultation; an anti-corruption policy; and a policy on gender. I appreciate that these accomplishments were not easily won. New and challenging policies are only implemented when someone cares and believes enough to fight for the cause. Thank you for your remarkable dedication.

In addition to steering the Bank towards policies which will make development assistance more equitable and enduring, your help during the past two years of emerging market instability has been invaluable. The ADB played a key role in providing assistance to Thailand, Indonesia, and Korea; this could not have been done without your long hours of work and negotiation with senior Bank management.

I appreciate and admire your persistence in following through on Bank commitments to establish new strategies for the private sector and poverty reduction.

Congratulations on an outstanding career. Your dedication symbolizes the best of this Administration. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Moloney:

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Regards,

Anne Ryan Barton

Anne Ryan Barton
Executive Assistant to Mr. Segal

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Ben –

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you as this year's Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Man of the Year.

CCFA's cause is a worthy one, and they are fortunate to have a man such as you supporting their efforts. It is apparent that you are just as passionate about finding a cure for IBD as you are about the many other charitable causes you are committed to supporting. Through your dedication to organizations such as Save the Children and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and your leadership in the Welfare to Work initiative, you've touched the lives of thousands of Americans throughout the nation. It is this kind of caring and commitment – to your family, to your associates, to your community, and to your country – that has led to this special honor tonight.

My best wishes to a truly deserving individual, blessed with a strong sense of purpose and vision. May you enjoy continued success and good fortune in the years to come.

Congratulations!

Bill Clinton



Embassy of the United States of America

Lisbon, Portugal
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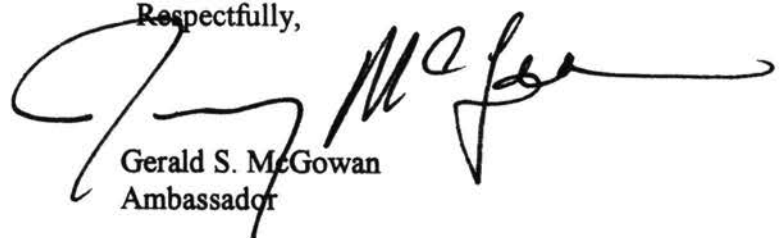
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In Portugal there has been no other issue but Timor for the last week and, however unfairly, the U.S. next to Indonesia was getting all the blame for the tragedy taking place. As you may know, Portugal's extraordinary concern about East Timor is caused in part by a collective, countrywide guilt both for the way they had treated Timor for the 400 years Portugal controlled it, and for their haste in abandoning it in 1974. The Prime Minister mentioned to me that even he was taken aback by the depth of emotion throughout the country. The last time Portugal had seen demonstrations of this size and intensity was during their revolution of 1974.

Your timely speech as well as your letter helped prevent a needless deterioration of a two hundred year friendship between our countries. While the new developments in Timor, orchestrated by you in Auckland have appeared to stabilize the situation, I was surprised by the depth of the latent anti-Americanism expressed in the papers and in the streets this past week. I intend to dedicate the rest of my time here to addressing it.

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Letter from Prime Minister Antonio Guterres

O Primeiro Ministro

Lisbon, September 11, 1999

Dear Mr. President:

Dear Bill

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the recent steps you took. Your remarks on television before departing to Auckland, as well as your statement in Hawaii were essential to get the right message across to Djakarta.

I am also aware of the central role played by your Administration regarding the postponing of the IMF mission to Djakarta. And I am grateful to your positive reaction concerning Australia's efforts to mobilize a multinational force.

As you know, the Portuguese have been following with the utmost concern the evolution in East Timor. Public opinion is reacting with shock to the ongoing carnage against a defenseless community.

We feel the moral responsibility and the political duty to do everything we can to try to put an end to the ongoing slayings. The Indonesian army has proved their incapacity to do so. A peacekeeping force must take on that urgent task.

That is why the United Nations Security Council must act in a decisive way during the next days.

As we know, the United Nations never recognized East Timor as part of Indonesia. From a legal point of view there is not, there never was,

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Indonesian sovereignty over East Timor. That is why Djakarta does not have the right to prevent a multinational force to enter the territory.

I am persuaded that the pressure on Djakarta must not abate. But this does not disavow Portugal's full-hearted support to the ongoing democratization process. I do share your opinion regarding the need to support Indonesian's transformation into a genuine democracy.

I am fully aware that the complex problems we face must be addressed with diverse tools and tactics. But it is equally important to maintain the pressure on the Indonesian government and military to reverse their conduct. Any ambiguous signal could translate into even more hardened positions.

Bishop Ximenes Belo confirmed to me that tens of thousands of people have been forcibly sent to guarded camps in West Timor. A major humanitarian disaster could happen shortly.

I do know that you will keep on exerting pressure so that freedom and democracy in East Timor are not brushed aside.

With esteem and admiration,

Yours truly



(António Guterres)

His Excellency
Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House

P.S. I am deeply touched by what I felt was your personal emotion, commitment and decision. Thank you

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As Ambassador McGowan conveyed to you earlier today, I was concerned about the misleading and inaccurate reports in our press concerning our policy on East Timor. I wanted you to be aware of remarks I made to the media as I departed for Auckland, where East Timor will be an important part of the agenda for leaders at the APEC Summit.

In particular, I noted that it is precisely because Indonesia's future is important that I am so deeply concerned by the failure of its military to bring a stop to gross abuses going on in East Timor. After 24 years, the people of East Timor voted overwhelmingly for independence. Now, there are forces that want to reverse the popular will. At stake are the lives and way of life of innocent people. At issue is whether the democratically-expressed will of the people can be overturned by violence and intimidation.

I made clear we expect the authorities to live up to their word and to their responsibilities. The Indonesian government and military are responsible for the safety of the East Timorese, and of the UN mission there. If Indonesia does not end the violence, it must invite the international community to assist in restoring security. It must allow international relief agencies to help people on the ground. It must move forward with the transition to independence. Having allowed the vote and gotten such a clear, unambiguous answer, we cannot have a reversal of course here. The overwhelming weight of international opinion, from Asia to Africa to Europe to North America, strongly agrees.

Right now, I pointed out, the international financial institutions are not moving forward with substantial new lending to Indonesia. My own willingness to support future assistance will depend very strongly on the way Indonesia handles this situation. Today, I have ordered the suspension of all programs of military cooperation with Indonesia, effective immediately. Our military leaders have made crystal clear to senior military officials in Indonesia what they must do to restore our confidence.

In the past few days, I have been on the phone with our partners in the region and around the world and with Secretary-General Annan. In my remarks to the media, I applauded the efforts of Australia to mobilize a multinational force that would help provide security in East Timor, and I thanked all the countries that have already pledged to participate. The United States is prepared to provide support to this Australian-led effort. Although we've made no final decisions, we are consulting with the Congress on the best way to support the mission should it go forward.

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I want to leave you in no doubt, Antonio, that I share your conviction that the will of the people of East Timor must not be thwarted. Ambassador McGowan has conveyed clearly the enormous concerns this situation has raised throughout Portugal, as reflected in your assessment that unless there is improvement in East Timor, Portugal may be forced to withdraw its forces from Kosovo and Bosnia. I sincerely hope we can work together to avoid this result.

You and I can take pride in the manner in which NATO stood up to a brutal dictator in the former Yugoslavia and restored peace and freedom in Bosnia and Kosovo. The circumstances in Indonesia are different in that Indonesia is undergoing a fragile transformation to full democracy, a process which I know you and I want to encourage. This means that we may need to employ different tools and tactics, yet all designed to achieve the same goal with respect to the people of East Timor: freedom and self-determination, as well as respect for the will of the international community.

I can assure you that I am determined to bring all the pressure I can to bear to achieve the goal you and I share. I want to stay in close touch with you as the situation continues to unfold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'WJC' or similar, written in a cursive style.

William J. Clinton